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'A good Marine'

I received an anonymous package addressed to the supply officer, Marine Barracks, 8th & I. Upon opening the package, this is what I found:

(1) baseball glove	(1) kevlar helmet	(1) softball	(1) helmet cover
(1) white trousers	(1) helmet chinstrap	(2) green blankets	(1) poncho
(1) poncho liner	(1) first aid kit	(2) M16 ammo pouches	(1) cartridge belt
(2) canteen covers	(3) M16 magazines	(1) "H" harness	(1) isomat
(1) canteen cup			

Enclosed with the gear was a letter that read as follows:

"Dear sir/ma'am, I am a former Marine who was once stationed at Marine Barracks, 8th & I. I detached several years ago, and during my packing and checking out, I couldn't find my 782 gear. I thought I had either lost the gear or that it had been stolen. Recently, while going through some boxes that I had in storage for quite some time, I found the missing gear. I feel that it is my responsibility to return it to you at this time. I apologize for any problems which may have occurred and regret not approaching someone in my chain of command at the time I discovered the gear was missing. Please accept the return of this gear with my sincere apologies. Sincerely, an honest Marine."

I was genuinely impressed with this person's actions. What motivated this individual to return several hundreds of dollars worth of 782 gear after so much time had passed? Possibly 8th & I "grooming," maybe moral guilt, maybe a little of both. I believe it was because this individual was indeed, a good Marine.

CWO-3 Mike Brletich

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ON THE COVER: LCpl. Patricia R. Pferdeort, Adjutant's Section, rappels from a tower at Ft. A.P. Hill, as GySgt. Donald E. Rosche looks on.

New JCS Chairman swears in

MCNEWS — Secretary of Defense Les Aspin swore-in Gen. John M. Shalikashvili Oct. 25 as the 13th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The swearing-in ceremony, which took place in Secretary Aspin's office, was attended by the general's wife, Joan, and Deputy Secretary of Defense William Perry and his wife, Lee.

Shalikashvili succeeds Gen. Colin Powell, who retired earlier this year. Shalikashvili was previously assigned as the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Commander-in-Chief, United States Forces European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

Time on station waivers offered for DI duty

Waivers for time on station are being granted for Marines seeking duty as a drill instructor. Marines with two-and-a-half years on station by Jan. 1 are authorized to request assignment to class 3-94 in Parris Island or San Diego. Marines with prior drill instructor experience who have served at least three years back in their primary MOS are also in demand.

Contact the Barracks Career Planner for more information.

Toys for Tots drive in force

The Barracks again this year will be a drop-off point for toys. The Toys for Tots program, developed and run by the Marine Corps Reserve, collects new, unwrapped toys and delivers them through local organizations to hundreds of thousands of needy children annually.

To support the drive, drop off a new, unwrapped toy, give a donation or become a volunteer. The drive continues through Dec. 17. For more information, call Sgt. Thomas LaPointe at 433-4173.

TROA increases financial aid

TROA — This year, 800 students will receive \$2,000 interest-free loans from The Retired Officers Association (TROA) Educational Assistance Program. These loans, totaling \$1.6 million this school year, are awarded annually for up to five years of undergraduate study to unmarried undergraduate students, under the age of 24, who are dependent children of active, reserve and retired servicemembers and their surviving spouses.

Applications are available Nov. 1, and should be requested by Feb. 15, 1994. The completed application must be postmarked on or before March 1, 1994. For applications and more information, write to TROA Educational Assistance Program Administrator (09D), 201 N. Washington St., Alexandria, Va. 22314-2539.

Tell it to a Marine...

“Our Corps is what we are because we are...the people of the broad, strong, ethnic fabric that is our nation...In the future, that fabric will broaden and strengthen in every category to make our Corps even stronger. That is a commitment of this Commandant...that is a personal commitment of this Marine.”

Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., in his remarks at the Marine Corps War Memorial observance Nov. 10, the Corps' 218th Birthday.

USO-Metro kicks off 10th annual holiday hotel program

USO-Metro — For the 10th consecutive year, the USO of Metropolitan Washington (USO-Metro) is joining with Washington area hotels to provide more than 1,000 complimentary hotel/motel room nights to visiting families of servicemembers unable to travel home for the holidays.

Each year USO-Metro teams with the Hotel Sales and Marketing Association International to provide these free hotel accommodations so servicemembers need not spend the holidays alone.

Begun in 1984 with one participating hotel, the program's goal was to unite out-of-town relatives with those servicemembers who, due to various reasons, were not able to travel home themselves. The program has significantly grown over the years to include over 25 participating hotels. Last year the families of more than 140 servicemembers participated in the program.

This program is primarily designed to serve junior enlisted members, many of whom do not have enough leave time accrued to travel home, or are considered essential personnel at their duty stations and cannot leave. This program offers hotel accommodations to the family members so they can visit their enlisted loved one and spend the holidays together.

The program is open to enlisted personnel, noncommissioned officers and junior commissioned officers. No more than four family members may share a hotel room. All room recipients are responsible for payment of charges incurred above the cost of the room.

For more information, contact your company first sergeant.

Barracks Marine ties rifle range record

Misses perfect rifle score at Quantico by one point

A Guard Detachment Marine added his name to the list of record holders at Calvin A. Lloyd Range at MCCDC, Quantico, Va.

Sergeant Michael L. Valenti, Port Side Guard Section Leader, fired his way into the record book with a known-distance requalification score of 249 on Aug. 20. Valenti's score ties that of a captain who held the record three years, said 1stLt. Jeffrey D. Flick, Assistant Operations Officer, Weapons Training Battalion, MCCDC, Quantico, which operates the range. A shooter has yet to fire a perfect 250 on the range, though a third Marine tied it during a recent known-distance competition, Flick said.

"I thought I had a 248 on the (firing) line when we finished shooting because someone had incorrectly disked me a four instead of a five on one of my shots, even though there was a white spotter in the bull's-eye," said Valenti, a 27-year-old from Cleveland.

"It seemed like 500 people were asking me what it felt like to miss the record by one point, when I was called to the (control) tower. When I went to the tower I was wondering what I had done wrong, but they told me I tied the record," Valenti said.

"When I found out, I was pretty excited. Everything felt right. I told myself at the beginning that every move on the line would be calculated, and that's what I did. I didn't try to squeeze shots in. I listened to my body and each shot felt good," said Valenti, whose only miss was



Sgt. Michael L. Valenti, Guard Det., now shares the range record at Quantico's Calvin A. Lloyd Range. (Photo by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)

in the off-hand position from 200 yards.

Valenti came to the Barracks in April from MCCDC, Quantico, where he was assigned to range control.

"This has been my best year shooting," said Valenti, who was the high shooter for several pistol courses and the shotgun course at Security Forces School, Landing Force Training Center, Norfolk, Va.

The highest Valenti shot prior to matching the record at Quantico was in boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., when he was the series high shooter with 245. The lowest he has fired during his nine years as a

Marine is 228, which he fired last year.

One factor contributing to the pride Valenti feels in his accomplishment is that it sets a positive example for the Marines in his section to follow.

"I can't wait for Marines in my section to walk onto the range and see my score on the board. I want to set an example for them to strive to be better than I am," said Valenti, who attributes most of his marksmanship abilities to his father, James Valenti.

"He got me into shooting—I've been handling weapons as long as I can remember," said Valenti. "My father taught me to shoot well, but the Marine Corps sharpened my skills."

The former pistol coach put those skills to use in October as a member of the Barracks Shooting Team, where he captured third place overall in the competition and was the only Barracks Marine to place.

Valenti also credits his success to the support of his wife, Kathleen, and two daughters, Brianne Kathleen, 4, and Victoria Alexis, 2.

The seventh-award rifle expert (two years he did not fire) advises Marines trying to improve their rifle scores to "do what feels natural. Too many people fight themselves."

Though Valenti currently holds the record, he still sets his sights higher.

"I'm going to shoot my damnedest to get a '250'," said Valenti.

Story by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe

Marines don't let Marines drink and drive

California Marines help battle fires

NNS — Marines and Sailors rushed to help battle fires that destroyed more than 700 homes and 175,000 acres of land in Southern California.

Thirty Marines from Marine Air Wing Support Group-37, based at Marine Corps Air Stations El Toro and Tustin, spent two days assisting the Orange County Fire Department and cutting fire breaks in the Laguna Beach area, while another 80 Marines assisted the Orange County Sheriff's Department in area house searches.

The fires, which started Oct. 25, ranged from the Mexican border to north of the Santa Monica Mountains. More than 45,000 people have been evacuated from at least 13 different areas. Arson was the suspected cause of the blaze.

