



# MOSS CREEK MARINES ADOPTED UNITS



**ADOPTED UNIT NO. 69**  
**3rd Battalion, 4th Marines**  
**500 MARINES**



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**Subject:** Website Text - 3rd Battalion 4th Marines

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**From:** Sotorodriguez 1stSgt Hector J RC(SW) V34 H&S 1stSgt  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 02, 2013 10:15 PM  
**To:** Cecil Adams  
**Subject:** FW: More Socks inbound to 3/4

**Good Day Mr. Adams and I hope this email finds you motivated. Once again, I wanted to thank you and the Moss Creek Marines for all of the exceptional support that you have provided for the Marines of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines during our on-going deployment in Afghanistan. Attached you will find a picture of some of our Marines from the Truck Platoon grateful for the socks that you have provided. Thanks again.**

**Respectfully,**

**1stSgt Hector Soto-Rodriguez**

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

SgtMaj Miller/Heidi,

My name is Alan Calderon, I am the Commanding Officer of the Moss Creek Marines. Let me start by saying thank you for your service on behalf of the Moss Creek Marines and the United States of America.

I understand that while I was away you were sent 708 pairs of socks and 73 boxes of material. Please verify that you have received all of the material which we have sent. I do not have 1st Sgt Hector Sotorodrigues' e-mail address.

It would be great if you can send us some photos of your Marines and Sailors. If you have photos of the Marines and Sailors opening the boxes it would be even better.

Finally, if you have the e-mail contact information of other units which can use our support please let me know.

Thank you again and Semper Fi,

Alan Calderon  
Commanding Officer - Moss Creek Marines

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

**From:** Cecil Adams  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 6:30 PM  
**To:** Miller SgtMaj Michael A RC(SW) (V34 Bn SgtMaj)  
**Cc:** 'Alan Calderon'; 'Alpaugh, Bob'; 'Don Ogden'; 'Bill Mott'; Harting CIV Heidi L; 'George Barnes'; 'Stan Potter'; 'Pete Adams'  
**Subject:** Mailings from Moss Creek Marines

1st Sgt Hector Sotorodrigues, We are sending out 708 pairs of socks and 73 boxes today and tomorrow. Please distribute to you various personel and let us know when you receive them. Boxes have been marked as to content. Some units have sent back a couple of pictures of surprise as the marines get the packages. Thanks for letting us help and STAY SAFE.

Semper Fi

Pete Adams XO Moss Creek Marines

Thanks and Semper Fi  
Pete

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

From: Harting CIV Heidi L  
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 7:01 PM  
To: Cecil Adams  
Subject: Items Requested on Behalf of 3/4 "Darkside"

Hello,

Please find attached the list of items the Marines have requested from SgtMaj Miller. Thank you again for all your love and support. If I can be of further assistance please let me know.

### **Items Requested by the DARKSIDE 3/4**

- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- misc hygiene items
- brown (coyote) Marine Corps socks (medium and large-bulk)
- Cigarettes/chewing tobacco (Copenhagen and the likes)
- Beef Jerky
- Whey Protein
- Small cans of tuna, spaghetti, roman noodles
- White athletic socks (ankle)
- Small personal fans (for living quarters)
- Bottles of men's body wash (liquid)
- Green/Brown wash cloths/Towels
- Barber Clippers kits
- Keurig cups of coffee-as many as possible
- Energy/Protein bars
- Books about war example On Combat
- Sunflower seeds
- (2) weed wackers with 2 stroke oil
- Ramen noodles
- Warheads (candy)
- Gum
- Sheets
- Pillow cases
- Mouth guards
- Books from Commandant's reading list
  
- Current Event Magazines
  
- Individual hand held fans
  
- Mach 3/Fusion Razor Blades
- Foot Powder/ Baby Powder
- Letter writing gear/ paper, envelopes, etc.
- 5 hour energy/ mio energy
- Protein bars/cliff bars/ power bars/ etc.

