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C.O.'s View

During the month of October, Barracks Marines displayed exceptional versatility. You looked immaculate at ceremonies and were covered with mud in the field.

Ceremonies were numerous. The Band began its annual two-month concert tour, this year concentrating on the Northeast. The D & B spent 18 days at the Texas State Fair; SDP travelled to Nevada, New York and New Jersey and you performed a special parade on Oct. 18 for the Inter-service Correspondence Exchange hosted by MCI. The parade was excellent and provided us an opportunity to say thanks to our MCI Marines for all of their support during the recent parade season.

Training in Basic Warrior Skills began. You travelled to Quantico, Ft. Meade, Marine Barracks Annapolis, and Ft.

Pickett to refresh old skills and learn new ones. Live fire included M-16 rifles, M-9 pistols and hand grenades on both static ranges and during fire team and squad tactical exercises. Individual skills in land navigation were emphasized. In addition, Marines from companies "A" and "B" participated in II MEF's Combined Area Operation 1-89 and other contingency training exercises.

November will be a special month. The Marine Barracks enlisted birthday ball, the headquarters Marine Corps birthday ball, and Camp David's birthday ball will give us ample time to celebrate our heritage and maintain our ceremonial skills.

We'll be going on Barracks foot marches and continue to train you in the skills you need to survive and win in battle.

We were very fortunate to



Col. Peter Pace

hear our Commandant speak to us on Oct. 11 at the Barracks and on Oct. 19 at Camp David. Gen. Gray's message is clear -- he is extremely proud of all that you do for our Corps...so am I!

Barracks Talk

What do you think about the new warrior training?



Cpl. Greg Harper, A Co.

"Our first priority here is ceremonial commitments. We don't have time for it."



LCpl. Daniel Lettner, H&S Co.

"It's a good idea. It gets the Marines out in the field."



PFC David Jurpik, B Co.

"It's a good way to keep what you've learned fresh."

In the arena

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again... who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the least knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while doing greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory of defeat." -- Teddy Roosevelt.

We are the "doers of deeds" that Roosevelt talks about. In a society increasingly centered on self-interest, we have made the decision to "do something" by serving in the Marine Corps. The day each of us made that conscious decision to join the Marine Corps we were transformed from "critic" to "man in the arena". We choose to support one of our beliefs with action -- the belief that the freedoms of this country are worth protecting.

It's easy to sit in a comfortable armchair and *talk* about how America should carry out foreign policy. It's easy to walk around a college campus and *talk* about world peace. It's easy to eat a hearty meal and *talk* about feeding the hungry. Being a critic is easy. Words alone require no action, no sacrifice. There is no personal risk, no cost to expressing a particular point of view. For the man in the arena, everything has a cost. Words are backed by actions. There is a dedication to solving problems and a willingness to work at correcting inequities. So, too, there is a price to pay for being a Marine.

In a democratic nation, the military lifestyle is a contradiction of democracy. We sacrifice many of the personal freedoms that we protect for others. That is the nature of our work -- a military unit can't function by popular vote. It means committing to service for several years, being away from home and tolerating spartan living

conditions. It means following the orders of those appointed above you. It means accepting responsibility for those Marines under you. It means potentially risking your life for what you believe in.

The fight isn't always pretty and we don't always win. We go where our nation asks. We don't decide which battles to fight and which to avoid. Our elected officials decide that for us. Sometimes we are criticized by our fellow citizens for carrying out our duties. We fall short on occasion, but our goal is always perfection.

But there are rewards, too. Marines who proceeded us left a reputation for tenacity and dedication that is our heritage. As an organization we know the, "triumph of high achievement". Many times we have won the respect of our nation for doing our duty. There is the camaraderie of working with other Marines. We can feel a sense of satisfaction that comes from serving an ideal greater than that of self-interest. These are the feelings that come with being in the arena. These are the "great enthusiasms and great devotions".

It is an honor to be a man in the arena. A pleasure to be a part of the "worthy cause" that is the Marine Corps. As Marines we can count ourselves amongst those in our society who take action to support their beliefs. Our place will never be, "with the cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat". In short, the satisfaction of being a Marine can't be felt from an armchair.

Capt. M.D. Visconage

F e a t u r e



LCpl. Anthony Wolf spends some time with veteran Salvatore Castrataro.

Remembering those who went before us

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The Marine is from 8th & I and is one of many who participate in the new Veteran's Administration Hospital Visitation Program.

"The Marines have been excellent," said Monsignor Joseph A. Law, chief of the Chaplain's Service at the VA Hospital. "They charged in, took control and seemed to fit right in. Veteran's groups do a lot of volunteer work here, but this is unique because it involves active duty military people."

The visitation program was set up by the Barracks Chaplain's Office and the Chaplain's Office at the VA. Once a month approximately 10 Marines from the Barracks spend an afternoon with the patients at the hospital. Most

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Cpl. Robert Sonnemann listens to Ivan Elchibegoff.



Joseph Johnson has a talk with LCpl. Michael Hamilton.

of the time it is little more than talk.

"I let them start off the conversation," said "A" Co.'s LCpl. Michael Hamilton. "They tell a lot of war stories from when they served but we also talk about sports."

Hamilton, a 19-year-old native of New Orleans, La., has attended all of the visits so far. "I like doing things for other people and I know that it makes them feel pretty good when a youngster comes to visit -- it gives them a little spirit," Hamilton said.

