



## The USPS Postal Service: Military Postal Service Agency

An extension of the U.S. Postal Service, the Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA) provides Department of Defense personnel, their family members and other authorized users with mail services around the world. There are 215 land-based post offices and 160 on ships.

- The MPSA is the managing authority over Military Postal Service (MPS) operations.
- MPS customers receive virtually the same level of service as if they were at home in the United States. Differences are based on the country in which they are stationed and the type of military operation in which they are involved.
- Until 1980, each military service and government agency managed its own mail program. In 1980, the MPSA was formed and the Department of Defense designated the Secretary of the Army as the single military mail manager.
- Created to link all the partners together with a common goal, the MPS provides postal services to military personnel around the world.
- In 2013, 8.6 million pounds of mail were delivered from the U.S. to military installations around the world.
- Military mail moves within the United States via the Postal Service transportation network to a major postal mail processing facilities.
- If the mail is First-Class, Priority Mail or Priority Mail Express, it will move from the major airport gateway in the U.S. to an overseas airport gateway on U.S.-owned commercial aircraft. From the overseas airport gateways, mail is then moved by various methods to the designated Post Offices for delivery.
- There are 215 land-based Post Offices and 160 on ships.
- There are nearly 1,000 delivery ZIP Codes for military mail around the world.

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