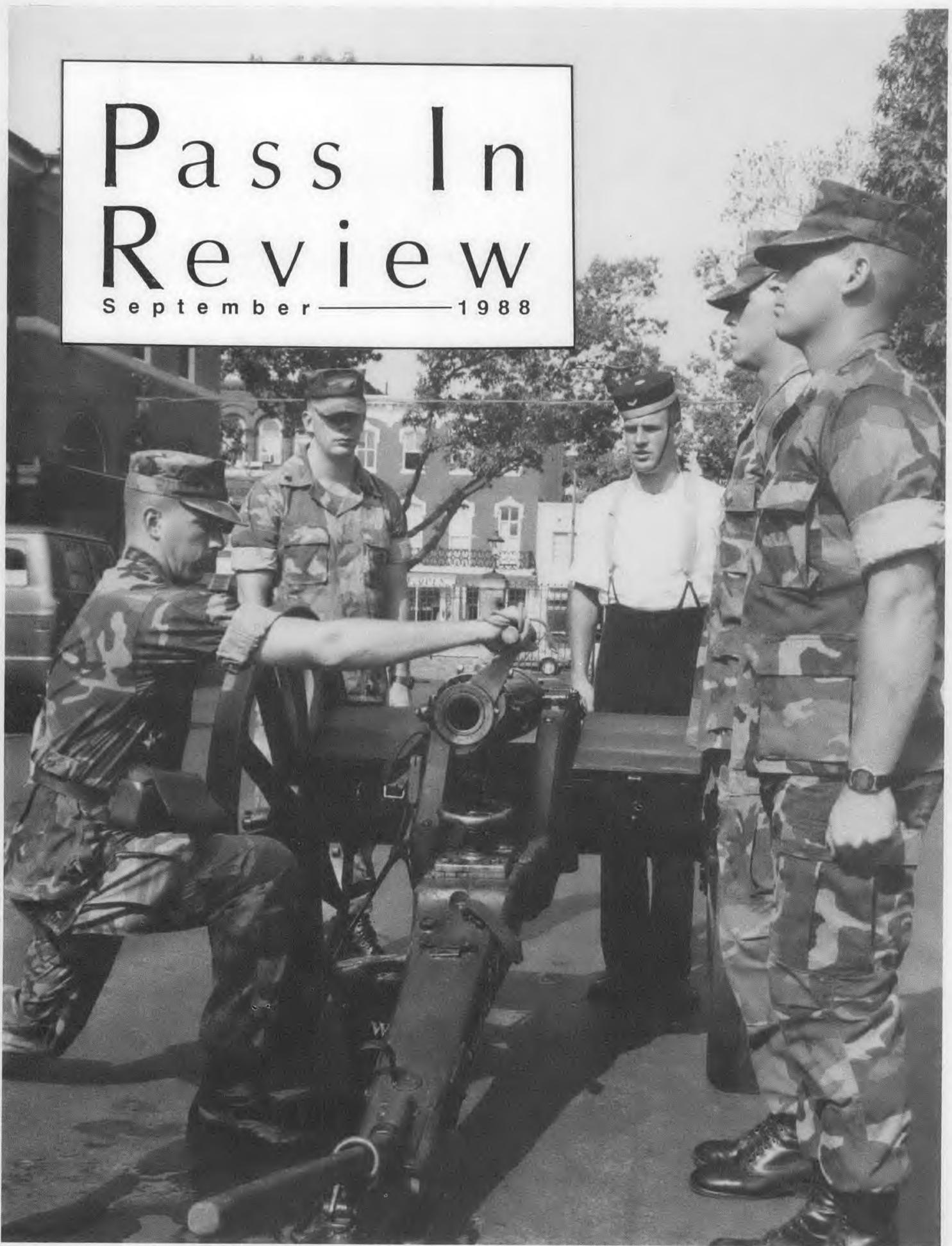


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LCpl. Christopher Holcomb, H & S Guard, stands duty at Post # 1. With parade season over, the gate has considerably less traffic on Friday evenings...until next spring.



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C.O.'s View

Our new commanding officer here at the "Oldest Post" is LtCol. Peter Pace. He took over in a change of command ceremony Aug. 25. He was selected for colonel and will pin on his "eagles" early this fall.

The Barracks is not new to Pace -- he was stationed here from 1969 to 1971. During those years he served as head of the Infantry Writer Unit at MCI, platoon leader in Guard Co. and detachment commander at Camp David. He also was a White House social aide and platoon leader of the Special Ceremonial Platoon. As you can see, his experience covers just about all of our missions; MCI, presidential support and our ceremonial duties, so he's no stranger to what we do here.

Undoubtedly, there will be changes in the next few months as there always are with a change of command. Starting next month, the "C.O.'s View" column will be written by LtCol. Pace and may be one of the channels he uses to pass on information that will affect us.



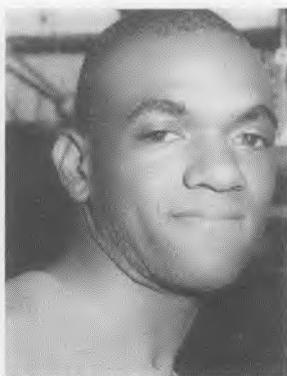
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Barracks Talk

What will you do on Friday nights now that parade season is over?



