



# MOSS CREEK MARINES ADOPTED UNITS



**ADOPTED UNIT NO. 15  
MTACS-28 MT/UT  
45 MARINES**

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**Subject:** FW: Moss Creek Marines

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**From:** Bladen 1stLt Shane A (MEB-A MTACS28 DASC Liaison) [mailto:Shane.Bladen@afg.usmc.mil]

**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2009 9:14 AM

**To:** Alan Calderon

**Cc:** Redgate, Joe; Johnson, Bob; Putnam, Terry; Potter, Stan; Ulrich, Rich; Adams, Pete; Gosden, Paulette; Wood, Paul; Wright, Marshall; Waldron, Lois; Bills, Ken; Foushee, Jim; Parker, Hank; Barnes, George; Will, Fred; Ogden, Don; Eyt, Dick; Berger, Dick; Najaka, Chuck; McKenna, Chuck; Morris, Bob; Harding, Bob; Mott, Bill; Garreau, Roger; Winskowicz, Ron; Lance, Brett; Wilson, Lois; Boaz, Monroe; Alpaugh, Bob; Siary Maj John (MEB-A MTACS-28 Det OIC)

**Subject:** RE: Moss Creek Marines

Mr Calderon and the Moss Creek Marines,

Over the last couple of days we have received the cartons you sent our way. I was surprised to see just how much you guys sent. As the Marines opened each box there were smiles all around and I remember one Marine saying, "check this out, an entire box of beef jerky." We laughed and joked as the X-Box games were opened and some Marines were immediately challenging their buddies to a game. The tooth brushes, tooth paste and soap didn't receive the cheerful welcome like the tuna fish, energy bars and beef jerky did but the Marines were glad to get those items just as well. Your cartons provided a morale boost and a break in the monotony of daily life here that I feel was needed. The Marines have been going hard for a little more than 2 months now and there is still a long way to go. I hope the hardest part of this deployment is behind us but tomorrow always brings new challenges. On behalf of the MTACS-28 Marines deployed to Afghanistan I would like to sincerely thank you and all the folks who helped to put the cartons together. On a personal note, I can't thank you and the Moss Creek Marines enough for all the work that went into making up each carton. I know putting all of those cartons together and mailing them was time consuming and expensive but your contributions are making life out here a little more bearable and it helps me to know that folks back home are thinking of us out here.

A few pictures of the Marines opening some of the boxes are attached.

Semper Fidelis,

1stLt Shane A. Bladen  
MTACS-28

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**From:** Alan Calderon  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2009 3:37 PM  
**To:** Redgate, Joe; Johnson, Bob; Putnam, Terry; Potter, Stan; Ulrich, Rich; Adams, Pete; Gosden, Paulette; Wood, Paul; Wright, Marshall; Waldron, Lois; Bills, Ken; Foushee, Jim; Parker, Hank; Barnes, George; Will, Fred; Ogden, Don; Eyet, Dick; Berger, Dick; Najaka, Chuck; McKenna, Chuck; Morris, Bob; Harding, Bob; Mott, Bill; Garreau, Roger; Winskowicz, Ron; Lance, Brett; Wilson, Lois; Boaz, Monroe; Alpaugh, Bob; Dee  
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**To:** [Alan Calderon](#)  
**Cc:** [Siary Maj John \(MEB-A MTACS-28 Det OIC\)](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2009 2:11 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Moss Creek Marines

Mr. Calderon,

It is good to hear from you. I apologize for the delay in responding to your email but email connectivity over the past few days has been lacking. As you know from Lt Covington I am part of Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron-28 (MTACS-28). I would like to take just a few lines to tell you who we are and what we do. Right now MTACS-28 is deployed to (2) different theaters. Part of the Squadron is in Iraq and part of the Squadron is here in Afghanistan, which is where I am. Our Commanding Officer is LtCol Hernandez and he is in Iraq and the OIC for the Afghanistan detachment is Maj Siary. MTACS-28 provides a Tactical Air Command Center (TACC) for the Air Combat Element (ACE) Commander to command his ACE. Our setup sort of resembles a command center you might see in a movie, with numerous workstations setup in rows facing a large display wall at the front of the room that shows various maps, intel data and aircraft information. We are able, through subordinate squadrons, to re-task any USMC aircraft under our control, within a just a few seconds. We exist to ensure the grunts on the ground get the air support they need as quickly as possible. We have all different "kinds" of Marines that are out here doing a great job. We have Marines that work on our communication gear, Marines that maintain the generators, a/c units and vehicles and Marines that sit various positions within the TACC. There are 45 Marines out here.

Needless to say, Afghanistan is an austere environment but the Marines, true to form, don't seem to mind it. We have descent chow, warm showers and are sleeping in tents so our basic necessities are being met. I know the Marines could use some means of entertainment to kind of "escape" for just a little while though. Here are a few items the Marines would enjoy:

- Books (There are very few books here. I have found that most Marines enjoy reading true stories and often stories about battles Americans have fought in.)
- Snacks (just a few ideas, beef jerky, Pringles, tuna packets, cookies, the heat is pretty intense here so anything chocolate will surely melt but I know the Marines do appreciate candy)
- Basic toiletries (soap, shampoo, face soap, hand lotion, cue tips, chap stick, sun screen, toothbrushes, shaving cream, gold bond powder etc.)
- Video games (The Marines mentioned that they would like an Xbox 360 with some games. Any kind of "first person shooter" games, sports games would be good and I know guitar hero is popular. Also additional controllers would be good.

Mailing address is as follows:

7/27/2009

MTACS-28 Det B  
Unit 7066  
FPO AE 09510-8066

I would like to personally thank you and all the Marines who are part of the Moss Creek Marines for your dedication and support to us while we are over here away from the country and families we love. I believe that what the Moss Creek Marines are doing for us is what makes our Marine Corps truly great.

God Bless America, and God bless the Marine Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

1stLt Shane A. Bladen

P.S. I just got an email from Lt Covington informing me that about 30 boxes are headed our way already. Thank you.

Link to the Squadron's webpage:

<http://www.2maw.usmc.mil/MACG28/mtacs28/commandelement/cobio.asp>

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Dear Moss Creek Marines,

The Marines of MTACS-28 MT/UT platoon would like to thank you for all of the care packages you have sent. Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated. Even though the Marines occasionally receive packages from family and friends, it is always nice to receive gifts from others who support our Mission and our cause. Your gift boosted the morale of all the Marines and has helped them out with everyday necessities. We would like to express our greatest thanks to everyone who contributed. Thank you again.

Semper Fidelis,  
MT/UT Platoon

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