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Happy 218th birthday to all  
Marines — past, present  
and future  
Semper parati!

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## *A message from the Commandant...*

*As we pause another year to reflect on who, and what we are, I'm reminded that our heritage as Marines springs from the misty battlefields, coral reefs, frozen hilltops, steamy jungles and desert sands of hundreds of places and campaigns where those who wear the eagle, globe and anchor have fought and died. That heritage will never change. So long as America exists, it will continue to seek out, to rely on, and to honor, those whose creed is honor, courage, commitment to purpose, and to selfless dedication to whatever cause our nation gives us to undertake.*

*Today, in the 218th year of our Corps, you who fill our ranks are among the finest our nation has. Your actions of today are tomorrow's legends, to be celebrated by future generations of Marines. So as we close another year of our history, I want each of you know simply that your nation is proud of you...of each and everyone of you who has ever borne the title Marine.*

*Wherever you are today in the service of our Corps, be you a Marine in uniform or one or one who has laid it aside...a sailor who serves with us...one of our civilian Marines...or a member of our Marine families...I join with each of you in wishing our Corps a happy Birthday. This is our day—your day—so stand tall, you deserve to...you're United States Marines, and you're 218 years proud.*

*Semper Fidelis...*

**GEN. C. E. MUNDY, JR.**

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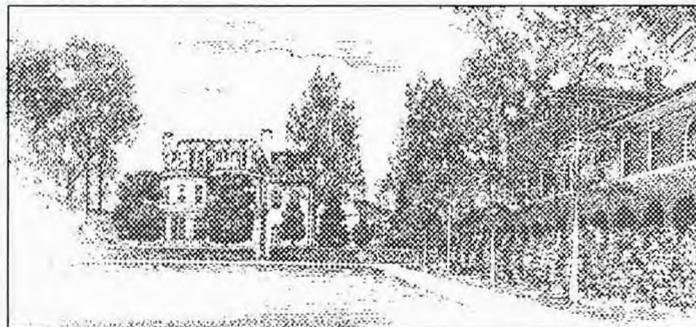
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**ON THE COVER:** Cpl. Roy A. Bacci formerly of Company B here, renders a salute during the wreath laying ceremony held at the Marine Corps War Memorial last year. (Official U.S. Marine Corps photo)

## LOCAL NEWS

### Quantico assists Mayor Kelly in fight for justice

**MCNEWS**—Sharon Pratt Kelly, the mayor of Washington, D.C., and Metropolitan Police Chief Fred Thomas, toured Officer Candidates School Oct. 12, to take a look at where their city's future law enforcers will be spending part of their basic training.

An agreement between the MCCDC and the police department was signed during the visit. An announcement that the training and billeting spaces at OCS would be used as part of the city's police training from fall until spring was also made by officials.

### Birthday service to be held

On Sunday, Nov. 7 a Service of Worship honoring the 218th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps will be held at the Washington National Cathedral, Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The 24th Commandant of the Marine Corps will be a guest Reader of Sacred Scripture.

Chaplain Tom Hiers, Captain, U.S. Navy, who was the First Marine Expeditionary Force Chaplain during Desert Storm will be delivering the Sermon "Of Parades, Prayer Meetings and Other Support Systems."

A concert will be presented by The Brass Choir of the Marine Band at 3:30 p.m. and the worship service begins at 4:00 p.m.

Please call RP1 Terry if you have any questions at DSN 224-1457 or COM (703) 614-5630.

### 1994 Sea-Air-Space Exposition scheduled

The Navy League of the United States will be presenting its Sea-Air-Space Exposition (S-A-S) March 29-31 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. With the theme "Sea-Air-Space 1994: Meeting the Challenge of Change," the three-day event will feature approximately 150 exhibits of defense-related technology, educational seminars and special programs. Sea-Air-Space is the largest maritime exposition in the world, with attendance last year exceeding 10,000 people.

### Relocation Center offers valuable assistance

The Relocation Office has numerous resources available to you on numerous topics. Maps of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.; and information on housing, schools and recreation can be picked up at the Family Service Center Relocation Office at Henderson Hall or call at (703) 614-7202.

### Tell it to a Marine...

"The military authorities in Haiti simply must understand that they cannot indefinitely defy the desires of their own people as well as the will of the world community."

— Pres. Bill Clinton on why he dispatched a Marine infantry company to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base and six U.S. warships to patrol Haitian waters, and imposed stiff sanctions on that country.



## *Battle Color Detachment tours East Coast posts*

The Battle Color Detachment again took to the road this fall for the 1993 East Coast Tour.

While the rest of 8th & I was gearing down from parade season, the Detachment left Sept. 11 for Andrews Air Force Base. The Detachment is comprised of members of the Drum & Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Color Guard.

The Detachment visited Marine installations in North and South Carolina, as well as in Georgia. They also performed at such locations as Quincy, Mass. and the Citadel Military Academy in Charleston, S.C. The Detachment entertained thousands of Marines and civilians at MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C., MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., MCRD Parris Island, S.C. and MCLB Albany, Georgia, in addition to several other installations nearby.

Story by  
LCpl. Dave Johnson

# Washington Cathedral Service of Worship

Honoring the 218th Anniversary  
of the United States Marine Corps

4:00 pm SUNDAY  
November 7, 1993

Massachusetts & Wisconsin Avenues, NW  
Washington, DC



Guest Speaker  
Capt. Tom Hiers Chaplain, U.S. Navy

Music  
"The President's Own" USMC Band  
Concert at 3:30 pm

Friends & Family Cordially Invited  
UNIFORM: Blue Dress "B" or Service Equivalent

# Navy celebrates its 218th year

With 71 percent of the globe covered by water, the United States has long appreciated the need for a strong naval power. That need created a Navy and Marine Corps team which has responded to countless crises around the world for more than two centuries.

October 13 is the anniversary of the founding of the United States Navy. For 218 years the Navy has proven its mettle in peace and at war.

Members of the Navy's Chaplain and Hospital Corps' have been serving with Marine units ever since the Continental Congress ordered that two battalions of American Marines be raised on Nov. 10, 1775.

No matter where Marines are sent, Navy Hospital Corpsman, Chaplains and their assistants are assigned to go with them. They share the hardships, carry the loads and face the dangers of the Marines with whom they serve.

Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., salutes its contingent of Sailors in the Medical Section and Chaplain's Office on their 218th birthday.

*Story by  
Cpl Marcus D.  
McAllister*



## *From the Chief of Naval Operations*

As we celebrate the 218th birthday of our Navy, we find ourselves in a new age that challenges us in new ways. In the past year, our Navy has played an important role in meeting those challenges, as it has throughout our history.

Despite fewer resources and a shrinking force structure, you responded magnificently to every call, from enforcing U.S. sanctions against Iraq to delivering humanitarian aid to Somalia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

You provided support from the sea to operations in the Persian Gulf and the Adriatic.

At home you reached out to the communities devastated by flooding in the Midwest.

You earned the admiration and respect of Americans from every walk of life and showed them that Navy men and women are continuously on station around the world ready for action "...From the Sea."

Although the risk of global confrontation has disappeared, there is still a requirement for our Navy to be globally engaged as a force for peace and stability.

In the years ahead, Navy and Marine Corps personnel are clearly going to be involved everywhere our country has an interest.

In times of strife, the Navy and Marine Corps will, as before, be the first on the scene.

The Navy plans for the future reflect our commitment to programs to improve the quality of life of our sailors and their families. This will ensure we are able to reach trouble spots quickly with overwhelming power in order to deter — and if needed, defeat — aggression.

You have much to be proud of as you look back on the history of our wonderful institution.

Our 219th year will bring more change and many opportunities. Let's seize the opportunity to make our Navy even better. I am proud of your hard work, and I appreciate the sacrifices you make everyday.

Happy birthday to our whole Navy family.

