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SILENT DRILL TEAM
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Oyster Bowl



Gold Machine's Capt. Al Turk (left), Capt. Stanley Packard, and Capt. John Dunn (right), swing around the corner on the sweep. Gold Machine made some plentiful runs, but their aerial attack lacked. In the end tough defense and the ball control offense of "Big Red" won out 14-3, in the traditional officer's Oyster Bowl flag football game.

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Front

Drum Major, MGySgt. James Marcil, directed the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps through lively musical selections in Marine Square at the Dallas State Fair. The followup by the Silent Drill Platoon moved the crowds to thunderous standing ovations. (See story and photos: pages 12 and 13)

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Entertainment

A TURKEY'S TALE/TAIL

Birds Fight Back



T by GySgt. "Corty" Cortez

To Turkey or not to Turkey, this month that is the question.

No prouder bird by heaven's word can give you such pleasant digestion.

Regardless of this fact of fame, ill turkey feelings still remain.

They do not wish to loose their heads over thoughts of being stuffed with bread.

But they're searching here, they're seaching there; these axmen they search everywhere.

Alas, poor bird, his last few words are garbled and rather "gobbled."

The last few words before his death were heard by other turkeys yet.

"Emancipate!" Came words of late, ringing loud throughout the dell.

One Turkey cried and he replied, "Allright, lets fight like hell!"

And so began the training plan, in columns of three by six.

Issued gear from warehouses here they began the ol'e training trick.

Amusing were boots learning how to salute. Coordinat-ed turkeys are not. Given "Right Flank, Left Flank, to the Rear March," their beards became tangled in knots.

Determined to be even deadly at sea, an amphibious at-tempt was planned. Battalions of turkeys barfing into the sea prayed that they could land.

Once hitting the beach they sprang to their feet, armed to the hilt for assault.

The lead turkey sighed and fearlessly cried, "This beats being sprinkled with salt!"

The landing went well, they did fight like hell. Many axmen were laid to their rest.

The new formed Raider Turkey Battalion, passed their most critical test.

The war ended soon, their conquest did bloom, from city to county to state.

"Emancipation of a Turkey Nation," became the cry for that date.

In the public's eye, much talk did arise, as Turkeys took over the states.

Thanksgiving drew near and most people feared, the loss of the succulent taste.

"Oh, what to do?"

"Oh, woe are we!"

Was this the end of old glory?

Please have not fear, the Marines are here and they will now save this story.

G-2-and-a-half, known as Turkey Intell, well kept up with this tale.

And anti-turkey contingency plans insured that peace would prevail.

"It's not the proud old turkey," said Major Harvey, G-2-and-a-half.

"It's the young undisciplined Tom Bird, who hasn't learned where it's at."

Like the Corps, they have their traditions, as most people assuredly know. They want a sense of distinction, a place where just turkeys can go.

The plans we have made, will quite plainly save, the country from beaked foes alike.

There will be not reason to end Turkey Season, their taste will remain a delight.

As the day draws near which most turkeys fear, when they were doomed to their death.

Identify him as a hero, to connoisseurs both east and west.

"He'll take his place where he should be along with other food delicacies. There will be not more of this turkey unrest, just fat turkey legs and fat turkey breasts."



Col. D.J. Myers

Commander's View

November is a time for reflection by Marines. We celebrate our 211th birthday. Countless thousands have gone before us and set the standard for us to follow. It is up to us to set the standard for those who follow us.

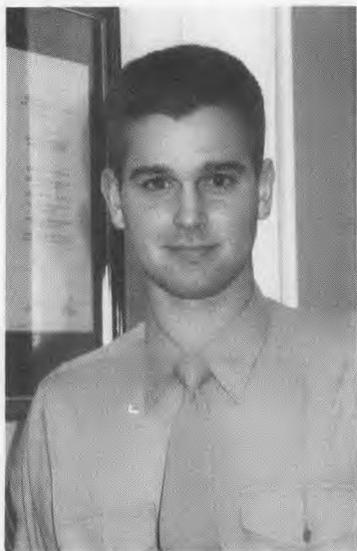
The term "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" is especially evident during this month. I have attended several functions commemorating our birthday and have been impressed with the comments and emotions of many former Marines.

Without exception, they attribute their success in whatever endeavors to their Marine background. One needs only to look at the numbers of former Marines who are in positions of great importance in our government and industry...Secretary of State, Chief of Staff and Director of the FBI are only a few of our former Marines.

The message by General Lejeune, which is read at each of our ceremonies for the birthday, applies as much today as it did when he wrote it. I ask each of you to continue to do your utmost to live up to those words. Semper Paratus and Happy Birthday.

Barracks Talk

What does the Marine Corps Birthday mean to you?



One day all Marines can remember what past Marines have done to make the Corps what it is today.