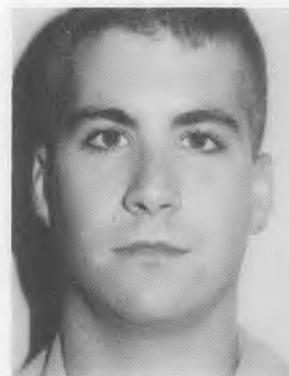
Sgt. Dwayne Washington,
H & S Co.

"Spend more time with my family."



LCpl. Sharon Wright,
MCI Co.

"Do more family activities."



LCpl. Timothy Babb,
H & S Co.

"Attend college and enjoy my weekends socializing."

War stories

War stories. We all have them and have heard a few -- some perhaps a little heavy on the imaginative side.

Whenever I hear war stories my mind races back to bootcamp, to the history classes where I first learned of people like Dan Daly, Smedley Butler and Chesty Puller and of places like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and the Chosin Reservoir. These are the names and places sacred to every Marine.

But, like many others, my experience with the Corps' illustrious heritage comes from what I have been taught or what I've read. Seldom do we get a chance to talk with the people who have participated in the events that shaped our history.

We have that chance now.

A visitation program set up by the Barracks Chaplain's Office and the Chaplain's Office at the Veteran's Administration Hospital will give Marines here an opportunity to visit with former Marines, sailors, soldiers and airmen.

What better way to learn of your Corps' heritage than to have your questions answered by one of the 100-year-old veterans at the hospital.

The patients at the VA Hospital have a lot to offer. These men and women have served our country and can give personal insight into the events and lives of people that are often just stories to us. They can make history come alive -- and are eager to do so if given the chance.

We have a lot to offer, too. We can provide friendship and lift the spirits of the patients at the hospital. During my visit there in June, Tony -- a former Marine in the intensive care unit -- was very excited when he saw someone in uniform from "his Corps." His wife and daughter were appreciative of my visit and the positive effect it had on Tony.

Many of these people cannot get around and have no family to visit them. We can provide the camaraderie they need and give them the sense that someone "out there" cares.

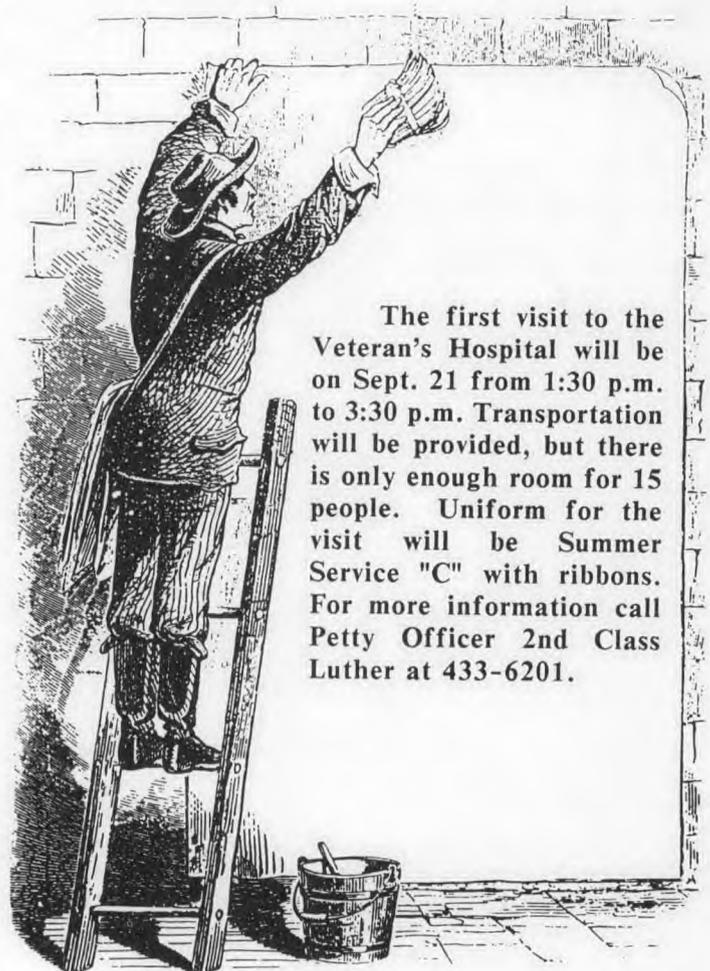
What does it take to get involved in the program? A cheerful attitude, ready smile and

willingness to reach out to someone else. The program involves devoting a couple of hours during the afternoon visiting with these veterans. You'll be surprised how good some of these fellows are at checkers!

Marines pride themselves in "taking care of their own." Here's a chance to share in that pride.

Sgt. Joseph Steele

Marine Band PAO



The first visit to the Veteran's Hospital will be on Sept. 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided, but there is only enough room for 15 people. Uniform for the visit will be Summer Service "C" with ribbons. For more information call Petty Officer 2nd Class Luther at 433-6201.



LCpl. William Minaya carefully puts letters on an MCI certificate.

MCI Illustrators

Their work can't be found in museums or art galleries, yet their artistic creations are seen by several hundred thousand Marines, sailors, soldiers, airmen and civilians world-wide.

