



404th ASB


Dear Round Rock Sponsors & Citizens,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to you all for your very active participation in our efforts to fulfill the needs of the soldiers of the 404th ASB.


The soldiers are very encouraged by your positive response. The care packages sent forward are exactly the type of encouragement needed to carry on through this time of separation from their family and friends. Everyone is extremely excited about Operation Fairy Tale, and we are all thankful for the quick response and amount of donated books. Your donation represents to us the kindness and caring that run deep in our community where our own citizens' needs are concerned.

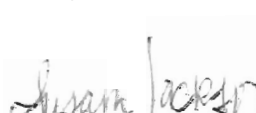
Again, thanks so much for your enthusiastic participation in our Battalion. We have no doubt that meeting the needs of our soldiers would not be the success that it is without your presence.


Very sincerely,



Megan Burke
CPT, AV
404 ASB Rear D. CMDR

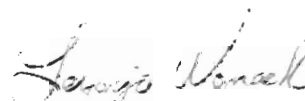

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Dear Mayor McGraw,

My platoon and I appreciate the care packages you have been sending us since we got here. Almost everything is gone the day the package gets here. The snacks help us through the day when we're so busy working we skip out on a meal. All the hygiene products are great also. Especially when the store runs out of deoderant or razors.

My name is Alycia and my family lives next to round rock in Cedar Park. My dad used to work at dell so every now and then his boss would give him Round Rock Express tickets. I like the field (dell diamond) and enjoy watching them play even though they're not my team

Here in Iraq I work on the rotor system of helicopters. I enjoy it for the most part. It's pretty cool to watch a helicopter you work on take off without falling part. How does it feel to be in charge of a city? Stressful I'd imagine...

Well thank you for taking time to send us the awesome care packages. You'd get a kick out of watching people dig through the boxes...

Sincerely
Alycia

SPC BERNSTEIN, ALYCIA
B Co 404th ASB CAB 4th I.D.
UNIT # 6009
Camp Taji, Iraq
APO, AE 09378



Mayor Alan McGraw
Jill Goodman
City of Round Rock
221 E. Main
Round Rock, Tx 78664



Jill Goodman

From: Rufus Honeycutt [rhoneycutt1@austin.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2008 8:04 AM
To: Kevin Carlyle
Cc: Jill Goodman
Subject: Operation Fairy Tales

Kevin,

A note from Major Ruedi's wife, Cindy to share with your employees. Thanks again to Wal-Mart for their support of our troops and their families.

Regards,
Rufus

I just wanted to let you know that I'm proud of Round Rock for working so hard for Operation Fairy Tale. I know that the soldiers that are participating in this program love the fact that they can read to their children from so far away. I actually have friends that have received their DVD's and love the program.

Thanks again for working so hard to get this off the ground!

God Bless you
Cindy Ruedi

THE 404

Here's to the 404
Guarding freedoms very door
They're protectors of you and me
Willing to fight for our liberty
Our support they deserve
While our country they do serve
Not just with easy prayers
But for them, and for theirs
While they are in the field
Their family needs will be fulfilled
This our pledge, this our goal
Till they are safe back in the fold
To make them worry free
About the needs of their family
And for God's blessing we will pray
To make their return a happy day.

Gene faires
R R noon kiwanis.



Tony Huffman

From: "Tony Huffman" <tonyhuffman@austin.rr.com>
To: "Vicki Huffman" <vickihuffman@austin.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2008 4:17 PM
Subject: GRRWNA Troop Support Major Activities

5-21- 2008 Contributed \$250.00 to help support the Family Readiness Deployment working dinner produced by Amanda Bundt, FRG Leader of Alpha Company
5-30-2008 Several GRRWNA families attended the Alpha Company Deployment Party in Killeen. We were able to meet many of our SSA soldiers.
6-11-2008 Held a very successful Pet Clinic fund raiser. A portion of the funds will go to support the Troop Support project.
6-12-2008 Ten volunteers from the GRRWNA helped fill 328 deployment bags.
6-25-2008 Made our first shipment of cards and letters to our SSA soldiers.
7-04-2008 Thirty five (35) Alpha Company family members will enjoy the GRRWNA July 4 parade and have a day of fun at the Austin Park and Pizza recreation center. The Seton Round Rock Medical Center has agreed to fund about a third (\$165.00)of the total expected cost (\$500.00). GRRWNA contributed \$335.00

6/30/2008

Jill Goodman

From: reyesa8@aim.com
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 2:48 AM
To: Jill Goodman
Subject: Packages

Jill,

From all of us in Shops Platoon, WE THANK YOU ALL for the support. One of my Soldiers said it best the other day, "they are getting us exactly what we need and the best thing about the packages is the feeling that someone cares and is concerned." To me, it's the thought that counts.

