

Hello from Afghanistan! I wanted to say thank you very much for the package we received from Trees From Home, Inc. The little tree is so cute, and since it is almost that time of year, I am glad we now can have a little cheer over here! Thank you also for the ear buds - after our last move, mine were GONE. Your package is like an early visit from Santa, and since we'll be on the move over Christmas, much appreciated. One of my soldiers is a die-hard Harley girl, and I will give her the H-D items as a surprise - I'll make her share the CD! Well, it seems we're having a little visit from some bad guys - the mortars are going off and when that happens it shakes the little wooden shack we operate out of...and it startles everyone, too. Not good typing "weather!" So, thank you again for your thoughtfulness, and we wish you the happiest of holiday seasons! SSG Weber
SSG Phyllis
CPN Team Chief
FOB Wright, Asadabad

My name is TSgt Todd L. and I want to personally thank you for the generous care package that was sent to our deployed location. We were all surprised to see the boxes come in the mail. Your little Christmas trees are placed all through our dorms. It's really nice to see that America still recognizes that we are still deployed and care enough to send a care package our way. It seems we have been forgotten over the years but little things that Trees From Home sends out makes us feel good. On behalf of the men and women of the US Air Force I would like to say thanks again from all of us. We really appreciate you thinking of us while we are away from our loved ones back home.

TSgt Todd L.
Georgia Air National Guard Deployed

I received a Christmas package this week and wanted to express my deepest thanks. I will not be home for Christmas this year and your package will truly make it easier. Thank you for thinking of our soldiers.
Pedro R. Lara

To all the volunteers of Trees From Home Inc:

This is Bill (Last Name Withheld), the Command Sergeant Major of the 26th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, we call ourselves the "Yankee" Brigade stemming from our rich history with the 26th Yankee Division. We are with the Massachusetts National Guard, headquartered out of Reading, Massachusetts (about 20 miles north of Boston) and are currently deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan. We are the Kabul base Cluster Command (KBCC) and we oversee several bases and provide security, safety and life support to over 10,000 soldiers and civilians. What an unexpected surprise we received yesterday when over 100 care packages arrived from your organization. We opened one of the boxes and were excited to see a small Christmas tree, Holiday cards, and a zip lock bag of goodies and stickers enclosed. We quickly sent out an email to all our Soldiers to come by our headquarters building to come pick up a care package, they

were gone before you knew it. There was quite a buzz going around Camp Phoenix about the Christmas Trees on just how perfect they were in size for either your desk, or in your room. On behalf of the Soldiers of the 26th "Yankee" Brigade I want to thank you not only for your generosity, but for taking the time out of your busy schedules to think about our Soldiers serving overseas during the Holiday Season. We all know its tough being deployed and away from ones Family, in particularly during the Holidays. Your organization brought a little touch of home and the Holiday spirit to us here in Kabul and we are greatly appreciative. As I walked around our head quarters today, I see your trees everywhere. In the upcoming days, I will send some pictures to you with the trees that you sent displayed in our offices (with our Soldiers of course). Again, a big thank-you to all those that had a part in this great initiative, which in turn put big smiles on a lot of Soldiers faces.

From a grateful CSM,

CSM Bill
CSM, Task Force Yankee
26th "Yankee" Brigade (ME)
Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan 09320

I received your care package sent to our unit, HHC 157th MEB, at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, and wanted to pass along my sincerest thanks. The tree was a great touch, and while it doesn't replace the 8 ft tree at the house, it was a welcome addition to my room.

Again, thank you!! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

SFC Jim W
Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

Thank you for the Christmas care package. The tree is a wonderful pick-me- up.

V/R

Renee S. (Last Name Withheld), LT USN
PRT Uruzgan Civil Affairs

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

I am a US Army soldier, stationed in Afghanistan. I received a box a few days ago, and from your Organization, filled with an assortment of items, primarily a Christmas tree, but other items as well.

I just wanted to take a moment, as it is Thanksgiving Day, to say a few things, for you to pass to ALL of your personnel. I am thankful for so many things, for my family, for the friends that currently watch over my family. For my health, my education, my freedoms.

Until this deployment, I don't REALLY think that I understood

these things.

I am also thankful for the country in which I live, and call home. Filled with the greatest people on earth. My fellow Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, Sailors, willing to lay their lives down, if necessary, to fulfill the will of the people. For our Health System professionals and Police and Fire as well, for they too, face those life and death situations day to day, and continue to do so for the betterment of the people. They, too, are heroes.

But more than anything, I am thankful for people like you. Many of you, I assume, have questions about us being in this War, yet, put forth so much effort, time, and money, to support people that you do not know, and likely will never know. You are the greatest treasure this country has to offer.

So today, I pause, to take a moment, to say THANK YOU, for doing so much.

Respectfully,

Master Sergeant Frank (Last Name Withheld), TF Yankee

Hi Julie:

OMG! I didn't expect to see 6 Tri-Walls of gifts! Even the soldiers at the loading terminal were in awe! Even my leadership was amazed at the generosity of Wisconsinites!

Thanks so much for your kindness. As I may have indicated previously this Area of Operation has experienced a record number of KIAs and WIAs so your gifts will really boost morale. Two STG's and I are working to distribute the boxes to the most outlying bases first and go on from there.

Please let me know if there is anyone else we can extend our appreciation to.

Happy Holidays!

CPT Brandt

Hi Ms. Stuhlmacher, here is a photo of one of our little trees - we work in a classified area and can't really take pictures. This is me and one of my soldiers, to whom you also sent a tree. Although you can't see it, it is above the door behind us, and looks very cute. Thank you for thinking of us - and have a wonderful Christmas! SSG Weber

Good Afternoon,

I recently received a care package from your organization and I just wanted to thank you for your support.

JEREMY (Last Name Withheld),
Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

Hello: Thank you for the cutest little Christmas Tree ever. Thank you for thinking of us here in Afghanistan. Happy Holidays,
Carol P. (Last Name Withheld)