



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
447<sup>TH</sup> AIR EXPEDITIONARY GROUP (USAFCENT)  
INCIRLIK AIR BASE, TURKEY**



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MEMORANDUM FOR AMERICAN LEGION POST 68

ATTN: Mr. Eric Mens

FROM: 447 EAMXS/22 EAMU

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

1. Deployments during the Holiday Season can be difficult for some troops and their families. It is no different for our Airmen from the 916<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing. Separating Airmen from their close family and friends during the holiday season is a sacrifice that no commander wants to ask from their Airmen. Unfortunately, our enemies do not afford us the latitude to relax during the holiday season. As a result, our leadership has the difficult task of mitigating the effects from the separation. One way of brightening up their holiday is by sending our Airmen care packages. It is quite extraordinary watching their eyes light up when they get a box of goodies or even just a card. It shows them that someone cares enough to take time out of their busy schedules to send something to let them know that they are not forgotten. Our deployed Airmen are genuinely appreciative of the gesture.

2. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and your volunteers for taking the time to make cards, letters and cookies for our Airmen. We appreciate your generosity, thoughtfulness and personal sacrifice you and your volunteers have given up for our Airmen. And for this, you are TRUE PATRIOTS!!

3. We hope that all of you at American Legion Post 68 had an exceptional Holiday Season! And wish that you all have a prosperous New Year!

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