

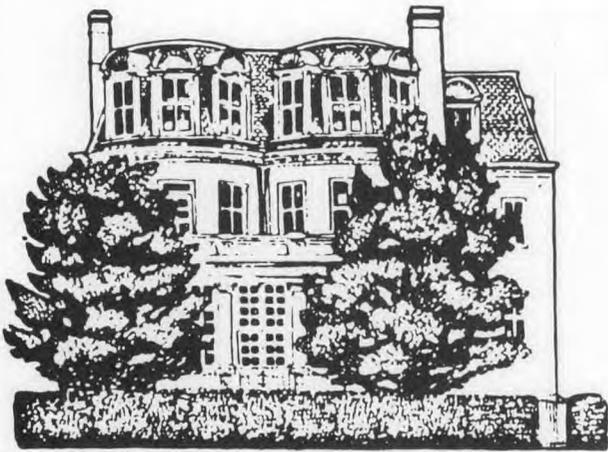
Pass in Review

Serving Marines at the "Oldest Post of the Corps"

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The Fort Henry Guard from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, came here on their traditional visit and showed their stuff. Pictured, a guardsman shows the technique of operating the six pound Armstrong field gun to Marines here. The Guard also showed more than just the operation of a cannon as they put on a joint ceremony with 8th and I's own before thousands during their week-long visit.

photo by SSgt. Matthew Perez

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Community Relations supports area activities. Pictured Cpl. Vince Dowd, grounds maintenance section, helping a youngster at the Center for Youth Services. This is just one example of support the Barracks provides to the community.

photo by SSgt. Matthew

Back

The bleachers come down as the parade season ends with a bang. Cpl. Charles Martin, maintenance section, and others participate in the traditional dismantling of the bleachers. Before a blink of an eye and a few snow falls, the maintenance section will be out on the parade deck again, this time assembling the bleachers.

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Viewpoint

ComRel

Keeping the Barracks a good neighbor through awareness, community support

by SSgt. Rick Odermann

Together, their efforts add up to immeasurable goodwill generated through personal interest in the community.

Children at Birney Elementary School remember the tutoring visits from the "big brothers and sisters" of the "Oldest Post."

Local merchants have provided candlelight dining in appreciation of their community support.

They — are you, the Corps' most effective instrument in Community Relations.

Community Relations can be called a "peace through awareness" program. On a broad scale it involves promoting positive public opinion of the military and ultimately support of a strong defense. Simply defined it translates to face-to-face, neighbor-to-neighbor interaction between civilians and local military commands.

The primary goal of an effective ComRel program is to touch base with all individuals or groups whose public opinion has an effect on the Marine Corps. While this is not always possible the alternative is to direct attention to key public organizations covering a wide range of interests.

A Public Affairs Office representative attends the bimonthly meetings of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. This is local government at the grass roots level and is important in keeping with the pulse of the neighborhood. Further liaison with the 1st Police District, Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals (CHAMPS), Uniformed Services Organization (USO) and city council assures that the Barracks is well represented and informed.

The diverse social and economic cli-

mate of Washington, D.C., places 8th and I Marines in a very unique location. On any given day, Marines can be found performing a variety of duties that include; welcoming foreign dignitaries, escorting beauty pageant contestants, volunteering lunch hours as tutors in local elementary schools or working with youth groups.

Many missions are high powered and Barracks Marines are often cast in the national media spotlight. The events and functions are the primary focus of the media hype. However, it is the individual Marines' enthusiastic participation and actions that project the positive image of the Corps to the public.

Some annual Barracks supported events influencing positive local attitudes towards the Barracks include: TRASHEX, a Spring cleanup campaign; Oktoberfest, an autumn festival held at the Eastern Market Square and the D.C. Safety Patrol Drill Parade, a competitive elementary school drill competition.

A demanding ceremonial season, myriad training and sudden individual ceremonial commitments cause necessary interruptions, delays and sometimes cancellation of community support. The mission comes first!...is the adage explained to all organizations requesting assistance.

While the effect of community service may not always be readily visible

it is none the less appreciated.

"We look forward to the Marines coming back this year," said Mrs. Rose Gidderon, a Birney Elementary School Teacher. "They are always superb and serve as role models for the kids. We love the Marines here and appreciate any help (tutoring) they can give us."

More than a dozen Marines volunteered and served as tutors either on a daily or part-time basis at Birney during the 1985-86 school year. The entire school turned out to show its appreciation to the volunteers through song and dance during a three-hour show at the end of the school year. Many of the students asked if their "teachers" would be back next year.

"The kids are enthusiastic. They make me want to return," said Cpl. Toni Pegues, a Headquarters and Service Company admin clerk. "It's a personally rewarding experience. There is not any one specific thing that makes me want to help out," she added. "I just enjoy helping others."

