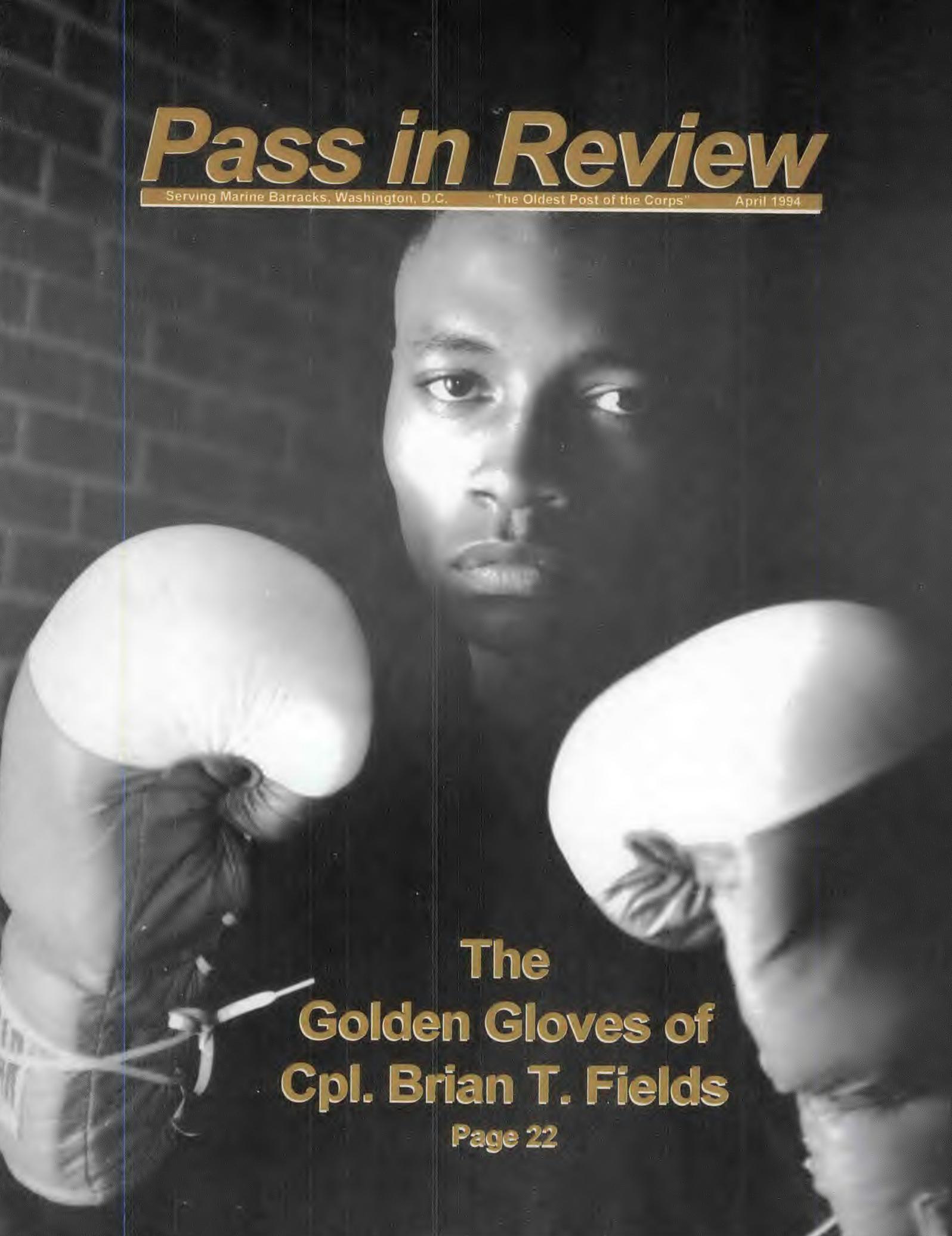


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"The Oldest Post of the Corps"

April 1994



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## **Recycling Tip:**

**Use commercial cleaning products  
that substitute natural ingredients for  
harmful chemicals**

Many household and industrial cleaners contain chemicals that endanger people, animals and the environment. By using products with white vinegar, lemon oil, baking soda, borax and citrus, you can minimize the amount of harmful chemicals in the environment. Reduce, reuse and recycle: It's not only good for the environment –

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**For more information about the Barracks Recycling Program  
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## Between the lines

### *Seeing is believing.*

We in the Barracks' Public Affairs Office won't believe we won second place in the News Feature Magazine category for the 1994 Thomas Jefferson Awards Contest until we physically see our award. Yes, we've been told by the Division of Public Affairs, HQMC, and we've viewed the Marine Corps message announcing the winners. Sorry but we want more proof.

