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Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr. assumes command



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ON THE COVER: Gen. A. M. Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, passes the Corps' Colors over to Former Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps David W. Sommers during a June 28 ceremony, in which Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr. assumed command. (Photo by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)



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ABOVE: The U.S. Drum and Bugle Corps performs while Marines in the background stand at Ceremonial At-Ease during a live Fourth-of-July filming for NBC's TODAY SHOW. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

BACK COVER: Desert uniforms are depicted in the new uniform plate, "U.S. Marines in the Middle East, 1991."

INSIDE BACK COVER: Marines from Company "A" hit the water after jumping from a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter during helocasting training at MCCDC, Quantico, Va. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)



BRIEFS

FREE GUIDE TO D.C. AREA

The Henderson Hall Family Service Center has free information for you! Metrorail maps, sightseeing information, addresses and phone numbers to area military housing offices, housing offices, temporary lodging facilities, family employment centers, as well as child care centers and medical facilities are available.

Anyone is welcome to this information when they pick up the FREE book, "Guide to Washington". Maps of D.C., Maryland and Virginia are also available.

'STORM' TAX PUBLICATION RELEASED

Internal Revenue Service Publication 945, "Tax information for those affected by Operation Desert Shield/Storm," is now available.

This 16-page publication provides service-members and their dependents much-needed information about their Federal Income Tax benefits resulting from combat zone service. Anyone desiring a copy of the publication can contact the IRS at (800) 829-3676.

UPCOMING MILITARY SPORTING EVENTS ANNOUNCED

MARINE CORPS MARATHON

MCCDC, QUANTICO, Va. -- Applications are now available for the 16th Annual Marine Corps Marathon, which is scheduled for Nov. 3, in Washington, D.C.

Entries will be limited to the first 13,000 paid applicants. The entry fee is \$20.

For applications and information, write to **Marine Corps Marathon, P.O. Box 188, Quantico, Va. 22134**; or call (703) 640-2225.

HENDERSON HALL FULL POWERLIFTING CONTEST

Henderson Hall will host a powerlifting contest at 10 a.m., Aug. 17, in the Terry L. Smith Gymnasium. Men and women are invited to participate in the event, which is open to Active Duty Military Personnel and their families, DoD personnel and retirees. Weigh-ins begin at 8 a.m., and a mandatory rules brief is at 9:45 a.m. Send the \$10 entry fee to **MWR 0110, HQBN, HQMC, Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va. 22214-5003, Attn: Joe Dupont**. For more information call (703) 614-1823/2825/2244.

GI BILL BENEFITS INCREASED

Monthly payment rises to as much as \$350 for those serving for three years

Montgomery GI Bill benefits will increase in Fiscal Year 92. Payments under the active duty program increase to \$350 for those serving for three years or more, and \$275 for those serving more than two years, but less than three.

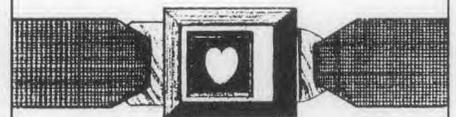
The amounts for the Selected Reserve Program increase to \$175 for full-time study, \$128 for three-quarter-time study and \$85 for half-time study. For fiscal years after 1993, these rates may continue. In addition, annual increases may be granted based on an increase in the Consumer Price Index.

These increases mean that a full-time student may receive a total of \$16,800 over four years, rather than the \$10,600 total under the previous payment plan.

These increased benefits apply to all Marines.

Safety Belts Save

More than 15,000 lives could have been saved in 1987 if everyone had worn safety belts, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates.



USE YOUR SEAT BELT

OVERSEAS ADDRESSES CHANGE

New designator added to FPO, APO to help speed mail

MCB CAMP BUTLER, OKINAWA, Japan -- All APO and FPO designations on mailing addresses changed July 15, and many patrons received new zip codes. The address changes allow the U. S. Postal Service to use optical scanners to expedite mail sorting. The scanners are already in use in the United States.

Through this new standardized procedure, all mail

destined for the Pacific Theater will now be processed in San Francisco, according to 1stLt. S.A. Contreras, MCB Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan, Postal Officer.

All mail slated for the Pacific will use the designated FPO "AP". For example, instead of FPO San Francisco or Seattle, the last line would read FPO AP San Francisco, followed by the new zip code.

Similar changes will be made to military addresses in other global areas.

The U.S. Postal Service will continue to deliver mail with the old overseas address for one year. Any military mail without the new address and zip code after July 15, 1992, will be returned to the sender.

*Story by
Sgt. Charles Luedke*

Cammies to Sport New Look

Optional name, service tapes added to utilities

HENDERSON HALL, ARLINGTON, Va. -- Utility uniforms will have a new look as a result of the Gulf War. Since the Marine Corps received credit for things it didn't do or didn't receive credit for some things it did, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps put out ALMAR 165-91, Marine Corps Bulletin 1020, that states: "Embroidered name and service tapes have been authorized for wear on the utility uniforms."

Right now, though, it is the option of the individual Marine to wear the tapes. It is expected to take approximately three to five years before mandatory wear of the tapes takes effect.

The tapes will be made of olive green cloth, with black block lettering on the woodland uniform. On the desert uniform, the tapes will have brown block lettering on a tan background.