Admiral Frank B. Kelso II



**ABOVE:** Barracks Chaplain Lt. Doyle G. Dunn provided spiritual support to Marines during Desert Shield/Desert Storm and now brings that support to Marines here. (Photo provided by Chaplain Dunn)

**LEFT:** HM2 Ian W. Marks and HM3 Rodney Koyne, of the Medical Section here, are presented their awards for Sailor of the Quarter and Bluejacket of the Quarter for Naval District Washington. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Stephen M. Williams)

**RIGHT:** Col. John B. Sollis, CO, Marine Barracks, Washington and Cmdr. B.D. Bayer, Head, Branch Medical Clinic, sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Barracks and the Clinic to provide professional enhancement for corpsmen assigned to the Barracks. (Photo by Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister)



## USS SAIPAN concludes relief mission

**MCNEWS**—The carrier USS SAIPAN (CVL 48), with Helicopter Training Unit 1 (HTU-1) aboard, left Tampico, Mexico, after a week of disaster relief operations for the inhabitants of the area. During these operations, the helicopters rescued 5,439 persons marooned on rooftops, trees and other retreats, and delivered 183,017 pounds of food and medical supplies, thus earning the commendation of the Task Group Commander and the best wishes of a thankful people.

## Tailhook pretrial investigation reopened

**MCCDC, Quantico**—The Article 32 pretrial investigation into the alleged activities of Marine Corps Capt. Gregory J. Bonam during the 1991 Tailhook Association Symposium has been ordered reopened to consider additional evidence.

The Oct. 14 hearing was ordered after additional witnesses with a possible bearing on the investigation were identified.

Bonam, 30, has been charged with committing an indecent assault on Navy Lt. Paula Anne Coughlin during the symposium in Las Vegas.

LtGen. Charles C. Krulak, Tailhook convening authority for the Marine Corps, ordered an Article 32 pretrial investigation on Bonam in July. The initial hearing was conducted here Aug. 17.

## Retired officers, SNCOs sought

The 1st, 8th and 12th Marine Corps Districts are looking for commissioned officers and staff NCOs eligible for retirement, or retired less than three years, interested in becoming Marine Corps Junior ROTC instructors. There are officer vacancies in Plaquemine, La., Kellogg High School, Kellogg, Idaho, Selma High School, Selma, Calif., North High School, Bakersfield, Calif., and Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles. There are staff NCO vacancies in Grants, N.M., Eisenhower High School, Rialto, Calif., Oceanside High School, Oceanside, Calif., Selma High School, Selma, Calif., Snohomish High, Snohomish, Wash., Coolidge High School, Coolidge, Ariz., and Tuba City High School, Tuba City, Ariz. For more information, contact Ken Jones with the 8th MCD at (504) 361-2523, Fran Cerulli with the 1st MCD at (516) 228-5701/5665 or John D. Atkinson, in the 12th MCD at (619) 542-5548 or DSN 524-5572, ext. 5548.

## USS KEARSARGE commissioned

**OASD**—The Department of the Navy commissioned the Wasp class amphibious assault ship USS KEARSARGE (LHD-3) at recently at Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, Miss.

Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, was the ceremony's principal speaker. Mrs. Alma Powell, wife of Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.), former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, is the ship's sponsor.

KEARSARGE honors three previous ships of this name: A sloop-of-war commissioned in 1862, famed for its victory over the Confederate cruiser Alabama; a battleship (No. 5) which sailed with the "Great White Fleet" in 1907; and an aircraft carrier (CV 33) which earned two battle stars in the Korean Conflict, and five battle stars and a Meritorious Unit Commendation in the Vietnam conflict. That carrier also served as a recovery ship in two Mercury orbital space flights.

KEARSARGE will use Landing Craft Air Cushion Vehicles (LCAC) and helicopters to move Marine Corps forces, along with their associated combat equipment, ashore.

## *World USO offers new scholarship*

Military family members who have graduated from high school within the last four years are eligible to apply for the Budweiser/USO scholarship program sponsored by World USO and Anheuser-Bush, Inc.

The \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to college-bound students on the basis of scholastic records, test scores and extracurricular activities. The applicants must submit a narrative outlining their activities highlighting leadership, citizenship, teamwork and dedication.

Applications are available through USO and must be completed and returned to USO World Headquarters by March 1, 1994. Spouses are encouraged to apply. Scholarships are awarded by members of the Budweiser/USO Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be announced in May 1994. For an application and details about the program, contact your local USO or write to: USO World Headquarters, Budweiser/USO Scholarship Program, 601 Indiana Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

*Have a safe  
and happy  
Thanksgiving*

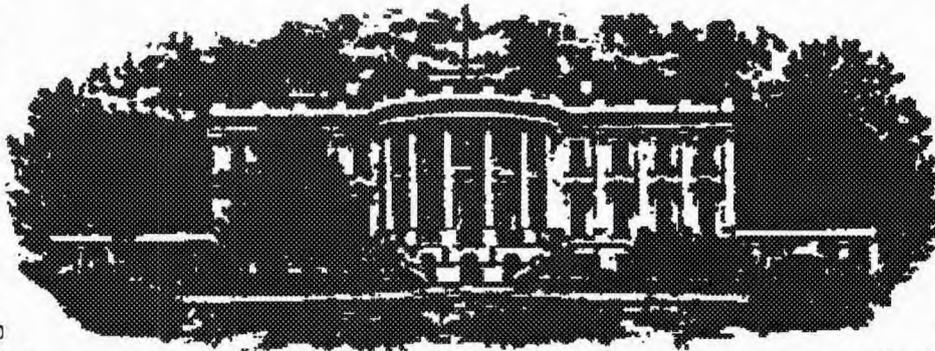
# Marine officer receives fellowship

*Major Von Lipsey becomes one of 17 to be selected*

Marine Major Roderick K. Von Lipsey has been awarded a 1993-94 White House Fellowship. He was selected as one of 17 White House fellows in recognition of his leadership professional achievement and dedication to his community. He was the only service member chosen.

As a White House Fellow, Von Lipsey will serve a one-year assignment as special assistant to the white house chief of staff. He will also participate in an education which will include meetings with government officials, diplomats, journalists, business leaders and others.

White House Fellows are a select group of men and women who spend a



year early in their career serving as paid assistants to the President, Vice President or cabinet-level officials. The White House Fellowships were established in 1964 to provide outstanding Americans with firsthand experience in the process of governing the nation and with a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society.

"This is a group of people of exceptional abilities, strong motivation and a

commitment to serve their country," said the president. "I look forward to their service, and am confident they will join the successful ranks of such white house fellowship alumni as General Colin Powell and Secretary Henry Cisneros."

The President's Commission on White House Fellowship is now accepting applications for 1994-95 fellowships. Any U.S. citizen, with the exception of civilian federal government employees, may apply.

Applications are available from the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, 712 Jackson Place, N.W. Washington D.C. 20503. The application deadline is December 1, 1993.

## *VA update*

### **VA revises benefits, claims book**

The surest way to get current information about Veterans Affairs benefits and claims is to contact the nearest VA regional office. The next best way is to order the revised, updated Federal Benefits for Veterans and Departments handbook.

The new handbook describes federal benefits for veterans and dependents, including medical care, education, disability compensation, pension life insurance, home loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation and burial assistance. The handbook explains requirements for eligibility

and outlines claims procedures.

To buy a handbook, send a \$3.25 check or money order payable to "Superintendent of Documents" to:

Consumer Information Center, P.O. Box 110Z, Pueblo, CO 81009

### **Insurance hoax**

The VA Regional Office and Insurance Center in Philadelphia, PA., reports veterans and active-duty members across the country have received flyers, including return forms, from groups of individuals offering veterans assistance in applying for dividends or in answering questions they may have for fees ranging from \$2 to \$15 for each request.

The flyers falsely claim that dividends for veterans' life insurance policies are available to any veteran who applies.

All questions regarding VA benefits should be directed to a VA office and no fee will be required.

### **VA encourages veterans to refinance home loans**

The VA is encouraging veterans to increase their net monthly income by refinancing their VA-Guaranteed Home Loans at low interest rates.

Veterans can refinance their VA-Guaranteed loan in two ways—through a regular refinancing loan or through an interest rate reduction refinancing loan (IRRRL). An IRRRL is used strictly to reduce the interest rate on a loan and requires no property appraisal or credit underwriting.

For more information on VA benefits call 1-800-827-1000.

# Corps commits to equal opportunity

## *Initiative aims toward ensuring well trained force*

Equal opportunity is the responsibility of every member of the Marine Corps team, according to the Commandant, who says that any perception of bias or prejudice undermines the core values of a military service which relies on teamwork to carry out its mission as "America's 911 Force."

