



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BRIGADE, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION**  
Camp Ramadi, Iraq  
APO AE 09396

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Brigade Chaplain

October 28, 2006

Phil Randezzo  
9505 Hillwood Dr.  
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Dear Phil,

Your support for our troops has been incredible! I am humbled by your sincere concern for the welfare of our young men and women in uniform. Thank you very much for your ministry to the Ready First Combat Team.

As you have no doubt read in the news, it was a tough summer here in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen performed marvelously. They are truly making a difference here for the people of Iraq. These young men and women continue to set the conditions for peace and prosperity among a people with tremendous potential. You should feel proud that you played a role in the vital mission in Al Anbar Province. Your generous support goes a long way to enhance morale and make our lives a little more comfortable.

You may have read that the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division (Ready First Combat Team) has been extended for a short time. We will be here through the Christmas and New Years holidays. The Soldiers have taken this news in stride. They fully understand how critical this mission is. In keeping with the warrior ethos, they are more than willing to make the sacrifice.

Many of you have already begun to send holiday items. Again, thank you. We will do our best to provide the men and women with a memorable holiday season. We can't replace the warmth of home and family. However, we can provide activities, religious services and programs that help to bind us together as a surrogate family. Your contributions will greatly enhance these efforts. "Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." -Proverbs 25:25

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Wood".

MICHAEL D. WOOD  
Chaplain (Major) USA  
Brigade Chaplain