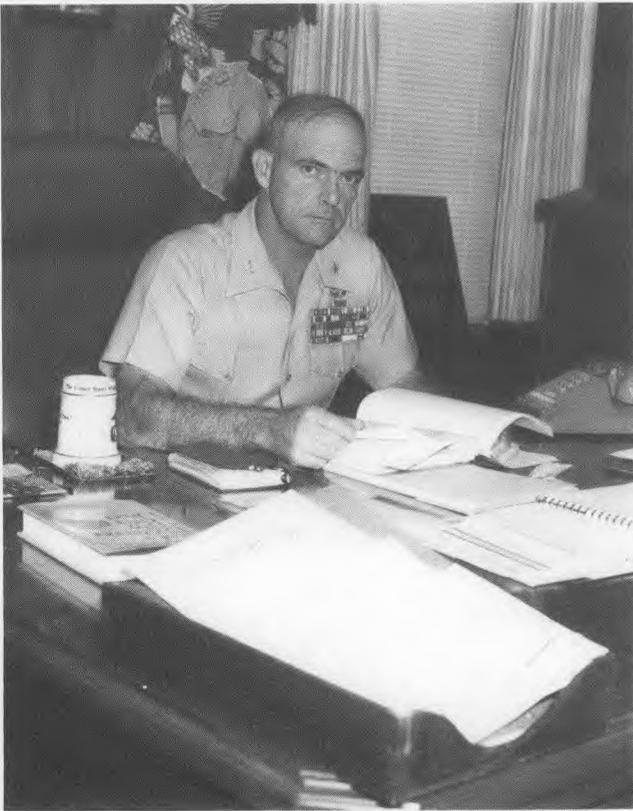
Few individuals, in the course of a lifetime, have the opportunity to affect as many people as does a Marine at 8th and I through their ceremonial and community service.

While most requests for community support don't involve long term commitments, the personal satisfaction from helping others can't be weighed.

"Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference to the world, but the Marines don't have that problem."

RONALD REAGAN
President

Commander's View



Col. D.J. Myers

The Commandant has asked me to pass on to all hands his most sincere congratulations for a very successful parade season. The dedication and support by all hands do more for our Corps that you will ever realize.

Now that the season is over we will turn our attention to our other missions at the Post. The rifle ranges, Company C, and WHEP training will all be programmed for the remainder of the year.

Many of you will be departing for the FMF where you will meet new challenges and adventures. From all reports, our Marines do very well in the FMF. That is as it should be.

Most of the new officers have already reported aboard and our screening trips for new troops have already started. It already looks great for next season.

Many of you have made the big decision to reenlist and the career planner has been swamped with applications. That's a great sign.

Together we have made many changes in the Barracks to eliminate irritants which can impede performance. That will continue! Our goal is to be the very best along with the being the "Oldest Post of the Corps."

Barracks Talk

Who do you think will win the World Series?



The California Angels because they're from California. Plus they have Reggie "Mr. October" Jackson and the veterans who really want it.

LCpl. R. Gear
A Company



The New York Mets. They've been my team since 1969. Davey Johnson's superior managing techniques and his computer will win it for them.

LCpl. Terry Young
Guard Section



The New York Mets because they have a great manager and the best pitching in baseball to go along with their strong bats.

Cpl. Ken Bruns
Operations



Gallantry

Recognized 19 years and a son later

by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

Quang Tri, Republic of South Vietnam, March 1967 — LCpl. Thomas E. Butt Jr., had only 28 days left to go on his one-year tour of duty when he set out with his platoon on what would be his final, fateful patrol.

Butt, a machine gun leader with Company I, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, was a seasoned combat veteran. He had seen intense fighting five or six times, but all he was looking forward to was going home. He got his wish that day, but only after being wounded four times by enemy gunfire. His platoon of 32 Marines was rushed at dusk by an estimated 250 North Vietnamese Army regulars.

Nineteen years later, on Sept. 5, 1986, the stage was set for yet another significant event in Butt's life. During the evening parade ceremonies held here, Butt was presented the Silver Star Medal by the Commandant of the Marine Corps for his actions that March 1967 evening, in the Quang Tri province.

Recognition to receive the third highest award for valor did not come easy for former Sgt. Butt. Nor, was it easy for his son Michael, who set out 10 months ago to find out why his father never received the award earlier.

"I was initially just interested in getting my father replacement medals for the ones that were lost," said the 18-year-old. "One day as I was in the pro-

cess of this, my grandfather asked about the medal dad was supposed to receive after this battle. As the story goes," continued Michael, "when dad was in the hospital recuperating, a buddy from his platoon that was visiting told him that he had been 'written up' for a high award. This intrigued me," he said. "I'd always been proud of my father's awards and this made me want to look deeper into this."

Michael began his trek through the

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halls of government in December 1985. His first contact was with his congressional representatives, who immediately looked into the matter.

Several days went by before Michael received a letter from the Decorations and Medals Branch at Headquarters Marine Corps. After receiving the correspondence, he contacted Col. Charles T. Sweeney, Special Correspondence Branch at Headquarters Marine Corps, and told him that he had some statements from veterans his dad served with. Col. Sweeney, impressed by this, told Michael to come in and

they'd meet with Decorations and Medals to see what could be done.

Research of his father's record book showed that no record of heroic action or recommendation for a high medal of valor existed. However, there was record that his father had participated in the battle.

"At first we told Michael we were sorry it would be very difficult for his father to receive the award," said Col. Sweeney. "There are time limitations for approving these types of awards. The recommendation had to be drafted within a three year period and the award could not be presented after five years," he said. "I wasn't concerned about the five year limitation, we could waiver that. Most importantly, however, we needed to find out if a recommendation had originally been submitted and if it had, who wrote it."

Col. Sweeney pulled the command chronology for Michael and he went on his way, researching more of the events.

After a number of large phone bills and 10 months of corresponding with government agencies, the impossible happened. Michael had not only contacted and received statements from five out of 10 survivors of the battle, but also found the officer who remembered writing up a recommendation for Butt in 1967. The first draft had apparently been destroyed during a mortar barrage on the company's command post.



