

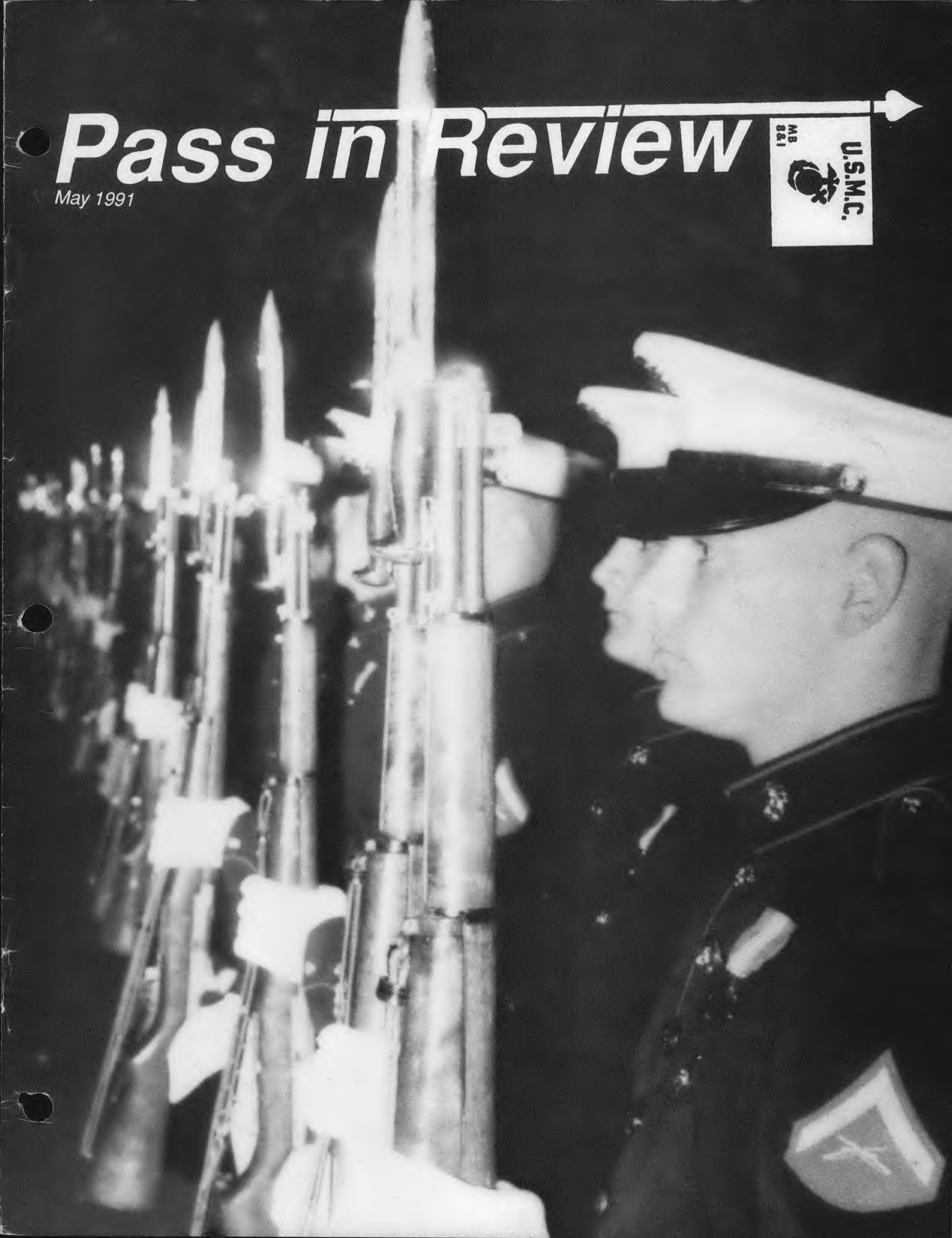
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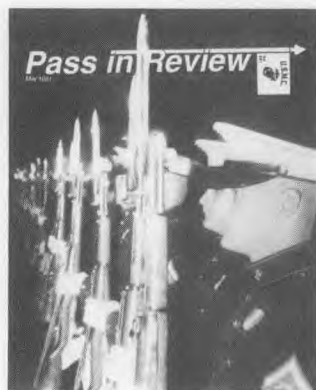
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On the Cover:

Marines "Present Arms" while warming up on 9th Street for the annual Dependent's Parade, May 3. For more on Parade Season '91, see page 12. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)



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LCpl. David Rodriguez, of the Silent Drill Team, tosses his rifle into the air during the Dependents Parade, May 3. For more on Parade Season, see page 12. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

BACK COVER: Cpl. George T. Byrne III, this year's Dog Handler, stands on Center Walk with LCpl. Chesty IX at his side. (Photo by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)

INSIDE BACK COVER: Company 'A' Marines pose with their guidon in front of an M-60 tank. (Photo by Cpl. Jose L. Caballero)



Military Spouse Day

May 10, 1991

A message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps:

The return of many of our warriors from Operation Desert Storm while others continue to serve globally provides a poignant opportunity to recognize the devotion and sacrifices of the men and women who stand beside this Nation's Marines.

Military spouses enjoy no title or compensation. They are, in the truest sense, volunteers -- committed to the same high ideals of service and patriotism as those espoused by their Marine. Their 'tours of duty' routinely mean the interruption of personal careers, the rigors of establishing a new home, and the endurance of personal and financial hardships during frequent periods of family separation.

Their pride in sharing the responsibilities of defending this great Nation is mirrored in their extensive personal involvement within the civilian communities they call home. They, like their Marines, are willing to step forward and accept the challenge of freedom.

It is truly fitting that on this special day set aside to honor our military spouses that we take this time to say "thank you" to these brave and dedicated individuals. Their commitment is truly the bonding substance that preserves the ideals and integrity of our Marine Corps family.

General A. M. Gray

BRIEFS

FREE 'STORM' DECALS

The Once a Marine, Always a Marine Society is offering free "Support Our Troops" bumperstickers. To obtain the bumperstickers, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with enough postage for the amount requested to: Once a Marine, Always a Marine Society, P.O. Box 448, College Park, MD 20740.

