

Demon Change of Responsibility

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After 27 months as the Demon Company First Sergeant, the powers that be have decided its time for me to be reassigned. As a result, we will be conducting a "Change of Responsibility" on the 15th of September. The incoming First Sergeant is 1SG Ricky Linton. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job and I am confident that he is an excellent choice to help lead Demon through their remaining days in harms way.

For me however, it's a sad occasion. Demon Company has come to mean a great deal to me during my time here. I believe strongly that there is a bond in this company that is built on discipline, trust, and dedication to one another and to our mission. We have had our fair share of adversity during our deployment, but again and again, the company has risen to the challenge. In twenty one years of service, I have never been more proud to be associated with any group of people than I have the Soldiers of Demon. They have my gratitude and more importantly my respect.

Further, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our families. The ladies of our FRG have done an amazing job at home. They go through every day, doing what needs to be done, in most cases serving as Mommy and Daddy. They've celebrated our victories and seen each other through our losses with a poise and grace that no Hollywood TV show will ever be able to capture. They are fiercely loyal to their Soldier and it shows. I know this experience has allowed me to see my own wife in a new light. She and the ladies of Demon have shown more strength and courage than I would have believed possible. Even during our worst times, they banded together and continued to support each other and the unit. If you want to see an example of good "Army Wives", stay away from the Lifetime channel and look no further than these women. Thank you Nym, I love you.

Additionally, I would like to say "Thank You" to Robin Woo and the members of the Angry Skipper's. You guys have been where we are now. You could have forgotten that and moved on. But you didn't. Instead you choose to spend your time and hard earned money helping to ensure that the Soldiers of Demon have a quality of life that is the envy of the other companies in the battalion. Your care packages have become the stuff of legend. When I would bring supplies out to the Patrol Base, the only time I found ready volunteers to down-load the trucks was when I had "Skipper Boxes". The Soldiers have enjoyed emailing back and forth with your members and I know for a fact that you have helped them deal with some of the more traumatic events a Soldier sees on the battlefield. This has truly been an example of Soldiers taking care of Soldiers. Getting to know the members of the Angry Skipper's has definitely been my honor.

To all of you who have worked to support the Soldiers of Demon Company, you have no idea how much your kindness and generosity have done to ease the loneliness and hardship these Soldiers face daily. Please continue to

support them until that day comes when we can all sit together over drinks, swap lies and tell war stories. Until then, keep the Soldiers of Demon in you hearts and prayers. They are beyond a doubt, among the finest Soldiers in today's Army.

DEMONS!!!

Very Respectfully,

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