"One guy I visited during the first visit recognized me during the second visit and was very happy to see me. They pep up when they see us younger guys walking around in uniform," Hamilton added.

Barracks' Chaplain LCmdr. James Griffith and Law agree that the visitation program offers the patients a respite from their daily lives.

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their problems," Law said. "It really bolsters their morale. The patients are generally delighted with the visits. They see themselves in their visitor's youth and many of them recall their own military days."

"The visits let the patients know that somebody is willing to take the time to talk to them," Griffith said. "The youthful enthusiasm of the Marines provide the camaraderie and esprit de corps many of these patients are missing."

The veterans are not the only ones who benefit from the visits. "I like going on the visits because it makes me feel good," Hamilton explained. "I've also been given some good advice by these guys -- everything from business to how to live a long, healthy life."

When it comes to long life some of the veterans at the hospital qualify as experts-- there are several that are more than 100-years-old. These are the veterans from WWI.

"The Marines I have talked with seem to enjoy the visits and

talking to veterans from WWI and WWII -- the guys that have been to the places these young guys have only heard about," Griffith said.

The program has been supported well by the Barracks and, according to Griffith, the companies have been very good at allowing people to make the visits.

Visits to the hospital are being planned for future months. Marines interested in going on the next visit should contact the Barracks Chaplain's Office at 433-6201. The visits are usually limited to approximately 15 Marines.

The young Marine laughs at a humorous incident of the veteran's service life. They shake hands as the young man stands. He rests his hand on the vet's shoulder as he bids him farewell-- moving on to talk with another one of the hospital's veteran's.

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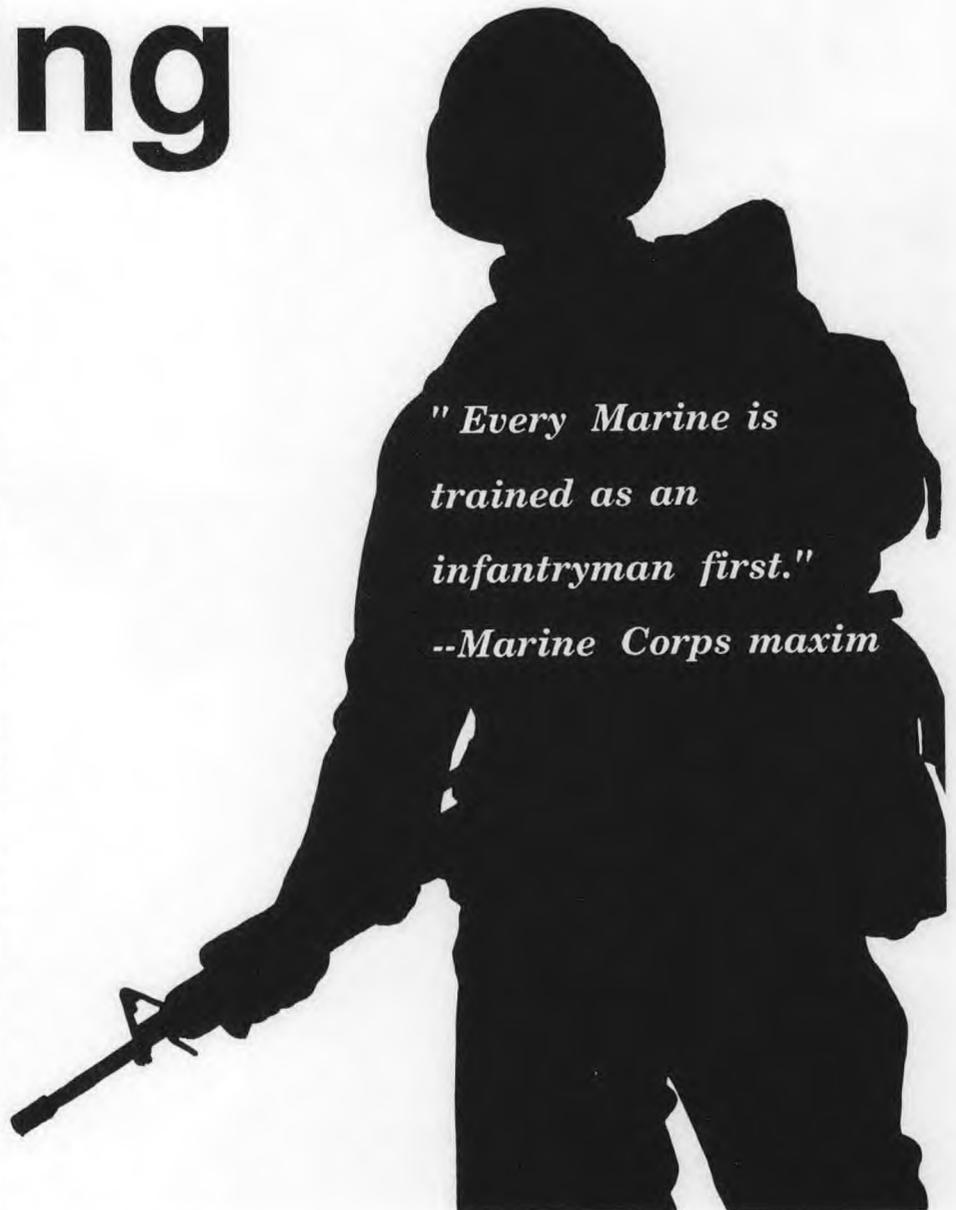
Marine Band PAO

H&S Marines start warrior training

Keeping in step with the rest of the Marine Corps, H & S Co. began intensifying its field training in October when the company threw hand grenades and went through a land navigation course at Marine Corps Combat Development Center Quantico, Va.