3D MARDIV REUNION

The 3d Marine Division will hold its annual Family Reunion July 17-19 in Denver. All those who have been part of, or attached to the division are welcome. For more information, contact Bill Krueger at (703) 451-3844

RECRUITER ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Several recruiting stations are fighting the battle to find quality young men and women to serve in the Corps, and need reinforcements. Contact GySgt. English at (800) 289-USMC if you are interested in recruiter assistant duty in **Washington state, northern Idaho or Alaska.**

If you are interested in helping in the 4th District, call (215) 897-6310/6311/6312. The 4th District includes **Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and parts of New Jersey and North Carolina.**

Southwest Asia Service Medal Announced

AFIS -- Military members serving in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm will get to wear the new Southwest Asia Service Medal recently established by an executive order from President George Bush.

Service secretaries are determining specific eligibility requirements.

"This medal was designed to represent the period of service from Aug. 2, 1990, when Kuwait was invaded, until Jan. 16, 1991," said Army LtGen. Donald Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Manpower and Personnel Policy. He added that a campaign star will be authorized for the period Jan. 17, to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense. The campaign star denotes the commencement of the war effort, he said.

"Instead of awarding the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to service members in the Persian Gulf conflict, their performance and professionalism merited the creation of a new medal," said Jones. "It specifically recognizes those young men and women who deployed to the Persian Gulf and participated in this complex, demanding and highly successful operation."

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney recently authorized the award of the National Defense Service Medal to individuals serving on active duty Aug. 2, 1990 or later in recognition of the efforts of the armed forces worldwide. The Southwest Asia Service Medal is special recognition for the forces that deployed to the gulf region, Jones explained.

According to Jones, the colors of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, designed by the Army's Institute of Heraldry, incorporate the colors of the United States and the Persian Gulf area. The basic ribbon is sand-colored, which represents the desert, with red, white, blue, green and black stripes.

"We wanted to make the medal representative of all services. It is a joint operation, and we wanted representative scenes of the area," he said. The front of the medal shows the desert and sea with a tank, armored personnel carrier, helicopter, ship and aircraft. The reverse side depicts a sword entwined by a palm frond representing military might and preparedness in defense of peace.



Story by
SFC Linda Lee, USA

Corps' New Leaders Announced

Lieutenant General Mundy to Take Over for General Gray on July 1

designated to command Fleet Marine Forces which might be employed in Europe.

Born July 16, 1935, in Atlanta, the future Commandant was commissioned in June 1957, following his graduation from Auburn University.

Lieutenant Gen. Mundy has commanded the 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade; Landing Force Training Command, Atlantic; 36th and 38th Marine Amphibious Units; and an infantry regiment and infantry battalion.

His former staff assignments include Assistant Chief for Intelligence, 2d Marine Division; Chief of Staff, 6th MAB, Director of Personnel Procurement, Headquarters Marine Corps and Director of Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps. Prior to assuming duties in Norfolk, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps and Marine Corps Operations Deputy to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Lieutenant Gen. Mundy is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Naval War College. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, two Navy Commendation Medals and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He is married to the former Linda Sloan, of Waynesville, N.C. They have three children; Elizabeth, Carl III and Timothy. Both sons are Marine officers.

Sergeant Major Overstreet to be Corps' New Senior Enlisted Marine



SgtMaj. Harold G. Overstreet

HQMC -- The Commandant of the Marine Corps has announced the selection of SgtMaj. Harold G. Overstreet as the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, in relief of SgtMaj. David W. Sommers.

Sergeant Major Sommers will be relieved and SgtMaj. Overstreet appointed as the new Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps at 10:30 a.m., June 27, during a ceremony here.

Sergeant Maj. Overstreet, currently assigned to MCRD San Diego, will be the 12th Marine to serve as the Corps' top ranking senior enlisted Marine since the office was established in 1957.

Selection for this important post was derived from a board of officers and enlisted Marines who screened the top 150 senior enlisted Marines and narrowed the field to five.



LtGen. Carl E. Mundy Jr.

HQMC -- The President nominated LtGen. Carl E. Mundy Jr. to be Commandant of the Marine Corps. He will begin a four year term in the rank of general beginning July 1, when Gen. A.M. Gray retires.

Lieutenant Gen. Mundy is currently serving in Norfolk as the Commanding General of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Marine Force, II Marine Expeditionary Force and the Allied Command Atlantic Marine Striking Force. He is also

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Armed Forces Day

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

"Eternal Vigilance...The Price of Peace" is an exceptionally appropriate theme for this Armed Forces Day. As we celebrate victory in the Middle East, we still maintain the watch in many other parts of the world. We, our families, and our friends know well the cost of freedom and bear this burden with patience, dedication, and resolve.



Armed Forces Day is a special time dedicated to special people--men and women in our military services who, on a daily basis, do what must be done while faithfully serving our great Nation as defenders of freedom and liberty. We of naval heritage know well that it is America's military strength--born from past conflict and enduring today--that sustains the legacy of our forefathers. And we know well that it is countless hours of training, coupled with many deployments and lengthy periods of family separation which bring success on the battlefield. For your continuing personal and collective sacrifices in responding to our Nation's call, I thank every Marine, Sailor, and family member.

We are now welcoming home the latest generation of warriors. As we remove our yellow ribbons and salute our returning heroes with victory parades and celebrations, let us remember all who honorably serve our Armed Forces throughout the globe, maintaining the peace with eternal vigilance.

Semper Fidelis and God Bless!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. M. Gray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. M. GRAY
General, U.S. Marine Corps

Asian-Pacific Americans

Their Service to America and the Military is Commemorated This Month

Asian-Pacific Americans - which include Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Philipinos, Pacific Islanders and many others - have participated in U.S. military campaigns since the Spanish-American War and have made significant contributions to the history of the U.S. military.

In 1903 the first Philipinos were enlisted into the U.S. Navy and by World War II, there were nearly 4,000 Philipinos serving on ships and at shore stations.