Thomas E. Butt Jr., awarded the "Silver Star Medal."

photo by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

"I never really knew Michael was working on this," said Butt, "until one day when I saw the phone bill. I had to inquire about the calls to California, Texas, Oklahoma and Chicago.

LCpl. Butt was attached to the weapons platoon for Company I. Their mission was to set up night ambush sites in the dense jungle of Quang Tri. His platoon had been out on a five-day patrol when they set up camp that evening. They were due to return from the field the next morning, according to Butt.

"We knew they were in the area,"

said the 39-year-old. "We could tell the signs and smell the dope they'd get hopped up on before charging. They were close, but where, we didn't know."

As it turned out, the enemy was at the bottom of the hill. The Marines were on top.

"My machine gun team was up by the command post along with the 3.5 inch rockets," he recalled. "We spotted one of their scouts crossing the rice paddies below and he must of spotted us, because about that time we started receiving mortar rounds inside our perimeter. That's when we knew we were in for a real fight."

"We were isolated. It was just us, but we had all the support. I kept having to move my gun team to get the right approach on the advancing enemy. That was devastating, because they were really crawling on us then."

In the 90-minute firefight that followed, Butt's commanding officer, 2nd Lt. John P. Bobo, lost a leg when a mortar round exploded next to him. Refusing to be evacuated, Bobo tied off his leg stump with a belt and continued to fight until he was mortally wounded. For his actions, he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"We were isolated. It was just us, but we had all the support," remembered Butt. "I kept having to move my gun team to get the right approach on the advancing enemy. That was devastating," he said, "because they were really crawling on us then."

"A good buddy of mine was in rockets," he continued. "His whole team had been wiped out," he said. "He yelled over to me and asked if I could load for him. I said yea, I'll be right over."

As Butt put his gunner in charge of the team and moved every man up, the rocket launcher leader was killed instantly by a wound to the head. Butt, knowing they needed rocket support, then hurried over and began firing and loading rockets himself.

"As I was firing the rockets, I felt a burning in my arm," he said. "I didn't think anything of it at the time. I thought I had just been grazed."

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Gallantry

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Butt continued to fire rockets until he felt two other burning sensations in his right arm. "I had been hit two more times," he said. "This time I knew it was serious because my hand and arm started going numb."

After being hit for the third time and unable to man the rocket launcher, Butt headed back to the corpsman to seek medical attention.

"The corpsman wanted to medivac me out," Butt said. "I told him that I was alright. I had two new men on my gun team and I needed to get back and take care of them."

As he headed back to his machine gun he noticed Lt. Bobo. Unable to use his rifle, Butt needed to trade for a pistol. "I said, 'Lt. Bobo, I can't use my rifle let me take your pistol you take my rifle.' So, we traded," he said, "and I headed back to my team."

"As I came back around I saw that the first sergeant had been hit in the leg. He needed help badly so I pulled him back into some brush the best I could and bandaged him up," recalls Butt. "I told him he would have to hold the bandage and I yelled for a corpsman and started forward again," he continued. "At that time some of the NVA had gotten through our perimeter. I killed a few of them, but I knew then we were in real trouble."

Keeping low to the ground as he moved forward, Butt was hit for the fourth time. The round passed through his stomach and lodged in his right leg. "That one put me out of commission," he said. "I couldn't move and one of my new Marines helped medivac me."



"The next thing I remember," he said, "was waking up in the Da Nang hospital. I was award the Purple Heart by the general there."

Butt was transferred to a hospital in the Philippines and then to Bethesda Naval Hospital, Md., where he spend 13 months recuperating.



As he lay there he could only think about the men on the hill. "We lost some damn good men that night," he commented. "Lt. Bobo was one of the best. He taught us how to survive over there. He always listened to us, but when he spoke we treated him with respect," he added. "I would've followed him into hell with no problem."

After Butt was released from the hospital and active duty, he tried to forget about Vietnam as much as

possible. "I never pursued any award because of bad memories and because the opinion of the American public at the time was not very warm towards the serviceman returning home. I can remember a lot of bad scenes, newspaper articles and demonstrations, and how the Marines were treated when they returned to the states. Civilians used to throw dog food at returning Marines in protest," he added. "Hell, we were fighting for them. That was no way to treat us."

Thomas Butt is now a drafting engineer with the Bechtel Corporation, located in Gaithersburg, Md., His son Michael is a freshman at the University of Maryland.

"When I found out what type of man Lt. Bobo was and the other men on the hill that evening were, it struck up a strong sense of pride in me for my father," said Michael. "This award says something about my father's character. It says that he was extremely devoted to duty. He cared about the other men around him as much as he did himself — he was willing to risk his life to save theirs," he continued. "I just hope one day I can be half the caliber and quality of man my father is. I'd anything to keep up his honor."



Barracks News

Familiar Face assumes top Enlisted Post

T by GySgt. "Corty" Cortez

The continuation of personal and professional leadership remains the theme as Sgt. Maj. Lonnie R. Sanders assumed duties as the Barracks Sergeant Major during formal posting and relieving ceremonies here recently.

Sanders relieved Sgt. Maj. James W. Winborn who assumed duties as the Sergeant Major of Marine Security Guard School, Quantico, Va.

Sanders, a Oklahoma native, was previously the first sergeant of "B" Company here, a position he held for four years.

