

Operation Thank You – News Story (January 2007)

Operation Thank You (Columbia, South Carolina) took part in a recent deployment ceremony for 1,800 soldiers of the 218th Infantry Brigade. This sendoff marked the largest single deployment of the S.C. National Guard since World War II. With over 10,000 people attending the ceremony held at Williams-Brice Stadium, volunteers with Operation Thank You collected thousands of thank you cards to be later sent to members of the 218th and other deployed units.

Among the volunteers was B-24 pilot, Murray Price, a decorated World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. Operation Thank You director, Brian Bohlman, says of Price, “His love for his country and those who serve is clearly evident with his presence here today. He has passed on that love and commitment to his daughter, Debbie, who coordinates many of the local card signings for our troops. They are both heroes to our troops!”

Operation Thank You has a goal of sending 150,000 cards filled with messages and support and encouragement to our troops. Anyone wishing to partner in this effort can order blank “thank you” cards for service members and “get well” cards for wounded warriors by visiting www.OperationThankYou.org



Army Air Corps B-24 pilot, Murray Price, helps Operation Thank You collect messages of support on thank you cards to be sent to deployed troops.



Murray Price leans over to shake the hand of a child who just signed a thank you card for our troops.



Over 10,000 people attend the single largest deployment of South Carolina National Guard soldiers since WWII.