



MOSS CREEK MARINES ADOPTED UNITS



**ADOPTED UNIT NO. 13
3rd BATTALION, 8th MARINES
1200 MARINES**

From: Alan Calderon
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2009 4:33 PM
To: Alpaugh, Bob
Subject: [BULK] Fw: [U] RE: Moss Creek marines
Importance: Low

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From: Albrecht MSgt Charles F
To: Alan Calderon
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 4:19 AM
Subject: [U] RE: Moss Creek marines

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Dear Alan Calderon and Moss Creek Marines,

We are doing very well. Thank you for asking. Hope you and the Moss Creek Marines are as well.

Thank you for the offer, but given your way-more-than generous shipment of care packages, the Marines of 3/8 (and even some of the follow-on forces) are set.

We are still blown-away by the Moss Creek Marines' generosity. You have set an example for all future, present and former Marines to follow, and we can't thank you enough.

Below is a link to a news feature story written by LCpl Burton titled "Veterans Adopt 1,200 Marines in Southern Afghanistan." Please share it with your fellow Moss Creek Marines and please express our sincere thanks to all of them: http://www.dvidshub.net/?script=news/news_show.php&id=32755 Also see the associated photos beneath the story.

We are down to just a few weeks left here, and our mail service will be shut off. If, in the future, you were interested in corresponding with the new Marine unit here, you could make contact through Chaplain Rob Johnson who will be one of the chaplains ministering to the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade and whose mailing address I've included below:

Chaplain Rob Johnson
5th Battalion, 10th Marines HQ Company
Unit 73390
FPO AE 09510-3390

Thanks again Moss Creek Marines!

V/R and Semper Fi,
Master Sgt. Chuck Albrecht
Public Affairs Chief
SPMAGTF-Afghanistan

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From: Alan Calderon
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 12:57 AM
To: Burton LCpl Warren L; Albrecht MSgt Charles F
Subject: Moss Creek marines

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MSgt Albrecht/LCpl Burton,

I hope this note finds you both and all of your Marines well.

Do you need any further information from us?

Alan Calderon
Commanding Officer - Moss Creek Marines

----- Original Message -----

From: Burton I Col Warren L

To: :

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 10:17 AM

Subject: [U]

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Greetings Sir,

My name is Lance Cpl. Monty Burton, A Public Affairs Combat Correspondent with SPMAGTF-Afghanistan, and first I would like to thank you and the Moss Creek Marines for your contributions and patriotism to the Marines currently forward deployed. I am writing a story on the contributions to 3/8 and I would like to ask a few questions to help me understand the organization and its members.

Can you give me a collective description of the members of the organization? i.e WWII era, Vietnam Era, both?

How did the organization form?

Why did the MCM's choose to adopt 3/8

Thank you for your time and patriotism Sir,

V/R

Lance Cpl. Monty Burton

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From: Alan Calderon
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 7:26 PM
To: Johnson, Bob; Putnam, Terry; Potter, Stan; Ulrich, Rich; Adams, Pete; Gosden, Paulette; Wood, Paul; Wright, Marshall; Waldron, Lois; Bills, Ken; Foushee, Jim; Parker, Hank; McGovern, George; Barnes, George; Will, Fred; Ogden, Don; Eyt, Dick; Berger, Dick; Najaka, Chuck; McKenna, Chuck; Tauscher, Buck; Morris, Bob; Harding, Bob; Mott, Bill; Garreau, Roger; Winskowicz, Ron; Lance, Brett; Wilson, Lois; Boaz, Monroe; dee; Alpaugh, Bob
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From: Albrecht MSgt Charles F
To: Alan Calderon
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 12:26 PM
Subject: RE: [U] RE: Moss Creek Marines

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Dear Mr. Calderon,

Hello from Afghanistan.

I have received 88 of the 87 cartons.

Yesterday we loaded them in shipping crates for embarkation to one of our Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) where they will be delivered tomorrow. From there, the chaplain will keep a portion and the remainder will be split equitably among our other 7 forward operating locations.

I have a Marine combat correspondent who is escorting the shipment tomorrow and who will photograph the delivery. A few days later, we'll take photos of the Marines receiving and using your generous donations and I'll ensure you receive copies of those photographs.

Again, thank you and the Moss Creek Marines very much, and I'll be in touch. I expect the final box (No. 87) to show up here at any time. I'll let you know when we're "rounds complete" Sir.

V/R and Semper Fi,
Master Sgt. Chuck Albrecht
Public Affairs Chief
SPMAGTF-Afghanistan
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DSN: ,
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From: Alan Calderon
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 12:06 AM
To: Albrecht MSgt Charles F
Cc: Garreau, Roger; Mott, Bill; Foushee, Jim; Potter, Stan
Subject: Re: [U] RE: Moss Creek Marines
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From: Alan Calderon
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2009 4:33 PM
To: Alpaugh, Bob
Subject: [BULK] Fw: [U] RE: Support From The Moss Creek Marines
Importance: Low

----- Original Message -----

From: Albrecht MSgt Charles F
To: Alan Calderon
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 1:20 AM
Subject: [U] RE: Support From The Moss Creek Marines

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Mr. Calderon,

Greetings from Afghanistan.

I received your note below and sincerely thank you for your offer.

I've forwarded your e-mail to the executive officer of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), which is the Camp Lejeune-based infantry battalion serving as the ground combat element of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Afghanistan. We're the only units'-worth of Marines currently in-country. The X.O. and I will get back to you shortly with the information you requested in your e-mail below. Thank you very much for your and the Moss Creek Marines' generosity and continued commitment to the Corps.

