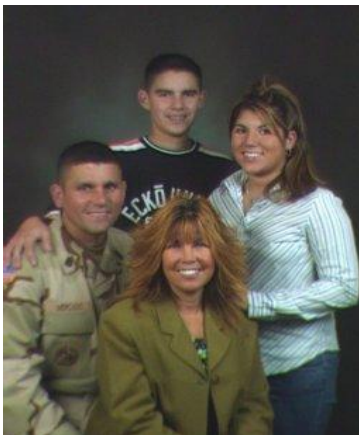


Greeting Bobcat Families,

Thank you for everything you do for our soldiers and their families. We could not have done any of the training, deployment and day to day combat missions without your support and devotion to the Bobcat families. We are a family that knows the meaning of caring and how to support one another. Since our deployment to Iraq almost two months ago, we have not slowed down. My boss and I are very proud of each and every soldier, pass and present, in our battalion for their courage, dedication and accomplishment. Our soldiers are excited and proud to be doing what they have been trained for. We have noticed their sense of pride in serving their country when we do our battle circulation. We continue to be busy and stay focused on our missions. As long as we stay busy, time will go by fast. We have had many close calls, but our Medics and the quick emergency response have saved lives. We have had our ups and downs but we always pull through. One thing that I can say about our Bobcats is that we never quit, and we always finish what we start! We live by our motto "I'LL TRY SIR". If we do not succeed the first time we try again. This is the only way we know how to do things. We are receiving a lot of mail and packages from of you all. Thanks you for your kindness and generosity, please also keep them coming! Our soldiers look forward to your mail and packages. I want to commend our Bobcat Personnel Administration Section because they have stayed on top of mail delivery all the way. They never accepted no for an answer. They are doing an excellent job taking care of our spouses when it comes to promotion, mail, regular and emergency leave, pay and other administrate issues, especially after the many moves we have made. They are the heart of our organization. I am mentioning them on this occasion because in every update from now on I'm going to highlight a different section and platoon within our great organization. Every element is doing an outstanding job and should not go un-noticed.

I would also like to express my appreciation to each chapter member and their families for the support you have provided as a part of the Bobcat family. I would like to thank the wonderful Chapter leaders, who in my opinion are the best of any chapter. You volunteer your time to make sure that the members and families of your chapter are taken care of and help to alleviate the stress from the Bobcats, pass and present so that he/she can focus on his/her mission. You are all truly remarkable for your kindness and dedication towards our bobcat families.

In closing, Robin and I along with our kids, Jazmin and Manny, would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please remember to keep us in your prayers everyday. Take care of each other.



*God bless you all,
CSM Victor Mercado (Bobcat -7)
BLTW (Bobcats Lead the Way) -Everyday*