SGLI scam plagues VA

A false and misleading rumor sweeping the nation is plaguing the Veterans Administration and leading thousands of veterans to write the VA requesting dividends on Servicemans Group Life Insurance they had while on active duty.

Erroneously, veterans are being contacted by individuals, by mail or by phone, telling them they rate these dividends whether they did or not. The individuals then identify themselves as representatives of a private firm that will help the veterans collect the dividends for a considerable fee.

There is also a rumor that individuals who served in the military after 1965 and were insured under the SGLI program are entitled to a refund. There have never been any dividends, rebates or refunds due to surplus funds in the SGLI program.

WW II vet receives Navy Cross after 48 years

NNS — World War II Navy veteran Alonzo A. Swann was awarded the Navy Cross, in a ceremony held Nov. 3 in New York City on board the aircraft carrier INTRIPID, for his courageous action in combat during an attack on the carrier in October 1944. Swann heroically manned his anti-aircraft gun in the face of a determined Japanese kamikaze attack.

In February 1945, Mr. Swann and six of his shipmates were awarded the Bronze Star medal, the nation's fourth highest award for valor. Swann, an African-American, stated he was to be awarded the higher decoration of the Navy Cross, but it was downgraded to a Bronze Star due to his race. He sought to have the medal upgraded to the higher award by first petitioning the Navy and, later, through legal action.

Swann's efforts brought his case to the attention of then-Secretary of the Navy Sean O'Keefe for the first time. After personally reviewing all the facts of the case, Secretary O'Keefe decided the appropriate level of award for Swann's combat action was the Navy Cross, and the Intrepid Museum Society generously offered to sponsor the ceremony.

CHAMPUS rules will change sooner than announced

CHAMPUS NEWS — There's an important change coming sooner than expected for anyone who files a CHAMPUS claim.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1993, all CHAMPUS claims were to be filed with the appropriate CHAMPUS contractor no later than one year after the services are provided—or, in the case of inpatient care, the claim must be filed within one year of the date the patient is discharged from the inpatient facility.

Further information concerning the filing deadlines should be directed to your claims processor.

DoD to start teaching incentive program

AFIS — If you are leaving the military and considering a career in teaching, look at Troops to Teachers, a new Department of Defense program.

The program is aimed at service members and DoD and Energy Department civilians. It offers jobs teaching in hard-to-fill positions in low income or certain geographic areas. Qualified applicants may receive up to \$5,000 from DoD to offset the cost of training leading to a teacher's certificate.

In addition, DoD will reimburse eligible school districts up to \$25,000 a year for two years when they hire program participants for at least two consecutive years, said John Stremple, DoD's director of education.

Military members must apply for the program before separation, must have served at least six years and must receive an honorable discharge, he said. Civilian employees may apply after receipt of a termination notice and no more than 30 days after termination. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree.

"In selecting participants, priority will be given to those applicants who have educational or military experience in science or mathematics and who agree to seek employment as teachers in elementary or secondary schools," said Stremple. Areas such as special education, history, foreign language, English and geography will also receive emphasis.

The program is scheduled to run through Sept. 30, 1997.

Check with your local transition office and education center for more information.

Navy issues new smoking policy

New restrictions to take effect no later than Jan. 1



NNS —

The Department of the Navy is implementing new smoking regulations that will significantly change smoking

inside ships, aircraft, vehicles and buildings. The new regulations go into effect at all Navy and Marine Corps commands, to include Marine Barracks, Washington D.C., no later than Jan. 1, 1994.

“The policy will ensure smoke-free work and living spaces for our people,” said LCDR Nancy Godfrey, the Tobacco Prevention/Cessation Programs Officer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel. “Commanding officers will designate smoking areas on Navy vessels not to encourage smoking, but to provide a place for smokers who are having a difficult time quitting.”

The policy is designed to protect Marines, sailors and their families from involuntary exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS). The Environmental Protection Agency has classified ETS, commonly known as second-hand smoke, as a “Group A” carcinogen.

Aboard surface ships, smoking areas will be designated on weather deck areas away from air supply intakes. If weather deck areas are not available, commanding officers will designate one or more normally unmanned spaces inside the ship that vent directly outside the vessel, and that will not recirculate secondhand smoke.

Designated smoking spaces will not include normally manned work or living areas, such as watch stations, berthing areas, lounges, messing areas, libraries, ready rooms, exercise areas or medical areas.

Commanding officers may designate outside smoking areas away from areas commonly used by non-smokers. Outside smoking areas must be located away from air intakes and building entryways and egresses, so that the smoke is not recirculated into buildings.

Smoking will be permitted in individually assigned family quarters, bachelor quarters, and Hostess House and Navy Lodge

rooms, providing they are not serviced by a common heating, ventilation or air conditioning system.

Smokers who want to quit will not be left out in the cold. The Navy and Marine Corps have several programs and classes available. They are free and available through command fitness coordinators, medical treatment facilities and family service centers.

High-speed chase



The remains of a motorcycle lies amid broken glass and twisted metal at the intersection of 9th & I streets in front of the Barracks. The allegedly stolen motorcycle and its rider slammed into on-coming traffic while trying to escape D.C. police. No Marines were involved in the accident. (Photo by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)

Marine subject of Tailhook pretrial investigation

MCNEWS — LtCol. Cass Howell, a Naval Aviator who has been referred to an Article 32 pretrial investigation for alleged criminal activities during the 1991 Tailhook Symposium, appeared at MCCDC for a hearing Nov. 15.

The investigating officer, responsible for the conduct of the investigation and the hearing, is LtCol. Wayne P. Samuelson, USMCR, from Louisburg, Pa. Following the hearing, Samuelson forwarded a report and recommendation to LtGen. Charles C. Krulak, Marine Corps consolidated disposition authority for Tailhook proceedings, for a decision on whether further action is appropriate.

Leftwich Trophy winner chosen

MCNEWS — According to ALMAR 312/93, the Commandant has selected Capt. Robert F. Castellvi as recipient for the 1993 Leftwich Trophy for outstanding leadership. During the time of his nomination, Castellvi was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 2/9, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. He was chosen by a board of six flag and field grade officers after careful deliberation.

8th MCD seeks recruiter assistants

All recruiting stations within the 8th Marine Corps District, covering all or parts of Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and New Mexico, are looking for Marines, private through sergeant, to come back home to help the recruiting effort through the permissive TAD program.

Marines volunteering for the program can spend up to 30 days helping recruit quality individuals, while earning bonus points for promotion or special fitness reports. In some cases, Marines can earn meritorious promotions.

For more information, contact the following recruiting stations: RS Albuquerque, N.M., SgtMaj. Evans, (505) 766-2470; RS Dallas, Texas, SgtMaj. Hudman, (214) 939-6539; RS Denver, Colo., SgtMaj. Elston, (303) 832-2517; RS Houston, Texas, SgtMaj. Schiller, (713) 226-2276; RS Little Rock, Ark., SgtMaj. Helmkamp, (501) 324-5496; RS New Orleans, La., SgtMaj. Simpson, (504) 948-5668; RS Oklahoma City, Okla., SgtMaj. Ilaoa, (405) 231-5001; RS San Antonio, Texas, SgtMaj. Schmelzer, (210) 229-5529.

Barracks Courts Martial

A lance corporal here was sentenced at a special court-martial Sept. 7 to a Bad Conduct Discharge, confinement for 45 days and reduction to private for violations of Article 134, taking, opening and stealing mail, and violations of Article 121, larceny.

A lance corporal here was sentenced at a special court-martial Sept. 9 to a Bad Conduct Discharge, confinement for 90 days, reduction to private and forfeiture of \$540 per month for three months for a violation of Article 121, larceny, and violations of Article 134, making long-distance phone calls under false pretenses, and making a false sworn statement.

Marines have new uniform options

The Commandant of the Marine Corps has approved several changes and additions in uniform regulations recommended by the Marine Corps Uniform Board.

The first change allows Marines to purchase the camouflage Extended Cold Weather Clothing System Parka as an optional item. They may be purchased through the Marine Corps Exchange or other approved sources. Additionally, that jacket may now be worn with utilities on all occasions at the wearer's option, except when a unit commander specifically prohibits it. The grade insignia on the parka will be worn centered on the zipper flap in the space provided.

Marines may now buy and wear optional combat boots. This allows Marines to buy the highest quality boot available for better foot protection and individual endurance in the field. Any optional boot must meet appearance standards of issue boots and are expected to be durable enough for the field.

