

Moss Creek Marines send an Xbox to Iraq

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When you're in a war zone, "relaxing" sometimes means blasting a space alien or two. The Moss Creek Marines, a group of former Marines and sailors and their families from that Bluffton neighborhood, have "adopted" a second group of active-duty Marines serving in Iraq.

They sent the first group calling cards last summer. This time, they sent the unit an Xbox 360. Both times, Marines in each unit requested the items.

The newest adopted unit is the 2nd LAR (light armored recon) battalion, Alpha Co., Unit 73510. Moss Creek Marines commander Roger Garreau isn't sure exactly where the unit is located.

One of the company's members is Cpl. Steven Oakes, a twice-wounded but still serving Marine and the wife of Moss Creek Clubhouse receptionist Kristin Oakes.

Kristen put Garreau and his former Marines in touch with Ste-

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ven's first sergeant. The sergeant told the Moss Creek Marines his unit's setting up a "morale area" for his Marines to relax.

"Given their choice, they asked the Xbox 360 video/entertainment system. Frankly, I didn't know an Xbox 360 from an F-18, although my grandson knew," Garreau said.

Monday morning, Garreau and former Marine Wayne Buchholz (now Moss Creek's security director) drove to the Paris Island exchange and bought the Xbox and a few games.

"After (the Marines in Iraq)

receive the package in seven to 10 days, we hope to find out what additional accessories are needed and we'll take it from there," Garreau said. "We only sent one system — the cost is about \$650 with accessories and shipping — at their request until they see how it stands up under local conditions."

In other words, can "Halo" handle sand?

Garreau sent the following note with the Xbox: "On behalf of the Moss Creek Marines, we hope this package gives the unit some enjoyment. We want you to know that you have our gratitude for your sacrifices. This package is a small token of our appreciation. We wish you the best of luck and God's speed in every endeavor you undertake."

"Thank you for everything you do every day. It is Marines like you and your unit that fill us with the pride of being 'once a Marine, always a Marine.' Sempiterni."

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