

Illinois Elks Association

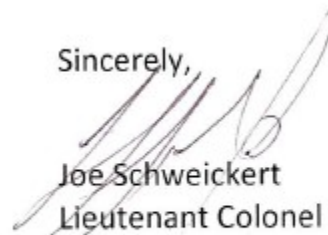
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Fairfield, IL 62837

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Please pass my thanks on to the Illinois Elks for all the care packages! I received 18 boxes yesterday! It is always nice to hear from people back in the United States, but it was a pleasant surprise to get them from the Elks! I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Rathgeb several times over the past few years in my previous job as Family Program Director, to provide addresses for other deployed units. I never expected to be the recipient of the packages myself! I am deployed with a small US team that is currently assigned in support of a Polish Land Forces unit who is fighting with NATO here in Afghanistan. I shared the boxes with several of my team members, and with many of the Polish Soldiers as well. Please pass our heart-felt thanks on to all those who worked to assemble and ship the packages, and let them know how much we appreciate their time and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



Joe Schweickert  
Lieutenant Colonel  
United States Army