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Looking Back

The Barracks closes an eventful year in history

BACK COVER:
 England's Queen Elizabeth II reviews Barracks during a May 14 full honors arrival ceremony. (Photo by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson)

INSIDE BACK COVER:
 (left to right) LCpls. William S. Cole, Steve R. Morissey, Jayme S. Matherlee William S. Cole, messmen, and Sgt. Ritchie Clemmons, Assistant Chief Cook, serve the Thanksgiving Day meal in the Barracks Mess Hall. Marines are invited to bring their families for a Christmas meal. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

A LETTER TO BARRACKS MARINES:

In his message on the occasion of the 216th Birthday of the Marine Corps, the Commandant stated that "Marines have been at the heart of American pride." In speaking to the Marines who took part in his retirement ceremony, Chaplain Krabbe echoed this sentiment by noting how their professionalism in carrying out their ceremonial duties has inspired countless visitors to the Marine Barracks.

Please accept my deep appreciation for the time and effort that went into undertaking what was truly a most moving retirement ceremony. By honoring Chaplain Krabbe as the Chaplain, United States Marine Corps, you vicariously pay tribute to all chaplains who have served with Marines from 1775 to the present.

Capt. Larry Hoyt Ellis, CHC, USN

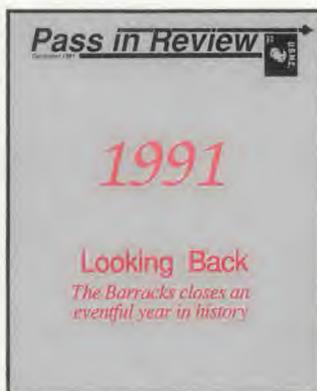
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A Christmas message from the Secretary of the Navy

During this holiday season my best wishes — and the appreciation of all Americans — go out to all those who serve in our naval forces.

These holidays encourage us all to reflect on the meaning and importance of our lives, and those of you who serve in uniform have special reason this year to find great worth in what you do. The peace, prosperity and liberty that the free world enjoys are a result — in large part — of your professionalism, dedication and tenacity. You are warriors when you need to be — but you are also the guardians of our values, the symbol of our honor, and for millions in the world who are struck by tragedy you are angels of mercy.

I am immensely proud of all of our sailors and Marines, wherever in the world you may be serving, and whatever duty you may be doing. My thoughts go out especially to those men and women whose duty separates them from their homes and families during these holidays. By your difficult sacrifices you have earned the thanks of all Americans; and I hope and pray that the spirit of this season touches you with happiness.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

H. Lawrence Garrett, III

NEWSBRIEFS

IWO JIMA BATTLE REUNION SCHEDULED

The men, wives and friends of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions, members from other services involved in the operation and the general public are invited to participate in the remembrance of the battle for Iwo Jima, the bloodiest battle in Marine Corps history.

Optional activities are planned Feb. 21, in San Diego, and a memorial service and banquet commemorating the 47th anniversary of this battle are scheduled for Feb. 22, at the South Mesa Staff NCO Club, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

For more information, contact Jack Claven, 403 Primrose Place; Gendora, Calif. 91740; (818) 335-2483.

EARLY RELEASE

Reserve officers and enlisted Marines whose discharge date falls from Dec. 16, 1991, to Jan. 6, 1992, are eligible for an early release. For more information, consult ALMAR 270-91 or contact the Barracks S-1 section.

MOTEL DIRECTORY

Henderson Hall MWR has QUEST, a motel directory and discount book. Military members can save up to 50 percent off most motel rates. The \$19.95 book is available at the Ticket Sales Window in the Henderson Hall Exchange.

PARKING AVAILABLE

There is hope for your parking woes. Spaces are available at the Navy Yard parking garage. Your car will be safe and you can avoid the daily ritual of searching the neighborhood for a parking spot or playing "feed the meter."

To acquire a pass, see Cpl. Clark, Barracks Provost Sergeant, at the Guard House.

VISITOR PARKING ABOARD POST

The nine "Visitor" parking spaces are reserved only for official visitors of the Barracks. There is a two-hour parking limit in these spaces unless prior arrangements are made with Guard Detachment. When the lot is secured, no parking will be available.

LEADERSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

In an effort to promote research and writing on the topic of leadership, the U.S. Naval Institute and the Vincent Astor Foundation are sponsoring their 18th Annual Leadership Essay Contest for junior officers and officer trainees of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

The institute will award cash prizes of up to \$1,500 to the authors of winning essays on the topic of leadership in the sea services.

For a complete list of rules, write: U.S. Naval Institute Membership Department; 118 Maryland Ave.; Annapolis, MD 21402-5035, or call (800) 233-USNI.

WOMEN MARINES ASSOCIATION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Women Marines Association is looking for women who serve or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps or U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1918 to the present to join the WMA.

The WMA is a non-profit, non-political organization chartered in 1960 with membership representing every era in which women have and perpetuate the spirit of Marine comradeship through social and recreational activities for association members.

For more information on the WMA, write to: Kathleen Eidson; WMA Financial Secretary; 1531 N. Decatur Road, M3; Atlanta, Ga. 30307

SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS SCHEDULED

"The President's Own," United States Marine Band, will present free chamber music concerts in the Sousa Band Hall, here, each Sunday during January and February 1992. Doors will open for the events, the first of which is Jan. 5, at 2:30 p.m.

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

Privately-owned-vehicle inspections are required for Marines planning to travel more than 60 miles during holiday and special liberty periods. Outlined in Barracks Bulletin 5101, the inspections ensure lights, tires and other vehicle safety equipment are in good repair.

Marines planning to travel while on leave or during weekends may also have their vehicle inspected by contacting the Barracks Motor Transportation Office at (202) 433-2014.

Give your heart an extra helping.

Say no to high-fat foods.



Guard Section becomes detachment

New mission, growth lead to break from H&S Company

On Nov. 11, the Guard Section was removed from the rolls of Headquarters and Service Company and officially became Guard Detachment.

The newly added responsibility of protecting the White House Communications Agency was the deciding factor for making the break from H&S Co, according to Capt. Michael D. Thomas, officer-in-charge of the detachment.

"The addition of WHCA increased our security mission, and with that our personnel requirements also increased," said Thomas.

The unit presently has 110 Marines, and is expected to grow to 140 in the near future.

Although the added WHCA mission was a major factor to form the section into a detachment, Guard Section's overall mission was also taken into account.

"The most important reason for the change was to put all the presidential support Marines under one umbrella," said Thomas.

