

From: Col Robert Brown

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To: phil@defendingfreedom.net

Subject: 1/25 Stryker Brigade Thank You

Dear Phil,

On behalf of the 5,000 Stryker Brigade Combat Team soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I wanted to thank you for the incredible support to our soldiers and families. The "DEFENDING FREEDOM" bracelets are a true inspiration for all of us and we were truly thrilled when we heard about GI Joe's cooperation to support our troops by selling the bracelets. The \$10,000 dollars is truly incredible and I can assure you it will help a lot of soldiers and their families.

Your efforts at supporting our magnificent men and women in uniform are remarkable and we can't thank you enough. We want to ensure that you attend our re-deployment ceremony as a guest of honor. I am having my Rear Detachment Commander get in contact with GI Joe's to thank them for their incredible support as he will actually visit the store.

I do need your help with one matter – we sent a thank you, a certificate and a Flag that was carried in a Stryker while on patrol in Mosul to the following address:
9505 Hillwood Drive #100, Las Vegas, NV 89134

I understand it did not arrive as the DHL from Iraq is not as reliable so I am sending another thank you and U.S. Flag carried on a patrol. Please let me know the correct address.

Thanks again for your great efforts on behalf of our soldiers. Your efforts are a source of great strength for our soldiers and families – we can't thank you enough. Please let me know what else we can do to support you.

Colonel Bob Brown

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