



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
TASK FORCE 38, COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE
OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
JOINT BASE BALAD, IRAQ
APO AE 09391

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

10 May 2010

Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society
Attn: Mr. Bill Crean
4715-25 Mercer Street
Philadelphia, PA 19137

Dear Bill:

On behalf of the 38th Combat Aviation Brigade (Indiana National Guard), thank you for your heartfelt gifts to the soldiers (personally, the cigars were great). We received your gifts and letter this past week. I enjoyed reading your thoughts and well wishes. This is my third tour in a combat zone.

I think it's important for you to realize that the United States Government takes very good care of us here at Joint Base Balad – The largest of all American Forward Operating Bases. Unlike Vietnam, we have the best food, living/working quarters, equipment, MWR facilities (Moral, Welfare and Recreation), communication (including calls home for free...every day), religious facilities and Chaplains (of every denomination). We have the best medical and, dare I say, legal services, anywhere. We have our clothes laundered, our facilities cleaned and repaired...all this in a base the size of a small city, with its perimeters protected in ways you really don't want to know. In short, we are free to focus on our job because life has never been better for any soldiers any place or time before.

Now, that being said, we are still away from friends and family, our jobs can get demanding (and occasionally dangerous), and it's generally hot and nasty here. So we certainly enjoy being told that we are appreciated. Your gestures of support go a long way in alleviating the sadness of being away from home.

Thanks again for your appreciation and support. I hope you enjoy your summer and wish you and all Americans a happy Memorial Day and Forth of July.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Kozlowski", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Kozlowski
LTC, United States Army
Brigade Judge Advocate

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this is to recognize

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for their generosity & support
of our annual

john curran memorial golf outing.
your ongoing sponsorship has helped
this to be a successful event.

thank you,

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