The illustrators at the Graphic Arts Division of the Marine Corps Institute are responsible for creating all illustrations and photographs used in MCI publications. They also provide assistance in producing signs and visual teaching aides used throughout the Barracks.

"When art is needed for a course, a rough idea of what is required is given to us," said Sgt.

Phillip Edward Shearin, head illustrator. "We take that idea and come up with a design that is ready to be photographed and show it to the person who requested it."

ESP is almost a required skill because illustrators have to be able to interpret other people's ideas and represent them in a drawing, explained Cpl. Tibor Kreiter.

"You really have to have ESP to work here," said the native of Brooklyn, N.Y. "You have to take that rough idea and know exactly what they want. Ninety percent of the time we're right, but

there's always that 10 percent when it comes back for changes. It all really comes down to knowing your job."

Once the "photo-ready" copy is approved, it is photographed on a large copy camera. The machine also processes its own film producing a negative or positive.

From the copy camera the negative goes to the print shop where MCI courses are printed for hundreds-of-thousands of students throughout the globe.

The artwork these Marines create can illustrate anything from basic marksmanship positions to the controls of a combat

engineer's bulldozer.

No matter what the artwork represents, it serves the same purposes. A drawing can further explain a learning objective, reinforcing it in the students mind. The illustrations also make the course text more interesting than just pages filled with words.

Creating all of MCI's artwork and supporting the Barracks with training aids is a big job for just six Marines, but by sharing the work load they accomplish their mission.

"Everybody here does the same job regardless of rank," said Shearin. "Most of the work here is done as a unit. Everybody helps each other."

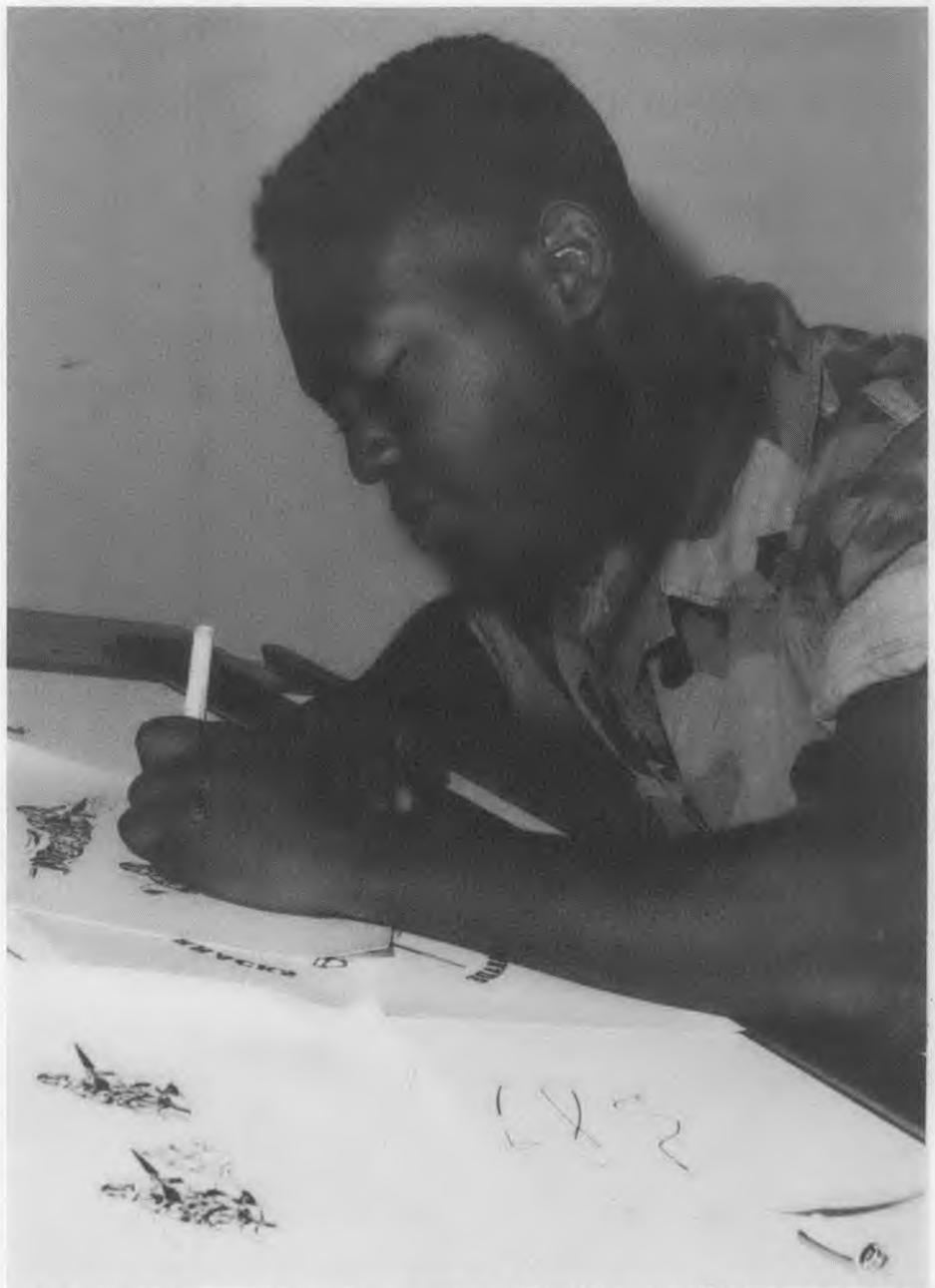
PFC Michael Daniels explained how the shop is currently overcoming a demanding job.