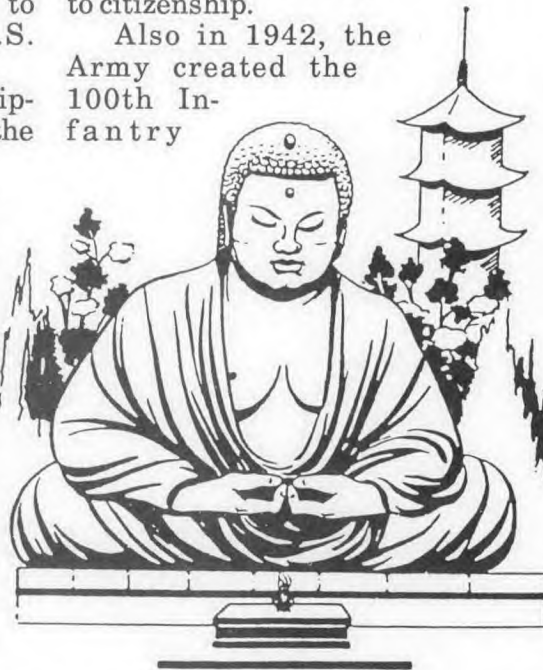
During World War II, enlistment in the U.S. Armed Forces was opened to many immigrants who had previously been denied the opportunity, including those in the Asian and Pacific American communities. Fifty Koreans registered for the California National Guard and the formation of a Korean Guard unit soon followed.

Five hundred Chinese-Americans enlisted in the Navy as apprentice seamen. Nearly 1,200, about 20 percent of the adult male Chinese population in America, were drafted or enlisted into the U.S. Army.

In 1942, the first Philipino Infantry Battalion, U.S. Army, was activated at Camp San Luis Obispo, Ca. The same year, the Third Battalion, a Philipino unit of the

California State Militia of Salinas, was also activated. The efforts of the Philipino units in recapturing the Philippines gained them recognition in Congress and directly impacted on legislation granting them rights to citizenship.

Also in 1942, the Army created the 100th Infantry



Battalion, and in 1943 the 442d Regimental Combat Team, both comprised of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The 100th Infantry Battalion first landed on the beaches of Salino, Italy. Their ferocity in action and determination to win against all odds led to high casualties within the battalion. As a result, they were nicknamed the "Purple Heart Battalion."

The 442d first went into action in 1944 and par-

ticipated in five major campaigns throughout World War II. The unit was instrumental in capturing of Livorno, Italy, and in pushing the German Army north of the Arno River.

The Combat Team later merged with the 100th Infantry Battalion and together they succeeded in rescuing the "Lost Battalion" of the 141st Regiment, 36th Division, who had been isolated for almost a week and were low on food and ammunition.

With 18,143 individual decorations, the 100th and 442d Combat Team was the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in U.S. history.

After World War II segregated units were disbanded and Asian-Pacific Americans were integrated into the Armed Forces. Since 1911, nine have been awarded the Medal of Honor - two during World War I, two during World War II, three during the Korean War and two during the Vietnam War.

During May, we pay tribute to these and the many other contributions made by Asian-Pacific Americans.

*Story compiled by
Capt. Cathy Engels*



Operation Homecoming

Corporations Offer Discounts on Entertainment, Purchases for 'Job Well Done' in Persian Gulf

HQMC -- American corporations have extended many discounts and purchase benefits to military personnel and their families as tokens of appreciation for serving their country.

AUTO DISCOUNTS

Ford Motor Company is offering all active duty service members a discount on any 1990 through 1992 Ford and Mercury branded vehicles. The discount is 4 percent above dealer cost, and is not limited to just those who served in the Gulf -- family members may also participate.

Chrysler Corporation is offering \$500 rebates on their cars to service members through this month.

General Motors is offering all active duty military and their spouses up to \$800 off the purchase of a new GM vehicle. Through Dec.

31, eligible personnel will receive \$300 off the purchase price. In addition, their down payment will be matched up to \$500 when they finance through GMAC.

Discounts from some import automakers and local dealerships are also available.

DISCOUNTED HOTELS

Sheraton Corporation is offering a weekend night stay in the continental United States to returning military personnel through March 1992. Westin Hotels and Resorts is giving a 75 percent discount to all military at the Walt Disney World Swan Hotel, and the Marriott Corporation will provide free hotel rooms through the end of the year for family members of servicemen and women injured in the war.

FREE ADMISSIONS

Walt Disney and Disney World are offering free admission to military personnel through Nov. 11.

Anheuser-Busch theme parks will allow all military ID card holders, including family members, one free admission through Sept. 2.

Universal Studios Hollywood is offering free admission to active duty personnel and their families.

Air Fares Cut as much as 70 Percent

AFIS -- Service members returning from Desert Storm can fly to many vacation spots with their families at greatly reduced rates. Family members can fly cheaper to greet returning service members.

Airline companies are offering 70 percent discount fares and other deals as a thank-you to American service members. Some deals are only good for those directly affected by Desert Storm; at least one program is for all service members.

Delta Airlines is offering its "Welcome Home" fare to all active duty U.S. military personnel and their immediate dependents. Through Sept. 30, round-trip travel is 70 percent below normal coach fares to more than 230 cities served by Delta. Dependents need not travel with the service member, and there are no restrictions on days of travel or length of stay.

Continental Airlines is offering "Yellow Ribbon" fares through Sept. 30. Service members returning from Desert Storm and their families can fly at fares up to 70 percent off regular coach fares. Dependents can also get the reduced fare for travel to U.S. cities to greet returning service members. Continental also offers other special deals applying to military and reservist family members.

Alaska, American, America West, Northwest, Pan American, Trans World, United and USAir also have a variety of Desert Storm-related deals, according to Military Traffic Management Command officials. For example, United and USAir will

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Woodcrafts Leader Etches Mark in Barracks History

Though he has spent more than 23 years with the Corps he's not a decorated Marine as one would be led to believe.