"In addition to guarding WHCA and posts at the Barracks, we also screen Marines for duty at other security assignments," he said.

These security assignments include Camp David and the White House, and at times, duty in support of the National Security Council.

Because the Detachment provides 24-hour security, it often became difficult to fulfill H&S Co. training requirements and adequately prepare Guard Marines for their unique mission," said Thomas.

The break from H&S Co. has enabled them to have the flexibility to train around the clock.

"Some of the new training we'll provide to our Marines will concentrate on security related missions so they can perform their jobs more efficiently and better respond to a crisis," said Thomas.

Story by
Sgt. Debbie Scott



Marines of the newly designated Barracks Guard Detachment lower the American flag during Evening Colors. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

D&B family initiates long distance charity effort

Collects clothing for West Virginia children

When Christmas comes around this year, for the family of GySgt. Michael H. Gardner, the Drum and Bugle Corps' Drum Major, the holiday will take on a whole new meaning.

For some children living in the Appalachian Mountains—thanks to the Gardner family—Christmas will come, for once.

This month, the Gardner family, Michael, wife Gini, Michael Jr. and Amanda, is celebrating the spirit of Christmas in a different way than in years past by collecting children's clothing to benefit the impoverished children of Tug Valley, WV.

In mid-November, after watching a television ministry program that profiled the plight of the Tug Valley community, a town that has an astounding unemployment rate of 90 percent, Gini says she was driven to do something for them.

"I couldn't believe what I saw on TV. Children were living in clapboard houses. Some families have to hunt for their food. They have no money, no transportation," she said.

Gini's motivation to help clothe the Tug Valley children didn't entirely come from the television program. She says she remembers all too well growing up poor in Kingsport, Tenn.

"We were a very poor family. My dad was a farmer and my grandfather was a coal miner. My dad only made \$70 a month but we never went hungry," says Gini, who's been married to GySgt. Gardner for 17 years.

According to Gini, the family collected 15 large garbage bags filled with clothing, which it planned to take to West Virginia during the weekend of Dec. 14. After the mid-December trip, the Gardner family will still be accepting clothing to send to Tug Valley at a later date.

Those wishing to make a donation can drop off clothing at GySgt. Gardner's office in Room 221 during working hours or can call him at 433-2927/3148, or Gini at (703) 836-1053 DWH and (703) 680-6460 AWH.

Story by
WO Virginia Bueno

'Commandant's Choice' book announced

'Battle Leadership' recommended for Marines of any rank

ALMAR 287/91 establishes Adolph von Schell's "Battle Leadership" as the "Commandant's Choice" for fiscal year 92, under the Professional Military Education Reading Program.

"The 'Choice' is a select book or group of books chosen once a year for their timelessness, value and Corps-wide interest, says Gen. Mundy in the ALMAR.

"The 'Choice' is meant to supplement the reading list, which is assigned by grade. While "Battle Leadership" already appears on the list and is currently assigned for sergeants, warrant officers and 2nd lieutenants, it is my intention that the choice be read by and provide a forum for professional discussion for Marines of all grades.

"Battle Leadership" is a must-read classic on leadership. This book is a compilation of personal experiences of a junior officer of the German Army from 1914 to 1918, with observations on battle tactics and the psychological reactions of troops in a campaign.

"Von Schell's knowledge of war was gained firsthand in meeting engagements, advanced-guard battles rear-



guard battles, night attacks and mountain fighting in which he took part. He participated in the entire gamut of tactical experience, from pursuit to withdrawal, from an assault on permanent fortifications, to a major offensive in the rigors of a Russian winter. Von Schell also addresses battlefield psychology — the knowledge of men and their tactics are timeless and are as pertinent today as they were in World War I.

"I encourage all Marines to read this book; think about its relevancy; and use it to initiate professional discussion on battle leadership. I further charge all commanders with implementing and supporting the reading program and the 'Choice' in such a way that Marines feel encouraged to establish a personal professional reading program.

"Through reading, studying and debating about how to improve ourselves and our Corps, we will continually build and maintain the kind of quality Marine Corps our nation deserves," says Gen. Mundy in the ALMAR.

Corps' top religious post changes hands

Capt. Ellis becomes Chaplain of the Marine Corps

Navy Capt. Larry Hoyt Ellis took the helm as the new Chaplain of the Marine Corps, relieving Capt. Don Krabbe, who retired during a ceremony here, Nov. 22.

Captain Ellis assumes the position as Chaplain of the Marine

Corps after serving as Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Chaplain.

"You work your whole career hoping that what you do will make its mark on someone, and now I am in a position to influence decision-makers and have greater input into those decisions," said Capt. Ellis.

"I am the pastor of the pastors in the Marine Corps. I plan on using this wonderful gift God has given me to help me minister to the spiritual needs of the Marines I serve," said the Corps' top chaplain.

Captain Krabbe retired with 26 years of Naval service.

The Marine Corps Chaplaincy is the largest major command of chaplains under the Chief of Chaplains. It consists of 295 active duty chaplains, 200 reserve chaplains, 225 religious program specialists and 62 Marine chaplain assistants.

Chaplain Ellis started his ministry as a pastor in 1963 and accepted the call into the Navy Chaplain Corps in 1968. His first real taste of serving with the Marines came in 1981 when he was assigned to 4th Marines, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as Regimental Chaplain until 1982. Following various land and shipboard assignments, he was back with the Marines in 1990.

Chaplain Ellis is married to the former Janet Nancy Ruud, of Arlington, Va. They have four children, two sons and two daughters.



Story by
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**COMMANDANT
ADDRESSES
INTERNAL
CONTROLS**

HQMC — In White Letter 06-91, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., addressed the importance of the Internal Management Program to all general officers, commanding officers and officers-in-charge.

Citing the failure of internal controls in the recent embezzlement of over half a million dollars, the Commandant directed that every command functional area pay more attention to its system of internal controls. Public law requires internal controls be established to protect limited resources from misappropriation, misuse, and waste and to protect the public interest and trust through safe and efficient operations.

The Internal Management Control Program is promulgated by Marine Corps Order 5200.24B. Not only has the Commandant asked addressees to review the order and play an active role in internal controls, he has also requested that all functions handling cash be targeted for review under the program in fiscal year 1992. Reviews of areas involving controls over pilferable items should also be made a high priority.

"Such incidents as the recent control failure not only diminish available resources with which we operate, but also result in an unfavorable public opinion of our abilities to run the Corps, said Gen. Mundy in his white letter.

"Our credibility will certainly be questioned if we do not establish and stringently enforce those regulations and internal controls which protect our resources."