Sgt. Dan Martincic
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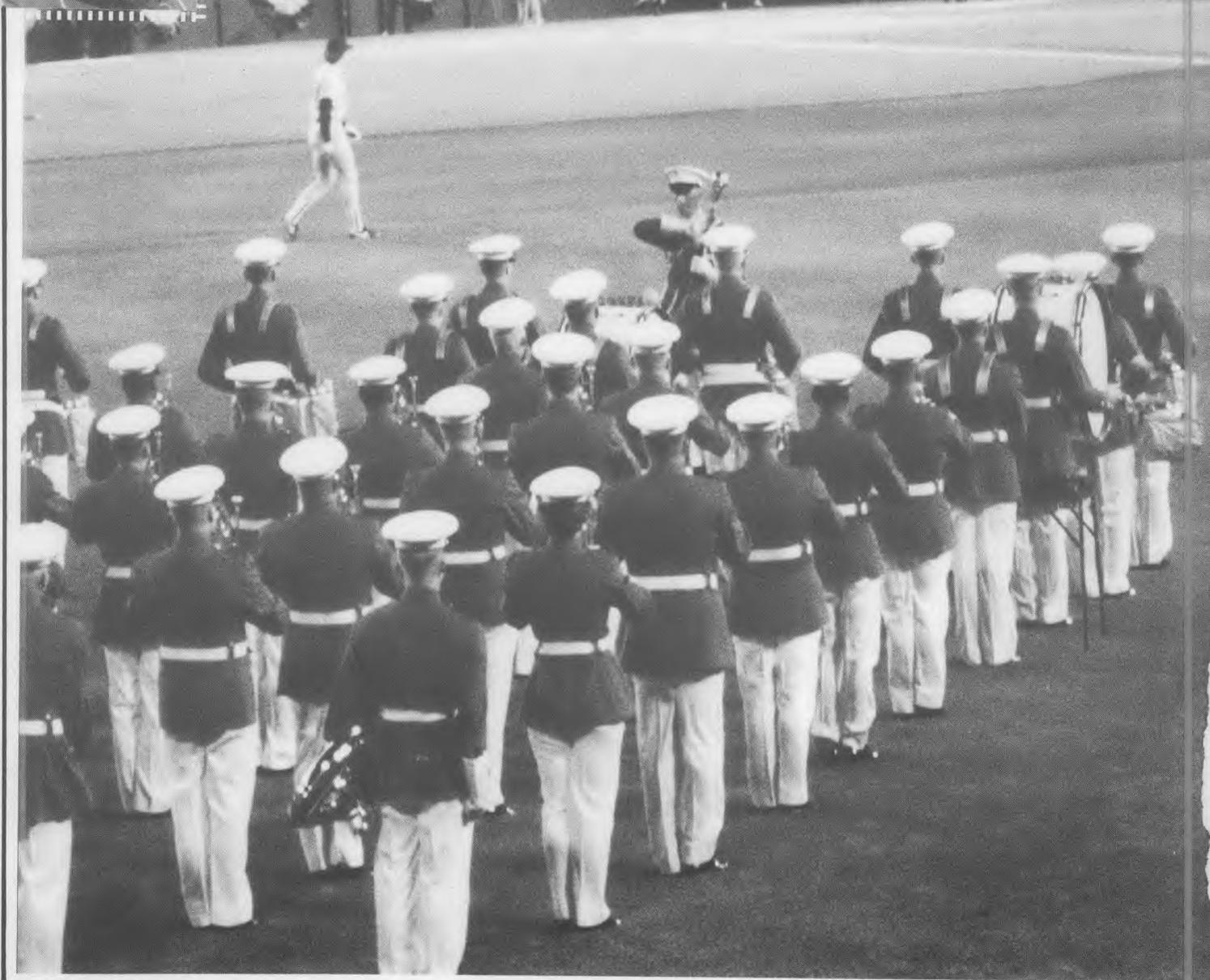
A celebration of the beginning of the Marine Corps, the most elite branch of the service. Celebrate the pleasure and pride of being a Marine.

Cpl. Thomas Gilbert
Chaplains Office



The what? I never get the word!
Chesty VIII
Mascot

World Series Weekend



An enlightning visit to the “Big Apple”

T story and photos
by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

he purr of the bus' diesel engine and hum of rubber meeting pavement was interrupted by screams of agony in defeat. Just as the New York Mets lost the first game of the 1986 World Series, so did LCpl. John Nealy of the Silent Drill Platoon, lose the five-and-a-half hour card game aboard the bus. The game was "Hearts," first one to 100 loses, and Nealy lost twice! So did the Mets that weekend for that matter.

This was the climax and bus ride home from an enlightening weekend in the "Big Apple," as the Battle Color Detachment performed before 56,000 spectators minutes before the first World Series pitch was hurled.

Of course the performance of 8th and I's own at the World Series was grand as always. However, the applause and cheer of the crowd was not like that of the Friday Evening Parade. In fact, their welcome was to the beat of a different drum.

As the Drum and Bugle Corps entered Shea Stadium from center field a slight roar of anticipation filled the air. Just as they began their rendition of "El Boro" a chant of "Go Mets Go," started up. The Silent Drill Platoon came on about this time to begin their portion of the show.

As the blue/white clad leathernecks entered the stadium, the stands on the first base side stood up and cheered in excitement; tonight's pitcher Ron Darling began his warm-up tosses in the Mets bullpen.

The Double Rifle Throw of SDP brought on a standing ovation. Of course, Mets catcher Gary Carter came on the field for his warm-up laps at the same time.

Much to the Drum Major's dismay, the first basemen for the game, Mets Keith Hernandez and Redsox Bill Buckner, decided to chat behind second base, and in front of him. He kept his bearing however, and didn't ask for an autograph.

The starting line-ups were announced and the National Anthem was sung. The chant, "Go Mets Go," continued as the Battle Color Detachment



(Above) The Silent Drill Platoon received a standing ovation during Mets pitcher Ron Darling's warm-up tosses. (Left) The Drum and Bugle Corp stage in left field after sounding magnificent over the chant "Go Met Go."

ment ceremonially departed the field. Another standing "O" broke out as the gate close behind them. The game was about to commence.

Now it was time to change over, grab a beer and a ball-park hot dog and relax; in sub-zero temperatures of course. "Should be watchin' football," commented one slightly chilled Marine.

A cold three-and-a-half hours later, the first World Series game ended, Boston 1, New York 0. An exciting bout, a pitchers dual. The only score came when Boston's Jim Rice walked, then reached second on a Ron Darling wild pitch. Boston's Rich Gedman then hit a two-out grounder to Tim Teufel, Mets second baseman, who let it go through his legs. Rice scored easily from second. That was in the top of the seventh.

To many Mets fans Teufel's error was reminiscent of Felix Millan's in the 1973 World Series against Oakland. To the Battle Color Detachment the error was remembered the next morning during the plane incident, when the tail stabilizer was bent during hanger-to-flight-line maneuvers.

Stranded for a day in New York, short of money, but not time, some members of the Battle Color Detachment ventured out after hearing the bad news; "plane broke down, no transportation today."

Some of the sights in downtown Manhattan soon made many appreciate Washington. At least in the Capitol

city sun rays reach the streets for an hour a day. Manhattan's high-rise buildings prevent this act of nature. Another thing that was noticed were busy streets; sidewalks in particular. Walking down a street in downtown New York is much like trying to get to the bar in one of Georgetown's busy night clubs. Except Georgetown night clubs don't have taxi cabs in them.

Manhattan does, however, have a few bennies. One of which is the hot dog stand. Smearred with mustard and stuffed with chili, sauerkraut and chopped onions, New York's gourmet hot dogs were a real treat. A treat that should be savored of course, in Central Park — just to get the real feeling of the "Big Apple."

