

Moss Creek Marines donate painting to Depot



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Brig. Gen. Paul E. Lefebvre, commanding general, MCRD Parris Island/Eastern Recruiting Region, shows off the painting donated to the Depot by the Moss Creek Marines, who surround him. The detachment of former Marines decided to give the painting to Parris Island after being denied permission to hang it in a community club house, said Alan Calderon, the group's commanding officer.

"We had the bright idea that maybe we can get it hung in the museum," Calderon said. "We're proud of our Marine Corps heritage, and we're proud of what we do. We are excited that we can bring guests to the museum to see the name of Moss Creek Marines."

The group regularly "adopts" deployed Marine units and sends them care packages. These packages are unique in that the group only sends what the units request. So far, they have spent an average of \$1,500 on each unit and have sent several gaming systems with games, calling cards, movies and various food items.

"The Moss Creek Marines are all about giving," Lefebvre said. "Sometimes we don't know how fortunate we are to have organizations like this who support us."

"We have a tradition of first to fight," he added. "The Moss Creek Marines have a tradition of first to support, and we are very thankful for that."

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