



# MOSS CREEK MARINES ADOPTED UNITS



**ADOPTED UNIT NO. 5  
MWCS-38  
220 MARINES**

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Gentlemen-

My sincerest apologies for the delay in my email. Things have been off the wall crazy lately. I am getting to know my office floor intimately as we have been bed partners! I wanted to let you know that All of the boxes arrived (I recall that when I sent out my last email we were still short 1 box). This portion of our tour is almost complete and soon the second company of the squadron will be arriving in country to changeover with its sister company. One of the good things about our mission out here and our ability to split the deployment between them. I know many of my counterparts are going to have to do the entire year without replacement. I am one of the fortunate ones this time and I have someone coming out to take care of things for the second half of the year.

I will be heading back to take care of things in the rear as we still have to conduct training and support actual operations state side as we normally do. That is one thing about being in the Wing that is kind of cool. Even if there wasn't a war going on, we still have an actual "real world" operation that we do twice a year supporting the training of pilots and all the associated communication infrastructure for that "war game". For them it's training, for us it's an actual mission. I will be filling the position of my boss (he unfortunately will be staying out here for the entire year) as the Systems Planning and Engineering Officer (SPEO) for the squadron as well as running my section. Not that I haven't done this before, but never for this long of a time and without people to "fall back on" since they will all be in Iraq as well. I am definitely feeling "up to" the challenge.

I can tell you that I have seen an upswing in the morale of the Marines out here that I have had the opportunity to observe and talk to. Downtime is definitely more relaxing, they have that competitive spirit (giving each other crap and talking lots of S%#t to each other), and the general demeanor has been improved. Thank you again for your amazing support of these Marines. I thank you personally from my heart for your prior service to our great nation and for your continued support of your fellow Marines. ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE!

I had a discussion with a senior officer. We were discussing "life" after the Corps. He made a comment that stuck with me and I found to be something I could see myself feeling after my "tour" is over and I have retired. "You are responsible for everything that happens to the Corps on your watch, and you continue "standing watch" beyond your years of service because we always take care of our own."

I hope all is well with you and that I am able to send you updates more frequently. SEMPER FI!

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