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Hello Oakland County Sportsman Club,
I am a member of the club along with being a service member serving with the Army in Afghanistan.

After a long and tiring mission on 8 Dec 12, I returned to the FOB and my area to find a few care packages that had been sent to me by the Desert Angels. To my surprise when I opened it there was a note from the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.

I would first like to take a moment to humbly say thank you for not only your support but also, for the time and effort that everyone takes from of their busy days and puts into these care packages and packing parties.

These packages do make a big difference in the morale and well being of our Soldiers. All of the thoughts, prayers and goods that are sent in these parcels are appreciated beyond words. When the packages come in the mail, the Soldiers excitement to see them is evident on their faces and actions. When the packages are opened and the items are distributed the stories and memories of home are revisited, and for a few moments, home isn't so far away. It doesn't stop with just the opening of the box but is carried with them as they take what needed items with them and relive such moments at a later time, usually private, when they retrieve what they took with them for either use or enjoyment.

It is somehow amazing how a Soldier can take such fulfillment in objects as simple as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, or a certain snack. Things that most people, including myself before my deployments, would think are just meaningless objects or items can have so much worth.

Our days and time here is much more manageable due to the thoughtfulness and caring of such individuals and organizations as yourselves. All of us Soldiers know how busy everyone is and the commitment it takes to organize, purchase, pack and send these boxes, believe me it does not go unnoticed. Whenever a package is opened the thank you's, gratifications and pure amazement that people are doing this for us flow from everyone's mouths.

Once again on behalf of all of the Soldiers whose deployments are being made more tolerable, and home seem more like a reality instead of a dream I modestly thank you for your support.

God Bless Gods Speed

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