



To Whom It May Concern:

Pastor McMillan, members of Hibernia Methodist Episcopal Church, the West Brandywine Creek community, and most of all Mrs. Joyce M. Kline, thank you very much for the wonderful, thoughtful, and abundance of stockings sent to the Soldiers and Civilians of Task Force Iron.

If I may give you some background first....today is a beautiful day in Northern Iraq and the temperature was unseasonably mild. I have a Soldier, Ashleigh, who has been dying to put up decorations for a touch of home and Christmas spirit. We had nothing! Until I saw CH (MAJ) DelTufo and his staff and was given the box of goodies from Mrs. Kline and your community. It set our decorating into motion. Although our display is simple (ok small), your stockings and gifts are the perfect touch. God is truly in the details as we also found nativity scene ornaments for the tree. Baby Jesus is center stage!

We more than often hear only the negative view points of Armed Forces beginning deployed to this region. But the American people continue to embrace the Soldier (if not the politics) and our efforts to bring peace and stability to a region that has been oppressed for years. Being away from our families is hard, especially during the holidays, but the thoughts and prayers of great people such you, keep us strong.

I've enclosed pictures of Ashleigh and me from the decorating "party." Thank you very much for your gifts and from the bottom of my heart, continued blessings to you and your families.

Sincerely,
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