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The Auxiliary of American Legion Post 1218
133 Dixon Avenue
Amityville, New York 11701
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Attention: Johnnie Mae Martin, Auxiliary President

Dear Johnnie Mae,

Good evening, on behalf of the female contingent of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines deployed to Camp Resolute Support in Kabul, Afghanistan we would like to say thank you to all those that donated time and money for the stockings. Major Misty Cantwell and I were happy to help stuff the stocking and distribute them within the female barracks. A little background about Misty and me. First, I am a Pennsylvania native who received my active duty commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps just over 15 years ago. This is my third deployment, but my first time in Afghanistan. My other two deployments were to Iraq. I am an Adjutant General Corps Officer (Human Resource) and so far during my 15 years in the Army I have lived at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Seoul, Korea. I enjoyed exploring each location.

Major Cantwell is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and a Military Police Officer. This is her fourth deployment, and second time in Afghanistan. She is a New Jersey native who grew up in Florida. We first meet at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas during school and have been friends since then. We both enjoy exercising and spend many hours at the gym in Spin class and running. The weather keeps us indoors right now, but once spring arrives we will be back to running outside. Below are a few pictures from when we delivered the stockings. The first is of Misty, the second is of me, and the third is the hallway in our barracks lined with stockings. Again, thank you for the generous gift. It was nice to receive a taste of home that was not only a "taste" of home.



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