The "TJ's" are Department of Defense's version of the Pulitzers. The Marines, Navy, Air Force, Army and Coast Guard annually enter their best print and broadcast products to be judged for "professional excellence and outstanding achievement." This year's competition, held in mid-February, was conducted at the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Although we didn't win first place (the Army's "Arctic Soldier" out of Fort Richardson, Alaska, captured that), we have no complaints. We were just thrilled to be contenders, and to be competing with the best of the best.

To be a contender in the TJs takes a great deal of work. Every day of every month, every Marine in the Public Affairs Office here devotes an inordinate amount of time and manpower to produce the "Pass in Review." That work is in addition to other all-important Public Affairs functions. For each issue, hours are spent planning to determine what's going to be profiled on the front cover and what will be covered inside; interviewing sub-

jects; photographing events and individuals; gathering facts, developing, printing and sizing an average of 35 photographs for each issue; writing and rewriting stories (many times over depending on the writer); and designing each page.

Perhaps the most tedious function of producing this monthly magazine is proofreading each page to ensure that captions match photographs; names are correctly spelled; grammar, punctuation and sentence structure are correct; facts are double checked and attributable to legitimate sources; and that each page is consistently designed with regards to balance, spacing and graphic elements used.

Above all else, the stories should be interesting to the reader, aesthetically appealing, and cover a variety of issues pertinent to our Barracks Marines, Sailors and Civilians.

It takes an all-hands effort to put it all together. Namely, the diligent and skillful hands of GySgt. Cynthia Atwood, SSgt. Steve Williams, Sgt. Tom LaPointe, Cpl. Marcus



*The Marines of the Barracks Public Affairs Office: (first row l to r) GySgt. Cynthia Atwood, CWO-2 Virginia Bueno, SSgt. Stephen M. Williams, (second row) Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister, LCpl. Dave Johnson, (third row) Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe, LCpl. Brandon K. Bradshaw. (Photo by Cpl. Michael Noble)*

McAllister and LCpls. Dave Johnson and Brandon Bradshaw.

These Marines take a lot of pride in what they're doing. They know you like to see yourself and your unit featured. They sort of like those bylines too. The proof, however, is in their product. If you haven't lately, pick up a copy of the "Pass in Review" and see for yourself.

*Seeing is believing.*

*By CWO-2 Virginia Bueno  
Public Affairs Officer*

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month / Month of the Military Child

# ‘Choose not to abuse’

## Did you know...

- ◆ More than 860,000 children were victims of child abuse in 1991
- ◆ More than three children die each day in this country from abuse or neglect
- ◆ Of substantiated cases, about 44 percent were neglect.
- ◆ 24 percent were physical abuse.
- ◆ 15 percent were sexual abuse.
- ◆ 17 percent were from other forms of maltreatment

## New program addresses parenting challenges

The New Parent Support Program, co-sponsored by the Henderson Hall and MCCDC, Quantico Family Services Centers, is a professional team of social workers and nurses who provide supportive and caring services to Marine Corps families with children five and younger.

Through a variety of means, including an Expectant Parent Program, Parenting Classes, Referrals, Home Visits and a Parents' Group, the program helps parents cope with stress, isolation, post deployment reunions and the everyday demands of parenthood.

For more information about this new program or to enroll, call (703) 640-4248 or 640-4275.

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## Key phone numbers

If you are in or are familiar with an abusive situation, here are several places to turn for help or guidance:

**Barracks Chaplain** ..... (202) 433-6201

**Family Services Center** ..... (703) 640-4248

**Barracks Officer of the Day** ..... (202) 433-2258

**Law enforcement authorities** ..... 911



## Vets encouraged to refinance



**AFIS** — The Department of Veterans Affairs is stepping up its campaign to encourage veterans to refinance their home loans.

