

Expectant wife is 'so proud of my husband'

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My husband is Cpl. Angel Mojica, 21, with the U.S. Marine Corps stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Calif. He is an Amphibious Assault Vehicle Crew Chief with Bravo Company. He was born in Amarillo, Texas, and joined the Marines in September 2004.

We met through a couple friends of mine, Gonzalo and Aida Martinez, both from the Quad-Cities. Angel happened to end up being roommates with Gonzalo when they got stationed at Camp Pendleton and that's how this love story started. We met for the first time in November of 2005, when I flew out to California with Aida. Angel and I went to the Marine Corps Ball together in Las Vegas, Calif., and when I returned home to Davenport, we made our status as a couple official.



Cpl. Angel and Ashley Mojica at their Davenport wedding.

Shortly after, he left for his first deployment with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He was gone from February of 2006 to August of 2006. After our nine-month courtship, we were wed on August 31, 2006 in a private ceremony in Davenport. I moved out to Oceanside, Calif. with him and we started our home together.

A few months before he was scheduled to deploy for the second time, this time to Iraq, we found out that we were expecting. When he left I was six months pregnant, and I am now nine months pregnant with our daughter, Maddisyn Ann Mojica. I am scheduled to be induced on Aug. 2. I have been working with some Marines in my husband's chain of command along with a non-profit organization called Freedom Calls, and together we have organized a video teleconference so my husband can meet his daughter for the first time on Aug. 3.

We are both very excited to welcome this new addition to our family, and since he isn't able to be home for the birth, we are both ecstatic about being able to have the video conference.

I am so proud of my husband for what he is doing. He's the most amazing person I have ever met. Life as a Marine wife is not easy by any means, but all the tears and heartache are worth it when I get to see him at homecoming day.

Stay safe over there Bravo Company, we'll be seeing you guys in a few months. And to my husband, Angel, I love you and I'll be seeing you soon!

About Freedom Calls

I have been fortunate to work with John Harlow, founder of the Freedom Calls Foundation, to set up a video teleconference. This group works entirely off donations to connect families with their loved ones in Iraq.

Since video time is so expensive, they are running behind on their bills. An hour of video time runs them approximately \$1,000.

If you can find it in your heart to donate, it would be much appreciated. Just visit their Web site at freedomcalls.org.