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IN REPLY REFER TO:

1 February 2006

FROM: Peacetime/Wartime Support Team, Peoria IL

TO: Freedom Calls Foundation

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

1. On behalf of the PWST - Peacetime Wartime Support Team and Marines of Engineer Company C, 6th ESB, 4th MLG, a grateful and heart felt thank you to the Freedom Calls Foundation and Mr. John B. Harlow II, Executive Director, for their generous support in providing video teleconferencing capability to our local families and our Marines serving in

Iraq. Although the unit has completed its second full tour overseas, Operation Iraqi Freedom II, we continue to provide individual mobilization augmentees for follow on operational commitments in Iraq. For the Marines overseas now, the holidays were a particularly tough time for our families to see loved ones deployed. Your generous and thoughtful support helps many to know their husbands, sons, and daughters' service is truly appreciated. The teleconferencing event on 22 December made for an early Christmas present and a highly memorable event.

2. Support from the local community plays a critical role in sustaining morale and enabling our military forces to be successful in the global war on terrorism. Freedom is not free, and the Marines of this unit proudly make great personal sacrifices, as previous generations have done, to serve and protect our great Nation and its patriotic citizens. I commend your foundation and the at&t-Telecom Pioneers for their displayed patriotism and keeping the home fires burning during the ongoing War on Terror.

3. We greatly appreciate the exemplary support of this outstanding foundation and Mr. John B. Harlow II, on behalf of your 'Peoria Marines' and our extended Marine Corps family. Thanks again for all of your continued support, not only to the Marines and their families, but for all of the United States Armed Forces.

Semper Fidelis,

Lt Col. Steve Melbourne

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