“While we have been encouraged by the recent wave of loan refinancing, there are still more than 2.1 million veterans with VA-guaranteed loans at interest rates ranging from 8.5 to 17.5 percent,” said Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown.

“We are encouraging veterans to refinance their loans and realize substantial savings, at the same time giving a boost to the economy.” Brown is sending letters to active duty service members and veterans with high-interest rate loans informing them of VA’s streamlined program for converting loans to lower interest rates at little or no cost. A loan can be obtained from any VA lender, and VA doesn’t require any credit underwriting or a property appraisal,” Brown said.

“Veterans can use the same entitlement they used to buy the home.”

## Correction

The March edition of *Pass in Review* should have identified Marines pictured as an H&S Company snow removal detail, and March as Women’s History Month not April. We regret these errors and any confusion it may have caused.

## State primaries slated

**MCNEWS** — Exercise the right guaranteed by the Constitution you are sworn to protect and defend.

Arkansas will hold its state primary on Tuesday, May 31. Voters will select candidates for Governor and the four seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. If necessary a state runoff primary will be held on June 14. The general election is on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Registration is waived for members of the Armed Forces and their family members.

Idaho’s state primary will be on Tuesday, May 24. Eligible citizens may

vote for the offices of Governor and two members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Members of the armed forces and their spouses and dependents may submit the Federal Post Card Application request for registration and an absentee ballot to reach the county clerk at least 11 days before the election.

The DOD Voting Information Center provides recorded messages from candidates, as well as other information concerning elections. Call DSN 223-6500 or (703) 693-6500 to hear these messages. See your unit voting officer for more information.

## WIMSA offers Mother’s Day gift certificate

The Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation is offering gift certificates as Mother’s Day gifts for active duty and veteran servicemembers.

The gift certificates are available in \$25 and \$50 denominations, and are redeemable for books by and about military women, memorabilia and souvenir items from the foundation’s mail order catalog, for registration donations or for a combination of registration and gift items. They can be mailed to the purchaser or directly to the recipient.

The Women’s Memorial will honor the 1.8 million women who served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, the Women’s Memorial will make the historic contributions of American servicewomen visible. A computerized honor roll will chronicle the service and achievements of women beginning with the American Revolution.

For more information or to order, call WIMSA at (800) 222-2294.

## Uniform hotline established

**MCNEWS** — The Marine Corps Exchange has established a Uniform Hotline to assist branch exchanges and customers on any and all commercial uniform problems or complaints.

The number is 1-800-386-USMC. Efforts are underway to establish an answering service during non-working hours to better assist Marines worldwide.

## ‘All Hands’ magazine photo contest

“All Hands” magazine needs your help to kick off its “A day in the Navy” photo feature. Amateur or professional, civilian or military photographers are asked to record what’s happening on their installation on May 18, for a special photo feature that will appear in

the October edition of “All Hands” magazine.

Photos must be shot during the 24-hour period of May 18, and be submitted as slides or prints (5x7 or 8x10).

Call (202) 433-4209 for more information.

# Corps-wide panel to study post clubs

## *Task force seeks ways to meet customer needs*

The Marine Corps Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Support Activity has formed a 13-member task force to develop strategic long-term planning for revitalizing Marine Corps clubs and making them more relevant and responsive to today's Marine.

Members are from eight Marine Corps installations and included the MWR Support Activity Food and Hospitality Branch staff.

"Everyone should understand that were not trying to take something away from our Marines," said retired BGen. James R. Joy, director, MWRSPACT. "On the contrary. What we want to do is reinvigorate our Food and Hospitality activities and make them more available and meaningful to Marines and their families."

Some changes are already taking place around the Corps. New Tri-modular Clubs, which share banquet and dining areas and separate lounges for enlisted, staff non-commissioned officers and officers have been designed. The first opened its doors in October at Camp Kinser on Okinawa, Japan. A similar club is planned in the future at MCCDC, Quantico. Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms recently opened Tremors, a remodeled enlisted club boasting a high-tech dance club, large arcade and a dining area.

Locally, Marines shouldn't expect any immediate changes to the Barracks' existing club system.

"The changes we're looking at are still very much in the planning stages," said SSgt. George W. Thigpen III, MWR Club Operations here.

"In the future, we plan to co-locate the staff NCO Club, the Enlisted Club



*Cpl. David E. Cunningham, MWR, paints chairs as the Barracks Enlisted Club renovation nears completion. (Photo by LCpl. Brandon K. Bradshaw)*

and the Eyes Right restaurant. This compares to the Tri-modular Club design in that all three are run out of the same galley but use two separate entrances. We also plan to provide an attractive looking club, with the ambience and entertainment designed with our patron's interests in mind," Thigpen said.

The primary issues of concern to the task force include quality entertainment, quality and variety of food and beverage offerings, courteous and

professional customer service and an attractive atmosphere for socializing with friends.

"Changes are going to be difficult," said Carol Garland, Head of the Food and Hospitality Branch, MWRSPACT. "However, we have heard from a lot of Marines. Changes are going to be necessary if we want them to patronize our facilities."

*Compiled by  
Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister*

## ***Chaplain assistants sought***

The Navy is accepting interservice transfers for Marines who wish to become religious program specialists.

Religious program specialists assist chaplains, helping with admin-

istrative and other matters. They do not conduct sermons or fill other roles of a chaplain.

Interested Marines should contact GySgt. Peter Reed, Barracks Career Planner.

# MCI dedicates its new home to founder



*The National Anthem is played during the dedication of Lejeune Hall. (Photos by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)*

The Marine Corps Institute dedicated its new home to its founder, Gen. John A. Lejeune, during a March 24 ceremony here.

The Institute moved to a refurbished building aboard the Washington Navy Yard in January. It had previously been housed in a building elsewhere in the Navy Yard.

Colonel John B. Sollis, Barracks Commanding Officer, who is also Director of Marine Corps Institute, paid tribute to Gen. Lejeune, who founded the Institute at Quantico in 1920. BGen. Carlton W. Fulford, Director, Training and Education Division, MCCDC, Quantico, was the guest of honor and cut the ribbon on the new building. MCI is under the operational control of the Training and Education Division, MCCDC.

Several former directors (Barracks

commanders) of the Institute were present for the ceremony. They included LtGen. Charles G. Cooper, MGen. Wesley H. Rice and retired Col. Donald J. Myers, all of whom are retired.

Following the ceremony, all the guests were invited on a tour of MCI's new home.

The move increases the Institute's ability to serve Marines in the fleet with new computer and communications capabilities and workspaces that heighten efficiency.

The Marine Corps Institute offers 201 Military Occupational Specialty and Professional Military Education courses to active duty and reserve Marines around the world. With more than 130,000 students in its database, the Institute currently has nearly a half-million enrollments.



*Cpl. Allen C. Horman briefs retired LtGen. Charles G. Cooper about his job in the Student Operations Division.*

The Institute, has 18 officers, 131 enlisted Marines and 26 civilian employees. It grades almost 2,000 exams and processes a ton of mail daily.

# Underpass parking lot to be a reality

*New area to improve life for Marines, neighbors*

During the next few months, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., will oversee construction to restore the dilapidated parking lot under the Southwest Freeway at the intersections of 8th and "I," and 7th and Virginia here in Southeast D.C.

The Barracks is leasing the premises from the District of Columbia to provide more suitable parking for Marines, and the many visitors who come to view the Barracks' Friday Evening Parades conducted each summer.

As a major part of this project, the Barracks will revert a rundown and un-serviceable tennis court and a basketball court, located in the southern end of the underpass, into two new high school regulation basketball courts for local youths to use during specified hours.

In addition the courts will be resurfaced and painted; more floodlights will be added to provide a safer environment; new chain link fencing will be installed and existing fencing repaired; and a guard shack will be installed and manned by a Marine sentry for the protection of vehicles in the parking lot area (**The sentry will have no civil law enforcement authority on the premises, but will contact the D.C. Police Department 1st District Metropolitan Sub-Station for assistance, if needed.**).

Lighting for the entire area will be upgraded and the Barracks will landscape and maintain the adjoining grounds.

Currently, the lot is a public eyesore, littered with trash, debris and graffiti. Vehicles parked there are frequently vandalized and stolen, said Chief Warrant Officer Virginia Bueno, Barracks public affairs officer.

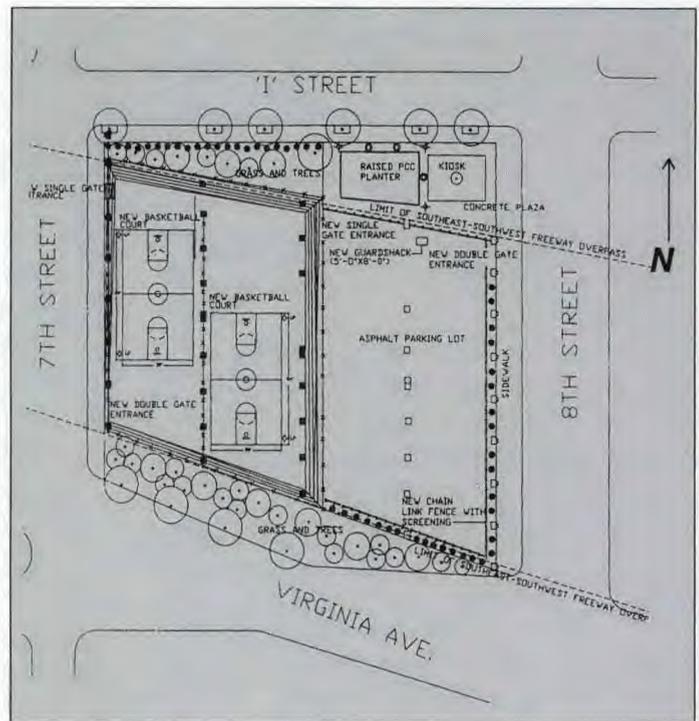
According to one Capitol Hill resident, the restoration was very important to the community.

"At long last an eyesore is being turned into a community asset for both the Marines and the 8th Street (S.E.) community. Knowing the Marines, all is in good hands," said Joel Truitt, a member of the 8th Street Merchants Association.

For nearly two years, the Barracks has worked with District officials to acquire the lot, and has gained strong support from several Capitol Hill community groups,

such as the Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals (CHAMPS), the 8th Street Merchants Association, and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B, all of which highly endorse this community project.

"What greater gift could the Marines give the Capitol Hill community than turning the blight at the foot of 8th Street into a community treasure? Our residents could have no better neighbor," said Stephanie Cavanaugh, CHAMPS executive director.



## 3rd Marine Division Association seeks new members

The Third Marine Division Association is seeking new members. The association offers camaraderie, a scholarship program and an annual family reunion held in different parts of the country.

All former division members, attached personnel and members of attached units are eligible for membership. Annual dues for active duty members are \$7.50.

The non-profit association, which currently has 5,000 members, estimates approximately four million men and women have served with the 3rd Marine Division since it was formed more than 50 years ago.

For more information or to join, contact Bill Krueger, Membership Committee, at (703) 451-3844, or write him at 7622 Highland Street, Springfield, VA 22150-3931.

## New gun to replace M-60E3



**MCNEWS** — Technologies brought forward from the tried and true Browning M-2 .50-caliber machine gun and the Browning automatic rifle have been combined in a 7.62mm medium machine gun that will become the Marine Corps-wide replacement for the M-60E3 in 1995.

The M-240G was contrived in part by a former Browning Arms designer and produced by the Belgian arms manufacturers FN Herstal.

The M-240G will fill the role of the M-60 series weapons for Marine ground units and light aviation defense, according to Maj. David C. Reinaman II, crew served weapons project officer at Marine Corps Systems Command.

The M-240G might have gotten its rugged looks and smooth internal workings from the older weapons, but current technology has made it a medium machine gun mainstay in more than a dozen countries.

The M-240G has a higher rate of fire, fewer failures and a tighter impact area than the M-60E3, all of which make it an accurate, formidable weapon, according to SSgt. Thomas Kivlehan, small arms repairman for the Ground Weapons, Infantry section at MarCorSysCom.

"This weapon will fire three times more rounds between failures than the M-60," added Reinaman.

The maximum rate of fire for the M-60E3 is 550 rounds per minute. The M-240G can fire up to 950 rounds per minute.

