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Dear Volunteers,

I would just like to send a quick Thank you for the packages that were recently received here in Kuwait. My Unit is on the downhill side of our Deployment, 63 days to go!

I am an Active Duty Guard (AGR) E-7 CH-47F Maintenance Test Flight Engineer, Platoon Sergeant, and Full-time Unit Readiness NCO when not deployed. I am part of the 248th Aviation Support Battalion from Iowa. We are deployed with 498 of our Soldiers that are from Iowa, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Maryland. The toiletries and snacks are the best, as well as all of the well wishes.

Please let the following know that I personally read every card, letter, and picture:

Troop 1580, Concord, NC

Max, unknown

Laurie, Illinois

Sandy Gegan, unknown



Rebecca G, unknown
Jeff Roth, Allstate Ins, Northbrook, Illinois
Poko Loco Friends
Phyllis Stein, Troop 125, Long Island, NY
Ashleigh B, unknown

Finally, I have attached some photos that the Public Affairs NCO took on a recent flight. We were responsible to prepare 7 CH-47's for transport to the United States for reset. The flights were a 2 hour round trip to the Shipping Port on the South Side of Kuwait City. I am sitting on the cargo ramp performing airspace surveillance and clearing the aircraft. The haze is not smoke, that is the sand that is constantly in the air.

Again, Thank you for the thoughtful supplies that were prepared and sent, and to everyone that supports us and what we do. I wish that everyone could feel what we do when we receive something like this, how we are welcomed when we come home, and how we are treated we are just out with our families. There are some days that is overwhelming to know how much we are appreciated. Please know that it is not wasted and we appreciate everything that is done for us.

SFC CHARLES R. IAMS, JR.
CO B 248TH ASC (ECAB)
CH-47F Maintenance Test Flight Engineer

6/3/18

Team,

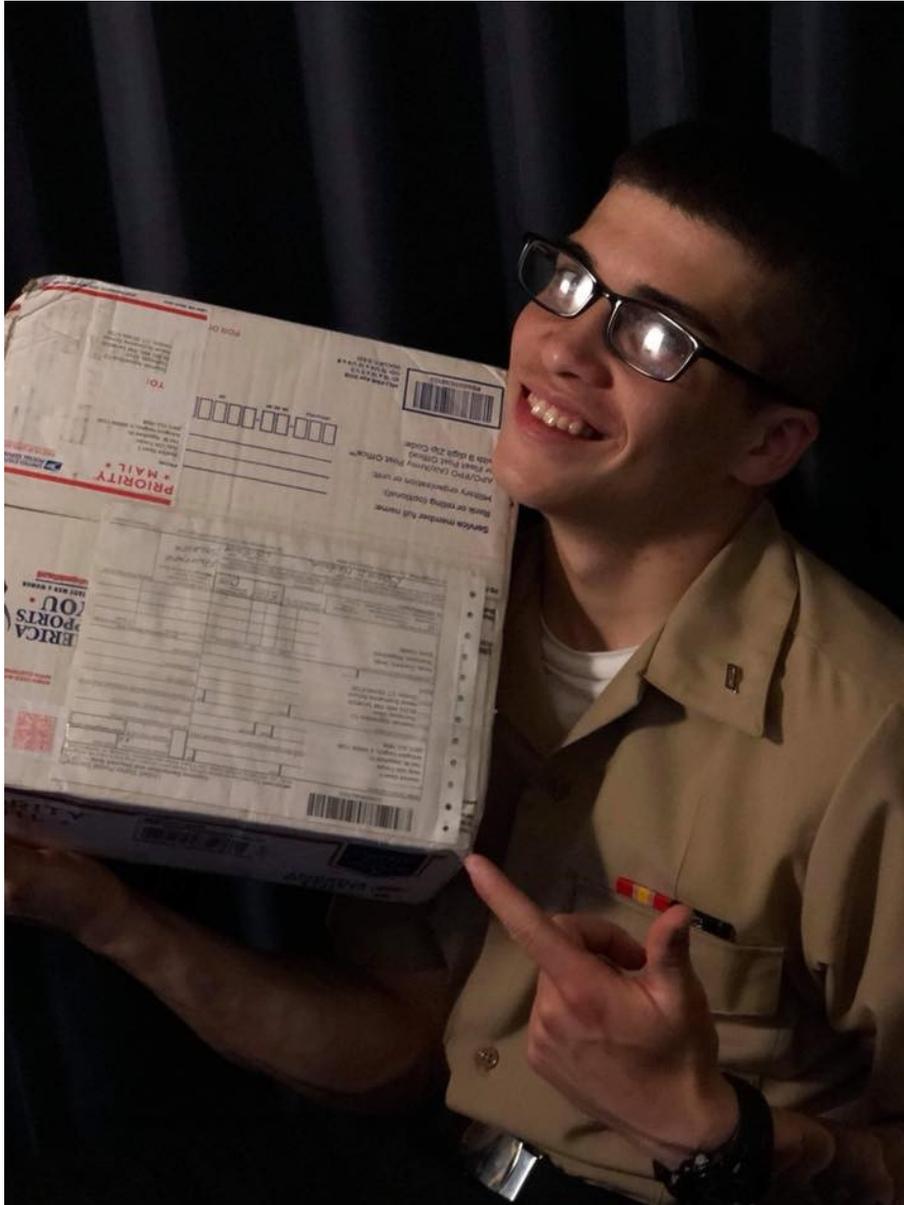
On behalf of 3rd Squadron, 1st Security Forces Brigade, I wanted to extend my thanks at your generous contribution to our team. We received multiple very generous packages recently and all the great snacks and supplies are already going to good use. More important than that, however, I wanted to thank you for your time and your consideration. I can't communicate how much it helps.