Recent news reports alleged that the Marine Corps may be institutionally biased against minorities. The reports cited a perception of limited opportunity for minorities to be promoted to captain and major and the disproportionately high attrition rate for minority candidates is at OCS.

The Marine Corps has taken an in-depth look at its opportunity programs and has begun a series of initiatives to reinforce the Corps' commitment to having a high quality, well trained force that represents American society.

The Commandant's Equal Opportunity Statement and the latest Military Equal Opportunity Assessment affirms that, "The Marine Corps is committed to ensuring all Marines are treated with dignity and respect and that all Marines have an equal opportunity to succeed without hindrance of discrimination or bias. Every member of the Marine Corps is tasked with practicing equal opportunity."

The Marine Corps has enjoyed steady success in recruiting, retaining and promoting minority enlisted Marines. By the

end of FY 1992, more than 30 percent of enlisted Marines were minorities and those Marines are recommended and eligible for reenlistment at a rate consistent with that of white Marines. In the senior enlisted ranks, 33% of gunnery sergeants are minorities, 30% of all first sergeants/master sergeants are minorities and, in the Corps' most senior enlisted ranks

the size of the officer corps today is about the same as it was in 1983.

Despite these strides in increasing minority representation within the Marine Corps, there are still some areas of concern. Minority candidates experience a higher attrition rate at OCS than white officer candidates. At The Basic School (TBS), class standings reflect a larger percentage of minorities who finish in the bottom third of their class and promotion rates to major are not representative of the total minority officer population.

Concern over these apparent disparities prompted the Marine Corps to form a Quality Management Board (QMB) in 1992 to study how the Marine Corps recruits and trains its officers. An 18-month review by the QMB concluded that OCS has no institutional bias or discrimination, based on a series of surveys from both successful and unsuccessful officer candidates. Asked if they had experienced or seen any form of discrimination while at OCS, not one candidate responded he or she had.

On the question of higher attrition rates for minorities, the QMB recommended that a follow-up study be done to study specific areas of recruitment, professional development and cultural diversity, noting that "the first very simple but very critical step is an institutional awareness, recognition, and demonstrated sensitivity to the fact that minorities do indeed



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of sergeant major and master gunnery sergeant, 27 percent are minorities.

The Marine Corps also notes progress in the officer corps. In the last decade, the number of minority field grade officers has increased by 100 percent, even though

the size of the officer corps today is about the same as it was in 1983.

face certain special challenges that need to be addressed." The board identified several factors that may influence a candidate's performance at OCS, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender.

The study found that candidates who were recruited with a scholastic waiver may not be "playing on a level playing field." Young candidates were found to suffer "culture shock" when they first encountered the Marine Corps life-style if they have not been properly prepared in advance. Candidates with higher initial physical fitness test scores had a greater chance of completing OCS. Finally, the study indicated that prior en-

listed candidates had the lowest attrition rates at OCS.

Along with the internal study, the Marine Corps commissioned the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) to assist its QMB. The CNA concluded that while some of the problem is due to candidates receiving scholastic waivers, that did not answer the questions of a possible correlation between TBS performance and chances for promotion, augmentation and assignments.

Another area of prime concern to the Marine Corps is the promotion rates of minority officers to the grade of major. The CNA study determined that the race and ethnicity of an officer is not statisti-

cally significant in determining the chance of that officer for promotion to major. There are obviously other factors at work, CNA concludes, which should be the subject of further study.

That process has already started with a second QMB. That board will look at education and awareness programs relating to cultural diversity, commissioning programs, to include the Marine Enlisted Commissioning and Education Program and Enlisted Commissioning Program, officer assignment and MOS patterns, and the Marine Corps performance evaluation system. A new Affirmative Action Plan will be published after the QMB completes its work in 1994.

## *"Doggone, I didn't know that."*



***LCpl Chesty X relaxes after a long hard parade season with some lunch and a few Pass In Reviews to catch up on his reading. (Photo by Cpl. Scott T. Balliet) If you have a story idea you would like to see profiled in the Pass In Review, contact the editorial staff at 433-4173/4497***

# Holiday mailing dates set

## *Postal Service announces deadlines*

**AFIS**—It's not too early to mail overseas holiday packages, according to Military Postal Service Agency officials.

In fact, some deadlines for overseas Christmas mailing are rapidly approaching. Mailing early will also save money, they add, because cheaper categories can be used.

These "deadlines" are only recommendations for packages and letters destined for the United States from overseas or vice versa. Experience shows most packages mailed after these dates do not arrive in time for the holiday season.

If an early mailing date is missed, use parcel airlift (PAL) or Priority mail. There are no guarantees that the packages will arrive on time, but chances are good they will.

Remember that the volume of mail increases dramatically during the holiday season, so take a few extra minutes to wrap cartons securely for shipping. The time spent should ensure the packages' safe arrival at their destination.

To make sure that the package arrives on time and in good shape, the U.S. Postal Service recommends:

- Do not wrap your package with paper, string or twine. In addition, use crumpled newspaper or another type of cushioning material to keep contents from shifting.
- Use fiberglass strapping tape, paper tape or plastic carton tape to seal the package.
- Make sure addresses are correct, legible and written with smudgeproof ink.
- Use the correct ZIP codes.
- Write the "to" and return address on a slip of paper and place it inside each package, in case the package is damaged.
- Address the package correctly: the

"from" address in the upper left corner and the "to" address in the lower right.

- Use the correct Postal Service customs declaration forms and fill them out completely.
- Mail packages and cards before the recommended deadlines.
- Mail them early in the day.

### Deadlines for outbound airmail to:

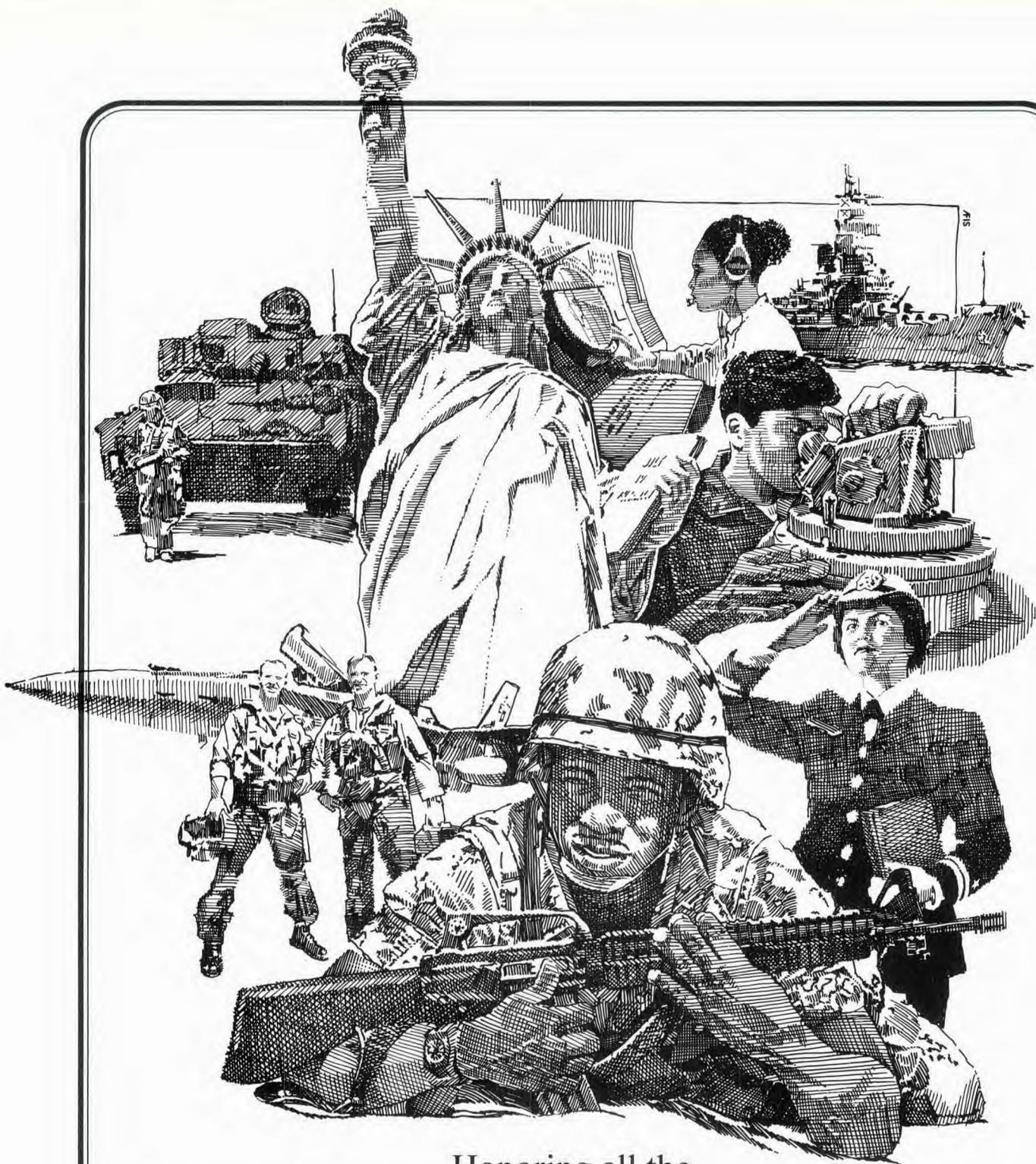
<i>Destination</i>	<i>Air parcels and priority</i>	<i>Air Letters and cards</i>	<i>Parcel airlift (PAL)</i>	<i>Space available (SAM)</i>
Africa	Dec. 1	Dec. 1		
Australia	Dec. 6	Dec. 6		
Caribbean	Dec. 6	Dec. 6		
Central & South America	Dec. 1	Dec. 6		
APO/FPO AA ZIPS	Dec. 1	Dec. 6	Nov. 22	Nov. 10
Europe	Dec. 1	Dec. 1		
APO/FPO ZIP 090-097	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 22	Nov. 10
APO/FPO ZIP 098	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Nov. 10	Nov. 2
Far East	Dec. 1	Dec. 1		
APO/FPO AP ZIPS	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 22	Nov. 10
Greenland	Dec. 1	Dec. 1		
Middle East	Nov. 15	Dec. 1		
Southeast Asia	Dec. 1	Dec. 1		