The step-up in infantry oriented training is part of a Barracks wide effort to keep in step with the rest of the Marine Corps as it complies with Gen. A.M. Gray's new warrior training programs.

"Rear area security is the big newsmaker in the Marine Corps today," said Maj. M.J. Godfrey, H & S Co.'s commanding officer. "I plan to get all of my Marines into the warrior syllabus in the following months. We're going to train with weapons and field marches first. When we've got that down we're going to move into tactics. Offensive tactics will also be a high priority. When combat service support elements get hit they will become more involved in offensive combat than defensive combat because, in



"Every Marine is trained as an infantryman first."

--Marine Corps maxim

effect, they will be counterattacking."

The purpose of the training was to refresh the Marines' knowledge of land navigation and the M-47 fragmentation grenade. Godfrey explained how this training will tie into future field instruction.

"To accomplish any mission in combat you need to be proficient with the tools you are

working with, which are, of course, your weapons," Godfrey said. "Many Marines have never fired the M-60 machinegun or thrown a grenade, so we're going to give them a little trigger time and expand their knowledge of weaponry."

"Land navigation will also be stressed because the ability to use your weapons is ineffectual if you can't get to where the battle is."

"We will be building on past training by learning higher land navigation skills and new weapons systems. The land navigation will be increasingly more difficult each month. Eventually we will tackle all of the officers' land navigation courses at The Basic School, including the night movement course."

For some Marines, who previously had only seen pictures of fragmentation grenades in the Essential Subjects Book, it was

the first time they had ever thrown a real grenade.

"Throwing the grenade was the best part of the training," said LCpl. Donna Hayes, a clerk in the Adjutant's office. "The Commandant said that one of the main purposes of all of this training is to teach Marines so when they reach leadership positions they have the knowledge to teach others. I had never thrown a grenade before and now I know how and could teach others how to do it."

Cpl. Reginald Howell, a service record book clerk in the administrative office thought the land navigation course was good refresher training for the Marines.

"The last time many of these Marines practiced land navigation was in boot camp," said Howell who served as an instructor on the course. "It's surprising how many of them had forgotten some of the basics."

