

Christmas 2019 - Wonderful THANK YOU notes from our troops. (22 Pages)

Judy

My unit just received many boxes of personalized Christmas stockings and I wanted to write you a quick thank you note. How special it is for every Soldier in the unit to receive something so heartfelt during the Holiday season. This can be a stressful time for those deployed away from home and for many the first time. You and your organizations generosity is greatly appreciated

1SG Matthew S.



Judy,

Thank you very much for the stocking I received from SGT Lyons today! I appreciate it and I want to thank everyone who took time to put it altogether.

It's very nice to know everyone is thinking of us this time of year. Here's a picture of what I received. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

Sincerely, 1SG Edward B.

Judy (Chief Elf-in-charge)
Stockings for Soldiers-Delaware, Inc.
West Point Parents Club of Delaware
Many Area Rotary Clubs
Many Area Girl Scouts
& other Wilmington, DE Friends,

We received your care packages yesterday in Afghanistan. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and holiday cheer. It is so exciting to get care packages here and even more wonderful to know people are thinking of us over the Holidays. We love the hats and will take the blankets on our flights; sometimes it gets cold on those planes! We were very excited to get all of the goodies and the personalized stockings added a nice Christmas touch! We disseminated the additional stockings and treats to other Airmen here with us. It was very special to receive all of the cards. We don't see any children on our base and 3 out of the 5 of us Delaware Guard members have children at home. One of the cards asked us to come visit...we will be home around March...so if you email around that time, we can try to coordinate schedules for a visit.

Attached please find some pictures of us and a couple of the aircrafts we fly in to transport our wounded military and civilian patients.



Thank you again and Happy Holidays!
142d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron members deployed to the 405th EAES
Capt Leeihnae R.
MSgt Donald H.
MSgt Alexander G.
MSgt James K.
SSgt George K.



Good Afternoon Chief Elf-in-charge,

On behalf of everyone in the 389FS, thank-you for your generosity with regards to several care packages. They were lovely gifts, and a pleasant surprise. The packages, contents, and letters helped us get through the holidays being away from home and the ones we love. Our squadron needed that little touch from home you provided. The STAR packs have been distributed throughout the entire squadron. Thank-you for your love and continued support.

Respectfully,
TSgt Christine B., Jordan

Good morning,

We are 2 British soldiers currently working under COMUSFOR at Bagram Airbase in Afghanistan. This morning, one of my US colleagues handed us a parcel sent out by "Stockings for Soldiers".

We would like to take this opportunity (during, what is surprisingly, a brief reprieve from our day to day) to extend our gratitude for what may seem small to some but is a massive morale booster for us. This has been a trialing couple of weeks for many at this base and small tokens of appreciation like this really make our jobs seem worth the effort.

Please inform all parties that have been involved in this project how truly grateful we are, and how they've now gained new friends from "across the pond".

Warmest regards and happy holidays,
Sgt (OR-6) Joshua B. and Sgt (OR-6) Craig B.
British Army
AROCC
BAF

Ps. The **Chapstick was a godsent**, it's ever so dry here!

Judy,

I just received my box today and wanted to say thank you. I have enclosed a picture that I will be sending to Lancashire Elementary school with a little note to them (Isabelle was my person), thanking them as well. Things are well here in UAE, but the entire box put a lot of smiles on my people's faces. My stocking is hanging behind me, with a few others. Thanks again.

V/R, Bruce M., SMSgt, USAF
Logistics Plans Superintendent
380 ELRS/LGRD



Good Morning Ma'am

My name is Andrew B. My soldiers and I received the stockings and I just wanted to say thank you very much. This is my soldiers' first Christmas away from home and I can tell they enjoyed receiving them very much. Not being home for the holidays can be rough at times, but when there are people like you who can make our holiday just a bit brighter it's not so hard. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of my section, thank you very much. I hope you and the people who helped have a merry Christmas and a safe happy new year. Thank you again Ma'am,
v/r

SGT Andrew B., TF Six Shooters Senior Medic

Thank you and your team for taking the time to send us a little piece of home for the holiday. Chad shared the holiday stockings with us and it was greatly appreciated. It definitely brightened my day! I hope you all have a great holiday season!

Capt P., USAF



Francis, one of our special Delaware Friends.

Hello Chief Elf Judy!

My name is LTC Martha L. I am currently serving in Ft. Bliss, Texas. I want to thank you very much for the wonderful Christmas stocking and "goodies" that you all sent. I realize that you all usually only send holiday stockings and goodies overseas, but I wanted to let you know how important what you do is to us here, as well. I am an Army Reservist, and I have been assigned to Ft. Bliss at the Readiness and Deployment site for a year and a half now. My family lives about 6 hours away, but I can't go see them much due to the large volume of soldiers that we are sending and receiving to and from overseas assignments. I will have missed 2 Christmases by the time I can go home again. I was so very touched with your gift. It made my day. I am thankful that your organization, and others like it reach out to soldiers who are serving around the globe. You are a Christmas blessing, indeed!
Kind regards, LTC Martha L. SRPC Provider, Ft. Bliss, TX

Hello,

I just received my stocking. Thank you so much for caring about those of us serving abroad! I really appreciate what you & the team in Delaware have done. Holliday blessings to you too!
MAJ Rory Y. AD Current Operations OIC

Merry Christmas Judy,
My name is SGT Brandon G. with Bravo Company 2-10 Assault Helicopter Battalion here in Afghanistan. We received your generous care packages on 13 December, sorry for a late thank you. All my guys and I are very thankful for the generosity and love you guys put into the stockings and care packages. It's very humbling to know that there are so many great Americans back home who still support us during our very long endeavors out here for the last 18 years. Attached are some pictures we have taken since arriving here. I hope you and the rest of everyone in Wilmington, Delaware have a great holiday season.

Sincerely,
SGT Brandon G.



Thank you so much for an amazing stocking and a personalized one for that. You made my holiday. 🍷🍷🍷 Had a bad day and was in my feelings about the holidays and this stocking made me realize I am thought of.. I can't thank you enough!!!
Crystal R.

Hi Ms. Judy Travis, Chief Elf-in-Charge,

I enjoyed the Christmas Gifts you and your staff made for me and my fellow soldiers. Especially the hand-made Christmas Stocking. It so gave me the "touch of home".

May God Bless you and your staff! Please give my gratitude and a heartfelt thank you to all your staff.

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years!!!!

v/r, Ricky B., CW3, SC, 30th ABCT NET TECH Camp Buehring, Kuwait

Hello Judy,

We have received the stockings here at BAF..... I assure you that our guys are extremely appreciative of your team's hard work and dedication for us during this holiday season. Again, thank you all for the stockings and may God bless you all.

SGT Divann J. TF Fury Religious Affairs Specialist, 1-508 PIR 3BCT, Bagram, Afghanistan

Ms. Travis,

My name is Clif H. I received one of your Christmas stockings from Stockings for Soldiers-Delaware. One of my dedicated soldiers, SGT Wheeler, reached out to your organization to request stockings for our entire directorate. Thank you very much for your thoughtful gifts - I can assure you the stockings are sincerely appreciated by all of our service members. For operational security reasons, I cannot divulge our command and mission, but will tell you that our team is deployed overseas supporting a mission of national strategic importance. You would be extremely proud of the commitment and integrity exhibited daily by these service members. They represent the best of our nation. Your gifts have a tremendous impact on the morale of our team, and we are honored to receive them.

Happy holidays to you and your family, and best wishes in the new year.

Very respectfully,

Clif H.

Judy Travis Chief (Elf-in-Charge),

Thank you very much for the Christmas care package! I shared some of the stockings with the other Troops around me and they were very happy to get some Christmas cheer during the holiday season. The gifts had a very hands on feel and a lot of character. Thank you for what you do to support us down range.

Happy Holidays!

2LT Chad B.

Good afternoon,
This is SSgt Joseph P. from the K9 section from the 332 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron and I want to personally thank you for all the goodies and stockings you sent for our dogs and team! We can't thank you guys enough especially seeing the massive boxes we received! All our lockers are full of treats now and donated the remaining to an off base humane society! We wish you all a Merry Christmas!! V/R Joseph P



Ms. Judy Chief Elf,

Thank you very, very much for the personalized Christmas stocking filled with treats and small gifts. It is the most thoughtful present I have received in the mail since I can remember. It warms my heart and makes me smile when I see it its bright colors my work area and to know that several groups came together to send it to a stranger they have never met, only because I am away from family and home at this time. I do not mind as it is my job but it is a lovely surprise and so caring of you get the names of myself and the rest of my Army unit and put them on each stocking. It supports my belief that people are not too busy to care for others, and that love and friendship does exist even if the news may report others wise. My younger brother often gets worried about these things when he watches the news but I tell him much of it is just hype and drama to get more viewers and unkind people make a lot of noise and fuss but they are small in number compared to the good out there. There is an Army of good people out there quietly doing good things every day to make things around them better, like yourself and the several groups that came together to send these gifts to us.

