

Dear Supporter,

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This is our farewell letter from the 980th EN BN Soldiers. Thank you for your continued support for our troops during our stay in Afghanistan under Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). We have been stationed in Regional Command – South (RC-S) and RC-E since December of 2011. We have had over 30 awarded purple hearts but have had no lives lost or amputees. We have trained Afghan National Army soldiers successfully with partnerships and have cut several mission essential routes, built mission essential strong points and have cleared hundreds of routes from IEDs (improvised explosive devices or road-side bombs) for a safer mobility for locals and all coalition forces throughout RC-S and RC-E.

It has been a long year and our stay here in Afghanistan is coming to an end. Our Soldiers hope to be home within the first two weeks of November, just in time for Thanksgiving. We cannot say thank you enough for every care packaged item you have sent. They were dispersed to our Soldiers who were stationed all throughout southern Afghanistan at forward operating bases (FOBs) and command outposts (COPs).

We couldn't have continued our efforts here in these austere conditions without support from people like you back home. Every time a Soldier opened a package their morale was lifted. Again thank you for your support and for sending bits of home to your Soldiers across the world fighting the war on terrorism.

From your U.S. Army Soldiers at,

Items needed:

baby wipes
Q-tips
shampoo/conditioner (travel sizes)
body wash/bars of soap
loofahs
lotion/sunscreen
feminine hygiene products

Snacks ideas:

candy
pre-packaged, easy-to-open food items (tuna, pop-tarts, chips, cereal bars etc.)
drink mixes (for 20oz water bottles)

Thank you Ladies
for all you do.
Your efforts are
heart felt!

-SGT KILFWEER

**If you'd like to continue your support, please keep sending care packages to the same address; our replacements are the 20th EN BN and will need the same support you so kindly provided us. Send packages and letters to:

Chaplain Cale or Any Soldier