Boots that **do not** meet the standards include lightweight hiking shoes, boots based on running shoe technology, boots with patent leather, boots with zippers or boots made of canvas and rubber.

Boots made for police departments and urban SWAT's are not acceptable since they aren't designed for load bearing in rough terrain.

Marines who have optional boots that don't have Marine Corps approval identification may continue wearing them as long as they meet appearance standards and are functional combat boots.

The final approval item allows approved gray sweatsuits or similar gray sweatsuit, with or without "USMC" lettering, for purchase and wear as the cold weather physical training uniform.

Story by GySgt Cynthia Atwood

New ID card in the works

May increase security and save time, money

Marine Corps testing of a new machine-readable, tamper-resistant identification card began at Marine Corps Base Quantico on Oct. 7.

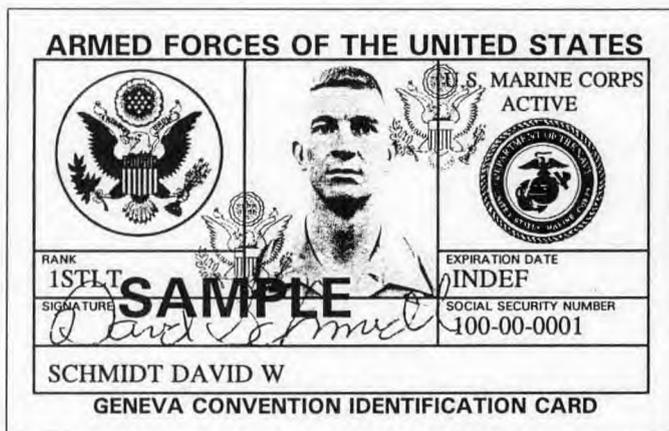
Quantico was chosen as one of the 10 sites participating in the testing phase of the Realtime Automated Personal Identification System (RAPIDS). The three-month field testing will continue through Jan. 1, 1994, according to Capt. Michael Villalva, military personnel officer for the Marine Corps Combat Develop Command.

The new process incorporates a digital photograph image of the bearer produced by laser printer as well as two bar codes containing pertinent machine-readable data and printed identification and entitlement/benefit information. The cards are similar to the old version (the same colors) but are smaller in size and take less time to process.

Security has been increased with the new system. The computer generates a four-character security code linked to the individual's social security number which is printed on the card. This code will be

entered into the central data base. The card can be identified as a fake if the number is not in the data bank. Also, the photograph is digitally printed directly onto the ID card paper and then the wrap-around plastic laminate bonds directly to the plastic-coated paper rather than a glued photograph. Such precautions make counterfeiting difficult.

The new system is a time-saver as well. It takes less time to process each card, and, because of the improved lamination, each card has an estimated life of four years, decreasing the number of times it must be replaced. During testing the card was boiled, washed, picked at and subjected to many other rigorous tests, according to Villalva. The credit card-sized ID withstood all the testing without separating as the current model often does.



The new ID card will feature a digitized photograph.

The card saves money as well as time. Since the new ID cards take less time to process and don't require controlled card stock, application forms, photographic paper and name boards, it is estimated that several hundred million dollars will be saved.

There is also a big benefit to the customer, according to Villalva. "One of the reasons it is being done is to make it easier for the customer to get a new card," said Villalva.

Most applicants will be able to request and receive their new card directly from their local RAPIDS site once the program is implemented.

There are still some small problems with the card that will be addressed before the cards hit the whole Department of Defense. The identification and entitlement information must be continually updated or it will lose its value. There is also concern regarding the vulnerability of the card in combat due to electromagnetic radiation on the battlefield that would destroy the magnetic strip and all the data it contains.

Who put the 'lance' in 'lance corporal'?

The Marine Corps has about 50,000 broken lances.

The rank "lance corporal" derives from the Italian word "lancepesate," which means "broken lance." A 1653 author wrote that the lance corporal was originally a man at arms or trooper who, having broken his lance on the enemy and lost his horse in flight, was demoted to a volunteer assistant to a captain of foot. More falls from grace followed.

Fortunately, lance corporals overcame this shaky start and assumed a proud place in Marine Corps ranks.



Compiled from reports by Susan Miller, DivPA, and Sgt Gwenn Adams, MCB Quantico

Cakes, ceremonies mark 218th birthday

Barracks Marines join in celebrations throughout area

Barracks Marines celebrated the Marine Corps' 218th Birthday with all the pomp and splendor that could be mustered for the most important day of a Marine's year.

The Marines of the Oldest Post of the Corps, with their friends, guests and family members, dined heartily before dancing the night away at Washington's Grand Hyatt Hotel. The oldest Marine present was former 1stLt. Edwin B. Sollis, the father of Col. John B. Sollis, Barracks Commander. The youngest Marine present, Cpl. Jeffrey T.

Stanford, Company A, was born after many of us had graduated from high school.

In our usual style, we conducted the Birthday season like a mini-parade season, with Barracks Marines proudly assisting with cake cutting ceremonies throughout the District. Former Marines now serving in the House and the Senate held ceremonies as did former Marines who are now FBI agents. We joined our fellow Marines assigned to the Pentagon in their celebrations as well as our civilian supporters.

In addition, the chow hall treated the Barracks to a superb birthday luncheon on Nov. 9.

The solemnity of our fellowship with our past Marines was observed with the Commandant of the Marine Corps and Senator John Glenn as they placed a memorial wreath at the foot of the Marine Corps War Memorial in memory of fallen comrades Nov. 10.

No one let the day pass without remembrance.

Story by GySgt. Cynthia Atwood



ABOVE: Senator John Glenn, Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Col John B. Sollis, Barracks Commander, review the Memorial Ceremony, Nov. 10.

RIGHT: The cake is marched (clockwise from front left) Cpl. Chad B. Davis, LCpl. Kevin G. Stansel, PFC Antonio M. Norman and Cpl. Deanna M. L'Hote during the Birthday Ball. (Photos by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)





TOP: Col. Sollis cuts the cake at the Birthday Ball.

LEFT: Assisted by LCpl. Douglas W. Springer, Co. B., Sen. Glenn lays the wreath into place at the monument.

ABOVE: Col. Sollis presents his father, former 1stLt. Edwin B. Sollis, who was the oldest Marine at the Ball, with a piece of the birthday cake. (Photos By Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)



Story and photos by
Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe

'Up to speed'

Barracks Marines sharpen infantry skills during FEX



Co. B Marines fire downrange on a live-fire assault course during the FEX at Ft. A.P. Hill, from Oct. 1 - 16.

Thuk. Thuk. Thuk...

The unmistakable sound of mortars firing pierced the cool night air. Moments later a few more rounds split the Virginia sky. Seconds later, flares ignited aloft, illuminating the fog-shrouded landscape as white phosphorous rounds exploded below with a lightening-like flash, spreading white plumes of smoke.

The “*crump, crump, crump,*” of mortar rounds exploding in the distance continued as Barracks Marines in each of

three mortar pits followed instructions from the fire direction center atop a nearby hill.

As the last rounds exploded and final flares faded into the night, one facet of the 1993 Marine Barracks Field Exercise at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., Oct. 1 to 16, came to a close. The exercise gave Marines here with infantry military occupational specialties an opportunity to sharpen skills on their assigned weapons.

“The goal of the exercise is to have Marines qualify on the weapons they are expected to operate in combat,” said Maj. Chris O’Connor, Barracks Operations Officer. “Our training objective was to focus on individual skills and training standards.”

Certain standards and annual qualification are required for Marines in each of the infantry specialties, and the exercise was designed to fulfill as many of these as possible, O’Connor explained.

“The training lets a Marine know his individual skill level by providing a score as feedback,” said O’Connor.

Training was separated into two, one-week



ABOVE: *Cpl. Matthew R. Douglas, Guard Det., fires an M-203 grenade launcher during a live-fire assault.*

RIGHT: *PFC Steven E. Johnson, Co. B, fires a live SMAW round during the FEX.*



packages, with Company A participating the first week, Co. B the second, and Guard Detachment and Headquarters and Service Company splitting their Marines across both weeks. Both marching companies, Guard Det., H&S Co. and the Marine Corps Institute provided instructors. In addition, Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C., MCCDC, Quantico, Va., and Marine Barracks Annapolis, Md., augmented the training cadre.

“I think the training offered the Marines a good chance to get back to the basics of their occupational specialty,” said Sgt. Stephan J. Lang, a former member of the Silent Drill Platoon currently stationed at Marine Barracks, Annapolis, Md., who helped train mortar men during the exercise. “The Marines went into the training giving 100 percent and got 100 percent out of it.”

