

Operation Paperback Newsletter - January 2004

Happy New Year from Operation Paperback!

In 2003, we accomplished a lot here at Operation Paperback. The war in Iraq added a number of addresses to our shipping list. We are proud to say that our volunteers kept up the pace and got those books out the door.

November Shipments: 3,766

December Shipments: 4,044

Books sent to Iraq : 12,275

Books sent to Kuwait : 7,901

Books sent to the Middle East (excludes above numbers): 4,139

Grand Total: 156,357

In August 2003, we launched a new web site. Since then, we have received over 3,100 unique visitors. Volunteers, service members and members of the press continue to use the Operation Paperback website as a valuable support tool. In addition, 41 new volunteers joined our ranks in 2003!

Important Announcements:

Major Troop Rotations: If you have been watching the news, you know that major troop rotations are occurring and will continue to occur during the next few months. We will make the best effort to keep our address list up to date. We need your help though. Please tell us whenever you get a box that bounces back. We can remove this address from our list and prevent you all from having postage wasted. We are hopeful that this new rotation will also mean new names of troops that we can support!

Poets & Writers Magazine: Operation Paperback has been mentioned in the Jan/Feb issue of Poets and Writers Magazine.

Email Issues: If you have not heard back from either Chrissy or Andrea within 48 hours of your initial request, please send your original inquiry to us directly at oppaper2@att.net or ahoshmand@comcast.net. Our email forwarding has been strange as of late. It should be resolved now, but just in case, we wanted to offer our personal addresses as a backup.

Usual Reminders:

Do not use old addresses. When you are on the verge of shipping, please contact us at OpAddresses@usmilitarysupport.org and get the latest address list.

Have you seen the most recent thank you notes? We are posting them online constantly. [Check them out.](#)

Thanks for volunteering! Please never hesitate to contact us with ideas or suggestions. We are always working to make Operation Paperback bigger and better!