Marine receives Navy Cross

Gulf veteran awarded nation's second highest military award

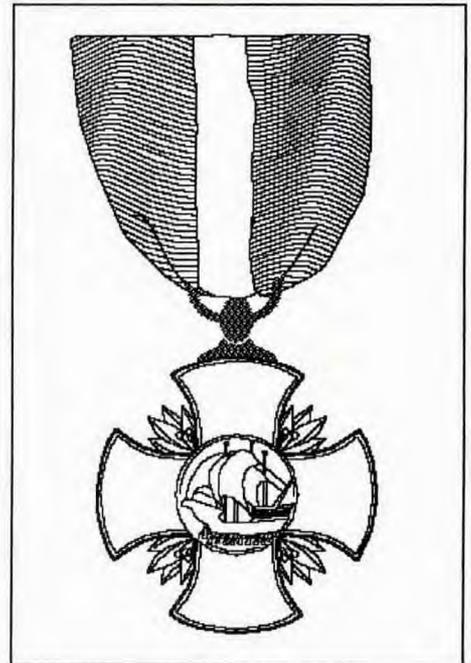
TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. (MCNEWS) — Captain Eddie Ray was recently presented the Navy Cross here by LtGen. Royal N. Moore Jr., Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

The award is only second in precedence to the Congressional Medal of Honor. Ray, 37, received it for "extraordinary heroism" during the Gulf War, during which he served as Commanding Officer, 1st Light Armored Infantry Battalion, Task Force Shepherd, on Feb. 25, 1991.

"Operating perilously close to the attacking enemy, Ray's courage, composure under fire and aggressive warfighting spirit were instrumental in the defeat of a major enemy effort and the successful defense of the division forward command post," says the citation.

During the early morning hours of Operation Desert Storm, an Iraqi mechanized division counter-attacked elements of the 1st Marine Division in the vicinity west of the flame and smoke-engulfed Burgan Oil Fields, in southwestern Kuwait. As dense black smoke shrouded the battlefield, an Iraqi mechanized brigade engaged the 1st Marine Division Forward Command Post Security Forces.

"During the ensuing intense 10-hour battle, Ray repeatedly maneuvered his light armored vehicle company in harm's way, skillfully integrating his light armored infantry weapons, reinforcing TOWs and AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters



to decisively defeat two main Iraqi counter-attacks.

Leading from the front and constantly exposed to large volumes of enemy fire, Ray led swift, violent attacks directly into the face of the vastly larger enemy force. These attacks shocked the enemy, destroyed 50 enemy armored personnel carriers and resulted in the capture of more than 250 Iraqi soldiers.

Ray, a Los Angeles resident, is currently assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Infantry Battalion located here.

*Story by
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UNFORTUNATELY
THE BEST EXCUSES FOR NOT WEARING SEATBELTS ARE ALWAYS
GETTING BURIED ++

EDUCATION NOTES

RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION INCREASES LOAN RATE

The Retired Officers Association has increased its educational assistance program to provide \$1,750 annual, no-interest loans for the 1991-92 school year.

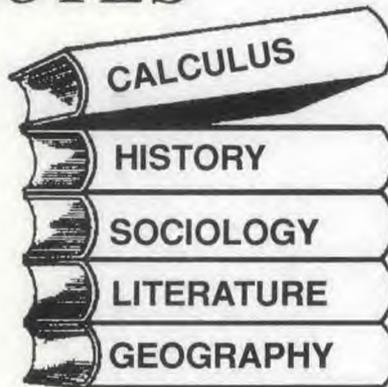
The loans are awarded for up to five years on undergraduate study to unmarried college students under the age of 24, who are dependent children of active, reserve, and retired personnel and their widows(ers).

During the current school year, 700 students were awarded loans, totaling over \$1 million. From this group, based on academic records and extracurricular and community activities, 120 students received a special \$500 grant in addition to the loans. All those awarded loans were automatically considered for grants.

Applications for the 1992-93 school year are now available. Applications should be requested by March 5, 1992, and completed applications must be postmarked on or before April 1, 1992. For applications or more information on the program, write: TROA Scholarship Administrator; 201 N. Washington Street; Alexandria, Va. 22314-2529.

MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

A recent change to eligibility requirements for Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation scholarships for academic year 1992-93 will make more students eligible to receive



financial assistance for continuing education.

The foundation has announced that the family gross taxable income eligibility ceiling will be raised from \$33,000 to \$35,000.

Applicants must be dependent sons or daughters of active duty or reserve Marines, a Marine who served honorably for 90 days in the Marine Corps, a former Marine or Marine Reservist who has been honorably discharged and/or medically discharged or who is deceased.

In addition, applicants must be high school seniors or graduates who are currently enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited college or attending a post-high school accredited vocational school.

Deadline for application submissions is Feb. 1, 1992.

For an application packet, write to Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation; James Forrestal Campus; P.O. Box 3008; Princeton, N.J. 08543-3008.

Strength figures announced

The number of full-time, active-duty military personnel which was released by the Department of Defense (as of September) is as follows:

Marine Corps

September 1991: 196,240
September 1990: 196,652
Difference: 412

Navy

September 1991: 571,568
September 1990: 579,417
Difference: 7,849

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September 1991: 720,022
September 1990: 732,403

Difference: 12,381

Air Force

September 1991: 515,953
September 1990: 535,233
Difference: 19,280

Total Force

September 1991: 1,984,943
September 1990: 2,043,705
Difference: 58,762

Source: NNS

CHAMPUS UPDATE

CHAMPUS "DRG" COST-SHARE IS REVISED

The CHAMPUS diagnosis-related group (DRG) daily cost-share for most civilian hospital admissions has changed.

The daily rate for most hospital admissions that occur on or after Oct. 1, 1991, is \$241 (the \$317 figure that was recently published in the Federal Register is incorrect). CHAMPUS-eligible persons who are not the dependents of active-duty service members will pay either the fixed daily \$241 rate, or 25 percent of the hospital's billed charges, whichever is less.

Active duty family members' cost-shares aren't affected by the DRG rates. They'll still pay a small daily fee (8.95, as of Oct. 1, 1991) for each day in a civilian hospital, or a total of \$25 for each hospital stay, whichever is greater.

For more information about DRG payments, contact the Health Benefits Advisor at the nearest uniformed services medical facility.

CHAMPUS FRAUD SUIT FILED

A U.S. Attorney has filed a civil fraud suit against several Oklahoma physicians, a surgical center and a clinic. The suit alleges that the medical care providers filed fraudulent CHAMPUS claims, listing surgical procedures that weren't performed.