Mr. Werner Schock, Barracks Woodcrafts Leader, will retire August first after serving nearly two-and-a-half decades here. Of the thousands of people who come and go, he is one of the few who will have left his mark - literally - at the Barracks.

Schock was born in Heibronn, Germany, July 16, 1931. He graduated from Martin Luther School in Stuttgart, Germany at the age of 14 with the equivalent of a high school diploma. Schock then went on to

earn his apprenticeship at Mueller and Lengerer in 1949.

After working in various carpentry jobs, Schock moved to the United States in 1955, and lived with his sister in Baltimore. "I came to America for adventure, speaking very limited English," said Schock, speaking with a heavy German accent even now. After four years in the Army during the late 1950s, Schock worked in a cabinet shop in Baltimore, worked a temporary government job and as a civil service employee before working here.

He began his career at the Barracks in 1968, in the Carpentry Shop. After one year, he was promoted to woodcrafter and eventually became Woodcrafts Leader.

In white overalls, he is one of the more noticeable civilians at Marine Barracks. He greets every Marine that passes with a smile is always seen with a few tools hanging out of his pockets, and his hands working on his latest project.

Barracks Woodcrafts Leader Werner Schock stands by a display case for drum major attire that sits in Sousa Band Hall. He has been building his history here for more than 23 years.

Schock has seen the Barracks change and grow through the years.

"All of the offices on the second deck used to be squad bays before the BEQ's were complete, and at one point there was a gas station in the parking lot," said Schock. "In 1968, Martin Luther King's assassination caused black riots. Marines took part in putting out fires across the street."

Schock has personally helped some of these changes take place. "My first big job here was remodeling the general officer's quarters," said Schock, who also helped remodel the Home of the Commandants. "In 1972, we made a copy of the Jefferson ladder for Mrs. Cushman." He also made the desk that guests of honor sign in on, and had the chance to sign it himself this year.

Schock credits a lot of his success to his family.

"My wife and kids were very supportive of me through the years. For the past twenty-three years, my wife has been getting up every morning at 4:30 to see me off to work," said Schock.

"After I retire, I plan to continue woodwork and travel to Germany to visit my family," explained Schock, who resides with his family in Baltimore. "I'll miss the people I worked with the most, but I'll be back for visits every now and then."

If there's one thing about the Barracks that will probably always be true, it's the fact that faces and names change, but the atmosphere and mystique will always remain the same.

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



WAR IN THE GULF

Company 'A' Marines Recall Onset of Ground War

Since their homecoming from Operation Desert Storm, the Marines of Company "A" have put away their desert cammies and MOPP suits. They have not, however, put away their desert experiences. "I take life just a little bit more seriously now," said Sgt. Wesley Roepke, Administrative Liaison and Bravo Command Group Conduct of Fire Radio Operator.

While in Southwest Asia, the Marines of "A" Company were tasked provided perimeter security for Headquarters Bn., 2d Marine Division. They trained often to hone their skills as infantrymen.

"We did most of our training with the machine gun," said Sgt. Brett Blake, Weapons Plt. "I wanted them to know how to employ it and how to keep themselves alive. A lot of my Marines were new and had to learn fast,"

"The training really brought me up to speed in my MOS," said Cpl. Bryan Vance, a mortar section squad leader. "We trained for a possible nuclear, biological, chemical attack, we did mortar training and ran gun drills, and we did helicopter operations. We also cross-trained with the artillery. They showed us all types of artillery rounds and their capabilities and brought us into the fire direction center."

Operation Desert Storm taught the Marines something else, though.

"A plan can work," said Blake, "if Marines pay heed to the basics. Things don't change when you get to war. You are issued orders the same way you were always taught and you use the same basic principles. If you exercise, practice and are trained well enough, whatever objective you have can be reached. "All it takes is to put it down on paper in an order and get the job done and done right."

And Company "A" did their job right, even as all the factors that separate an operation from an exercise became very real.

"It was a sobering thought to know a lot of people were about to start dying," said Roepke, in describing how he felt when he

heard over the radio that the air war had begun. "It's probably the most serious thought I've had in six years."

"The night before the ground war started, the squad leaders were told to take out their MOPP gear and keep it handy because the ground war was getting underway," said Vance. "We were told retaliation from the Iraqis was expected. It was hard to go back to my squad and have to tell them what was going on. I felt most responsible for them when the threat was the greatest."

"We didn't know what was going to happen. We kept waiting for the ground attack. No one had any idea how easy it would be," said Blake. "I just wanted to bring all my Marines back alive." The type of leadership that brought them all back alive also earned at least 16 Marines in the company personal awards - three with Combat "V"s, which were awarded to Capt. Steve Dinauer and SSgt. Bret Schmidt, both of 1st Plt., for their actions during an Iraqi offensive into Saudi Arabia, and to GySgt. Daniel Hall, "A" Co. Gunnery Sergeant, for his actions in the handling of enemy prisoners of war.

"I thought my Marines did well. For the short training time they had, they did an outstanding job," said Blake.

"While I was there, all I wanted to do was go home. But when I look back on it, it wasn't so bad," said Vance. "I kind of miss being part of what's going on there."

Story by
Capt. Cathy Engels
Photos courtesy of
Sgt Wesley Roepke,
Cpl. Jose L. Caballero and
LCpl. Michael P. Reeder



ABOVE:
Kuwait City
from the air.



RIGHT: Cpl.
Jose L.
Caballero
stands with
his M-60 next
to a Barracks
field flag in the
desert.

FEATURE

RIGHT: The base camp Company 'A' stayed in before returning here.

CENTER RIGHT: A burned-out Iraqi tank sits charred in Kuwaiti sand.

BOTTOM RIGHT CENTER: Company 'A' Marines pass time after the war near a mortar pit.

