



Crowe Encourages Residents To Write Cards, Emails To Veterans Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Promotes 'Operation Rising Spirit'

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MARYVILLE – In response to visiting restrictions placed on Illinois veterans' homes to curb the spread of COVID-19, the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs launched a campaign to raise the spirits of military veterans and the staff who care for them, and State Senator Rachelle Crowe (D-Glen Carbon) is encouraging residents to participate.

“Although there is a lot going on in the world, we can't forget to express support for our veterans,” Crowe said. “I challenge anyone with extra time, students wanting to express their creativity and our most patriotic residents to send uplifting messages of encouragement to our heroes.”

Families, friends, students, veteran service organizations, and other community members from across the state are encouraged to participate in Operation Rising Spirit. Cards, emails, signs and video messages can be sent directly to the homes at the addresses below:

Illinois Veterans' Home at Anna 792 N. Main St., Anna, IL 62906 C/O: Anthony Barnett Anthony.Barnett2@illinois.gov

Illinois Veterans' Home at LaSalle 1015 O'Connor Ave., LaSalle, IL 61301 C/O: Susan Scully Susan.Scully@illinois.gov

Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno 1 Veterans Dr., Manteno, IL 60950 C/O: Dave Pedersen David.W.Pedersen@illinois.gov

Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy 1707 N. 12th St., Quincy, IL 62301 C/O: Sara Colgrove Sara.Colgrove@illinois.gov

Prince Home at Manteno 1 Veterans Dr., Manteno, IL 60950 C/O Wali Lewis Wali.Lewis2@illinois.gov

More information is available on the IDVA website.