We have received multiple care packages from you all and the packages have been arriving on the 6th day. That travel time is a record; during the last deployment, packages traveled for 14 days.

We want to send you all some pictures of the platoon. What is the best address to send the cd?

Thank you.

Freddy

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Mrs Goodman,

I want to take the time to thank you and the Mayor for everything you have done and are going to do. The Soldiers here appreciate everything. It is nice to know that people outside our families take the time to think about us. The Soldiers always look forward to packages, so we take the time to see who is down(in spirits)and give them the honor to open the packages for all of us. I don't want you all to think that we have forgotten all the wonderful give and thoughts you have given us. By the end of the deployment, we will return the favor, do not know how just yet, but don't worry we will. And if there is anything we can do for you while we are here please feel free to ask. Once again thank you for your support

V/R
Rodriguez, Raul
SFC, USA
Shops PLT SGT

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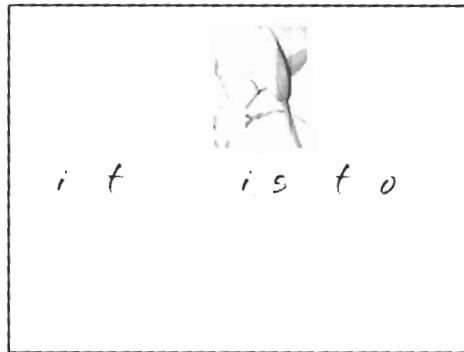
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To All~
 I just wanted to give you the Biggest and Heartiest of Thank You for all you did for the 404th children. You sent so many school supplies that over 110 students will have a great start to the school year. It took over 2 hours to put it all together. (It took 8 of us 2 hours!!) I have never seen anything like this and I sent a note to LTC George in Iraq to let him know that this was a success it was for the families. I hope that everyone who helped with this knows how much it means to us. (I wish you could have seen the FRG Leaders eyes after it was all laid out!)
 God Bless you all!
 Cindy Ruedi
 404th ASB FRG Advisor
 254-213-1255

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*4th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Office of the Commanding General
Camp Liberty, APO AE 09344*

August 20, 2008

Dear City of Round Rock,

On behalf of the Soldiers and Families of the 4th Infantry Division, I'd like to personally thank your city for its first-class support to the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) "Fun-Day" held on 15 July 2008. The event would not have been a success without your dedicated efforts. The Soldiers and Families had an incredible time and will forever cherish the memories you provided them.

The Steadfast and Loyal Division continues to press the fight across Baghdad and each day we make a difference. I am proud of all the incredible Men and Women who volunteer to serve our Nation in this time of war.

Thank you so much again for your city's tremendous support. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectively,

*JEFFERY W. HAMMOND
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding General*

Dear Mayor Alan McGraw,

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First off i would like to thank you for the wonderful things that you sent us. The neck coolers really helped us out during the summer months. Ther personal hygiene products came in handy when the store we have here ran out. The Candies and other treats went by like Money. As soon as they were opened, everybody hoarded it.

The things that you all have sent has been exactly what we needed. I want to thank you, and the people of Round Rock for everything you all do for us.

Your packages have all been highly awaited on. There is always a sense of excitement and pride when we

know that the people we voluntarily and willfully protect support us.

Thank you again.

Sincerely

Spc Morgan Christopher
15H Hydraulics Repairer

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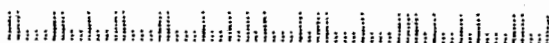
MAYOR MCGRAW,

As a single member of the armed forces; I really do not receive too many packages. This also leads to missing things from home, in my case missing many things from Houston. Now stationed in Fort Hood I travel to Austin quite a bit, passing by Round Rock and stopping by sometimes. Even going to IKEA there a few times, not to mention the outlet Mall. I would rather be there than here right now.

The packages we have been receiving from your city brings us back to the real world; well back to the states. Things from the candy to the soap get snatched up and used quite often. Most of the time the certain items do not make it to the end of the day. I am not just saying this for myself, but for many other members of the Platoon that I am currently part of. Thank you for all that you have done for us, we greatly appreciate everything.