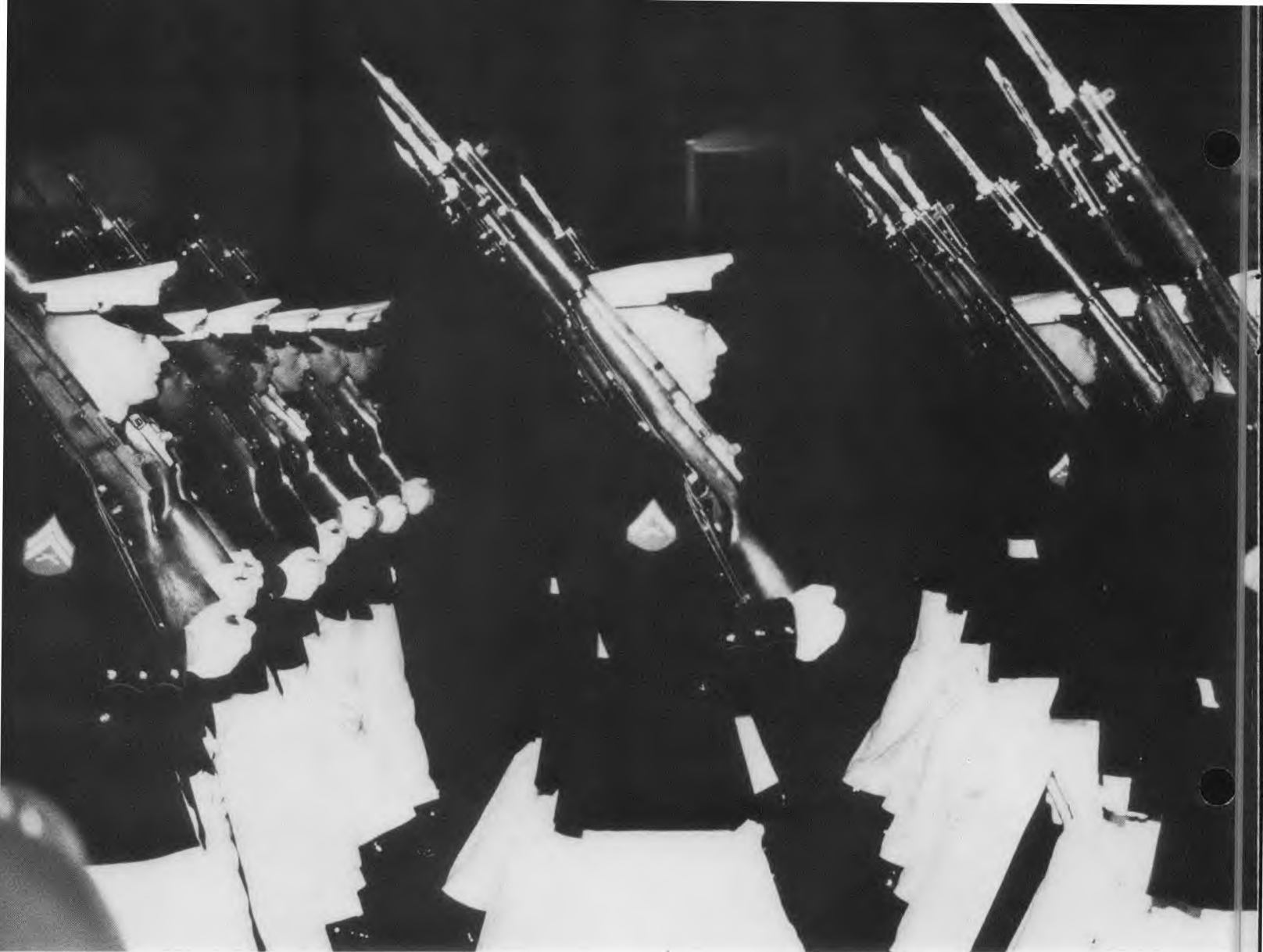
BELOW: Eighth and 'I' Streets, South West (Asia).

BOTTOM: Company 'A' Marines inside their perimeter around a 155mm Howitzer at a position near Kuwait City.



TOP: A Marine watches a Kuwaiti oil well fire burn in the distance around mid day.

ABOVE: Company 'A' on the way home in the belly of a C-141.



Parade Season '91

Another summer of ceremony and precision begins

The 1991 parade season officially began here May 3, with the annual Dependents Parade.

Maj. Michael A. Kachilla, Student Operations Department Chief at the Marine Corps Institute, led the Battalion as Parade Commander.

"The parade went well for the first parade. I believe the patriotism in the crowd will be increased this year because of the outcome of Operations Desert Shield and Storm," said Kachilla.

The parade was held to honor the civilians of Marine Barracks, with Mr. Werner Schock, woodcrafts leader, as the honored guest.

After serving four months in the sands of Saudi Arabia, Company "A" has returned to fulfill their ceremonial duties.

"It wasn't hard to get back in the swing of things again after being in a combat environment. We had just as much discipline and were led by the same leaders," said Cpl Brian G. James, Company "A" Police Sergeant. "We actually began drilling a bit at Camp 15 before we left, and had enough time to practice before the first parade."

As in previous years, this year there are new faces on the parade deck.



ABOVE LEFT: Marchers pass in review.
ABOVE: Silent Drill Team Marines perform their routine.



ABOVE: Drum and Bugle Corps Marines perform one of their numbers during the May 10 parade.



LEFT: "Old Glory" stands tall as the Marine Corps Colors are dipped while the Colors are presented.
 (Photos by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe and Cpl. Brian T. Thompson.)

"I was a little nervous at first, but it eventually turned into an ego trip, knowing that all eyes are watching you continue an old Marine Corps tradition here," said LCpl Damon L. Matthews, of Company "B".

The marching platoons, just as the other Marines involved with the Evening Parades, spent long hours on the parade deck prior to performing live.

"We began drilling after Ceremonial Drill School (CDS) was completed and we'll continue to drill throughout the parade season. We started a little earlier this year, and drilled a little more at night than last year," said Cpl Steven D. Mills, of Company "B".

Parade season will continue here through August 30.

Story by
LCpl. Valerie Stroschein

LI'L DEVIL DOGS

Young Marines Learn Pride, Discipline and Esprit de Corps From Their Active Duty Counterparts



Young Marine Instructors LCpl. Gerald A. Clarken (left) and Cpl. Richard L. Southern adjust arm position for 'dress right, dress', during a May drill session.

