

United States Senate

January 10, 2020

82nd Airborne Division
One All American Way
Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28310

Dear 82nd Airborne Division:

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Since then, I've had the privilege to learn more about my father and his mission. I was always proud of him, but what I learned about what he and others had to do to defend our freedom, and the freedom of our allies, was awe-inspiring. I saw firsthand the gratitude the citizens of Belgium have for the sacrifice of the 82nd Airborne and all of our American soldiers.

You should be incredibly proud of your mission, and everything you do to protect our nation, our allies, our families and our freedoms.

Thank you for your service to this great nation. I applaud your bravery and courage, and I will always work to make sure the men and women of our armed forces have every resource needed to continue defending freedom across the globe. As United States Senator, and I will never lose sight of one of the most important roles I have: to protect and serve the families of our nation.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can ever be of service to you.

Thank you,



Rick Scott
United States Senator

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101st Airborne Division
2700 Indiana Avenue
Fort Campbell, KY 42223

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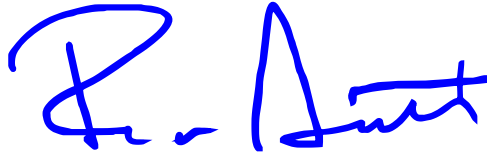
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Rick Scott
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