The tape will be 1 inch wide with embroidered three-fourths-inch lettering. To accommodate longer names, lettering may be condensed to one-half inch.

To allow the tape to be turned under at the ends when sewn on uniforms, tapes will be at least 7-1/2



Desert utility uniform with optional name and service tapes.

inches long. Additionally, the lettering should be no longer than 4-1/2 inches in length.

Nametapes will include the individual's last name, in uppercase letters. Service tapes will be inscribed with "U.S. Marines," in uppercase letters only.

The nametape will be worn over the right breast pocket. A nametape will also be worn above the right rear trouser pocket, with tape length not to exceed 6 inches. No tapes will be worn unless both nametapes and the service tape are worn simultaneously.

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GEN. MUNDY TAKES CHARGE

Corps' leadership changes hands during June 28 ceremony



Former Commandant Gen. A. M. Gray, Vice President Dan Quayle and Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., stand at attention for the 'Pass in Review' during the change of command ceremony, June 28. (Photo by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)

General A. M. Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, relinquished command to General Carl E. Mundy Jr. during a change of command ceremony here, June 28, ending his 41-year active duty career.

Vice President Dan Quayle, Reviewing Official for the parade, looked on as the Battle Color of the Marine Corps changed hands in front of two companies of Barracks Marines and nearly 3,000 spectators.

"I've just received the Battle Color of the Marine Corps from one of the most distinguished officers ever to wear the uniform of a Marine," said Gen. Mundy during his remarks.

Ties between Gen. Mundy and his predecessor go back as far as Vietnam where they first met, according to a speech given by Gen. Gray to Barracks Marines.

"For probably half of my adult life and nearly three quarters of his adult life, I've served with General Mundy, and I have been around when he has served in a variety of leadership and staff leadership responsibilities," said Gen. Gray. "I have the utmost confidence and unbounded enthusiasm for your new Commandant and, more importantly, for the future of the Corps."

During the ceremony, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney presented Gen. Gray with the Defense Distinguished Service Medal. In addition, Gen. Gray received the Navy-Marine Corps Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal and the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal.

"Some people asked me if this (retirement) was a sad occasion. How can it be sad when you have

such magnificent young warriors in your Corps?" said Gen. Gray turning to the Marines on the parade deck, whom he referred to as representative of Marines all over the world. "I am as excited about the future of the Corps as I was nearly 41 years ago when I enlisted. Today I'm so terribly proud of our Corps and what it has done."

Indeed, pride was the order of the day.

"As I assume my new duties, many tell me that the challenges will be great, that the decisions will be difficult," said Gen. Mundy, whose prior assignment was as the Commanding General of Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, the II Marine Expeditionary Force

and the Allied Command, Atlantic Marine Striking Force. "The greatest task that I will face will be to live up to the expectations that each of you who wears the eagle, globe and anchor has, and each who demands so much, expects so much and deserves so much from those of us who do wear the eagle, globe and anchor."

As Gen. Mundy stood in the spotlight during the evening ceremony, his words reverberated throughout the "Oldest Post of the Corps."

"It is my continued privilege to serve with you and it will be the greatest honor of my lifetime to be your Commandant," he said.

**Story by
Capt. Cathy Engels**

POST AND RELIEF

SgtMaj. Overstreet takes over as top enlisted Marine

The 11th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, David W. Sommers retired and was relieved by SgtMaj. Harold G. Overstreet during a morning ceremony here, June 27.

General A. M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, presided over the ceremony, which brought SgtMaj. Sommers' 31-year career as a Marine to a close.

"Four years ago, when we launched together, we knew there was, as always, much to be done, and we decided together that we would step out smartly and try to make it happen," said Gen. Gray, during the ceremony. "You have truly been a strong right arm and a strong left arm for your Commandant."

"We are deeply indebted for what you have done for our Corps of Marines," said Gen. Gray. "You left no stone unturned. You never stopped helping and teaching others."

During the ceremony, Gen. Gray presented SgtMaj. Sommers with a Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service to the Government of the United States in a duty of great responsibility as Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps," according to the citation.

"(Sergeant Major Sommers) was instrumental in expanding participation of enlisted Marines on Staff Noncommissioned Officer boards, establishing a professional reading program for SNCO's and instituting the Basic Warrior Course. These changes provided for both better methodologies and avenues for the professional growth of the Enlisted Corps," said the citation.

During his remarks, the Commandant noted that SgtMaj. Sommers told him retiring "is harder than combat," when he received his medal.

Sergeant Maj. Sommers spoke last to the crowd filled with Marines from here and other commands, including several general officers and literally dozens of sergeants major.

"I stand before you this morning a very thankful Marine; thankful to my God, my country and to my Corps for allowing me to serve these last 31 years," said SgtMaj. Sommers. "You are not supposed to be happy to retire! Somewhere I've been told that -- everyone says it's supposed to be a sad occasion. But I will tell you I am extremely happy to be retiring, and I would like to share with you why."

He then called two lance corporals in utilities to stand up next to him.

"How could you possibly be sad about leaving the Corps when you're leaving it in the hands of such dynamic people as our young warriors. This is what the Corps is all about," he said.

