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The National Care Letter Campaign invites families, schools, businesses and community groups to participate through December 31

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Nov. 2, 2026 – Ahead of Veterans Day, America's Adopt A Soldier® is inviting Americans to share a handwritten message of gratitude through its 2026 National Care Letter Campaign. The organization aims to collect more than 300,000 cards and letters for deployed service members and veterans in veterans homes and hospitals.

"Annually, over 200,000 care letters were shared," said Mary Keeser, America's Adopt A Soldier® Founder. "This year, the goal is to reach over 300,000, which would allow us to send at least four letters to every Veteran in a Veterans Home or Veterans Hospital as well as to our deployed Service Members."

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"The cards and letters we receive are drawn or written by a diverse group of individuals, from 3 years-old to over 100 years-old," Mary adds. "From kitchen tables to classrooms, to businesses, to college dorms to faith-based establishments, the pens, pencils, crayons and pieces of paper used to create messages of hope, appreciation, unity and support will have a positive impact. The letters of care are truly the caring pulse of America towards our Service men and women."











Participants can write a note of thanks, create a handmade card or draw a picture expressing appreciation for a recipient's service and sacrifices. Families, classrooms, college groups, businesses, faith communities and civic organizations are encouraged to take part together.

Cards and letters will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2026. Mail contributions to:

America's Adopt A Soldier
5240 Port Royal Rd Ste 204
Springfield, VA 22151

For campaign information, visit www.americasadoptasoldier.org, email CareLetters@AmericasAdoptASoldier.org or call 703-278-3718.

About America's Adopt A Soldier:

America's Adopt A Soldier is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supporting service members, veterans and their families. Its National Care Letter Campaign shares messages of thanks and encouragement with deployed service members and veterans in veterans homes and hospitals.

Tigers offense dominates in 49-22 win over Army

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The University of Memphis (7-2, 4-1 American) football team stormed out to a strong first-half lead, scoring in every quarter and recording at least 100 yards of offense in all four quarters of a 49-22 win over Army (5-3, 4-2 American) Saturday night inside Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium.

Memphis flipped the first-half script from its most recent game, scoring four times in the first half on a goal-line rush by Jaylin Carter and passing touchdowns from Marcus Stokes to Jermane Hayes twice and Jemyri Davis. The Tiger defense kept Army off its game in the opening half, keeping the Black Knights off the board in four of their six drives.

Stokes opened the second half with more of the season, connecting with Davis for the second time to put Memphis ahead 35-14 before Stokes and Carter added rushing touchdowns during the final six minutes of the quarter to put the game far out of reach. Memphis' defense had similar faces show up late to stop Army possessions, with Chauncey Logan Jr. and Ellis Ellis Jr. each recording interceptions for the second game in a row, with Ellis Jr. again picking off a pass on the final play of the game.

Marcus Stokes became the first quarterback since Seth Henigan in 2023 to throw for at least 200 yards in three straight games, also tying his career high with 29 completions and becoming the first Memphis quarterback this millennium to account for five touchdowns in back-to-back games, passing for four and adding one on the ground.

With Stokes' success came a receiving feat not achieved in years as Jermane Hayes and Jemyri

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treating peaceable adults as second-class citizens," said FPC President Brandon Combs. "At 18, you can vote, get married, sign contracts, and serve in the military—but Pennsylvania says you can't even apply for a license to carry a gun in your own car or on a street in Philadelphia. And thanks to the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act, Pennsylvania's refusal to issue these licenses also turns ordinary streets and neighborhoods within 1,000 feet of schools into a massive federal criminal trap for legal adults exercising their rights. That's unconstitutional, immoral, and indefensible. Fundamental rights aren't privileges that politicians get to hand out whenever they feel like it. We've beaten age-based bans before, including in Pennsylvania, and we're coming back to finish the job. FPC and our Grassroots Army will continue to Fight Forward until every unconstitutional age-based ban is eliminated and all peaceable adults can exercise their rights when, where, and how they choose."

This latest challenge builds directly on FPC's successful litigation against Pennsylvania's age-based carry restrictions. In Lara v. Paris, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit held that 18-to-20-year-old adults are protected by the Second Amendment and rejected Pennsylvania's restrictions on their ability to openly carry firearms during declared emergencies. After the Supreme Court returned the case for reconsideration, the Third Circuit reaffirmed its decision in January 2025.

But despite that binding precedent, Pennsylvania continues to enforce its separate licensing restriction, denying these same adults the ability to obtain carry licenses and exercise their rights on equal terms with other peaceable adults.

The complaint argues that Pennsylvania's licensing ban violates the Second and Fourteenth Amendments. As the Third Circuit recognized in Lara, 18-to-20-year-old adults are among "the people" whose rights the Second Amendment protects. And under the Supreme Court's decisions in Bruen and Rahimi, Pennsylvania bears the burden of establishing a historical tradition that justifies excluding these adults from exercising their rights. FPC argues that no such tradition exists.

The Maines case, which seeks a declaration that 18-to-20-year-old adults have a constitutionally protected right to carry firearms outside the home and an injunction against enforcement of the ban, is the latest step in FPC's broader effort concerning age-based denial of rights. In Worth v. Jacobson, the Eighth Circuit found that Minnesota's age based carry permit ban violates the Second Amendment. In Lara v. Paris, the Third Circuit held that Pennsylvania's age-based restrictions on open carry during declared emergencies violated the Second Amendment. FPC is also currently challenging age-based carry bans in Illinois (Meyer v. Raoul), Georgia (Baughcum v. Jackson), and Louisiana (Pool v. Besson). Through these cases and its broader nationwide litigation campaign, FPC continues to Fight Forward and work to eliminate unconstitutional restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms throughout the United States.

FPC thanks the individual member standing up for his rights, the National Rifle Association for joining this important lawsuit, and the legal teams at Benbrook Law Group, P.C., and Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLC, for their work advancing this important case. FPC also thanks its Grassroots Army members and supporters for making its litigation, research, and other programs possible.

Individuals who want to join FPC and support its work to restore liberty throughout the United States can join the FPC Grassroots Army at JoinFPC.org.

About Firearms Policy Coalition:
Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC) is a nonprofit membership organization that exists to create a world of maximal individual liberty and eliminate unconstitutional gun control laws.

To learn more about how FPC is working—and winning—for the People, sign up for FPC news alerts at firearmspolicy.org and follow FPC on X, Instagram, and Facebook.

County Sheriff's Office.

Law enforcement agencies outside of Tennessee who assisted: Marion, Illinois Police Department, Williamson County, Illinois Sheriff's Office; Illinois State Police; Kentucky State Police; Independence, Missouri Police Department; Kansas City, Missouri Police Department; Carroll County, Missouri Sheriff's Office; Missouri State Police, and the Missouri Career Criminal Unit.

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