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Dear ~~Mr.~~ Woods,

Your son, Michael, was interviewing me about my work in post Katrina New Orleans as the commander of the 82nd Airborne Division the other day, and during our conversation he told me that you also served in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Just wanted to write and thank you for your loyal service and for keeping us safe. Without the many remarkable and resilient All Americans like you, who've answered our Nation's call to serve, we would indeed be unable to enjoy the liberties we so greatly cherish. Appreciate you making me even prouder to have been an All American. Makes me stand a little straighter when I remember the All Americans who served before me.

Please accept this commander's coin from the 82nd Airborne Division as a token of my esteem. Am grateful to you for so willingly serving our great Nation. Many thanks.

Airborne!

Sincerely,

William B. Caldwell, IV  
Lieutenant General, US Army  
Commanding

"Intellectual Center of the Army"

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