

Mississippi

Holiday cards to be sent to troops, families

Staff Report

For the first time, the Southeast Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross will participate in a program that sends more than 600,000 holiday cards to members of the military and their families, according to Paige Roberts, Southeast Mississippi Chapter Red Cross executive director.

"This shows support for the troops during the holidays, which can be a tough time," she said.

HOLIDAY CARDS

Cards should be addressed and sent to:
 Holiday Mail for Heroes
 P.O. Box 5456
 Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

Roberts cited the economy as another factor making this a difficult holiday season for families.

"It is an easy way to reach out to armed forces," she said.

Participants don't have to know anyone in the military, she said.

Through Dec. 10, the public is invited to send holiday cards,

according to an American Red Cross news release.

The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes will screen the cards for hazardous materials and deliver them to military bases, veterans hospitals and military hospitals during the holidays, the release stated.

The Red Cross requests that people not send care packages, monetary gifts or cards using glitter or inserts. A list of guidelines is at Redcross.org/holidaymail. Cards can be printed from the Web site.