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Mrs. Sita Helms-Founder
Helping Hand Worldwide
31121 Holly Drive
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Dear Mrs. Helms-Founder,

I am writing to thank you for all the support you and Helping Hand Worldwide provided to the Marines and Sailors of Task Force Leatherneck over the past year during our deployment to Afghanistan. Please know that the items you sent were distributed to the Marines and Sailors at battle positions, forward operating bases and combat outposts throughout our area of operations the Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan.

In most cases, your donations were delivered to service members in the most austere of conditions, engaged in combat operations far away from the amenities associated with life in the larger, more secure camps and bases. You cannot imagine what a tremendous morale booster it is for our troops when they receive boxes of goodies from home. Beyond the obvious comfort and enjoyment that your donations provide, the reassurance that patriotic Americans such as yourself and your organization remember and support the service members here speaks volumes.

On behalf of all the Marines and Sailors you have supported over the past year, as well as those you will continue to support and the countless others who benefit from your great organization, "Thank You" for everything you do. It is an honor to know we have so much support from such patriots at home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. D. Nicholson", is written over a large, faint watermark of the Task Force Leatherneck emblem. The watermark features a globe and the text "MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE" and "TASK FORCE LEATHERNECK".

L. D. NICHOLSON
Commanding General
Task Force Leatherneck