Duty at the "Oldest Post" is not totally unfamiliar to Sanders. As a sergeant, he was stationed here in the early 70s when he served as the Barracks ceremonial rifle inspector and section leader for the Silent Drill Team.

"That was personally one of the high points of my career as a young NCO," said Sanders. "It was then that I really began to understand the importance of personal self discipline," he added.

An 18-year veteran, Sanders initial assignment after recruit training was on sea duty aboard the USS Bennington. He subsequently saw combat with "G" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam. For his actions in Vietnam he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" and received a meritorious combat promotion to the rank of



photo by SSgt. Matthew Perez

Col. D.J. Myers, commanding officer here, presents the traditional sergeants major sword, symbolizing the top Enlisted Honors.

corporal.

The sergeant major has served in demanding duties such as drill instructor, recruiter and drill master of D.I. school.

"While my personal philosophy may be similar today, I've learned many things that added to my leadership style here at the Barracks," said Sanders. "Through example and styles demonstrated by my NCOs and SNCOs, I think the same type of sound leadership is still prevalent here at the Barracks today."

"Enlisted men and women should constantly look at their individual missions here. We have many," he continued. "Combined, they relate to

similar missions throughout the Marine Corps." Sanders stated his personal goal as the senior enlisted Marine at the Barracks was to continue striving for perfection.

"Whether you march, type, play and instrument or whatever here, you should strive to do it better every day," he said.

"We have the monumental task of representing our Corps to numerous diplomats, politicians and heads of state from throughout the world. What we do and how we do it gives them a perception of the state of our Corps. In the past we have performed well. As we strive for perfection we can only improve."



The Battle Color Detachment on the road again, in the air.

ON THE ROAD

— a learning experience

story and photos
by Sgt. Dave Sampson

The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment's East Coast Tour? Me! Why not? A chance to travel a bit, take a few photos and generally hang out, which is perfect for me. I'll just enjoy the sun, see a few old friends and just relax for five days. Everybody knows that the tour is big time liberty disguised as work, right? How wrong could I be.

In the five days that I had the "pleasure" of traveling with the unsung heroes of the Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Color Guard, I found new meaning for the words "Esprit de Corps" and professionalism.

Load the bus, unload the bus, load the plane, find a seat, unload the plane, load the bus, find the barracks,

find a rack — now comes sack time, right? As they say, **WRONG ANSWER!**

The smell of steam and spray starch, under arm deodorant and bug repellent filled the air as the minutes count down to show time. Parris Island, S.C., hot, humid and something I had not experienced in a few years, the joy of scratching mosquito bites. The sights and sound of the performance was very familiar to me, but woven into the background of D.I. covers and the smell of cash sales uniforms it became something very unique. Especially when I think of the recruits in the stands, the feelings they were experiencing. What it must be like to sit there and hear the music and glory in the color and pageantry of the Battle Color ceremony and the 200 plus years of tradition that they had agreed to uphold and build on.

Evening falls to the sound of taps and a new day begins to the sound of cadence being called on the parade deck. Now comes the easy part. **WRONG AGAIN!** Now its time to practice. Out on the parking lot, try to forget the Carolina sun cooking your brain, think of the music, the movements, the rifle toss, spinning and spinning the weapons until sweat becomes a second layer of skin.

Load the bus, unload the bus, show time. — Beaufort, S.C., another crowd waiting for the best of the best. Fight the rain and look for the lightning; press uniforms, polish shoes, get dressed, fall in. Back on the bus, load the plane, where are we going now?

Cherry Point, N.C., deluxe accommodations tonight, only six to a room. Midnight and settled in for the evening. Morning arrives as always with a trip to a new chowhall. The rou-



Loading, unloading.



Warming up before the show.

line begins. The irons, the edge dressing, the buffing and shining is a constant. The performance under Carolina blue skies is to my eye, flawless.

Just when the applause from the crowd is fading away and the congratulations are accepted, back on the bus, another show awaits under the lights at Havelock High just down the road.

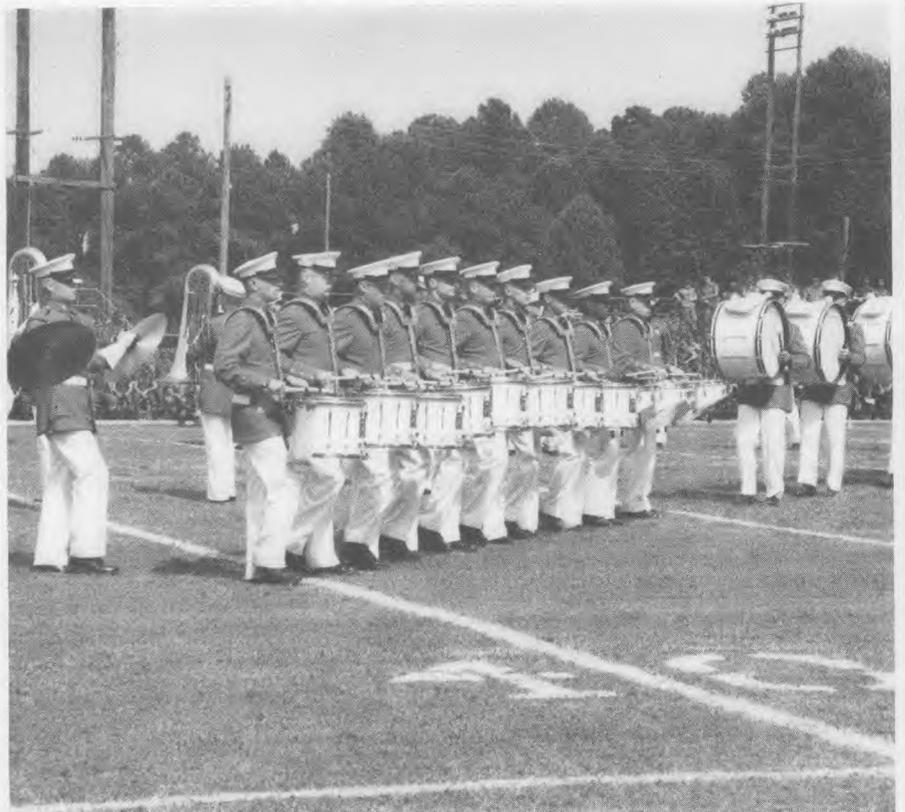
Good morning New River, N.C.! On the tarmac of the flight line the old familiar sun beaming down, the anticipation of the crowd and the performance, always the performance.

