

**Squadron 902 Cadets Supporting our Troops Overseas**  
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Through the efforts of Lt. Kase and our squadron cadets, Squadron 902 has embarked on a unique opportunity to reach out and establish contact with 2 USAF Airmen stationed in Afghanistan.

Starting back in January of this year, our cadets collected funds through private donations that would be used to purchase personal necessity items (treats to eat, personal hygiene products, items to keep warm, etc.). It is our mission to help these Airmen feel appreciated by their fellow Americans while they are on their tour of duty. With that said our cadets got together during a squadron meeting and posed for a group photograph that they each signed and wrote some letters of support, wishing them well and thanking them for their service to our Country. The “care” packages were sent overseas and we’re awaiting their response.

Our adopted Airmen are:

1). Airmen, Sherry Purdham – Stationed at a Medical Group North of Kabul, Afghanistan.

As of 15 Jan 2007, Airman Purdham wrote:

*“We live in wooded huts, 8 to a hut. We have to be careful with what we use because they are highly flammable. We have 110v outlets, the walls are open and we tack blankets up to make it home... My unit is a piece mill {sic} of individuals from CA, TX FL, Germany, Italy and ID. We are a hospital taking care of the local civilians and wounded soldiers. I know our patients love the little goods we receive from our friends and family as well. We share what we receive.”*

2). Senior Airmen, Tawana Martin – Stationed at a Medical Group in Bagram, Afghanistan.

As of 20 Jan 2007, Senior Airman, Martin wrote:

*“...Overall we got about 2 ft. – 3 ft. of snow. Every night the temperature has been dropping down below zero. As the result of the cold weather, lately the water heaters have not been working all the time and the brave ones have been taking freezing cold showers.”*



*Senior Airman Martin*

**The Members of Willow Grove JRB - Squadron 902 greatly appreciate and respect the dedication and sacrifice of each and every soldier that serve our great country.**



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