I want you to know it picked up my day. Also the book that was added next to the stocking was a nice touch in an electronic age.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas. Many blessings in the New year to you, your staff at Stockings For Solders, Girl Scout Troop 1221, the Delaware Area Rotarians, The West Point Parents Club of Delaware and the Girls Scouts Chesapeake Bay Council.

Sincerely,
MAJ Laura H.

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Hello Mrs. Judy Travis, Chief Elf-in-Charge!

I am a soldier in the United States Army National Guard. I wanted to tell you thank you for the wonderful stocking that you all made. I'm still enjoying the snacks out of this stocking. I enjoyed the card that came with it from Barbara. Thank you for the card. It means a lot to put time and effort into making these wonderful stockings for the soldiers. It's greatly appreciated.

Thank you, SSG Parker, (ARNG)

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Judy,

I am writing to you in regards to that my group of 18 personnel were recipients of gift bags from Stockings For Soldiers. I wanted to say thank you from the group. Everyone smiled when I told them where the stockings came from and wishing them Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays.

I cannot express enough the joy in which you have brought upon my group during a time that these soldiers should be home with their family and friends. Also, thank you for the colored artwork that you had done with your helpers.

Thank you once again for the special gifts. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all....

MSG Andrew P. SOJTF-OIR Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

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Dear Judy Travis and helpers

Thank you so much for the care packages. We truly enjoy and appreciate the work you put into making these stockings. This helped us feel a little bit closer to home out here in Afghanistan.

Sincerely TF Six Shooters

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Thanks so very much for our stockings! We love them. Here are a few pictures of us with our stockings. It is tough being away from home during the holidays, but your stockings brought smiles back on our faces. Again, THANK YOU and YOUR TEAM for this. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Ms. Judy,

I received one of the hand-made stockings stuffed with all sorts of amazing items. Thank you so much for your “touch of home” it is greatly appreciated. Knowing there is so much love and support helps gets us through the holidays when we are so far away from home.

Again, thank you, God Bless and Merry Christmas!

MARIA R., MSgt, USAF
Expeditionary Civil Engineer 405 Expeditionary Support Squadron, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan

Dear Judy,

I'd like to thank you so very much for the stockings you and your organization have sent over to us here in Afghanistan. It is greatly appreciated and brought many smiles to all of our faces. Your stocking definitely brightened my day.

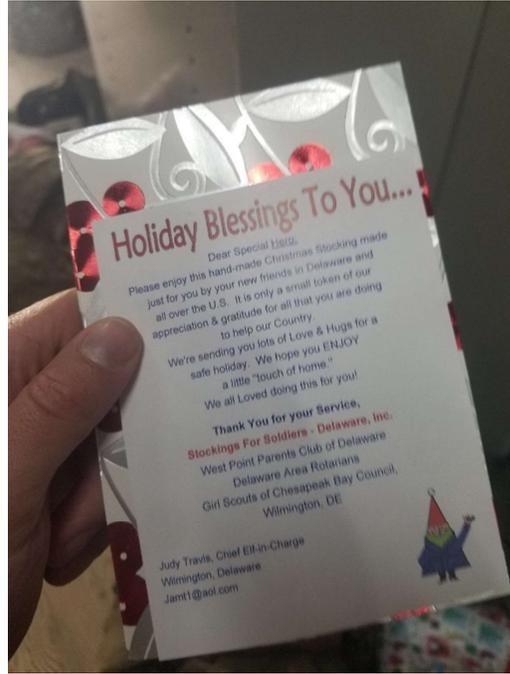
Thank you for all that you all have done for us for the holidays and thank you for your love and support. =)

Sincerely,
Ashley D.