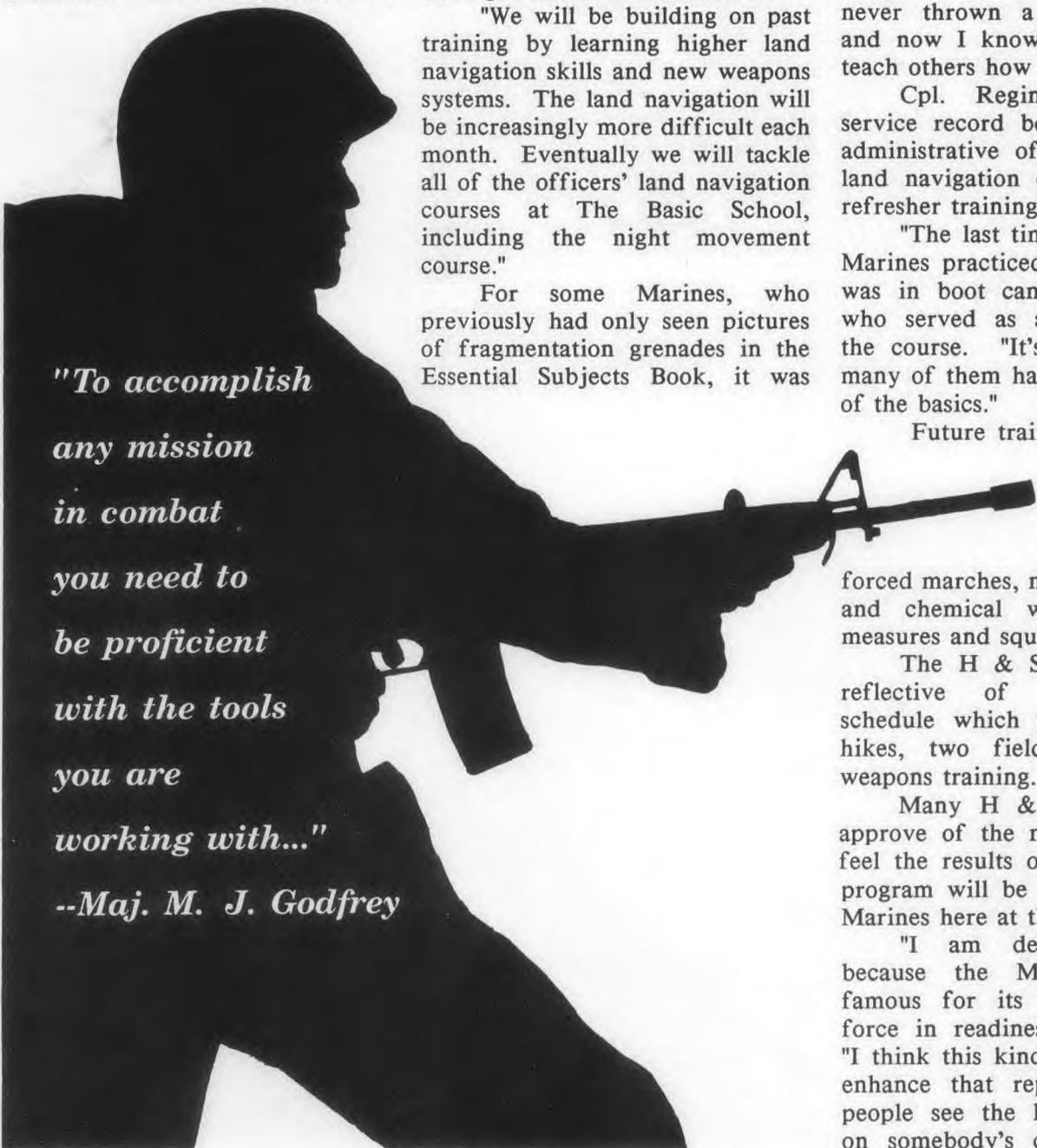
Future training will include

forced marches, nuclear, biological and chemical warfare counter-measures and squad tactics.

The H & S Co. training is reflective of the battalions' schedule which calls for several hikes, two field exercises and weapons training.

Many H & S Co. Marines approve of the new training and feel the results of the intensified program will be beneficial to the Marines here at the Barracks.

"I am definitely for it because the Marine Corps is famous for its reputation as a force in readiness," said Howell. "I think this kind of training will enhance that reputation. When people see the letters 'U.S.M.C.' on somebody's chest they think



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--Maj. M. J. Godfrey

they're always training in the field -- unfortunately that's not always true."

Hayes said that the field training is what separates Marines from those in other services, who just concentrate on their jobs and don't worry about training for war.

"I could be a civilian secretary anywhere, but I want to be a Marine so why not be trained as a Marine," she said.

As far as the training interrupting with the company's regular work load, Howell thinks it will eventually blend in with the normal routine.

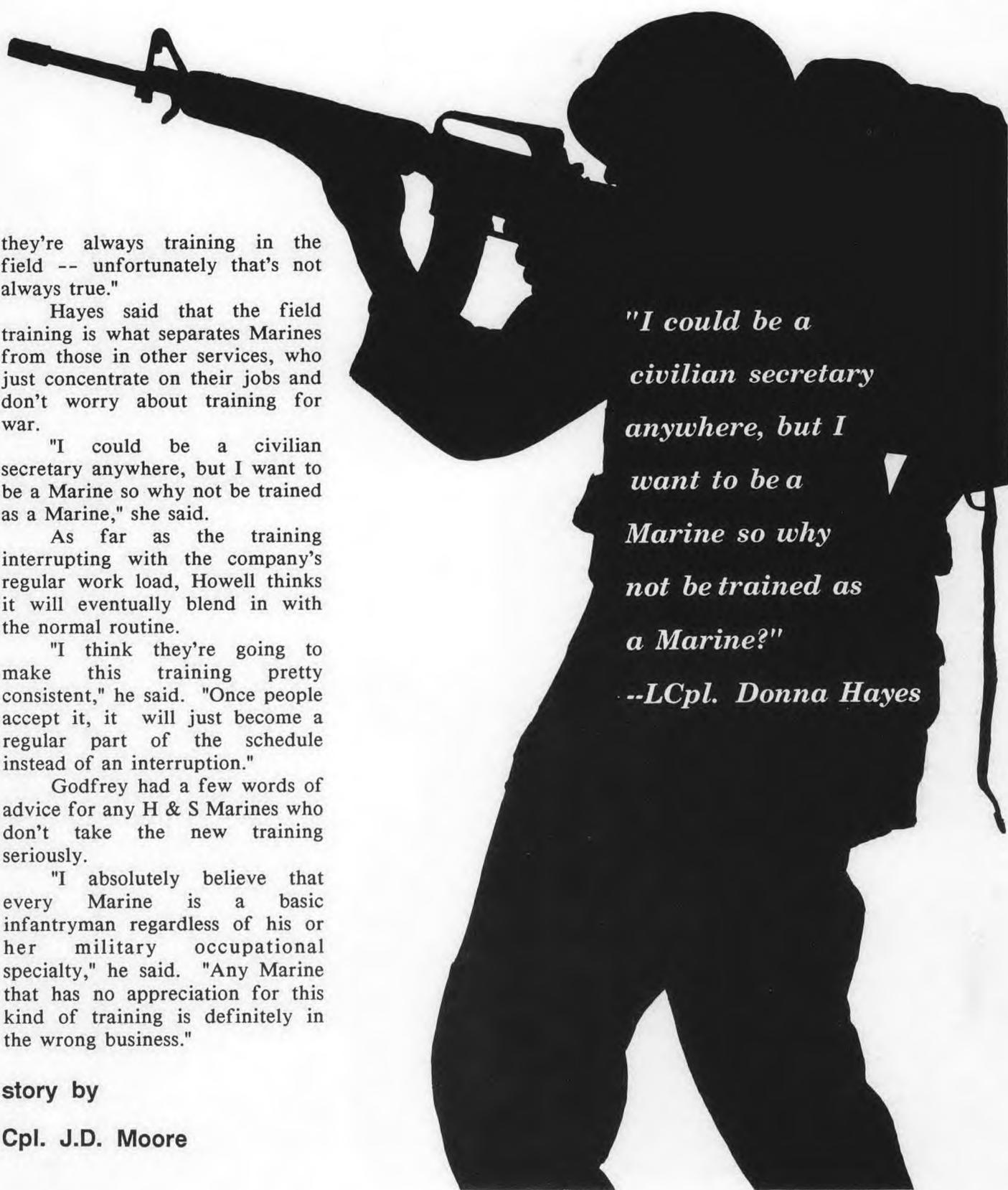
"I think they're going to make this training pretty consistent," he said. "Once people accept it, it will just become a regular part of the schedule instead of an interruption."

