



Felicitations, A Rocket Launch, and Munchies from a Future Astronaut

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TALLIL, Iraq—U.S. military personnel in Iraq receive all kinds of snacks and mail from children and other generous and caring folks back home.

The messages kids send often are more memorable than the goodies.

Take the case of a fifth grader, who said in a note accompanying some munchies that "I am in the fifth grade and I hope these snacks will give you a little energy and cheer you up.

"I just finished a rocket launch and they went, like, seven hundred feet in the air!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!," the youngster wrote.

He said he launched the rockets to honor the recipient of his package and other veterans.

"A bunch of people came to see it and hear my little speech I gave," he wrote. "I hope you will be able to launch a rocket when you get back to America.

"I look forward to when you will be able to get away from the war," the boy continued. "Thank you very much for your service."

The note was signed: "Sincerely, Logan Briggs, future astronaut."

Sgt. Maj. Timothy Freitag of the Gulf Region South District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said he received the future astronaut's "soldier package" along with many others as part of a four-box shipment from a Cub Scout Pack in Ohio, and delivered the boxes to a nearby Army unit.

Sgt. Maj. Freitag said the Pack also is sending a flag in hopes it will be flown and that pictures will be taken of it. He said if a flag doesn't arrive in short order, he'll pick one up at the local PX and fly it at several different locations and get pictures taken for the scouts.

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