



MOSS CREEK MARINES ADOPTED UNITS



**ADOPTED UNIT NO. 11
VMFA-122
270 MARINES**

Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 10:37

Subject: RE: VMFA-122 in OIF

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To The Moss Creek Marines,

I want to thank you all for your concern and interest for the VMFA 122 Marines. A quick history of the Squadron is that it was commissioned 1 March 1942 and participated in two combat deployments during World War

II where they flew out of Guadalcanal and Peleliu. A little known fact is that the squadron was commanded by Major "Pappy" Boyington, April 1943 when the squadron flew the Corsair and accounted for 35 1/2 kills. In October 1962, the squadron flew combat air patrols during the Cuban missile crisis. The squadron also deployed to Vietnam in 1967 and operated from the Da Nang Air Base.

The squadron has flown a variety of jets, F4 Corsairs, FH-1 Phantom, F9F-4 and F9F-5 Panther, FJ-2 Fury, F-8A and F-8E Crusader, F-4B and F4-J Phantom. In 1986, VMFA-122 transitioned into the F/A-18A Hornet and in 2001 the F/A-18C.

The squadron's main focus of operations has been conducted in the Western Pacific participating in over a dozen deployments to Japan, Okinawa, Philippines, Korea and Thailand. Currently the squadron is deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Commanding Officer is LtCol Doug Douds and he has approximately 200

Marines that will successfully accomplish any mission that he tasks of us.

As the SgtMaj, I am the best POC for the command and will ensure any items sent are equitably distributed through out. Our address is:

VMFA-122

Unit 78525

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What do we need? I would personally say nothing as it is an honor to just know you all care. However, hygiene items (male and female) are always necessary, snacks, powder mix for drinks, word puzzles, sudoko and magazines. We have been inundated with books so that item is not

necessary but if any one would like to send some they will be appreciated. I hope this is enough information and if not please e-mail me back.

I have attached a picture of the CO's jet as it was flying over here. George McGovern, I am definitely interested in e-mailing with you. I am originally from New York, I am the first American in my family as my parents were both born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. Thank you all again.

Semper Fi, SgtMaj John McGovern