They stand in the platoon at perfect attention, listening to the deep command voice of their instructor. They have just graduated boot camp and have become members of an "elite" force. They have earned the title "Young Marine." Along with it comes much of the same pride, bearing and self discipline associated with the Marine Corps.

These traits have been a part of Young Marines for more than 30 years, and here at the Barracks, the leaders of today mold leaders of tomorrow.

Marine Barracks has the largest company of Young Marines on the East Coast.

Other companies in this area include Fletcher Johnson, Anacostia, and Nation's Capital, near the D.C. Armory. All these make up the Military District of Washington Young Marines, which was established October 30, 1979.

The Young Marine Program was formed in 1958 in Waterbury, Conn., to help the nation's youth gain self esteem and self confidence. In 1960, the original unit grew from a handful of boys to more than 300, and 20-plus instructors. At a convention in 1965, the Marine Corps League adopted the Young Marines as a national organization, as it is today.

The age of Young Marines is between 8 and 18.

"In Washington, D.C., there's added peer pressure by gangs and drug dealers," said Capt. Michael E. Langley, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks Young Marines. "We're here to hopefully show these children an alternate lifestyle and self discipline to steer them toward more positive goals."

In addition to being the commanding officer of the 8th and I company of Young Marines, Langley is the executive officer of the Washington, D.C. chapter.

"I became involved with the program in December of 1989, when I learned (the former Young Marines commanding of-

ficer) was leaving. I was interested in the Big Brother program, but becoming involved with Young Marines gave me an opportunity to have a larger impact on the community by helping a battalion of kids, rather than just one or two," said Langley.

The Young Marines of 8th and I meet here every Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for drill, P.T. and classroom activities.

Physical training usually consists of the "daily seven" exercise regimen.

The children are given a chance to show their leadership abilities by leading the company in exercises. In addition, these Young Marines participate in drill to develop coordination, esprit de corps, and teamwork. Through drill, the youth usually gain pride and confidence in themselves.

'Through the Young Marine program, we hope to teach local youths teamwork and responsibility.'

- Capt. Michael E. Langley

"Through the Young Marine Program, we hope to teach local youths teamwork and responsibility," said Langley.

"It's helped me become more responsible and given me more confidence," said 17-year-old SSgt. Eboni Johnson, who's been in the Young Marines for six years.

Some of the more significant school subjects are emphasized in classroom study.

"We want them to develop a high level of self esteem and a can-do attitude through liberal arts and oral presentations," said Langley.

The Young Marines do a great deal more than meet for a couple of hours on Wednesdays. They participate in local parades, practice drill on given Saturdays and take part in field training.

"Land navigation and rappelling are just a couple of activities we do at Quantico.

Some of our training is overnight. There is a Young Marine guidebook we follow, which is similar to a Boy Scout handbook," said Langley.

The Young Marines follow Marine Corps customs and courtesies, study limited Marine Corps history and have their own hymn and creed.

"As of now, we only have a handful of instructors to teach



MSgt. Philip M. Simoes, Executive Officer of the Young Marines here, barks out commands during the St. Patrick's Day Parade at Old Town, Alexandria, Va. (Photo by Cpl. Robert L. Suter)

170 children. Our goal is to develop a seven-to-one student/instructor ratio," said Langley.

Young Marine instructors carry a lot of responsibility. Langley is looking for Marines who are willing to take a few hours out of their week, on top of parade commitments, to become role models for the local youth.

"The staff has a big brother-type relationship with the kids. If a child needs somebody to talk to for any reason, they know they can call the instructor at any given time," said Langley.

"The kids were a little intimidated by me at first, but when they learned I was there to help them, they became more relaxed. I over-praise the children who do well, and that

RIGHT: Young Marines share many similarities with their adult counterparts, including their own hymn.

BELOW: Barracks Young Marines await the command to march during a Wednesday drill session.

THE YOUNG MARINES' HYMN

**FROM THE NORTH AND FROM THE SOUTH
WE'LL COME
FROM THE EAST AND FROM THE WEST
WE WILL ALL ENLIST IN THE YOUNG MARINES
AND FOREVER DO OUR BEST**

**FROM THE HALLS OF ALL THE
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS
TO THE SHORES OF ALL OUR LAKES
WE WILL BE THE FINEST YOUNG MARINES
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES**

**LET THE BOY SCOUTS AND THE GIRL
SCOUTS MARCH;
LET THE CUB SCOUTS STRUT AND BEAM
OH YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE GREATEST YET
TIL YOU'VE SEEN THE YOUNG MARINES.**

**WE SALUTE THE SAILOR BOYS IN BLUE
AND THE ARMY IN THEIR GREENS
WE ARE PROUD TO BEAR THE TITLE OF
THE U.S. YOUNG MARINES.**





ABOVE: Patches and white T-shirts set the uniformed Young Marines apart from regular Marines.

RIGHT: Ebony Johnson is the first Young Marine here to attain the rank of staff sergeant. Col. Peter Pace, Barracks Commander, congratulates her as he presents her promotion certificate.



influences the others to do just as well," said LCpl. Bershon Walker, a two-year Young Marine Instructor.

Young Marines have the opportunity to move up in rank just as Marines do. To get promoted in the program, special requirements have to be met. Approximately six months should be spent time-in-grade. In addition, parents are asked to write a recommendation commenting on their child's responsibilities at home.

The Young Marine is also asked to bring in a copy of his or

her grades to show how school-work has improved. Finally, Young Marines have to pass physical fitness and written tests.

"We've had one go to Marine Corps boot camp, and another is seriously interested," said Langley.

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. The Young

Marine program is helping make sure the future of this nation is a promising one.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor for the Young Marine Program, please contact Capt. Langley or MSgt. Simoes at (202) 433-2290.

