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Dear John W. Lesow:

America has always called upon the Army to do the hard jobs, and her Army has always answered the call. We are a free Nation, a Nation looked upon by billions of people around the world as the standard-bearer of freedoms -- freedoms guaranteed by our great Soldiers and by the Veterans who have served our great country in the active Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve.

We are an Army of tradition. Our greatest tradition is service to our country, and in that service we ask our Soldiers to carry out tough missions all around the world. Today, answering the Nation's call may take them into harm's way in our Global War on Terrorism, a war that touches us all and one that we must win.

As today's Soldiers serve, the traditions and legacy passed on by Army Veterans in previous conflicts sustain them so they can do what must be done to protect our freedoms. Our Army would not be the best in the world without the service of its Veterans who continue to provide support and exhibit patriotism. You make a difference to today's Army and to our country.

As a tribute to your service in the U.S. Army, The American Legion Department of Washington has recognized you for this special Freedom Team Salute Commendation. It is our honor to bestow it and the enclosed Army lapel pin to you. The Commendation symbolizes the partnership between our Army, her Soldiers, their Families, and Veterans -- a partnership as old as the Nation itself. It is a partnership America has always been able to depend on. As our partner, we hope that you will display this Commendation and wear this pin with pride, as a statement of our shared commitment to support America's Soldiers.

We thank you for the honor of your past service with our Army and for your continued support of our Soldiers.

Sincerely,



George W. Casey, Jr.
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff



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Secretary of the Army

