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Susie,

Thanks for all of the support you and the others of the USTA have shown

the military. We deeply appreciate everything you do to show the

Soldiers out here in harms way that folks back in the States truely do

understand the sacrifices we make during these deployments. Our mission

has continued to bring up challenges, but we are doing our best to

overcome obstacles and keep moving forward in a positive direction.

Resiliency is all about finding the positive in any given situation and

doing your best to keep focused on task rather than dwelling on things

that have or could happen. With that in mind I've enclose a few

pictures that you can share with folks to show what we are doing over

here. It's a mixed bag of events, some are Soldiers on mission, some

are getting ready to go out, and others are FOB improvements we have

made.

My best recommendation would be some good quality movies. We do not

have a PX here to buy good quality products like that. Our only option

is to purchase stuff online and have it sent to us or buy the pirated

movies the vendors sell here, which are terrible quality. Soldiers like

action, so typically those are the movies they would buy. Classics

work, box sets, whatever you can find that seems like something a

Soldier would like to watch. A few lighter family type movies in there

too would help.

Again we are very grateful for the support and wish you all well back in

the states.

V/R,

Christopher

Department Of The Army
Headquarters,

Dear Ms. Caldwell,

On behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, I would like to personally thank you and the Columbus Regional Tennis Association Teen Council for your patriotic generosity. We were delighted to hear that the Teen Council wanted to support a local Georgia Army National Guard unit that was deployed and we are very grateful for the care packages and tennis equipment that you sent to our Soldiers.

When a Soldier is deployed and days are long and hard, it is sometimes difficult to remember exactly why we are here. The Teen Council and their patriotic gesture is a tremendous reminder of why we are over here -- to defend and preserve our America way of life for our fellow Americans. We have volunteered to serve and deploy because of Americans like all of you. It is because of you, we are willing to leave our loved ones behind to carry on the noble cause of fighting for peace and liberty. All of you, and your kind gesture, remind us of those reasons and embolden us to continue on as we know it is worth our effort and sacrifices. It is important to know our fellow Americans care and support those who are defending them. In general, our American military forces have not received this type of home front support since WWII. It is both humbling and an honor for us to serve for Americans like you.

Enclosed you will find a Certificate of Appreciation from our Task Force, a flag certificate and flag that was flown over Camp Phoenix in honor of the CORTA Teen Council and hard and digital photo copies of our Soldiers with the care packages and tennis equipment.

I would like to personally invite you and the CORTA Teen Council to the Welcome Home ceremony which will occur mid-October.

May God bless you all for your support to our Soldiers and may God bless America!

Sincerely,

Andy

Colonel, IN

Commanding

**To:** Kathy
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2012 11:30 PM
**Subject:** Re: USTA/ World Team Tennis Adopt A Unit

Hello Ms. Kathy,

I would like to thank you greatly for all the care packages that my unit and I have received over the last few days.  We were very happy that you guys cared so much to go out of your way to create goodie-bags for everyone here. The male soldiers were very happy that they could get their hands on male body wash and razors since it was a very hot commodity here.

It is my pleasure to be able to serve along strong men and women here, and knowing that we have support from guys like you back home makes it that much more honorable. I am excited to know that there are programs out there like Adopt-A-Unit to help keep soldiers well being and morale up while on long deployments.

Once again, I greatly appreciate the things that you guys are doing for us, and it really goes a long way.

V/R
Domonique

Subject: RE: (U//FOUO) USTA Adopt a Unit

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Jodi, good morning from southern Afghanistan! My team and I thank you and the volunteers of HTA for volunteering your valuable time and service to our deployed Soldiers.. please see encl pic's 119 and 127.. this is where approx 45-50 US Soldiers live/work on the provincial police HQs in the heart of downtown Kandahar City, we are not authorized to depart the police HQs for any reason other to conduct authorized framework operations.. although some of our Soldiers may periodically return to a FOB (forward operating base) for a specific purpose..

our footprint here on the police HQs is austere, but as you can see we've built living quarters and a small mess hall out of wood and we make it work for us.... no one is complaining and it wouldn’t matter if they did!

Your list looks spot on to me, the only thing I would mention is that crew socks are what is authorized with our physical fitness uniform and if you have some recent magazines that people want to donate that would be fine to. Keep in mind the Soldiers here are in the younger age category..

additionally, we share everything with one another that we receive here

pic 136 will allow you to put a face to the name, I'm the guy on the right holding the rifle.... pls don’t mind the hair we had been out on patrol almost all of the day

thank you again and my best regards to HTA!

ATW!

JOHN

LTC, IN

Commanding

Ms. Anderson,

My apologies for being remiss in sending you a reply message. I have just received a box from Wilson Sporting Goods with an Indoor Tennis Kit, and I have to say it could not have come at a better time! We are constructing an indoor Morale, Welfare, and Recreation(MWR) Center in our Battalion Area. It is a Giant Maintenance Tent with a cement flooring which is big enough to house the aforementioned Kit! There are facilities on Kandahar Airfield(KAF) that do provide a recreational area, but this one will be in our specific Battalion Area and the location will be much more accessible to our Sustainers.

Our Battalion is just shy of 800 Soldiers, or as I call them Sustainers, since we provide all sustainment operations for Regional Command South (Southern Afghanistan). The Battalion is made up of various companies and we call ourselves Task Forces Trenton, after the Battle of Trenton, one of the most important engagements in our country's fledgling history. It was GEN Washington's Sustainers that ferried him, the Continental Army and their equipment across the icy Delaware River and it is our Sustainers that are providing the life support commodities to America's finest Warfighters throughout the Southern Battlefields of Afghanistan. We are on the "Road" constantly and a little downtime is always great for morale. The wonderful Kit that you provided us is just the sort of thing that my Sustainers need to relax and enjoy a temporary respite from their daily tasks.

I cannot thank you enough for your gracious gift to the Men and Women, the Sustainers, of TF TRENTON! I will be sure to send you some pictures of the Kit and our soldiers enjoying it upon its complete set up.

Very Respectful,

LTC (PaulCommander
KAF, AFG