Camp Lejeune in the afternoon, a plane ride to Albany, Ga., and the week is drawing to a close. One last show. Press it out, shine it up and slap on the bug spray. A final plane ride and its home sweet home.

Whatever happened to the endless free time and working on your tan I ask?

Well, I learned a few things during my five days on the road. One is that it truly is time spent on the road. Constant traveling, constant packing and unpacking, chowhalls and parade decks.

The most important thing I brought back with me is a healthy appreciation for the amount of hard work that goes into performing seven times in five days, on the road. The Battle Color Detachment's reputation is constantly on the line. Every time its' members



What it's all about, the performance.

perform thousands of eyes are judging them — are they as good as everyone says they are? I wonder who's going to drop a rifle tonight?

Constant pressure to be the best. And, these folks respond to that pressure day in and day out, and without fail come out on top. A few times during the week I heard the comment,

“Does anyone really know what we go through on these tours?” Five days on the road? A piece of cake. FAR FROM IT! It's work, practice, dedication and to top it off, more work.

Does anyone really know what you go through on tour? Well, I know and all I can say is that your reputation for perfection speaks for itself, and more!

The Fort Henry Guard

"Thin Red Line" & "Drums"

photo and story
by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

The humid evening air is filled with excitement at the "Oldest Post." It's been a rainy/drizzly week of August, but that hasn't put a damper on this Friday Evening Parade. It's a "sellout crown," standing room only tonight.

The beat of drums and harmony of fifes and bugles can be heard at the south end of the parade square. This is an unusual sound for those who know 8th and I's performances.

Men, dressed in red, 1860s, English style uniforms, carrying "Snider-Enfield" rifles with fixed bayonets take center stage. Piercing the damp air, very unique, but distinct commands are voice — echoing throughout 8th and I's historic corridors and across the smartly clipped parade-grass, sacred to ceremonies here.

The sergeant of the unit, standing tall on centerwalk, gives commands in a high to low flexing tone, "RI
-----GHT,
SHOULDERS!...HRMS!"

"These aren't Marines," comments one spectator.

No, these aren't the blue/white, six-foot clad leathernecks that perform weekly throughout the summer. And, no the "President's Own" Marine Band, or the Drum and Bugle Corps haven't changed their musical format. And, the Corps will never

change the traditional "snap and pop" drill commands.

This is the Fort Henry Guard from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, the only unit to take "ceremonial" center stage other than Marines here at the "Oldest Post."

This was the scene Aug. 19 and 22 as the "Thin Red Line" and "Drums" arrived and performed at the Sunset and Friday Evening Parades as they've done every other year since 1955.

"The parade deck means a lot to us because we understand that the Iwo Jima War Memorial ground and the Barracks parade deck isn't just a piece of nice looking lawn, but it is something to respect."

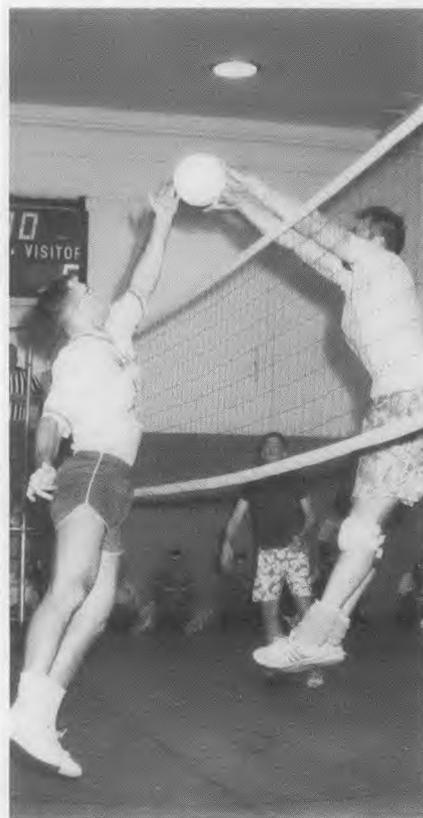
These joint performances have been a tradition since 1954 when ceremonial Marines from the Barracks traveled to Old Fort Henry and combined forces for a parade spectacular. The joint ceremonies have become events that both organizations cherish — one year taking place at Old Fort Henry and the next year here, and so on.

The Guard is a throw-back to 1867, wearing uniforms and carrying equipment of that era. From the red-woven-wool jackets, worn by the men in the "Thin Red Line," to the coal-black six pound Armstrong guns, to precision drill movements and musical

presentation, the Guard has returned back in time.

