

Dear Mr. DeAngelis,

On Thursday evening of last week 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Mackey delivered your package to our home.

He handed me your letter and then carefully lifted the contents of the box. Words cannot express the emotions I felt as I looked at the collection of Kyle's medals and badges. I had wanted to put something like this together for a while now but I find doing things of that nature just so hard. I could not believe that you had done this for me. I am deeply grateful for this gift and I truly appreciate all the hard work and craftsmanship that went into putting it together. Your gift means more to me than I can convey with words. You are surely an amazing man. Your devotion to your country and those that have fallen touches my heart. Kyle knew since about the age of 4 that he wanted to be a Marine and serve his country. I think he was influenced by my dad. He was a Marine and served in Korea. This made me so proud. Being in the military of any branch makes you part of an elite family. You demonstrate this special brotherhood when you make these memorial gifts. Kyle's shadow box will be displayed in a prominent spot in our home.

I am enclosing a photo of me with my son so that you can put some faces to the names.

I wish that I could hug you in person but I send it through the mail as the next best thing.

Give my best to Elizabeth and God bless you both.

Health and happiness to you and your family!

Fondly,



Marybeth LeVan

Mother of Marine Cpl. Kyle Jason Grimes

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