Godfrey had a few words of advice for any H & S Marines who don't take the new training seriously.

"I absolutely believe that every Marine is a basic infantryman regardless of his or her military occupational specialty," he said. "Any Marine that has no appreciation for this kind of training is definitely in the wrong business."

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St. Nick's

SMEAC

The four staff members checked each others' sharply pressed green uniforms as they waited nervously for the "Old Man" to arrive. After all this was the most important meeting of the whole year -- the final brief before the big mission.

Suddenly, as the husky form of Col. Santa Claus, also known as Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas or Father Christmas burst through the hatch, a shrill elfin voice pierced the room, "Attention on deck!" Immediately the four forest green garbed bodies snapped to a rigid position.

"As you were, as you were," their jolly looking commander bellowed through a flowing white river of whiskers.

As he strode toward a huge round conference table the elves studied him.

His somewhat profound paunch betrayed his otherwise military appearance, but in no way was he out of shape. He had run a regular 230 on the PFT for the last couple hundred years, which is not a bad score for a man his age.

What he lacked in physique however, he made up for in his uniform. His black leather boots were shined to a glassy obsidian finish. The razor-sharp creases in his bright red trousers threatened to slice anything touching them and the brass clips (they weren't anodized) on his suspenders shined like the sun.

"Gather 'round this table men...ah...I mean elves," he said, motioning for his staff to join him.

As the JCS (Joint Christmas Staff) surrounded the table Kringle began the top-secret brief.

"I'm sure you all know why we're here tonight so let's get down to business," said Claus as he pulled a tarp off the table, revealing a map of the world.

"As you can all see, this is our area of operations -- the whole world," he continued. "It's quite a large area to cover in one night, but I'm sure we can handle it -- we always have."

"As we do every year, I'd like to use the Marine Corps five paragraph order as a final checklist to ensure everything is in a 'go' status for tonight's mission," he continued.

"The five paragraph order has, of course, five parts: situation, mission, execution, administration and logistics, and command and signal. So, without further delay, let's start this briefing off with our resident spook, Elf Lt. Jenkins from intelligence," he said as he sat down.

Following his introduction

Jenkins stood on top of his chair and began to summarize the situation.

"Gentlemen, the situation is simply this," the elf began. "It is once again Christmas; that time of year when everyone overflows with love and brotherhood for their fellow man. People stop fighting with each other, children behave for their parents and total strangers exchange holiday greetings as if they were the best of friends. It's an odd sort of time really, but very enjoyable, especially if shared with friends and family."

"The only enemy force we expect to encounter will be old Ebenezer Scrooge," he continued. "But I don't think he'll be much trouble this year. Our allies, the ghosts of Christmases past, present and future have been assigned to take care of him."

After taking a long draw on his pipe, Jenkins continued, "Our mission is the same as every other year, to deliver toys and goodies to all the good little troopers out there and spread good will and Christmas cheer throughout the world."

With that said, Jenkins climbed back into his seat and



nodded to Elf Lt. Boyden, the operations officer, that he could begin.

Boyden jumped up onto the map-covered table and in his deepest elf voice (which was still very high-pitched) began his part of the brief.

"The next subject on the agenda is the execution of our mission," he said. "As the Earth turns in a counter-clockwise direction, Col. Claus will travel in the opposite direction gradually moving southward, delivering presents and chunks of coal until he has covered the entire globe. He will then proceed back here at his own pace."

Boyden then turned to Claus and said, "I assume you have seen the list sir?"

"Yes, I've seen the list and checked it twice lieutenant. Thank you," replied the jolly old man.

Next up was Elf Capt. Riggers, who briefed Santa on the administrative and logistical side

of the mission.

"Here are your orders and your travel voucher sir," Riggers said, handing him a batch of papers. "All air traffic will be cleared of your flight path from 0001 to 2359 on 25 December."

"All of the reindeer are operational and the sleigh is fully loaded," he continued. As far as meals go, there will be CREs (Cookies Ready to Eat) placed by children at various points of your route. That is all I have for you sir. Good luck."

Last, but not least, it was time to cover any details on command and signal. Elf Lt. Martin handled that part of the meeting.

"The operation will kick off on your own initiative at approximately 0001 on 25 December," Martin said. "Upon completion of the toy delivery phase you will signal us when you are returning to base."

"You have the primary and back-up frequencies and the code

words to signal your return will be 'Hotel Oscar, Hotel Oscar, Hotel Oscar,'" he concluded.

"That concludes this brief gentlemen," said Santa in his deep jolly voice. "Thank you for all of your help in organizing this mission. Now I must be on my way," he said as he zipped up his cherry red flight suit. He then started for the hanger deck, but before he could get there one of the elves urgently called out, "But sir, there's one thing we forgot to tell you."

"Oh? What's that?," Santa asked as he turned around.

"Merry Christmas colonel!," the elves exclaimed in unison.

And with a hearty "Ho, Ho, Ho!," Santa continued walking toward his sleigh.