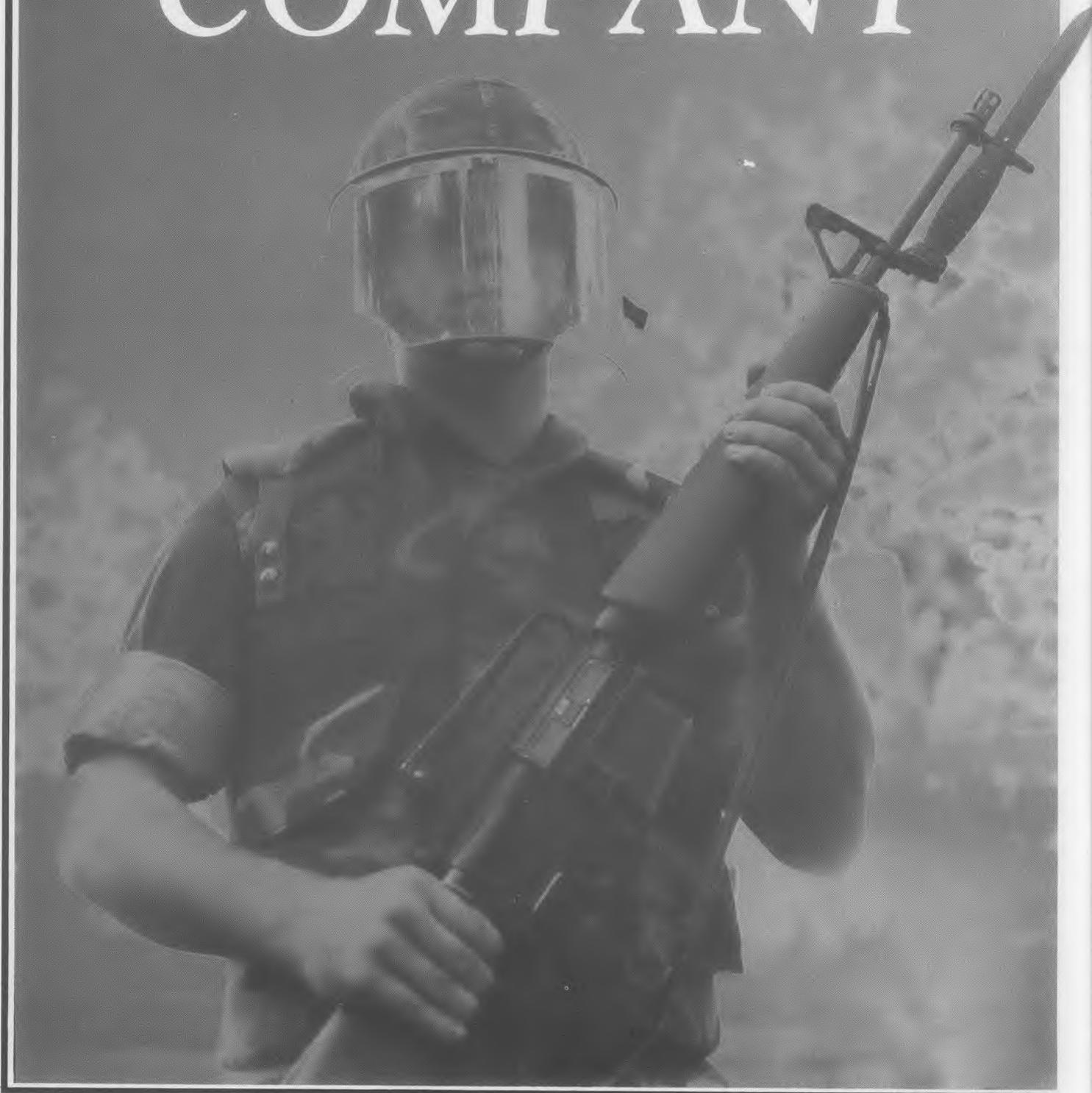
The transportation problem also meant spending another night at the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmens Club. A couple hours of sleep and it was back to the home front. No 45 minute plane ride here, try a five-and-a-half hour bus ride.

Home at last. The Battle Color Detachment had again completed another fine mission, in Battle Color style.

What could've been a miserable and disappointing weekend, wasn't. Even though the welcome at Shea Stadium wasn't much better than that given the visiting Boston Redsox, they performed magnificently. Even though accommodations and transportation wasn't the best, they took it all in stride.

And, why shouldn't they? They are true professionals, the Corps finest.

CHARLIE COMPANY



Training

what it's all about

Marines come from every state of the Union, in all shapes and sizes and are trained in hundreds of different specialties. Despite these "differences," when they are assembled in any size from fire team to division, Marines accomplish anything they set their collective hearts and minds to.

Nowhere is there a better example of Marines from diverse backgrounds and occupations pulling together as one, than with Marines Barracks 8th and I's Charlie Company.

Civil Disturbance Training and preparation is what Charlie Company is all about. In the Marine tradition of being prepared to go anywhere they are needed, the Marines of Charlie Company recently spent four days at Camp Upshur, located in the furthest reaches of the Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Va., practicing their craft.

Just who or what is Charlie Company?

They are Marines just like you and me. Some are riflemen, some are clerks, others are cooks and computer operators. They just happen to be given the added responsibility of protecting the Nation's Capitol. Marines from B Company, Headquarters and Service Company and the Marine Corps Institute make up the ranks of Charlie Company, with Capt. Stanley Gray, B Co commanding officer, in charge.

In his second year at the helm Capt. Gray wanted to do a few things differently this year.

"One of my main goals in this year's Charlie Company training was to work more on platoon size formations and evolutions as opposed to Company size," said Gray. "We had

to work on our mission of deterring crowds and at the same time build up the confidence and discipline level of the troops."

The first day of training was devoted to learning what Charlie Company is about — the mission and the concepts along with the week's training objectives. Classes were held dealing with the use of force when confronting a crowd and the discipline required of a Charlie Company Marine; discipline that would be put to the test on the final day of training.

Hours were spent on formations and the movement of troops; or subjects that are vital in a civil disturbance environment. At the squad, platoon and company level, formations were practiced over and over until they became almost second nature. At the same time getting to know and trust the fellow Marines on either side was key. Urban patrolling, anti-looting and anti-sniper tactics were studied with the new found knowledge put to the practical application test.

The sting and smell of CS gas became a familiar experience, as gas mask reaction time was tested and retested as the Marines worked and grew as a unit. Soon it was time for the ultimate final exam.

"Aggressor" forces, played to the hilt by Marines from A Company and HQSVC Co., decided it was time the Charlie Company Marines had a chance to try out their newly acquired skills against the backdrop of water balloons, wet sawdust and just about anything else they could get their hands on. As the gas cans and insults flew, the aggressors were slowly maneuvered through Camp Upshur to a large black-top area near the woods. Formations were assembled and the name of the game boiled

down to one word. "Discipline!"

All week that one word was driven into the heads of Marines during classwork and field training. For many Marines it took discipline to take being spit on and cursed at. However, the leathernecks of Charlie Company held their position and watched out for each other without striking back.

In the end, the good guys won as the aggressors were contained and peace was restored to Camp Upshur.

Was it all worth living in a Quonset hut for a week, smelling CS gas and eating out of a plastic bag? It was, for these Marines now know the Charlie Company mission.

"In the history of the Barracks, Marines have been called on many times in a civil disturbance capacity; such as the draft riots of the Civil War and the anti-war protests of the sixties," said 1st Lt. Michael Visconage, Public Affairs officer and fourth platoon commander. "Through this training we now have experienced individuals who can lead the way for other Barracks Marines if we are ever called out."

