



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
FSC, 3<sup>rd</sup> BATTALION, 187<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY BATTALION  
FOXTROT COMPANY 626 BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION  
3<sup>rd</sup> BRIGADE, 101<sup>st</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT)  
FORT CAMPBELL, KY 42223

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Commander FSC 3-187 Infantry Regiment

Dear Citizens of Cold Spring

As commander I would like to personally thank you for your service to the Soldiers of the FSC 3-187<sup>TH</sup> Infantry Regiment "Nomads". For a majority of the Soldiers, the upcoming deployment this fall to Iraq will be their second or third tour of combat duty. A majority of the Soldiers are in their early twenties and some are recently out of high school. Several only have General Education Diplomas, but seeing them perform during training and daily operations, you wouldn't know it. These same Soldiers are the ones who will be responsible for the maintenance, repair, and operation of military equipment and vehicles worth millions of dollars. They will be the ones manning guard towers, entry control points, and radios at two o'clock in the morning in the middle of a thunderstorm. Yes, they will complain because their boots are soaking wet, their gloves aren't keeping their hands warm anymore, and the last piece of mail from their wife, girlfriend/boyfriend, or family was two weeks ago. Yet they will dig deep into their soul to accomplish our mission even if they wonder why am I here when I could be back home with my friends and family, maybe in college, or still working at their first job.

They will be comforted to remember those proud citizens all across America that came to the Airfield to see them off, waving American flags, and the ones that took the time out to shake their hand and thank them at the airport on their two weeks of rest and recuperation leave. They will remember girl and boy scouts, mothers, dads, daughters, sons, and veterans that took the time out of their busy schedules to pack care packages with their favorite goodies. These thoughts will help overcome their tiredness, their cold hands, their feelings of loneliness, and the belief that nobody back in the United States is cheering them on at an unpopular and confusing time in our history.

The love and dedication of the citizens of Cold Spring during Operation Hug will impact the lives of over 110 Soldiers for the rest of their lives. We are very fortunate that

these Soldiers will not have to bear the scars of past conflicts and wars that many veterans of foreign wars live with today. Your weekends spent collecting donations, fund raising, and packing boxes will be remembered for decades after the war is over.

Thank you for your unconditional support during our deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom VI.

Sincerely

Joseph J. Gallegos  
Captain, US Army  
Commanding