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Holly Duff



An 8th & I player battles with a Lejeune player for control of the ball.

photo by Cpl. J.R. Fredeen

Barracks wins regionals

The Barracks soccer team made Barracks sports history Oct. 11 when they won the East Coast Regional Soccer Tournament becoming the first 8th & I team to capture a regional championship.

The team, which finished in 3rd place in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference 1988 season, took first place in the tournament by defeating Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune 1-0.

The team began the tournament with two victories against Quantico and then 2nd Force Service Support Group.

Quantico took the lead, scoring an early goal, but 8th & I rallied with two late first half goals by Cpl. Rob Doss and LCpl. Willie Wilmot. Goalie LCpl. Brian Delano shut down the Quantico offense and 8th & I held on for the 2-1 win.

In their second game of the tournament 8th & I faced last year's East Coast Champs, 2nd FSSG. Both teams defenses overpowered the opposing offense and the game ended scoreless.

To decide the game the teams alternated penalty kicks for five rounds with the team scoring

the most declared the winner. Delano rejected two 2nd FSSG shots and intimidated a shooter who missed completely, leaving 8th & I on top 3-2.

The Barracks team's two victories on the first day of the tournament put them into the winner's bracket final against Camp Lejeune Oct. 12.

Playing its best defense of the year, 8th & I silenced a talented Lejeune front line. The game winning goal came from Doss who took control of a loose ball and drove it into the empty Lejeune net shutting them out 1-0.

LCpls. Dan Hussey, Kevin Vresh and Robin Walters played outstanding defense to help Delano record the second shutout for 8th & I. The victory against Lejeune put the Barracks team into the championship round with three wins and no losses.

Lejeune came back to face 8th & I again Oct. 13. Lejeune had survived the losers bracket with a victory over 2nd FSSG early in the day.

The Lejeune team struck quickly, and took a 2-0 lead after only 20 minutes of play. Wilmot struck back for the Barracks scoring on a header, but Lejeune held on to their lead with a goal

late in the first half. Despite their second wind, 8th & I couldn't score against Lejeune, who won 3-2.

Lejeune's win forced a second championship game in the double elimination tournament. With both teams at one loss apiece, the winner of the next game would be the East Coast Champions and the losers would have to settle for second place.

After battling with Lejeune to a scoreless halftime, LCpl. Steve Dickerson put a header into the Lejeune net off a long throw-in by LCpl. Pete Hall. That goal combined with the superb defensive effort by Delano and

1stLt. Pat Campbell was enough for 8th & I to hold on to and win the championship game 1-0.

Team officer-in-charge Capt. Timothy Jackson said, "Eighth & I was not the most talented team in the tournament, but they showed that heart, hustle and working together as a team can pay big dividends in a sport like soccer."

As a result of the tournament, center forward Doss and midfielder Dickerson were sent to team tryouts for the All Marine Soccer team at El Toro, Calif.

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Marine Barracks 8th & I -- 1988 East Coast Regional Champions

Pay Raise!

Active Duty Monthly Basic Pay Table Effective Jan. 1, 1989

PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE													
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS														
O-10	5710.80	5911.80	5911.80	5911.80	5911.80	6138.30	6138.30	6478.80	6478.80	6875.10	6875.10	7115.10	7115.10	7558.50
O-9	5061.30	5193.90	5304.30	5304.30	5304.30	5439.30	5439.30	5665.80	5665.80	6138.30	6138.30	6478.80	6478.80	6875.10
O-8	4584.30	4721.40	4833.60	4833.60	4833.60	5193.90	5193.90	5439.30	5439.30	5665.80	5911.80	6138.30	6289.50	6289.50
O-7	3809.10	4068.00	4068.00	4068.00	4250.40	4250.40	4496.70	4496.70	4721.40	5193.90	5551.20	5551.20	5551.20	5551.20
O-6	2823.30	3102.00	3305.10	3305.10	3305.10	3305.10	3305.10	3305.10	3417.30	3957.60	4159.80	4250.40	4496.70	4877.10
O-5	2257.80	2651.40	2834.70	2834.70	2834.70	2834.70	2920.50	3077.40	3283.80	3529.50	3732.00	3845.10	3979.20	3979.20
O-4	1903.50	2317.80	2472.30	2472.30	2518.20	2629.20	2808.60	2966.40	3102.00	3237.90	3327.60	3327.60	3327.60	3327.60
O-3	1768.80	1977.60	2114.10	2339.10	2451.00	2538.90	2676.30	2808.60	2877.90	2877.90	2877.90	2877.90	2877.90	2877.90
O-2	1542.30	1684.50	2023.50	2091.60	2135.40	2135.40	2135.40	2135.40	2135.40	2135.40	2135.40	2135.40	2135.40	2135.40
O-1	1338.90	1394.10	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50	1684.50
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER FOUR YEARS ACTIVE DUTY AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER														
O-3 E	0.00	0.00	0.00	2339.10	2451.00	2538.90	2676.30	2808.60	2920.50	2920.50	2920.50	2920.50	2920.50	2920.50
O-2 E	0.00	0.00	0.00	2091.60	2135.40	2202.90	2317.80	2406.30	2472.30	2472.30	2472.30	2472.30	2472.30	2472.30
O-1 E	0.00	0.00	0.00	1684.50	1799.40	1865.70	1933.20	2000.70	2091.60	2091.60	2091.60	2091.60	2091.60	2091.60
WARRANT OFFICERS														
W-4	1802.10	1933.20	1933.20	1977.60	2067.30	2158.50	2249.10	2406.30	2518.20	2606.40	2676.30	2762.70	2855.10	3077.40
W-3	1637.70	1776.60	1776.60	1799.40	1820.40	1953.60	2067.30	2135.40	2202.90	2268.60	2339.10	2430.00	2518.20	2606.40
W-2	1434.30	1551.90	1551.90	1597.20	1684.50	1776.60	1844.10	1911.60	1977.60	2046.90	2114.10	2180.70	2268.60	2268.60
W-1	1195.20	1370.40	1370.40	1484.70	1551.90	1618.90	1684.50	1754.10	1820.40	1888.20	1953.60	2023.50	2023.50	2023.50
ENLISTED MEMBERS														
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2096.10	2143.50	2192.10	2242.20	2292.30	2337.00	2459.70	2698.80
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1758.00	1808.10	1855.80	1904.10	1954.20	1999.20	2048.40	2168.70	2410.20
E-7	1227.30	1324.80	1374.00	1422.00	1470.60	1517.40	1566.00	1614.60	1687.80	1735.80	1784.10	1807.20	1928.70	2168.70
E-6	1056.00	1150.80	1198.80	1249.80	1296.30	1343.40	1392.90	1464.60	1510.50	1559.40	1583.10	1583.10	1583.10	1583.10
E-5	926.70	1008.60	1057.50	1103.70	1176.00	1224.00	1272.60	1319.40	1343.40	1343.40	1343.40	1343.40	1343.40	1343.40
E-4	864.30	912.60	966.30	1041.30	1082.40	1082.40	1082.40	1082.40	1082.40	1082.40	1082.40	1082.40	1082.40	1082.40
E-3	814.20	858.90	893.40	928.80	928.80	928.80	928.80	928.80	928.80	928.80	928.80	928.80	928.80	928.80
E-2	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60	783.60
E-1*	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00	699.00
E-1**	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20	646.20