SPC John Ta
B Co 404 ASB, CAB, 410
UNIT # 6024
APO, AE 09378

Mayor ALAN MCGRAW
Jill Goodman
City of Round Rock
221 E. MAIN
RoundRock, TX 78664



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Dear Mayor McGraw,

I just wanted to take a moment and say thank you for all the support you give us, and a definite thank you for the items you've been sending. My name is SPC Adam Holmes, from Dallas, and this is my second deployment out to Iraq. Last time we were out here I don't remember getting any kind of support or items from home, so receiving all the things from you and your community is a huge boost to our morale. With the long days, the heat, and the other elements of deployed-Army life, it's easy to lose track of what we're out here for, or if people even think of the thousands of troops that have to leave their families, but the things ya'll are sending let us know that someone is back home thinking about all of us out here. Thanks again for everything you've sent.

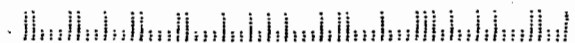
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Adam Holmes

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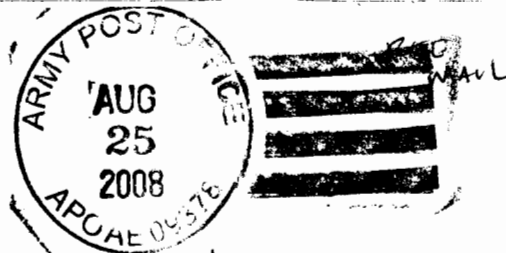
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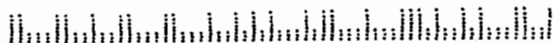
My name is PFC Scott on Behalf
of the engine Shop I would like to Thank
you for the Beef Jerky, hard Candy, and
personal Hygiene products. The Beef Jerky and
hard Candy are a hot Item. We Really enjoy
the fact that people Back home are willing
to take time out of their Busy day to
Send us a package. It's a Real moral
Booster. It makes are day that much Better.
It's nice to know that we have the Support
Back home. Once agin from the engine Shop
Thank You.

Chris Scott

PFC Scott Christopher
Box 4041 ASB CAB
Unit # 6009
Camp Taji, IRAQ
APO AE 09378



Mayor Alan McGraw & Jill Goodman
City of Round Rock
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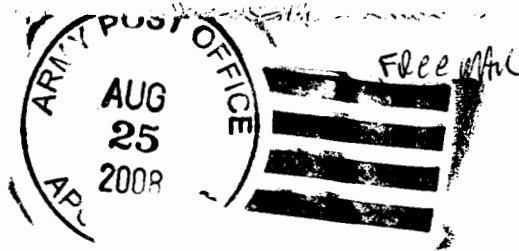
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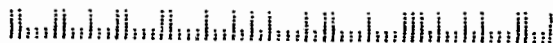
My name is Sgt Aaron Schroeder, and I would like to formally thank you. On behalf of me and all of the soldiers in my platoon who have all appreciated the items we have received from you. I want you to know how much we appreciate your support in our mission. There are always soldiers that don't get the support they deserve from their friends and family back at home. Those soldiers especially, are the ones who can really appreciate someone they don't even know, being so generous. I can honestly tell you that everything you have sent to us has affected our mission. Sometimes it is hard for us to even get the simple things we sometimes take for granted. There have been things that have directly aided with our mission. While other things, while inadvertent, still had just as big of an impact. Some soldiers may appreciate the personal hygiene items, while others were just happy receiving something fun to do outside of work, which might just remind them of home. Every package we have received has at the very least boosted morale, and gave soldiers the dedication and motivation to move on. On top of everything that may have been on their mind, something in one of those packages could have been the simplest item that they ran out of.

The last thing I want to add is that you have a very amazing community. If I knew nothing else about the community, I would know that they are willing to help out people in need. It is amazing to think that back in Texas is an entire community that appreciates us in all that we do. Sometimes these days we need that reminder that there still are people who are on our side, and know that we are over here doing what is right. Everyone has their opinions, but to know that at least you support the soldiers who are here if nothing else means everything to us. I do appreciate all of your help, and I know that the rest of these guys do too.

Sgt Aaron Schroeder
Box 404 ASB CAB
Unit # 6009
Camp Taji, Iraq
APO AE 09378



"Major" Alan McGraw
Jill Goodman
City of Round Rock
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Dear Mr McGraw

Everyone here shops

would like to express our

Greatest Gratitude for all the

wonderful I seen that you sent!

