Military Families Program
Battalion Buddies Program Eligibility

Due to the popularity of the Battalion Buddies, we have many children who are still waiting to receive bears due to high demand. We currently have a turnaround of up to 90 days on all requests. In efforts to be able to fulfill all orders we ask that prior to submitting a request, the requestor take an accurate headcount of the number of children receiving bears.

At this time, we are unable to fulfill individual requests.

Requirements:
Requests for Battalion Buddies must be submitted via the request form on the Operation Gratitude Website. Once the request has been submitted, Operation Gratitude will verify eligibility based on the requirements below.

- The Service Member/Troop must be in a deployment/unaccompanied status or entering a deployed/unaccompanied status within 3 months from the date of request.
- The Service Member/Troop must be deployed between 3-13 months.
- Due to limited availability, we ask that requests for Battalion Buddies be reserved for military children age 12 and younger as enrolled in DEERs.
- If a Battalion Buddies request exceeds a quantity of 200 or more Battalion Buddies, a residential address cannot be used and a Military Installation address is required for shipping.

Note: There may be some exceptions to these policies to include the requirement of a roster, but they will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis. These policy guidelines can be changed and or updated at any time.

If we are unable to reach you within 5 business days of your request to confirm your order details, the request will be canceled and a new request must be submitted.

If you have any questions, please email our Senior Manager of Recruit Graduate and Military Families Programs Katie Piedra at Kpiedra@operationgratitude.com