

In November, our Chapter of Blue Star Mothers sends out Christmas stockings filled with all kinds of goodies to all the Heroes that we support. We also send out some Christmas trees. These letters are in response to our Christmas mailings.

From an Army Sergeant in Afghanistan: The Soldiers like everything that you have sent previously. They really enjoyed the pillows and blankets, which are being used right now. Some places have gotten down to 11 degrees and they came in handy. I am going to send the Christmas tree and ornaments to the smallest location Thank you sooooo much for your support. We all appreciate it. Thank you again.

From an Army Sergeant in Iraq: WOW, Thank you so much. We received the boxes yesterday. That was some effort on your part. I will get pictures of the Soldiers decorating a Xmas tree and send some to you. I really am speechless. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

From an Army Sergeant in Iraq: Thank you for all you do and you are well known around the XXX. I also have included you in the Briefs that I have with my higher ranking. Just to let you know we got the two female boxes yesterday. We are going to hang the stockings around the Chow hall for decoration and will leave them up until the 1ST. All of the people at Blue Star Mothers are amazing. I can't put into words the amount of joy you have given us. Our quality of life is so much better because of you and your people. (Scott feels the same way) I will forever be grateful.
PS we wash behind our ears and brush our teeth before we go to bed (I know moms are concerned about this things)

From an Air Force Major in Iraq: Holy cow a Christmas tree and decorations! I received the packages you all sent today. Lots of hugs for all you moms and the wonderful effort and thoughtfulness of the children. Cute picture of Girls Scouts.

Here is the plan: We are putting up the tree in the Passenger Services terminal (which is just one of the activities my unit operates) here at XXX along with all the decorations, books and goodies. The books will be placed under the tree for our personnel and our customers (troops from all services and components, contractors and government employees) to take advantage of. The games and goodies will go out in phases closer to Christmas Eve and Christmas. Plan is to play Christmas music over the intercom and show a few movies over the TV there in the terminal. I am having pictures taken as they decorate and at completion of decoration so you can see what we are up to with the cameras you sent as well as some digital that we can email to you sooner. Additionally, we are having the beautiful cards and notes put up around the terminal for the troops to see and read.

Our thought was that this the best way to share the blessing of what you have sent and to recognize our troops and honor those who have been so diligent and committed to the cause of encouraging the troops. Our

squadron of 300 is spread out across different buildings but many of them transit the passenger service terminal, work there and more importantly we have anyone arriving or departing XXX coming through as well.

Our Airmen First Class V. had been looking to decorate the Passenger Services terminal to make it feel Christmassy and she got just what she needed thanks to all of you!

So, on behalf of the XXX Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron THANK YOU for helping make Christmas feel like Christmas even being away from our families. Appreciate your hard work and diligence on our behalf!

Health and Blessings to you and your families! Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! And thank you for your thoughts and prayers!

From an Army Sergeant in Afghanistan: We received the wonderful boxes last night, and I will be shipping them out to the outer post very shortly. I never thought that seeing a Christmas stocking would bring so much joy during a deployment. The Soldiers love everything that Blue Stars Mothers have sent and enjoy the boxes every time I send them. I believe that this will bring smiles to everyone's face during this holiday season. Thank you again for supporting us.

Sent by a Chaplain's Assistant in Iraq: Thank you so much, you guys are truly angels to so many soldiers!