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Blue Star Moms,

I received 2 packages from you and wanted to thank you for the goodies. It was all greatly appreciated. I have been reading the James Michener Novel "TEXAS". It is a good account of Texas history and fiction combined. He makes a lot of good points about the state and the people who make it great. To my disappointment he missed the two biggest things about Texas I and anyone else from Louisiana know. First and foremost it is just west of the greatest state in the Union and because it could be vastly improved if Texas would join the SEC. A.C.M. is considering it as I think they have been for a few years. Just kidding, I appreciate the support and hope the ribbing is well received.

In Christ
David Moterne

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Hello Blue Star Mothers of America

Thank you so much for sending a box of goodies to the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade Soldiers here in Camp Marmal, Afghanistan. Currently we have been over here about 5 months and we still have about 21,037,950.6 seconds and 2,350,632.511 minutes to go (7 months). But who is counting.

Separation and deployment are hard for most of the Soldiers. However, they are doing great because of people like you who have been supporting and encouraging them. They enjoyed the goodies and other things that you have sent.

I have been in the Army for 16 years and I love what I am doing everyday in the desert bringing Soldiers to God and God to Soldiers. I was born in South Vietnam and I grew up as a Buddhist believer. I lived with the communist government for 3 years, so I knew the cost of freedom and hardships from living under the dictatorship. Therefore, it is my blessing and privilege to be a part of defending our freedom and American way of life. I was one of the refugees who escaped on a fishing boat in November 1978. There were about 250 refugees on the boat and we were on the Pacific Ocean for 7 days and 7 nights. On 7 July 1979, I arrived to America in Charlotte, NC, the Promised Land. For 2 years I was searching for meaning, purpose, and happiness. Finally, I tried to commit suicide and came to know Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord in January 1982.

I am what I am today because of God's grace and the American people like you who have been reaching out and are so charitable, generous, gracious, and kind to others. So on behalf of the Soldiers, I just want say thank you for your great support.

Sincerely!

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Hello Blue Star Moms



Thank you so much for your continued support by sending boxes of goodies to the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade Soldiers here at Camp Marmal, Afghanistan. Soldiers are doing great and continuing to support the mission to ensure the freedom, stability and safety for the Afghan people.

It is hard for some Soldiers who are away from their families for the first time on Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. However, they are trying to do their best with your encouragement, support and prayer.

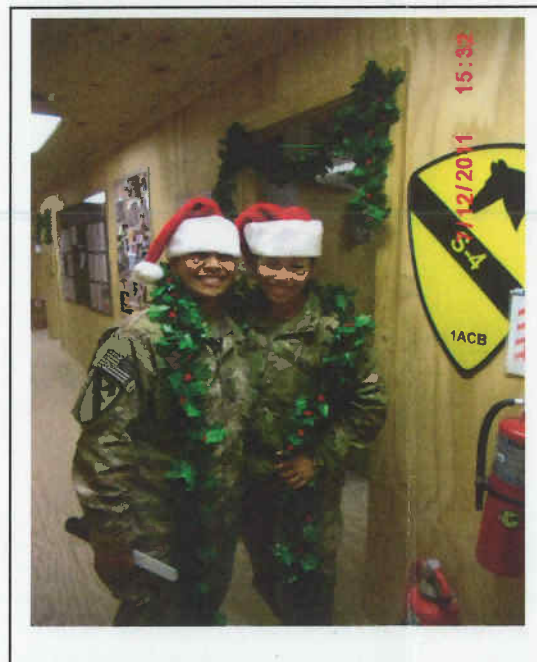
Soldiers are trying to have a great spirit of Christmas away from home. So they are busy preparing and decorating their offices with Christmas ornaments. As for me, I have been busy receiving Christmas stockings from others generous American people like you. I make sure other Soldiers from small camps also receive some of these goodies too. It is great to know we work together as a team and we can impact in the lives of our Soldiers.

Thank you again for the gifts you have sent to us. You really make a difference to uplift our Soldiers' spirits during this Holiday Season!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely!

Xuan Tran





Thank you for your support to Task Force Viper. Your packages and letters were well received by all of our Soldiers. All of the snacks, shampoo, Chap Stick and cards reinforce how much people back home appreciate our efforts in Afghanistan. All Soldiers enjoy a taste of home every now and then, and it helps us reflect on our family and friends. Thanks for showing you care and we will keep you in our thoughts as we head into this upcoming holiday season. God Bless our troops and God Bless America.

Michael A. Bottiglieri
LTC Infantry
Deputy Commander



Soldiers from 504th BFSB and our Afghan partners.



TASK FORCE LOBOS



THANKS FOR THE GENEROSITY THAT SUSTAINS THE SOLDIERS

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The Task Force Lobos' Unit Ministry Team office is now a place where needs have a ready supply. We are "OPEN FOR BUSINESS."



Care packages and gifts went from boxes to blessing almost immediately. One package became Platoon Holiday treats, another provided warmth and a third became a nice treat at the end of a long day (NO POPPING REQUIRED).



This OEF deployment was made just a bit more survivable because of the generosity of Airborne Angel Cadets, Operation Shoebox, Blue Star Moms, Cypress Cares, Inc., Rosewood Management and even individuals like Bob Hadden, youngsters in elementary, middle and high school. Special thanks to Jennifer Dexter of Legacy Texas Bank and the Cookie Platoon.



SUMMARY OF EVENTS

WHO: The Soldiers of Task Force Lobos
WHAT: Supplying for the needs of Soldiers
WHERE: Camp Marmal, Afghanistan
WHEN: OEF 11-12

The unlimited kindnesses of people like you have supplied necessary items for the critical needs of Soldiers here at Camp Marmal, Afghanistan. Task Force Lobos provides general aviation support to the International Security Assistance Forces located in Regional Command-North, Afghanistan. Their operational tempo is high so the availability of needed supplies and snacks is a huge help. Your contribution has made possible a happier Holiday Season, stocked the Chaplain's office with goods and candies and added some encouragement from back home.

Thank you to Cypress Cares, Inc., Rachel Morales and the Blue Star Moms (Houston Area), the employees of Rosewood Management, Jennifer Dexter and Legacy Texas Bank, Debra Schaefer and the Cookie Platoon, Bob Haddon and hundreds of students back home who sent cards of encouragement from the U.S.

POC: CH (CPT) Ward, Task Force Chaplain
SPC Ekere, Task Force Lobos' RST



REPLY TO THE
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
2ND BATTALION, 227TH AVIATION REGIMENT
TASK FORCE LOBOS, 1ST AIR CAVALRY BRIGADE
CAMP MARMAL, AFGHANISTAN
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January 4, 2012

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Blue Star Moms

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Dear Blue Star Moms:

On behalf of the men and women of Task Force Lobos, please accept my sincere thanks for the exceptional level of support your organization has provided my Soldiers. Over the past few weeks, members of Task Force Lobos have benefited from your generous donation of food, candy, personal hygiene items, socks and notes of encouragement. This phenomenal outpouring of thoughtfulness has significantly bolstered the morale of our Soldiers as they complete their assigned mission in Afghanistan.

Please accept the enclosed Certificate of Appreciation as a token of our gratitude for the efforts of the members of your organization. Thank you for your continued kindness and patriotism, and most of all, for your support of American Soldiers.

Sincerely,

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Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Commanding