Thank you,

Heidi Harting  
Family Readiness Officer  
3rd Battalion, 4th Marines  
7th Marine Regiment  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92278-8265  
Official 3/4 Website:  
<http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/external/1stmardiv/7thmarregt/3-4/>  
Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/3rdBattalion4thMarines#>  
eMarine [emarine.org](http://emarine.org)

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**From:** Miller SgtMaj Michael A RC(SW) (V34 Bn SgtMaj)  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2013 12:03 PM  
**To:** Cecil Adams  
**Cc:** Harting CIV Heidi L; Alan Calderon; Alpaugh, Bob; Bill Mott; George Barnes; Don Ogden; Stan Potter; Kenney LtCol Jeffrey R RC(SW) (V34 BN CO)  
**Subject:** RE: 3/4 HQ Point of Contact

Sir & Moss Creek Marines,

Thank you so much for the e-mail and the background on the 3/4 veteran Marines, Navy Corpsman, and spouses. It is people like you that keep smiles on the faces of current 3/4 Marines and Sailors. Our Family Readiness Officer (FRO), Mrs. Heidi Harting, has previously communicated to me about the pillows and we cannot wait to receive them. We are in pretty austere conditions here in the northern Helmand Valley of Afghanistan, but it cannot be too bad if I am typing this to you via e-mail, if you catch my drift. Of course that is coming from a guy who has been in the Corps for a little bit. What we are currently going through here is probably nowhere near what you all went through during your time in and for that I say thank you. Thank you for what you did and what you are currently doing in that of raising the morale of our DARKSIDE family.

On behalf of my boss, LtCol Kenney and I, please accept our warmest regards with what you are doing for our Battalion. It does not go unnoticed. The word family to us also extends to you all back home. Family in the sense of tradition and values. We both hope to continue the love and support from the home front when our active time has come to an end as well.

I have asked my 1stSgts to huddle up the troops and share this email with them. Once they give me what you have asked for below, I will send an e-mail to our FRO with the requests and she will forward it to you. Forgive me for the lack of direct contact with you, but our operational tempo varies from day to day. Our FRO does a tremendous job with items like this.

I can tell you now that our Battalion will be here until October.

To all the Moss Creek Marines, THANK YOU and Semper Fi forever!

R/S,

SgtMaj Miller, M.A.  
(DARKSIDE 9)  
3D Battalion, 4th Marines

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**From:** Cecil Adams

**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2013 10:53 PM

**To:** Miller SgtMaj Michael A RC(SW) (V34 Bn SgtMaj)

**Cc:** Harting CIV Heidi L; 'Alan Calderon'; 'Alpaugh, Bob'; 'Bill Mott'; 'George Barnes'; 'Don Ogden'; 'Stan Potter'

**Subject:** 3/4 HQ Point of Contact

Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller,

My name is Pete Adams and I am the XO of the Moss Creek Marines 2013. Al Calderon our CO is out of the country for a few weeks.

We are a diverse group of 34 veteran Marines, Navy/Marine Corpman, and Marine spouses spanning generations. We also have one active duty Marine, Col R. W. Jones, who is stationed @ MCRD Parris Island.

Our primary function is to "adopt" units and send them whatever we can to show our support and to assist in improving morale. As you may know, we have already sent 600 pillows to your unit, working thru Pillows for Patriots. Your FRO Heidi Harting gave me your info. Your unit is our 69th unit we have adopted. So far the previous units, consisting of over 29;000 Marines have received hundreds of "needs" packages containing items they have requested. This has varied by units to include such items as, X-Box 360 Entertainment Systems to play station video games, to baby wipes, to pogeey bait, beef jerky, and other food stuffs, to hygiene products and various other items. We are delighted to offer our support to your unit.

When you get settled in, we ask you to provide us with the following;

When your unit expects to leave Afghanistan

A little bit about your unit and a mailing address to forward packages

Most importantly, what your Marines require from us. We will do our best to meet their needs.

Our group consists of Marines from World War II to The Gulf War and The War on Terror.

We had a member, deceased, who saw both flags go up while in a fox hole on Iwo Jima.

We have vets from Korean, Viet Nam and other actions.

On behalf of all of us in the Moss Creek Marines, Thank you for all that you do to maintain our freedom. We especially, 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

Pete Adams, XO Moss Creek Marines