



## Press Release

For Immediate Release

January, 2004

### **HECAT, Inc. receives Certificate of Appreciation from the US Army.**



The US Army, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 502<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division has awarded HECAT, Inc. with a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion soldiers with school supplies for the Iraqi children during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

HECAT friends and family learned from a soldier deployed in Mosul, that many Iraqi schools had been stripped of all school materials to make room for

weapons storage. As these schools were being cleared by US troops and reopened for their intended use; there were no school materials to be found.

So, HECAT began a campaign to collect donated school supplies from local schools and to set up donation collection points at local grocery and other larger retail locations. The response from these schools and retailers was amazing. HECAT became increasingly busy collecting from these sources and shipping 30 lb. "care packages" via US Mail directly to many individual soldiers' APO mailing addresses; sometimes nearing 100 packages per week.

With school supply manufacturers beginning to step up with pallets and full trailer loads of excess inventory, and requests for transportation space thru the military supply chain were denied; another method of processing and delivery had to be found. Thankfully, other organizations were doing the same thing, including the start up of a non-profit called "Operation Iraqi Children", with the celebrity support of actor Gary Sinise and writer Laura Hillenbrand; which provided us with organization(s) with the resources to better handle the volumes generated by our donating sources.

HECAT, Inc. is a manufacturer of specialty internal heat exchanger flushing and cleaning equipment, tools, adapters, chemicals, and procedures for automotive, aviation, fleet, and industrial services. HECAT<sup>®</sup> products are designed to be an integral part of any proper air conditioning, automatic transmission, engine cooling, and system decontamination, reconditioning, and repair process. For a clearer insight into the company's products, processes, patents, technology, and applications; visit the website at [www.hecatinc.com](http://www.hecatinc.com), e-mail [tech-info@hecatinc.com](mailto:tech-info@hecatinc.com), or call 800-380-9501.