



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, 9-101 AVIATION REGIMENT
101st AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT)
FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY 42223-5000

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Families of *Eagle Strike* Soldiers,

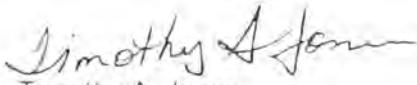
I am the commander of 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the unit to which your family member is assigned. Recently, we received orders to deploy to the Central Command area of responsibility, an area that covers the Middle East and North Africa. In the next few days, most of the unit's soldiers will depart Fort Campbell to join up with our aircraft, vehicles, and equipment, which are being taken by ship to our overseas destination. Upon arrival, we will continue to train to maintain our individual and small unit skills to ensure we are ready to accomplish any mission if called.

The length of our deployment is uncertain. The likely duration is 6 months to a year, but it could be for a shorter or longer duration. Our soldiers will be able to keep in touch through the postal system, but please do not be surprised by delays caused by limited postal capabilities and the uncertainty of the situation. Please limit mail, at least initially, to letters weighing 13 ounces or less. We will notify you by newsletter when this current policy is relaxed. The mailing address is provided on the attached information sheet.

A small rear detachment will remain at Fort Campbell. It will be the important mission of those remaining here to ensure the *Eagle Strike* battalion is properly supported and to assist the families of those deployed. The Family Readiness Group will provide further assistance and support to the families of our deployed soldiers. Points of contact for these organizations are provided on the attached information sheet.

I have confidence in all of our soldiers and have faith that they will accomplish the important mission that lies ahead. I understand the anxiety you may feel for your soldier and your family. Please be assured in the knowledge that our soldiers have trained hard and are prepared for any mission they might encounter. I extend my appreciation for your support in these crucial and uncertain times. I know all of your thoughts and prayers will be with the 9-101st during our deployment.

Eagle Strike!


Timothy A. Jones
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding

Commander
Captain Frederick Default

BLACK WIDOWS



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In accordance with current Central Command policy, the following items may not be mailed:

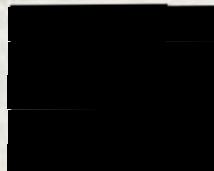
- (a) Securities, currency or precious metals in their raw unmanufactured state.
- (b) Mail addressed "Any Service Member," or similar wording such as "Any Soldier," "Sailor," "Airman," or "Marine," "Military Mail," etc. is prohibited. Mail must be addressed to an individual or job title such as "Commander," "Commanding Officer," etc.
- (c) Obscene articles, prints, paintings, cards, films, videotapes, etc., and horror comics and matrices prohibited.
- (d) Any matter containing religious materials contrary to Islamic faith or depicting nude or seminude persons, pornographic or sexual items.
- (e) Firearms of any type are prohibited in all classes of mail.
- (f) Pork or pork by-products are prohibited.
- (g) Fruits, animals and living plants are prohibited.
- (h) Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- (i) Materials used in the production of alcoholic beverages (For example: distilling material, hops, malts, yeast, etc.) are prohibited.

Rear Detachment Points of Contact:

CPT BRANDON ADAMS	(270)956-4852 OR (931)216-9104
CW2 PETER ALEX	(270)798-5692
SSG ROGER WILLIAMS	(270)956-4857

Family Readiness Group Points of Contact:

9-101: THERESA JONES
HHC: TANYA BERG
* A CO: CANDI BARTON
BCO: MARY HELLEN DEAN
CCO: JENNIFER WADDINGTON



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