### Deadlines for holiday mail from overseas

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Letters</i>	<i>SAM</i>	<i>Surface</i>
U.S. Gateway	Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 2	Nov. 1

### Deadlines for outbound surface mail to:

<i>Destination</i>	<i>International</i>	<i>Military</i>
Africa	Oct. 1	
Australia	Nov. 1	
Caribbean	Nov. 1	
Central & South America	Oct. 1	
APO/FPO AA ZIPS		Nov. 1
Europe	Nov. 1	
APO/FPOs		
AE ZIP 090-097		Nov. 1
AE ZIP 098		Oct. 25
Far East	Nov. 1	
APO/FPO AP ZIPS		Nov. 1
Middle East	Oct. 1	
Southeast Asia	Nov. 1	



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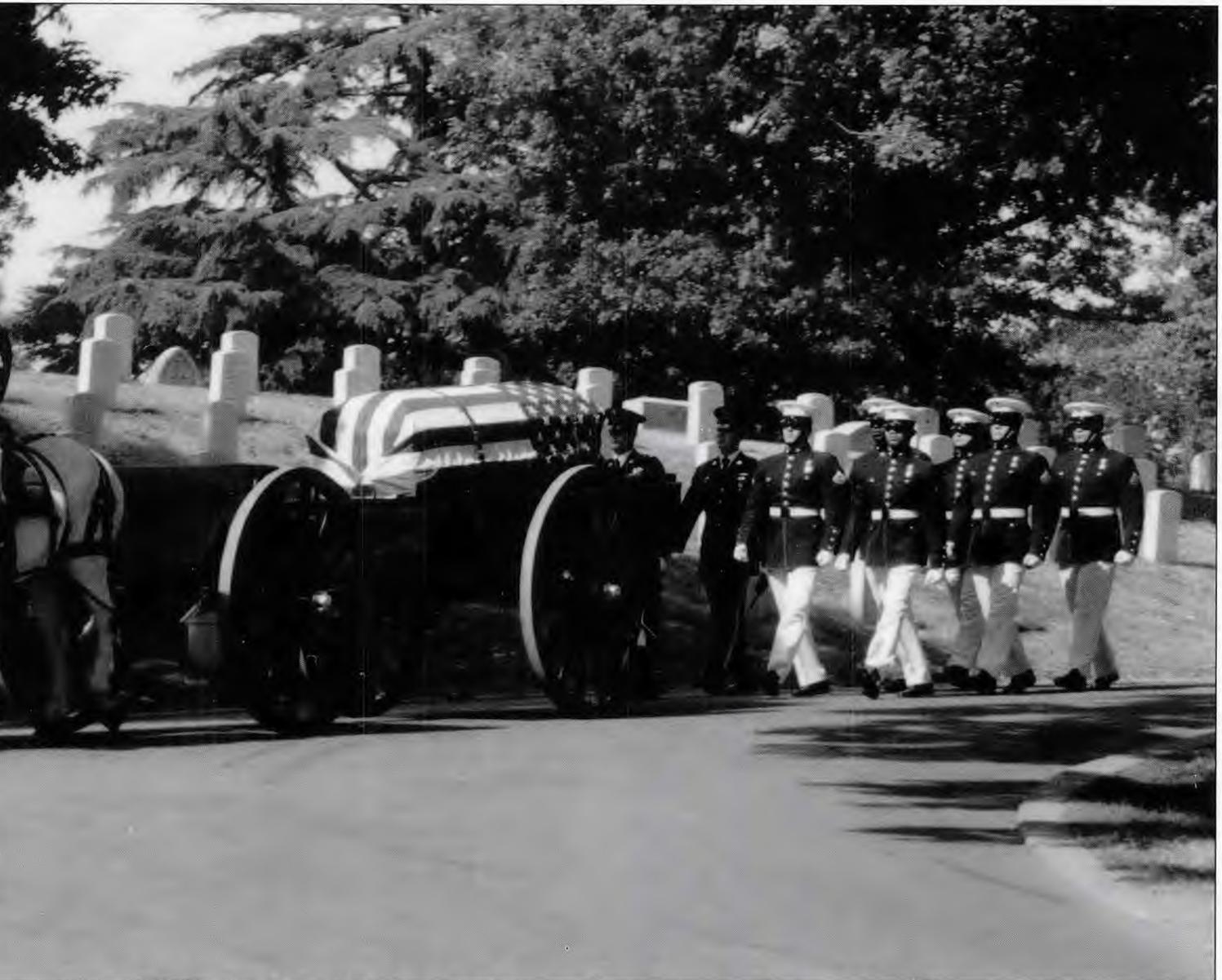
**NOVEMBER 11**  
**VETERANS DAY 1993**



# The Body Bearers

*Laying to rest fallen  
Marines with honor  
and dignity*

Moving in silence, six Marines step into the morning sun, their every move and action expressing the precision-perfect drill that is the trademark of Marine Barracks, Washington D.C. These Marines don't carry rifles, colors or the musical instruments that bring to life the Sunset and Evening Parades for thousands of visitors each summer. Instead, they carry a heavier burden, paying last respects to a fallen comrade-in-arms. They are the members of the



*The Marine Barracks, Washington, Body Bearers follow a caisson and its cargo through Arlington National Cemetery.*

Body Bearer section of Company B, here.

According to Cpl. Dusty Ray Garver, of Sacramento, Calif., his two years with the Body Bearers has been a great honor. "I think it's the best position at the barracks because we get to pay last respects to a fallen Marine, it's a high honor to do that."

Corporal Michael D. Bates, a native of Houston, Texas, has marched in almost 300 funerals in his more three

years with the section, and says being a body bearer is not something to be taken lightly. "You know the family is right there over your shoulder, so the importance of making everything go as smoothly as possible is the first thing on your mind." Bates serves as Platoon Guide and is responsible for training any new Marines coming into the section. He says that ensuring those Marines understand all the aspects of the section can sometimes be hard. "We

do funerals year-round across the country and anything can happen at any time, the way we train allows us to know what needs to be done in any event."

