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MotoMail Reaches Millionth Letter Milestone

MCB QUANTICO – Family and friends of Marines deployed to Iraq have sent more than one million MotoMail’s since the program was launched. On April 25, LCpl Jacob Lamb of H&S Company, 1/7, was sent the one millionth MotoMail by his mother Johanna Lynn Clark of Boyertown, PA.

As a show of appreciation, SuperLetter.com, the company that runs the service, gave LCpl Lamb a \$250 check, a MotoMail t-shirt, a box of goodies, and a \$50 credit for the new two-way MotoMail Service. Mrs. Lamb received a bouquet of flowers.

Since December 2004, family and friends have been able to send free “letter type messages” to Marines deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan by going to www.motomail.us. Postal Marines in Iraq use a specially equipped printer, to discreetly fold and seal the messages and prepare them to be delivered with the rest of the unit mail. The process is so fast that messages are usually printed and ready for delivery in 24 hours or less. In Iraq, postal Marines are processing about 2,200 letters a day and upwards of 60,000 to 70,000 a month.

Under the new two-way MotoMail service, which started in February, any registered MotoMail user can send a message back home for \$.50. The letters are printed and postmarked at one of three regional sites with delivery times averaging 2-4 days.

This new service requires an account and a credit card to cover the cost of the letters, but new users are allowed to send the first five MotoMails for free.

Marine Corps Postal officials are implementing MotoMail aboard ships. The 11th MEU has successfully received MotoMails while aboard, currently the 24th MEU is in the process of testing MotoMail while underway. If all works well, MotoMail could become standard fare when Marines deploy.

To use MotoMail, go to the website at www.motomail.us and create a user account. Once you have created an account, the rest of the process is like writing an email. You use several pull down menus to find the unit address, then enter your Marine's rank and full name. When you have completed the letter, you click submit and the message is sent on its way to the Marine post office in Iraq. On the website, you can see the past messages that you have sent and can check the delivery status of your messages.

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