Thank you again,
Ian Palmer

v/r
LTC Ian Palmer
Commander, 3rd Squadron/1st SFAB

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Just received more of your packages wanted to share with you photos I took of the guys receiving the packages

Kevin Rodgers JR.

5/30/18

I wanted to write and say thank you so much for the packages and letters. It's always great reading the letters from the kids. They crack me up. I distributed the contents around to all the guys, they definitely enjoy the candy every once in a while and the hygiene gear was right on time, as a lot of us were getting low. Please give my best to everyone back home in Arlington Heights, I grew up just north of there in Libertyville. Thank you again, we



appreciate all the great support from everyone back home.

V/R,

Major Andy Jarosz
MSOC H Company Commander, 2D MRB

5/29/18

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Just received some of your packages, here is a picture from one of my Marines after we opened it thank you sooo much

"Always put one foot in front of the other, Forward is always the right direction"



Sincerely,
Rodgers Jr, Kevin L.

5/28/18

This was so special to receive these packages today!! Thank you so much!!! Y'all are such a loving and giving family!!



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Hello,

My name is Jessica Manley. I am a sailor currently serving in Afghanistan. I am writing to say thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for the care packages we received. I and my



team are so grateful for the personal care and snack items, and the cards and letters enclosed in the packages were heartwarming and really put a smile on all of our faces! We admire the work that your organization does and appreciate it more than we can express. Thank you so very much for the care packages and your support!