## Adm. Boorda nominated as 25th CNO

**NNS** — President Clinton announced that Adm. Jeremy M. "Mike" Boorda, currently serving as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, and Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, has been nominated as the Navy's 25th Chief of Naval Operations, relieving Adm Frank B. Kelso II.

"Adm. Boorda brings to the job of Chief of Naval Operations a keen appreciation of operational requirements in the post-Cold War world and an outstanding ability to work with our allies in complex and challenging circumstances.

"He has distinguished himself as one of the foremost military leaders serving in the armed services today and his counsel and guidance on the many national security issues facing our nation will be of great value," President Clinton said.

Adm. Boorda enlisted in the Navy in 1956. He attained the rank of petty officer first class while serving in a number of commands. He was selected for commissioning under the Integration Program in 1962, and attended Officer Candidate School.

He attained his present rank of admiral in November 1991.

## Murder charge against Quantico Marine dropped

**MCNEWS** — A charge of murder against LCpl. Rayna E. Ross has been withdrawn and dismissed by BGen. Martin R. Steele, convening authority in the Article 32 case and commanding general of Marine Corps Base, Quantico.

Ross, 22, of Arkadelphia, Ark., had appeared before an Article 32 pretrial investigation hearing Feb. 17, for allegedly murdering Cpl. Anthony Goree,

26, originally from Meridian, Miss.

BGen. Steele, concurred with the recommendation of the Article 32 investigating officer, Maj. Michael Keegan.

Keegan determined that Ross reasonably feared an immediate threat of death or grievous bodily harm as a result of Goree's actions when she shot and killed him in the early morning hours of June 29, 1993.

## Marines win Pictures of the Year contest

The Department of Defense announced the winners in the 1993 Military Picture of the Year Competition on March 29.

Military Photographer of the Year is Marine SSgt. Ernie Grafton from the

staff of Pacific Stars and Stripes in Tokyo. Military Videographer of the Year is Marine SSgt. Al Moore from the Public Affairs Office, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va.

### Tell it to a Marine...

"As I speak to you today...there are 24,000 Marines at sea or on a foreign shores. The end of the Cold War notwithstanding, the operating tempo for Marines has not diminished, and at present, has even

picked up a couple of percentage points."

— Gen. Carl E. Mundy, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, in an address to the House Armed Service Committee, Feb. 24.

# HQMC outlines new homosexual policy

*Sexual orientation is a 'personal and private matter'*

The Marine Corps is implementing the Department of Defense policy on homosexuals in the Armed Forces, which took effect Feb. 28. The guidance for Marines can be located in All Marine messages 64/94 and 65/94.

ALMAR 64/94 pertains to officers while 65 covers enlisted Marines. The policy is the same for both, however, the ALMARs give guidance on accession, separation, criminal investigations, personnel security and military training, which differ between the two groups.

The ALMARs, while defining the new policy, also define homosexual terms.

The ALMARs note that a Marine's

sexual orientation is a 'personal and private matter' and will not, alone, be a bar to continued service. The ALMARs define 'homosexual conduct' as a homosexual act, a statement by a

*...a Marine's sexual orientation is a "personal and private matter."*

— ALMAR 6/94

Marine indicating a leaning toward homosexual acts or the intent to engage in homosexual acts or a homosexual marriage or attempted marriage.

Additionally, the ALMARs define bisexual, homosexual, homosexual

marriage or attempted marriage, propensity, sexual orientation and homosexual acts.

The directives say Marines will be separated if one or more of three findings are made, including that the individual has engaged in, or attempted to engage in or solicited another to engage in a homosexual act or acts, if the Marine has made a statement that he/she is a homosexual or words to that effect or that the Marine has married or attempted to marry a person known to be of the same biological sex.

Marines can get the full details on the new directives by reading ALMARs 64/94 and 65/94.

*Compiled from news releases*

# DoD announces smoke-free policy

*Smoking banned in all DoD buildings*



MCNEWS —

The Department of Defense announced in March it was implementing a far-reaching, smoke-free work-

place policy that bans smoking of tobacco products in all DoD work facilities worldwide.

The new policy, signed out by Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology John M. Deutch, became effective April 8, 1994, and covers all uniformed members and civilians.