We're excited to make your acquaintance.

V/R,
Master Sgt. Chuck Albrecht
Public Affairs Chief
SPMAGTF-Afghanistan

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From: Alan Calderon
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 9:48 PM
To: Albrecht MSgt Charles F
Cc: Oliva MSgt Mark; Garreau, Roger; Mott, Bill; Foushee, Jim; Potter, Stan
Subject: Support From The Moss Creek Marines

MSgt Albrecht,

I know that MSgt Oliva of the MCRD-Parris Island has contacted you about us. My name is Alan Calderon I am the Commanding Officer of The Moss Creek Marines. We are a diverse group of 34 veteran Marines, Corpsmen, Marine spouses, and Marine parents spanning several generations. Our primary function is to "adopt" active deployed units and send them whatever we can to show our support and to assist in improving morale. We derive our funds from fund raisers, donations from our members, and donations from the Hilton

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Head and Bluffton communities.

We have supported 12 units so far. The support they requested varied by unit and included items from calling cards to X-Box 360 Entertainment Systems to Play Station video games, to baby wipes, to beef jerky and other food stuffs.

We are delighted to offer our support to your units. We ask that you provide us with the following information for each of the units:

- The name, mailing address, and email address of a contact for each unit.
- A little bit about each unit
- How many Marines are in each unit.
- How many locations for each unit.
- Most importantly, what your Marines require from us. We will do our best to meet their needs.

Incidentally, our group consists of Marines from World War II to The Gulf War. We have a member who saw both flags go up while in a fox hole on Iwo Jima and another who saw action on Guadalcanal. We have Korean War Veterans, Viet Nam War veterans and veterans of other actions and eras. I am a Viet Nam veteran myself.

On behalf of all of us in the Moss Creek Marines, thank you for all that you do to maintain our freedom! We all know that freedom is not free. God Bless America and God Bless The Marine Corps.

As soon as we get your requirements we will go shopping.

Semper Fi,

Alan Calderon
Moss Creek Marines

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Veterans Adopt 1,200 Marines in Southern Afghanistan

Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Afghanistan



Story by Lance Cpl. Monty Burton

Date: 04-23-2009

Posted: 04-23-2009 07:17

DELRAM, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan - "Once a Marine, always a Marine" is a phrase often heard around the Marine Corps, but several dedicated Marine veterans coined "The Moss Creek Marines," have taken the phrase to a new level.



The Moss Creek Marines are a group of 35 veteran Marines and Navy corpsmen, and Marine spouses and parents from eras ranging from WWII to the Gulf War, one of whom saw both flags raised on Iwo Jima in World War II. The group focuses on "adopting" and showing its appreciation to Marine units deployed to combat zones.

Not forgetting their roots, the Moss Creek Marines adopted the 1,200 Marines and Sailors of 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment (Reinforced), the ground combat element of Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Afghanistan. The South Carolina-based organization sent 3/8 a total of 87 care packages, worth several thousand dollars, that included eight Xbox 360 videogame consoles, telephone calling cards, toiletries, candy and snacks, DVDs and letters from children with whom the Moss Creek Marines have interacted in the past months.

The Moss Creek Marines have previously adopted 12 other units in Iraq, but 3/8 is the first unit the organization has adopted in Afghanistan.

Lt. j.g. Jason DiPinto, the 3/8 chaplain, said the care packages are much appreciated and will be of great use not only to the Marines currently deployed, but also the Marines who will soon replace 3/8.

"The care packages are great because the Marines are in extremely difficult situations, and with the packages and gaming systems, it gives the Marines an opportunity to release some of the stress that is often acquired while in a combat zone," said DiPinto.

The battalion's plan is to distribute the packages among the austere forward-operating bases and combat outposts located in southern Afghanistan.

The Marines are excited about the Xbox 360 gaming consoles.

"It's always good for the morale of the Marines to have some form of entertainment in a combat zone," said Cpl. Michael Shupeck, an assistant security chief with Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, whose detachment of Marines are also benefiting from the donated items. "It's hard for us to personally thank those who have supported us, but it goes unspoken. We definitely appreciate everything they have done for us."

DiPinto said the deployed Marines and Sailors appreciate the patriotism and thoughtfulness of the veteran Marine organization.

"It is an honor to be able to walk on the path that these veterans have paved for us," DiPinto said. "Their contribution means more to us than words can describe. They have gone above and beyond their call of duty to ensure the Marines and sailors who are deployed have all they need to carry on the legacy of our forefathers."

Alon Calderon, the commanding officer of the Moss Creek Marines, himself a veteran of the Vietnam War, explained in his own words why his organization feels it is important to support deployed Marines.

"On behalf of all of us in the Moss Creek Marines, thank you for all that you do to maintain our freedom," Calderon said. "We all know that freedom is not free. God bless America and God bless the Marine



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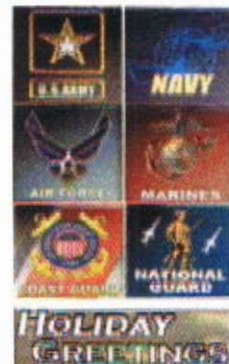
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12 May 09

Moss Creek Marines
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Dear Moss Creek Marines,

Please accept my personal thanks for your very generous gift of phone cards. They were well received by all the Marines and Sailors of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Your wonderful gift greatly boosted our morale while providing support to the Global War on Terrorism. Even more importantly, you reminded us of the support we have from the Moss Creek Marines.

Please relay my heartfelt gratitude to your caring people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. DeSens".

M. J. DESENS

Colonel, USMC

Commanding Officer













