

Dear Operation Shoebox New Jersey,

On behalf of the soldiers, sailors, airmen of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's (50th IBCT) Joint Area Support Group-Central, I take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation of you and your organization's support during this holiday season when so many military personnel are far away from home.

The support packages that you and your volunteers sent to this military organization over the holiday season were distributed to military personnel who serve in three different locations in the capital of this country - the Embassy Annex, as well as two forward operating bases named Prosperity and Union III.

We received so many packages of holiday support that some of them were sent to personnel stationed at Camp Bucca and Camp Cropper, Iraq as well.

It is through the support of individuals and organizations such as Operation Shoebox New Jersey that we appreciate knowing that Americans stand with us to keep America safe.

Finally, thank you for supporting nearly 3,2000 soldiers of the New Jersey National Guard 50th IBCT and the sailors and airmen now serving with this joint organization on active duty in Iraq.

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Dear Operation Shoebox New Jersey,

I would like to thank you for your support of our unit in Afghanistan. As a police mentor team, we are a very small unit with few resources. Help from home means a lot to us. It signals your support as well as provides us with things we need.

There are very few of us who actually serve in the military today; less than one percent of us are in any military service when compared to the rest of the population. Sometimes we wonder if anyone knows we are here.

Facts such as these make your support all the more important. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Major Ken Richardson, Infantry

New York Army National Guard

Bagram Airfield

Police Mentor Team