



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
MARITIME EXPEDITIONARY SECURITY DIVISION 82 FWD
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Dear St. Luke's UMC Military Support Team,

The members of Maritime Expeditionary Security Detachment 823 Columbus, Ohio gratefully received your two care packages. You will be pleased to know that your generosity not only benefitted the sailors of SECDET 823, but was also extended to the members of the Iraqi Marines and Iraqi Navy whom we are training. Your charity directly impacted the positive relations we have with our host nation military. In most cases, SECDET 823 and the other members of Task Group – Iraqi Maritime are the only contact that these Iraqi service members have had with the United States Navy, so we are very thankful to be able to share with them, solidifying the bonds that our nations have established.

A hearty thanks for your care packages and the promise for a better future that they provide.

From CDR Black, Officer-in-Charge and all the members of SECDET 823, we offer three cheers for the Military Support Team at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Orlando, Florida
Well done.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. J. McManus".

CDR M. J. McManus
Commanding Officer
Maritime Expeditionary Security Division 82

