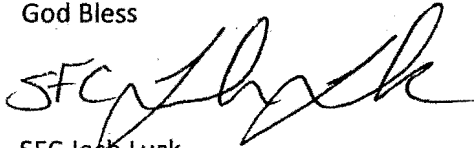


Dear Christmas for OUR Troops,

First off I would like to start by saying thank you for the care package I received. I know that putting together something like this takes a lot of time and money, which both are always rare commodities. So to all the people who have volunteered their time and money to send a package to someone they don't even know it is very much appreciated. I have to say out of all the care packages I have received your care package was the most practical. It had just about everything any soldier would need or want! I can definitely tell there are some Veteran's helping out that have some experience in what soldier's need.

Second I would like to say your right in your letter that accompanied the package; we don't consider ourselves as heroes. We are just doing our job and nothing more than many others have done before us. All I ask of you is to pass along to anyone you talk to in conversation that we are here for a good reason and the people here really appreciate us being here. Everything you see or hear on the News isn't always true. The people of Afghanistan have a long way to go but have come a long way. I can honestly say that we are making a difference, it will be a slow process but millions of people are better off because of it. Please continue to keep not only the Service Members in your prayers but their family members as well.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SFC Josh Luck', written in a cursive style.

SFC Josh Luck

Iowa Army National Guard