"When we have a really big project like the new Battle Drill Guide, everyone stops work on low priority jobs and we work as a team on that one project," he said.

Graphics specialists (MOS 4611) learn their trade at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colo. The 12 week course is attended by all armed services and teaches the basics in lettering, use of color, layout and design, and figure drawing.

But it takes more than just 12 weeks of drawing lessons to make someone into an illustrator -- it takes raw talent; something all of MCI's illustrators have, and Shearin has had since he was six-years-old.

"I never went to the school, I picked up the MOS through on-the-job training," Shearin said. "Originally I was a helicopter mechanic, but I was working out of my field in an admin billet. When I went to reenlist I was told I would have to attend a refresher



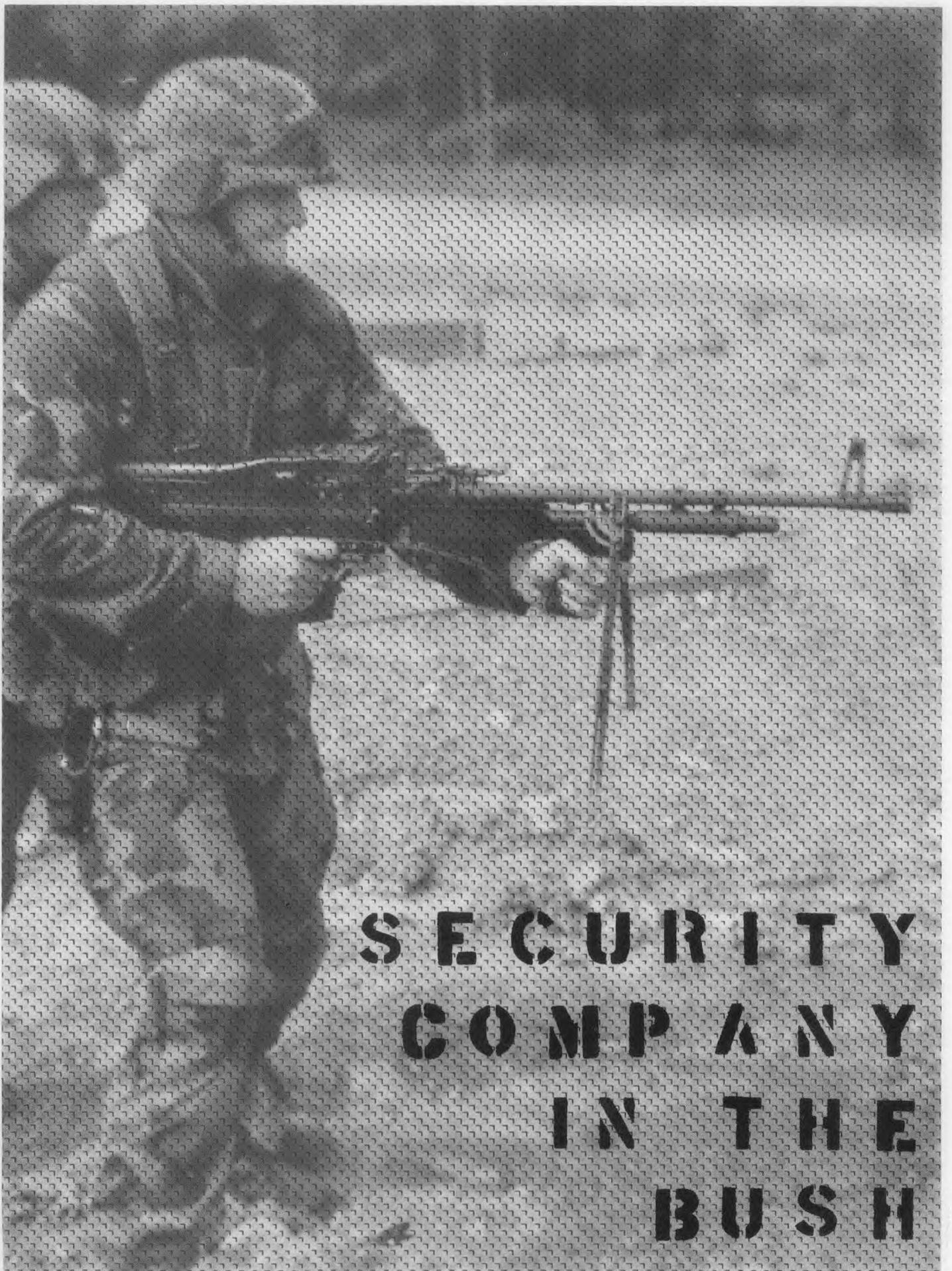
Sgt. Phillip Edward Shearin draws art for the new Battle Drill Guide.

course to stay in my [helicopter] MOS. I didn't want to do that so I decided to make a lateral move to the graphics field. I've been an illustrator since 1983."

