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MR NATALE,

THANK YOU AND YOUR TEAM FOR THE WONDERFUL CARE-PACKAGE. YOUR WORK IS TRULY APPRECIATED. THE CONTENTS OF THE BOX WERE DISTRIBUTED TO OVER 75 SOLDIERS SERVING IN THE HEADQUARTERS TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER AND WERE A BIG HIT.

THE PENNSYLVANIA GUARD'S TIME IN IRAQ IS NEARING ITS COMPLETION, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING OUR WAY HOME TO BE RE-UNITED WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

THIS DEPLOYMENT HAS SERVED AS LEARNING EXPERIENCE AS THE IRAQI SECURITY FORCES ARE NOW TAKING THE LEAD IN A MAJORITY OF OPERATIONS. THE SOLDIERS FROM PENNSYLVANIA HAVE SHOWN A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE, DETERMINATION, AND FLEXIBILITY, AS WE TRAIN AND MENTOR THE IRAQI ARMY AND POLICE.

THE CARE PACKAGES RECEIVED FROM GROUPS, SUCH AS YOURS, ALLOW FOR AN ESCAPE FROM THE EVERYDAY ROUTINE. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL THE HARDWORK AND SUPPORT THAT YOU AND YOUR GROUP DO.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,
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