

Army Captain Thanked for His Service

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(Washington, DC)—On Wednesday, July 18, 2007, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-Fair Lawn) welcomed Captain Ross A. Berkoff of Fair Lawn back from his 16-month extended deployment in Afghanistan as a squadron intelligence officer with the 3-71st Cavalry of the 10th Mountain Division. Combined with his first tour of duty between 2003 and 2004, CPT Berkoff has served 25 months in Afghanistan.

While abroad, CPT Berkoff and Rep. Rothman kept in touch over email. During that time, Rep. Rothman's office sent CPT Berkoff's unit numerous care packages filled with personal hygiene items, magazines, snacks, and more to help boost their morale.

"Captain Berkoff is one of many New Jerseyans who put their lives on the line to serve and protect the United States of America. As a soldier, he gave 110 percent of himself all the time, earning a second Bronze Star during his most recent deployment, Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan. He also received the Afghanistan Campaign Medal for the second time and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal upon separating from Active Duty to join the National Guard. As Ross now transitions to civilian life, I am confident that he will continue to make his family and his nation proud. The Fair Lawn community is honored to call him one of our own," said Rothman.

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