The Guard, inaugurated in 1938, performs three times weekly throughout July and August at the Fort. Yearly more than 165,000 people visit the Fort that sits looking out over the mouth of the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario.

A total of 140 university, college and high school students make up the



Volleyball was the Canadians forte.

Combining with 8th and I's own for a parade spectacular!

Guard. Loads of applications come in yearly to be a part of the organization, but only a handful are selected to the open slots.

Each Guardsman has to be proficient, not only in the precision drill and maneuvers of either the Drum (fife and drum band) or the drill squad, but also in the movements of the 24-pounder gun drills and the six-pounder Armstrong field gun drills, sentry duty and in the giving of guided tours at the Fort.

Even though a steady rain put a damper on the Guard's visit here and the traditional festivities, it never affected the joint performances at the Iwo Jima War Memorial or the Friday Evening Parade or the friendship the two units feel for each other.

Though softball and soccer games were "rained out," intense "friendly" competition took place at the volleyball and basketball events. The Marines crushed the Canadians in basketball, but volleyball was a different story. The Armstrong gun competition event was all Fort Henry Guard as they captured that crown by defeating an inexperienced Marine team. Fort Henry again grabbed the overall title. But, there's always next year!

As the Marines here played host to the Guard this year, the Battle Color Detachment will be host at Fort Henry next year. And, like always, they'll be hosted with the same hospitality the Guard was shown here.



The "Thin Red Line" of the Fort Henry Guard performs before a packed house at the Friday Evening Parade.

MotorT

The season just begun

story and photos

by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

The sun breaks through the waning darkness as it grows on the eastern horizon. Its head warms the humid-summer, Washington air, drawing sweat off the men dressed in green camouflage working about below.

Much like the blue/white clad marching Marines most visible to visitors here, these leathernecks must prepare their uniforms and equipment for the parades as well. Washing, waxing and driving six ton personnel carriers is their forte.

Motor Transport, the section on wheels, is up before dawn again, and they'll be up well after dusk this Friday — transporting the evenings guest to and from the parade here.

Other than working the Sunset and Friday Evening Parades throughout the summer, "Wheels D'Oldest Post" puts rubber to the road more than 600,000 miles yearly — driving the ceremonial Marine to the grounds they perform on.

"Fridays are a blessing during parades season," said MSgt. Ron Wagner, Motor Transport NCOIC, "because the event is here at the barracks. Now that the season is over, the commitments get even heavier for us. Now, it's section here and section there, instead of the whole battalion going somewhere," added the 23-year MT veteran.

The first couple months are the



L.Cpl. Wayne B. Sanchez, makes sure his vehicle is presentable.

most hectic," attests Sgt. Stanley E. Melvin, platoon sergeant for the section. "The packs might be off a little at the Barracks, but for us, with field training and the extra commitments, it makes our job even tougher."

To get men and equipment to destinations, the section has 14 buses (mini and regular), six "metro" vans, five cargo trucks, four vans, seven sedans/station wagons, three pickups, four fork lifts and 41 men to operate it.

"Safety is one of our main concerns," said Wagner. "Considering the traffic in the area and the number of miles we drive, we do pretty damn good."

Recently 17 drivers from the motor pool were cited for their driving safety after 5,000 miles. This is an "in house" award, according to Sgt. Andy

Patterson, head dispatcher for the section. But, they can also receive safety awards from the Navy.

"On the average each driver will put between 10-11 hours daily on the road," says Patterson. "And monthly, they can drive between 1,500 to 2,000 miles."

"There's not many days we're not on the road," said Wagner. "Weekends, holidays, it doesn't matter. When people are finished with their jobs we're still working," he added. "Preparing the vehicles for the next trip or transporting another section to another destination."

And, the Motor Transport section will continue to work through the Fall, Winter and Spring — through the waning morning hours and into the night.



LCpl. John M. Lee washed the windows on a bright Friday Parade morning.

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Facts

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USO's programs help service personnel and their families cope with the rigors of military life such as frequent relocations, long separations, isolation, and the problems of adjusting to new communities and cultures with different languages and customs.

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mal education classes and recreational events are among the many USO services. In cooperation with the Department of Defense, USO sends contemporary American entertainers overseas to help break the emotional fatigue of servicemembers in remote duty stations.

USO is the civilian link to the military. It receives no direct money from the government, but rather from individual and corporate contributions and the United Way. USO strives to broaden cooperation between military and civilian communities and provide civilian atmosphere for those service personnel who need an alternative to the military environment.

USO today in peacetime is closely aligned to military troop strength worldwide. For many in the service, USO is the only place they can go for support, comfort, and relaxation. By assisting with family and off duty

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Navy League

8th & 1 Marine named "Marine of the Year"

Each year, the Navy League's District of Columbia Council recognizes outstanding Marines and sailors from each of the major commands in the Washington area. The individuals are selected by their commands and each is presented with a personalized Navy League Plaque and a \$500 savings bond.

The Marine selected and receiving

the award for Marine of the Year 1986 was Cpl. Steven L. Thompson, S-4 here. He was recently presented the plaque and bond by Mr. Burton Lee Doggett, President of the Council.

Thompson has established a superlative record as a Marine who obtained first class results in all areas. As a clerk in the S-4 office here, he pre-

pares all correspondence, fiscal reports and transportation requests. Thompson is also very active in the community. He coached a basketball team in Arlington County and most importantly, he serves as Chief Instructor for the Young Marines Program at the Barracks.

