

Smiles For Soldiers

~Hoover Armenian Club~

In the northwestern extremity of Asia, there lies a country fighting to keep its independence. Nagorno-Karabakh, better known as Artsakh, has recently been attacked by Azerbaijan and Turkish forces. On the morning of September 27th, Azerbaijan launched a series of coordinated missile attacks aimed towards the citizens of Artsakh. This single attack initiated constant strikes from both sides, resulting in an ongoing war. Many young Armenian men and women, youngest being 16 years old, have sacrificed THEIR lives for the freedom of their people and country. As a form to show our immense gratitude, Hoover Armenian Club has teamed up with Key Club to create SmilesforSoldiers. This event allows YOU to give back to those fighting on the front lines. Take inspiration from the pictures shown below and use your skills to draw or paint a picture resembling Armenian symbols, traditions, clothes, monuments, etc. All drawings will be DIRECTLY sent to soldiers in Armenia, through an organization called Kooyrigs. YOU have the power to act as the light at the end of THEIR tunnel. Participate and put a smile on a soldier's face today!

READ DIRECTIONS BEFORE STARTING

Various images representing Armenian culture, tradition, history, landmark, and symbols are shown below, along with a brief description of their importance. Use these images as reference.

This form was created by an organization called Kooyrigs. Under the name “Looy Letters for Soldiers” or “Letters of Light for Soldiers,” Kooyrigs is helping to send encouraging and supportive letters to Armenian soldiers. ALL letters will be sent to Armenia.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Print the template found on the link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BclWdpM7ZVbPGAJ2a7_dMlWxgoPv1i9q/view?usp=s_haring
2. Use pencils, pens, markers, sharpies, colored pencils, acrylic paint, or any other writing utensil to draw a picture.
3. Use the lines provided to write a small message to the soldiers. This can be written in English or Armenian. ***NOTE: Refrain from using disrespectful words, phrases, and symbols.**
4. ***BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE LINE PROVIDED IN THE TEMPLATE***

5. Once you have finished your drawing and writing, scan your picture onto a computer or laptop. If this is unsuccessful, take a photo of your drawing with your phone and upload to your preferred device.
6. Click on the **Google Forms** link provided.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeijgYhKYMVrpOWRe0RiBB22aqYL0kHuttuwzK_GYDZ6TEW-g/viewform
7. Fill out the requested information.
8. Upload your completed drawing onto the form by clicking on “**Add File**” under “**Upload art / a hand written letter (optional) / Յանկության դեպքում կարող եք ներբեռնել ձեռագիր նամակ կամ Ձեր կողմից ստեղծված նկար/կտավ/ստեղծագործություն:**”
9. Finish filling out the form and click submit.

Remember. **YOU** have a DIRECT impact.

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If you have any questions/concerns or want to follow up on the progress of the letters follow us
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Reference Images for Drawings



A drawing that motivates and reminds soldiers of their bravery, strength, and determination (created by Natalia Labrada Zapata).



A drawing representing a soldier protecting an Armenian family, along with their culture, history, heritage, and religion (created by Natalia Labrada Zapata).



A drawing displaying the love in a soldier's heart, which motivates him/her to stay connected to the culture and bravely protect the homeland (created by Natalia Labrada Zapata).



A drawing personifying a monument in Artsakh known as the Grandma and Grandpa/ “Tatik and Papik” / Տատիկ Դատիկ (A real image of it is shown below)/ (created by Natalia Labrada Zapata).



This image is also a cartoon-like representation of the Grandma and Grandpa monument, painted by Arpi Krikorian. Both characters hold up a fist with the Artsakh flag to show their support and love for their people.



This image is the flag of Artsakh. Please feel free to use this image throughout your drawings.



An image of a church in Shushi (a city in Artsakh) known as Ghazanchetsots Cathedral. This historical monument was recently destroyed during the war by Azeri drones.



An image well known as the “Grandma and Grandpa”/ “Tatik and Papik” /”Տատիկ Պապիկ” monument in Artsakh, which is thought to look over and protect the homeland.



An image of the well-known Mount Ararat, which serves as a symbol of unity for Armenia's history.