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Dear Family and Friends of the Wolfhounds:

This month the Wolfhounds played a critical role in bringing democracy to Afghanistan. Our efforts began last March and since that time we have helped forge a peaceful path for the Afghan people; one that allowed them for the first time in the history of Afghanistan to vote. No small task, but one we were ready for.

As each of us decides who we will vote for in our own presidential election we should reflect on the struggle here. Elections did not come easy in Afghanistan. Many Wolfhounds were wounded and one, Specialist Wesley R. Wells, paid the ultimate sacrifice. Their sacrifice made a difference.

When we arrived here, most told us that democracy would never prosper in such a troubled region. For the Wolfhounds failure was not an option. We took the fight to the enemy and peace to the people. We never did one without the other. We led with compassion but were lethal when required.

We have much left to do here—the mission is not complete. We came here to win a war not just an election. And we will.

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