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Christmas for Our Troops
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First I want to thank you so much for the gift box. It really brightened our day around here. Let me tell you a little about myself. My name is 1LT Joshua E. Pinkerton. I am a Logistics Officer for a Security Force Advisement Team (SFAT). My team and I are all from Texas. We are members of the Texas Army National Guard. I am married with 2 kids. My son Jaret is 9, and my daughter Jaclyn is 7. Both were born during previous deployments to Iraq. My wife and I have been married for about 16 years. We met while in school at Texas A&M University. (Whoop Heisman Trophy Winner, Johnny Football) I do have a dog at home. He is a rescue animal named Mickey. He is a 4 year old English Bulldog with a terrible allergy problem and snores like an old man, but the kids and I love him.

Before I joined the Army I worked as a Teacher and a Coach in Caldwell, TX. I really enjoyed teaching and loved coaching football. I played when I was in High School and a little in college. Once this deployment is over, I am not sure if I will go back into education or go into a different career field.

What can I tell you about my team? We are a pretty small group, which is good and bad. Our main focus is to assist the Afghan National Army in becoming more proficient in their ability to function. We have a few Interpreters that I respect highly. They have put their lives on the line to help us and without them it would be nearly impossible to do our job. All of our "Terps" are away from their families and cannot leave the compound without escort due to the bounty on their heads. It is a very dangerous job.

Thank you again for all your support. I will try to keep you updated on how we are doing.



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Some of our team.



My family before I left for Afghanistan.



Me working with my Afghan counterpart.