For the last five years he has produced hundreds of pieces of artwork for the Marine Corps -- without the recognition most artists seek.

But recognition isn't what the MCI illustrators are looking for. The pride they have in their office's ability to produce professional work as a team is enough job satisfaction.

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Cpl. J.D. Moore**



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Feature



Security Co. Marines hump to the machinegun range on their last day in the field.

As the helicopter hovered above, dirt kicked up by the rotor wash stuck to his sweaty face, adding another layer of grit to his already filthy body.

Despite the weight of his pack, he sprang forward as the bird touched down. Standing in the middle of the whirlwind of noise and dirt, he directed his squad into the jaws of the helicopter. After a long week of hard training, Security Co. was going home.

Approximately 40 Security Co. Marines recently spent a week in the field practicing infantry skills at the Indiantown Gap Army Reserve Reservation in western Pennsylvania.

"We're out here to practice our field skills and teach the newer Marines," said platoon sergeant, Cpl. Douglas J. Reppar. "We don't get out to do this type of training too often, so it's important that we try to get as much out of it as possible to keep up with the fleet."

The platoon's training included classes and practical application in land navigation, offensive and defensive tactics, and the gas chamber. They also maneuvered through the combat pistol course, threw hand grenades, fired the M-60 machinegun and negotiated the leadership reaction course.

Besides the classes, the Leathernecks patrolled night and day, often getting only two or three hours of sleep at night.

"The night patrolling was the best part of the

training," said Cpl. Jacques Pelletier, a fire team leader in 1st squad. "Patrolling at night builds confidence in yourself and other Marines around you because you have to depend on each other to work in the dark."

"This kind of training helps a hell-of-a-lot in our mission," Pelletier continued. "We do a lot of patrolling at night and this kind of training makes us more effective."

The training also gave the platoon's NCOs a chance to take charge and lead their men on patrols and ambushes.

"Out here the NCOs are teaching the classes, and organizing and running the operations," said Cpl. Pete Johnson. "It gives us a chance to practice our leadership and it builds unit camaraderie."

The training taught the Marines some new skills and reinforced some old ones, and when it was over they flew back to their base.

With his Marines on board the thundering aircraft the squad leader gave the crew chief a "thumbs up" sign. The crew chief nodded his dark sun-shielded helmet and tapped the pilot on the shoulder. A minute later the helicopter was a small black speck in the sky. Security Co. was going home.

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The Fort Henry Guard mascot, David VI, and his handler present arms (and horns). D & B steps high during t



Fort Henry Guard

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joint parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial.

Friendship is a relationship usually shared by individuals -- not large groups. But for the past 34 years the Fort Henry Guard and the Marines at 8th & I haven't let their sizes interfere with their friendly bond.

The friendship the two units share grew even stronger this summer when the Guard visited the Barracks Aug. 15-19. The tradition they continued is one that began at Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario, Canada nearly three-and-a-half decades ago.

It was in 1954 that the Canadians made retired Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. Honorary Commander of the Guard. Ever since then, the Fort Henry Guard and 8th & I's Marines have alternately visited each others posts.

During the Guard's stay here they performed with 8th & I's Marines in joint parades at the Marine Corps War Memorial and at the barracks.

Unlike the Barracks' Marines, who entertain crowds with "modern" ceremonial drill, the Guard demonstrates the actual drill used by British Army regiments in the 1860s.

The fiery crack of their rifles and the thunder of their six-pounder Armstrong guns was definitely a change of pace to the Sunset and Evening performances. Their drawn-out drill commands and