Sincerely,
LTJG Jessica Manley

5/20/18





Good Morning,

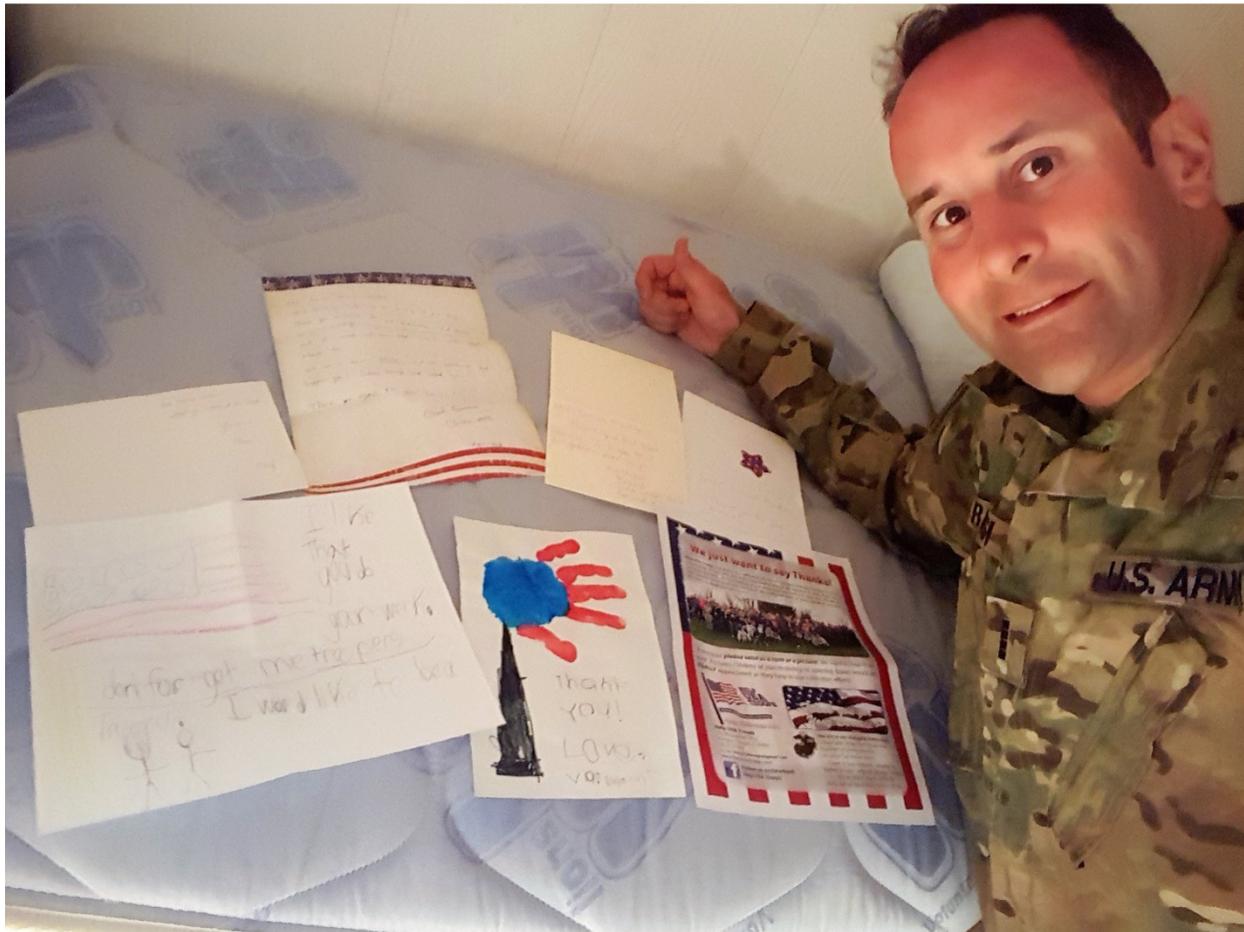
My name is Gunnery Sergeant Chong with the Marines. My unit is currently forward deployed in Afghanistan. I am the senior enlisted advisor for the remote area we are in of Jadeed. I wanted to take a moment and say THANK YOU on behalf of the Marines, Sailors and Soldiers here.

Semper Fi

GySgt Chong, Chad A.
USMC, Task Force Southwest
Jadeed
APO AE 09354

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5/18/18



Dear Help USA Troops,

Thank you for the care packages and letters of support that you sent to my company in Afghanistan. We truly appreciate all of your prayers and are looking forward to returning home soon.

Sincerely,

CW4 Jason Rassi
B 2-238TH AVN
Kandahar, Afghanistan



5/18/18

i just wanted to thank you for the care packages I received. They were given out to all of my Marines and we are very appreciative for what we received. Again thank you.

Miguel Trevino

5/16/18



Help USA Troops,

We want to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude for the outstanding support, and tremendous efforts you have given to the Marines and Sailors of Kilo Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. Your care packages, packaged with snacks has raised morale and set our spirits high as we begin our deployment. Knowing that we have the support of great Americans such as you hardens our resolve to accomplish this mission in the honorable service of our country.

Help USA Troops is an amazing organization whose community effort has greatly added to the cheerfulness of many Service members. The amount of items and generosity is truly remarkable. Thank you so much for taking the time to think about those of us serving



overseas and away from home. Your devotion to our Battalion and Kilo Company is absolutely extraordinary. You have our deepest thanks for the dedication you and your team continue to display, and our sincere appreciation for your efforts and contributions.