"How could I possibly be sad about leaving. It would only be for selfish reasons because I wanted to stay as long as I could, but I know it's my turn to go, as it will come for

all of you, and as it has come for many of you," continued the sergeant major.

President George Bush told SgtMaj. Sommers in a letter thanking him for a job well done, "as the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, you provided

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Then-Commandant Gen. A. M. Gray shakes SgtMaj. Sommers' hand after presenting him with the Distinguished Service Medal.

MODEL CITIZEN

Major receives citizenship award from D.C. police chief for tackling crime in his neighborhood

It started as so many crimes in Washington, D.C. seem to -- late on a hot July night in a dark alley out of sight of any spectators.



Maj. Michael Trujillo, of the MCI Special Projects Office, shakes hands with District Police Chief Isaac Fulwood Jr., after receiving an award for thwarting a crime. (Photo by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)

That is, except Maj. Michael Trujillo, who was honored by the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department for the actions he took to see that this crime didn't end like the others.

"I was sitting on my front stoop (across from the Barracks) when I saw two men break away from the group they were standing with. They tackled two women who were walking

down the street, and body slammed them, tearing the dress off one. They started to beat up on the women and dragged them into an alley. I watched for a second because I couldn't believe what I was

seeing," said Trujillo, who is assigned to the Marine Corps Institute's Special Projects Department.

Trujillo then ran across the street and kicked the larger of the two men. When he turned his attention to the second man, the two ran away. Trujillo chased the men, but eventually lost them.

"I didn't think about what might happen to me. I just reacted," he said.

For his actions on that July night last summer, D.C. Police Chief Isaac Fulwood, Jr., presented Trujillo with a certificate of appreciation for outstanding public service and a check for \$100 at a ceremony in Fulwood's office, July 2.

"To me, this type of concern is what forms the many households which make a neighborhood into a community," said Fulwood. "I commend Major Trujillo for his compassion and courage. He has demonstrated the stuff of which heroes are made."

But Trujillo is modest about his status as a local hero.

"I didn't do the heroic thing. I did the right thing," he said.

Trujillo donated half of his

'I didn't do the heroic thing. I did the right thing.' - Maj. Michael Trujillo

award money to the Young Marine Program, which meets at the Barracks weekly. The program works to build discipline and self-esteem in inner-city youths.

"I think this program helps to instill the values it takes to do the same thing I did," said Trujillo.

He donated the other half of the money to the D.C. Rape Crisis Center.

"I, for the life of me, cannot understand how people just stand by and watch things like this (crime) happen," said Trujillo. "I couldn't live with myself if I had just let it happen."

**Story by
Capt. Cathy Engels**

FOOD POISONING

Enjoy your picnics, but handle food carefully

Summer is picnic time, backyard cookout time, camping-out time and just plain brown-bagging-in-the-park time. It's also food poisoning time if food isn't handled properly.

AFIS -- More than 2 million Americans reportedly suffer from food poisoning every year, mostly between May and October, according to researchers at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The number of unreported cases can only be guessed. Food-borne diseases are most threatening to the young, the old and people with other illnesses.

For years, mayonnaise has been called a food-poisoning villain, but it's a bad rap, said Dr. (LtCol.) Gerie Elias, a preventive medicine officer with the Air Force Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D.C.

"Commercial mayonnaise you buy in the commissary is normally safe because it has vinegar in it," Elias explained. "That acid content slows bacterial growth. But be careful with homemade mayonnaise if it's made without lemon juice or vinegar. Generally what happens, say with potato salad, is the cook's hands are infected with bacteria from handling raw meat or poultry, and the germs are transmitted while cutting vegetables for the salad. If the potato salad sits at room temperature for a while, you run into a problem."

"The Centers for Disease Control are also concerned about the quality of eggs, that some are contaminated with salmonella," said Elias' co-worker, Dr. (LtCol.) Jim Wright. "We don't recommend people making homemade mayonnaise until the egg problem is solved."

"If you're taking hard-boiled eggs or deviled eggs on a picnic, make sure they're cooked well," Wright continued. "At breakfast, stay away from sunny-side up. If an egg is cooked until the yoke is starting to thicken, it'll be all right. Ninety percent of the time you're safe, but it's that 10 percent that's the problem."

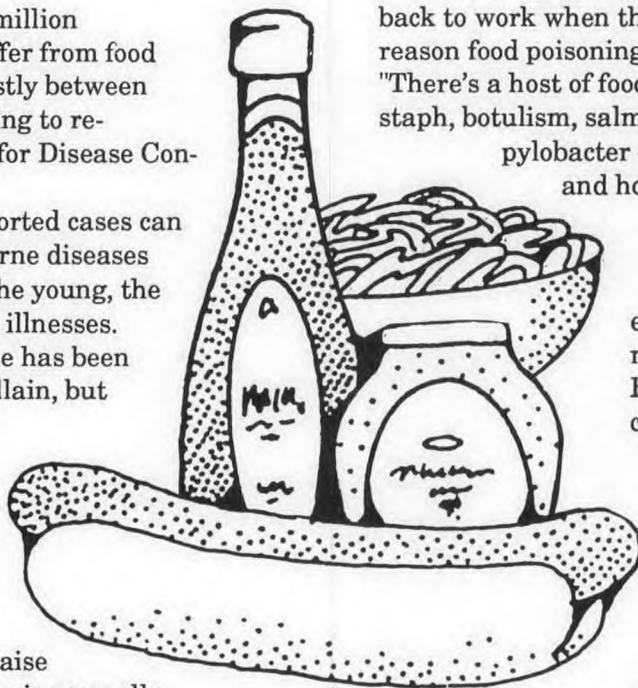
"A lot of people get sick and stay home, then go back to work when they feel better. That's one reason food poisoning is under-reported," said Elias. "There's a host of food-borne illnesses you can get -- staph, botulism, salmonella, clostridium, campylobacter -- depending on what you eat and how well the food is handled."

