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COMBINED TASK FORCE CURRAHEE  
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101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault)

Currahees,

Happy Thanksgiving! I wanted to extend my personal greetings to the entire Band of Currahee as we do our best to take part in the American tradition of Thanksgiving this week while still in the fight. While I know we would all rather be back home with our loved ones, we'll do our best to honor the tradition here in AO Currahee. Our team has gone to great lengths to get the turkeys and all their trimmings to each of you – you deserve this and much more.

As you reflect on this day remember that many Soldiers that have gone before us also suffered the same separations and hardships on this special day – for the Currahees it includes service in WWII, Vietnam, and most recently in Iraq. Be thankful for all your blessings, the teammates you have around you, and for the family and American people who deeply love and support you on in this noble mission.

I am thankful for your service and for the sacrifices you and your families make each day. You have my eternal gratitude and respect for your personal courage and commitment to serve while we are at war. In a time honored tradition Currahee leaders will travel throughout our battlespace on this day to share our time with you and to personally thank you for everything you do on behalf of our Nation. We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can and will forever cherish the opportunity to serve with you.

As we count our blessings we must also remember and pray for the families of our fallen heroes and for our wounded warriors and their families. Immeasurable devotion has been on display here on the battlefield of Afghanistan that we must always be thankful for and honor.

**CURRAHEE, STANDS ALONE!**

With admiration,

John P. Johnson  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding