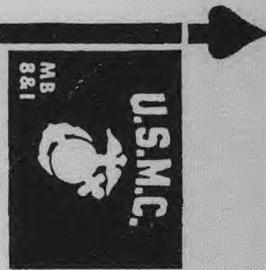


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## BATTALION FEX '91

Barracks Marines ship out  
for annual field training



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**At right and back cover:** Barracks Marines sharpen combat skills during urban assault training in Virginia. (Photos by LCpl. Valerie Stroschein)

**Inside back cover:** 'Halloween,' by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson.



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### On the Cover:

**TOP:** A Marine fires off rounds during training on a live-fire course. (Photo by Capt. Cathy Engels)

**BOTTOM:** Shoot and move are order of the day during MAC training. (Photo by LCpl. Valerie Stroschein)



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4 September 1991

Dear Colonel Flynn,

As you, your Marines, Sailors and civilians end another parade season, let me tell you, and ask you to convey to them for me, how very much their day after day performance in the heat of Washington Summer when everyone else is on vacation means to America and to the Corps. Short of the focus of our Nation during the past year's involvement in Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM, there is no other military event in America that draws the admiration and praise, and evokes the national pride as much as the performance of your Command at the Barracks and the Marine War Memorial. However sweltering the nights and days may be, and however monotonous the routine may become, each of you who's involved should understand clearly that no one in our Corps contributes more to the image of what the American people expect Marines to be than each one of you.

It was most appropriate at the final parade that those who also served behind the scenes be recognized. Without the "Green Team", the grounds and maintenance crews, the reservations-takers and the many others who perform the unseen tasks that make the performances so spectacular, the pride and professionalism exhibited during each performance would go undone. I hope you will ensure that each of the behind-the-scenes workers understands that he or she is every bit as much a part of the pride and image of 8th and I as anyone who draws a sword, spins a rifle, or plays an instrument.

I'm sure I speak for every Marine in our Corps and for the Sailors who serve with us and our civilian Marines as well as for millions of ordinary American people in extending thanks for another spectacular and pride-instilling season of performances by the outstanding body of men and women who form the ranks of the "Oldest Post of the Corps." Mrs. Mundy and I are privileged to count ourselves among your number.

Semper Fidelis,

C. E. MUNDY, JR.

General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Colonel James C. Flynn, USMC  
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## 216TH BIRTHDAY SERVICE

A worship service honoring the 216th birthday of the Marine Corps will be held Nov. 3, at the Washington National Cathedral. The free event is open to the public.

A pre-service performance by the Brass Choir of 'The President's Own' United States Marine Band will begin at 3:30 p.m., with worship services to follow at 4 p.m. General Carl E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Navy CAPT Donald L. Krabbe, Chaplain of the Marine Corps, will be among the honored guests participating in the service.

For more information, contact the Marine Band Public Affairs Office at (202) 433-5809.

## MCX LOWEST PRICE POLICY

If you bring in an advertisement from a flyer, booklet, newspaper or any other source which has an item priced less than the Henderson Hall Marine Corps Exchange, the exchange will match the price. For more information, contact the Customer Service Duty Manager, at (703) 979-8420.

## BLACK JUNGLE BOOTS REQUIRE QUALITY CHECK

The Defense Personnel Support Center reports that some Black Tropical Hot-Weather Boots ("Jungle Boots") are prone to tears in the back portion of the fabric, according to ALMAR 235/91.

The bulletin advises Marines purchasing or being issued these boots to "apply pressure to the back seam, simulating pulling the boot on over the foot." If both boots pass this test, the pair is acceptable for purchase.

If any problems are discovered, immediately return the boots for replacement.

## CHAMPUS UPDATE

The CHAMPUS deductible for outpatient care began for the new fiscal year, Oct. 1. Most will pay the first \$150 (for one person), or first \$300 (for a family) of allowable outpatient medical bills. Eligible family members of active-duty military spouses who are corporals (E-4) or below will pay an annual outpatient deductible of \$50 for one person or \$100 for the whole family.

The annual limit on how much servicemembers must pay for CHAMPUS-covered catastrophically high medical bills is \$1,000 for active-duty families, and \$10,000 for all other CHAMPUS or CHAMPVA-eligible families. That period began Oct. 1, as well.

## USO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The United Services Organization announced that applications for their scholarship program are now available for the 1992-1993 academic year. The program is open to all active duty family members who have graduated from high school within the last four years. Spouses are encouraged to apply.

Twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to college-bound students on the basis of scholastic records, test scores and extra-curricular activities. For more information, call (703)696-3279

## MARINES REQUESTED AS INSPECTORS

Three NCOs from the Barracks are needed as inspectors at a large JROTC drill competition at Suitland High School, Nov. 23. Interested Marines must have at least one year of marching experience. Contact SSgt. Vasquez, RSS Iverson Mall, at (301) 350-8129.

## BENEFIT RUNS NOVEMBER 10

The 4th Annual Brent breakfast 8K and Children's Fun Runs are scheduled for Nov. 10. Proceeds Benefit Robert Brent Elementary School.

The Children's Fun Run begins at 9 a.m., and costs \$10. The 8K begins at 10 a.m., and costs \$15. All participants receive a T-shirt, and all children receive prizes.

## MUSICIANS NEEDED AS RECRUITER ASSISTANTS

Attention Marine musicians! Recruiting Station Hartford, Conn., is looking for musicians heading home to New England for the holidays. Call your local recruiter if you are interested in spending 30 days permissive TAD while earning as many as 100 bonus points toward promotion.

The RS is looking for Marines from Connecticut, Southeastern New York, Western Massachusetts, Southeastern Vermont and Western New Hampshire.

For more information, contact MSgt. Michael Romanelli at (203) 240-3115 or 3105.

## VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

Pre-liberty 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.

## COMMANDANT'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

For 216 years, the word MARINE has borne special meaning. To military professionals — both friend and foe — it has personified the highest in all that is associated with the profession of arms. To our countrymen, it has meant pride, discipline and the extra measure of valor and devotion it takes to fight and win. To those in need of humanitarian assistance, it has meant a warm heart and helping hand. And to we privileged few who have earned the right to bear our honored title, it brings the indescribable, personal pride we feel each time we are called "Marine."

For over two centuries, Marines have been at the heart of American pride. Our great country has relied on, and always received more from the special breed she knows as Marines. Thus, today we celebrate not only the founding of our Corps, but also our unique and close bond with the people of our Nation and its history. As our generation of Marines serves, let it be said of us, as it has of those before us, that all we ask of our country is the privilege of serving it and the honor of defending it.

So, on this special occasion, to each who wears, or has worn, the eagle, globe, and anchor, and to the families who support us, stand tall; you deserve to; you're 216 years proud. Happy Birthday Marines!

C. E. Mundy, Jr.  
General, U.S. Marine Corps

## FIRST U.S. SHIP NAMED FOR VIETNAM BATTLE

*USS Hue City  
commissioned in  
honor of those who  
fought there*

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (NNS) — The Navy recently commissioned its newest Aegis guided missile cruiser, USS Hue City (CG 66), at Ingalls Shipbuilding here. Hue City is the first U.S. Navy warship

named for a battle fought during the Vietnam War.

USS Hue City is so named to honor all U.S. Marines, sailors and soldiers involved in the battle to retake the old Vietnamese imperial capital of Hue from invading forces during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

"This is a special day for all Vietnam veterans and families who deserve long-overdue recognition, and for the Navy and Marine Corps team that has contributed so much

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## NUCLEAR ARMS CUTS ANNOUNCED

NNS — Initiatives affecting the entire spectrum of U.S. nuclear weapons were announced by President Bush Sept. 27, during a 20-minute nationally-televised address. He called upon the Soviets to match the most dramatic U.S. nuclear arms reductions proposed since the Cold War started the arms race, according to news wire reports. During his address to the nation, Bush noted that leaders in Moscow and the republics are questioning their need for a huge nuclear arsenal.

"We now have an unparalleled opportunity to change the nuclear posture of both the U.S. and the Soviet Union," Bush said.

During the announcement, the President said he had:

- Ordered the worldwide withdrawal of all ground-based short-range nuclear weapons, most of which are located in Europe.
- Ordered the removal of all tactical nuclear weapons, including nuclear cruise missiles, from U.S. surface ships and attack submarines, as well as removal of nuclear weapons associated with land-based naval aircraft. This would include the 350-400 nuclear-tipped Tomahawk cruise missiles in the U.S. arsenal, 100 of which are at sea, and would remove all short-range nuclear missiles from American vessels.
- Lifted the alert status on strategic bombers and long-range Minuteman II missiles.
- Declared the termination of programs to put long-range MX missiles on rails and production of a mobile Midgetman missile.
- Cancelled a program for short-range nuclear attack missile replacement.
- Continued support for the B-2 bomber and Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) elements, better known as the anti-missile plan "Star Wars."
- Determined a new single strategic command would be created combining

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REDUCTIONS, page 19*

# Great American Smokeout Time

*November 21, 1991, is the 15th Great American Smokeout - a time for smokers to think about quitting.*

Last year, 38 percent of the nation's 50 million smokers tried to quit during the Great American Smokeout. Of these, more than 7 million stayed off cigarettes for 24 hours, and 5 million held off for up to three days, according to the American Cancer Society.

As of August, CHAMPUS offers no smoking-cessation coverage for military family members or other beneficiaries, a program official said.

Military members and other users of the military medical system can attend smoking cessation programs on installations or at military medical facilities. If classes alone aren't enough, they can also get nicotine gum through the military if their physicians prescribe it. Some military medical facilities provide the gum as

part of their smoking-cessation programs.

Another development that may make it easier to stay away from cigarettes - or more difficult to smoke - is that the Department



Absence makes the heart grow stronger.

of Defense supports commanders and activity heads who designate their entire buildings as "no smoking" areas.

According to Barracks Order 6200.2A, of December 7, 1987, the command "recognizes the right of individuals working in and visiting the Barracks...to an environment reasonably free of contaminants.

"The Barracks also recognizes the right of individuals to smoke...provided such action does not endanger life or property, cause discomfort or unreasonable annoyance to non-smokers or infringe upon their rights," continues the order.

Designated non-smoking areas in the Barracks include the Mess Hall, weight room, elevators, shuttle vehicles, BEQ lounges and conference and classrooms. Smoking in work areas is permitted "only if ventilation is adequate and provides an environment that is healthful. There are no limitations on smoking in hallways, lobbies or restrooms.

*Story taken from AFIS releases*

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to this nation's security for more than 200 years," said Vice Admiral Mike Boorda, Chief of Naval Personnel and the commissioning's principal speaker.

Also taking part in the ceremony was retired LtGen. Ernest C. Cheatham, who earned the Navy Cross leading one of the Marine battalions at Hue. The general's wife, Jo Ann, is the ship's sponsor.

Other speakers included BGen. Michael P. Downs, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and an Operation Hue City veteran as well.

From Jan. 31 through March 15, 1968, three under-strength Marine infantry battalions fought and defeated forces from 11 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong battalions. The battle included bitter, house-to-house fighting at close range, producing countless acts of heroism and self-sacrifice. United States forces lost fewer than 175 men, and invading forces lost more than 5,000.

At one critical point during the battle, Marines recaptured the Provincial Headquarters and replaced a North Vietnamese Army flag with an American flag a gunnery sergeant carried under his flak jacket. The

same U.S. flag was raised aboard the USS Hue City upon commissioning — hoisted by the former gunnery sergeant and two fellow Marines who raised it during the battle.

"We should be proud of our Vietnam experiences," BGen. Downs said. "No group of Americans ever gave more freely of themselves, performed more professionally, fought, suffered and died more courageously than those who served in Vietnam."

To the ship's crew, he said, "Marines of today continue to be inspired and motivated by the veterans of Hue. When the USS Hue City sails in harm's way, we will be with you."

After bringing the ship to life and manning the rails, the 360-man crew honored the more-than 400 Hue City veterans attending the commissioning with three loud cheers.

USS Hue City is the Navy's 20th Ticonderoga-Class Cruiser to enter the fleet. Equipped with the Aegis Combat System and vertical launch missile batteries, USS Hue City will join the Atlantic Fleet and be homeported in Mayport, Fla.

*Story by JO3 Nancy Hession, BUPERS Public Affairs Office*

# PMO CRIME PREVENTION TIP

## *Vehicles are prime targets in D.C.*

A Marine's privately owned vehicle (POV) was recently stolen while parked on "G" Street, in front of the Commandant's quarters, at approximately 4 p.m. Thefts like this and others can be avoided if the following measures are taken:

1. If you have a \$5,000-\$10,000 vehicle, a \$25 "vehicle club" is a worthy investment. These are devices which attach to your steering wheel and prohibit operation. The Metropolitan Police Department reports that not a single theft or attempted theft has occurred when a "vehicle club" has been installed.

2. Statistics show thieves focus on late model sporty and luxury vehicles. If you own one of these vehicles, keep it off the street as much as possible, especially at night. This may be accomplished by parking your vehicle at the Washington Navy Yard. Forms for Navy Yard parking passes are available at the Guard House.

3. Do not leave valuables in your vehicles in plain sight. Tapes, CDs, expensive looking clothes to include shoes, tools, money, jewelry, wallets, forms of identification, car phones, sunglasses, electronics, bags (the thief may take his chances on what's inside), and uniform apparel are items that shouldn't be stored in your vehicle.

4. Keep a copy of your vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and a record of your DoD number at your home, BEQ room, or in your possession. This helps when filing a police report for stolen vehicles.

5. Make sure that all doors, windows, trunks, sunroofs, etc. are secured and locked before you leave your vehicle.

6. If you approach your vehicle and discover it has been tampered with, DO NOT touch it. Never disturb the scene of a crime. By doing so you may hamper the investigation.

If your vehicle is broken into or stolen, contact the Metropolitan Police Department immediately. If it had a DoD sticker on it, be sure to contact the Guard Section immediately.

**Cpl. Shawn E. Clark,  
Barracks Provost Sergeant**



## NOW IS THE TIME TO MAIL OVERSEAS PARCELS

**AFIS** – Mail overseas-bound packages and cards early to make sure they arrive in time for the holiday season, say military postal officials.

Deadlines for mailing packages by surface and space-available mail, the two cheapest ways, are fast approaching, said Air Force Maj. Mark Rader, Military Postal Service Agency. If these deadlines are missed, individuals still have the option of mailing parcels airlift or priority mail.

Rader said the U.S. Postal Service's deadlines for 1991 holiday mail to and from the United States

help ensure mail reaches its destination on time. Some tips for making sure parcels arrive in good shape and on time include:

- Cushion contents so they don't move around in the box.
- Don't wrap cartons in paper or with string.



*Time is  
Running  
Out...  
Mail  
Early!*

- Seal cartons with fiberglass strapping tape, reinforced paper tape or plastic carton tape.
- Address packages with smudge-proof ink.
- Address cartons correctly, with the return address in the upper left corner and the "to" address in the lower right corner.
- Slip a piece of paper with the "to" and return address inside each carton.
- Use the correct Postal Service customs form.
- For overseas military mail, use the new AA, AE and AP designators and numbers.
- Use ZIP codes.
- Mail early in the day.

# BATTALION



**ABOVE:** LCpls. Terrance B. Watson and James O. Edmond, "B" Co. machine-gunners, practice clearing procedures on an M-60 during gun drills. See 'HEAVY GUNS', page 15. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

**RIGHT:** H&S Marines clear a building with live rounds on Fort Pickett's MOUT Assault Course. See 'URBAN ASSAULT', page 12. (Photo by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson)



# FEX '91

The 1991 Battalion Field Exercise was conducted Sept. 30 to Oct. 10, at Forts A. P. Hill and Pickett, Va. *Pass in Review* was there as Barracks Marines sharpened their warrior skills. The following pages contain coverage of this annual field exercise.



**ABOVE:** A rifleman fires live rounds into a target during 0311 MOS training at Fort A. P. Hill. See '0311', page 14. (Photo by Capt. Cathy Engels)

# LOGISTIC

## Field Mess Helps Marines Train With Full Stomachs

**P**erhaps few things please Marines more on a chilly morning in the field than the arrival of a vehicle carrying hot chow. Steam billowing from their mouths with each breath, they line up for something warm to drink and eggs, potatoes and bacon or creamed beef to satisfy their hearty appetites before a day filled with intense training.

Barracks Marines operating a field mess at Camp Archer prepared two hot meals daily to ensure the diet of each Marine training on Fort A. P. Hill's many ranges consisted of more than MREs (Meals, Ready to Eat).

"Marines can't train on an empty stomach. When they're in the Barracks, they look forward to staying in the field once in a while, but (MREs) can get old real quick," said "A" Company Gunnery Sergeant Herbert L. Garvin. "When a Marine knows he's going to get a hot meal, it's a real morale booster and he'll train better. It also shows Marines in the field that the whole battalion is working as one team."

Five cooks and six messmen began preparing food before 2 a.m. to feed more than 200 Marines. The field mess consisted of six field ranges in mess tents, with both baking and stove-top cooking capabilities.

With spaghetti, veal, and pork chops, as well as mashed potatoes, fresh-baked biscuits and cake on the menu, the field cuisine rivaled that in garrison.

And according to Sgt. Ritchie Clemmons, Chief Cook of the Field Mess, preparing meals in the field

is as enjoyable for the cooks as it is challenging.

"The equipment out here isn't as good (as in garrison)," said Clemmons, a 24-year-old native of

Ohio, said she enjoys cooking in the field because it gives her a chance to get out of the Barracks Mess Hall. "We never get a chance to be outside when we are in garrison, and it's also more challenging to cook on field equipment," she said.

Like all other Marines in the field, the Barracks food service Marines make-do with what they



**LCpl. Rebecca E. Jackson, one of five cooks who prepared hot food for Marines in the field, removes a pan of homemade biscuits from a field range.**

New Orleans. "We have to heat and purify water in immersion water heaters and there isn't much space, but we enjoy it because this is what we're here to do."

Lance Cpl. Jeanne K. Miller, a 22-year-old cook from LaRue,

have. Even if it means they have to experiment with empty cans to find the right size to use as a biscuit cutter, they do what it takes to get a hearty, hot meal to Marines in the field.

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

# SUPPORT

## MOTOR 'T': *Supporting the exercise with on-call transportation*

**I**magine driving 2,000 miles every day for 10 days straight. That is roughly the amount of miles the Motor Transport section drove during this year's Battalion FEX.

"Both in the field and at Marine Barracks, our primary mission is to support the battalion by providing transportation to the companies as it is needed," said SSgt. Ronald J. Rohrbach, Motor Transport Operations Chief.

During the training evolution, Motor Transport used 14 vehicles and approximately 20 drivers to accomplish just that.

"We made administrative runs twice a day to and from Washington, D.C., provided High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) to each company, hauled supplies and bused Marines to where they needed to go," said Cpl. John C. Branch, Motor Transport dispatcher.

"Every request the companies had for a driver in this training exercise was filled within minutes," Rohrbach added.

Motor Transport Marines exercised their versatility to ensure all requests were filled.

"Anybody can get behind a wheel and drive, but there aren't too many people who can go from driving a bus to a 5-ton and a Hummer in one day," said LCpl. Ismael



**Motor Transport Marines use 5-tons, HMMWVs and buses to get Marines and equipment where they needed to train.**

R. Gutierrez, Motor Transport driver.

The last of the battalion returned to the Barracks on October 10, bringing the exercise to a close. After dropping off the last piece of the gear and troops, Motor

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***"Every request the companies had for a driver in this training exercise, was filled within minutes."***

- SSgt. Rohrbach

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Transport's job didn't end until the vehicles were cleaned.

"We borrowed vehicles from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, and our mission isn't finished until every temp-loaned vehicle is returned," said Rohrbach.

Prior to going out on the road, every vehicle is carefully inspected to ensure it is safe to drive, both in the field and in garrison.

"No operation is perfect, but nobody expects accidents to happen either," said Branch.

"This year, we came back to the Barracks with not one accident or mishap," said Rohrbach.

While most of Motor Transport was in the field to cover the exercise, there were a handful of Marines to run the show at the Barracks.

"Just as fast as Body Bearers are assigned a funeral or 'A' Company sends out a firing party is how fast we have to be ready, and we're on call 24-hours-a-day," said Rohrbach.

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

# URBAN ASSAULT

## *H&S Marines take on MOUT, MAC courses*

**T**he sun has set on the town of Smithville, at Ft. Pickett, Va. The town itself appears deserted, with the exception of an old school bus, a broken-down van and a beat up pick-up truck, and there doesn't seem to be a living being anywhere in sight—at least not in the streets.

A company of Marines patrols the area, aware the enemy has taken over the town. The Marines wait for early morning to take on the enemy in combat.

During Battalion FEX '91, H&S Company spent two days practicing Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) and training in the MOUT Assault Course (MAC).

"H&S hasn't done this type of training in the three years I've been here," said Capt. Paul A.

Brygider, H&S Company Commanding Officer. "Our intention is to take what we learned here and build and establish techniques."

While going through the MOUT, H&S Company learned how to evacuate and defend buildings in a simulated town and situation, by playing both offensive and defensive rolls during urban training against "B" Company.

With the use of M16A2s, M60s, flash bangs, smoke grenades, practice grenades, and MILES gear, the situation was made as realistic as possible.

"B" Company practiced their techniques earlier in the week, whereas H&S Company had only a couple of hours of instruction and training earlier in the day prior to the evolution," said Brygider. "I feel H&S Company did a great job in both situations, which proves

that even a lesser experienced force can be of great opposition."

In any type of training there are obstacles to overcome, and in MOUT and MAC, every door and window becomes an obstacle.

Although it is not likely H&S Company would actually invade a town, the training serves a useful purpose. "Everybody should have the capability of protecting and defending a town, or in H&S Company's case, the Command Post in the rear area," said Brygider.

"Every Marine should be proficient in their military occupational specialty, and it's no different for H&S Company," said Capt. Kirk D. Schlotzhauer, H&S Company Executive Officer. "But there is always the possibility of a high number of infantry casualties, and it is likely Marines may be pulled from H&S to fight alongside an infantry unit."

Following MOUT training, H&S Company's next challenge was the MAC course.

In MAC training, the perception of an actual war was made more intense with the use of live rounds. Through MAC, troops learned how to properly approach and clear buildings, opposing a simulated enemy.

We chose to train with live rounds to give realism to the activity," said Schlotzhauer. "It is a big attention gainer, and requires the Marines to train more seriously. They seem to pay more attention to where they're firing, because one bad aim could mean the loss of a life."

**LEFT: A Marine fires into a building while traversing the MOUT Assault Course. (Photo by LCpl. Valerie Stroschein)**

**RIGHT: Marines advance on an objective during MAC training, conducted by H&S Company. (Photo by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson)**





**Sgt. Brett Blake, H&S Company, fires from a window during force-on-force MOUT training against "B" Company. (Photo by Sgt. Brian T. Thompson)**

Each squad was divided into assault and support teams. The assault team searched buildings while the support team provided cover fire.

"I feel the use of live rounds helped us gain trust and confidence in the Marines we work with on a day to day basis," said

LCpl. Michael P. Reeder, H&S Company Grounds Maintenance.

"This is the closest I've come to live rounds, and I feel it helped the troops learn the meaning of esprit de corps and put trust in their fellow Marines," Sgt. Charles H. Davis, H&S Company S-1 added

Both Brygider and Schlotzhauer agree that a dual mission was accomplished with this training.

"The purpose of this training was to develop small unit integrity and tactics, and to come together as a unit," said Brygider. "What the troops lacked in experience, they made up for in desire and motivation."

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**Story by  
LCpl. Valerie Stroschein**



# 0311

## *Barracks infantrymen review tactics during FEX*

**M**arines on the observation post had not been heard from since early that morning. It was too long. Something was wrong, and a small patrol was sent to find out what had happened. The success of their mission would depend on the alertness and quick reaction time of each individual Marine.

The point man for the first patrol loaded his weapon and crossed the line of departure, kicking off the M16A2 and Squad Automatic Weapon live-fire courses run as part of the 0311 training package for Battalion FEX '91.

The 0311 course was designed by GySgt. Daniel S. Geltmacher, Barracks Guard Chief, to allow each Marine to engage pop-up targets while acting as point man for an imaginary patrol.

Marines from "A", "B", and H&S Companies took turns making their way through the 100-meter-long stretch of dried grass and shrubbery, constantly watching for targets that could appear before them in seconds.

Weaving along the tree line with painstaking intensity, riflemen and pay clerks alike became sensitive to any sound or movement that might alert them



*A Guard Marine fires off another round on the 0311 training course during the Battalion FEX.*

to the "enemy's" sudden presence. With a burst of small arms fire, targets that had seemingly sprung to life were knocked over in defeat.

"You couldn't see the targets right away. All you could look for was movement," said LCpl. Mike Gillin, a H&S Guard Section Marine who helped set up the course.

For many Marines, the experience of live-fire and maneuver was new.

"This is the first time I've done a course like this," said LCpl. LeRoyal Harris, H&S Supply. "It was really exciting. It taught me how to shoot and move all at once."

As the sun dipped behind the ranges, new targets were constructed on a pulley system and set up to run across a kill zone. After receiving a brief patrol order, the H&S Co. Marines were given a chance to put the individual skills they had learned during the day together in a nighttime live-fire patrol.

"As a patrol, the Marines get the opportunity to practice setting in an ambush, and by conducting their own missions, the small unit leaders learn the skills they need," said H&S Co. GySgt. Garry Gibson.

In pitch darkness, the Marines crept through the woods to their ambush site. A burst of illumina-

tion signaled them to open fire on the silhouettes crossing the open area in front of them.

"Running through this definitely taught me to be alert at all times and aware of my surroundings," said LCpl. R. J. Smith, S-1.

On a separate range, "A" and "B" Company riflemen honed their marksmanship skills in a static SAW live-fire night shoot. With illumination to brighten their field of fire, they lit up the range with tracers and helped each other adjust fire onto the targets.

"They spent the day getting familiar with the weapons, so that in the dark they were able to load, unload and perform immediate action when they had to," said Gibson.

Enthusiasm in both infantry and non-infantry Marines alike ran high with the conclusion of each course of SAW fire and the return of each patrol.

"Live fire not only makes Marines more familiar with their weapons but it gives them more confidence in the weapons, themselves and each other," said Gibson. "Everybody seemed to get a lot out of it."

*Story and photo by  
Capt. Cathy Engels*

# HEAVY GUNS

*Machine-gunners hone skills on Ft. A.P. Hill's ranges*



**TOP:** Marines practice engaging targets from known distances on one of Ft. A.P. Hill's ranges.



**LEFT:** An MK-19 gun team practices firing the heavy gun.

**S**ome of the first ground combat scenes from the Gulf War were of a .50-caliber machine gun firing over a wall during the battle for Kafji.

According to the Marine Corps Institute course for machine-gunners, machine guns support the rifleman in the offense and defense by providing him with "a heavy volume of controlled and accurate fire that is beyond the capability of individual small arms...final protective fires are the basis for all defensive fire within a battalion."

Twenty-two Barracks machine-gunners honed their skills during the Battalion FEX.

Like all military occupational specialty training conducted during the Barracks FEX, the package for machine gunners enabled Marines assigned to these weapons to reacquaint themselves with their safe operation and employment.

During the training evolution, 14 "A" Company and eight "B" Company machine-gunners (MOS 0331) reviewed safety and operating procedures for the M-60E3, M2

.50-caliber and MK-19 machine guns.

"Skills (can) get rusty because Marines aren't handling these weapons every day," said Capt. B. P. Allegretti, "B" Company Executive Officer, and officer-in-charge of the 0331 training package. "These Marines are doing a great job of getting locked back on...they just need greater confidence so when they get to the Fleet Marine Force, they'll be on par."

The machine-gun training included a familiarization firing of the weapons, engaging different targets, while the squad leader issued initial fire commands, a night shoot and tactical employment drills, said Allegretti. "This is probably the best opportunity these Marines will have all year for specific MOS training," he said.

For that reason, Marines taking part in the training package said they embrace any opportunity to hone their skills.

Lance Cpl. Diamond L. Farrar, a 19-year-old "A" Company Marine from Washington, D.C., explained that although it had been a year since he last fired these weapons, "it all comes back to you once you get the weapon in your hands. I like this training because I think it keeps you up to par with other Marines in the Fleet Marine Force."

"It's important that when these Marines get to the Fleet Marine Force, they know what they're doing to earn credibility," said 30-year-old Cpl. Darrell A. Arthurs, 3rd Platoon Guide for "B" Company and an instructor for the training. "They have a lot of little kinks to work out, but all they need is time on the guns. Considering the amount of heavy weapons training time they get at the Barracks, they're doing very well."

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

# MORTARMEN: *Training as 'company commander's artillery'*

**A** rifle company moves along a route believed to be friendly in a small nation ravaged by civil war when rounds begin kicking up dirt around it. While riflemen and machine gunners jump into hasty defensive positions, the "Company Commander's Artillery," or mortar section, sets up target coordinates. Once the section has a fire plan, it aims-in and starts firing rounds.

"Half-load...Hanging...Fire!" shout the mortarmen as they send off each round. After several rounds are fired, and target changes are made as directed by a forward observer, the threat is eliminated and the company moves on.

It is through training and practice that mortarmen are able to ac-

curately fire mortars in support of their unit. Though the Barracks Light Infantry Battalion isn't equipped to regularly train Marines on mortar systems, 18 Marines sharpened their skills during the Battalion FEX.

"Our objective is to get these Marines as familiar, confident and proficient with mortar systems as possible," said Capt. D. P. Monahan, Silent Drill Team Commander and officer-in-charge of the mortar (MOS 0341) training.

Fifteen "A" Company and three "B" Company Marines fired a total of 584 white phosphorous, high-explosive and illumination rounds during the training package. "It's a pretty good training evolution for 18 Marines," said Monahan.

"We got out here and received basic refresher classes, re-familiarized ourselves with the

guns, and the next day we were firing rounds," said 21-year-old LCpl. Kevin Reed, an "A" Company Marine from Boca Raton, Fla. "It's like riding a bike. You never forget, though you might be a little bit wobbly at first."

According to Cpl. Ronald T. Jorstad, "A" Company, because the Marines don't fire often, some had forgotten some of their knowledge of the system. "After they go over it, though, it comes right back to them," said the 21-year-old native of Shreveport, La.

Monahan said the training package definitely brought the Barracks mortarmen on par with their Fleet Marine Force counterparts. "All they know are basics; they know no bad habits," he said.

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

**Cpl. Kevin Reed (top) and Cpl. David Rodriguez, "A" Company, core-sight a 100mm mortar.**



# Tank Killers Train With a Bang



**ABOVE:** Cpl. Shayne D. Longley, "A" Company, sights in on a SMAW.

**RIGHT:** LCpl. David R. Grimm (left) and LCpl. Shawn E. Briggs, also of "A" Company, refamiliarize themselves with the DRAGON weapon system.



**G**one are the days of motion picture yesteryear when celluloid heroes with a cigar dangling from their lips ran up to tanks in the face of insurmountable odds, destroyed the tank on the run with one shot from a "bazooka," then made a miraculous escape. The modern battlefield is adorned with infra-red scopes, laser targeting systems and computerized fire plans. Reactive armor, laser-guided "smart" bombs and precision guided missiles fired from air and ground are commonplace in today's volatile and highly-mobile combat environment.

The significant threat posed by modern armored units is often met with equally-advanced air and ground weapons launched from high-tech aircraft and tanks. But when the big guns aren't around, infantry units must rely on organic weapons to combat the threat.

The World War II-vintage "bazooka" has given way to a new generation of high-tech "armor-eaters," which are employable at battalion and company levels. Among them are the AT-4 (shoulder fired rocket), SMAW (shoulder-fired, multi-purpose antitank weapon) and Dragon weapon systems. Barracks Marines assigned to these weapons received hands-on refresher training during the Battalion FEX.

Thirty-one Marines were re-familiarized with their respective weapons during training tailored for those with the 0351 (assaultmen) and 0352 (TOW gunner) military occupational specialties. Training included classes on SMAWs, AT-4s and Dragons, as well as demolition classes with explosives, according to Capt. Robert M. Heidenreich, 1st Platoon Commander, "B" Company, and officer-in-charge of the

training evolution. Though the Dragon and SMAW classes didn't involve live-firing, five Marines fired a live round each from AT-4s, he said.

"I like this MOS," said LCpl. David R. Grimm, a 19-year-old "A" Company Marine from Pensacola, Fla. "I think it's good to get our hands on the weapon and train with it."

Marines participating said they usually only get to train with their weapons once a year.

Corporal Shayne D. Longley, a 22-year-old "A" Company Marine from Miami, said he and the 15 other "A" Company and 15 "B" Company Marines were "motivated to train even though there weren't many live rounds."

Corporal Christopher R. Mosher, "B" Company, said this year's training was the best he's received in his three years at the Barracks. "We always end up training as infantrymen during the year," said the 24-year-old from Santa Rosa, Calif.

Assault Marines used the specialized training to build on skills originally learned at the School of Infantry at Camps Pendleton or Lejeune.

"The classes were really good," said LCpl. Shawn E. Briggs, 22, "A" Company, and a native of Carlsbad, Calif. "I was worried that I wouldn't get (additional training) before I left for the Fleet Marine Force," he said.

Marines have always trained to be technically and tactically proficient on the battlefield, whether they've had muskets, bazookas or modern-day assault weapons, and these Barracks Marines were no different.

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

# BEANS, BULLETS 'N' BAND-AIDS

*"Beans, bullets and Band-Aids" may be fourth in the Marine Corps' Five Paragraph Order, but for S-4, or Barracks Logistics Section, they are the first order of business — both in garrison and in the field.*

The S-4 provides Barracks units with everything from water to weapons and meals to mortar rounds, and ensures Marines are fed, armed and supplied with whatever materials they need to fulfill their mission.

According to GySgt. D. B. Martin, Barracks Utilities Chief and Logistics Chief for the exercise, needs for the Battalion FEX were substantial.

"We began working on intense plans for the exercise more than a month in advance," said Martin. The S-4 Section works closely with the Operations Section, which identifies requirements and forwards them to S-4, he said.

Because training was conducted in individual military occupational specialty packages, additional demands were placed on the section. "Each weapons training package had different and unique support requirements. So we went around and came up with the equipment needed for each package," said Martin.

Martin explained that his section borrowed equipment from locations as near as Anacostia Naval Station, Washington, D.C., and as far as Camp Lejeune, N.C. and Naval Air Station Willow



**Cpl. John Reno trains with MILES gear supplied by the S-4 section. (Photo by LCpl. Valerie Stroschein)**

Grove, Pa. Communications equipment and personnel to operate it, tactical vehicles and drivers, weapons and ammunition were among the items the section supplied from outside sources.

"We usually get the majority of our equipment from The Basic School (MCCDC, Quantico, Va.), but we had to go all the way down to Camp Lejeune to get some items this year," said Martin.

Once the exercise began, the section continued work-

ing behind the scenes to ensure a smooth evolution, but also fulfilled a more visible role. The S-4 section provided hot meals, ammunition and coordinated medical support from National Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Md., to units training in the field on a daily basis, making certain the Marines had enough "beans, bullets and Band-Aids" for the duration of BN FEX-'91.

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

# SOFTBALL ACTION WRAPS UP

## BARRACKS TEAM WINS WAMAC TITLE

The Marine Barracks Softball Team lost only one game in 31 on its way to the championship spot in the Washington Area Military Athletic Conference 1991 season competition. The team rolled over CHESDIV 20-10 in late September to win the three-game championship tournament and season title.

Season Most Valuable Player Cpl. Dave Schaller, "A" Company went five for five, with two home runs, two triples and a double, and added strong defensive play at shortstop to help the Barracks team win its final game. Schaller and tournament Most Valuable Player Sgt. Brett Blake, H&S Co., "came through with a lot of clutch plays to help the team dominate the game," said Sgt. Dale Schnoor,

team coach. "One of those two was always coming up a big hit when we needed it."

The game signaled the end of a hard-fought season in which some of the games were close, and many were blowouts said Schnoor.

He credited the team's success to 1stSgt Glen Davis pitching and an influx of skillful players to replace Marines transferring to new commands.

## H&S SOFTBALL TEAM STEALS CHAMPIONSHIP FROM BAND

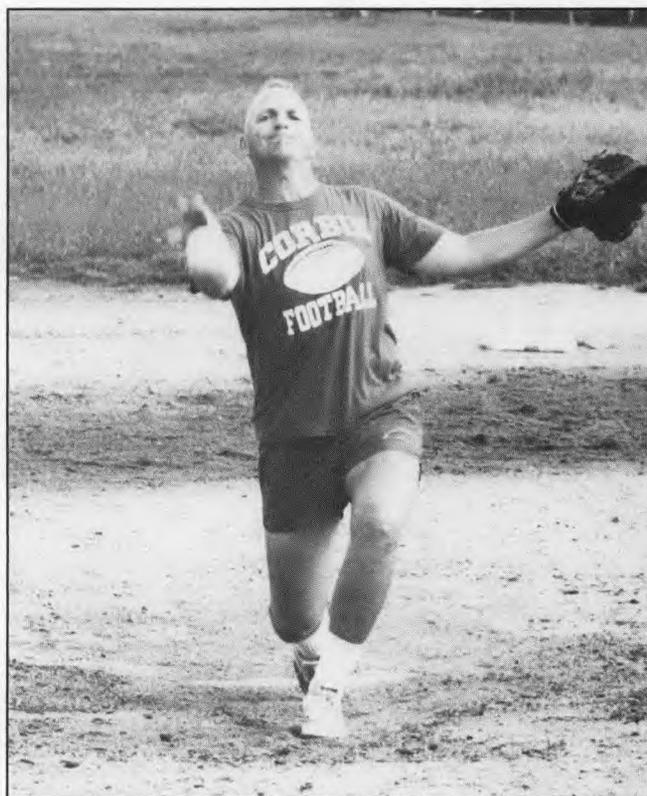
The H&S Company softball team beat the United States Marine Band team 13-7 to win the 1991 Barracks Intramural Softball Tournament Championship, Sept. 18, at Anacostia Naval Station Field 4.

H&S Co., which was put into the loser's bracket earlier in the season with a loss to Drum and Bugle Corps, fought its way into the championship with wins over "A" Co., and D&B before beating undefeated Band 10-7 to earn a spot in the title game.

Second baseman Cpl. John Wardlaw hit a three-run homer early in the game to spark H&S's victory. First Sgt. Glen Davis and GySgt. Garry Gibson had three hits apiece, Cpl. John Reno played strong defense and the rest of the team got key hits when the team needed them to secure the big win.

"The win felt good because Band has been reigning champion for several years," said Sgt. Dale Schnoor, H&S coach. "One of the reasons for our success was the pitching of GySgt. Gibson. The Band is a good hitting team and he kept them off balance."

The win gave H&S five more points toward the Barracks Commander's Cup. The company needs only to place in the top three spots in the volleyball tournament to claim the cup.



**GySgt. Garry Gibson, H&S pitcher, lets one fly against Band.**

*Stories and photo by  
Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe*

## NUCLEAR REDUCTIONS, from page 5

separate Navy and Air Force control of nuclear weapons.

- Proposed a U.S.-Soviet agreement to deploy a defense system against ballistic missile attack, designed for defense against terrorists and Third World powers, such as Iraq.
- Proposed discussions begin with the Soviet Union to "explore cooperation on nuclear command and control, warhead security and safety, and safe and environmentally responsible storage, transportation, dismantling and destruction."

Bush called on the Soviet Union leadership throughout the address to join the United States in

taking immediate concrete steps to match such initiatives. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev responded with similar proposals of his own later that week.

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Colin Powell, responding to reporters' questions during a press conference the morning following the announcement, noted how the initiative would give the U.S. Navy more flexibility.

"For one thing, it removes quite a management and control problem from the commanders of ships at sea," Gen. Powell said. "It provides space to carry additional conventional munitions, which are more effective than they have been in the past.."

Marine Barracks Officers Wives Club Invites All Barracks Children to The :

# Childrens Christmas Party



*Cookies*

*Gifts*

*Magic*

*Santa*

*Music*

*Punch*

**Saturday December 7, 1991**

**Marine Barracks Band Hall**

**10:00 A.M. Until 12:00 Noon**

## Santa Is Making His List Now !

**Help Us Get An Accurate Count So Each Child Receives A Gift !**

**Please Complete this Form and Return It to the Sgt. Major's Office  
No Later Than *Wednesday November 13.***

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## SPECIAL SERVICES LINE

**The Royal Lipizzanner Stallion Show** - Don't miss this rare chance to see these horses of nobility. Talented riders, colorful costumes, dramatic light, stirring music and spectacular horsemanship highlight this international tour.

Nov. 1 Baltimore Arena tickets \$13.50 and \$11.50

Nov. 3 Patriot Center tickets \$14.50 and \$12.50

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster and location box offices.

**Going to Walt Disney World, Magic Kingdom or Epcot Center?** The Floridian of Orlando is offering discount room rates to military personnel through Dec. 23. The cost is \$29.95 per person (limit four to a room), per night. For reservations, call (800) 455-7299.

**See British tradition and Scottish pride** when you watch the performance of the Regimental Band of Her Majesty's Coldstream Guards and the Pipes, Drums and Dancers of the Queen's Own Highlanders.

Dec. 13 Baltimore Arena

**All-Marine Boxing Trials** are scheduled for Dec. 16 to 20, at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The trials are open to boxing teams and individual Marines on active duty.

**Discounted Washington Capitals tickets** are on sale at the Barracks Special Services Ticket Office for the Nov. 15 game.

For information on any events listed, contact Capt. Knepp, Barracks Morale Administrative Support Division, at (202) 433-2112.

## CAREER PLANNER'S CORNER

**SRBP — Selective Reenlistment Bonus Program, as outlined in Marine Corps Order 7220:**

1. Marine must reenlist for a minimum of four years.

2. **ZONES:**

ZONE 'A' = 21 months to 6 years of active duty service.

ZONE 'B' = 6 years, one day to 10 years of service.

ZONE 'C' = 10 years, one day to 14 years of active duty; payable up to 16 years of active duty.

3. Disbursing requires at least 10 days to process package and cut a check.

4. ZONE 'A' maximum payment is \$30,000

5. ZONES 'B' & 'C' maximum payment is \$20,000

6. Fifty percent of the bonus amount (less income taxes) is paid at reenlistment. The remainder is paid in equal yearly installments for the duration of the contract.

7. If a Marine receives an SRB, he or she is still eligible to serve in CMC-approved "B" Billets.

# BARRACKS SALUTES

## AWARDS

### "A" COMPANY

#### MERITORIOUS MAST

Sgt. M. G. Branch  
Cpl. C. C. Draud  
Cpl. G. L. Henderson  
Cpl. H. E. Smith Jr.

### "B" COMPANY

#### NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LCpl. W. S. Cole

### H&S COMPANY

#### JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Sgt. D. S. Clemenson  
Cpl. S. G. Robbins  
LCpl. B. D. Dobson Jr.  
LCpl. C. J. Duran  
LCpl. M. J. Huber  
LCpl. W. D. Cratochvil  
LCpl. L. R. Mercer Jr.  
LCpl. S. B. Mullins  
LCpl. E. A. Myers II  
PFC A. D. Caldwell

PFC J. F. Porter  
PFC S. M. Sullivan

### MARINE CORPS INSTITUTE

#### MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

LtCol. J. S. Sfayer

#### JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

CWO4 D. M. Striker

#### CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

MSgt. J. E. Whittman Jr.

## PROMOTIONS

Sgt. B. T. Thompson  
Cpl. E. S. Lewis\*  
Cpl. F. C. Teckmyer IV\*  
Cpl. M. A. Young  
LCpl. M. J. Bishop  
LCpl. C. A. Brown  
LCpl. T. W. Brown  
LCpl. M. L. Engle  
LCpl. K. McCants

\* Denotes meritorious promotion

## WELCOME ABOARD

Capt. R. R. Knepp  
1stLt. D. C. Kirby  
GySgt. K. S. Higgins  
SSgt. F. Murnane  
SSgt. D. C. Patterson  
SSgt. T. Russo III  
Sgt. W. J. Komsi  
Cpl. T. M. Gassler Jr.  
Cpl. D. L. Hayes  
LCpl. G. S. Biggles  
LCpl. C. B. Davis  
LCpl. R. J. Domante  
LCpl. D. M. Fox Jr.  
LCpl. D. K. Melka  
PFC E. W. Gardner  
PFC L. B. Harris  
PFC G. C. Marlkey  
PFC R. D. Sholtis  
PFC D. O. Williamson

# ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day is a Roman Catholic Holy Day. You may be aware that it falls on Nov. 1, each year. This observance is in remembrance of those unnamed martyrs of the Christian faith.

This excerpt from the Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship lends additional light to the observance:

*"Places like Antioch and Rome had more known martyrs than there were days in the year. So a common feast for all martyrs was instituted, and this is the origin of the later All Saints Feast.*

*A feast of All Martyrs was observed on Easter Sunday in Syria at the beginning of the fifth century, and the octave day of the Pentecost was the day for a similar feast in*

*the Byzantine liturgy. In Rome, Boniface IV had the relics of many martyrs moved from the catacombs to the Pantheon, and on May 13,*



*610 AD, he consecrated the building as St. Marie ad Martyrs. This became known as the feast of All Martyrs, and All Saints and of Our Lady.*

*These three feasts, especially the Syrian one, were closely connected with the Easter season, and therefore, with Christ's victory. This paschal connection was broken and eventually lost sight of after the Roman feast of May 13 was transferred in 835 AD to Nov. 1, with the title All Saints."*

Heroes of the faith they were. They faced torture and death in their fight of faith. Armed only with "The helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, the sword of God's word," they stood strong for their beliefs, regardless of the price. Their courage and dedication inspires us today to stand strong for what is right and true.

Lt. Paul R. Deaton, CHC, USN

## Worship Opportunities

<b>NAVY YARD</b>	Catholic Mass	9 a.m. Sundays
	Protestant Service	10:30 a.m. Sundays
<b>NAVAL ANNEX FORT MYER</b>	Catholic Mass	7:30 a.m. Daily
	<i>Old Post Chapel</i>	Catholic Mass
		9:30 a.m. Sundays
		12:30 p.m. Sundays
<i>Memorial Chapel</i>	Protestant Services	10 a.m. Sundays
		11:30 a.m. Sundays
	Protestant Services	8:15 a.m. Sundays



*Enjoy a fun, safe*  
**HALLOWEEN**