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

Company 'B' Marines to Appear in Video

Three Persian Gulf Vets Filmed for 'Welcome Home' Rap Video

Three Marines who deployed to the Gulf with Company "A" participated in a rap music video welcoming troops home from Operation Desert Storm. The video for the song "Welcome You Home to Stay" was filmed May 5, at Wetherholt Gallery.

Lance Corporals Donald M. Kountz and Derek D. Ratcliff, and PFC James A. Pierce, of 1st Platoon, Company "B", were filmed in their dress blues, along with two airmen and one sailor for three sections of the video. The three takes showed them as part of a "Welcome Home" crowd, part of the background for a tribute to war casualties and saluting the American Flag at the end of the video.

Kountz, a 23-year-old native of Fresno, Calif., said he volunteered for the six-hour taping because it was a "chance to do something different than what we usually do at the Barracks."

"I did it because I wanted to be part of a welcome home video, especially having been welcomed home myself," said 21-year-old Ratcliff, of Columbus, Ohio.

Adrian Harris, leader of the group C. Sharp and the D.C. Crew, said she wrote the song during February and March for all the returning servicemen and women.

The fact that the three Marines were veterans of the war made Harris especially pleased to have military personnel appear in the video.

"We did the song because (the troops) were in a war and we wanted to show

our appreciation," said Harris. "Having Marines appear who were in the war made it even better."

When production is complete, the video will be released to Jukebox, MTV, VH1 and various channels which feature rap videos. According to Harris, a portion of profits from record sales will benefit families of those killed in action during the war. The song was performed by the group, which

is comprised of various individual local acts, at the welcome home bash at Andrews Air Force Base in April, and will be performed again during the June 21 welcome home celebration at RFK Stadium.

Performing in the video gave the Marines an opportunity to give back some of the warm reception they received when they returned here Easter Sunday, March 31.

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



ABOVE: (left to right) LCpl. Derek D. Ratcliff, PFC James A. Pierce and LCpl. Donald M. Kountz, all of Company 'B', salute during filming of the C. Sharp and the D.C. Crew music video to 'Welcome You Home to Stay'.

LEFT: C. Sharp (Adrian Harris) performs the portion of her song which pays tribute to those lost in the Gulf War while Pierce and Kountz bow heads.

Corporal DI Hits the Drill Field

Gulf War Veteran is the First to Train Recruits in Six Years

MCRD SAN DIEGO -- Marine Corps drill instructors are said to be the cream of the crop. They must present themselves as role models as well

met the prerequisites, I applied immediately."

Some of the prerequisites for attending Drill Instructor School include being between 21 and 35 years old, medically fit, emotionally stable and not allowing DI duty to interfere with family life. Corporals must meet these prerequisites, plus have four years in service, two years time in grade and an average of 4.6 proficiency and conduct marks in their present rank.

back to the Marine Corps what it has given me - leadership and confidence," he said. "In addition, by teaching recruits to accept challenges and make themselves better persons, the Marine Corps can only get stronger."

According to 1stSgt. Thomas E. Hummel, Drill Instructor School first sergeant, corporals were stopped from attending the school because many of them were not mature enough. Now Hummel sees it differently.

"With the prerequisites that have been established, corporals (must) be more mature than in the past," he said.

As for Stewart, he seems to have done well. "Stewart was rated number two in a leadership evaluation by all the students and instructors," said Capt. David J. Terando, assistant director of the school. "He showed a significant amount of maturity and dedication."

Although Stewart felt confident, coming here was not easy.

"The most difficult part of it was reporting to the school itself," he said. "I heard they didn't like corporals in the school, but I was treated no differently than the others. The staff is very professional."

"Cpl. Stewart is an outstanding Marine," said GySgt. J.D. Martin, Stewart's squad adviser. "He's not afraid of accepting a challenge and taking charge of any situation. I'm more than confident he will do an outstanding job as a drill instructor."

Stewart, who graduated March 19, has now become part of the cream of the crop - a U.S. Marine Corps drill instructor.



Drill Instructor Cpl. Brent C. Stewart, first corporal drill instructor since 1985, barks out a command on the parade deck.

as instill Marine Corps discipline, customs and traditions in all recruits.

The honor has been reserved for the ranks of sergeant and above over the past six years; but corporals may now be selected to hold this prestigious billet.

Because of this, Cpl. Brent C. Stewart recently attended Drill Instructor School here. He is the first corporal to attend the school since 1985.

"I found out through a flyer that corporals are eligible to attend DI school," said the 23-year-old. "After making sure I

After applying, the Camp Pendleton-based military policeman received orders to Saudi Arabia. "If I was accepted, I didn't think I would get to attend because I was in direct support of Desert Storm," said Stewart.

While in the Saudi desert, he was told to pack his bags because he was going to Drill Instructor School. "I was surprised," said the three-year corporal. "I've always wanted to be a drill instructor and now I have my chance.

"The most important reason for wanting to be a DI is to give

**Story and photo by
Cpl. Nora V. Parker**



Pictured is the Marine Barracks Softball Team which brought home the Inter-Service trophy. (Photo by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)

Barracks Team Takes Softball Tournament

Despite the miserable weather conditions April 13, the Marine Barracks Softball Team walked away from their first tournament with the first place trophy and a promising season ahead of it. The team won four of five games against other honor guards from all services in the area at Coast Guard Station, Telegraph Road in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Saturday was rainy and muddy-not the kind of weather to play five softball games in-but the Barracks team proved they could come through regardless of weather.

Marines ranking from gunnery sergeant to lance corporal represent the Barracks.

The first game was played against the Air Force. The normal seven inning game went into

an extra inning, with the barracks winning 6-5.

"Lance Cpl. Tyrance W. Jacobs, "B" Company, hit the ball into right center field winning the game for Marine Barracks," said Cpl. Dale D. Schnoor, a team coach and White House honor guard.

Game two was played against the Army with a 9-3 loss. "We made up for that loss in the following game against the Navy, winning 10-0," said Schnoor. He credited the lopsided win to the pitching of H&S 1stSgt. Glen F. Davis, one of the coaches, and a defense that came alive.