We appreciate all the thought

and effort put into the items

you send use. It is motivating

to see the amount of care

and support you provide us

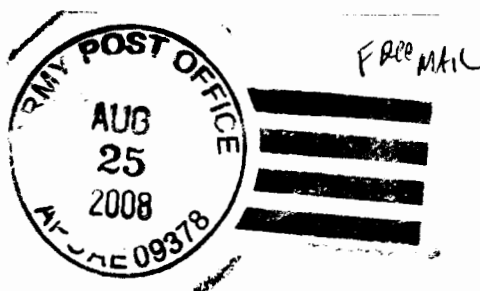
with. Once again Thank You

for everything that you do

for us.

J Francisco Perez

PFC Perez, Francisco
Bco 404ASBCAB
Unit #6009
APO, AE 09378



"Mayor" Alan McGraw
Jill Goodman
City of Round Rock
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-----Original Message-----

From: Somers, Mickey CSM 404th ASB [mailto:mickey.somers@iraq.centcom.mil]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2008 8:05 AM
To: epwhitfield@earthlink.net
Subject: School Stuff (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

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Eric how are you doing my man? I hope that all is well. Everything here is fine. The 404th is doing a great job. I just wanted to send you a short thanks for helping the Provider

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families while we are deployed. I hear nothing but good things about you and the people of Round Rock.

Once again thanks for everything.

Take care and we will see you in a day or so!

Mick

Mickey W. Somers
Command Sergeant Major
Battalion CSM
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"Provider 07"

FROM THE DESK OF THE BATTALION COMMANDER LTC DAVID A. GEORGE

Greetings from Camp Taji! We have completed our second month, and are actively engaged in the full spectrum of missions and support operations that we conduct for the Combat Aviation Brigade. We continue to make improvements in all areas. Slowly but surely I am observing an incredible transformation of the work and living environments. We are firmly committed to improving our areas to the absolute best possible. There is no reason why we shouldn't have operational and life support conditions that are equal or better than those in garrison. With this vision, we are actively involved in procurements, work orders, and lots of just plain old "elbow grease" to



improve our environment.

The Soldiers have been very busy. HSC provides medical support, motor maintenance, food service support, and all the Battalion staff functions. A Company orders, receives, and distributes helicopter repair parts, conducts refueling operations, performs fuel quality analysis, and transports anything and everything anywhere it is required on Camp Taji. B Company is busy with phase maintenance for all three airframes. C Company provides communications support to the Brigade at Camp Taji and also at another location in Iraq. Many of these missions occur every day,

around the clock. Additionally, we are conducting drivers training, and have combat lifesaver training, and small arms ranges scheduled in the near future. We also have guard requirements every day.

The weather remains hot, and sometimes dusty. Hopefully the cooler fall weather will start soon! The food continues to exceed expectations for a deployed environment. And we look forward to personal internet capability in the living areas in the next month. Our "rest & relaxation" (R&R) leave program begins in September; approximately 75 people will take 18 days of leave. The mail continues to arrive every day, thank you very much for all of your support. Please know that we think about our families every day. Take care!

Jill Goodman

From: Cupples, Karen [KCUPPL1@searshc.com]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 10:36 AM
To: D49027 Round Rock CCN
Cc: Jill Goodman; Eric Whitfield
Subject: FW: Additional School Supplies from Sears - Aug 28

Thank you note for the school supplies, see below.....

Karen Cupples
LIS and Research Dept Manager
1300 Louis Henna Blvd
Round Rock, TX 78664
512-248-7788
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-----Original Message-----

From: Smithey, Jessica D Mr DoD Ben [mailto:jesica.d.smithey@us.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 10:25 AM
To: Cupples, Karen
Subject: Re: Additional School Supplies from Sears - Aug 28

Good Morning

Thank you so much for the school supplies. They were great and the kids really appreciated them.

Thank you again, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Jessica Smithey
Bco FRG Leader

----- Original Message -----

From: "Cupples, Karen" <KCUPPL1@searshc.com>
Date: Friday, August 29, 2008 9:31
Subject: Additional School Supplies from Sears - Aug 28
To: bcamacho@hot.rr.com, jessica.d.smithey@us.army.mil, gilberto.camacho@us.army.mil
Cc: Jgoodman@round-rock.tx.us, Eric Whitfield <epwhitfield@earthlink.net>

Betty and Jessica - I'm so glad we were able to finish off your needs to give every child school supplies. Thanks for meeting me yesterday to get them to you. We wish you and your families a great school year

Jessica, please thank your husband for helping us to sort and deliver also

Karen Cupples