The rifleman training package included weapons

Logistical Support:

H&S provides more than just beans, bullets and bandages

When Marines with infantry occupational specialties headed to the field for the 1993 Battalion Field Exercise at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., they weren't alone. They had the support of an entire company to ensure their training was a success.

Almost every section of Headquarters and Service Company detached Marines to provide daily support in the field. This support ranged from transportation, food and ammunition to communication techniques, supplies and administrative matters, said 1stLt. Graeme L. Jack, Camp Commandant and Logistics Officer for the exercise.

“We had several main priorities. At the top of the list each day was to conduct unit distribution of chow and ammunition according to our schedule,” said Jack. This method worked better for the Marines in the field than having them pick up these supplies using point distribution, he explained.

The field mess was in operation for 11 days and served 4,900 meals, allowing Marines to enjoy a hot breakfast and dinner.

The Barracks Motor Transport Section racked up more than 18,000 miles ferrying Marines, food, ammunition and other supplies to and from the field and various training areas.

A major difference in support from previous years was the addition of a fully equipped and supported Battalion Aid Station.

The BAS included a doctor, four supplemental corpsmen, an ambulance and more emergency gear than years past, said Petty Officer 2nd Class Ian W. Marks, Leading Petty Officer, Barracks Medical Section.

“The full BAS allowed us more medicine for sick call, a doctor for extra emergency care authority and the opportunity to provide much more first aid training to Marines in the field than in past years,” said Marks.

“The overall success of the FEX was due in no small measure to the consistently superb logistic support provided by the officers and Marines of H&S,” said Maj. Chris O'Connor, Barracks Operations Officer.

Story and photos by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe



handling skills, establishing battlesight zero on the squad automatic weapon and M-16A2, engaging multiple targets, transition training with the SAW, night firing and throwing grenades. The package was highlighted by a squad live-fire assault on the final day of training, and was a highlight for LCpl. Jarod M. Wittenmyer, 1st Platoon, Co. B, as well.

“The live fire topped it all off. This is what I came

into the Marine Corps as an infantryman for,” said Wittenmyer, a 21-year-old from Perrysburg, Ohio.

Machine gunners received the crew-served weapon training package, which fulfilled qualification requirements for the M-2, .50 caliber and M-60E3 machine guns.

Mortarmen training included gun drills, fire direction center procedures and different types of fire missions



FAR LEFT: *LCpl. Brian M. Winning, Barracks Motor Transport Section, checks the oil on a 5-ton during the FEX.*

LEFT: *(left to right) Barracks Cooks LCpl. Steven W. Agusten and Cpl. Kevin J. Delph, and messmen Pvt. Jeffrey A. Hatfield, disassemble field stoves near the end of the exercise.*

ABOVE: *(left to right) messmen LCpls. Michael P. Cohan and Sheldon L. Murphy, and cooks LCpls. Roberto Ramirez-Silva and Christine M. Davidson clean up after an evening meal in the Field Mess Tent.*

for the 60mm mortar. They fired illumination, white phosphorus and high-explosive rounds during the live-fire portion of the package.

“The training refreshed my memory on the mortar and how to work with the sights,” said LCpl. Paul M. Valor, 3rd Plt., Co. B. The 20-year-old Mesa, Ariz., native said he also enjoyed learning the basics of forward observing and calling for fire because they hadn’t been taught these skills.

Assaultmen not only sharpened skills on the Shoulder-fired Multi-purpose Assault Weapon (SMAW), but practiced with explosives as well, because they fulfill a demolitions role in an infantry unit. In addition to firing practice and live rounds in the SMAW, these Marines detonated shaped charges, field-expedient Bangalore torpedoes and claymore mines, as well as TNT, C-4 plastic explosive and detonation cord.

“Usually when we blow up old equipment, it’s old and falling apart. But this demolition training was great because we were able to blow up a tank that was pretty

much intact. We flipped it over on its side and knocked the turret off,” said LCpl. Sean M. Wall, 2nd Plt., Co. B, a 22-year-old native of Canton, Mich.

On the final day of the exercise, a Marine from Guard Detachment had the experience of firing the only Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided missile (TOW) the Barracks had for the anti-tank assaultman portion of the exercise.

Private First Class Jeremy J. Kelly, Portside Watch, Guard Det., earned the right to fire the TOW as the Marine with the highest PGTS simulator score in a competition shoot-off who had not already fired a live missile. Corporal David R. Studer, Silent Drill Platoon, Co. A., had the highest shoot-off score, with 100 percent, on the state-of-the-art anti-armor system, but fired a missile in 1991.

Kelly, 21, missed one shot in the shoot-off, but scored a direct hit with his shot.

“The thrill was like a kickoff before a football game. I couldn’t wait for the missile to hit the target. When the



“The thrill was like a kickoff before a football game. I couldn’t wait for the missile to hit the target. When the smoke cleared, I saw the missile was a little bit high, so I brought it in and hit the target,” said Kelly, a native of Fairfield, Conn.

In addition to weapons training, Marines in some of the packages received collateral training to fill any time gaps, said O’Connor. This included communications and

first aid classes, rappelling and running obstacle courses.

Each year the Barracks conducts the FEX to ready infantrymen for assignments in the Fleet Marine Force. Since Marines here spend the majority of their training time learning to fulfill their ceremonial mission, participating in the annual exercise ensures they will be ready to resume their combat mission with their peers in the Fleet when their tour here is completed.



FAR LEFT: *LCpls. Paul M. Van Horn (standing) and Carl E. Bergman, Co. B, set up a mortar on a range during the FEX.*

ABOVE: *Range Safety Officer, 1stLt. George G. Wislar II, Co. B, plugs his ears as PFC Jeremy J. Kelly, Guard Det., fires the only TOW round available for the exercise. The lines extending from the tube are guide wires for the missile.*

LEFT: *LCpl. John M. Hilliard, Guard Det., fires his SAW during the exercise.*

Young Marines visit former JCS chairman

'They need someone to set the example,' says Gen. Powell

In portions of southeast

Washington, D.C., sirens wail throughout the night and gunshots ring out too frequently. Broken glass litters the streets and homeless people fill the doorways and alleys. For young children growing up, many in single-parent homes, it can be hard to find a good role model.

Fortunately for a few D.C. youth, there is the Young Marines Program ... and Gen. Colin Powell. Recently, the Montford Point Young Marines Chapter (Anacostia), one of the seven local chapters of a national program designed to provide positive role models to youths to help them become good citizens, wrote a letter to then-Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, General Colin Powell, requesting an audience.

To the surprise of parents and kids alike, the General agreed, and in September, the Young Marines paid a visit to the not-yet-retired general in his Pentagon office.

The idea for the meeting with General Powell came from the coordinator of the Montford Point Young Marines chapter, MSgt. Dwight L. Oakley, Marine Corps Institute.

"The kids consider him (Powell) a role model. They knew him from the TV during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm."

"The kids need guidance. They need someone to set the example. Gen. Powell is an excellent example," he added.

Although he wasn't sure the general

would be able to fit a visit into his busy schedule, Oakley decided to write a letter on behalf of the 55 youths involved in his program. The result was an hour-long session in the general's office in the Pentagon.

According to Oakley, the general stressed education and pursuing dreams. The general mentioned his own family,

face.' They didn't believe me."

For Cpl. Shanita Tarpley, "Gen. Powell showed a black person can achieve if they put their mind to it."

A 13-year-old from Landover, Md., Shanita has been a member of the Young Marine program for two years.

She admits the program has taught her discipline and respect, and adds,

"I'm doing better in school." As for her long-range goal, she wants to become an Air Force pilot.

Another two-year veteran of the Young Marines Program, Sgt. Alisa Lee, wants to become a lawyer. She says the program has taught her responsibility and hard work.

"I've learned drill movements, leadership traits, ranks and obligation," she said. A 12-year-old, she said her meeting with the general showed her he likes kids. "If you asked him a

question, he told you the answer."

But meeting role models like Gen. Powell was only one of the reasons Norman joined the Young Marines Program. A tall, slender youth, Norman recalled, "I used to have a temper. I got in fights at least two times a week. This is a good program. It gets you off the streets. I was smart, but I was not prepared to do any work (in school). I'm getting better grades now. I've learned how to be respectful to people," Norman added.

That respect is taught by off-duty Marines and civilian volunteers, who



Young Marines examine a personal memento of Gen. Powell's. (Photo courtesy of MSgt. Oakley)

and all the support he received while he grew up. The general also took time to answer questions and explained briefly some of the mementos in his office.

"Normally, when someone meets a group of kids for the first time, it takes a little time for them to warm up to each other," said Oakley. "Not so with General Powell. It was like they had known each other for years. He is a very gifted communicator."

For Pvt. Antonio Norman, a 13-year-old from Northeast Washington, "When I told my friends who I was going to see, they said, 'Get outta' my



Gen. Powell addresses Montford Point Young Marines. (Photo courtesy of MSgt. Oakley)

treat the youths like their own children, according to Oakley.

"It's 75 percent work and 25 percent fun, but it's performance based. We're not baby-sitters," he said.

For Oakley's Montford Point Young Marine Program, six Marines help to train and guide 55 youths. In addition to Wednesday night meetings and Saturday activities, there are also

school, home and church visits to see how the children are doing. The point is to prove that someone cares and give the youths someone to look up to, said the master sergeant.

"Kids today are extremely intelligent," he explained. "Today kids at 10 know as much as we did when we were 19 or 20 years old. These are little adults."

But for a few little adults in Washington, where the sirens wail constantly, there is a Young Marines Program. And role models like Gen. Powell.

Story by SSgt. Stephen M. Williams

The Young Marines need you!

The Young Marines Program needs Marines ... to donate gifts and volunteer their time to ensure that every Young Marine in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area has a hot meal and a new toy for Christmas, according to Capt. Michael D.

Thomas, Regimental Commander of seven local Young Marines chapters.

To meet its goal, the regiment needs families who are willing to sponsor a Young Marine for a day on Christmas. The program, which supports nearly 600 area youths, also needs toys to give out so all the Young Marines can have a merry Christmas, said Thomas.

The program also needs additional instructors for all area programs. To find

out more about the program, or to join, contact either GySgt. Robert A. Payson at the Marine Corps Institute, on the Marine Barracks Young Marines program, or MSgt. Oakley at MCI on the Montford Point Young Marines program.

To ensure a child's Christmas is a happy one, contact Capt. Thomas at (202) 433-2492.

‘Taking care of our rookies’

While you’re in the browsing mode, take a look at the “Welcome Aboard” list on page 28. What you’ll see is the latest roster of 8th & I rookies. At this time of the year, the list tends to be a long and healthy one.

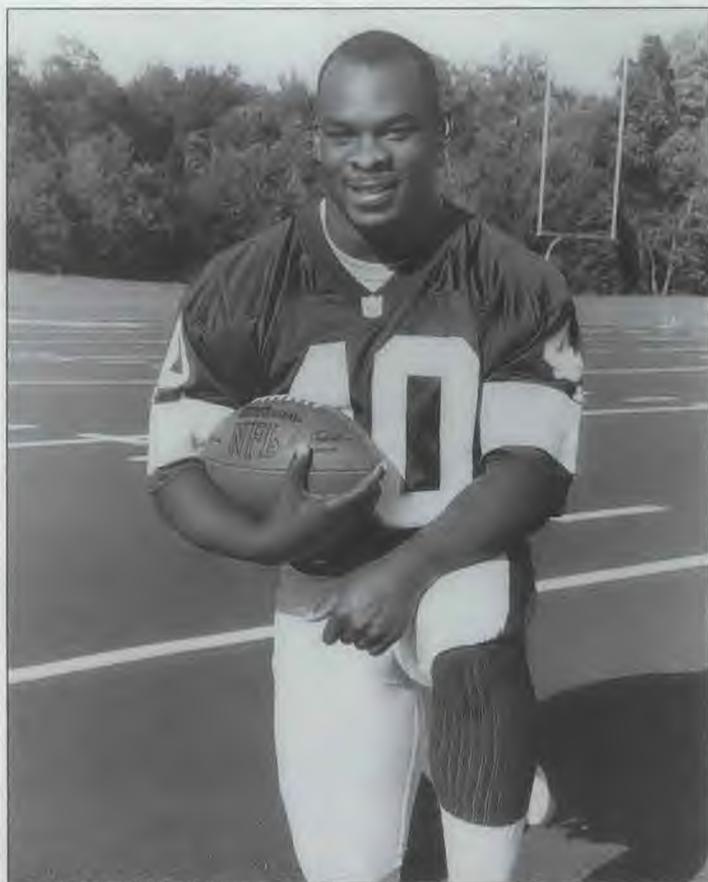
Now take an appreciative look at the Redskins’ future “Hall of Fame’er,” Reggie Brooks. Understand that **no one** in the Redskins organization is “screwing around” with **this** rookie — no one is treating him with contempt, discourtesy, or “high-handedness;” no one is trying to

put the rookie in his place; no one is about to “dog” him or “stress him out” a little, as if he were a first phase recruit. This rookie’s “place” is in the starting lineup. He’s a player.

On a team that hasn’t had too much to celebrate this season, the Redskins are only hoping their remarkable young Notre Dame running back may hold the future to their floundering franchise. Whatever happens to the rest of them this season, rest assured they **all** hope Number 40 winds up Rookie of the Year.

That’s the way we should be handling **our** rookies: we should be running interference for them every step of the way; we should be doing everything we can — taking care of our own — to make them feel welcome; to train them; to make them confident and proficient and proud; to make them future 8th & I Hall of Fame’ers.

Having been on the Barracks’ Rookie Roster twice during my career, I haven’t forgotten how bewildering the Oldest Post can be to a newcomer. Remember what



TOP LEFT: *Once upon a time, it took this hard charger six months in the Corps to make corporal. But will he “make the grade” at 8th & I? I kind of think so. (Photo by LCpl. Dave Johnson)*

ABOVE: *The Washington Redskins’ Reggie Brooks — Nobody’s “dissin’” this rookie. (Photo courtesy of Washington Redskins)*

LEFT: *This picture (circa 1987) says it all. Col. Larry Ogle, Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Regiment (the REAL one), welcomes a proud new Marine — the MVP of his series — to the “NFL”. (Photo courtesy of Col. John B. Sollis)*

that experience was like for you?

Hopefully, you had someone to take you under wing, “show you the ropes,” and “protect” you from looking, or acting, or just feeling like the Village Idiot. And just as certainly, there were others here who seemed bound and determined to rub it in and let you “squirm” just a bit. There always are. I have little use for “lightweights” like that. And, incident-



tally, I don't think much of them as Marines. Marines **take care** of their own. Once any Marine comes through the front gate, that's it: he or she is “one of us.”

One of the most remarkable things about this Barracks is our amazing ability to “reconstitute” ourselves. Just when the annual PCS exodus — the hemorrhage of talent and experience — threatens to bring us to our knees, we invariably generate a new crop of “superstars:” the **Jim Glynn**s, the **Chris O'Connors**, the **Mike Brletiches**, the **Brent Harders**, the **Doyle Dunns**, the **Daniel Charliers**, the **Patricia Pferdeorts**, the **Jennifer Coxens**, the **Kevin Andrews'**, the **Graeme Jacks**, the **Brad Baxters**, the **Michael Whites**, the **Gerald Pedersons**, the **Denis McNamaras**. Marines such as they, and countless other “long-ball hitters,” are always waiting in the on-deck circle for their chance at bat. And when the time comes, guess what? They're usually more than ready to step up to the plate, take a full swing, and park the ball over the center field fence.

8th & I **always** gets more than its fair share of “first round draft picks;” and we **never** have a losing season!

What's the secret to our extraordinary success? Our rookies. We succeed, year in and year out, on the strength of our rookies.

The best investment any franchise can make in its future success is in cultivating its rookies. In that respect, 8th & I is no different than the Washington Redskins. The sooner they're ready to suit up and carry the ball, the better we all are.

So let's all remember to do unto our rookies, Sportfans, just as some outstanding Devil Dog **should** have done unto each of us. Go out and find yourself a young Reggie Brooks; take that Marine under your wing; treat that rookie with respect; and see whether **you** have the inspirational magic to help a young superstar make his or her way to the Pro Bowl and the 8th & I Hall of Fame. Go out and get some! Errr!

By Col. John B. Sollis



TOP LEFT: *LCpl. Dave Johnson, the rookie “Voice of 8th& I,” comes on strong at the Barracks Birthday Ball. (Photo by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)*

LEFT: *LCpl. Patricia Pferdeort, another Barracks rookie, defies gravity, defies death, defies anyone to find an error in her work. (Photo by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)*

ABOVE LEFT: *CWO-3 Mike Brletich, a first year, “Consensus MVP,” “whips it on” his daily planner. (Photo by LCpl. Dave Johnson)*

ABOVE RIGHT: *PFC Kevin Andrews' world-class, rhythmic dexterity put him in D&B's starting lineup in record time. (Photo by LCpl. Dave Johnson)*

26.2 Miles...

Barracks Marines join running of 18th Marine Corps Marathon

Marines of The Oldest Post of the Corps turned out in a force of about 65 to take part in the Corps' own marathon this year.

According to Capt. Dave Backus, Barracks Adjutant the marathon presented something special for his section.

"Running the race itself is an individual thing," Backus said, "but the training, the hours involved together, built tremendous unit cohesion."

While Barracks Marines from every Company took part, the Adjutant Marines posted 100 percent shop participation. Their decision to run as a unit was made in August, and a steady 17-week conditioning program went into effect. The team's coach, Cpl. David Burch, put the "marathoners" on a 7-day training cycle of speed runs, one two-to-three-hour run and three days of light runs, enhanced by a diet of high protein and carbohydrates. Total, the Adjutant Marines put in 60 to 70 miles per week.

"It definitely brought the unit closer, working together to strive for a set goal - to finish the marathon," Backus said,

Captain Joshua Collins of MCI posted the best showing of all Barracks runners. His finish was 47th in the overall marathon and third of all Marines competing.

For Lance Cpl. Leslie Gifford, H&S Co. administrative NCO, the run was a surprise.

"It was challenging," he said emphatically. "It was a lot more than I expected, a lot harder than I thought it would be." Gifford, 19, had not done any special training for the marathon and reported feeling aches "in places I didn't even know I had muscles," the following day. Without hesitation, he said he'll definitely train to run next year.

Major Craig Opel, also of MCI,

headed the Barracks support team that manned four support stops along the race path. "The support stops were loaded with things like bananas, oranges personal food bags (packed by the runners for use as needed), things like that," Opel said.

"We also collected garments not needed later in the race and were gear watchers at the end."

Opel ran the first-ever Marine Corps marathon in 1976, without a support team. He volunteered to set up the crew for his fellow Barracks runners in 1992 and refined the crew this year.

"Everyone helped out," he continued. "Company A ran the 13-mile stop, Company B the 18 and 22, MCI and H&S Co. were at the start, 7-mile and end marks."

Colonel John B. Sollis, Barracks Commanding Officer, played an important part in the race, too, according to the runners.

"He placed himself perfectly," according to Backus. "He was at the 18- and 22-mile spot. It was great when you ran into Haines Point at 18 miles and saw him, then again at 22 miles. That's when you really need the support and that little boost."

"This marathon built cohesiveness in our office, but, with the help of Majors' Opel and Fontaine supporting the Barracks running group, it was really a day for the entire Barracks," Backus concluded. "It made you especially proud to be a Barracks Marine that day."

Story by
GySgt. Cynthia Atwood





ABOVE: Barracks and Dutch Marine runners pose for a group photo prior to the marathon. (Photo by Maj. Craig Opel)



FAR LEFT: Capt. Joshua Collins, MCI, finishes third of all Marines competing in 2:38:04. (Photo by LCpl. Chris Pence)

RIGHT: 1stLt. James F. Glynn and Maj. G.P. Fontaine, MCI, support Barracks runners. (Photo by Maj. Craig Opel)



Dominique Bariod of France (left) leads the Marine Corps Marathon on his way to victory. (Photo by Sgt. Ray A. Glover)



Holly Ebert from Ogden, Utah, finishes the Marathon as the top woman runner. (Photo by LCpl. Chris Pence)

Controversy mars marathon finish

French runner said to have cut corners en route to victory in 18th running of Marine Corps Marathon

Frenchman Dominique Bariod screamed across the finish line of the Eighteenth Annual Marine Corps Marathon for his first ever win in an American marathon Oct. 24. His win came amid a swirl of controversy and accusations of improper course negotiation.

Bariod finished the second win in his racing career in 2:23:52. Shortly after his win he was confronted with accusations of impropriety by cutting corners during the race. According to Bariod's trainer, cutting corners is common practice in European races.

Bariod's movement through the course was questioned when he left the road surface of the set course three separate times.

Major Rick Nealis, race coordinator and referee, along with race officials reviewed video tapes, photographs and interviewed race observers. More than 24 hours later they concluded that Bariod would not be disqualified and would remain the winner of the men's division.

"Due to the statistically insignificant distance involved and the margin of victory, Nealis concluded that Bariod gained

no unfair advantage over any other runner in the 13,000-plus field," said CWO-2 Chuck Jenks, MCCDC, Quantico Public Affairs Office.

Holly Ebert, a 32-year-old mother from Ogden, Utah, was the top finisher in the women's division, breaking the tape in 2:48:41. This was Ebert's first ever marathon win.

*Compiled from
MCCDC, Quantico press releases*

On Centerwalk

Honoring excellence among Barracks Marines, Sailors and Civilians

LCpl. Patrick G. Hojan

Unit Company B
Hometown Little Chute, Wis.
Entered Service March 1992
Occupation 0311; Rifleman
Billet Team leader, 2nd
Platoon
On Centerwalk for Marine of the
Quarter

LCpl. Hojan wanted to be a Marine infantryman even after having two operations on his knee, which delayed his entry eight months. LCpl. Hojan enjoys hunting in his off-time.



Sgt. Daniel J. Barker

Unit Company A
Hometown Baltimore, Md.
Entered Service May 1988
Occupation 0313; Machine
gunner
Billet Guide, Silent Drill
Platoon
On Centerwalk for NCO of the Quarter

Before coming to the Barracks, Sgt. Barker served with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C. While deployed with 2/4, Sgt. Barker participated in Operation Sharp Edge, the 1990 evacuation of embassy personnel from Liberia.

Information and photos compiled by LCpl. Dave Johnson

Awards

H&S Company

Good Conduct Medal

LCpl. D.S. Butler
LCpl. P.E. Loynes

Letter of Appreciation

Cpl. R.L. Balducci
LCpl. T.J. Samartino

Meritorious Mast

Cpl. L.R. Kerestes
LCpl. L.P. Gifford IV
LCpl. J.D. Johnson

Marine Corps Institute

Good Conduct Medal

GySgt. M.G. Avila
LCpl. R.A. Perez

Letter of Appreciation

Cpl. R. Altamirano Jr.
Cpl. M. Medina
LCpl. J.A. Coxen

LCpl. C.M. Hartzell
LCpl. R.A. Perez
LCpl. P. Richardson
LCpl. B.M. Rush

Welcome Aboard

CWO-3 G.N. Downey
1stSgt. D.M. McNamara
SSgt. W.S. McCoy
Sgt. M.S. Cobb
Sgt. D.J. Ingels
LCpl. R.H. Cooper Jr.
LCpl. C. Taylor
LCpl. O. Villanueva
PFC E.R. Betts
PFC S.A. Bostick
PFC M.J. Eckles
PFC E.J. Gibson
PFC R.N. Green
PFC D.M. Gwisdalla
PFC B.C. Hector
PFC D.G. Hunt
PFC V.P. Igoe Jr.
PFC E.J. Loadwick

