

Welcome to the Dear Soldier Campaign:

At a recent conference I was introduced to a wonderful way of giving back to some who have and some who continue to serve the United States of America in all branches of the armed forces. I was given the opportunity to speak about the "Dear Soldier Campaign" so this project can further grow with the wide spread ability to get more and more schools involvedand that is where you can help!

Enclosed you will find information in regards to the Dear Soldier Campaign. This project was created by iPods for Wounded Veterans, formally established in January of 2011, iPods for Wounded Veterans provides iPods, iPads, eReaders and other materials to improve the quality of life for our wounded veterans. The intensive rehabilitation they require can take months, even years. Paul is a US Air Force Veteran who served as Sargent from 1966-1970, having spent two years at David Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. He spent from 1968 to 1970 at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam in the Southern Pacific, and Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from 1970 until his Honorable Discharge. He has also been a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for 35 years and is currently a member of Teamster Local 170 of Worcester, Massachusetts.

In regards to the Dear Soldier Campaign, you can have your son, daughter, niece, nephew, etc. write a letter to our soldiers. You can get your family members, your neighbors, your friends, your church, your schools and different organizations you are involved with to participate in this project. I have enclosed additional information to for you to get more of an understanding about this wonderful project. I have also enclosed a blank letter that can be used. Make a difference, take the time and place a smile on a Wounded Veteran from the letter they receive from a person that says.....Thank you for your service.

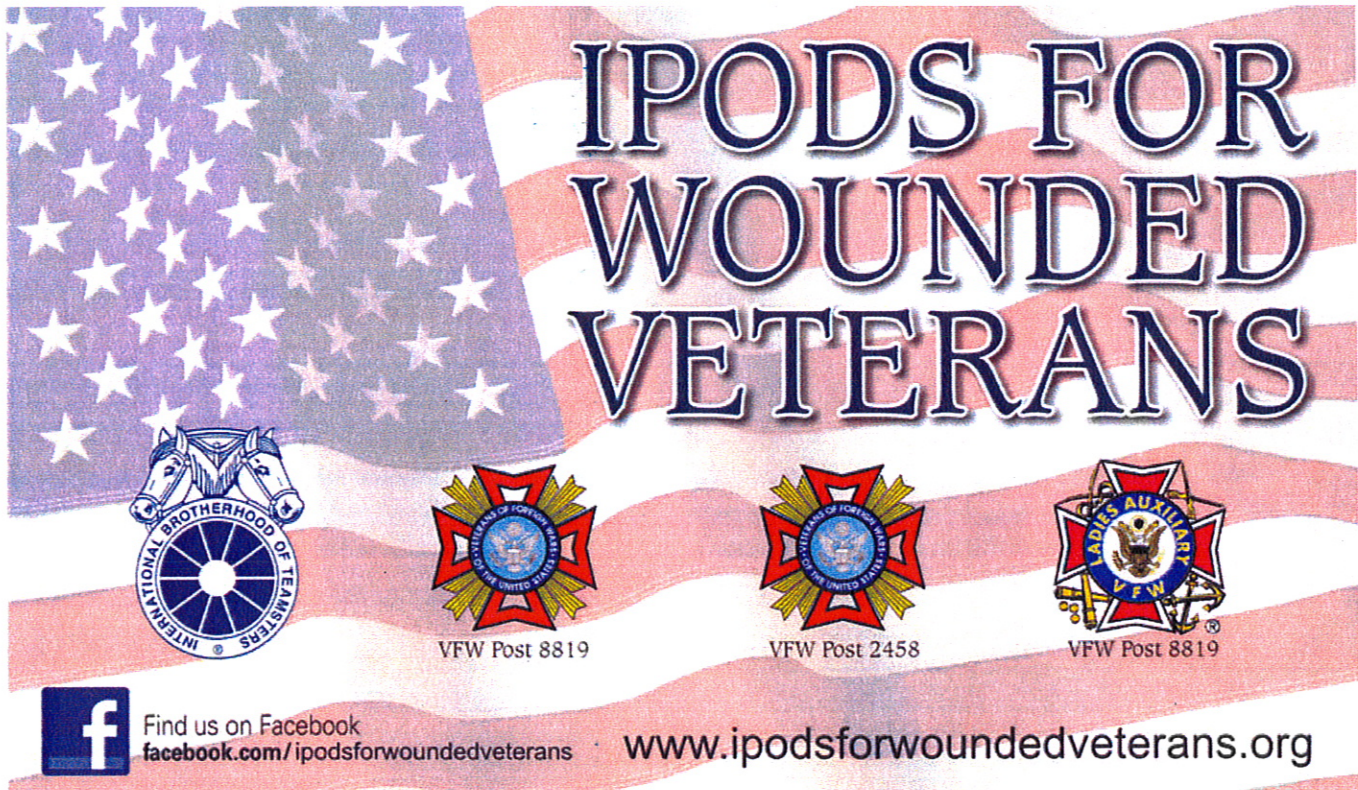
I have been asked and it will be with great pleasure to deliver these letters to our soldiers on December 6th and 7th, 2013, I will be visiting Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and other military and veteran's hospitals. I will need all letters by November 30, 2013 to insure a hand delivered thank you.





If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.


Thank you,

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Through the iPods for Wounded Veteran's "Dear Soldier" program, 2nd and 5th graders of the Woburn Street Elementary School in Wilmington, Massachusetts and the Hajjar School of Billerica, Massachusetts, write letters to the Wounded Soldiers in the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Virginia thanking them for their service.

