

November 21, 2002

Mr. Mike Istre
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VIA FAX: 504-731-2379

Dear Mr. Istre:

On Wednesday, November 27, the 114th Military Police Unit of the Mississippi National Guard will be returning to Mississippi after nearly a year tour of duty including Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. This unit is scheduled to arrive at Thompson Field Air Guard Unit, at 11:00 A.M. with a ceremonial reception. Governor Musgrove and other dignitaries will be present to welcome the 85 guardsmen and their families.

Being thankful that all have returned home safely from their tour of duty, and with their return being hours before the Thanksgiving holiday, we would like to offer a kind gesture to send with each family home as a token of appreciation for their hard work and diligent protection of America. This is where you and Winn Dixie would be so valuable.

We respectfully request that Winn Dixie stores help make this a success by donating pumpkin or pecan pies for these outstanding service men and women. We would also like you or your representatives to be present during the ceremony for recognition by the Governor for this kind gesture of giving.

Please let us know if Winn Dixie is amenable to be a part of this Thanksgiving appreciation ceremony for our service men and women. I can be reached at (601) 313-6233. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

BG Elton Berry
Assistant Adjutant General