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From: MSgt James R Ciuk
To: Whom it may Concern

Subj: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I had just moved from Michigan and was attending my first family night for the young men and women whom have taken the Oath of Enlistment into the United States Marine Corps, from Recruiting Sub-Station Roseville. That was where I met Claire.

Since that event, Claire continues to be an instrumental part of our Delayed Entry Program. This is a program where we prepare young men and women for the rigors of Marine Basic Training. She has helped organize and/or attended at least 250 weekly physical training sessions, 60 monthly training sessions, and 5 annual mini boot training evolutions. She also has taken her time to individually mentor numerous applicants, and without her help they always have said they wouldn't be Marines without her unselfish dedication. Claire has always made herself available to help out with many issues stemming from the hugh culture change from civilian to Marines. Her ability to put the issue in perspective coupled with her problem solving skills, makes her a very valuable asset to the Marine Recruiting Command. Her devotion doesn't stop there, she is a member of Marine4Life, and has helped Marines leaving the Marine Corps transition into the civilian world. Programs such as Marine4Life and Wounded Warrior Regiment have been around for several years; however, prior to their creation Claire saw a need for some sort of mentoring back in 1989. Although she has aligned herself with many organizations throughout the years, she has always maintained independent to some degree. Claire was unable to enlist in the Marine Corps due to a medical condition; however, she has done what she can as a civilian to help support many Marines and their families.

Claire is a person that you would definitely want on your side. Her true passion to help solve any problem with any Marine is unparalleled. Since I have known her, there hasn't been a situation that she has backed away from, a problem she didn't want to be the solution to. There hasn't been a person that has demonstrated more true unsolicited love towards Marines, future, past and present. I am truly amazed with the impact she has had on our Marines, mind you, this has all been accomplished in her spare time. I can say this with confidence; because I was a Marine that never thought I would attend college. I now have my Associates Degree, and guess who helped me..Claire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R Ciuk", is written over a large, stylized flourish.

James R Ciuk
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