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Dear West Texas Troop Salute,

I am Lt Col C. Todd Prejean, Commander of the 441st Air Expeditionary

Advisory Squadron. I just wanted to take the time to write a quick

thank you note for the care packages that we received from your organization. I am unable to put into words the gratitude that we feel

as a result of your selfless and patriotic gesture of goodwill.

This is

especially true during the holiday season where all my troops are far

away from their loved ones.

Unfortunately I was unable to get any pictures of my guys/gals with your boxes because the Operations tempo is so high. As you might

imagine that are many needs to be filled in Afghanistan.

Because we fly

re-supply helicopters and the unforgiving terrain of Afghanistan, we are

the only link to food supplies for many people. I would also like to

tell you that some of the things you guys sent are being given to the

Afghan children. Few Americans can comprehend the hardships and poverty

some of these children in remote areas face. I did not think you would

mind considering there is nothing more American than helping less

fortunate people out. I wish I could explain to you the impact you have

had on my unit as well as many Afghan locals. It is people like you

that make America great. God Bless and Merry Christmas!

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