

Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp
Department
United States Postal Service
1735 North Lynn St., Rm.
5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432

Date

Re: Pease Greeters First Class Stamp

Dear Advisory Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of my proposal to issue a First Class postage stamp in honor of the Pease Greeters. The Pease Greeters were started in the spring of 2005 as a way to welcome home returning troops from the Global War on Terrorism. They now welcome flights both returning and heading overseas. At first there was just a handful of Marines on hand. Now they number over 2,500 men, women, and children. They will gather at any hour of the day or night. The Greeters have not missed a flight since inception - over 350 to date.

The Greeters welcome the troops with loud applause, handshakes, hugs, and expressions of gratitude. Refreshments such as hot coffee, doughnuts, pizza, and ice cream are offered. A bank of 16 telephones is also available for their use.

The Pease Greeters have been highlighted on local radio and television, as well as in numerous newspaper articles. They have been honored and recognized by then President George W. Bush, Senator Judd Greg (R-NH), the Red Cross (Seacoast Chapter), and as 2008's "Newsmakers of the Year" by Foster's Daily Democrat (NH). However, no honor is greater to a Pease Greeter than the sincere "Thank You" and smiles they receive from the men and women that they consider to be their heroes.

The Lady Greeters have collected thousands of donated items, resulting in hundreds of care packages being sent overseas. The Lady Greeters have also knitted thousands of hats for the troops to wear under their helmets. The Greeters are proud to be a part of the national "Cell phones for Soldiers' program started by a brother and sister from Norwell, Ma.

Therefore, I am in strong support of the United States Postal Service issuing a First Class stamp for the Pease Greeters. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name

Street

City, State, Zip Code

www.peasegreeters.org