"I was shocked to know I was nominated," said Thompson. "I didn't know anything about it until it went up to Headquarters. I felt very proud to know my accomplishments haven't gone unseen," he said. "Not that I was doing this to be noticed, but it's nice to know that there are organizations like this that recognize Marines on the job and the extra things that we do."

Newsline

Programs to Reduce Tobacco Use

(HQMC) - A new health program has been established in the Navy and Marine Corps designed to improve the health of our military personnel by reducing the usage of tobacco products and, thereby, creating a healthier work environment.

The tobacco prevention program is part of the Department of Defense's overall health promotion that will affect active duty Marines and families, retirees and their families, and civilian employees. The policy in the Marine Corps is to promote positive educational awareness and professional assistance in smoking cessation.

Medical evidence reveals that the use of tobacco products has a negative impact on health and readiness. According to a government survey, 43 percent of active duty Marines smoke. To reduce this percentage, extensive educational efforts will be conducted at all levels of the Marine Corps. These actions include the establishment of a permanent tobacco prevention and cessation program at all bases and installations, in addition to instruction and education on the hazards of tobacco use and nicotine addiction and its impact upon readiness.

Although participation in these corrective programs is voluntary, Marines and members of their families who want to stop smoking or using tobacco products are encouraged to take advantage of the counseling and guidance available. Local community resources, such as the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, as well as the Navy Medical Treatment Facility, are available to

smokers who need help.

As part of the effort to create a healthier work atmosphere, smoking will not be allowed in places such as conference rooms, auditoriums, gymnasiums, libraries, berthing spaces where smoking and non-smokers jointly reside and on public transportation. Smoking areas may be designated within work buildings, dining facilities, ships and aircraft only when the health of non-smokers is not threatened.

The new smoking policy will be forthcoming in a Marine Corps order on health promotion ALMAR 098/86 discusses current information and policy.

Corps Chowhalls Turning to Civilian Enterprise

(HQMC) - Marines at some commands who hoped to avoid mess duty may be disappointed, at least for a while.

Over the past several months, the Marine Corps has been progressively converting messhalls to civilian contracts. To date, conversions have taken place at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., Marine Corps Air Station, New River, N.C., Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., and Marine Corps Development and Education Center, Quantico, Va.

Additional conversions that may take place during fiscal year 1987, providing funds are available and contracts are successfully completed, are at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Az., Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hi., and Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, S.C.

Approximately \$2 million has been

spent on the conversions for fiscal year 1986.

The Camp Geiger messhall at Camp Lejeune was the first contract completed. "The messhall at Camp Geiger is a big one," said BGen. Joseph P. Hoar, director of Facilities and Services Division, HQMC. "It serves Infantry Training School students and the 8th Marines. At Camp Geiger, the ITS students attend school without standing mess duty. This meant that the FMF Marines had to carry more than their share of the load."

"The messhalls at Courthouse Bay at Camp Johnson (also at Lejeune) are going to be full service, completely run by civilian contract help," said Mr. Vince Walls, assistance deputy chief of staff, Installations and Logistics, HQMC. "Marine engineers and supply personnel are in a classroom environment at those locations, and the contract is designed so that students, faculty or staff will no longer be required to stand mess duty."

Meanwhile Marines on the West Coast stand mess duty both as recruits and then again as they go through ITS at Camp San Onofre, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"Camp Pendleton is ready to change over," said BGen. Hoar. "It's a matter of the availability of funds, not only for additional conversions, but also to continue paying for the contracts awarded so far."

For fiscal year '87, \$11.56 million has been requested for the commercial activities program, of which the messhall conversions are a significant part.

"Until the actual allocation is determined, we can't project how soon we can convert the remaining messhalls," said Walls. "The range of bids from local contractors can also vary from area to area, and this can affect the conversions at some commands," he continued. "For example, at some places we've had contract bids come

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in lower than estimated and others higher. It really depends on the local market. Until the contracts are actually awarded, we don't know how much money is going to be spent for a particular messhall."

"If some bids come in low, we'll be able to do more sooner. If they come in high, we won't be able to continue conversions at the pace we'd like," Wall said.

When the transition is completed in fiscal year 1988, about 2,100 Marines will be freed of messhall duty. Messhalls overseas, aboard ships and in the field will not be affected by the changes, nor will the messhalls at Marine Corps Recruit Depots San Diego, Calif, and Parris Island, S.C.

LCACs arrive at CamPen ready for duty

(HQMC) - The U.S. Navy's first Air Cushion Landing Craft recently arrived at a new support facility at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., the permanent home of Assault Craft Unit Five.

The three amphibious assault vehicles were delivered to the Pacific Fleet in Panama City, Fl., and were transported to the West Coast onboard the USS Germantown (LSD-42).

ACU 5 was based at the Naval Coastal systems Center during its training, operational and testing stages. The unit consists of six officers and 140 en-

listed personnel.

The LCAC's mission is to transport weapon systems, equipment, cargo and personnel of the assault elements of the Marine forces from ship to shore and across the beach.

The craft rides on a cushion of air over water and land, regardless of water depth or type of terrain. Its capability to launch amphibious assaults from points over the horizon, from 25 to 50 miles off shore, has made it the most dramatic innovation in amphibious warfare technology since the helicopter.