Semper Fidelis,

M. T. KOPA
Captain USMC
Company Commander

C. K. KLUGE
First Sergeant USMC
Company First Sergeant

5/11/18

Thank you to Help USA Troops for the very generous packages we just received. Being away from home is tough but knowing we are being supported by great groups like yours is heartwarming. God Bless you and your families for all that put this together for all my fellow sailors and myself.

Nicholas Whalen, D'Andre Washington, Corey Foster, Rodney Francis

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5/11/18

Thank you so much for the care packages it means the world to us and the cards brought tears to our eyes!
Nicholas Whalen

5/11/18

Dear Help USA Troops,

I am Sgt. Gabriel Vega with 1st Platoon Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion 7th Marine Regiment currently deployed in Afghanistan. We recently received care packages from your organization, addressed to our Platoon Sgt. SSgt. Miguel Trevino. He told us about your organization and about LCpl James Stack, whom he served with. I also took some time to read about him and his family to include the great cause you all started in his memory, I have shared this story with my Marines and they were humbled by this. Myself along with my Marines are beyond thankful for your care packages, cards, letters, the time you spend getting all of this together, but most of all we are thankful for the support and



love that you and all of your volunteers have expressed to us. We appreciate all of the snacks, the Thin Mints were gone in minutes, and all the other items that you sent us. It is currently night time so tomorrow we will be taking a group picture and emailing it in hopes that it will help gather support so you can keep this great cause going. What you all are doing is amazing and we thank you for it.

Every card was read and appreciated by us all. We do not know who wrote these letters and made these card but I will attempt to thank every one with a name. I'm sure not all of these people will get our personal thank you but its worth a try if at least one gets one.

Thank you to Laurie, I hope all is well with you and your three teenagers. (Good Luck)

Thank you to Laura (from near Chicago), sorry your winter is lasting long but we have plenty of warm weather here. Thank you for reminding us to remember the beauty that we have in our lives it is often overlooked.

Thank you Emma, we wish you a long life of happiness and peace as well.

Thank you Mia B., we appreciate your card, very patriotic.

Thank you Calvin, the original thirteen colonies flag is awesome.

Thank you Audrey, we like the plane you drew.

Thank you Sophie, we can tell you put in a lot of effort making your card.

Thank you Sarah and Frank, we appreciate the prayers.

Thank you Sarah (from Saint Mary School, Buffalo Grove, IL), we will keep fighting hard.

Sincerely Sgt. Gabriel Vega

5/10/18

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Hello! Attached is a photo of soldiers in my unit opening packages received from Arlington Heights in Chicago. The package was addressed to our Executive Officer, 1LT Joseph DiBartolomeo. We want to express our gratitude to the kids and teachers for the packages and cards. It means so much to us to have your support and the Soldiers really appreciate all of the care packages. Thank you so much for all that you do for the troops!

Thank you,
1LT DiBartolomeo, 1LT Pilcher, and Alpha Battery 1-14 Field Artillery

5/9

Timothy Kershner

We received your cards today, thank you so much for your support!!!!

Please let Maddy from 40531 know I said Thank you!

5/8 Good Day,



My name is SGT Andy Crawford and am currently deployed overseas. I just received many boxes of goodies from Dawn Hedrick. I wanted to say that we all greatly appreciate everything that you sent. Thank you for all the letters and the support from everyone that was able to write to us as well. I read every single letter and appreciated the art and the jokes that were included in the letters.

I also want to say thank you to Cub Scout Pack 468 for the pocket flags. That is a cool idea! Also thank you to Troop 40531 and Troop 277 for the letters and support.

I noticed that many of the letters had family members and friends that have also served in the military. I would like to tell them the same thing that all have told me, Thank You for service to our country. I appreciate all the kind words and support from all of you. I also hope to get home safe and soon so I can see my family.

I wish you all well and want you to know that the goodies and the letters put a smile on our faces. The support we receive from back home means a lot to all of us.

Thank You Dawn for sending everything,

SGT Crawford

5/7 Paul Alvarado Germany from Facebook - Thank you guys so much! From all the way out in Germany!

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