The actual procedures performed were tubal ligation reversals and artificial insemination, both of which aren't covered by CHAMPUS. The suit seeks a total of nearly \$1.5 million in damages.

Toys for Tots drive continues in its 44th year

Dropoff deadline nears

The local Toys for Tots collection goal this year is 200,000 toys. Barracks dropoff points include the Marine Corps Institute, Guard House and Public Affairs Office. Toys should be new (in the package) and left unwrapped so they can be categorized according to age and gender. The last day to drop off toys is Dec. 20.

In recent years, Toys for Tots has collected nearly 8 million toys annually across the nation and given them to approximately 3 million children.

Founded in 1947 by Reserve Maj. Bill Hendricks, Toys for Tots began as a Los Angeles-based local program to aid orphaned children from a to a nationwide campaign which includes benefit concerts, sporting events, corporate involvement and celebrity support.

Macaulay Culkin has been the 1991 Toys for Tots spokesman. Culkin the young star of "Home Alone" and new release "My Girl," has represented the program as it collected donations of new toys for needy children during the 1991 Christmas Season.

*Story by Maj. Robin L. Higgins,
4th Marine Division Public
Affairs Office*



Cpls. James W. Thomas and Mark C. Ruff, Guard Detachment Marines, welcome an early gift at the White House Communications Agency Toys for Tots dropoff point. (Photo by Cpl. Valerie Stroschein)

Marines should watch for suicide indications

The holiday season is traditionally a time of increased suicide risk. Marines should pay close attention to those who appear depressed and take any threats of suicide seriously.

There are many myths about suicide, and as many signs that someone is a suicide risk. The Barracks Chaplain has an information pamphlet called "Leadership Guide for Suicide Prevention," which can be a valuable resource for saving a Marine's life.

If you need help or know a Marine who needs help, contact the Barracks Chaplain, at (202)433-6201, or the NDW Duty Chaplain, at 433-2607.

Corps joins humanitarian effort to help rescue Haitian refugees *Marine to head joint task force*

A joint task force has been formed as part of ongoing Department of Defense support Coast Guard at-sea rescue operations involving Haitian migrants. This new task force will coordinate emergency humanitarian assistance

The Joint Task Force will be commanded by Marine Corps BGen. George H. Walls, Jr. Commanding General of 2nd FSSG, Camp Lejeune, N.C. The joint task force will operate from U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Guard rescue operations provide temporary emergency assistance which includes medical care, shelter, sanitary facilities, food and bedding

for Haitian migrants picked up at sea by the Coast Guard. Temporary additional tent shelters and other basic facilities will be erected at the Naval Base.

The Amphibious Landing Ship, the USS Tortuga, is moored in the Harbor at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base with 844 migrants onboard. Additionally, the frigate USS Moinester picked up 198 Haitian migrants from unsafe vessels at sea. These migrants also have been taken to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

*Story by OASD
Public Affairs Office*

Wake Island: Fighting for honor

Marines hold out against superior forces for 15 days



This painting by Albert Henning depicts the defense of Wake Island in December 1941. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center)



Wake Island was first bombed by the Japanese on Dec. 8, 1941. Marines on the Island fought until their surrender, Dec. 23. Marines from the 1st Defense Battalion and a Marine fighter squadron, VMF-211 defended Wake and the two adjacent islands throughout the battle.

The following is an actual account of what happened in the last hours of the battle, taken from the Occasional Paper, "To Wake Island and Beyond," by retired BGen. Woodrow M. Kessler, who commanded Battery "B", 1st Defense Battalion, on adjacent Peale Island.

At about 0700 on 23 December 1941, a column of three destroyers appeared off KuKu Point, much as they had on 11 December. After four salvos at the lead ship, I noted that it had stopped and appeared to be settling in the water. I decided that since it was stopped I could come back to it later to finish it off if need be...

At about 0800, the telephone talker turned to me with a worried look; he said, "They say to stop firing the 5" guns, we are surrendering the island." I asked him to repeat the message, but it was the same. It was so unbelievable that I put on the phones and called the CP myself. There was no response. Then finally I heard the voice of my old Naval Academy shipmate, Clarence Barninger, the commander of "A" Battery on Peacock Point. Yes, he assured me, it was true, we were surrendering. He told me what he was doing to prepare for the arrival of Jap troops. We both expressed the hope we would be seeing one another again and rang off. For a few minutes we were all too stunned to speak. Then some of the men began to express the opinion that we should disregard the order and keep on fighting. But I told them we had to carry out our orders and that we might endanger the lives of those already in Jap hands if we broke the terms as agreed to by our commander. But since I couldn't find out what the terms of surrender were (there were none), I decided to do what could be done to render the guns useless. I told Platoon Sergeant Huffman to take off the firing locks and throw them out into the ocean. He later reported this accomplished but not before he had embel-

lished the deed by firing off all remaining primers. He also broke the lenses on the gun sights and put sand in the elevating and traversing mechanisms. An attempt was made to disable the breech locks by operating them repeatedly with sand poured into the threads.

Not knowing how we would be approached by the Japs, I ordered the men to keep their rifles operable. I thought it possible that the Japs would renege on a surrender and come at us shooting. If that happened I wanted to be able to return the fire. I had read of Jap actions in China where they had fired on unarmed Chinese for the fun of it and had used defenseless people for bayonet practice.

Then I asked for an inventory of ammunition on hand. I know we were low but I was unprepared for the results, five rounds of 5" ammunition on hand. That was it. The order to cease firing the guns had been almost unnecessary.

We rigged a bed sheet on a pole to indicate our compliance with the surrender order. Barninger had said he was doing this and thought it would avoid any misunderstandings. It turned out to be a wise precaution for we had just finished erecting the pole when the carrier bombers returned. This time they merely buzzed our position and were gone. Maybe they would play by the rules.

Then, there they were. Three truckloads of Jap soldiers came speeding into our midst, braked suddenly in a cloud of dust and quickly disembarked. They came toward us gesturing that we should approach them with our hands up. The signal for "hands up" was easy enough to understand but the signal for "come here" was made with the cupped hand down, the fingers pointing to the ground and then retracted into a fist. It appeared to be a signal to lie down and there was some confusion among the surrendering Marines, which led to some very harsh sounds and movements from the Japs.

Account taken from Occasional Paper by BGen Woodrow M. Kessler, USMC Ret.