A total of 90 LCACs are needed by the Navy and by 1993, the Camp Pendleton facility is expected to house 45 LCACs and approximately 600 personnel.

To accommodate LCAC's on the East Coast, a second Assault Craft Unit formed at Panama City eventually will be located at Little Creek Amphibious Base, Va.

Club Beat

From the Enlisted
Club Advisory
Board President

Hurry!
MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY TICKETS

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Tickets on sale now in the Club Office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays until Oct. 30.

Celebrate the Corps 211th Birthday.

The Enlisted Club, thus far, has had a very successful year. As of August, our year to date profit was \$6,500. Now that Parade Season is behind us, the Enlisted Club Advisory Board and Managers are working very hard to organize fun and interesting functions.

There was a Bosses Night on 24 September 1986. It was very successful. We urge you to participate in these functions. Every Wednesday night there is a D. J. who plays from 7-11 p.m. and it is also pitcher night. A Halloween Party is currently in the planning stages. If anyone has any suggestions for the party contact your representative.

There will be a Crush Party held on 17 October 1986. The purpose of a Crush Party is to invite people you have a so called "CRUSH" on to the Enlisted Club for this party. The way it works is you get someones name and address who you would like to

attend and turn it in to your Enlisted Club Representative. Your representative will turn the name over to the President of the Board and an invitation will be sent out to this person. This person will not know who sent the invitation unless you tell them yourself. On the night of the party there will be designated Marines to escort the guests into the Club. Also, there will be a D. J. and a buffet. In order for this to be a successful party we need Enlisted Club patrons participation. As of this time there have been 50 invitations sent out.

If there is a band you want to appear at the Club, get their business card. All bands must have a manager. Turn these cards in to your representatives.

The Club has installed a new pool table and new video games for the game room. It would be in everybody's best interest to take care of these new items. There has been a lot of vandalism in the Club over the past

Sports

year. We realize the Club will not always make a profit, but it cannot keep running if our expenses are going to exceed our income. The bottom line is the Enlisted Club will not tolerate vandalism!

QBI is coming to our Club in November. QBI involves computer terminals and live football games on television. What happens is a player will try to guess a play that the quarterback is going to call. By guessing correctly, you will receive points. At the end of the year, the person with the highest score throughout the U. S. will win a championship ring. And there are also other prizes to win. People can also compete with each other playing the trivia countdown. Come in when they arrive, and see how much fun these games can be!

For your information, the Advisory Board meets at least once a month. Any suggestions you may have for the Board must be turned in to your representative. Too many times Marines complain about the activities in the Club, at the same time these Marines don't provide any input to their representatives as to what activities they would like to have take place. In the past, advertisements have not always been done in an appropriate manner. Together as a Board, we are working on this problem. It is vital that you give input to your company representative and to use the suggestion box located in the Club. There have been newsletters in the past posted in company areas and posted on the bulletin board in the Enlisted Club. Read them and become familiar with the Club's activities. There will be either a newsletter or minutes of the Advisory Board meetings posted each month. The Enlisted Club belongs to all of us. It can be fun or boring depending on how we make it. Let's have more participation!

"B" Company takes crown,

Upsets D&B in championship 7-5

In a rainy, prolonged softball season, marred by rescheduled games and forfeitures, "B" Company came out of the pack with their bats held high and the softball crown to boot.

After trouncing arch-rivals "A" Company in the semi-finals, mighty Bravo went on to unload their momentum on the Drum and Bugle Corps, whipping them decisively 7-5. By most standards this was the biggest upset of the intramural season.

The Drum and Bugle Corps entered the four team tournament with a solid 8-1 record and seated as number one. The team was clearly the most dominant throughout the season. But, B Company, a team seated in a tie for third, was out to make believers out

of all participants that their so-so 7-4 record was better than it appeared.

"Our bats just couldn't get going," said SSgt. Al Taylor, D&B shortstop. "Our defense was solid as always, but sometimes the hits just seem to drop in."

The hits definitely fell in against Headquarters and Service Company, as D&B rolled over that team in the semis. And the hits dropped in for them most of the season. Their only loss was to A Company and it was attributed to a break down in defense, according to Taylor.

However, the "seasons not over until the lady sings," said the B Company team as they went on to steal the crown.

Combined Federal Campaign

Make the Difference in Someones Life

by Sgt. Dave Sampson

Make a dream come true. That's the theme of this year's Combined Federal Campaign. Since 1964 CFC has been a way for federal employees to contribute to the voluntary organization of their choice and truly make a positive difference in someones life.

This year's CFC for Marine Barracks, 8th and I, is scheduled for Oct. 14-28. During that time you will be contacted by your CFC representative and asked to contribute in any way you can. And, the choice is yours as to how much of a contribution you want to make and which of the over 400 participating organizations will receive your gift.

The best part of the CFC is that it is so easy to help someone who really needs it. Payroll deduction is the easiest way. By pledging support through

payroll deduction you are able to spread your donation over the entire year in relatively small amounts. It makes sense to provide year round support for a great network of voluntary agencies helping people every day of the year.

It's good to know when you give a dollar that dollar is well spent. The cost of the CFC is very small, only four cents of every dollar goes for campaign expenses. The rest goes to strengthening family life, rehabilitation of the handicapped, and assistance to children, the elderly, the ill.

For those in need, so much more will be required in 1987, from the agencies delivering services, so much more will be asked. Your gift to CFC will make a difference. Help make a dream come true.

