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The Greene Turtle Donates and Sends Gift Cards to Local Troops Stationed in Baghdad



1st Platoon, 1st Squad of the 153rd Military Police Company out of Delaware City, Delaware
(Standing L to R) SPC Haines, SPC Scotti, PFC Weidorfer, PFC Tartaglia, SPC Powell, SGT Bryan, SSG Talabisco, SGT Marino, SGT Grevis, SPC Kenedy, SGT Houser, SGT Coleman. **(Kneeling L to R)** SGT Penn, SPC Gladding

Edgewater, MD: The Greene Turtle Sports Bar and Grille recently announced that they donated gift cards to the troops of the 1st Platoon, 1st Squad of the 153rd Military Police Company out of Delaware City, Delaware who are currently stationed in Baghdad, Iraq.

Sgt. Kirk Marino of 153rd MP CO contacted The Greene Turtle Franchising Corporation via e-mail earlier this spring to ask if he could purchase gift cards for each of his troops and have them

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sent to Iraq before their 1-year tour in Baghdad ended later this spring.

The sports bar and grille responded to the request by donating and sending a \$25 gift card to each of the 16 troops, who are self pro-claimed "Turtle Fans".

"Anytime we can help support our troops in any way, it is a no-brainer", says The Greene Turtle Franchising Corporation President and C.E.O. Michael Sanford. "These gift cards are a small token of our appreciation for their service to our country."

Sgt. Marino recently sent an appreciative e-mail in response that included a picture of members of his troops holding the gift cards upon receiving them in the mail.

The Greene Turtle has been an area tradition since opening in Ocean City in 1976. Now with 19 total locations in Maryland, Delaware and D.C., the company continues with plans to grow throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Visit www.thegreenturtle.com or email info@thegreenturtle.com for The Greene Turtle nearest you and all the latest events.

(Sgt. Marino's e-mail)

I wanted to let you know that we did receive the gift cards and they we're distributed to all the guys. We actually got them about 2 weeks ago, but since we are getting ready to ship out things have been kind of hectic, and I am just now getting a chance to send this email. Everyone was very appreciative and asked me to thank you for your support. I attached a picture of the squad. The internet here is not the greatest, so please let me know if you can't open it and I'll resend it. The guys in the picture are (from left to right) SPC Haines, SPC Scotti, PFC Weidorfer, PFC Tartaglia, SPC Powell, SGT Bryan, SSG Talabisco, SGT Marino, SGT Grevis, SPC Kenedy, SGT Houser, SGT Coleman. The two guys kneeling are SGT Penn(left) and SPC Gladding(right). There are also 2 soldiers who are on leave and not in the picture. We are all in 1st Platoon, 1st Squad of the 153rd Military Police Company out of Delaware City, Delaware. So again, thank you very much for the gift cards and please know that we all do appreciate it. We'll be glad to finally be home and get to use them.

Thanks again,
SGT Kirk Marino
153rd MP CO
Baghdad, Iraq

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