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Deployed Soldiers celebrate the Super Bowl

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PAKTIKA PROVINCE, Afghanistan, Feb. 7th 2011 – It's 3:00 A.M. and there's blowing snow and freezing temperatures as Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Sharana are making their way to the dining facility. They're not preparing to hunt down insurgents or clearing convoy routes this morning. Their mission is to watch the Super Bowl. Once indoors they are greeted by tons of sports memorabilia, autographed pictures, footballs, Wii games and other prizes donated by the Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon, Inc.

As the game got underway at 4:00 A.M. Soldiers and civilian workers wearing jerseys and hats cheered and yelled for their respective teams. The weather outside interrupted the game momentarily and soldiers were sent out to chip ice away from the Armed Forces Network antennas. With the ice gone, the game continued and remained exciting right down to the very end.

"I have been deployed three times and each time my team has been in the Superbowl, I would much rather be at home watching the game but this is pretty good" Said Pittsburg; PA native Staff Sergeant James Montgomery a Steelers fan with 2/506th Inf Regiment.

Through bad weather and busy schedules these soldiers got a much needed break from their normal routine and have some fun even though they had to fight the ice and snow to get there.



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PAKTIKA PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Steelers fan Staff Sergeant James Montgomery and Packers fan Staff Sergeant William Jason, shake hands before the Superbowl game festivities at FOB Sharana, Afghanistan. (Photo by Army Sergeant First Class Matt Arrington)



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PAKTIKA PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Soldier and Airmen hold a banner sent by the Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon, Inc. at their Superbowl party held on FOB Sharana, Afghanistan. (Photo by Army Sergeant First Class Matt Arrington)

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