

Camp Behaving - Kuwait.

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Dear Bill,

Thank you so much for the wonderful care packages that you sent to us here in Kuwait.

We are an aviation company that repair Chinook, Apache and Blackhawk helicopters. We got here in December and have another nine months to go!

Our service here can not compare to what you all endured in Vietnam and all the honors that came with it. I was born on May 6th 1969 but remember watching the fall of Saigon as a child in 1975. It is a real honour to have received such fine care packages, from all of us here "Thank you!"

You will be pleased to know that the CH-47 Chinook is still in the 'front lines' and will remain in service for many decades to come. (It has hardly changed since 1962)

The temperature here is steadily climbing and the ~~heat~~ we coming out in force and getting into and on everything!! The sandstorm season is here and everyday we get sandblasted, my eyes are constantly bloodshot and we all have a permanent sinus infection. Other than that we really can not complain. We have a movie theatre, gym and organised events to keep us happy in our "down time". Unlike Vietnam we do not have beer and that seems like a real shame! Myself and my roommates all served in Iraq from 2010-2011, we took

a lot of mortar and Rocket fire, especially the day
Bin Laden was removed!! I guess it really upset the
local Shia Militia outside of Baghdad and they hit us
very hard on May 4th 2011. This time around there is
nothing going on and time seems to stand still here.

Despite the dangers on our last tour it made each
day exciting and we felt like we had a sense
of purpose. Now I'm not sure what to think. All eyes
are on Korea right now and China. I think Isis is a
spent force and not a real threat to us right now.

Your care packages brought so much joy and happiness
into our otherwise very dull and drab life here.

Please convey our thanks from all the lads here
and how much we enjoyed all the wonderful food
and gifts. It gets very, very cold at night and the
blanket you sent has been put to very good use!!

We ~~have~~ have nothing but the utmost respect
for all of our Vietnam veterans, your courage and
sacrifice inspire us to step up and be the best
soldiers that we can be in the given circumstances.

God bless you all and thank you for taking the
time to bring us so much joy.

with much respect;

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