Normally the problem is the cooks contaminate the food. If they keep it refrigerated, even if it's contaminated, there may not be a problem. Refrigeration keeps the illness-causing organisms from growing."

Wright said food handlers can prevent food poisoning by not exposing cooked and uncooked foods to juices from raw meats and poultry, by practicing good personal hygiene and by ensuring foods such as turkey, Cornish hens, shellfish and fish are completely cooked before serving.

Picnicers should keep foods like potato salad and macaroni salad, coleslaw, all cooked and uncooked meats, chicken, deviled eggs and custard and cream pies in a well-insulated, ice-packed cooler, he added.

"Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. To prevent bacteria from growing, don't leave any food sitting in the sun or at room temperature too long," Elias warned.



**Story by
Rudi Williams**

100 YEARS OF TOURS

"The President's Own" marks tour centennial this year



The first Marine Band Concert Tour was in 1891, under the direction of John Phillip Sousa, pictured above with the Tour Band. (Official U.S. Marine Corps Photo)

This year marks the 100th anniversary of a tradition initiated by the Marine Band's 17th director, John Philip Sousa. As a result of Sousa's drive and persistence, the band embarked in 1891 upon its first national concert tour. Over the past century, these tours have brought the music of 'The President's Own' to people in the largest of cities and the smallest of towns across the nation.

By 1890, the Marine Band had gained tremendous popularity under Sousa's leadership. The band's reputation was also furthered by the relatively new invention of the day, the phonograph, when the Columbia Phonograph Company chose to record the Marine Band. Within two years, over 200 different Marine Band cylinders were released.

Prior to 1891, the band could not be away from Washington for more than twenty-four hours at a time. This restriction limited out-of-town appearances to nearby cities such as Richmond, Baltimore, and Philadelphia.

Much enthusiastic praise strengthened Sousa's resolve to take the band on an extended concert tour. Sousa had requested permission to tour from Colonel

Charles G. McCawley, eighth Commandant of the Marine Corps, but was repeatedly denied. When the Commandant became ill and was relieved of his post, Sousa approached the Acting Commandant. He suggested that Sousa go to the Secretary of the Navy, Benjamin F. Tracy. Tracy granted his approval, but told Sousa he should seek final approval from President Harrison.

The president also granted approval and Sousa immediately began to arrange the first concert tour; a five-week trip throughout New England and the Midwest in the spring of 1891.

Over the past century, the philosophy behind the Marine Band's national concert tours has remained virtually unchanged.

"The President and the Secretary of the Navy have con-

sented to give a leave of absence to the (U.S. Marine) band for a brief tour, in response to many pressing requests, and because they recognize the fact that the people throughout the country should have an opportunity to listen to the band which is maintained by their pleasure and at their expense," stated publicity materials from the first tour.

The tour, which began on April 1st, brought "The President's Own" to 32 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, Kentucky, and finally, Washington, D.C. on May 4th.

The band performed two different programs: one for matinees and another for evening concerts. Both included Sousa's unique blend of popular music and orchestral transcriptions, as well as his own compositions. Although the audiences clamored for Sousa's marches, he included them only as encores, offering his audiences what he called the "solid fare" of Wagner, Bizet, Verdi, Schubert, Berlioz, and others.

In addition to the 50 Marine Band musicians, Sousa followed the concert fashion of the time by including a civilian soloist.

Because the early Marine Band tours were arranged and coordinated by commercial touring agencies, admission was charged. Tickets for the 1891 concert cost between 50 cents and \$1, depending on the quality of the seating.

Sousa and his bandsmen apparently caused quite a sensation on tour both musically and visually.

Although public reaction was gratifying, the tour was overly strenuous, with the band often appearing in four different towns in two days. Sousa and his musicians lacked sufficient sleep and often only had time for makeshift meals on the run. The musicians traveled by train in heavy wool Dress Blue uniforms, riding for 10 hours or more and arriving just in time for the

matinee concert. After only a few hours break, they would perform an evening concert. The next morning brought another 10-hour train trip. Although Sousa considered the tour a great success, he and his bandsmen were exhausted.

Soon after Sousa returned from a much-needed vacation, plans for a second Marine Band tour were made. The five and a

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half-week tour took the Marine Band through 17 states to the Pacific Coast and back from March 21st to May 7th. During this transcontinental trip, Sousa and the Marine Band were even more popular with the public than on the first tour.