Dear Judy Travis

Hi my name is SPC Lawrence D. I am with the 638 Aviation Support Battalion. I am sending you this email to say thank you and Merry Christmas to you and your staff.

Sincerely
SPC Lawrence D.



Judy,

I am the Alpha Company 834th ASB Commander & we just received your stockings for our unit. We are extremely grateful for this kind gesture & on behalf of the Company, as a whole, I would like to thank you for taking the time & effort to send these to us!

Our unit just arrived overseas to replace the Indiana National Guard & we are experiencing our first couple of weeks over here during the Holidays. This has been hard for many Soldiers and their families as we get settled in over the Holidays. Our unit is primarily from Minnesota and we are all getting used to a winter without snow!

I hope you & yours have a wonderful Holiday season & a Happy New Year. Thanks again!

Sydney H.
CPT, LG A Co 834th ASB Commander

Ms. Travis:

My name is CPT Haley B., and I am currently mobilized with the 7220th MSU out of Fort Bliss. I received a personalized stocking this past week filled with goodies and toiletries. Thank you very much for the kind gift! As someone who is unable to go home for Christmas, it really means a lot to us that folks are thinking about us (even all the way from Delaware!!).

Thank you again, and I wish you all a very happy holiday and blessed new year!!!

Sincerely, CPT Haley B.

Hey Ms Judy !

Merry Christmas. How are you ? Please read the attached letter about our stocking day. You're welcome to post the letter in your organization we well. Thank you again for everything.

Spc. La Tasha A. HHC 30th ABCT

Dear Stockings for Soldiers,

First and foremost, from us here at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Happy Holidays! The soldiers of Headquarters Company, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team wanted to express our greatest gratitude in thanking all who participated in our celebration for this holiday season. The Soldiers appreciate the above and beyond gesture which brought Christmas to them. The soldiers were able to receive their gifts in time for Christmas, giving them a sense of home. Below is a photo expressing their gratitude. The personalized stockings with the soldiers' names has brought a smile to each of them. A special thanks to Ms. Judy Travis for your effort in making sure we received these just in time.



Respectfully,

Specialist La Tasha A.
HHC 30thABCT, Supply Technician

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Thank you for the handmade stocking and gifts! I as well as a lot of other Air Force Airmen enjoyed them. Thank you for what you do for the troops. It does not go unappreciated.

MICHAEL G., TSgt, USAF
Munitions Control Shift Super
380 EMXS/MXMWSA, Al Dahfra AB, UAE 🇦🇪

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Judy,

Me and the guys received the box of Christmas stockings and we love the kind and sweet cards the kids made. Here is a pic of the stockings hanging cause we love and appreciate them so much, Thanks for making our Christmas special since we can't be home with our loved ones on this special day.

Hilton W.

Thank you for the stocking!

Merry Christmas,
Paul

(Please BE SURE TO READ THIS WONDERFUL EMAIL FROM A GREAT MEMBER OF OUR MILITARY.)

Ms. Travis,

As a U.S. Army soldier stationed overseas, I received one of your Christmas Stockings for Soldiers just days before Christmas.

I am a bit older than most of my colleagues, having served long enough to have been through several previous deployments and preparing for retirement upon return from this one. With a loving wife and children who have grown accustomed to sacrifice throughout our times apart, I thought I was fully prepared for yet another Christmas away from home. When your stocking arrived with my name at the top, I was surprised to find that it brought back years of memories- from boyhood Christmases to the joy of watching my children experience the magic of the season year after year, as they've grown to become young adults. I immediately was reconnected to the holiday and all that it entails.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that what your special gift did for me was to help me to celebrate Christmas rather than to suppress it, and in doing so I rediscovered the blessings of my life, my family, my country and the Lord. For that I cannot thank you enough.

From all of us here at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, I sincerely appreciate the time, commitment and continued support from your organization. You truly do make a difference.

v/r,

**CW4 Erik M.
244th ECAB
Safety Manager/GFR**

Greetings Judy,

My name is Chuck T. and I wanted to thank you and everyone who was involved in putting together the package which I received yesterday, on Christmas day 2019.

I am very humbled when I think of the entire process and how it starts with the goodwill of people who want to do something positive for our service members. It really helps, especially during the holidays when we cannot be with our own families.

I can speak for myself and the troops of my team when I say that we are truly grateful to everyone who helped provide these gifts to us.

