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Mr. Wilf Edmond Dominion President The Royal Canadian Legion 86 Aird Place Ottawa, ON K2L 0A1

Dear Mr. Edmond, The Legion and Legion membership,

I am writing to you on behalf of all Canadian Forces personnel currently serving with Task Force Afghanistan, as well as those who have served on past missions, to extend our collective appreciation to the Legion and all of its members for their generous donations of Tim Hortons gift certificates and Legion folding chairs.

As the Task Force Commander, I take great pride in the ongoing efforts of our men and women who continue to focus on their mission, at times under difficult and trying circumstances. I also know first hand the importance of morale in building unit cohesion and consequently improving operational effectiveness. The efforts of the Legion and all of its members to provide the opportunity and means to enjoy "a small taste of home" to our serving men and women are greatly appreciated. It is a testament to the ongoing legacy of the Legion and its members that those who have served their country with distinction in past conflicts are continuing that legacy by helping those serving now in Afghanistan.

I know I can attest for all members of the Task Force that we are profoundly grateful for your support of our troops and your ongoing commitment to past and future veterans. Your efforts on our behalf are appreciated by all ranks and are in keeping with the tradition of those who have gone before us.

Sincerely,

J.H. Vance Brigadier-General Commander A.P. Stapleford Chief Warrant Officer Regimental Sergeant Major