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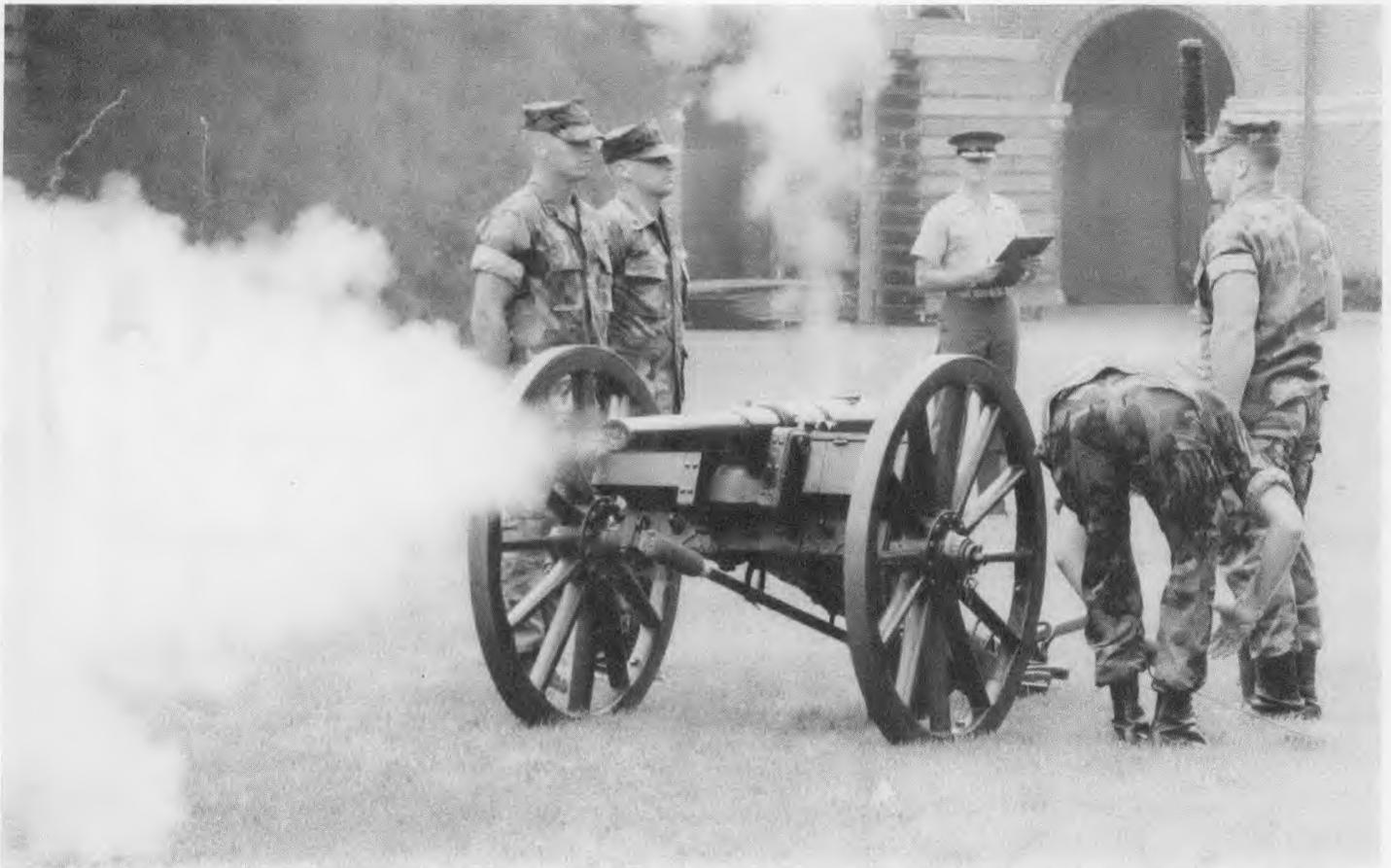


Col. D.J. Myers triumphantly holds the Armstrong Gun Drill trophy.

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The Marine gun crew attaches their gun to its limber.



A grader watches as the Marine gun crew fires their gun.



Spectators cheer after 8th & I wins the gun drill.

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the Marines' "snap and pop" gave the ceremonies a unique contrast.

When they weren't practicing or performing in the hot Washington D.C. sun, they were relaxing with their active duty partners.

During the day they competed against the Barracks teams in volleyball, softball, basketball and soccer (see pg. 14 for results).

The highlight of the competition was the Armstrong Gun Drill. The Barracks had not won since 1983, but this year the Marine team was sharp enough to beat the FHG crew at their own game.

Finally, it was time for the Canadians to go. They left their American friends, with both groups knowing that the friendship would be renewed next summer when the Marines visit Fort Henry.

FHG 2, Marines 1

Capitalizing on the Barracks team's inexperienced goal tender, the Fort Henry Guard edged past the Marines 2-to-1 in soccer Aug. 18 at Bolling Air Force Base.

The game was one in a series of competitive events played between the two units during the Fort Henry Guard's stay at the Barracks.

The Marines drew first blood, with Nathan Price scoring early in the first half assisted by Robert Doss.

The Guard was quick to strike back though. Andrew Frost sent a well placed kick into the upper left corner of 8th & I's net, evening the score 1-to-1 in the last few minutes of the first half.

Ten minutes into the second half, Luca Andalfado put another goal in for the Guard. Andalfado's goal put the Canadians ahead by one -- a lead they enjoyed until the whistle blew signaling the game's end.

Both teams played well defensively although the Marines were weak in their goalie position. Brian Delano, an experienced goalie, was scheduled to guard the net, but could not play because of a last minute family commitment.

The Barracks called on George Lloyd to fill Delano's shoes. Lloyd, who had only been playing soccer for a month, played hard. He made several good saves, and held the Guard to their one point lead, despite his inexperience.

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A FHG player and a Marine fight for the ball.

Fort Henry Guard vs. Marine Barracks

Sporting Event Scores

	Fort Henry Guard	Marine Barracks
Volleyball (3 games)	15	9
	15	13
	15	11
Basket Ball	40	44
Softball	6	11
Soccer	2	1

source: Marine Barracks Special Services



LtCol. Peter Pace

The colors of the Marine Corps' oldest post changed hands Aug. 25 when Col. D.J. Myers relinquished command to LtCol. Peter Pace in a ceremony here.

Myers, who commanded Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. for more than three years, retired after 35 years of wearing the eagle, globe and anchor.

Pace was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was raised in Teaneck, N.J. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant on June 7, 1967. After attending The Basic School, Quantico, Va. he was assigned to the 2nd Bn., 5th Marines in Vietnam serving as a rifle platoon leader and subsequently as

LtCol. Pace takes over

assistant operations officer.

In March, 1969, he reported to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. During this tour he headed the Infantry Writer Unit, Marine Corps Institute; guard company platoon leader; security detachment commander, Camp David; White House social aide; and platoon leader of the Special Ceremonial Platoon. He also earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from George Washington University.