Commandant salutes Pearl Harbor veterans *December 7th marks 50 years since Japanese attack*

Narrative by Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps

More than 2,400 Americans died during the attack (of Pearl Harbor), an ordeal which President Franklin D. Roosevelt aptly named "A date which will live in infamy." The uncertainty that the nation faced in the aftermath of the attack gave way to confidence, and ultimately to victory, because of the sacrifices and contributions of the fighting men and women of this great country — and the unwavering support of Americans on the home front.

Typical of the heroism shown by American service members during the attack were the actions of Sgt. Thomas E. Hailey, a Marine assigned to the ship's detachment of the battleship USS Oklahoma. When his ship capsized, he dove into the flaming waters, swam to another ship to aid in the rescue of his crew, and then manned an anti-aircraft gun in the heat of enemy bombing and strafing, even though he'd never handled that type of weapon before.

Marines at the Marine Corps Air Station at Ewa, on Oahu, showed the same indomitable fighting spirit when the air station came under attack at the same time as the fleet in the harbor. An official that he could commandeer, or even improvise, with the limited means at his com-



Gen. Mundy, shown here during the 1991 Marine Corps birthday ceremony, writes that he is inspired by World War II veterans. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

mand. They displayed great courage and determination against insurmountable odds.

As Commandant of your Marine Corps, I am constantly inspired by those who served before me in the Corps, and by veterans of World War II in particular. I can also say unequivocally that the men and women who are today's Marines are also a tremendous source of inspiration. They are sons, daughters, brothers and sisters from your hometown, and I know you share my great admiration and respect for them.

Although much has changed in the world since 1941, the human element remains the most important constant in maintaining the security of our great nation...the strength and

capabilities of the U.S. Armed Forces, combined with the skill and spirit of our young men and women in uniform, are the most dependable safeguards of American interest in an increasingly unstable and dangerous world.

America and its allies began a war in 1941...then as now, the steadfast determination and heroism of young Marines, soldiers, armed forces continue to preserve the peace today that was achieved with such difficulty and bloodshed in World War II.

As we commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, join me in saluting the veterans of that war and our military men and women of today.

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Christmas 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 year — the final brief before the big mission.

Suddenly, as the husky form of Col. Santa Clause (also known as Kris Kringle, Saint Nicholas and 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," 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 his physical fitness tests for the past couple of hundred years — not a bad score for a man his age.

What he lacked in physique, however, he made up for in his uniform. His big 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 shone 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 Clause as he pulled a tarp off the table, revealing a map of the entire world.

"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 best of friends. It's an odd sort of time, really, but very enjoyable, especially when shared with friends and family

Twas the duty before Christmas...

Actual Officer-of-the-Day log entry from Christmas Day, 1990

*Twas the night before Christmas and out on the deck,
not a creature was stirring, it was quiet as heck,
General Gray and his lady had turned in for the night,
the Home of the Commandants was all shut up tight.
A seabag was hung from the chimney with care,
and a fresh pair of cammies was ready for wear.
The Guard Force had just finished Post and Relieve,
and the Barracks was set for a long Christmas Eve.
When from the commandant's roof there arose such a clatter,
the OOD and React went to see what was the matter.
Using hand and arm signals so we wouldn't make sounds,
we moved through the Arcade by alternate bounds.
When what to our wondering eyes should appear,
but a camouflaged sleigh and a squad of reindeer.
With a little old driver in cammies so brown,
we knew he'd left Saudi to fly into town.
The camouflaged sleigh touched the roof with a squeal,
like some Tactical Santa Insertion Mobile.
The reindeer deployed in a drill they knew well,
Santa went down the chimney by hasty rappel.
He came back in a flash with his mission complete,
and called to us standing there in the street.
As his sleigh left the roof and shot into the sky
he said, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all Semper Fi."*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gregg P. Olson
CAPT USMC*

Top staff members plan Santa's mission for annual worldwide present insertion

"The only enemy force we expect to encounter will be old Ebenezer Scrooge. But I don't think he'll be much trouble this year. Our allies, the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, have been assigned to take care of him," he said.

After taking a long draw on his potpourri-filled 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. Clause 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 Col. Clause.

"I assume you've seen the list, sir," he said.

"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 administration and logistics side of the mission.

"Here are your orders and travel vouchers, sir," Riggers said, handing him a batch of papers.

"All air traffic will be cleared for your flight from 0001 to 2359 on 25 December.

"All 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 along 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. 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 hangar 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," the elves exclaimed in unison.

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

Story by Sgt. J.D. Moore
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H&S Marines test reactions

Course challenges teamwork, planning

You've seen it a hundred times on television and on the big screen. One individual or a small group of people are in a precarious situation with few materials and seemingly no way to get out of their predicament. But due to ingenuity and know-how, they overcome the odds and come up with some ingenious plan. But isn't that always the way it is in Hollywood?

H&S Marines had an opportunity to test their resourcefulness when they trained on the Officer Candidate

School's Reaction Course at MCCDC, Quantico, Nov. 19 and 21.

They spent a day trying to overcome the challenges posed by the course. It consists of 20 different problems involving land and water obstacles and scenarios which require Marines to use a limited number of ropes, boards and other items to accomplish their mission.

"Marines learned that training is a team effort and that working as a team they can overcome these problems even at (small team) levels," said Capt. P. A. Brygider, H&S Co. Commander.



ABOVE: Sgts. Angelo M. Charboneir (left) and Bryan S. Vance use their rifles to slide a simulated box of ammunition while LCpl. William J. Beschen maintains security watch during H&S Co. Reaction Course training.

TOP: Sgt. Louis C. Curry (foreground) adjusts a plank bridge over a water obstacle as Sgt. Allen E. Jarrell Jr. waits to shuttle a simulated ammunition crate across.

RIGHT: LCpl. Rebecca E. Jackson takes a plunge while attempting to swing across a water obstacle.





*Story by
"Pass in Review" staff
Photos by
Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe*



The Year in Review

The year 1991 will soon draw to a close, but events at the global, national, Corps-wide and local level have left permanent marks on the Barracks and its Marines.

Marines here witnessed the passing of command of the Barracks and the Corps, conducted burials, marched in ceremonies and parades across the country, appeared on national television, supported the Corps with knowledge and helped defend American principles abroad.