LCpl. Craig Koerperich, assistant squad leader for 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, felt the schedule was tough, but worth it. "We had good instruction the whole week and even though it was a long week of training, I know we are prepared if we are ever needed."

The Charlie Company story doesn't end with the last MRE at Camp Usher. Drills and refresher classes will be conducted from time to time to make sure what was taught is retained, and if called on Charlie Company will be able to complete its mission. Whatever it may be.

Birthdays Greetings from the past

W by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

of the United States Marine Corps, who through the years have been removed from your ranks by death, greet you on this day, the 211th anniversary of our Corps.

We felt it was time that Marines of today knew how we feel about our Corps. Do not think we are being vain in calling it "our" Corps. It is you know. It belongs to all of us — we who have passed on and you who are willing to fight on.

For more than 210 years "we" have fought our country's battles in air, on land and sea. Some battles were large, some were small, but all were important. Important not because some of us died in them, but because each was in preservation of our great nation. And, each conquest was a link in forging the traditions that have made our Marine Corps what it is today.

This November 10, 211 years ago, our forefathers instituted a unit that has since been recognized as the "worlds finest fighting force." This reputation didn't come easy, many of us were killed in battle building it. But, this was so you would have a country of free men and a Corps built from time tested tradition.

Our Corps was born when flames of the Revolution seared through the colonies. The struggle for our rights and freedom was on.

On November 10, 1775, after establishing the first Navy, the Continental Congress authorized the formation of

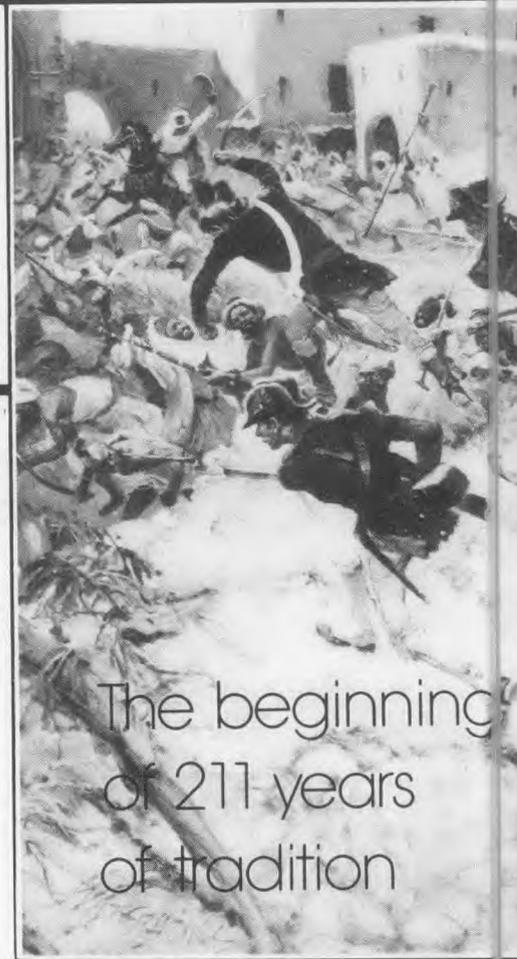
two Marine battalions. These Marines were to serve as detachments aboard Navy ships throughout the Revolution.

Capt. Samuel Nicholas, the first commissioned officer, was named Commandant and Marine recruiting was first undertaken at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia.

Marines took to the sea immediately and conducted the first landing operation at New Providence Island, the Bahamas, where the British stored large quantities of military supplies. There they easily captured much needed ammunition and weapons for the fight. Later they were called upon for the first time to serve on land with the Continental Army, which was badly in need of reinforcements. Nicholas' Marines joined George Washington's army in New Jersey, where they fought with distinction at Trenton and Princeton.

Our Marines, however, soon returned to seas. In 1779 we assisted John Paul Jones in scoring a smashing victory over the superior British ship "Serapis." It was one of the most remarkable and desperate fights in the annals of our Navy and Corps, and one of the first where Marines were recognized as a brave and trustworthy fighting force.

In the fight, Jones' "Bonhomme Richard" closed in on the Serapis, but many of the guns on her deck burst on the first broadside. Only the guns on the upper deck were left to carry on the fight. But, small arms fire deliv-



The beginning
of 211 years
of tradition

ered by the Marines from the mast tops and other elevated positions against personnel on the Serapis' deck more than compensated for the loss of cannon fire. Our Marines, nicknamed the "fighting tops" later, were able to keep the open decks of the enemy ship practically clear of men.

The two ships soon became fastened together. Although the Marines' small arms fire completely dominated the enemy ship's weather decks, the Serapis' lower guns blasted the Bonhomme Richard near the water-line and she was in danger of sinking. But one of our Marines snatched victory out of almost certain defeat. He crawled out on the yardarm of the Bonhomme Richard and dropped a hand grenade down the hatch of the Serapis, igniting a powder chest. It was a glorious triumph for Jones — and his fighting Marines.

Thus during the early days of the Revolution Marines showed the first evidence of versatility — cooperating with the Navy to perform landing operations, fighting aboard Navy vessels in sea duels and joining the Army



Lt. Presley O'Bannon and his Marines, with the help of a handful of Arabs when on to take the city of Derne, Tripoli. This marked one of the early events that has built the Corps traditions (Illustration by Col. Charles Waterhouse)

In the Derne attack, three ships of the Navy squadron silenced the fort, but two separate offensives on the town failed.

With boldness seldom equaled in history, O'Bannon's Marines and a handful of Arabs, drove the enemy out of part of the town in fierce fighting. Our Marines seized the fort. It was the first time in our new country's history that the Star and Stripes were hoisted on a fortress in the Old World.

O'Bannon's Marines then turned the fort's guns on the Governor's castle. This completely demoralized the town's defenders and they promptly retreated. The Marines and Eaton's force took over the town within two hours.

Tripolitan troops arrived two weeks later, surrounded Derne and made several attempts to recapture it. Eaton's forces with the help of O'Bannon's Marines succeeded in retaining control of the town until June, when the American government ordered them to abandon it.

Meanwhile, peace had been negotiated with Tripoli. Hamet temporarily was made a pensioner of the United States. Thus ended the Tripolitan War.

Again we were there, courageously fighting for peace. These were just to name a few early battles in which the Corps built its traditions. There have been so many honorable battles that our Marines have fought in, we can't mention them all. Battles such as Bladensburg, Belleau Wood, and Iwo Jima. There has been the War of 1812, the Civil War and the two World Wars to name a few, that we fought bravely in.

