

John;

I received your generous package today and very much appreciate your taking the time to put it together and send it to me.

I have been in the military since 1977 and have never experienced the level of support from my fellow countrymen that have experienced this week with the cards, letters and this package I have received. It's quite humbling.

I do not have a photo of myself to send and I would prefer you honor those heroes who sacrificed life and limb. They are the true heroes. I am a Meteorologist and don't go into harm's way in the manner my fellow Marines and Soldiers do. I appreciate the offer though.

I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Yours truly,
Bret Crapo
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