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Hello,

My name is COL Neil Salkowski and I am currently deployed to Afghanistan, leading a team of 13 soldiers from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Earlier this week we all received a very special care package from Operation Shoebox New Jersey. On behalf of the team, I just wanted to express our appreciation for the thoughtfulness and care that went in to the packages. They are very much appreciated as it is always nice to receive a small piece of the states when soldiers are deployed. I know that soldiers always appreciate it when folks back home take the time to do something like send a package or write a letter. Your kindness and efforts went a long way to make my soldiers feel appreciated.

Take care, and God Bless.

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