



DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1010



*4/8/03*  
*Executive Committee*  
*Please advise compliance*  
*with this request* APR 3 2003  
*Thanks*  
*Jack*



Honorable John E. Potter  
Postmaster General  
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Mr. Postmaster General:

Under the provisions of section 3401(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code, and pursuant to Executive Order 12556, dated April 16, 1986, I have authorized free mail for service members deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3401(a)(1)(B), free mail privileges will also be extended to individuals hospitalized for disease or injury in a facility under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces as a result of service in these designated areas.

Sincerely,

cc:  
Secretary of State

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**U.S. ARMED FORCES****Free Mail Program**

Effective April 3, 2003, under the provisions of Section 3401 (a)(1) of Title 39, United States Code (U.S.C.), and pursuant to Executive Order 12556, dated April 16, 1986, the Secretary of Defense has authorized free mail privileges for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and designated civilians deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In addition, free mail privileges remain in effect for the following military operations/locations:

**Operation Enduring Freedom**

- Afghanistan
- Bahrain
- Diego Garcia
- Djibouti
- Ethiopia
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Tajikistan
- United Arab Emirates
- Uzbekistan
- Yemen
- Aboard ships in the Gulf of Aden
- Aboard ships in the Gulf of Oman
- Aboard ships in the North Arabian Sea (that portion of the Arabian sea that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude)
- Aboard ships in the Persian Gulf
- Aboard ships in the Red Sea

**Operation Freedom Eagle**

- All of the islands of the Republic of Philippines south of the island of Luzon within the following described limits: 08-00N/116-30E; 04-45N/119-30E; 05-00N/128-00E; 13-00N/129-00E; 12-30N/110-00E.

**Other**

- Albania
- Hungary

- Former Republic of Yugoslavia
  - Bosnia-Herzegovina
  - Croatia (including Zagreb)
  - Macedonia
  - Serbia-Montenegro (including Kosovo and Vojvodina)
  - Slovenia
- Aboard ships in the Adriatic Sea
- Aboard ships in the Ionian sea north of the 39th parallel

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3401(a)(1)(B), free mail privileges will also be extended to individuals hospitalized for disease or injury in a facility under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces as a result of service in these designated areas.

Personnel authorized this privilege may mail, without postage, letters, postcards, and sound recordings (audio or video recordings) having the character of personal correspondence to any place in the United States, its possessions or territories, or to any military post office (APO/FPO).

Free mail originating from the above overseas locations should have a complete APO or FPO return address, the word "Free" in the upper right corner, and a complete delivery address. In most cases, the mailpiece will also exhibit an APO or FPO postmark. Free mail is First-Class Mail® service; however, it may not be registered, insured, or certified.

All employees who handle and deliver mail should be made aware of this free mail privilege. **Do not collect postage upon delivery, or return this mail to the sender for postage. Mail having the appearance of free mail under this program should never be returned to sender.** Address questions regarding the legitimacy of users of this program to:

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— International Network Operations,  
Network Operations Management, 5-1-03