Note—Basic pay is limited to \$6291.60 by Level V of the Executive Schedule OASD (FM&P) Aug. 22, 1988

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LCpl. Wright receives his award from Police Chief Maurice Turner.

photo by SSgt. Matthew Perez

Marine receives award

An 8th & I Marine has proven once again that training, devotion to duty and a willingness to get involved will reap its share of honors.

LCpl. Dennis Wright was honored during a ceremony in the office of District of Columbia Police Chief Maurice Turner, Oct. 26 for his part in helping to thwart a neighborhood robbery.

The action took place June 8 when Wright, a member of the Barracks guard section, was standing his post at the Barracks' main gate. It was early afternoon when he noticed commotion taking place up 8th street near a local restaurant.

When the desperate cry of "Help, please stop him. He has my purse!" reached Post 1, Wright

took immediate action. He reached the sidewalk in front of the Barracks at the same time the purse snatching suspect ran by Post 1. With one quick motion Wright subdued the subject and detained him until the purse's owner and two civilians who had been chasing the suspect arrived.

During the next few weeks the incident became just a memory for Wright until he was notified that he had been selected to receive a D.C. Citizens Award for Heroism during a banquet honoring other award recipients.

Unfortunately, Wright was unable to attend the banquet due to a Marine Corps commitment. However, he received his citation and a \$200 savings bond from the chief of police in a private

ceremony.

Turner said that he wishes "there were more people like LCpl. Wright willing to get involved and make the district a safer place to live."

"I'm just glad I was at the right place at the right time to help someone else out," said Wright. "I think everyone should get involved if they have the chance."

story by

Sgt. Dave Sampson

Chaplain's Corner

"It is good to praise the Lord." -- Psalm 92:1

The 92nd Psalm is entitled "A Psalm or Song for the Sabbath Day." The psalm was intended for liturgical use in the temple on the Sabbath Day. Jewish tradition says that it was sung in the morning at the time of the drink offering of the first lamb.

The psalm is altogether one of praise and thanksgiving. It is an optimistic psalm looking to the day of the complete destruction of all of God's enemies, and the complete happiness of the faithful ones.

When we begin to think about praise and thanksgiving to God, we all have to admit that we could spend a lot more time being thankful. This is the time of the year that we celebrate the freedom and liberty that our forefathers provided us with.

Without their hard work we would not enjoy the freedoms we have today. Too many times we take them for granted. We need to stop and thank God for all the goodness that we enjoy as citizens of this great country.

In fact, we should have Thanksgiving every day of the year. We all could start thanking

and praising God right now for everything he has done for us and still never be able to thank him enough.

Each day we should spend part of our day thanking God for his goodness, just because "It is good to praise (and thank) the Lord."

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone!

Petty Officer 2nd Class

Robert Luther

Chaplain's Assistant

December at a glance

December 2

- Barracks Christmas tree decorating.

December 3

- Army – Navy football game. Go Navy, fight!

December 4

- Hanukkah begins. Happy Hanukkah!

December 23

- Christmas "96" begins.