Down through the years of history, men of our Corps have marched courageously beside our country through every war, with heads held high and eyes forward to the Stars and Stripes flying ahead. America knows Marines will never let it down. Whether in death or in life Marines of our Corps will always be at our country's side.

Semper Fi' comrades.

when their fighting ability was needed on land.

After the Revolution both the Navy and the Continental Marine Corps went out of existence. But, it was not long before our country realized it needed a naval force and Marines to protect its shores.

Pirates off the coast of Portugal captured eleven American vessels in 1797. This action caused Congress in 1794 to authorize the establishment of a Navy and to direct that each ship carry a Marine detachment. A two year war with France, led Congress to make another move in 1798, authorizing the formation of a Navy Department and a Marine Corps as it is known today.

The unofficial war with France was hardly over before the Barbary Corsairs committed depredations on American commerce in the Mediterranean. It marked the first time our Marines were to fight in the "Old World." The Derne Expedition, in

which we participated, made history and paved the way for greater use of our Corps.

The ruling Pasha of Tripoli declared war on America. He was a usurper who made himself ruler even though he was the youngest of three sons. He killed this older brother and Hamet, the next in line, fled to Egypt, fearing death as well.

An American diplomat by the name of Eaton had considerable diplomatic experience in the Barbary States. He was instructed to place Hamet in power, since it was felt Hamet would be friendly toward the United States.

Eaton and Hamet formed an expeditionary force for an advance against Tripoli. The force consisted of Lt. Presley O'Bannon and his Marines, 38 Greeks, 90 of Hamet's followers, a party of Arabian cavalry and footmen and camel drivers.

This motley army set out in March 1805 on a 600-mile march across the North African Desert. It proved to be one of the most trying and difficult tasks ever attempted by Americans.

Shining in the

Lone Star



T story and photos
by SSgt Rick Odermann

Texas celebrated its statehood sesquicentennial and the 100th anniversary of its state fair in Dallas, Sept. 26 through Oct. 26.

There were the old familiarities, the tempting smell of carmeled apples, the pungent aroma of livestock in judging pens, and the chant of vendors crying "Get your tickets here. Three for a dollar."

The continuous melody of the ferris wheel provided background music, a sort of carnival atmosphere so familiar to fairgoers.

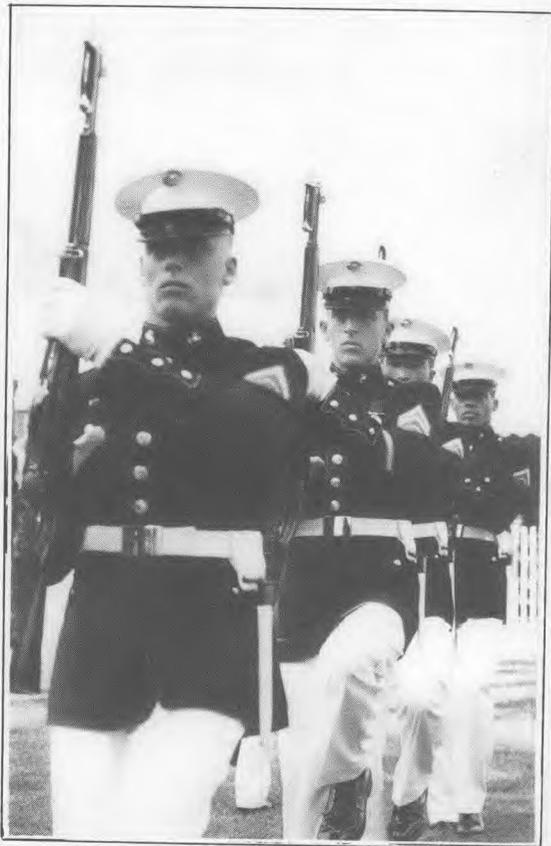
Then each afternoon the beat of a different drum could be heard. The upbeat tempo caused the people to turn and take notice of another familiar sight of the "Lone Star State Fair."

With Dallas motorcycle policeman in the lead, the scarlet clad U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and Marines of the Silent Drill Platoon resplendent in blue and white file into view. They have become a star attraction, appearing in the fair for 25 years.

It's showtime and suddenly the crowd moves in mass exodus towards Marine Square. Seats are a premium for the first arrivals.

Performances, given three to four times daily, six days a week draw thunderous standing ovations and many smiles. Occasional rain storms caused the crowd to break for cover several times, but as true professionals, marching routines were completed before the drenched Marines marched sharply away. The rain was welcomed, however, most shows were performed in sweltering heat and intense humidity. The crowd was dressed for the weather, but the Marines were not.

Soaked and sweaty uniforms will dry, however, the show must go on.



(Far left) Many spectators took cover when it rained, but Capt. Venice Turner stayed poised — the Marines had a job to do. (Above) The U.S. Marines Drum and Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Platoon performed before thousands of grateful spectators at the Dallas State Fair. The applause and cheer of the crowd told 8th and I's own they were very welcomed and appreciated.

“Big Red” captures cro



Maj. Rex Estilow, “Gold Machine,” bears down near the Oyster Bowl games end.

Officers battle in Oyster Bowl

Every year around this time, when the autumn leaves turn shades of bright red and yellow, grunts, groans and the rip of velcro can be heard from the Anacostia football field. The flag football season is in full swing and with that, comes the traditional Barracks officer’s flag football “Oyster Bowl” battle.

A brutal, but friendly game, these respected comrades hit the gridiron in full force with dreams of victory, bragging rights and a chance to make the “other guy” buy the steaks at the cookout afterwards.

This year’s contest featured the “Gold Machine” of MCI and B Co.,

pitted against “Big Red” of HQSVC Co., and A Co. It was a hard fought war, but after four quarters of cuts, bruises and scrapes, Big Red came out on top 14-3.

Big Red’s weapons were a fierce, all-purpose running back by the name of 1stLt. Tim Jackson and a quarterback, out of the Jim McMahon mold, Maj. Tony Corwin.

Corwin’s passing was dominant in the first half, picking apart the Gold Machine’s secondary with quick flips and short passes to the middle. Although allowing three strong drives the Gold Machine’s defense stiffened near the goal line.

Late in the second quarter though, lightning struck in the form of a short pass to Jackson, who turned and ran

another 35 yards for the first score. Jackson also kicked the point after and Big Red had drawn first blood 7-0.

However, the Gold Machine stayed tough, taking the ball on the next possession and driving within scoring range. Sweeping left then right, Gold Machine’s backs, Capt. Mark Brilakis and 1stLt. Jim Barry, led their team 55 yards and down to Big Red’s 10 with seconds remaining in the half.