Story by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe





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ABOVE: SgtMaj. David D. Sommers, 11th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, describes the two MCI Marines before him as "young people such as this who will carry the torch into combat," during his post and relief ceremony, June 27. (Photo by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson)

FACING PAGE: Gen. A.M. Gray, 29th Commandant, hands over colors during his Change of Command Ceremony, June 28. (Photo by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson)

OVERLEAF: "A" Co. Marines move into position for the National Victory Celebration Parade, June 8. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

Among the Marine units that breached Iraqi minefields and freed Kuwait from Iraqi oppression during a four-day ground operation were 160 Barracks Marines who deployed to the Gulf with "A" Company, Dec. 27, 1990.

While "A" Company was deployed, Marines from "B" Company assumed double-duty performing ceremonial functions, while MCI and H&S personnel formed into marching platoons in anticipation of a shorthanded parade season.

During the annual West Coast spring Battle Color Tour, the Drum and Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Team appeared on the "Major Dad" show.

"A" Company returned from the Gulf amid local media coverage during Easter weekend and began preparations for parade season shortly thereafter.

The 1991 Parade Season began as scheduled in May, and was highlighted by special parades for the Commandant's and Barracks

Commander's change of command, and post and relief of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

In June, America officially welcomed back combatants from the Gulf War with a National Victory Celebration, highlighted by parades in Washington, D.C and New York City. Marines from "A" Company, "B" Company and the United States Marine Band participated in the District's parade, and the band marched again in the ticker-tape parade in the Big Apple.

Later in June, Gen. A.M. Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, retired on the 28th, with 41 years of service. Gen. Gray made "Warrior" a concept which permeated every aspect of the Marine Corps, from recruit and infantry training to planning and operational development and everyday Marine life.

Succeeding Gen. Gray was Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., who was serving as Commanding General of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Marine Force,



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Col. J.C. Flynn receives the Barracks guidon from Col. Peter Pace during a July 22 ceremony here. (Photo by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson)





LEFT: The U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps marches into the gates of Fort Henry, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, during a Battle Color Detachment visit in late August. (Photo by Capt. Cathy Engels)

BELOW: LCpl. Bradley J. Cornellous, "A" Co., takes a plunge while negotiating a problem during company training at MCCDC, Quantico, in May. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

RIGHT: "B" Co. Marines warm up for the first 1991 parade, May 1. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)



2d Marine Expeditionary Force and the Allied Command Atlantic Marine Striking Force.

"As I assume my new duties...the greatest task I will face will be to live up to the expectations that each of you who wears the eagle, globe and anchor," said Gen. Mundy Jr, when he assumed his role as 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Sergeant Maj. David W. Sommers was relieved as 11th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps by SgtMaj. Harold G. Overstreet, one day earlier, on June 27.

Less than a month later, Col. J.C. Flynn assumed command of the Barracks from Col. Peter Pace, during a July 22 ceremony. Colonel Flynn came to the Barracks from Panama, where he



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served as Operations Officer, Deputy Directorate for Counterdrugs, U.S. Southern Command.

The Barracks Guard Section picked up additional duties when it was tasked beginning in July with protecting the White House Communications Agency complex at Anacostia Naval Station. This led to the forming of Guard as a detachment in November.

Fall also marked the departure of the Battle Color Detachment once again, as it demonstrated Marine Corps discipline and esprit de corps in cities up and down the East Coast and in Canada. The detachment carried on a 37-year tradition as it visited Fort Henry, in Kingston, Ontario, in August, then traveled on the coastal tour in September.

In September, Barracks companies geared-up for, and participated in, the 1991 Battalion Field Exercise, conducted at Forts A.P. Hill and Pickett. Marines trained in their respective occupational specialties, and practiced field and urban combat tactics for 10 days, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 10.

The Marine Corps Institute hosted the 15th Annual Interservice Correspondence Exchange Conference in October. MCI Marines met with correspondence coursewriters from the other services and exchanged notes on courses and procedures.

Barracks Marines from every company trained to maintain their combat readiness throughout the year and fulfill the Barracks' role as a light infantry battalion, and next year promises more of the same. 1992 will bring more challenges, more ceremonies and yet another parade season. It will also bring an opportunity for Barracks Marines to rise and meet all these challenges.





ABOVE: "A" Co. Marines helocast into Lunga resevoir during training at MCCDC, Quantico, in June. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

LEFT: Officers of "A" Co. gather around a burned-out Iraqi T-72 tank following Operation Desert Storm, in March. One hundred sixty Barracks Marines deployed to the Gulf. (Photo by Cpl. Jose L. Caballaro)

RIGHT: H&S and MCI Co. Marines practice for the 1991 Parade Season during Ceremonial Drill School during the "A" Co. deployment to Southwest Asia. (Photo by Cpl. Valerie Stroschein)



CREATURES OF



ABOVE: The "MCI Chainsaw Massacre" is enacted during the Institute's Haunted House, which was held there, Oct. 26.

Moulaged Marines, garbed in ghoulish guises made ghastly gestures at peeking passersby when the Marine Corps Institute held its annual Haunted House, Oct. 26. Children of all ages watched, some in fear, some in joy, as goblins, ghosts and monsters did their best to terrorize their visitors.

Here's a close look at the Institute's devilish activities.



THE DARK SIDE



ABOVE: A Freddy Krueger look-alike threatens children passing by during the Haunted House.

LEFT: Ghouls and goblins await the next group of children to scare.



Photos by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson

Decorate safely this holiday season

AFIS — Trees and greenery decorated with ornaments and lights, candles and seasonal displays all add to the holiday spirit.

But according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, these same decorations can turn a joyful holiday season into one marred by tragedy. Because decorations are used only once a year, people tend to ignore safety hazards.

The common attitude is, "if it worked last year, it will still work this year," say consumer officials.

A Christmas tree, live or artificial, is a leading cause of injury and property damage during the holiday season. A freshly cut tree with a high moisture content will stay greener longer and is less of a fire hazard. There are several ways to tell the condition of a tree. These include: A tree is dry when you tap the trunk against the ground and several needles fall, or if branches are easily broken. It is fresh when needles bend or are difficult to pull out.

Once you bring a tree home, cut about two inches from the bottom of the trunk and stand it in a bucket of water if it is to be stored. If it will be set up immediately, place it in a wide-legged tree stand with water. Check the water level daily, filling the stand when necessary.

Place both live and artificial trees away from doorways, the room's traffic pattern and all heat sources, such as a fireplace, radiator or heating register. Make sure the

tree stand is sturdy and stable.

If you are purchasing an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability. Follow the safety instructions that come with the tree.

Use only approved electrical lights for decorations. Check strings of tree lights for frayed or exposed wires and broken or split sockets. Dispose of any light strings with wire or socket problems and replace burnt-out or broken bulbs as soon as possible.