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Following the Marine Band's 1892 Pacific Coast tour, Sousa left the Marine Corps to form his own band. According to research conducted in the early 1970's by Arthur Lehman, Marine Band Principal Euphonium 1947 - 1971, the band made only four tours: 1901, 1907, 1911 and 1912, before traveling yearly between 1920 and 1931. During the Depression years of 1932 to 1934 the band did not tour, but took to the road again in 1935 and continued to tour every year until the onset of World War II in 1942. During the war, the band played many additional performances in Washington, D.C. and at the White House to boost wartime morale. The tours resumed in 1946 and the band has toured every year since.

During the early tours the band made a point of traveling to different regions of the United States, but there was no established method for accomplishing this goal. During the 1929 tour, territorial problems arose. The recently-created Army and Navy bands had started to tour as well, and concert engagements began to conflict. As a result, the country was divided into three geographical areas - the West, Midwest, and the Southern and New England states - with each band touring a different area on a rotating basis. After World War II, the Department of Defense amended this plan. In order to accommodate tours by the newly-formed Air Force and Coast Guard bands, five geographic tour areas were created.

The Marine Band tours only in the fall, with a tour schedule of one performance per day.

The Tour Band, which consists of Director, Col. John R. Bourgeois, an assistant director, 58 musicians, the stage manager and a stage crew of four, travels for seven weeks each October and November.

*Story by
SSgt. Nancy S. Colburn,
U.S. Marine Band PAO*

GROUND MAINTENANCE

Marines use hard work, green thumbs to maintain parade grounds to high standards

LCpl. Michael S. Slaid cleans Center House window in preparation for a Friday inspection. He and the rest of the Grounds Maintenance Marines ensure the Barracks' appearance is kept immaculate.



Underneath the feet of more than 300 ceremonial marchers at Marine Barracks lies the regulation cut, three-inch high Kentucky Bluegrass, which serves as the platform for parades every Friday evening.

During the summer months here, the public has the opportunity to witness Marine parades held here on Fridays and in the shadows of the Marine Corps War Memorial on Tuesdays.

The main attractions, the Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Team, the battalion of combat-ready Marines, and the Marine Band are in direct view of the public. But what most people don't see is all the hard work that goes into setting

the proper atmosphere for the Barracks.

The hedges that line the outskirts of the barracks are perfectly manicured, and the sidewalks and grounds surrounding are kept flawless by Grounds Maintenance. But these are just two of their many tasks.

"The primary mission of Grounds Maintenance is to maintain the appearance and immaculate upkeep of the grounds for parades," said



ABOVE: LCpls. Scott A. Tucker (left) and Michael D. Scott straighten mats near the bleachers prior to an Evening Parade.



LEFT: Part of Grounds Maintenance Section's responsibility is doing the never-ending job of pulling weeds.

GySgt. Roger R. Scott, Grounds Maintenance Chief.

Their job is never done. Although the parades only occur during a portion of the year, these hard-chargers work on the grounds all year round.

Grounds is responsible for keeping the ropes and mats in outstanding condition, as well as ensuring the curbs are kept freshly painted.

"We usually replace the ropes and mats once a month,

and we paint the curbs weekly," said Scott. "Everything that can be done on non-parade days will be done, to ease the workload on Fridays." But on parade days, the tempo of their schedule is sped up considerably.

Two Marines in green colored polo shirts and black shorts report for duty at 5 a.m. to wash the sidewalks and lawn surrounding the barracks. The others arrive for formation at 5:50 a.m. and begin their 19-hour workday by setting up ropes for gate entrances, parade signs and lecterns.

"During Phase I and II, the Marines are given preparation time and return for duty at 1 p.m. to set up boards and mats between the rows and in front of the bleachers," said Scott.

"It takes about 1 1/2 hours to set up the boards and mats," said Cpl. Eric R. Keller, Grounds Maintenance.

After mowing the lawn and setting up the tent in the Commandant's backyard for that evening's Garden

Party, the Marines stand by for inspection at 5 p.m.

During the parade, two Marines in civilian attire and walkie talkies stay out among the crowd to intercept any problems that should arise, while the others carefully and quietly remove the tent from the lawn and await the end of the parade.

Their day concludes with taking apart the boards, mats and the black-out curtains hung in the arcade. "We are usually finished by midnight," said LCpl. Scott T. Balliet.

Although Sunset Parades don't require as much preparation by the Marines, nevertheless things still need to be done before the show.

One squad from Grounds Maintenance departs from the barracks on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. for the Marine Corps War Memorial. There they trim hedges, set up ropes, wash the monument and set up an average of 200 chairs prior to in-

spection at 3:30 p.m. After the parade, they take down the ropes and chairs and are usually finished by 9:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, here at the barracks, the rest of Grounds continues to maintain the proper appearance by clipping the hedges that outline the barracks, mowing the parade deck, and taking care of any job that should arise.

Grounds Maintenance is comprised of 11 Marines who remain with the section year-round. An additional 18 Marines are attached to the unit during parade season.

"At the beginning of parade season we had 32 Marines. Since that time, Marines have either gone back to Guard or were transferred from of Marine Barracks. We currently have 17 Marines to do the job of 29," said Scott.

The Grounds at the Commandant's House are maintained by two Marines chosen from grounds to work specifically on the CMC lawn. Currently Cpl. Charles Deardoff and LCpl. Michael Reeder claim the CMC lawn as their own territory. "We were chosen because we both had landscaping and yardwork experience," said Reeder.

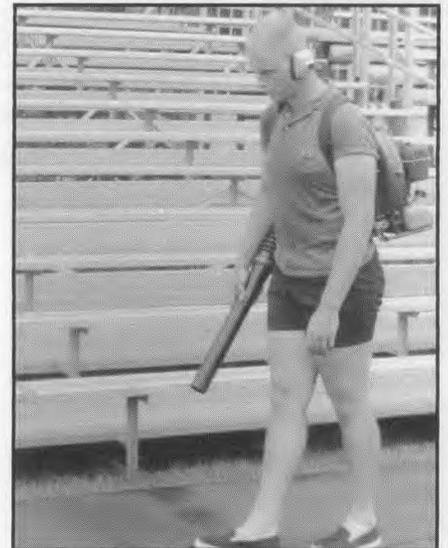
Like the Marines who work on the parade deck, Deardoff and Reeder must maintain the immaculate appearance of the CMC lawn. But this is no easy task, and one that can't be learned overnight.

Marines assigned to CMC Grounds must complete at least five weeks of training.

"During that time, the Marine will learn the basics of the upkeep of the lawn," said Deardoff. "In Grounds Main-



ABOVE: Cpl. George T. Byrne (on tractor) and LCpl. Slaid team up to remove a mower attachment from the section's John Deere 430 tractor so they can pull a trailer laden with boards and mats.



RIGHT: LCpl. John C. Silva uses a blower to dry water on the mats.

tenance, a Marine can learn what needs to be done, and it's possible for that same Marine to be transferred within two weeks," said Deardoff. "But CMC Grounds is long term, the Marines have to be here for a while to learn exactly what is expected of them."

"Deardoff and I have been in CMC Grounds for approximately 17 months and are still learning, but the basics are taken care of," said Reeder.

Reeder explained that he appreciates the benefits of being on the CMC Grounds team.

"We take pride in what we do and have been complimented on the lawn's appearance by the Commandant of the Marine Corps himself," said Reeder.

Both Deardoff and Reeder agree that since GySgt. Scott took over, he has lifted the image of the section and brought order, discipline and organization to Grounds Maintenance.

Behind the spotlight of the ceremonial Marines, lies the Marines dedicated to the appearance of Marine Barracks, and it's guaranteed that not a single leaf is left unturned.

**Story and photos by
LCpl. Valerie Stroschein**

Guard Marines Help With Celebration

Three were in support roles for 'Operation Welcome Home' festivities

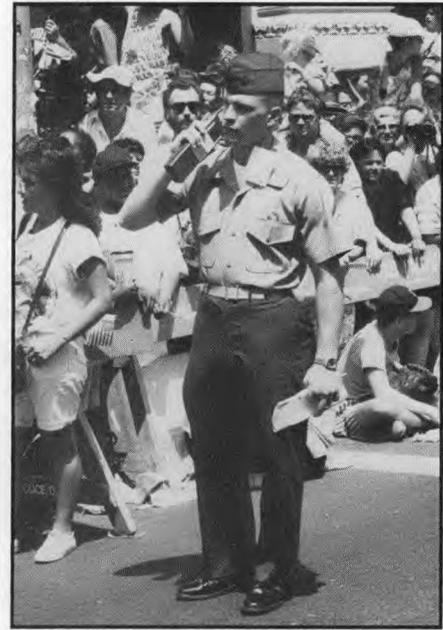
The "Operation Welcome Home" celebration involved Marines from various units across the United States, including "8th and I". The parades were filled with Operation Desert Storm heroes in the spotlight. But, as with every performance or ceremony, there are people working behind the scenes making sure everything goes well.

Marines, as well as members of other branches of service, were called in support of "Operation Welcome Home" for various behind-the-scenes duties. Three Marines from Marine Barracks were tasked with supporting roles.

Cpl. Solomon G. Robbins, and LCpls. Christopher J. Duran, and Edward A. Myers II, from H&S Company Guard Section, worked in security and assembly for both parades.

Duran worked assembling troops at the step-off point for both parades. "My responsibilities were to make sure everybody was in the correct order of march at the assembly areas prior to the parades," said Duran. "The troops came in groups of all sizes looking for their respective places, and it was my job to make sure they got in the right position in the march order," said Duran.

Myers' duties varied from Washington D.C. to New York. In D.C., his duties were to pass out



Lance Cpls. Christopher J. Duran (left) and Edward A. Myers II, of Guard Section, work along the parade route in New York City during the Operation Welcome Home Ticker Tape Parade.

water to the troops that were marching, and organizing the parking areas for the buses. In New York, he performed route control. Myers was positioned at one of the checkpoints on the parade route and announced the various bands that marched, made sure everything went as scheduled, announced stops in the parade, and helped police with protesters.