Unlike other military body bearer sections who have eight men on a casket, here the Body Bearers use only a six man team. Each Marine assigned to the section has to be stronger both physically and mentally than the average ceremonial marcher. A Marine

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who is being considered for the Body Bearer section must meet certain height and weight requirements, as well as pass an initial strength test. The first phase of selection, the strength test, is broken into three basic areas. First the Marine must bench press 225 lbs. a minimum of 10 times, then military press 135 lbs. 10 times, then curl 105 lbs. 10 times. Having passed the strength test and completed Company Ceremonial Drill School (CDS), they go on to Body Bearer CDS. Sgt. Lionel P. Benoit, Platoon Sgt. for the Body Bearers, says that the additional six weeks of CDS for the Body Bearer Marines is important.

"The drill that we do is different from the rest of the Barracks," Benoit said. "It's more physically and mentally demanding because you're not performing for a crowd, but paying last respect to a fallen Marine."

In his duties as Plt. Sgt., Benoit takes care of all administrative needs the Marines might have, along with overseeing all training in the section.

The Body Bearer's unique drill is perfected in the underground parking area of the Barracks. Known as "casket drill," these Marines practice every aspect of their world renowned drill, spending countless hours making sure each movement performed is correct, fluid and in unison. The casket used for their drill practice is filled with 250 - 300 lbs of sand bags to make their practice seem as real as possible. All the physical and mental conditioning leads to the final stage of earning the



**ABOVE RIGHT:** Cpl. Michael Bates salutes after presenting the national colors to the Commandant's representative who will present it to the family.

**BELOW:** Sgt. Lionel P. Benoit and LCpl Gary Holland recently stood vigil over the casket of Pat Nixon, the wife of former President Richard Nixon.



title of Body Bearer, when the Marine performs his first funeral.

According to Bates, The Marine Body Bearer Section stands out among the other services not only for their size (the average weight is 200 - 230 lbs and average chest size is 48 - 50 inches) but for the way they pay their final respects. The Marines are the only military burial section that raises the casket above their heads before laying it to rest. This movement of "present arms" is the Body Bearers' way of honoring the deceased. Bates says that raise means a lot to the Marines on the casket and even more to the family.

"When we raise that casket up and hold it there for 15 to 20 seconds, that shows the family what that Marine means to us, even if we didn't know him," Bates added.

The type of professionalism displayed by Marines on a daily basis is what prompted former President Richard M. Nixon to personally request an all-Marine contingent after the death of his wife earlier this year.

"That was the first time a President or former President has requested an all-Marine team for this kind of service," Benoit stated.

Although their job does not receive as much public attention as the other ceremonial units here, the Body Bearers are one of the most respected sections. The pride and professionalism of the Body Bearers does not go unnoticed by the families of those they are charged to honor.

"We are always getting letters from the families of Marines we have laid to rest. Those letters mean a lot to us and let us know we can sometimes help those families feel better."

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*Story and photo by*

*Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister*



*LCpl Trent Bottin spends two to three hours a day in the gym.*

## ***Building Body Bearers***

The largest part of the Body Bearer's weekly training is usually in the gym. Strength, stamina and endurance are vitally important factors in performing a funeral correctly.

Because of the ceremonial commitments of the section, it's often difficult to set down a routine PT schedule. According to Cpl. Michael P. Carlson, a squad leader with the section, most Marines selected for the Body Bearers already know what it takes to stay in shape. "All the Marines who are currently in the section have some kind of background in high school or college sports and have experience with a weightlifting program."

When a new Marine comes aboard and is attending Body Bearer CDS, he is still expected to hit the gym on a daily basis. "The drill requires strength, and it's difficult for a Marine in CDS to get through without that strength," Carlson added. "If a Marine isn't making progress, then we sit down with that Marine

and look at what he's doing wrong. Sometimes we assign him a lifting partner, or change the way he is lifting." Almost all aspects of a Marine's fitness are expected to improve his ability to perform his job. New Marines are often advised on proper dieting to increase their muscle growth.

Monthly, the Body Bearers strength is tested. This test is designed to ensure they are keeping with section requirements by staying at the strength level needed to work a funeral service.

All of this work pays off in more than mission accomplishment. In the last Company PFT, the Body Bearers held the highest average score in Company B.

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*Story and photo by  
Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister*



*Marines trained by the author, Lt. Stephen R. Trimble, perform at the 1958 International Military Tattoo in Edinburgh, Scotland (Official Marine Corps Photo)*

# In Retrospect...

## Looking at the Barracks of the 1950's

*Editor's note: The following is the last in a three-part article written by former Barracks officer Stephen R. Trimble on the beginnings of the Friday Evening and Sunset Parades.*

In February of 1958, we were involved in probably the most fouled-up funeral in the history of Arlington Cemetery. Because it was freezing and sleeting, the 1st Platoon and the Marine Band arrived at the Chapel some two hours prior to the funeral, having dropped the bugler off at the gravesite on the way. An hour or so later (by this time it had gotten even colder, with about 1/4" of ice on the ground), the hearse tried to come up through the cemetery, but got stuck. It arrived at the Chapel about one-half hour late. By the time the Chapel service had ended, the Band instruments had frozen, leaving only the drums. After the casket had been drummed onto the caisson, the funeral cortege started down the road into the cemetery. The horses started slipping and sliding on the ice, one fell, and the caisson "did a 180," bumping against the curb. At this time the Director of Arlington decided the troops would march (on the grass) to the grave, and he would send the casket in the hearse. The troops made it, but the hearse didn't (it slid into a tree on the way). Told to secure for the day, we got on the bus, and counted noses—one man short—the bugler! We got out to search, and heard him yelling. He was found in another freshly dug grave (into which he had slipped, and couldn't get out, because of the ice). The next day, we returned for a flawless funeral ceremony, except for one item. After

our return to the Barracks, we were told that Arlington had called, and explained that they had switched caskets—we had interred an Army Colonel! We returned to the cemetery for possibly the only "quiet" funeral ever held there, with no one in attendance but the Cemetery Director.

As my Marine career was ending during the summer of 1958, Lt. Dick Noll (he died of a heart attack in 1988) took over the 1st Platoon after I had trained them in slow-march in preparation for six weeks at the Edinburgh Tattoo in Scotland, plus a tour of European capitals. They were supposed to also tour South America, but the 2nd Platoon ended up going on that tour (they made the tour aboard an aircraft carrier). My final duty was with Major Meristic (and his former Guard Company ceremonial NCO, Cpl. Jim Balderson) coordinating the Marine's participation in interring the Unknowns from World War II and Korea on Memorial Day, 1958, having spent a year in the Far East on Okinawa (2nd Bn., 9th Marines) and in Korea (MAG-1, Pohang-do qualifying as Forward Air Controller).

I have always been proud of my service with the troops at the Barracks, the "best of the best." Those memories are wonderful and serve to recall the real purpose of the Corps, its service to our Country, and the ultimate sacrifice made by our fellow Marines—such as that of Capt. Dick Hatch, Guard Company C.O. 1957-59—KIA Vietnam.

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*Story by Stephen A. Trimble,  
1st Lt., USMC  
1955-58*



# “Noblesse Oblige”

“Noblesse Oblige,” as Sgt. Charlier will tell you, is French. You certainly don’t have to speak French to serve at 8th & I. But if you’re fortunate enough—**privileged** enough—to be carried on the rolls of this historic post, you need to understand what “Noblesse Oblige” is all about. In a nutshell, it’s about being **worthy**—it’s about being **good enough** to be “an 8th & I Marine,” not **tall** enough, not “pretty” enough, but **good enough**.

“Noblesse Oblige,” translated literally, means, “nobility obligates.” Those of us who are privileged to serve at 8th & I should understand “Noblesse Oblige” intuitively. We should understand its obvious relevance to 8th & I; we should understand only too well what the obligations of service here entail.

