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Subj: CHARACTER STATEMENT FOR CARLOS ROWE, MAJOR, U.S. MARINE CORPS

1. I am currently assigned as the Assistant for Enlisted Recruiting (AER) with 9TH Marine Corps District (9TH MCD). I have been in the Marine Corps 14 years but I have also served in the United States Air Force seven years. My current duties include providing analysis and recommendations to the Director of Recruiting Operations (DRO) and the Commanding Officer (CO) 9TH MCD in assisting to formulate and assign the Total Force recruiting mission of 9TH MCD. I also monitor, manage, and review all aspects of the enlisted recruiting mission throughout the fiscal year recruiting cycle. My personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

2. I have known Major Rowe since the year 2000. We were both assigned to Marine Wing Support Group 27, 2D MAW, Cherry Point, North Carolina. He was a member of Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 and I was a member of a sister squadron Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 until we both executed permanent change of station (PCS) orders in the summer of 2002. Major Rowe and myself served together again in Quantico, Virginia in August 2005 while he was attending Command and Staff College and I was a student at the Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps University. Upon graduation from our respective schools we were both assigned as G-3 Action Officers, in the 3D Marine Logistics Group (MLG) headquarters aboard Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan. Shortly after reporting in to 3D MLG we were both deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Rowe deployed in October 2006 and I deployed in January 2007. Upon my arrival in Iraq both Major Rowe and I were assigned to the same unit; Joint Headquarters Transition Team (JHQ-TT). He served in the M-1 office (personnel and recruiting) and I served in the M-4 office (logistics). Our individual seven month tours overlapped by approximately four months and we saw each other frequently during this time. Upon the completion of our tours in Iraq we both redeployed to 3D MLG, Okinawa; and I was immediately transferred to Marine Aircraft Group 31 (MAG-31), Beaufort, South Carolina in August 2007. Upon the completion of my tour of duty with MAG-31 in June 2010 I was reassigned to 9TH MCD, Kansas City, Missouri and once again Major Rowe and I were serving together. Major Rowe and I served closest together during our assignment as G-3 Action Officers in the 3D MLG headquarters, Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan.

a. The following specific information on our time served together in 3D MLG is also provided:-

- (1) We served together an average of 12 hours per day.
- (2) We served together an average of 6 days per week.
- (3) We served together approximately four months.
- (4) We were both assigned to 3D MLG, Okinawa, Japan.
- (5) We both held the billet of G-3 Action Officers.

(6) Major Rowe and I along with two other Majors were responsible for logistics planning with respect to all III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF)

exercises and operations. As Action Officers we were each tasked with specific exercises or operations that we were responsible for planning. For example, logistics planning for the following exercises fell under the G-3 Action Officers purview: Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) (Korea), Foal Eagle (Korea), Talisman Sabre (Australia), and Cobra Gold (Thailand). Additionally we were also tasked with planning for real world support provided to Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, humanitarian assistance in the case of disaster relief efforts, and other military to military partnerships in the Pacific Command (PACOM) area of responsibility.

b. During the course of time that we have known each other Major Rowe and I have had several social encounters that were either formal unit functions or informal encounters where he mentored me as the junior officer (I was promoted to Major about four years after he was). Examples of our encounters includes Friday nights at the local officers club, having several meals together in the local chow halls where we have served, attendance at Marine Corps birthday balls, encounters at the commissary, encounters at the PX, and membership in the National Naval Officers Association (Okinawa chapter).

3. I always looked up to Major Rowe as a highly competent Marine Officer and Logistics Officers. His knowledge of logistics, logistics planning, recruiting, and Marine Officer-ship in general was beyond reproach and I always wished that I could be more like him especially as a logistics officer. He has an outstanding command presence that I respected.

a. During the approximately eight years that I have known Major Rowe he has displayed constant initiative, superior knowledge, total attention to detail in his administrative duties, keen leadership in handling enlisted personnel, patience and persistence in training personnel, exceptional personal appearance, unquestionable military presence and bearing, focused attention to duty, very positive cooperation and personal relations, the highest levels of loyalty, and he has always had respect for authority.

(1) While serving together in 3D MLG Okinawa I personally observed first hand Major Rowe's superior knowledge and expertise in the logistics field. Of the four G-3 Actions Officers serving in 3D MLG at the time (August 2006), he was by far the best logistics planner. He seamlessly made logistics coordination for several exercises and operations simultaneously by working with logistics planners from higher, subordinate, and adjacent units with no reason for concern by the G-3 Officer (Colonel). Major Rowe inspired confidence in all his planning efforts and was the go to Action Officer within the G-3.

(2) Whether in Cherry Point, North Carolina, Okinawa Japan, or Baghdad, Iraq Major Rowe was always a teacher and mentor in everything that he did. Junior officers and enlisted Marines always flocked to him to hear of his experiences, receive guidance, and recommendation with regards to their careers in the Marine Corps and their lives in general. He seemed to have a personal level of caring for the junior Marines and their well being. He would quiz them from time to time on Marine Corps knowledge and their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). He also seemed to take on the professional development of the junior officers that he encountered and gave himself up to them as a sounding board for all issues of leadership that they faced.

(3) While serving together in Iraq, Major Rowe was the consummate professional who represented the Marine Corps well in a joint environment. His attention to duty was far superior to his peers including those in our sister service and coalition forces. His level of initiative included his selflessness in travelling repeatedly to the outlying forward operating bases (FOBs) to ensure the success of the Iraqi recruiting effort which was his primary mission. He also dedicated a great deal of his personal time to ensure that he visited every Marine in the base hospital who suffered combat injuries and was pending medical

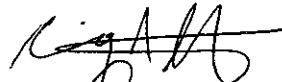
evacuation. While awaiting transportation he would spend a great deal of quality time with them and motivate them through many personal, intimate, and caring conversations.

b. Opinion on Military Character. Based on my observation of Major Rowe, I have formed an opinion of his military character. In my opinion, he has an outstanding military character. In addition, I am familiar with the Marine's reputation in our community as to military character. The Marine's reputation is that his military character is outstanding.

c. Law Abidingness/Truthfulness. Based on my observation of Major Rowe, I have formed an opinion of his law abidingness/truthfulness. In my opinion, he has an outstanding level of law abidingness/truthfulness. In addition, I am familiar with the Marine's reputation in our community as to law abidingness/truthfulness. The Marine's reputation is that his level of law abidingness/truthfulness is outstanding.

4. Major Rowe has displayed the traits and characteristics that I would want in a Marine if I were going to combat. He has also displayed the traits and characteristics important in garrison as well. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (816) 843-3912.

Respectfully Submitted,



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