Outstanding defensive plays by Big Red’s middle linebacker, Capt. Jim Dibenedetto, and defensive end, Capt. Ed Vallandingham held off the Gold Machine’s offensive serge. Frustrated, the Gold Machine was forced to kick the short field goal, making it 7-3 Big Red at the half.

The third quarter opened with another Big Red drive, but an interception near the goal line enabled the Gold Machine to substantiate a small drive of their own. Again they were halted in their tracks at mid-field when their quarterback Capt. Al Turk’s pass was intercepted

This time Big Red would not be stopped. Corwin went to his nimble receiver Capt. Venice Turner twice. Then another big play by Jackson occurred when he took a pitch-out from Corwin and sprinted 40 yards for another paydirt. Jackson again kicked the point after and Big Red had a commanding 14-3 lead.

Frustration plagued Gold Machine’s quarterback Turk and his running tandem. Through the remainder of the 3rd quarter and all of the fourth, the team couldn’t muster much offense or a scoring threat. Big Red’s standout, Dibenedetto owned the middle. And, the secondary, led by free safety LtCol. Kevin Kennedy, covered Gold Machine’s receivers better than a glove.

Big Red controlled the ball throughout most of the fourth quarter hammering runs through the tired Gold Machine defense and running time off the clock. Tempers flared toward the games end, as victory was in Big Red’s hands. The final gun sounded

wn 14-3

and victory was all Big Red's.

So until another Oyster Bowl, officers from HQSVC Co. and A Co. own the bragging rights to gridiron play. And, for the Gold Machine, their agony of defeat came that evening while listening to their opponents gridiron heroics over steak, clams and "Oyster Rockefeller."



Capt. Jim Dibenedetto and 1stLt. Ricky Thompson were "Big Red" defensive standouts.



Capt. Mark Brilakis, Gold Machine running back, breaks upfield for a big gain. Capt. Dibenedetto make the stop.



Mighty Bravo

tops in Field Meet Competition



MCI Co. put forth effort in the tug-o-war, but just couldn't muscle their way to victory.

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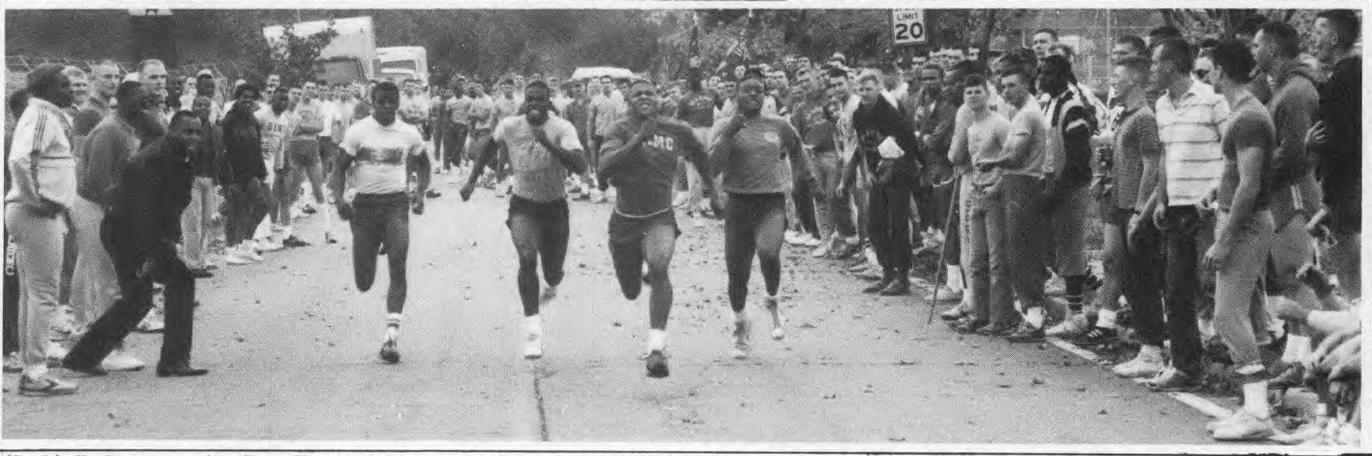
The men of mighty Bravo Company proved to be the Barracks' superior athletes, capturing first place by a wide margin in the battalion field meet Oct. 29.

B Co. dominated the events by taking six first places and six second places out of the 14 events. The team grabbed first in the sit-ups, bed race, 800 yard run, M16 rifle disassemble, tug-o-war and football toss. They also grabbed third place in the 100 yard run event. B Co's total points added up to 32; three points for each first place, two points for second, and one for third.

