

However, I have to draw the line with the snow and having to deal with that headache on a daily basis. But then again down south with have to deal with hurricanes and flooding. So in the end I guess it just matters where the family is and as they say "home is where the heart is".

We have been in country now for a little over 2 months now and are about ¼ of the way home. The biggest threat to our units came during the month of October as the Muslim's celebrated the month of Ramadan. Historically, the attack levels have spiked during that time and as you can read in the papers, where the US has lost the most troops. The good news is that the attack levels tend to drop off for the next few months due to the cooler weather that moves into the area. So hopefully, that holds true in our area. For the most our little town has been very friendly toward the Marines. The trouble we have is with the pesky group of 20 insurgents or so that harass the base and the town. We are working on closing the door on the insurgents but they are like rats and tend to blend into wood work. Hopefully the good Lord continues to guide and protect our Marine's as we head toward getting home. We can definitely deal he has protected us on several occasions already. As I stated early our internet connection is sketchy at best. For one period it was down for 3 weeks due to maintenance issues. Then it goes down anytime a Marine is lost to enemy actions, which shuts us down for a day or two. Hence my reliance on good old fashion mail but will try and shoot an email when the chance is presented.

How is life going for you and the family? Naturally when you are not planning and shipping out the tons of boxes to the Marine's and Soldiers. That sounds like a full time job by itself. However, I am guessing that is not your full time job. I am going to guess you are a Patriots fan given your location and the shirt. I am a part time Pats fan when they are not playing the Bill's. They were my original team and have a connection to the city. Plus I am glutton for punishment, much like the city of Buffalo is.

We hope you and the family has a fantastic Thanksgiving and is able to enjoy each others company. Please indulge in an extra slice of turkey and pumpkin pie for me, as what we end up with will not be near as good as your home cooked meal. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers throughout the remainder of our deployment. Look forward to hearing back from you and the continued support of your family.

Semper Fi

Thank you again,



Chris Krahulec  
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Hope you had a fun Halloween. 4 young  
Marines decided to make improvised costumes for  
fun, it was funny.  
Be Safe & Look forward to hearing back from you