Extension cords should also be checked for frayed or exposed wires or loose connections. If a cord is defective, throw it away.

Plug no more than one set of lights into one extension cord. Keep cords away from room traffic and don't place them under a rug or carpet. Never use indoor light strings outside because they aren't weatherproofed.

Safety officials recommend using colored spotlights instead of electric lights on a metallic tree.

Additional safety tips include:

- Don't leave young children or pets unsupervised around the tree.
- Don't leave tree lights or other electrical decorations burning when the family has retired for the night or left the house.
- Don't use the fireplace to burn gift wrappings.
- Don't leave a fire unattended.
- Don't use lighted candles as decorations.

As a final safety precaution, Consumer Product Safety commission officials recommend keeping a fire extinguisher near the tree.

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Exercise caution and common sense to ensure a safe holiday.

SPORTS SHORTS

SKI CLUB OFFERS MEMBERSHIP

The Pentagon Ski Club is open to all uniformed personnel and associated civilians and their families in the greater Washington area. It will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 17, at the Cameron Station Officers' Club, Alexandria, Va.

Fifteen trips on this year's schedule range from weekends in the mid-Atlantic to weeks in the Canadian Rockies and European Alps. Beginners are welcome and lessons are available for skiers of

all levels. The club's NASTAR racing club took first place in national competition last year.

If you cannot attend the meeting or need directions, call (301) 587-2073.

BOLLING CENTER OFFERS TAE KWON DO CLASSES

Classes in Tae Kwon Do will be held at the Bolling Fitness Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

YOGA CLASSES AVAILABLE

Hatha Yoga classes are being offered at the Bolling Fitness Center. Yoga consists of body postures and breathing techniques. It increases vitality, stamina and flexibility, relieves tension and fatigue, and improves circulation, balance, posture and concentration.

Cost is \$40 for eight weeks and \$25 for four weeks. For further information call the center at (301) 767-5895 or 767-5269.



Col. J.C. Flynn, Barracks Commander, presents the FY91 Commander's Cup to Capt. P.A. Brygider, H&S Company Commander, during a Nov. 27 ceremony.

H&S Co. Marines accumulated more points than any other company during FY91 Intramural athletic competition. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

BARRACKS SALUTES

AWARDS

"A" Company

Meritorious Mast

Cpl. C. C. McLoed
LCpl T. T. Lowe

"B" Company

Navy Achievement Medal

LCpl. W. S. Cole

Drum and Bugle Corps

Good Conduct Medal

Sgt. J. P. Drass

Guard Detachment

Good Conduct Medal

Sgt. L. H. Hernandez

H&S Company

God Conduct Medal

LCpl. M. D. Boston
Cpl. C. D. Conner
LCpl. R. M. Manning

Marine Corps Institute

Navy Commendation

GySgt. W. E. Blair

Good Conduct Medal

Sgt. R. K. Bradshaw
Cpl. L. T. Hagler III

Certificate of Commendation

GySgt. R. A. Payson

PROMOTIONS

Sgt. K. L. Dowdy
Sgt. P. D. Sapla Jr.
Cpl. C. A. Bratton
Cpl. G. A. Clarkin Jr.
Cpl. D. B. Collins
Cpl. K. G. Collins
Cpl. D. Conner
Cpl. K.I. Dowdy
Cpl. T. J. Dudek
Cpl. D. R. Ellingson
Cpl. C. R. Goodwin
Cpl. G. L. Hanna
Cpl. J. D. Kimbrell Jr.
Cpl. E. L. Lucas
Cpl. R. A. Mertz
Cpl. J. K. Miller
Cpl. D. L. Prince
Cpl. P. D. Sapla Jr.
Cpl. R. T. Stone
Cpl. V. A. Stroschein
LCpl. A. J. Barnes
LCpl. D. S. Butler
LCpl. M. A. Cahill
LCpl. J. Cavazos
LCpl. J. F. Cofer Jr.
LCpl. L. R. Cook Jr.
LCpl. G. H. Couey
LCpl. F. P. Farrar
LCpl. S. C. Fesperman
LCpl. T. A. Geiger
LCpl. G. C. Markley
LCpl. S. D. McCune
LCpl. J. R. Parker Jr.
LCpl. M. W. Perry
LCpl. K. S. Roberts
LCpl. S. M. Rudnick
LCpl. B. K. Savage

WELCOME ABOARD

GySgt. R. A. Payson
Sgt. R. Myrick
LCpl. M. M. Carmichael
LCpl. J. A. Fuentes
LCpl. L. McGruder III
LCpl. S. A. Monette
PFC T. S. Benzinger
PFC R. J. Boudreaux
PFC R. A. Carlross II
PFC M. P. Carlson
PFC M. A. Collado
PFC K. L. Evans
PFC A. T. Gladney
PFC C. T. Gunlickson
PFC A. S. Halstead
PFC A. G. Hicks
PFC B. K. Holzemer
PFC J. E. James
PFC W. S. Katschke
PFC R. A. Monroe
PFC A. Montemayor Jr.
PFC T. D. Mosley Jr.
PFC T. M. Ross
PFC M. M. Savage
PFC M. N Schanck
PFC J. T. Schuler
PFC C. J. Stephens
PFC J. C. Taylor
PFC A. P. Thomas
PFC T. E. Wheeler
PFC T. E. Williams

SPECIAL SERVICES LINE

YOUR TICKET TO ENTERTAINMENT

Winter means it's time for **SNOW SKIING!** More than a dozen ski areas catering to skiers of all levels lie within a short drive of Washington, D.C. Contact the Barracks Special Services Office for locations and phone numbers for the slopes.

The new Gershwin comedy, "Crazy for You," is playing at National Theater through Jan. 18, 1992. Ticket prices range from \$30 to \$55. Call Tele-charge at (800) 233-3123 for tickets.

For dirty, loud, action-packed fun, see the Truck and Tractor Pull Championships Jan. 17 through 19, at the

Capital Center. Tickets, which are \$14 and \$16, may be purchased at the center box office.

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at the George Mason University Center for the Arts at 8 p.m., Jan. 18, 1991. Tickets, which are \$20 to \$25, are available at the location box office, or by calling (703) 642-7200.

For information regarding any of these events contact Sgt. Blake, at (202) 433-4295.