In the fourth game against the Coast Guard, the team gave up only three runs, winning 12-3.

The two teams with the best record of the day played the championship game.

"The only team the Army lost against was the Coast Guard, so we played them for the championship and won 11-3. Second baseman Cpl. Ken Spicer from the adjutant office, and left fielder SSgt. Roger Kanter from the U.S. Marine Band, shined in that game," said Schnoor.

Prior to playing their first tournament, the team only held six practices. "We will be playing a few more tournaments before the season begins," said Schnoor.

According to right fielder LCpl. Thomas L. Ellis, H&S Company Office, "ceremonial commitments come first, but as long as we get a good turnout, the upcoming season looks favorable."

The softball season began May 13. All games will be played at Anacostia on Mondays.

Story by
LCpl. Valerie Stroschein

OFF-DUTY EDUCATION

Summer terms/quarters at local colleges begin soon. Have you considered getting an undergraduate or graduate degree? The Marine Corps pays 75 percent of tuition for off-duty education. Here are schedules for some local colleges:

Central Texas College

Registration: Through May 30
Classes: June 3 - August 1

University of the District of Columbia

Registration: May 28-30
Classes: July 1 - 26

Hagerstown Junior College

Registration: Through first day of classes
Classes: June 11 - July 17, July 18 - Aug. 21

Marymount University

Registration: May 6 and June 17
Classes: May 6 through June 15, June 17 - July 27

Southeastern University

Registration: Through July 1
Classes: July 1 - October 1

Directories of military education at colleges and universities in the surrounding area are available for each Marine. Now is also the time to begin planning for fall terms. For more information or tuition assistance forms, see the battalion education officer in the Operations Office, or call 433-4492.

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waive penalties and advance purchase requirements to give Desert Storm returnees the lowest round-trip excursion fare. Alaska Airlines will allow authorized dependents to travel at furlough fare without a military sponsor.

Travel offices and airlines have full details.

Joining a Fitness Facility?

These tips can help you make an informed choice

Editor's note: This article was written by Major E.M. McCue, Marine Barracks Adjutant, as a guide for Marines planning to join a health spa or gym. For legal assistance with this or any other legal matter, contact the Henderson Hall Legal Assistance Office at (703) 614-1266.

Are you joining a health center, spa or gym? Before you sign on the bottom line, make sure you know the answers to these and other questions:

- Is the facility crowded during the time you will use it?

- How many members does the club have, and is there a limit to the number of members?

- Is the facility kept clean and is equipment properly maintained?

- When can you use the facility? Are there set hours for men and women?

- Which areas of the facility are you entitled to use? (such as

the gym, racquetball rooms and aerobics)

- Are the instructors trained and knowledgeable? Are their services included in your membership?

- What services require additional fees?

- Have you read the contract? Do you understand it?

- Are all promises made by the sales representative in the contract? If not, do not rely on them.

- Does the contract allow you to quit the facility and quit making payments? You may get orders.

- Can you use the spa for a trial period? Can you join for a short time? Even at a higher rate, it may be worthwhile to discover whether or not you like it.

- Can you afford the payments?

- Have you considered the use of free military facilities?

Remember, when you sign a contract you are signing a legal document.



CAREER PLANNER'S CORNER

FY-92 Marines (those with an EAS from Oct. 1, 1991 - Sept. 30, 1992) may now submit reenlistment requests to CMC. However, 1st termers must wait until July 1.



School seats are available for first-term Marines (only) with an FY-91 EAS who wish to lateral move.

For those considering recruiting/drill instructor duty, note that Marines in these billets can only receive one meritorious promotion per tour. Also, at least 18 months must be spent on the streets/field to be eligible for meritorious promotion.

See the career planner for study guides and information for SAT, ASVAB, ACT and other tests.

ON COURAGE

"For the average high school defensive back, intercepting four passes in five games is pretty good. For Randy Waters, it's outstanding. Now add punts of an average of nearly 40 yards and extra points as well. Randy is also the number one doubles player and number two singles player on the school's tennis team. Despite all the time he spends with sports activities, he maintains an A-minus average in the classroom.

If we stopped the story at this point, it would be a good one, but we are just getting started. Randy is also planning a college athletic career.

Here's what's so special about all of this. Four years ago, as Randy tells the story, 'I got my shirt sleeve caught in a meat grinder and it just pulled me in. After that, well, it was an uphill battle. For a while I thought about just lying down and dying. Tina Sherrill and Lumpkin County (Ga.) High School Coach Bobby Rich gave me a chance to keep playing football.'

The rest of the story is that Randy performs his heroics with one arm and hand, plus a tremendous positive attitude. He doesn't look



down at what he lost; he concentrates on what he has, and determines to use it to the fullest. That attitude makes Randy a winner and it'll do the same for you."

Story taken from Zig Zigler's book, "Steps to the Top"

Lt. Paul R. Deaton USN, CHC

Courageous Quotes

COURAGE IS THE FIRST OF HUMAN QUALITIES BECAUSE IT'S THE QUALITY THAT GUARANTEES ALL OTHERS.

- Sir Winston Churchill

MAN'S REACH SHOULD EXCEED HIS GRASP, OR WHAT IS HEAVEN FOR?

- Author unknown

THERE IS A LOFTIER AMBITION THAN MERELY TO STAND HIGH IN THE WORLD. IT IS TO STOOP DOWN AND LIFT MANKIND A LITTLE HIGHER.

- Henry Van Dyke

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND DO NOT RELY ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL DIRECT YOUR PATHS.

- Proverbs 3:5-6

GENIUS IS ONLY THE POWER OF MAKING CONTINUOUS EFFORTS.

- Author unknown

Worship Opportunities

BARRACKS	Bible Study	11:30 a.m. Thursdays
NAVY YARD	Catholic Mass	9 a.m. Sundays
	Protestant Service	10:30 a.m. Sundays
NAVAL ANNEX	Catholic Mass	7:30 a.m. Daily
FORT MYER		
Old Post Chapel	Catholic Mass	5 p.m. Saturdays
		9:30 a.m. Sundays
		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





