



# MOSS CREEK MARINES ADOPTED UNITS



**ADOPTED UNIT NO. 16  
MALS-40  
400 MARINES**

**From:** Alan Calderon

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 1:16 PM

**To:** Petrucci MGySgt Anthony P (MEB-A MALS-40 SgtMaj)

**Cc:** Will, Fred; Potter, Stan; Mott, Bill; Garreau, Roger; Wood, Paul; Alpaugh, Bob; Bills, Ken; Fernandez GySgt Roberto C

**Subject:** Support From The Moss Creek Marines

MGySgt Tony Petrucci,

My name is Alan Calderon I am the Commanding Officer of The Moss Creek Marines. Your name was passed on to me by GySgt Roberto C Fernandez through Paul Wood who is also a Moss Creek Marine.

We are a diverse group of 32 Veteran Marines, Corpsmen, and Marine spouses, spanning several generations. Our primary function is to "adopt" active deployed units in Iraq and Afghanistan then 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 Head and Bluffton communities here in South Carolina.

The support which has been requested varied by unit and included items from X-Box 360 Entertainment Systems to Play Station video games, to DVD movies, to personal hygiene items to beef jerky and other food stuffs.

We are delighted to offer our support to your unit in Afghanistan. We ask that you provide us with the following information:

- The name, mailing address, and email address of a contact(s) unless that contact is you.
- A little bit about your unit
- How many Marines are in your unit.
- How many locations.
- Most importantly, what your Marines would like 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. 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  
Commanding Officer - Moss Creek Marines

**From:** [Petrucci MGySgt Anthony P \(MEB-A MALS-40 SgtMaj\)](#)  
**To:** [Alan Calderon](#)  
**Cc:** [Fernandez GySgt Roberto C](#) ; [Spink Capt William G](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 2:46 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Support From The Moss Creek Marines

Alan,

Sorry it has taken me a bit but canvassing the Marines for "desires."

First things first – let me thank you on behalf of this generation of Marines that continue to excel and blaze a trail of excellence – much like the legacy your Marines within the Moss Creek Marines set before.

To simplify points of contact just utilize myself as the POC. See my signature line below for the address.

Like to provide you a little background on our unit, where we are located and a small bit on myself. We are located in the southern Afghanistan province of Helmond on a small airfield base called Camp Bastion. The base has been here for a bit over 5 years – it was and still is to a small degree a British base. We also have Estonians, Netherlands and small contingent of Afghanistan Nationals. Of course, since mid-March when we first got here it has become increasingly Marine. This is always a good thing. In fact, we out number all others combined - 4 to 1.

This is a base carved out of the desert. It is constantly dusty (like a brown talcum powder) that gets on and into everything and I do mean everything. It was extremely hot during the summer, temps approaching 130 during the day and now that the winter season is upon us the temps tend to drop dramatically as soon as the sun fades. It barely broke 30 this morning for example. Rainy season will be upon us soon, which will turn this dust to mud.

Our living conditions aren't bad – climate controlled tents – for the most part, decent showers, and the chow is very good all things considered.

We are an Aviation Logistics squadron responsible for maintaining and repairing aircraft components and systems of the Marine aircraft stationed here. Our unit is composed of over 400 Marines from 10 different logistics squadrons from the states. The unit is fractionalized in the sense, that we have approx. 100 Marines located in Kandahar (about 100 miles east) and 15 Marines down in Dwyer (about 45 miles south) supporting aircraft maintenance. All Marines, regardless of location, are focused on the mission – providing the aviation combat support for the ground troops in their day to day engagement with opposing forces.

I am privileged to serve as the Squadron Sergeant Major of the finest America has to offer. I have served for close to 30 years and will be retiring from active duty June of next year. There is no other place I'd like to be than to serve with Marines – forward deployed in a combat environment.

I am originally from Massachusetts and my wife and I call Beaufort, SC home. My two sons are 27 and 25 and doing well in their chosen professions back in Mass. Huge Red Sox and Boston fan in general. Love to motorcycle ride, all sports and PT daily to keep "this girly figure" Marine. Once again, I "Thank you" personally and on behalf of all the Marines here for your continued support, thoughts and prayers. We look forward to getting back in March. Some pics for your review (more in an additional email) – carrying on the legacy.

Now on to the Marine's wish list:

BOOKS FROM MARINE CORPS READING LIST (SEE ATTACHED)
EXTERNAL HARD DRIVES – not sticks (illegal to use)
I-PODs

BOOT SOCKS
BOXING FOCUS PADS
BOXING GLOVES
PUNCHING BAG
BRAIN TOYS/PUZZLES
BOARD GAMES (MONOPOLY, CRANIUM)
OLD BAY SEASONING
CIGARS
X-BOX 360 GAMES
PlayStation 3 GAMES
DVDs
Blu-RAY DVDs
EXERCISE BANDS
COFFEEMATE SINGLE LIQUID CREAMERS ASSORTED FLAVORS
TEXAS PETE HOT SAUCE
OATMEAL
PEANUT BUTTER

**Semper Fi**

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**From:** Alan Calderon

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2009 5:45 AM

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**Subject:** Re: Support From The Moss Creek Marines

MGySgt Petrucci,

We will go shopping soon. We will do the best we can in meeting your request.

Your list has X-Box Games and Play Station 3 Games. Does that mean you already have the gaming systems and just need the games?

On another note. We are looking for more units to adopt. Can you put me in contact with other units in Aghanistan. We would especially like units in remote locations.

Be well and Semper Fi,

Alan Calderon

Commanding Officer - Moss Creek Marines

**From:** Petrucci MGySgt Anthony P (MEB-A MALS-40 SgtMaj)  
**To:** Alan Calderon  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 11:27 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Support From The Moss Creek Marines

Alan,

Thanks for the reply...

We have the Play Station 3 Game system as of yet no X-Box system.

As for other units in remote locations -- I have approx 15 Marines in Dwyer same address but Unit 78367 -- POC SSgt Hargrett

In addition, I'll forward your contact info on to the Group SgtMaj (SgtMaj Scott Booth).

Thanks again for all your support...

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**From:** guwill  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 31, 2009 5:57 PM  
**To:** Petrucci MGySgt Anthony P (MEB-A MALS-40 SgtMaj)  
**Subject:** Support from the Moss Creek Marines

Tony--

Al Calderon asked me to send you an e-mail to let you know that the Moss Creek Marines sent MALS-40 some 30 boxes yesterday. We would appreciate it if you could send us some pictures when the boxes arrive and your Marines are opening them for our unit scrapbook--

We had fun shopping for your unit! We hope the officers and men in your squadron enjoy their boxes of goodies--If there is anything else that we can do for you and your Marines--please let us know--

Semper Parit

Fred Will

Executive Officer

From: anthony.petrucci@afg.usmc.mil  
To: guwill@  
CC: petrucijm@hotmail.com  
Sent: 1/14/2010 9:06:30 A.M. Eastern Standard Time  
Subj: RE: Support from the Moss Creek Marines

Fred,

On behalf of the Marines within my unit I "Thank you." For the gifts and the support you have provided.

Attached are a few pics of the Marines opening the boxes.

Semper Fi and we'll surely get together when I get back end of March.

Thank you again.

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