In September, 1971, Pace attended the Infantry Officers' Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Ga. In October 1972, he was assigned to the Security Element, Marine Air Group 15, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Nam Phong, Thailand where he served as operations officer and then executive officer. In October 1973, he was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as the assistant majors' monitor.

During October 1976, he reported to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Ca., where he served as operations officer, 2nd Bn., 5th Marines; executive officer, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, and division staff secretary. In August 1979, he

reported to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College as a student.

After graduation from the Command and Staff College in June 1980, he became commanding officer, Marine Recruiting Station, Buffalo, N.Y. In June 1983, he was reassigned to the 1st Marine Division to command 2nd Bn., 1st Marines.

In June 1985, Pace was assigned as a student at the National War College, Washington, D.C. Upon graduation in June 1986, he was assigned to the combined/joint staff in Seoul, Korea. He served as chief, Ground Forces Branch until April 1987, when he became executive officer to the assistant chief of staff, C/J/G-3, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces Korea/Eighth United States Army.

Pace's personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with combat "V", the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V", the Navy Achievement Medal with gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Pace is married to the former Lynne Ann Holden of Ellicott City, Md. They have two children, Peter Jr. and Tiffany Marie.

PIR staff report

Warrior training expands



A revised version of Battle Skills Training for Marines has been approved by Gen. A.M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The program, called Marine Battle Skills Training (MBST), expands Basic Warrior Training and is considered by the Commandant to be a vital warfighting initiative, and the single most important training program in the Marine Corps today.

"Since the Marine Corps is looked upon as the nation's force in readiness, the Corps will continue to concentrate on its

expeditionary role," said Maj. Tim Wray, MBST program coordinator. "Under MBST we will now emphasize the Corps' ability to fight within the most likely spectrum of conflict -- low- and mid-intensity warfare."

"This mission orientation will require enhanced combat skills for all Marines, regardless of their MOS or unit assignment," Wray continued. "Specifically, it now means that all Marines must be capable of effectively serving in a rifle squad in defensive or offensive combat operations, should the need arise."

The radical change came about in part from a recent study of rear area security. During this review, it was apparent that many of the Marine Corps' rear area units in charge of security were not capable of defending

themselves in combat. In the Marine Air Ground Task Force scenario it was evident that the Corps was not capable of providing infantry battalions to the rear areas to defend them. To solve this problem, the Commandant wants to upgrade the combat skills of all Marines so they are able to defend themselves and their units.

"Marine Battle Skills Training will provide the Marine Corps with the means to accomplish this objective. It will be a comprehensive training process dedicated to the development and sustainment of basic combat infantry skills for all Marines, active and reserve, throughout their career," said Wray. "It is a concept and is organized into four progressive, mutually supporting stages which covers the entire spectrum of combat training."

The first stage of the program, Basic Warrior Training (BWT), was implemented in February at Marine Corps Recruit Depots and covers two weeks of field training. A revised period of instruction is currently being developed to standardize the training at both recruit depots and is expected to be implemented in March 1989.

Stage two will take place at the School of Infantry and will be called Marine Combat Training (MCT). It will consist of 28 total training days and every male Marine, regardless of MOS, will be required to attend after boot camp. Initial implementation and validation with a small group of 150-200 Marines will begin in October with a full implementation scheduled for June 1989.

"What we hope to do during MCT validation is to test the system," said Wray. "We want to find out if it can handle 40,000 Marines annually when the hose is turned on from the recruit depots in June."

The orientation of MCT validation is offensive in nature and will build on the skills acquired in boot camp to allow a Marine to use them in a rifle squad in offensive combat.

Marine Leadership Training (MLT), Stage III, will occur in two phases. The first phase will be at the Staff NCO Academy at MCCDC Quantico, where MLT will be incorporated into the current curriculum with no increase in the total length of the course. The change will consist of one week of field training and will teach the staff NCO leadership skills to lead a platoon size element into combat.

The validation and testing stages for the senior Staff NCO Academy in Quantico are currently taking place, with testing for Camp Lejuene and MCAS El Toro scheduled for October. Phase two of MLT, full implementation throughout the Marine Corps, is scheduled for February 1989.

Basic level training for NCOs will be conducted at 18 sites throughout the Marine Corps. The length of the course has not been determined at this time since the program is in the development stage. However, implementation is scheduled to begin at various sites during fiscal year 1989.

Stage four will be called Unit Sustaining Training (UST) and will be conducted by all Marine Corps units once all three previous stages are in place.

"Stage four will tie in the overall combat readiness of the Corps in the unit sustainment mode in which we have given a

Marine individual skills," said Wray. "But the only way he is going to be able to use them in a collective mode is to insure that he maintains that battle skill level required for his unit."

To determine what those skills are, a combat skills sustainment criteria is being developed to ensure the sustainment training in a unit is tailored to the combat mission of the unit. The criteria will be a five-step process. For example, an infantry unit might have to maintain a Level IV; FMF units, a Level III. But everyone will have to maintain at least a Level II once the whole program comes on line.

"Under MBST we will now emphasize the Corps' ability to fight within the most likely spectrum of conflict -- low- and mid-intensity warfare."

