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SPECIAL EDITION

VETERANS DAY 2015

This special edition is dedicated to Cullen Maroney and the members of his platoon. As mentioned in our Luau Wrap Up edition, they were the recipients of our Veterans Day/Halloween Care Packages for Troops shipment. After receiving the following message from Cullen, it was felt that this should be shared with our supporters. We are extremely proud of this young man, whose eloquence and poise belies his age. Please join us in saluting these young men, appreciating their service and praying for their safe return home to those they love. We are extremely proud of them and their commitment.





My name is Cullen Maroney I would like to thank you on behalf of my platoon and I, we greatly appreciate the love and support you have shown us as well as many others. I grew up in Wilmington Massachusetts and joined the United States Army 19Aug2014. When I realized I wanted to be an infantry man I was a little boy, my grandfather was in the Korean War as a military police officer for the army and accomplished great things and that's what inspired me to pursue my dream. I am a 19 year old young man with a wife and a son who is turning a year old on December second and without their support

I couldn't have made it this far. That's a little bit about myself again thank you for the support I am honored to serve our country and stand along side some of the most creative and artistic men you see in the photo. For most of us this is our first deployment overseas and I want to thank their families for their support as well. I look forward to sharing some pictures and videos I have of us and the things we do to train for the protection of our friends and families on your Facebook page. For all the young kids and young adults that want to join the army I have one thing to say. "Never forget where you come from and your reasons for being apart of the greatest army the world has and be proud of what you do to make a difference in this world wether that's working for the military or not. Amplifying what is great within you will accelerate your life faster than fixing what you think "limits" you. No matter your position, circumstances, or opportunities in life you always have the freedom of mind to "choose" how you experience, interpret, and ultimately shape your world. Devote yourself to an idea go make it happen struggle on it overcome your fears and smile. Don't you forget: this is your dream."