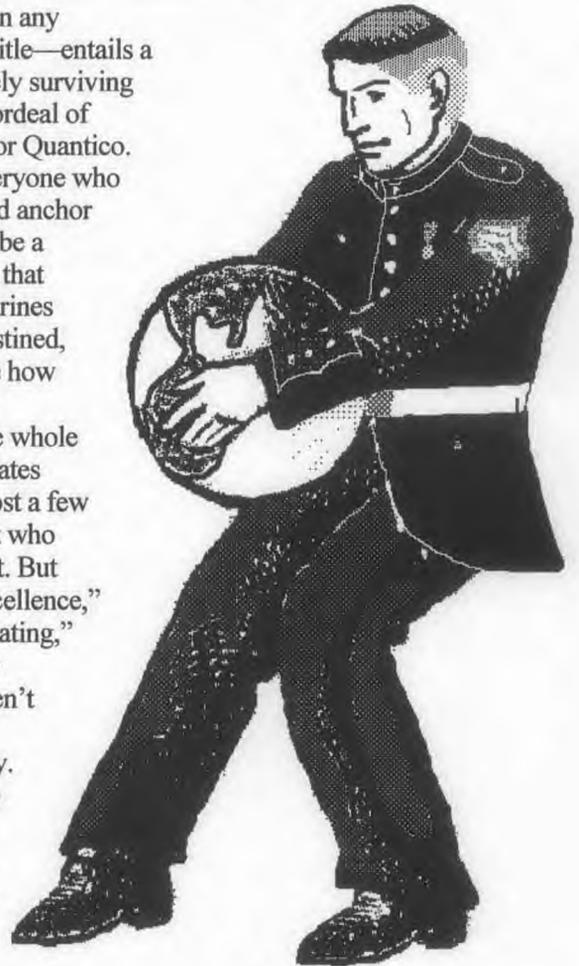
Anyone who deliberately chooses to be a Marine is, at heart, an elitist. “Why settle for anything less than the Marine Corps if you think you’ve got what it takes to be special?” I don’t know about you, but that was the thought that compelled me to strap on the challenge of **becoming** a Marine when I was last a “PFC in the 1st CivDiv.” While the Army and the Navy were offering me a raft of “nifty” options and inducements, selling themselves as “a great place to start” and “more than a job...an adventure,” all I got from the lean and mean, hard-eyed staff sergeant in the Marine Officer Selection Office in Manhattan was a cold, appraising glance and an almost skeptical offer: “Well, son. If you **think** you’re tough enough, smart enough, **man** enough to be a Marine, all I can promise you is an opportunity to find out.” Errr!

If **becoming** a Marine is far less “impossible” than most of us once imagined, all in all, it’s still a pretty stiff challenge. Most people don’t begin to have the determination and guts to even make the attempt. To their credit, they **know** they don’t have what it takes. But

**being** a Marine—that is, in any **meaningful** sense of the title—entails a great deal more than merely surviving the “rite of passage,” the ordeal of Parris Island, San Diego, or Quantico. Look around you. Not everyone who wears the eagle, globe, and anchor really has what it takes to be a Marine. And to the extent that “character is destiny,” Marines who lack character are destined, sooner or later, to disclose how **unworthy** they are of the respect and admiration the whole world accords a United States Marine. We’ve recently lost a few folks from the Oldest Post who certainly “looked” the part. But beneath the “facade of excellence,” under their thin “candy coating,” all they had was a “chewy nougat center.” They weren’t for real. Their deficient character **was** their destiny. And that’s why they’re no longer here. Zap! Gone! Written out of the script.

So what **does** it take to be a Marine? It takes “Noblesse Oblige.” It takes an understanding, translated into action, that nobility **obligates**, that privilege **obligates**, that respect **obligates**, that reputation **obligates**, that special trust and confidence **obligate**, that being a Marine **obligates**.

To be cast as an 8th & I Marine—as the so called, “cream of the crop”—ups the ante **considerably**. The “Noblesse Oblige” that comes with **this** sanctified territory is the burden you and I bear—the seabag’s worth of “bowling balls” each of us carries—for the special privilege of serving here. Clearly, not everyone is up to the challenge. Not everyone who walks in the front gate has the strength of character or the ability or even the will



to bear the burden. But the beauty of 8th & I is that, by and large, most of us here are **trying** awfully damn hard to **be** worthy—not just to “look” the part, but to **be** the “cream of the crop” to **be** a role model worthy of emulation and respect. In that sense, most of us who can’t speak a lick of French, are perfectly “fluent” when it comes to fulfilling the “Noblesse Oblige” of being an 8th & I Marine. So keep totin’ those 8th & I seabags, Marines. Read the Commandant’s letter (facing page), and then slam a few more bowling balls in there for good measure. Go ahead! If you’re any kind of Marine at all—if you’re “the **real** McCoy”—you can handle it.

# *From the Commandant..*



27 September 1993

Dear Colonel Sollis,

As our summer ceremonial season draws to a close, I want to convey to you and all of the Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines at the Barracks, my admiration and appreciation for what your command has again done for Corps and Country. I know that many of the chores and duties accomplished by you and your people grow trying in the heat and pace of the Washington scene, but as I have said so often before, and say again, while we all view the embodiment of Marine as someone in a pair of utilities in the operating forces, no one in the Corps does more to contribute to the image of what our Corps is all about, or to the business of ensuring that the Nation will continue to have a Marine Corps than do the men and women of your Barracks. They are symbolic of everything America wants her Marines—indeed her Armed Forces—to be, and their image with those who make the decisions which affect the size and sustainment of our Corps is impeccable.

On a more personal point, Mrs. Mundy and I still consider that the greatest privilege of our, to date, 36 years of active service together in the Corps is the privilege of being able to include ourselves as members of the community of our Oldest Post. I hope you will convey to all who make up that community our deep gratitude and most sincere admiration for what you are, and what each of you does for the Corps on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

C. E. MUNDY, JR.  
General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

# Plan on extending?

## *Marines should be aware of criteria*

I've had several questions lately concerning extensions. This article should clear up any questions you might have.

Voluntary extensions of enlistment are done in monthly increments and are not approved for more than 23 months for each extension. Marines may not exceed 48 months of extensions on any enlistment contract.

Once you have started serving an extension, it is considered additional obligated service. Any unserved part of it may not be considered for entitlement in computing the selected reenlistment bonus.

Extensions are intended to provide sufficient obligated active service to allow a Marine to serve a tour of specified length. Extensions primarily benefit the Marine Corps, and are not designed to be used in lieu of reenlistments.

Extensions may be approved to allow a Marine to participate in specified exercises, operations, or unit deployments; to gain enough obligated service to qualify for a specific assignment; for valid humanitarian circumstances; or to qualify for reenlistment/transition.

They may also be approved to qualify for transfer to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve or for retirement. Within 14 months of their desired transfer to the FMCR/retirement date, Marines should submit their extension requests.

Medical benefits may, in some cases, be ensured through an extension. If the Marine's wife, or the Marine, is pregnant, provided his/her service has been satisfactory and his/her services can be effectively used. To qualify for this extension, the Marine's wife or woman Marine must be scheduled to deliver after the Marine's EAS.

A Marine who has successfully completed Level II or III treatment of the "Substance Abuse Program" may request an extension to allow up to a 12 month observation period for performance and conduct. The observation period begins on the date the Marine completes treatment.

If the term of extension does not result in total active service beyond service limitations for rank, or result in more than 48 months of extensions on a contract, commanders may

approve short-term extensions of enlistment for one month on a one-time basis. A Marine may also be extended up to three months following a "fit for full duty" determination or up to 14 months to meet minimum obligated service requirements when permanent change-of-station orders (PCSO) are issued for TAD/PCSO to Drill Instructor, Recruiter, or Marine Security Guard Schools. These Marines are still subject to the service limitations by rank.

If you have requested an extension for any other reason, it may be denied and you will be asked to request reenlistment. For more information on extensions contact the Barracks Career Planner, GySgt. Reed, at 433-5404/5.

*GySgt Peter J. Reed*  
*Barracks Career Planner*

## TAP classes scheduled

Transition Assistance Program classes will be held Nov. 16-18 in the upper level of the Staff NCO Club. Contact your company first sergeant or the Barracks Career Planner to enroll.