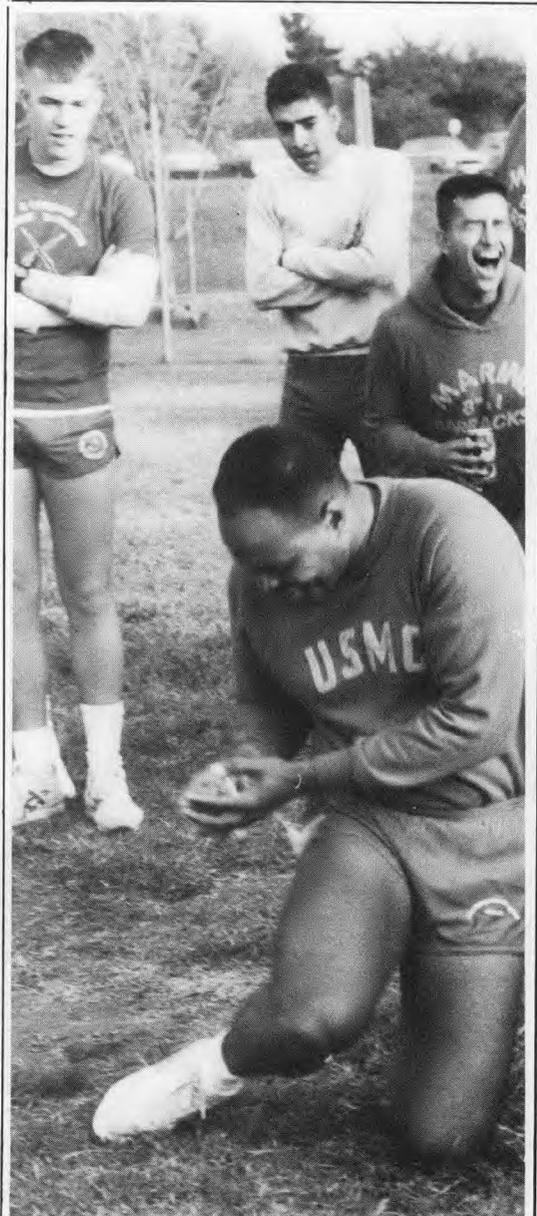
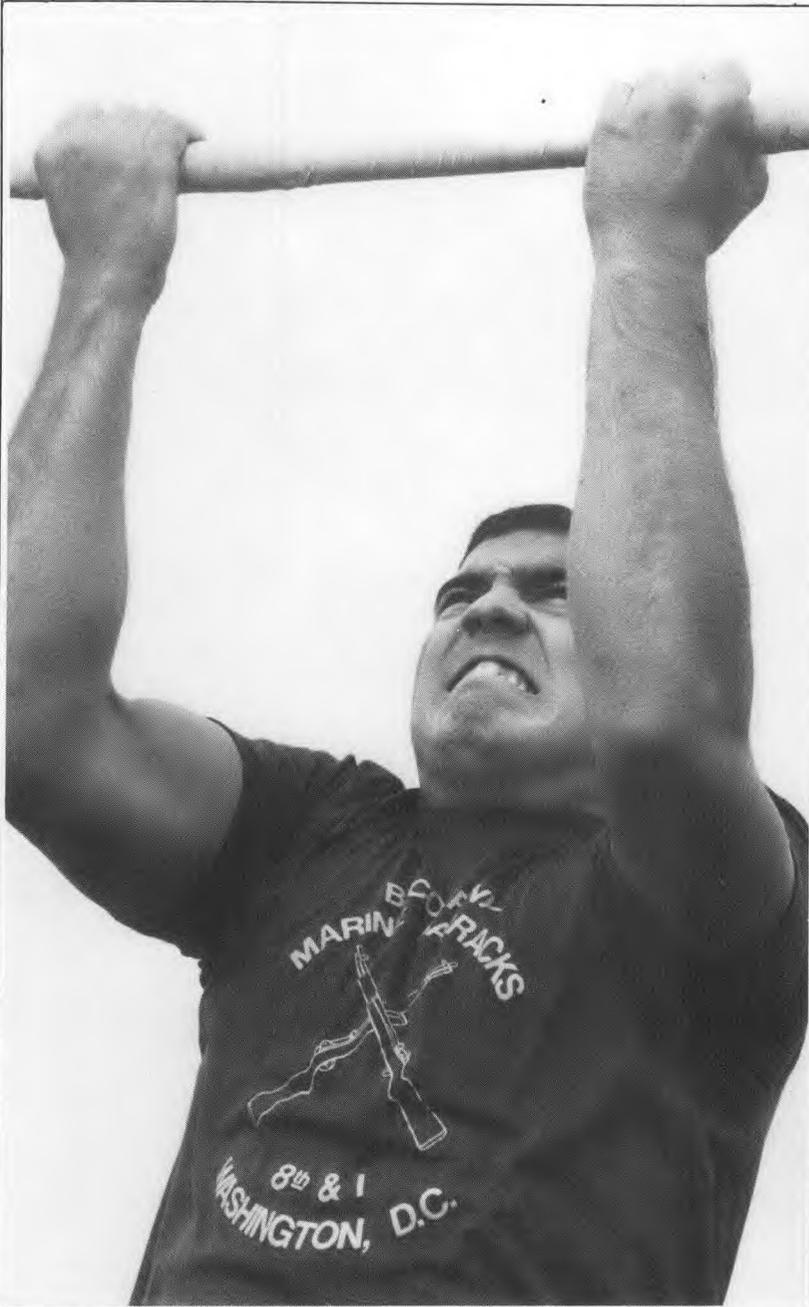
The Marine Corps Institute edged out A Co. on the final event of the day by taking second place in the football toss, A Co. placed third. MCI captured first places in the medley race, the egg toss, and the shelter half race. The team combined for a total of 21 points.

Third place A Co. took two first places in the .45 pistol disassemble and the poncho drag events. They were also competitive in the tug-o-war, 100 yard dash, 800 yard run, and the pull-ups, taking second in those events. They scored a total of 20 points.

Headquarters and Service Company placed a disappointing last. The team grabbed two first places as did A Co., however, they only took one second and two thirds adding up to a total of only 13 points.



(Left) B Co. won the Cart Race edging out the doomed MCI Co. team. (Above) HQSVC Co. finished last, but managed to win the 100-yard dash.



(Left) LCpl. Dennis Looney puts forth effort that made B Co. a winner, however, their Commander, Capt. Stanley Gray, got a little egged in the CO-1stSgt. egg toss event.

Service Members More Satisfied

by Evelyn D. Harris, AFIS

More than twice as many military men and women are satisfied with military life in 1985 than in 1978, according to a newly released survey of some 89,000 active duty officers and enlisted members.

In 1985, 33.1 percent of the enlisted men and 35.7 percent of the enlisted women who responded to the survey said they were either satisfied or very satisfied with life in the military. Only 17.1 percent of the enlisted men and 17.3 percent of the enlisted women said so in 1978. The corresponding figures for officers were 58.1 percent (men) and 59.1 percent (women) in 1985, versus 29 percent (men) and 37.7 percent (women) in 1978.

The survey asked active duty service members worldwide a wide range of questions concerning military life, from degree of overall satisfaction with that life to whether they had life insurance or had written a will.

This is the second time the military has commissioned such a survey, but the 1985 survey included more questions than the one in 1978. For the first time, the survey took responses from not only members themselves, but their spouses as well. The results from the spouse survey will be released later.

Very satisfied and satisfied response breakdowns by percentage for the Marine Corps — enlisted men, 33.7; enlisted women, 35.9; male officers, 65.5; female officers, 65.6.

Throughout the services, women are generally more satisfied than men with military life. Other highlights from the survey:

□ In a volunteer environment, average experience of enlisted personnel has increased, with fewer in lower pay grades; the number of officers and their experience remained more stable.

□ More minorities, particularly minority women, serve in the Armed Forces today than in 1978.

