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Hello Mr. Davis,

My name is Stephen Walton and I am on the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN72) and currently on deployment serving in the fifth and seventh fleet areas of operation. I wanted to send an email of gratitude and appreciation to yourself and the gracious people you have volunteering for your company.

I am currently on my second deployment with the Lincoln and my first one that has taken me away from my wife and three kids during the holidays. I have two daughters, Alex (10) Ella (5) and a son Luke (2) who I miss dearly. My wife Ashley and I were married in Lubbock, Texas and moved to Arlington, Washington shortly after joining the Navy in 2007. My wife is the real hero by homeschooling our two girls and handling things for the second, and hopefully last time on her own. They say that a Navy wife has the toughest job in the Navy, and I tend to believe that. My plan is to become a game warden once I get out of the Navy in early 2012 and not be away for anymore Christmas's, birthdays, or Anniversaries.

I tell you that to let you know how important it is to us to have wonderful people like yourselves to help out morale and to improve the attitudes of people who may not normally get care packages. It is not easy to be away from loved ones during the holidays, but the care and love that you put into the gifts is felt and helps ease the frustrations of being gone.

My name was submitted by Sarah and Greg Westmoreland who are friends with my, who I might mention, proud parents Judy and Bill Walton who currently live in Lubbock. I can't thank Sarah and Greg enough for their thoughtfulness and for the many others who gave up their free time to donate such wonderful and useful gifts. Your dedication to help others is a direct reflection to the people you are and shows just how willing you are to help others.

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I can't thank you enough for the wonderful gifts that you sent and for spending your precious time during the holidays to help others. The gifts and time are wonderfully appreciated and help out tremendously during the hard times of a deployment, especially during the holidays.

Thank you again for your time, support, generosity, and thoughtfulness.

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