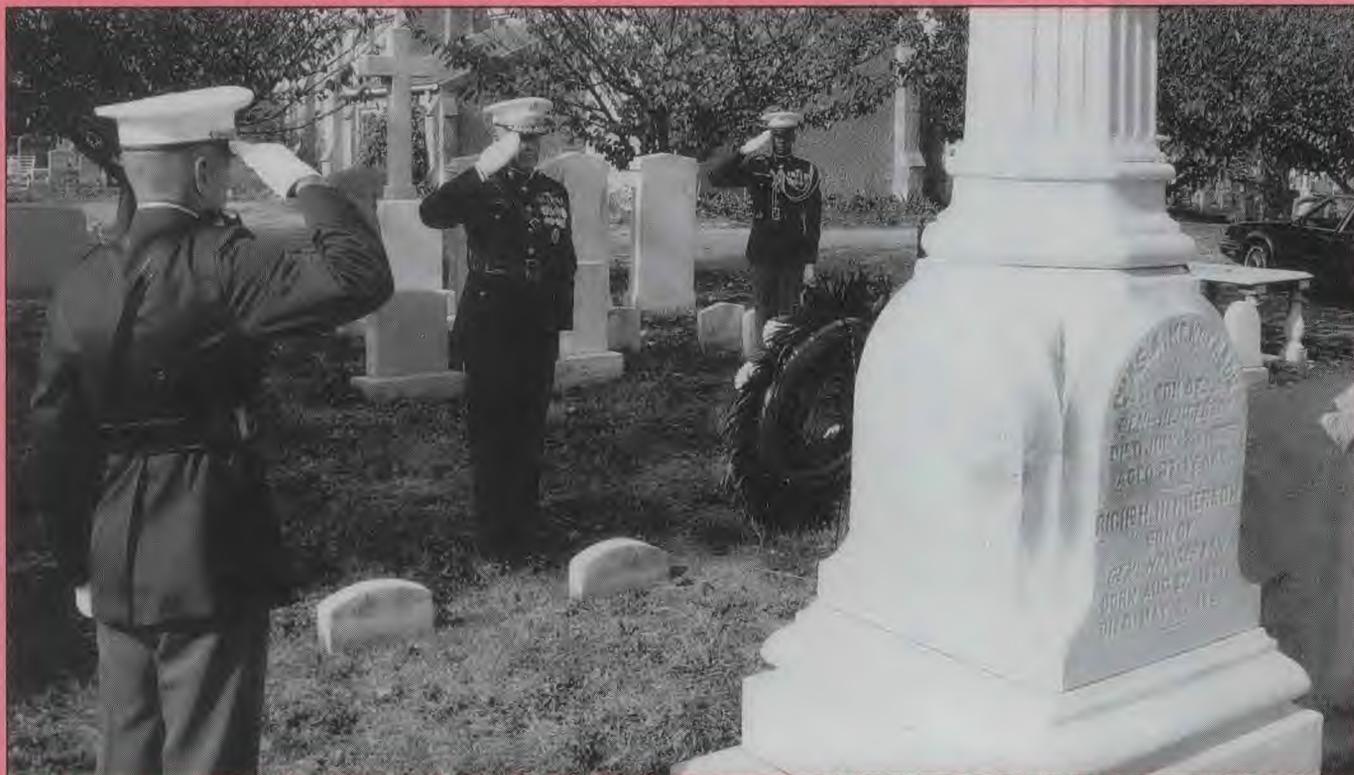
PFC K.D. Paulk
PFC J.P. Peterson
PFC R.R. Shipman
PFC G.M. Weber
PFC D.R. Wiggins

Promotions

Capt. S.B. Lewallen Jr.
SSgt. K. Ebron
SSgt. W.S. McCoy
SSgt. T.E. Merklinger
Sgt. D.J. Barker
Sgt. W.W. Long
Sgt. B.R. Sadowski
Cpl. C.R. Arlak
Cpl. S.C. Bates
Cpl. W.J. Blackwell III
Cpl. E.R. Butler
Cpl. K.L. Cartwright
Cpl. J.F. Cofer Jr.
Cpl. K.L. Evans
Cpl. M.L. Godbout
Cpl. T.A. Grubb
Cpl. K.A. Hancock

Cpl. L.D. Hayes
Cpl. J.E. James
Cpl. K.D. King
Cpl. S.C. Lamoureux
Cpl. L.R. Mercer Jr.
Cpl. M.K. Noble
Cpl. T.M. Ross
Cpl. M.M. Schneider
Cpl. M.J. Schwinden
Cpl. D.A. Shackleton
Cpl. J.C. Sinagra
Cpl. A.P. Thomas
Cpl. V.E. Walker
Cpl. M.M. Watkins
LCpl. A.J. Cantrelle Jr.
LCpl. J. Darin
LCpl. A.R. Fulton
LCpl. D.M. Gwisdalla
LCpl. J.B. Henson
LCpl. W.P. Hustad Jr.
LCpl. D.M. King
LCpl. J.E. Kinter
LCpl. M.B. Olsen
LCpl. J.L. Purtan
LCpl. B.M. Rush
LCpl. D.R. White

In remembrance...



Gen. Carl E. Mundy, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, Maj. Timothy E. Moore and Capt. Chris M. Bourne render honors after the Commandant laid a wreath at the grave of BGen. Archibald Henderson, the Corps' 5th commandant. (Photo by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)

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| Feb. 13 Timberwolves | Feb. 23 Cavaliers |
| March 11 Nuggets | March 13 76ers |
| March 26 Nets | April 2 Bucks |
| April 6 Heat | April 8 Cavaliers |

You can also catch the three-time NBA Champion Chicago Bulls as they face the Bullets or see the Lakers take on the Bullets for \$20 each, with no parking pass.

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Experience the Christmas magic and wonder of the **Nutcracker Suite**, Dec. 11, performed by the Washington Ballet at the Warner Theater. Cost is \$20.

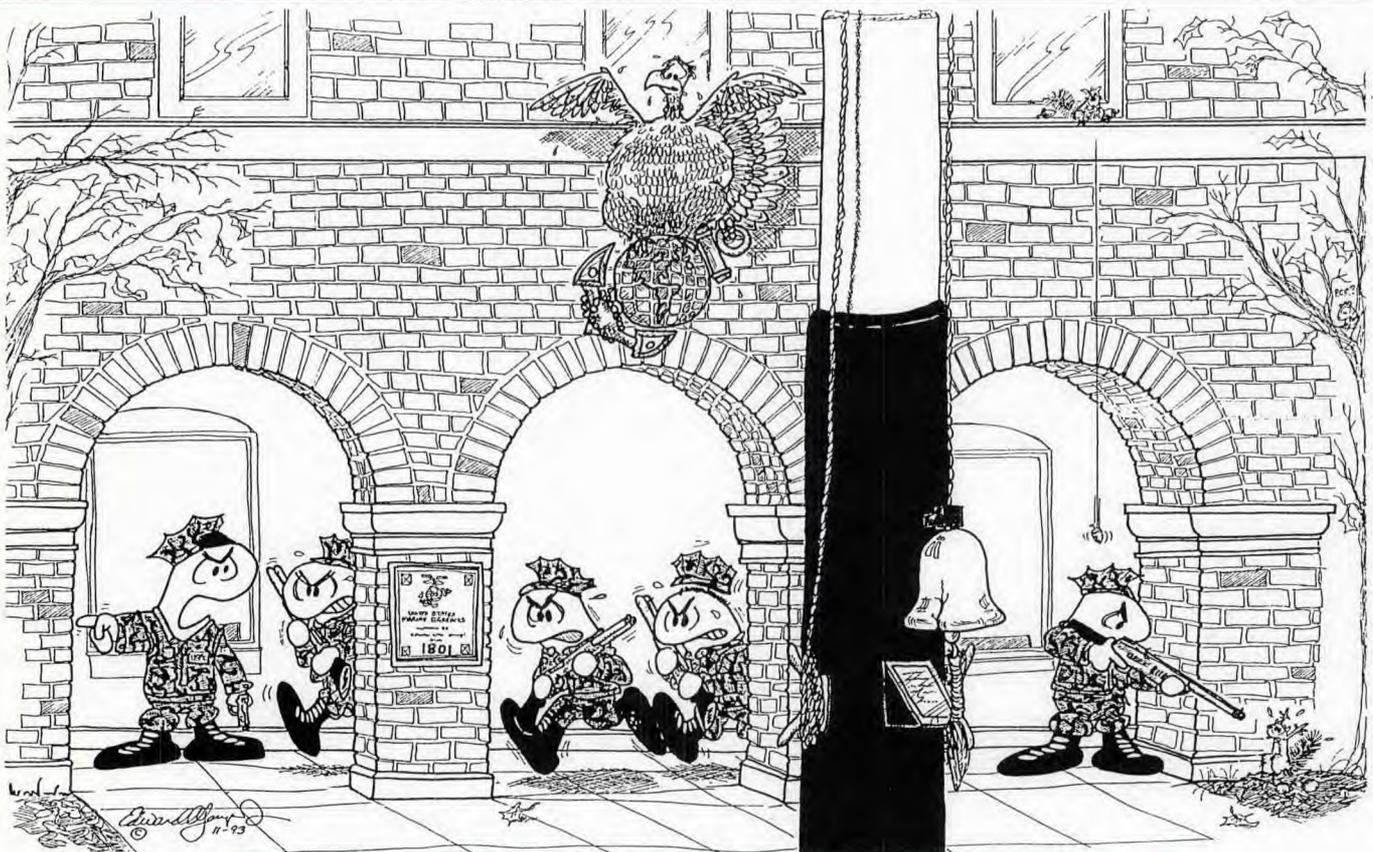
More hot sports are coming your way from the cool ice. NHL action is at its best as the **Capitals** take on the **Islanders** Feb. 18, and then face the **Flyers** March 4. Tickets on sale for \$20.

Maryland / D.C. / Virginia Entertainment Books are still here for \$35 with a \$7 MWR coupon. The books are full of discount coupons for food, entertainment and much, much more. Take advantage of the savings.