December 25

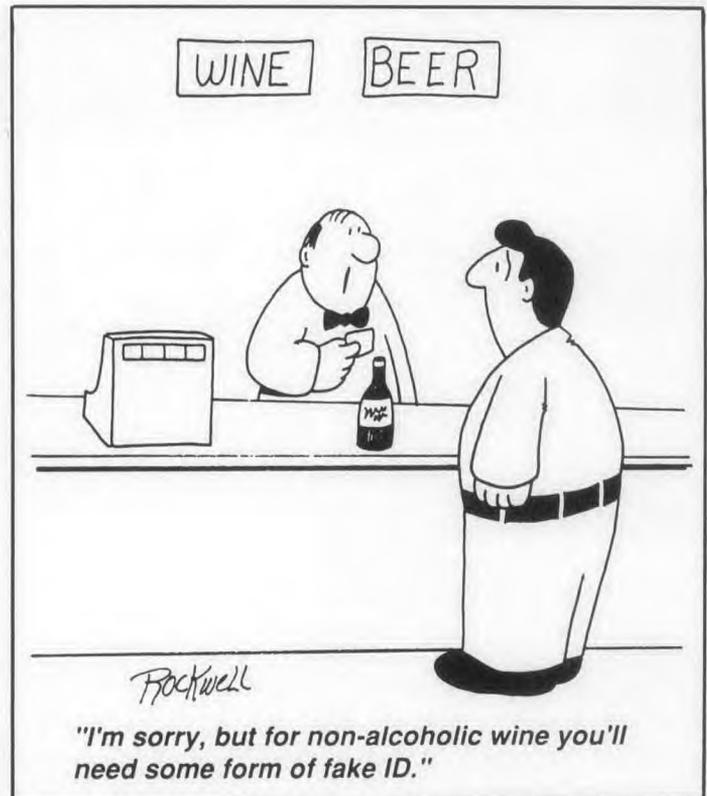
- Christmas Day. Merry Christmas!

December 30

- New Years "96" begins.

December 31

- New Years Eve. Don't drink and drive!



Worth Repeating

"To spot the expert, pick the one who predicts the job will take the longest and cost the most."

– Arthur Block, author

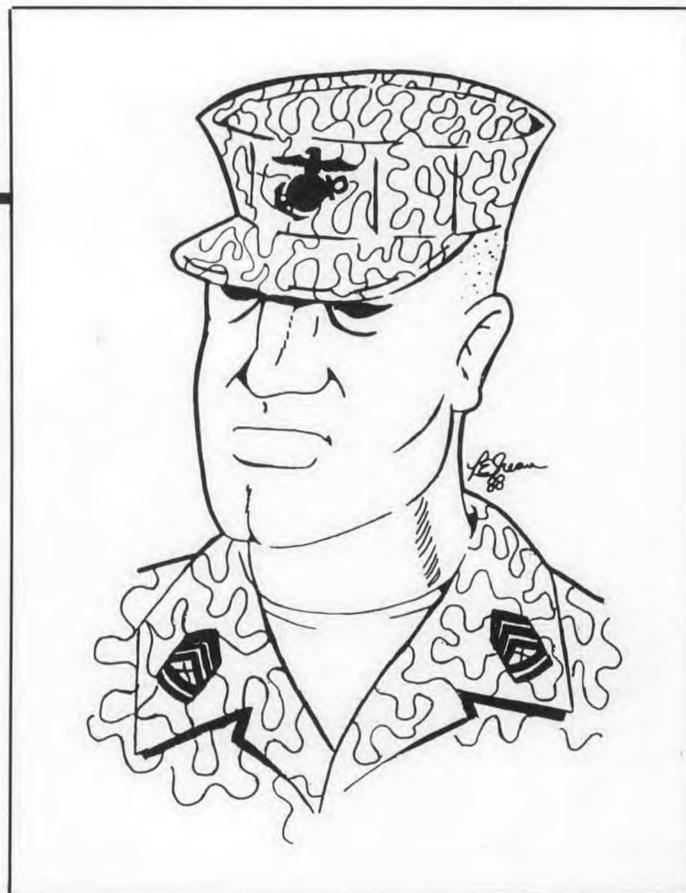
"In seeking truth you have to get both sides of a story"
– Walter Cronkite, newscaster

Ask Da Gunny

There is no doubt in my military mind that many of you have been lost in the Capitol City, Washington, D.C. Since most Marines' navigational problems in the district result from the elaborate street plans let me tell you how they originated.

You've probably heard of the French architect Charles L'Enfant who originally designed the city. His plans called for futuristic architecture and grand parkways with streets designed to accommodate both beautiful vistas and rapid transit. (If he could only see it now during rush hour.)

L'Enfant was found to be in the middle of a political scandal. Land speculators wanted to know the prime locations and exact boundaries of the new city. He refused to divulge any information until the plan had been made public. The city commissioner accused him of attempting to control the distribution of land for his own purposes, and



eventually he was dismissed on unrelated grounds. All of this happened before the land had been completely surveyed. L'Enfant went back to Paris with his plans.

Thomas Jefferson was the Secretary of State at the time. He called an emergency meeting to solve this dilemma. Among those attending the meeting was a mathematician named Benjamin Banneker, a black scholar from Ellicott, Md.

At this meeting Ben stood and asked if the old plans were satisfactory. Naturally some one spoke up and said, "What difference does that make? We no longer have the plans." To which Ben replied, "I am quite certain I have memorized every detail of the old plan."

The initial reaction was disbelief. Who in the world could memorize the complex design of an entire city? To memorize even a single building would have been phenomenal in itself, but to remember the details of a whole city was unbelievable.

However incredible it sounded, the committee put Ben to work drawing up a new set of the original plans, from which the present city of Washington, District of Columbia has developed.

Semper Fidelis,

Smedley D. Smut
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GySgt USMC

From the attic...

Since construction started on it in 1801, many changes have given the Home of the Commandants different looks over the years. Here we see it as it appeared in 1917.

