



# MOSS CREEK MARINES ADOPTED UNITS



**ADOPTED UNIT NO. 6  
VMFA-115  
270 MARINES**

**Alan Calderon**

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**From:** "Gongora SgtMaj Herbert (ACF VMFA-115 SgtMaj)"  
**To:** "Alan Calderon"  
**Sent:** Friday, August 08, 2008 3:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Moss Creek Marines

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Good morning Alan, I just want to say " Thanks A Million " Those calling cards are a great relief to our Marines and Sailors. Over 2/3 of our squadron are single Marines who do not use the morale line (free 15 minute phone call to the local Beaufort area) due to not having family members in the area.

They use the cards in their work areas without having to leave or wait in line at the phone center In order to call their loved ones back home. This saves time as our Marines and Sailors work 12 hour shifts per day. I had married Marines use the card right up to the moment their spouse was to give birth. Alan I can tell you it has been great. Once again, Thank you all very much.

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**From:** Alan Calderon |  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 02, 2008 8:38 PM  
**To:** Bryant GySgt Jon R (AAMNF MWCS-38 SQDN Tech Control Chief); Ehlert LtCol Charles (ACE VMFA-115 CO); Gongora SgtMaj Herbert (ACE VMFA-115 SgtMaj); Salinas MSgt David L (MACS-2 SNCOIC); Gosden Maj Paul A (TQ HMLA 367 DOSS OIC); Warren SgtMaj Kenneth E (TQ HMLA 367 SGTMAJ); Adams LtCol James H (TQ HMLA 367 CO); Angell GySgt Anthony T (TQ HMLA 367 ORD)  
**Cc:** Mott, Bill  
**Subject:** Moss Creek Marines

Gentlemen,

We are involved in a program where we send old cell phones in return for the calling cards which we send to troops in Iraq.

Please give me feedback from your Marines who have received and used the cards. We are interested to know the success of this effort.

Once again, thank you to all of you and your Marines who are fighting for our Country and our Corps.

Semper Fi,

Alan Calderon  
Moss Creek Marines

11/5/2008

# Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115

## Silver Eagles



This certifies that this flag was flown during a combat mission in the skies over Iraq by the first U.S. Marine Corps single-seat F/A-18A+ Hornet squadron deployed for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

On 26 April 2008, in direct support of 1/9 and Coalition Forces operating around the city of Ramadi, "Old Joe 56" flew this U.S. flag in honor of the:

## Moss Creek Marines

Sincere thanks for all you have done for your country and fellow Marines.

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Maj M.J. "Ko-Ko" Sobkowski, USMC  
Pilot of "Old Joe 56"









# HISTORY OF HABBANIYAH

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Royal Air Force (RAF) Habbaniyah was constructed by the British and opened on 19 October 1936. It is located about 55 miles (89 km) west of Baghdad in modern day Iraq, on the banks of the Euphrates near Lake Habbaniyah. Originally called RAF Dhibban, and on 1 May 1938 it was officially renamed RAF Habbaniyah. It was a large flying training school during World War II, as well as a transport staging airfield.

During the Rashid Ali rebellion in 1941 the base was besieged by the Iraqi Army encamped on the overlooking plateau. The siege was lifted by the units based at Habbaniyah, including pilots from the training school, a battalion of the King's Own Royal Regiment flown in at the last moment, No. 1 RAF Armored Car Company, and the RAF Iraq Levies. The subsequent arrival of a relief column, part of Habforce sent from Palestine, then a British mandate, combined with the Habbaniyah units to force the rebel forces to retreat to Baghdad.

During World War II Habbaniyah became an important stage on the southern air route between the UK and the USSR. British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) ran a regular passenger service via North Africa and the Middle East using Consolidated Liberator transports. Following the departure of the RAF, the Iraqi Military took control and renamed it Tammuz Airbase.

Although Habbaniyah was attacked and bombed during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991 and again in 1998 during Operation Desert Fox, most of the Original British buildings were left untouched and still stand today. In present times, the former British base is used by both the United States Armed Forces and the New Iraqi Army for training recruits and as a forward operating base. From this outpost, combat operations are run within the Al Anbar province and all throughout Iraq.





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