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MEMORANDUM FOR Whom it may concern

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

- 1. Ms. Debbie Gregory of Military Connection.com is extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of developing teams, facilitating communications, and using information systems to build new teams. Her influences have compelled actions within the public and private sectors to address the issues facing America's military. She is a consummate problem solver and has significantly improved the well being of troops and their families. I've seen none better when it comes to networking non-profit organizations with military units. She helped our military units deal with the stresses of mobilizing to and from combat theaters of operation. She enthusiastically supports the needs of deploying troops regardless of their service orientation or component. She is a practiced leader with pragmatic approaches to getting things done. Her efforts resulted in an improved quality of life for thousands of troops.
- 2. Ms. Gregory is very savvy in connecting the needs of troops and family members to groups with the ability to make a positive difference in their lives. This unique skill has reduced the trauma for many service men and women who have participated in the largest mobilization since Korea.
- 3. Ms. Gregory consistently develops proposals and recommendations that; directly impact the employment of unemployed veterans, connects military around the world and addresses the needs of our Retired, Reserve and Active military members. Military Connection.com offers a multitude of resources in all areas for those that serve. Despite chronic resource shortfalls, she sacrifices profits to insure that the best possible wellness plans can emerge for the benefit of the troops in all that she does. Her concern for troop welfare is reflected in the way she sets her daily priorities, allocating time and attention to insure military care is never compromised and military care providers are given the best chance for the successful execution of their programs.
- 4. Ms. Gregory and her team possess the remarkable ability to quickly assess needs, evaluate alternatives, and make sound recommendations to correct the serious challenges facing our military community. Her website www.militaryconnection.com is widely accepted as the "go to" site for getting things accomplished for troops and their families. She effectively works in complex bureaucratic environments, while maintaining troop focus and achieving results for those who need information inside and outside the military culture. Without exception, she has always done her homework prior to pressing issues that improve the conditions for troops; she clearly knows who has inherited the burden of our Global War on Terrorism and is doing her best to insure that their stress in minimized. Ms. Gregory, we are in your debt.

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