Now on sale! The 1994 season pass to **Paramount's Kings Dominion**, \$48.50 each. This price will last only until the end of March so get yours now and party on in the new **Wayne's World** section of Kings Dominion and ride the new roller coaster, the "Hurler".

For more information on your ticket to entertainment contact Debbie at MWR. MWR is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call at 433-6178/2570 for more information.

HARRY WHO by SSgt. E.A. Temple Jr.



"Find that TURKEY! He won't get away from US!"

"Tis the season"

by Lt. Doyle W. Dunn, USN

I'm glad Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays occur so close together. They all have one single thing in common: Jesus Christ.

The day of Thanksgiving was first started by the Pilgrims, as we all learned from our first grade teacher (remember her?).

Pilgrims, in case you forgot (and if you did I'm going to call your first grade teacher and tell her), were primarily Puritans who came to America for religious freedom. Puritans were Christians from Europe who had previously been harassed, imprisoned, and sometimes killed for their strong personal faith.¹ Not just any faith; faith in Jesus Christ.

After the Pilgrims' long, miserably cold winter in the New England colony, they became friends with the native Americans, learned from them, and had a prosperous summer and harvest season. They realized the importance of giving thanks to God and his son, Jesus Christ, for what they had.

Thanksgiving in America was born. I suppose it is obvious that Christmas has something to do with Jesus Christ. This is



our celebration of Jesus' birth to an ordinary Jewish woman named Mary who just happened to be a virgin (go figure). It was a precise fulfillment of thousands of years' worth of predictions.² As a grown man, Jesus demonstrated God's love to us, and willingly accepted the ultimate punishment for our sins.

But what about the New Year holiday? OK, consider this. We are about to begin 1994, right? That's one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four years. One

thousand nine hundred and ninety-four years since what? It wasn't the invention of ice cream. The U.S. Marine Corps hadn't been established. As a matter of fact, this whole continent was still a secret.

We celebrate 1,994 years since Jesus Christ! This is 1994 AD (Anno Domini). So, in fact, every time you write today's date, you are pointing back to the birth, life, and death of God's son, Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year. They have one common factor: Jesus Christ. I say this holiday season is the perfect time to find out for yourself the truth about this man, Jesus.³ Happy Holidays.

Footnotes

- ¹ You can read the gory details in *Foxes' Book of Martyrs*, available in most any local library.
- ² Try the recent paperback, *More Than A Carpenter*, by J. McDowell, to get the big picture about all those prophecies (predictions). It's easy reading, really!
- ³ *The Bible*. Don't start at the beginning, though! Instead, start with the story of Jesus' life. Try the Gospel of Luke. I'll even give you a free copy of it.

Worship Opportunities

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 <i>Old Post Chapel</i>	Catholic Mass	5 p.m. Saturdays
		9:30 a.m. Sundays
		12:30 p.m. Sundays
	Protestant Services	10:30 a.m. Sundays
<i>Memorial Chapel</i>		11:30 a.m. Sundays
	Protestant Services	8:15 a.m. Sundays
		11 a.m. Sundays
FORT BELVOIR	Jewish Services	Call (703) 806-3393/4316 (Chaplain Zisook)



From the Mailbox...

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
Office of the Judge Advocate General

Dear Colonel Sollis,

I want to extend my sincerest thanks for providing a magnificent parade on the occasion of my promotion ceremony and retirement from the Marine Corps. Roxanne and I truly enjoyed the festive evening and owe a great deal of gratitude to the fine Marines under your leadership. Your assistance in making this ceremony special to both my family and friends was greatly appreciated.

*R.L. Vogel
Brigadier General, USMC
Assistant Judge Advocate General
of the Navy (Military Justice)*

30 September 1993

Dear Colonel Sollis:

This is pass on my appreciation for your superbly professional parade and retirement ceremony on my behalf and for Brigadier General Vogel. Your precision and superb performance was most favorably recieved by many vistors and friends.

Throughout, the Marine Barracks, 8th & I, and its superb Marines have been the model for the best in marching and musical performance. The ceremony you had for us was no exception. For me personally, it was the best I ever saw. Best wishes to you for continued successes.

*Please pass on my thanks to all hands.
God bless and Semper Fidelis*

*G.L. Miller
Brigadier General, USMC*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear General Mundy,

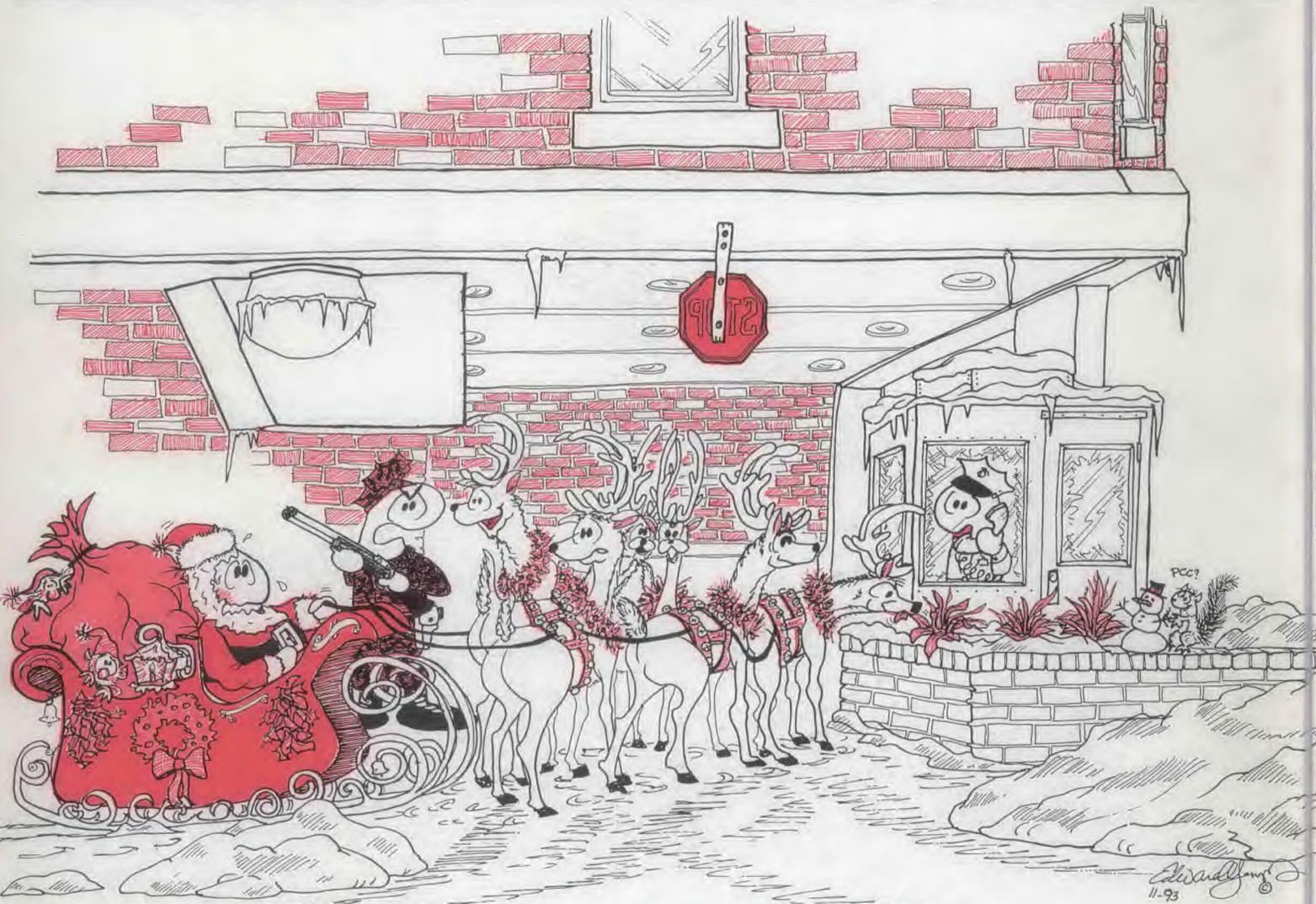
Please accept my thanks and that of my family for allowing the United States Marine Band and Color Guard to participate in my swearing-in ceremony.

The Marines, as usual, performed admirably. Each of them represented the Marine Corps in a truly outstanding manner, and I hope you will express my gratitude to each of them for their tremendous contribution to the ceremony.

*Louis J. Freeh
Director*

**“Marine Barracks,
8th & I, and its
superb Marines
have been the model
for marching and
musical
performance.”**

Happy Holidays



'He's got no DoD or parking sticker...'

Enjoy a safe, happy

holiday season From the staff of *Pass in Review*