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— Wayne, Fox, Co-Chairman,
iPods for Wounded Veterans



Bringing music to those who served



On Thursday, Oct. 20, John Parker and Eddie Williams of iPods For Wounded Veterans visited Hajjar Elementary School to thank the students for the letters they sent to wounded veterans as part of the program and talk about the work they did raising money to buy the iPods and what they meant to the soldiers. Here, Parker and Williams stand with 5th grade students from the school. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MAX BOWEN

In The News...

Dear Soldier Letter from Wilmington High School Senior
(7/13)

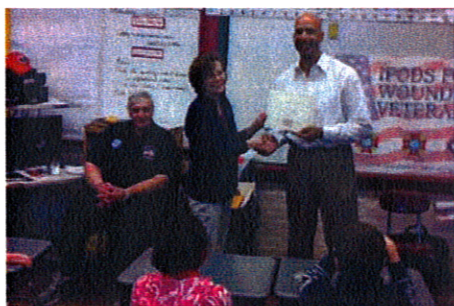
Dear Soldier Letter of Appreciation (5/4/13)

Dear Soldier... Letters from the Woburn Street School
(Wilmington Town Crier 11/13/11)

Bringing Music to Those Who Serve

Letter Campaign Hits Home for Students
(Lowell Sun 10/12/11)

Woburn Street School Makes Cards for Wounded Veterans
(Wilmington Town Crier 10/12/11)



Ms. Bercume of the Midland Street School with IWV Chairman, Paul Cardello and Co-chairman, Wayne Fox



Ms. Henry's Elm Park Elementary School class with IWV Chairman, Paul Cardello.



Ms. Henry of Elm Park Elementary School with IWV Chairman, Paul Cardello.



Pamela Sarria, IWV Chairman Paul Cardello and Bob Regan visit the Burncoat Prep School in Worcester.



IWV Chairman Paul Cardello addresses students at the Burncoat Prep School about the Dear Soldier letter writing program.



Burncoat Prep students view photos of wounded soldiers at military hospitals receiving their iPods.



Pamela Sarria, mother of a wounded soldier, talks about the meaning of Dear Soldier letters.



A teacher and her students listen as Paul, Bob and Pamela speak.



Students, teachers and IWV representatives at Burncoat Prep School.



Pamela Sarria, Paul Cardello & Bob Regan with Principal & teachers at Burncoat Prep School.



IWV Chairman Paul Cardello displays newspaper articles about Dear Soldier letter writing at various schools.



Students and teacher Michele Fournier at the Burncoat Middle School.



Students, teacher Michele Fournier with Paul Cardello, Pamela Sarria and Bob Regan at the Burncoat Middle School.

Photos above courtesy of Maggie Judd, mmjuddphotography@gmail.com

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper appears to be a standard notebook page.

Those Veterans are the Heroes of our History

Formally established in January of 2011, iPods for Wounded Veterans provides iPods, iPads, eReaders and other materials to improve the quality of life for our wounded Veterans. The intensive rehabilitation they require can take months, even years. These materials provide a diversion, easing the boredom and repetitiveness of the rehabilitation and recovery process. Our Class A security clearance allows us to personally deliver these gifts to Military and Veterans hospitals and interact with Veterans and their families one-on-one.



How to help!

It's Easy to Give!

You can give a tax-deductible donation in any amount! We are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Simply donate using PayPal at

www.iPodsforWoundedVeterans.org or

mail a check payable to:

iPods for Wounded Veterans
4 Heather Drive
Wilmington, MA 01887

We are a 100% volunteer organization - no one working on this cause takes a salary.

Almost every penny (about 88%) of your gift goes directly to the purchase of iPods, iPads, and Nooks. Only a small amount is spent to hand deliver the gifts to our veterans.



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**"Your Generosity
Helps Change Lives."**

~M.L. Nathan
Rear Admiral, Medical Corps
U.S. Navy Commander



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Paul Cardello, Chairman

Paul Cardello founded iPods for Wounded Veterans in August of 2010, along with the Dear Soldier program. Paul is a US Air Force Veteran who served as Sergeant from 1966-1970, having spent two years at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. He spent 1966-1970 at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam in the Southern Pacific, and Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, New Hampshire from 1970 until his Honorable Discharge.

Wayne Fox, Co-Chairman

Wayne Fox is from Dracut, Massachusetts where he grew up since the age of 12; he is one of five adopted children of Alden and Esther Fox. Wayne's father, Alden Fox, served in the US Army as 2nd Lieutenant from 1941 - 1945. Wayne can remember all the WWII stories told by his father, Uncle(s) Budd, Carl and Aunt Irene. Admiration is the only word to describe what he felt for their spirit of service.

John Parker, Veterans Liason Officer

John Parker is an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam in 1969. He has been the Commander of Solomon Post 8819 in Billerica, MA for four years, and is the owner and president of J. Parker Catch Basins.

Edwin J. Williams, Secretary/Treasurer

Edwin J. Williams is a Vietnam Veteran who served in the Massachusetts National Guard, 321st Infantry, 26th Yankee Division; the US Army 82nd Airborne Division; the US Army Security Agency, 7th Special Forces. He is Quartermaster for the VFW Post 2458, and a Member of the American Legion Post 136, both of Wilmington, MA.

Joe Zuffante, Teamsters Liason Officer

Joe Zuffante is the President of Teamsters Local 122 in Boston and the Teamsters Liason to iPods for Wounded Veterans. He served in the US Army from 1966 to 1969 and completed two tours in Vietnam. He is Junior Vice Commander of American Legion Post 26 in Charlestown and President of the Abraham Lincoln Post 11, GAR, also in Charlestown.



Breaking the Silence...

When we arrive with iPods, solemn hospital wards are transformed by sounds of laughter and camaraderie. With their smiles and heartfelt words of gratitude, the young veterans let us know that *people like you have made a big difference.*



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