We appreciate everything you do, inspired by your generosity and honored to have been chosen by you.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Years!

v/r,

Charles T., TSgt, USAF 380 ECS/SCPC Al Dhafra AB, U.A.E. 🇺🇦

Judy,

On behalf of the Soldiers of the 638th Aviation Support Battalion, I want to offer my thanks for your kindness and effort to make sure each Soldier received a stocking for Christmas. We appreciate you and the Stockings for Soldiers volunteers thinking of us while we spend the holidays deployed and away from family. Please pass my gratitude on to all of your volunteers.

Thank you again, and best to all of you for the New Year!

V/R, LTC Theodis P. Commander, 638th ASB 'Task Force TAZ' Camp Buehring, Kuwait

Judy,

Thank you for all the stockings you group sent to the 198th ESB. The Soldiers and I appreciated all the effort you and your group put into sending them overseas. Little things like that make a huge difference in the quality of life over here.

Sincerely,
-Shawn

Shawn M.
Sergeant Major, S3 NCOIC 198th Expeditionary Signal Battalion Camp Buehring, Kuwait 🇺🇦

Dear Ms. Travis,

Thank you so much for the care package. What a treat! We appreciate everything that you and yours do for us.

Merry (belated) Christmas, Cory



Ma'am,

Stockings received!! Thank you so much! More photos to come as I compile them, but attached is one.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas! Thank you for your support and bringing your Soldiers some holiday cheer.

Respectfully,

Mitchell M. CPT, AG TF Jazeera, AAAB 1-5 IN, 1/25 SBCT

Good Morning.

Thank you for the Christmas Stockings that you all made and delivered to the 198th. It is greatly appreciated and brought a smile to many of the Soldiers' faces. Thank you from the Middle East.

Shaun B. 1LT, SC Current Ops Officer
198th Expeditionary Signal Battalion

I thought I would take a moment and thank you for all you do. I hope you receive other emails from other Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, And Marines.

I do not have any photos but the packages you and your organization send are a great blessing especially during the Holiday season. I have been on multiple deployments and the Holidays are tough. Especially for those who have not been away from a home, much more, away from home in a deployed status. Away from home in a faraway country and never knowing what to expect. Your dedication to servicemen and woman is appreciated. It is nice to get a package and know someone else back home cares. And though the items are a great boost, this is the true feeling of, "It's the thought that counts". The excitement being notified that there is a package in the mail room waiting!

Long paragraph to say thank you from across the pond. I hope everyone in your organization had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New year.

SSG Robert W. HHT1-303d Cav Medical

Judy Travis,

I wanted to take the time and thank you and your team for all the support during these holidays. My unit (Marines) in Iraq really appreciate the commitment and the time spent to make every single stocking. This is really thoughtful and uplifting. We all hope you guys are enjoying your holidays.

Thanks again, be safe.

GySgt Ivan M. 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines USMC

Mrs. Travis,

From all the Paratroopers in HHC/1-508 PIR, thank you for the Holiday stockings. We were able to separate and ship stockings to 4x outstations around Afghanistan just in time for Christmas. It was very well organized and the consolidated bags were easy to separate. Many of the stockings are still hung around our barracks and offices here at Bagram; I imagine it's the same at all the other outstations.

Thank you again for all the support you and your team provided us; it definitely boosted our morale during the Holiday season.

Very Respectfully,

1LT Russell W. TF 1FURY, 1-508 PIR 82ND ABN DIV Bagram Air Field (BAF), Afghanistan

Judy,

Thank you for the stockings! We, Ares Company, received 10/14 boxes so far. The Soldiers are more than stocked full of treats for the foreseeable future. We appreciate the support you and your team shown.

Very Respectfully,

1LT Bryan D. Platoon Leader Ares Company, 1-24 IN

Good Evening,

I wanted to thank you for the amazing Christmas stockings that I received this week! My Soldiers absolutely enjoyed the treats and the personalized stockings. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in sending so many Christmas stockings to us overseas! I wish you and your organization a very Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Melissa Z.



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Good morning Judy Travis,

I wanted to reach out and express my gratitude for you and all of those who helped put together the Christmas Stockings for my soldiers. Every soldier was ecstatic to receive a personal stocking which had their name on it. For many soldiers, this was the only gift they received, and it meant so much to them. Please share with all of those involved in this wonderful organization you have, that we appreciate all that you do to support us overseas. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and may God continue to bless you all!