The order of march was identical to what was written beforehand. "The only problems I encountered in the parade were from protesters throwing sharp metal objects from windows. They successfully flattened two vehicle tires," said Myers. "They also tried to wreak havoc by throwing eggs, a chicken, and red painted ticker tape."

Among the servicemembers and patriotic Americans who were present for the parades were a few celebrities. "In New York Brooke Shields, Cindy Crawford, Ann Jilian and John Schneider were there

to view the parade," said Duran. Congressional Medal of Honor winners were also present to watch the day's events.

The crowd didn't seem to pay as much attention to the television celebrities as they did to the uniformed men and women marching in the parade and even the ones watching from the sidelines. "There were a lot of people who welcomed me home and asked me for my autograph, just because I was in uniform," said Duran.

"The support was there, it was obvious just from the size of the crowd. But the level of enthusiasm the crowd displayed emphasized their support that much more," said Myers.

"This was an opportunity that doesn't come along too often, and I'm glad I was a part of it," said Duran.

**Story and photos by
LCpl. Valerie Stroschein**

AIRBORNE INSERTION

*Company "A" Marines
trek to Quantico to
helocast, rappel*



MCCDC, QUANTICO, Va., -- It puts the "Nestea Plunge" to shame. One moment you're moving along in a perfectly good aircraft, and the next you're completely overwhelmed by water, struggling to the surface to gulp an ever-important breath of air and relieve your sinuses of water that seems to have permeated every crevice within your skull.

That is helocasting, an old insertion method Company "A" Marines practiced here, June 19.

It was part of a motivational day of training which also included helo-rappelling, according to Capt. B. P. McCoy, Company "A" Commander.

"We did it to break the monotony and see which Marines are afraid of heights," said McCoy. "It gives Marines a chance to overcome their fears."

Each Marine was given an opportunity to jump from a CH-46 Sea Knight traveling 15 feet above Lunga Reservoir at about 15 to 30 mph. Once they all surfaced and gave a "thumbs-up" to signal they were OK, they grabbed the side of a safety boat and were towed ashore.

"It was the first time I'd ever jumped out of a helicopter," said LCpl. Raymond A. Encinias, a 20-year-old from Albuquerque, N.M. "It happened so quick I didn't have

time to think. I jumped off (the ramp) and the next thing I knew I was in the water."

"Helocasting was like nothing I've ever done before," said LCpl. Diamond L. Farrar. The 19-year-old from Washington D.C. said he was scared at first, but when it came time to do it, his mind went blank and he just jumped. "My first thought when I hit the water was just to get to the surface."

When Marines overcame the challenge of jumping into the water, they were given an opportunity to rappel from a helicopter hovering about 70 feet AGL, or above ground level.

"I was pretty scared at first, but once I was on the

FEATURE



ABOVE: (Clockwise from left) LCpl. Jon A. Wageman, Cpl. Roy R. Chalmers and LCpls. Scott D. Straubel and Donald J. Culbertson swim toward the recovery boat after jumping into Lunga Reservoir.

rope and out of the aircraft it got better," said 20-year-old LCpl. David E. Miller, from New Haven, Ind. "It's difficult because it's not like rappelling from a tower. You can't hear and have to rely on hand and arm signals."

Fear of heights and water are two common phobias even for Marines. But conquering these fears gives Marines the confidence they need to accomplish other combat and non-combat tasks they may be assigned.



TOP LEFT and AT LEFT: Company 'A' Marines rappel from a CH-46 Sea Knight during training at Quantico.

**Story and photos by
Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe**



AIM, FIRE!

Marines of H&S Company fired a variety of weapons during training at MCCDC, Quantico, Va., June 19 and 26. The arsenal included shotguns, 9mm Pistols, M-203 Grenade Launchers, Squad Automatic Weapons and M-60 machine guns. (Photos by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:

Marines fire an M-60 and SAW.

Smoke fills the air as H&S Marines fire grenades downrange..

Cpl. Brian C. McClure, armory chief, practices his aim on the M-203.

Sgt. Brian K. Rutter, of Guars Section, draws his 9mm during the fam-fire training.

Load and lock with an M-203.



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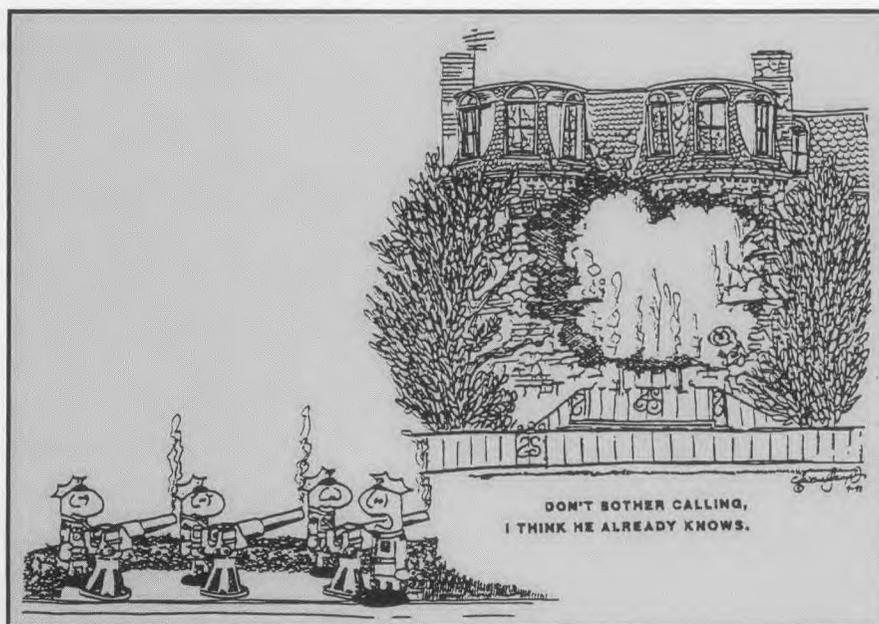
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Cpl. L. B. Barrios

