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Todd - Thought you may want to answer this one directly. Very touching - Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Saturday, May 03, 2008 12:35 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I read your profile in Vogue and was very impressed, an especially liked reading about your home life and your family. I understand that you have a son going to Iraq; my daughter did two tours in the Persian Gulf and I understand how you must be feeling. The first time my daughter Claire deployed was as ships company aboard the USS Enterprise.

She was an aviation ordnanceman; another one of her duties as a search and rescue swimmer with 50/50 odds she would not make it back to the helicopter. She also was backup ships security force.

In Italy she fell in love and she and her husband gave us our first grandchild. Bobby her husband died in October of 2000 from cancer with a child to raise. We were able to take care of him while her

new ship was being built. I was able to take the first cruise aboard the Iwo Jima when she left Gulf Port to Pensacola.

Everything changed in 2001. Her ship was commissioned and she one of ships company to take the American Flag to Ground Zero. After that her next mission was Iraq. During those 7 months we took care of our grandson we knew our grandson might never see his mother again. For all those months I waited to see if a Navy staff care with 3 men in it would arrive at our house and give us sad news. Praise God now she is living in Wyoming and I have two more grandchildren. The weight is off my shoulders.

If your son is ordered to Iraq I know you must be feeling alone even in crowd of people because a part of your heart is somewhere else. I would like to extend my hand to help you through this.

I will be sending you a very small gift that I hope will comfort you somewhat. I wore my daughter's ship's crest on my flight jacket until the day she came home. It was my quiet protest against all the anti Bush and the war. When I joined the Navy I took an oath to protect and serve the Constitution from all enemies foreign or domestic and carry out the orders of my Commander and Chief.

One of these days my husband and I hope to visit your wonderful state. But most of our travel funds are limited to going to Wyoming to see our children I know you have a great deal on our mind and I just wanted you to know there is someone who understands.

In Faith,

Linda Boldyreff

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