Very Respectfully, Charles B. CPT, AV HHC Commander, 1-10 ARB

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We got our boxes as of yesterday!! I will be getting you some photos here soon. I just want to thank you so much

Jamie P. SSG USARMY (USA)

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Hello Judy,

1. I want to say thank you again for providing all the Christmas Stockings to all our Soldiers overseas.
2. The Soldiers enjoyed all the goodies that were on the inside. Thank you for all your support again.
3. Have a blessed day and Happy New Years.

Brittany R.
SGT,USA Religious Affairs NCO TF FALCON Bagram Airfield

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Ma'am,

Just wanted to say Thank you and communicate the platoon's gratitude for the stockings and care packages we recently received. It always a huge morale booster for the Soldiers, especially during the holidays. Thank you again!

Very Respectfully,
Sean M. 1LT, MS C/3-10 GSAB TF Knighthawk

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Ma'am,

My company got all of the stockings just before Christmas. Thank you for all the work you and the group put in to help improve our holiday spirit. We'll have pictures and hand signed thank you cards on the way soon.

I hope the New Year goes well for you and thank you again!

**Very respectfully,
Sam J. 1LT, AR**

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Dear Ms. Judy Travis,

Thank you so much for the stocking care package! Your support is really important to our morale, and we really appreciate the packages. They were thoughtful and creative - I especially enjoyed the hot cocoa and the hand-made stocking.

I know a lot of work probably went into the care package. Thanks for coordinating the effort.

We had a good holiday season here in Iraq. The chow hall served delicious holiday food. And, we had some holiday movies playing in the chapel.

Thanks again for the care package. We really appreciate it. I also wrote a thank you letter to Ms. Stephanie Fiala in response to her holiday card.

Sincerely, Dylan

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Hello.

I am the mother of Captain Kenneth J. who is currently deployed to the Middle East.

My son and his troops were the blessed recipients of your kind gifts through the Stockings for Soldiers-Delaware. I can't thank you enough for your generosity and kindness at Christmas when these men and women are away from their families during the Holidays. It touched my heart, as a mom, that my son received such love and kindness from people he doesn't know, but who still support Freedom and those who serve.

I will be writing a formal Thank you by mail with prints of his troops receiving your gifts, but for now.... here is a huge THANK YOU from me, my husband, and our son's troops serving abroad.



With sincere gratitude,

Nancy J.
Atlanta Georgia



Hi there,

My name is Chris. I am the First Sergeant of the Military Police Detachment in Iraq that you sent stockings and more to. I want to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart. We didn't get them until after Christmas, so we've been having A second Christmas in January! It is a nice touch to put everyone's name on a stocking. My Soldiers are enjoying everything. Thank you so much for your support!

-Chris

Ma'am,

I received one of your stockings in Cameroon, Africa. It was a great surprise to see Americans have not forgotten we are in Africa during the holidays. Your generous gift is full of great treats we cannot get here in Cameroon. Thank you especially for the book; most of our books are professional reading so a novel is a nice change of topic. I am humbled and motivated to know you all are over there praying and thinking about us. I can assure you the men and women of the 101st are doing great work in Africa and appreciate your gifts more than words can express. God Bless you all and thank you for a touch of home.

Very Respectfully,

Louis G.

MAJ, IN TF Currahee Commander 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

Ma'am,

Happy New Year! A few more photos for you, with more to come. Thank you again so much for your support! We absolutely appreciate it!

Respectfully, Mitchell M. CPT, AG TF Jazeera, AAAB 1-5 IN, 1/25 SBCT



As a Soldier deployed to Europe, I can't thank you enough for the generous Christmas stocking I received from you.

John C. MSG 164th ADA BDE

Judy,

I just wanted to take a quick second at the start of your week to check in. We are all safe and conducting business as usual out here, despite all of the recent news.

Currently, all mail in theater has been halted, so we do not expect to see anything any time soon. Before mail was halted, we did get about half of the stocking it, so thank you so much! It has been busy and overwhelming around here at times, so it was nice to see something that gave the Soldiers a smile and moment to sit back and enjoy something.