To clarify any questions, a new Marine Corps order combining current essential subjects and battle skills subjects is being developed and will tie the overall programs together.

The new order will take the current EST order and meld it into Battle Skills Training, and incorporate the current Battle Drill Guide into a new EST/BST book. It will tie into the four stages of MBST so that the Marine Corps will have one order

that will replace EST and address the full spectrum of combat skills required for all Marines to maintain.

"What these skills are, I can't say since we are not at that level of development in the program at this time," said Wray.

The training of women Marines under the new program will differ slightly in that women Marines will complete both Stages I and II at MCRD Parris Island, S.C. This additional training at boot camp will add on seven training days to recruit training for females.

"Women Marines will be trained in all Stages of I and II tasks with the exception of those directly related to offensive operations and prohibited by law," said Wray. Additionally, they will not participate in inappropriate physical training requirements such as the combat conditioning course and the Battle Fitness Test. As NCOs and SNCOs, women Marines will fully participate in Stage III MLT. However, participation in Stage IV UST will be governed for all hands based upon the mission standards required by the unit."

Marine Battle Skills Training is one of those "new" ideas the Corps has revived from looking back at old ways of training.

The training being developed and implemented is an investment in the individual Marine, and is the best single investment the Corps can make, according to the Commandant.

HQMC

News Release

Chaplain's Corner



About two months ago the Chaplain's Office handed out questionnaires to most of the Marines at the Barracks. Many of you took the time to answer the questions and we believe you should know the results of the survey.

We received 335 completed questionnaires. Twenty-five percent of those who answered said they would not attend any type of religious services. Of the Marines that said they would attend services, 83 percent indicated that they would attend services at the Navy Yard Chapel, Bolling Air Force Base Chapel, Bellevue Chapel, or here at the Barracks.

On the questions about attending religious classes, 30 percent indicated that a course on comparing different religions or beliefs, would be very interesting

to them. Based on this information, we would like to hold classes comparing different religions once a week during lunch break. Please contact the Chaplain's Office at 433-6201 if you are interested.

The greatest interest regarding the questions on personal growth was helping with community projects. If you want to get involved, the Chaplain's Office will be conducting a winter clothes drive for the Salvation Army and welcomes any donations. Starting in mid-September we will conduct a group visitation to the local Veteran's Administration Hospital to lift the spirits of the patients there. There are also Toys for Tots and Big Brother/Big Sister programs to get involved in.

As for the questions on social and family activities, the largest interest was on pre-

marriage classes for those anticipating marriage and on parenting skills for those that have children. Now that the Chaplain's Office has a good indication of what really interests you, we must ask the big question..."Will you participate?". We are willing to set up classes or make contacts for speakers, but we need to have your commitment to attend.

by Petty Officer 2nd
Class Robert Luther
Chaplain's Assistant



Worth Repeating

"For those who fight for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know."

-- Unknown Marine, Khe Sanh, Vietnam

"The study of history lies at the foundation of all sound military conclusions and practice."

-- Alfred Thayer Mahan

"Bold decisions give the best promise of success."

-- Erwin Rommel, Rules of Desert Warfare

Ask Da Gunny

The ancient Hebrew prophets dreamed of a golden age when swords would be beaten into plowshares, but alas, that vision has not yet been realized.

We have all seen, and more than likely been a part of a parade by now and wonder about some of the things that go on at them. The sword salute is one of those things that we've all seen hundreds of times, but we really don't understand.

Authorities differ about the origin of the sword salute and its many variations. The Royal Military Training College in England taught for some years that it was derived from the oriental custom of the junior raising the sword and shading his eyes from the magnificence of the superior officer. The first etiquette, or "school of the sword", was probably of oriental origin, but European crusaders in the middle ages definitely influenced our sword manual too.

During the crusades, a crucifix, or cross, would be engraved on the handle and hand guard of a fighter's sword. Because the soldiers were fighting for Christianity they would symbolically kiss the hilt before entering battle. They also kissed their swords when taking a vow or oath to show their loyalty. Crosses on military swords still survive today on British midshipmen's dirks, swords of the Scottish archers, Highland regiments and on the swords of diplomatic officers of several foreign countries. After Christianization, Norsemen had the Norse equivalent of the name "Jesus" etched on the sword hilt.

Most of the ancient history of the sword salute is displayed in the present-day salute.



The sword, held at arm's length, was originally the hail or initial salute to a superior. The act of permitting the point to descend to the ground shows the saluting soldier's juniority and respect for the senior.

The start of both of these movements, bringing the sword hilt close to the mouth or chin, comes from the crusader's custom of kissing the crosses on their swords.

The sword salute on the march survives from the fancy turns and flourishes that were made by military officers during dress parades in the 17th century. Halberds and short swords were used in those days, and apparently, the fancier the sword manual was the better it looked when on parade. The fancy spins that drum majors of musical units use when marching, reflect back to those times.

So the next time you see a parade commander execute a sharp sword salute, or one of our drum majors effortlessly spins his mace, you'll know where those traditions started.

Semper Fidelis,

Smedley D. Smut
Smedley D. Smut
GySgt USMC

From the attic...

Bricklayers begin work on the garden near the Commandant's and Assistant Commandant's houses May 4, 1908. A watchful Marine sentry stands in the background (left).

