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Pat Quinn
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Send a Holiday Card to Our Illinois Heroes Overseas

Dear Illinois Principals, Teachers, and Students,

About 80 miles southwest of Frankfurt Germany – and a five-hour medevac flight from Iraq – there is a bustling military hospital where skilled medical personnel are treating American soldiers who were wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is the largest American military hospital outside of the continental United States, with about 110 physicians, 250 nurses, 40 Medical Service Corps officers, 900 enlisted personnel, and 550 civilian employees who work together to treat the most seriously wounded. They have been called our soldiers' angels.

I have had lunch with men and women from across Illinois who are serving as doctors and nurses at Landstuhl. Some grew up in small towns in Illinois, others grew up in Chicago. Some are Cubs fans, others root for the Sox. But they all agree on one thing: It means a lot when folks from home send their love.

I have had the opportunity to visit the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center five times, and I need your help to remind the service members working or recovering at LRMC that they are in our hearts this holiday season. I am asking all Illinois schoolchildren to take part in a massive mission to make holiday cards for our troops.

I will return to Landstuhl the week before Christmas to personally deliver the handmade cards. I look forward to sending messages of love and support from Illinois to our troops overseas.

Holiday cards may be mailed or carried to:

The Office of Governor Pat Quinn
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 16-100
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Questions? Contact Jen Celaya 312-814-2114

Please package all of the cards and letters into one bundle using ribbon or a box to keep them together. If you have questions, please visit www.operationhomefront.org and click on "Holiday Cards for the Troops."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Governor