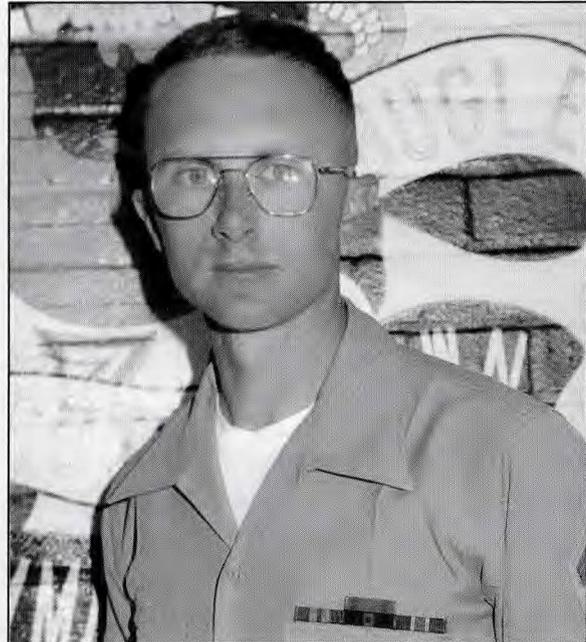
# On Centerwalk

*Honoring excellence among Barracks Marines, Sailors and Civilians*

## **Sgt. Carl P. Vermilyea**

**Unit** ..... D&B  
**Hometown** ..... Keene, N.H.  
**Entered Service** ..... May 1985  
**Occupation** ..... 9812; Percussionist,  
Drum & Bugle Corps  
**Billet** ..... Requisition NCO  
**On Centerwalk for** ..... Sustained superior  
performance

A recent selectee for staff sergeant, Sgt. Vermilyea also reenlisted for the second time this past October. He plans to continue his Marine Corps career through retirement.



## **Cpl. Emery L. Wise, Jr.**

**Unit** ..... Guard Detachment  
**Hometown** ..... Ramsey, Ind.  
**Entered Service** ..... December 1990  
**Occupation** ..... 0311; Rifleman  
**Billet** ..... Corporal of the  
Guard  
**On Centerwalk for** ..... Sustained superior  
performance

Upon finishing his active duty obligation, Cpl. Wise plans to attend the University of Louisville, at Louisville, Ky., and hopes eventually to become involved in high school education.

Information and photos compiled by LCpl. Dave Johnson

## Awards

### Drum & Bugle Corps

#### Meritorious Mast

Sgt. J.P. Drass  
Cpl. K.A. Cherry

#### Letter of Appreciation

Cpl. K.W. Phillips  
GySgt. R.A. Taylor  
MSgt. R.G. Simmons  
Cpl. B.A. Lansdell

### H & S Company

#### Navy Commendation Medal

Capt. B.D. Harder

#### Navy Achievement Medal

CWO2 M.T. Breltich  
MSgt. L.J. Smith  
Sgt. K. Ebron  
Cpl. J.D. Syles, Jr.

#### Letter Of Appreciation

Cpl. A.E. James  
Cpl. E.L. Pitt  
LCpl. L.P. Gifford, IV  
LCpl. S.A. Olsen  
LCpl. K.J. Turnquist

### Marine Corps Institute

#### Navy Achievement Medal

GySgt. A.A. Touchette

### Security Company

#### Presidential Service Badge

Cpl. S.R. Morrissey  
LCpl. A.O. Alexander  
LCpl. K.J. Carvey  
LCpl. J.R. Crossen  
LCpl. M.J. Giampapa  
LCpl. M.S. Gillin  
LCpl. A.R. Johnson  
LCpl. A.V. Wiesenbahn  
LCpl. T.E. Williams

### U.S. Marine Band

#### Good Conduct Medal

SSgt. H.A. Miller  
LCpl. M.W. Perry

## Promotions

Ssgt. V.E. King  
Ssgt. R.M. Kuhn  
Ssgt. P.R. Thigpen

Cpl. F. Avitalozano  
Cpl. L.K. Dekie  
Cpl. B.W. Frederick  
Cpl. R.D. Harris  
Cpl. V.J. Keifer  
Cpl. T.J. Krywucki, Jr.  
Cpl. S.D. Nickolson  
Cpl. M.W. Perry  
Cpl. R.V. Pruitt  
Cpl. A. Saenz  
LCpl. S.M. Ashlaw  
LCpl. M.J. Babcock  
LCpl. B.E. Beard  
LCpl. W.A. Brannan, Jr.  
LCpl. R. Camacho  
LCpl. T.L. Corbridge  
LCpl. B.J. Duerr  
LCpl. D.A. Flagg  
LCpl. J.R. Minkinney  
LCpl. D.G. Ruble  
LCpl. P.R. Tewey  
LCpl. L. Tolliver III  
LCpl. M.J. Villarreal  
LCpl. F.J. Weeks  
PFC K.D. Byrd  
PFC C.G. Caldwell

PFC L.D. Casto  
PFC O. Curtis II  
PFC R.J. Finn  
PFC A.J. Grayson  
PFC J.K. Grimes  
PFC S.E. Johnson  
PFC J.J. Kelly  
PFC G.L. Mckinney  
PFC L.F. Mejia  
PFC S.V. Roberts  
PFC C.J. Sovick

LCpl. S.D. Smith  
LCpl. E.K. Weeks  
PFC D.W. Baker  
PFC E.F. Bennett III  
PFC E.O. Berg  
PFC T.G. Bixby  
PFC K.D. Byrd  
PFC S.T. Carrillo  
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PFC B.G. Grote  
PFC S.A. Haase  
PFC W.P. Hustad, Jr.  
PFC E.A. James, Jr.  
PFC S.E. Johnson  
PFC J.J. Kelly  
PFC J.D. McDonald  
PFC G.L. Mckinney  
PFC N.B. Minton  
PFC J.C. Norton  
PFC W.L. Romblad  
PFC G.S. Vanderheiden  
PFC M.E. Zundle

## Welcome Aboard

1st Lt. B.D. Baxter  
Sgt. A.R. Craig  
Sgt. L.A. Daniels  
Sgt. E.L. Edwards  
Sgt. P.F. McDonald  
Sgt. N.C. Nurse  
Cpl. R.L. Pritchard  
LCpl. L.R. Barber  
LCpl. B.J. Duerr  
LCpl. J.R. Dunlap, Jr.  
LCpl. M.L. Dykes

## Barracks Corpsman leads all-Navy team to victory

HM3 Rodney "Doc" Koyné, recently helped the Navy team top the all-Marine team for Navy's first victory in the annual interservice rugby championship. The all-Navy ruggers went into the final round of this year's tournament, held at Naval Air Station Pesacola, with a 3-1 win-loss record in round robin play.

A three year veteran of the all-Navy rugby team, Koyné took part in the Navy's 8-5 win over the Marines and the thrashing of the Coast Guard team 35-0. Koyné scored two tries against the Coast Guardsmen. The Navy also defeated the Air Force 10-8

and the Army 13-12.

In the final round of play Koyné helped lead the Navy team against the Marines with hard running and vicious tackling. The Navy rallied

in the second half of the final match sealing the victory over the Marines 20-7, giving them their first win in the eight year history of the tournament.

The interservice championship is held every Sept. and serves as the initial screening to select players for the U.S. Combined Services rugby team. The com-



bined service team represents the U.S. in various international matches throughout the year. Koyné was selected to this year's senior combined service team as a center.

*Compiled by  
Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister*

## 'Your ticket to entertainment'

Hot sports and cool shows are your ticket to fun in the upcoming winter months:

Experience the Magic as **The Washington Ballet** performs "The Nutcracker" at the Warner Theater Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. show. These are center orchestra row seats. Ticket price is \$20

The Kennedy Center Concert Hall presents comedian **HOWIE MANDEL** on Nov. 15. Tickets are \$25. \*Please note that this show was earlier published as Nov. 30.

