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Mr. Tim Hammons
Disabled American Veterans
John Woodall, Local Chapter 6
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Dear Mr. Hammons,

I am writing this letter to say thank you. I have had the distinct pleasure of serving our great nation as a Soldier in the United States Army for sixteen years. During this time I have proudly served in and out of combat assignments, but I have never been more humbled than I was when we received the boxes containing candies, toiletries, and assorted food items for my Soldiers and me. We absolutely loved the treats.

I know that this act of kindness took time away from families, friends, and loved ones, and we appreciate every Disabled American Veteran who supported this effort. Even though we are thousands of miles from home, you made me and 700 combat ready Soldiers feel incredibly special. Some people may believe that Santa Clause is a myth and does not exist. I beg to differ. You and the Disabled American Veterans were Santa to my battalion of Soldiers. We will never forget your kindness.

It is now crystal clear to me why I have dedicated so many years to our great nation. Simply put, it is because of kind hearted individuals like you. Again, thank you Mr. Tim Hammons and all the disabled veterans from the bottom of my heart. With kind wishes and best regards.

Sincerely,

Barry K. Williams
Lieutenant Colonel
United States Army
Commanding