

**Family Support Group
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Dear Ms. Debbie Gregory:

I am the Family Support Coordinator (FSG) for the CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD 1-160th INFANTRY BATTALION (L). I, along with six unit coordinators, provide assistance to over 1000 soldiers and families of the 1-160th Battalion. Additionally, we provide indirect assistance to over 5,000 National Guard members and their families who reside within the counties of Los Angeles and Orange.

We all know that our country has picked up the gauntlet of war against terrorism. Everyone recognizes the contribution from the various branches of service; e.g., Army, Navy, Marines and the Air Force and rightly so. However, the California National Guard's tremendous contribution to this effort has often been overlooked. Perhaps this is because we do not reside on a military base. Instead, we are your neighbors, your co-workers, we shop at the same stores, our children go to school together and many of us attend the same churches.


I mention this only to try to convey to you the scenes of pleasant surprise and joyous gratitude from our troopers and their families, upon being informed of having been selected to receive these wonderful gifts that represent the love and care of a community for our deployed and deploying soldiers. Those two tiny words "Thank you", do not justly convey the feelings we have in our hearts for the efforts provided by yourself, and those of Military Connection, those from Ms. Melissa Giller of the Ronald Reagan Library Foundation and the inspiring kindness and generosity of the good people of the Simi Valley area. Know that you and all those that participated in this wonderful gesture have received some 1000+ salutes and will be remembered in our families' prayers.

May heaven continue to shine on your homes,

Most respectfully,


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