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On February 29, 2012, George Suddath received a voice mail message from Afghanistan. When he called back he received a request he would never forget. Sergeant First Class James Bockelmann, manager of the Regional Command-West, Military Working Dog Manager, Camp Arena, Herat, Afghanistan needed PBV's help.

SFC Bockelmann's unit is responsible for the training and deployment of the working dogs who detect Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and narcotics in western Afghanistan. SFC Bockelmann's men had come to him with a request – they needed a kit to use as a training aid on their daily missions with their dogs. SFC Bockelmann recalled seeing a TV show “How it's Made”, where the “blow fill” process to make and fill 20 oz. soft drink bottles was described. When he saw the pre-forms that were used in the process, he knew they would be perfect for use in the training kits.

SFC Bockelmann's family is here in Raleigh while he is on deployment, so he reached out to PBV with the request. He explained that 50 pre-forms with closures would be perfect for training exercises with the dogs. The pre-forms would be filled with explosives and narcotics and strategically hidden for the dogs to find. With their re-sealable closures, they could use them repeatedly.

Suddath went to Matthew Bucherati with the idea and he immediately went to work to provide them with what they needed. Tom Wiza at the Raleigh Plant boxed up the pre-forms and had them on their way to Afghanistan within a day. The pre-forms were a big hit with our soldiers and were put to work as soon as they arrived.

On July 11th, Suddath got another surprise. SFC Bockelmann showed up in PBV's lobby! He came by with his son, while he was home on leave to present PBV with a CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION for “outstanding support during the conduct of combat support operations Your actions reflect great credit upon yourself, the government of Afghanistan, and the United States of America”. Pepsi Bottling Ventures is so proud to be able to help our soldiers who put their lives on the line every day. May they all come home safely – including the dogs.

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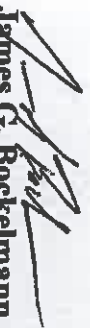
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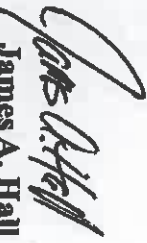
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