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NATO Weapons Escort Team Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan

Overseas U.S. Military Troop Thanks First Bank & Trust Company

Abingdon, Virginia May 16, 2011. First Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of First Bank & Trust Company, today announced the receipt of correspondence from a U.S. military troop in Afghanistan.

The NATO Weapons Escort division that goes by the name of the "Cougar Team" and is part of Operation Enduring Freedom wrote First Bank & Trust Company to thank them for their support. Cougar Team officer, Nicholas Titman, said their troop wrote the Bank on several occasions, only to have the letters returned. This letter made it all the way. "I just wanted to write and tell you how grateful we are to have people like you to support us throughout our deployment here in Afghanistan", said Titman. "You all have been sending us packages since we arrived here and the gifts from you all are very much appreciated."

Norma Perkins, Account Reconciliation Specialist at First Bank & Trust Company headed up the project for the soldiers in Afghanistan. "We just asked for simple items like chap stick, gum, snack packs and reading materials to let them know how much we care. Even though they are in Afghanistan, they are part of our community, our American community." Perkins, along with other First Bank & Trust Company employees hope to continue efforts to support U.S. troops serving overseas. "I just don't want anyone to forget."

About First Bank & Trust Company

First Bank & Trust Company, one of the top community banks in the United States, is a diversified financial services firm with office locations in southwest Virginia, northeast Tennessee, and New River and Shenandoah Valleys. Financial objectives are addressed by offering free checking products for personal and business accounts, and assessing lending solutions managed by mortgage, agricultural and commercial lending divisions. Comprehensive financial solutions are available through trust and brokerage service representatives.

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