

From a Navy Recruit Graduate:

We appreciate the handmade bracelets issued back at basic training upon graduating and moving forward in our military careers. It truly makes us grateful for your organization Operation Gratitude in receiving your care packages the day before graduating basic training. The handmade bracelets were used by our fleet as bracelets, backpack ornaments for emergency situations, canteen handles, etc. Unfortunately, after many days here in our next training command, some of our bracelets have become unusable because of the use of them throughout the training program. Our fleet would be thankful if we can receive bracelets here in our training center. Once again, thank you for your support and care packages, our fleet knows Operation Gratitude works hard to provide care packages for our armed forces; and in doing so our fleet mates have used the paracord, hand sanitizer, lip balm, electrolyte powder, etc. day to day here in our training center. Once again, thank you Operation Gratitude for all the support from the volunteers and supporters!

From an Honor Flight Veteran:

I loved the package I received , however, the one thing I loved the most is a handmade bracelet. Thanks to whoever took the time to make something personal

From a retired Navy sailor:

Hi, I was sailing and my leach line broke on my foresail sail. Luckily I had your bracelet to repair it at sea. The sail was luffing badly and it was great to have the bracelet to do the repair. [Captain D.M.](#)

From an Active Duty Chaplain:

I am the Chaplain responsible for all Special Forces from every Branch of the Military. We have Soldiers, Airmen, Navy, and Marines, in Syria, Iraq, Turkey, Jordan, and Kuwait. We are called SOJTF-OIR (Special Operations Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve) and you can actually follow some of our missions on Facebook.

As of this moment your Bracelets (including the one I keep on me) are represented in each of these countries. They are being worn by some of the most Elite Operators in the world. You should also know that beyond our American Forces they are being worn by Special Operations Service Members from, Australia, Great Britain, Canada, and France.

Did you know you would have such a global impact? How could you right? This is why I wanted to send you this short email, to remind you that no one truly knows the impact of a single act of service, a single act of kindness. I encourage you to press on with the same spirit that led each of you to start on this path in the first place.

From a former Soldier and current First Responder:

Operation Gratitude,

First off let me thank you so much for the bracelet. The story of its use is not one of valor but one of a dad and his daughter. As a former Soldier and current Deputy Sheriff I have seen many of your bracelets handed out and worn over the years but never used mine until 21 May 2019. On this day my wife and I carried our five year old little girl Grace to the hospital for her third heart surgery. Upon arriving at the parking garage down the road from the hospital and unloading the vehicle I found I had nothing to secure all the luggage to the handcart that needed to go inside. Suddenly I remember the rope bracelet that I place in the glove box and used it. I am happier to say that I reused it for the same purpose the day we brought Grace home after a successful operation. To many this may not seem big, but to a dad and his daughter it meant the world.

From an airman:

Utilized to tie down/secure cargo, when no additional strapping available

From a soldier:

*“First I would like to say **thank you for the bracelets that you are making and giving to soldiers**... I have worn mine every day since getting it four months ago, as it is green, brown, black, and tan and matches my uniform. Well, the other day we were having an issue getting an oil filter off of a generator, because we don't have an oil filter wrench. I took the bracelet apart and used it to wrap around the oil filter and used a screwdriver almost like a tourniquet to tighten up the cord on the filter and I got the filter off. On the thank you card I got with the bracelet, it said Operation Gratitude would send another if I used it. I was wondering if I could get a few more for myself and some of my soldiers?”*