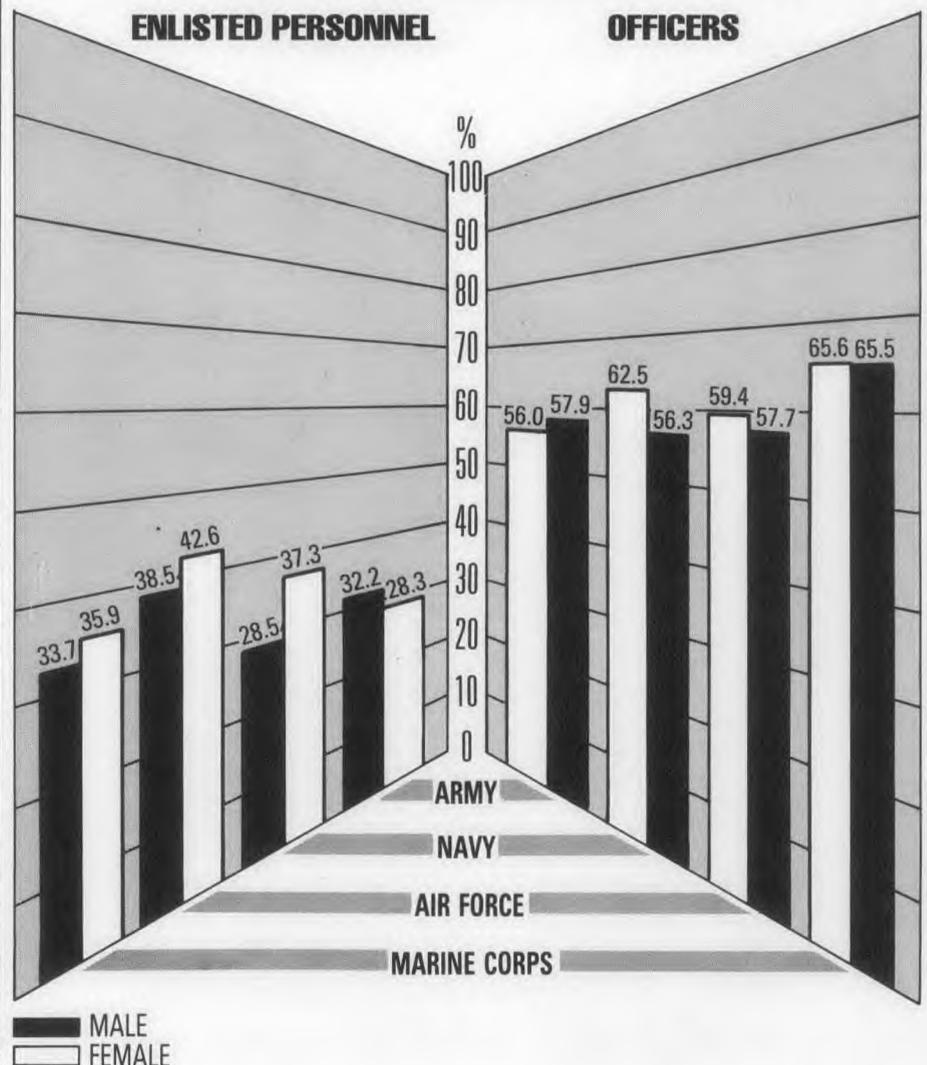
□ Both officers and enlisted personnel take advantage of in-service education programs. By the time they reach high pay-grade levels, most have completed education beyond minimum desired levels.

□ Approximately 98,000 of the military's 2.1 million members have active duty spouses.

□ More enlisted personnel said they were likely to join a National Guard or Reserve unit when they completed their active duty than in 1978. However, only 25 to 30 percent responded positively to this question.

□ The great majority of officers planned to serve at least 20 years, the minimum required for retirement, and a substantial number planned to serve longer. Of enlisted personnel, 22.6 percent said they were certain to

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reenlist.

- ❑ Most officers reported they could respond quickly to changes in work schedule, base recalls or unit deployment. More than half of the enlisted personnel said the same. However, 15 percent of enlisted personnel had no workable long-term dependent care arrangements, compared to 6 percent for officers. Personnel with military spouses were most likely to have satisfactory arrangements.
- ❑ The spouse's job was a substantial source of income for both married officers and enlisted personnel, especially in homes without children.
- ❑ Officers and enlisted personnel stationed in the continental United States were more willing to extend their current tour of duty than those afloat or overseas.
- ❑ Officers were more satisfied with their current location than were enlisted personnel, but the latter had fewer complaints about their last move.
- ❑ Female officers were much less likely than males to agree that their families would be better off if they left the military.

As many of you may have noticed, the Enlisted Club has had several functions. The Crush Party was held on Oct. 17. Due to lack of communication, however, the turnout was not as good as anticipated. Most of the Marines at the Barracks were not aware the party was taking place. The Crush Party will be an annual event. Hopefully next year the party will be a success.

A Halloween Party was held Oct. 31. Again, participation was poor. LCpl. Phair, representing HQSVC Co., won the Pumpkin Carving Contest. For those of you who participated in these two events, Thank You. For those of you who didn't, we need your participation in these functions and in the Enlisted Club itself.

The Advisory Board would like to extend a special "Thank You" to LCpl. Traylor, D&B, for helping with the decorations for the Crush Party. A job well done!

We are planning many functions for the beginning of 1987. If you have any

suggestions as to what kind of parties you would like to see, now is the time to contact your representative.

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Barracks News

Tutors Needed

"The Marines Have Landed And Pupils Are Learning to Read" — The "Washington Post," Nov. 25, 1982.

Similar headlines filled Washington area news programs and publications when "Operation Rescue" began four years ago.

In "First to Fight" tradition, 8th and I Marines responded to this first-of-a-kind operation and have continued volunteering their lunch hours as elementary school tutors each year.

Although emphasis is on reading, writing and mathematics, the Marines also serve as powerful influences for the first through sixth grades as role models.

Because the majority of the children come from single parent homes, where the adult is often gone to work, the children begin their schooling behind the power curve with no pre-training, completely ignorant of the alphabet or how to count.

The large numbers of these basically unprepared children create a stale environment for the teachers to adequately teach subjects appropriate for a specific age level.

Tutoring plays a critical part in bringing the students up-to-par, commensurate with the grade they are in.

The Public Affairs Office here is

seeking Marines to again serve as tutors for the 1986-87 school year at Birney Elementary School.

The teaching staff clearly understands that "the Barracks' mission comes first" and that sometimes "their" Marines will have to miss a day.

In the past transportation to Birney has been an obstacle. However, this year a Barracks shuttle will leave from under the bridge at 11 a.m. and return departing Birney at 1:05 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Marines of almost all ranks have participated since 1982 — some Marines, only temporarily, when they had the time. "But stresses Ms. Rose Gidderon, a Birney teacher, "all of the Marines' help is dearly appreciated.

Marines desiring to "tutor" should contact their first sergeants.

The Commandant's Birthday Message



10 November 1986

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

For 211 years, the cornerstone of our esprit has been a deep and abiding love of Corps and Country. To a Marine, this love knows no bounds. It is a way of life!

As we look upon the Marine Corps Color, with its many battle streamers, stars, and oak leaf clusters, it should remind us of our heritage, and the fact that we belong to the finest fighting organization in the world.

During our Corps' 212th year of service to the Republic, and my last as your Commandant, I ask all Marines to embrace those inspirational words from our hymn: "... first to fight for right and freedom and to keep our honor clean, we are proud to claim the title of United States Marine."

Happy birthday to all Marines and their families.

Semper Fidelis,


P. X. KELLEY
General, U.S. Marine Corps