CAREER PLANNER'S CORNER

EXTENSIONS

The following is a list of acceptable reasons for requesting an extension:

- To process reenlistment request
- Because a Marine is pregnant
- Because a Marine's wife is pregnant
- To qualify for reenlistment
- To complete Parade Season
- To enable assignment to a major command
- For additional MOS training
- For reclassification or lateral moves

Unacceptable reasons include:

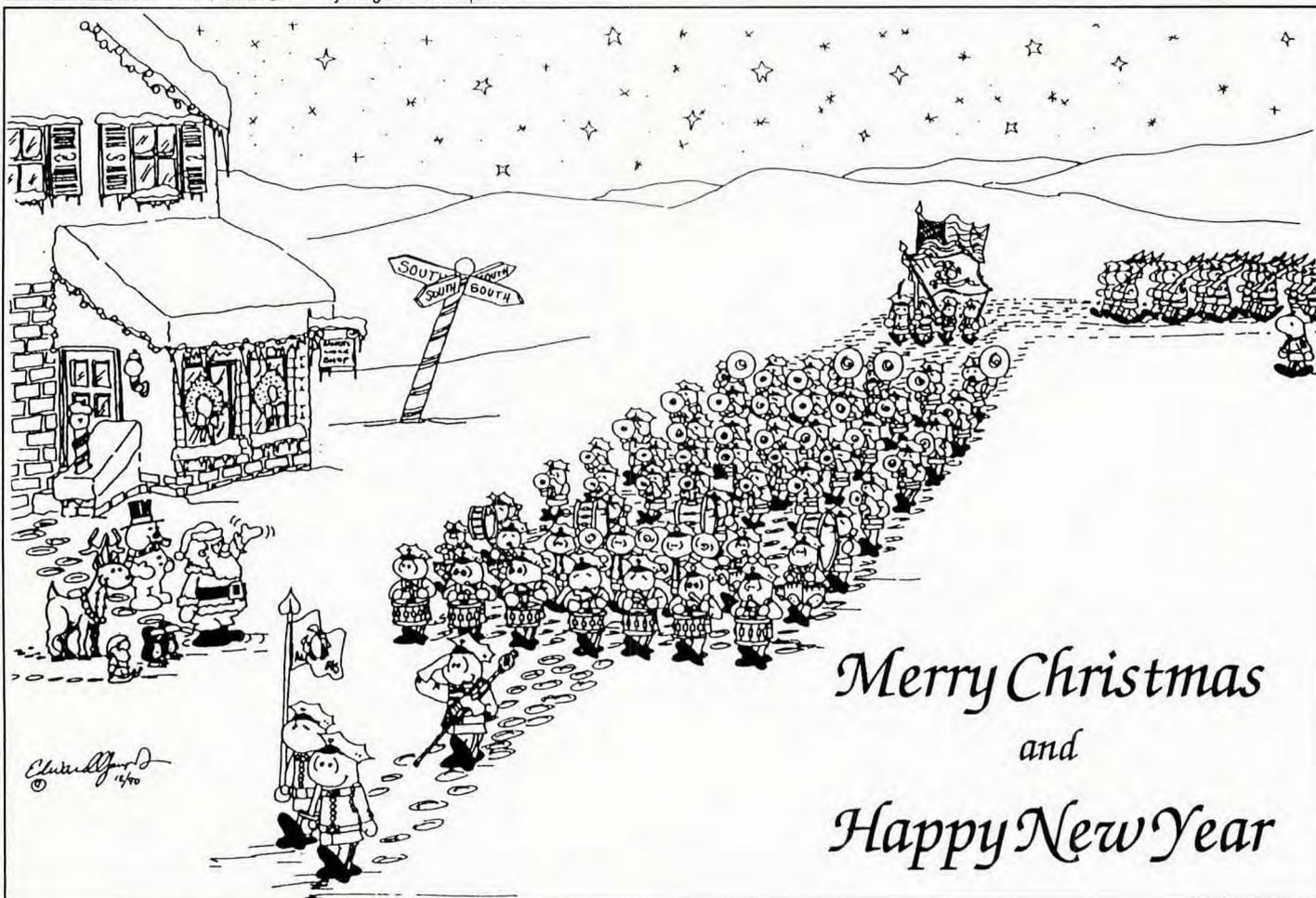
- To further service
- For retirement purposes
- To complete college or a course

The Barracks' fiscal year 1992 first-term reenlistment goal is 12 Marines. So far, one-fourth of that goal has been met. For information on any career questions you may have, consult SSgt. Smith, Barracks Career Planner.



HARRY WHO

by SSgt. E.A. Temple Jr.



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

Peace in the heart of two great soldiers

Benjamin P. Browne, in his book *Illustrations for Preaching*, tells this story of the Civil War:

In the history of the tragic War Between the States, no Confederate general except Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson was more popular than George E. Pickett. A flamboyant character, romantic as he was brave, he led the famous charge at the Battle of Gettysburg.

His love and loyalty to his beautiful wife were somehow known to both armies. When his first baby was born, a son, the two armies were drawn up for battle, facing each other. Somehow, the news of the popular general's first baby somewhat softened the bitterness of the war.

All along the two-mile Confederate battle line, cheers were shouted and bonfires were built in celebration of the event. It was a beautiful sight — the long stretch of bonfires illuminating the thick darkness.



General Grant was curious to know what was happening in the confederate Army. He sent out scouts to learn the cause. They reported that Mrs. Pickett had just given birth to her first child. The general had a son.

General Grant said, "Haven't we any kindling wood on this side of the line? Why don't we strike a row of lights too, for the young Pickett?"

Soon bonfires were blazing all along the Union line. Not a

shot was fired, not a gun pointed at the enemy. Bright lights and peace reigned because a baby was born.

Many different faiths will celebrate some type of observance during this time of year. In the Christian tradition, the celebration of the birth of Christ will be the center of attention.

I remember the birth of our youngest son, Eric. The feelings of joy, relief, happiness and pride were reflected on the faces of many of the new parents there. When you look at a newborn baby, you see the hope, the potential, the innocence of new life. In much the same way, the birth of Christ still brings a sense of awe and wonder to those who worship him. It was an arrival of hope for peace in a troubled world, and good will toward mankind.

My prayer for this holiday season is that you will find peace in your families, peace in working relationships, peace in your communities, and yes, PEACE ON EARTH!

Lt. Paul R. Deaton, CHC, USN

Christmas Worship Opportunities

NAVY YARD	Catholic mass	5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
	Protestant Service	8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
NAVAL ANNEX	Catholic Mass	10:00 a.m. Christmas Day
FORT MYER Old Post Chapel	Catholic Mass	11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
	Eucharistic Services	10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
Memorial Chapel	Catholic Mass	12:00 a.m. Christmas Eve
	Protestant Services	5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
		7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve



