

The Cardist



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From the Director

The weather is changing, our card colors and patterns are no longer pink, coral, light blue, and summer yellow, and we are all thinking of upcoming holiday cardmaking. This is the busiest time of the year for Totally for Troops. Our goal is to create and ship 6,000 cards to our Soldiers in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait by November 9th. Ambitious? You bet! However, our cardists have risen to the challenge again and again. We cannot forget--this is not only a special time of year for us but also for our Soldiers and their families.

Dianna

Spotlight on You

Are you coordinating or participating in area cardmaking workshops on behalf of Totally for Troops? If so, we want to hear about it! Specifically, we want to know how you go about planning, setting up, and conducting your workshops. Next month, we would like to add a new section to this newsletter entitled "Card Parties" and through it, we hope to share ideas, suggestions, and lessons learned so that other cardists and organizations who wish to host a card party can do so successfully. Also, if you have thoughts or ideas for fundraising, please consider sharing them with us.

Production Information

Our Christmas/holiday goal this year is 6,000 cards. Please contact Dianna via e-mail if you or your group wishes to donate cards toward this goal.

Sharing

If you have any thoughts, suggestions, questions, or events you would like included in **the Cardist**, please e-mail information to Dianna at www.totally4troops.org. Click on her link and type away! We are very interested in knowing what you are doing in your area to support Totally for Troops. So, please let us know.

Unit Honor Roll

864th Engineer Battalion
1-4th Cavalry Squadron
7-10th Cavalry Squadron
14th Engineer Battalion
86th Combat Support Hospital
62nd Engineer Battalion
571st Engineers (Sapper)
610th Engineer Support Company
539th Transportation Company
1-24th Infantry Battalion
25th BSB
10th Combat Support Hospital
877th Engineer Battalion (Alabama)
1-147 Artillery Battalion (S. Dakota)
Task Force Med Operation
(more units are being added monthly)

Our Uber-achievers 😊

Very special thank-you's to the following cardmakers for their creativity and generosity:

Gayle H. & Court Stampers of Dayton, OH

Carole S.—T4T Florida

Janet V.—T4T Colorado

Kathie J.—Georgia T4T

Soroptimists of Gig Harbor, WA

Cecilia S.—New Jersey

Nancy and Emily Butler-T4T Gig Harbor

This Year's Highlights

October

Wrap up Christmas/holiday cards; mailing last week of the month. Contact Dianna for shipping details.

November

Back to all-occasion themed cards. Happy Thanksgiving.

December

Happy Holidays!

Reminders to Cardists

- Don't use any metal embellishments.
- Use white, ivory, or pastel cardstock only.
- A2 cards and envelopes only.

Did you know???

1. T4T has sent 48,000 cards to deployed units since March, 2007.
2. We have cardists in New York, Georgia, Wisconsin, Iowa, Ohio, Florida, Colorado, California, and Washington State.
3. We are a 501 c (3) non-profit organization. 100% of all donations are used on supplies, postage. No one is personally compensated in any way.
4. We cheerfully accept monetary donations to buy supplies and pay for postage.

Upcoming Events

October

15th-Open invitation workshop at Toadilly Scroppin'

28th-Shipping of Christmas/holiday cards begins.

November

6th-Family Readiness Group workshop at Fort Lewis, WA

7th-Final shipping date for Christmas/holiday cards. Whoo hoo!!

19th-Open invitation workshop for all-occasion cards at Toadilly Scroppin'

December

17th-Holiday Appreciation Open House at Toadilly Scroppin'