If you're in the mood for music, the Kennedy Center Concert Hall also presents **The Colors of Christmas** featuring **Peabo Bryson, Roberta**

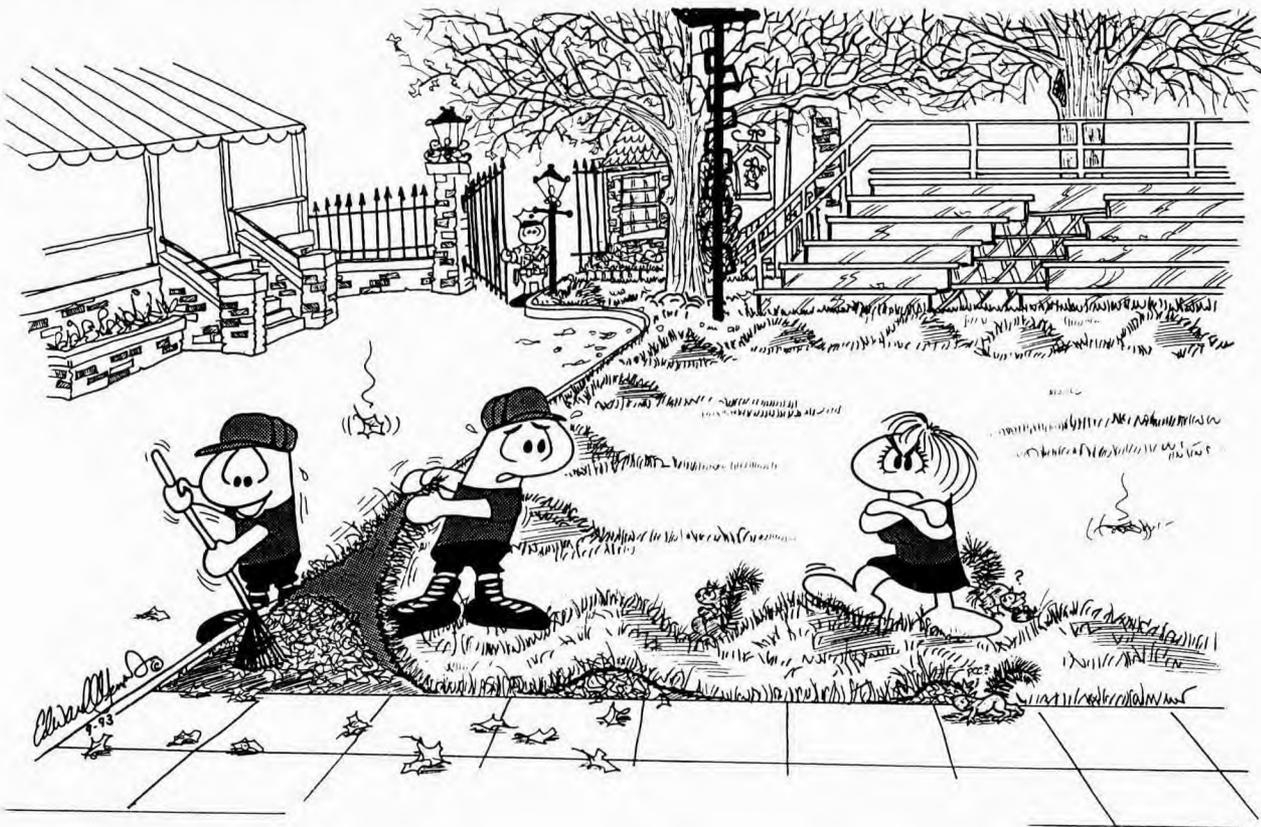
**Flack, Jeffrey Osborne and Patti Austin** on Nov. 30. Tickets are \$25

'94 **Entertainment Books** have arrived for Maryland/D.C., Virginia/D.C. This year's book is LOADED with coupons for fine dining, sporting events, plays, hotels, air fares and more and makes a wonderful gift at only \$35.

Any unclaimed **Bullets lottery tickets** will become available on Nov. 1 on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are \$25. Tickets for the Feb. 25 **Chicago Bulls** and March 5 **L.A. Lakers** games are available for \$20 each.

For more information on any tickets or tours, contact **Debbie** at (202) 433-2112.

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



"And no one'll even notice..."

# Birthdays

by Lt. Doyle W. Dunn, USN

I accepted my first assignment to the Fleet Marine Force and moved my family to Camp Pendleton, Calif. in August 1990. I was fresh off a ship in Norfolk. I had never worked with Marines before. I still had my shaggy Navy haircut and a moustache. I didn't know what an "Alice Pack" was.

A "Battalion Hump" sounded morally questionable to me.

First Marine Division assigned me to First Combat Engineer Battalion as soon as I arrived. The next day we deployed to Saudi Arabia.

Just that fast. "Welcome to the FMF!" they said.

I learned a lot during those next few months. Sleeping in the sand, eating MRE's seven days a week, taking field showers every two weeks (as long as water was available). Quite a few of us had only one set of desert cammies each. We had to get used to them being stiff with perspiration and sand every night, and soaked with heavy dew every morning. Even worse, we were constantly on alert for attack from the Iraqis just north



of us. Our gas masks were our pillows at night.

When November rolled around and people began talking about celebrating "The Birthday," I thought they were either pulling my leg or finally ready for their psych evals. They were both serious and sane. These Marines were going to celebrate their birthday come hell or high water (high water wasn't much of a concern).

On November 10th, this battalion of dirty Marines dressed in wrinkled, stinking cammies and boots worn down to raw leather got into formation in a large pit area and observed the time honored traditions of the Marine Corps Birthday. They presented the Colors while the National Anthem played on somebody's boom box. They called out the youngest and oldest Marines present, and actually paraded a REAL cake for them to cut and taste (no, I don't know where they got it--and by that time I had learned not to ask). I was proud to be standing with them, stinking with the best (or worst) of them, for that incredibly important day. My first November in the Marine Corps.

When I stand at the podium this year to offer a few words of thanks to God at the Marine Barracks' Birthday Ball, I do so with the same sense of awe and deep reverence I felt that day in the desert. There are none better in all the world than United States Marines.

God bless you all. Happy Birthday, Marines.

## Worship Opportunities

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



# From the Mailbox..

## HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS

Dear Colonel Sollis,

Thank you for the superlative effort you and your Marines put forth last Friday which resulted in a very special evening. All of our guests were thrilled to witness such a fine display of talent and poise demonstrated by the NCO's.

It is a tribute to your leadership that the Barracks can execute, week after week, a production that is second to none in the Washington area.

Again, Lil and I thank you for your time and superior effort.

R.A. Tiebout  
Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Deputy Chief of Staff for  
Installations and Logistics

## THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Dear Colonel Sollis:

Thank you for all you did to make Friday evening's reception and parade so successful. I really enjoyed sitting beside you and having you there to let me know the "protocol."

It was a wonderful evening, which I will never forget. I felt so proud to be an American--watching the Silent Drill Platoon, reviewing the Marines as they paraded by, and listening to the rousing music played by the band!

My family and I sincerely appreciate your part in creating a very memorable evening.

Madeleine K. Albright

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA SWIMMING LEAGUE

Dear Colonel Sollis,

On behalf of the 101 swim teams and nearly 11,000 swimmers that comprise the Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL), I want to extend to you the League's sincere thank you for the Color Guard that the Marine Barracks provided for our All Star meet at Waynewood Pool on August 7, 1993. This was the second consecutive year that your Marines assisted at the All Star opening ceremonies and, as usual, their performance was not only flawless but also a very meaningful way to kick off this annual event. The four Marines added a real touch of class and polish to a very successful culmination of our swim season.

Please pass on to those personnel who participated in that Color Guard our appreciation for their time and effort. I would also like to thank Master Sergeant Zackery, of your S-3 office, for his efforts in coordinating the arrangements.

Richard C. Rankin  
President

## THE MEDICAL OFFICER, U.S. MARINE CORPS

Dear Colonel Sollis,

On behalf of myself and all the members of my staff in The Office of The Medical Officer of the Marine Corps, I want to thank you and all those who participated from Marine Barracks for the magnificent performance at the Sunset Parade last evening. That evening will certainly stand as a highlight of my naval career, and I am certain Admiral Higgins feels the same.

I would especially like to thank Lance Corporal Turnquist and Lance Corporal Pferdeort for their coordinating efforts and willingness to be flexible regarding last minute changes. Their efforts are much appreciated.

F.G. Sanford  
Rear Admiral, Medical Corps  
U.S. Navy



NO  
SWIMMING  
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**From the history books:**  
During the construction of the Parade Deck  
as we know it in 1984, Centerwalk  
could have been called  
Centerwade.