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Kind words from any soldier

Friday, January 12, 2007

Dear editor,

Before Christmas, we mailed some Christmas cards with notes of thanks and encouragement to some service people whose addresses we got from www.anysoldier.com. We received a special thank you letter from a commander who is also an M.D. in the Medical Corps, U.S. Navy. I was very surprised to receive such a letter of thanks from a commander when all I did was send a card with a note of support and thanks.

I think people need to know how a small act such as sending a card with a note of thanks and support can be of great encouragement and help to our troops.

The letter reads as follows:

"Thank you very much for your note. I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to do this. Your kindness is not just appreciated, but needed. I have shared your generosity with my corpsmen, who were grateful for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

"The support you show our troops does not go unnoticed. While we work through this conflict, knowing that some citizens in America care about us keeps us motivated. We constantly hear bad news all the time from the evidently biased press back home. It seems that gifts such as your stem from a minority of or citizenship. Yet, despite this impression, I doubt it. I would hope that our nation understands that, now, while we are seemingly entrenched here, we have to see this through or greater trouble will follow us home.

"On behalf of our troops, I thank you."

Joan and Fred Liedtke / Napa

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