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Sgt. A. L. Aguayo
PFC G. H. Couey
PFC J. J. Lawrence
PFC C. R. Perkins
PFC B. K. Savage

'SERGEANT MAJOR,' from page 7

exemplary leadership and guidance for some of the finest Marines ever fielded by the United States. "Their performance and their accomplishments during Operations Just Cause and Desert Shield/Desert Storm contributed directly to the cause of international justice and helped to restore America's pride in her Armed Forces," continued the letter.

When SgtMaj. Overstreet made his remarks, he described SgtMaj. Sommers as an eagle.

"An eagle is the emblem of the United States, and SgtMaj. Sommers lives up to everything that stands for," said the new Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. "(SgtMaj. Sommers) is a warrior, a patriot. If there is one adjective I would use to describe this Marine, it would be 'Marine.'"

"I leave knowing that if we should go in harm's way, that the lives of our young warriors will not be lost needlessly. I believe we have the leadership (needed) in the Corps today, we have the weapons,

we have the equipment and we are truly a great Corps of warriors," said SgtMaj. Sommers in his closing remarks. "And it is young people like this (the two young Marines next to him) who will continue to carry the torch in combat.

"I will tell you that I wish you all well," he continued. "I would wish that the Good Lord above keep the spirit of our great Corps burning brightly in your heart and keep you all safe. Good bye, thank you and Semper Fidelis."

Story by
Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe

CAREER CORNER

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BOOSTING ASVAB SCORES

A GT Enhancement Class will be conducted by the Henderson Hall Battalion Education Center from Aug. 5 to 30, and Sept. 2 to 27. The four-week course is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. For information call (703) 614-8797.

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'NAMETAPES,' from page 5

Name and service tapes may be worn on utility uniforms which have the "USMC" emblem decal affixed, but Marines who purchase or are issued new uniforms will not wear the decal if the tapes are worn.

The wear of these tapes doesn't eliminate the requirement for internal markings of uniforms with the owner's name, however, and Marines who change their names will replace their tapes with tapes bearing their new name as soon as possible.

Until the wear of name and service tapes becomes mandatory, all Marines will maintain at least one set of unmarked utility uniforms (without tapes). Commanders may prescribe that unmarked utilities be worn during formations, ceremonies and parades, when uniformity is considered essential.

Name and service tapes may purchased and sewn at the Marine's expense through any available source. Arrangements are underway to makes tapes available through the Marine Corps Exchange Uniform Shop.

Story and photo by
Cpl. Scott Dement

The All-American Sport

Baseball has for many years captured the attention and dreams of its fans. Many Little Leaguers, including my three children, aspire to be great Major League players some day. They quickly learn that you do not have to be six-feet, 10-inches tall to catch a rebound, you do not have to weigh 275 pounds to tackle the running back, nor do you have to run a four-minute mile. But what they do learn is that with desire and some skill, just about anyone can succeed at this sport.

Baseball also attracts many colorful characters. Take Lawrence Peter (Yogi) Berra, for example. He played in 15 All-Star Games, 75 World Series Games, won the American League Most Valuable Player Award three times, managed pennant winners in both leagues and was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Few know, however, that at the age of 19 he was a 2nd class petty officer in the Navy, and on D-Day, June 6, 1944, was lending anti-aircraft support to the invasion of Normandy. What even fewer may realize is that his most notable accomplishment was shooting down one of his own

American airplanes and fishing the pilot out of the water himself.

Yogi Berra is famous for some of his sayings about baseball. For example, "Ninety percent of this game is half mental," "A nickel aint worth a dime anymore," and "A home opener is always exciting, whether it's at home or on the road."

My theory about why baseball is so loved

by the American people is that it reflects the opportunity of "average" people to achieve great success. The Hall of Fame is filled with ordinary people possessing extraordinary vision and drive.

The rules of baseball also follow the rules of life. When you step up to the plate, you get more than one swing at a good pitch. And, if you should strike out, you will get another chance to hit later on in the game when you have had time to regroup. Life will provide for us from time to time a coach to inspire and

train us to succeed in this game of life.

My prayer for today is that after you come around third base and slide into home plate, the umpire will call you "safe"... "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord." (Matthew 25:23)



Lt. Paul R. Deaton USN, CHC

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		12:30 p.m. Sundays
	Protestant Services	10 a.m. Sundays
		11:30 a.m. Sundays
Memorial Chapel	Protestant Services	8:15 a.m. Sundays
		11 a.m. Sundays







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