Thank you from all of us for what you have done for our team and the other deployed units this holiday season. It has an incredibly profound impact on all of our lives and the way we carry ourselves, so thank you for sacrificing your time, money, and effort to make our lives better around the holiday season. As the next few weeks unfold, I will keep you informed if the rest of the boxes make it to us – and hopefully here in about 2 months when we are preparing to head home, I can find a moments break to properly thank you and the entire Delaware family for what you did for our Soldiers.

Happy Holidays, Alex F.

BEAT NAVY!

Chief Elf-in-Charge Judy Travis,

Greetings from the Heshemite Kingdom of Jordan, where I'm stationed at the moment. I just got back from holiday leave and received your care package. I was actually home for the holidays in East Stroudsburg, PA, closer to you than the package itself:). I just wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to you and everyone involved with the Stockings for Soldiers-Delaware, Inc. for your time and efforts, on behalf of myself and all of us here and anywhere that isn't home. Sometimes when we're far away we have those times where we can lose focus on our purpose for being here, and it's gestures like your organization's that goes a long way toward remembering the biggest reason why we're here. Also, I'd like to make a shout out to a well-written student named Taylor at AGW in Middletown, DE, for her letter that was in my particular package. Writing skills like hers are a good indication that the school system is doing something right:)

Sincerely, Mike and "Blackie", the black bear Beanie Baby:)

SFC Michael H. Assistant Ops NCO HHT 1-303rd Cavalry



Judy,

We received our boxes and want to say thanks for the great support!

SGM Tim S.
B Btry 1-265th ADA

Ms. Travis,

Thank you very much for the kind gift that you sent us all. It was very much appreciated. Please tell all those involved thank you.

All the best,

Ben G. CPT North Carolina Army National Guard

Good Morning Ms Travis,

I'm a Soldier that is currently in Kuwait for a second deployment. As you can imagine, being away from family and loved ones during the holidays makes it a sad time for many of us however, after receiving the personal Christmas stocking and goodies inside really made the holidays a much better and happy time. I just wanted to reach out and tell you how appreciative I am of the dedication, love and support you all continue to show all of us through our deployments. Thank you Thank you Thank you! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

GINA M. 1LT, MI 198th ESB, BN S-2

Ms. Travis,

WOW. Just Wow. We just received the stockings (due to our mail restrictions here in Africa) and everybody absolutely loved them! It was the Christmas they never had all over again. I don't think I can fully express the joy in their faces when they saw their first names put on their very own stocking. It meant so much! You all did such an AMAZING job, and we were all just blown away with how much thought was put into each package. It was well beyond any of my expectations. If there is any way you can share this with all of the organizations and Parent's Clubs that helped put those together, please do. We are extremely grateful for what you all did for us.

Attached is a zip with a couple pictures of the whole process, and in particular my War Hogs in their tents posing with their stockings like Christmas Day. Note our pride and Glory WHOD the War Hog in each picture (the wood carving).

God bless you all, and once again thank you!

In joy, 1LT Marcos A.



Good morning Ms Travis,

Just a note to say "Thank you" for all of the wonderful treats sent by helpers. Here are a few pictures of my team with their stockings. Again, "Thank you".

V/r,
Rose C.



Good Afternoon,

My name is Destry K., I received a Christmas stocking from y'all and I just wanted to say thank you. It's really cool what y'all are doing for us overseas and it's greatly appreciated. The "snowman soup" was the best hot chocolate I've had in a long time. It's getting cold here in Iraq and it definitely was perfect. Hope you holiday was well and happy new year.

Respectfully, Destry K.

Dear Judy (and whomever else it may concern),

Thank you so much for the cute Christmas stocking! It really was a little "touch of home" like you mentioned. Thank you for your kind acts. I hope you had a Merry Christmas/Happy Holiday and enjoy the New Year! :)

- Erica G.

One of our favorite emails from last year.

"... Any little act of kindness goes a long way and we all greatly appreciate you (all) and all of the time and effort you put into making these packages. I personally had grown up in Foster Care and I have never had a stocking before let alone one with my name on it. My appreciation to you (all) can not be explained in words. My wife had sent a package but it will not be here before Christmas. I am excited now that I have something that I can open on Christmas. Thank you..." Joshua G.

Dear Ms. Travis,

Thank you for sending stockings to all of the Soldiers of Assault Company, 1-8 CAV. We truly appreciate all the time and care that you took in personalizing and sending stockings to all of our Soldiers. I've attached a full letter and a picture of our company with the stockings. Please share our thanks with all the partners that contributed to bringing holiday cheer to Germany.

Thank you,
Godfrey S. CPT, AR Assault Company, 1-8 CAV 2ABCT, 1CD



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ASSAULT COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 8TH CAVALRY REGIMENT
2ND ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION
CAMP ALGIERS,

December 28, 2019

Ms. Judy Travis
Wilmington, DE

Dear Ms. Travis and the members of Stockings for Soldiers, West Point Parent Club of Delaware, many area Rotary Clubs, many area Girl Scouts, and all our new friends and neighbors in Wilmington, Delaware:

Thank you for taking the time and effort to send stockings to the Soldiers of Assault Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment. Many of our Soldiers are away from their homes and loved ones for the first time, and your personalized stockings brought joy to team members with five months of service, to those of over fifteen years.

Your generosity is a special reminder of the values that we hold dear in the U.S. Army, chief among them selfless service. Your civic spirit is the same reason that we serve, undoubtedly like the civilians, service members, and veterans across the various organizations represented. We are humbled that you would take the time to show kindness to the strangers who have now become your friends.

Please consider yourselves friends of Assault Company, just as we are friends of yours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GSE", is written over a blue rectangular redaction box.

Godfrey L. S.
Captain, U.S. Army
Commanding

TO OUR NEW FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, INCLUDING
 MS. JUDY TRAVIS, STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS, THE WEST POINT PARENTS CLUB
 OF DELAWARE, MANY AREA ROTARY CLUBS, & MANY AREA GIRL SCOUTS:

THANK YOU FROM YOUR FRIENDS IN ASSAULT COMPANY, 1-8 CAV.
 HAPPY HOLIDAYS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Matthew Ventresca PVT Thompson

Wm Taylor

MAN

Timothy C. Shel
 SFC SENSEI
 Stay safe
 -Pineda

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 SPC MOON



PFC Cooper
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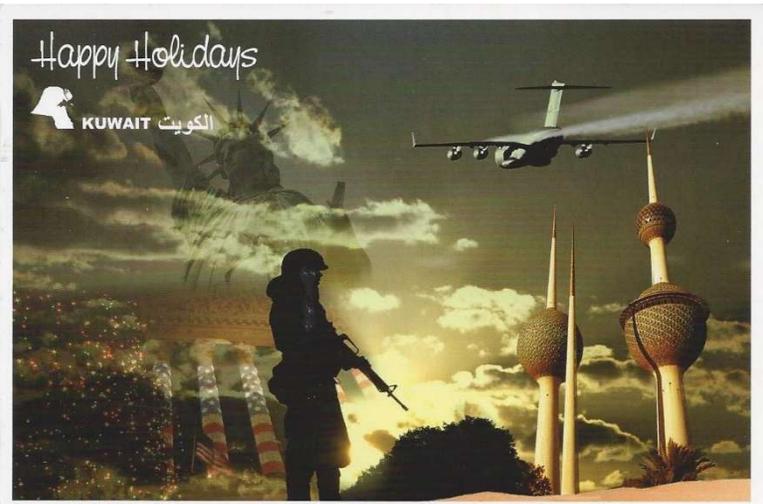
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Dear Stockings For Soldiers,
 I just wanted to take a moment to tell you how much I appreciate receiving a stocking from you all this holiday.
 It warms my heart to know that we are thought of this holiday even though we are a long way from home.
 Thank you very much for the stocking.
 Happy Holidays,
 Maj. Jason P.

Thank You to all our troops for sending us so many wonderful and great messages of their appreciation.

These emails serve as an inspiration for **Stockings For Soldiers** to continue to try to “make a positive difference” in their lives.

Our main Mission is to make sure our troops know that they have not been forgotten by the American people.

Thank You, again, to all the Members of the Military who have volunteered to Serve our great Country and we Thank their families.

"They also serve who only stand and wait." **

Thank You to our many amazing volunteers who work with us each year to make our project possible.

Judy Travis
 Project Founder & Coordinator



** From John Milton's "When I Consider How My Light is Spent."



We'll look forward to seeing you all in October 2020.