Smoking will continue to be allowed in military barracks, family housing, prison quarters, clubs, recreational areas and restaurants. The DoD has nearly three million employees, making it the largest employer in the country.

Deutch's office, specifically his deputy for environmental security Sherri Wasserman Goodman, is charged with overseeing and reviewing the implementation of the policy. The policy is intended to meet three objectives:

- The first is to provide a safe and healthy workplace for all DoD employees. Both the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Environmental Protection Agency have reported that secondhand smoke from the burning of tobacco products is a major source of harmful indoor air pollution and a known cause of lung cancer, respiratory illness and heart disease.

- The second objective is to contribute to the readiness of the armed forces. It is expected that military personnel will be healthier, money will be

saved through reduced health care costs, fewer hours will be lost to sickness and maintenance expenses will be reduced for many DoD buildings.

- The third objective is for DoD to be a leader in creating a smoke-free workplace. Last year, the EPA recommended that 'every company have a smoking policy that effectively protects nonsmokers from involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke.'

"In addition to these goals," Goodman said, "the Department also recognizes that more restrictive tobacco policies may affect certain rights of smokers and nonsmokers alike. We have worked hard in drafting this policy to balance the rights of all workers and to maintain employee health and morale."

Policy specifics are contained in DoD Instruction 1010.15 of March 7.

## Corps moves to 21st century with video teleconferencing

MCCDC, QUANTICO, Va. —

The military has adopted a new video teleconferencing (VTC) system to take the place of service members traveling around the world, and MCCDC has started to experiment with this time-saving device.

In early December 1993, two large television monitors and a remote-controlled video camera were rolled into the commanding general's conference room in Lejeune Hall here. Through the use of fiber-optics, the video and sound can be instantaneously transmitted to any military installation that is hooked up to the system.

"Money is already being saved by the military with video teleconferencing. We won't know exactly how much is being saved until the end of the fiscal year," said Sgt. William Huckenpoehler, video teleconferencing operator.

There are 150 VTC sites in the continental U.S. and Hawaii. Any base with a phone, but no VTC system can listen to VTC, they just can't see it.

The system's only drawback is people can not talk at the same time.

"The sound is similar to the way a two-way radio works. Only one person can talk at a time or the voices get cut off," Huckenpoehler explained.

That one minor flaw hasn't kept the VTC from becoming a valued tool and is expected to save Department of Defense funds in the future.

## More U.S. overseas bases to close

AFIS — Naval Air Station Bermuda and Annex is among 12 U.S. military facilities overseas ending or reducing operations.

The DoD announcement Feb. 24 brings to 867 the number of overseas locations where operations have ended, reduced or been placed on standby since January 1990. Of those, 798 are in Europe.

The closures affect 4,105 military,

U.S. civilian and local national authorized positions. Officials said DoD has nearly completed its European reductions to get down to 100,000 troops by the end of 1996.

Established in the early 1940s, the Bermuda Airfield and Annex is the largest site announced. The air station is a U.S. maritime patrol aircraft base, performing anti-submarine warfare operations.

## Alabama twister kills Marine and his family

MCNEWS — A Marine warrant officer, his wife and son died March 27, of multiple traumatic injuries when a tornado struck the Piedmont, Ala. church where the family was attending Palm Sunday Services.

CWO-3 Michael R. Mode, who

was part of the Marine Corps detachment at Fort McClellan, Ala., died as a result of injuries sustained when the tornado caused the structure to collapse. His wife, Cathy M. Mode, and son, Zachary M. Mode, were killed in the same incident.

## Marines take part in joint exercise Fleetex '94

NNS — Approximately 13,000 Marines, sailors, airmen and soldiers joined forces recently with the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON Joint Task Group (JTG) to participate in a major fleet exercise.

The exercise known as Fleetex '94, involves more than 20 Navy ships and nearly 100 aircraft from all the services.

The area of operations for this exercise is the Western Atlantic Ocean reaching from Virginia to Georgia. It

will serve as the final qualification for the JTG's upcoming overseas deployment scheduled to begin in May.

This Fleetex features a relatively new element for afloat forces -- U.S. Army and Air Force Helicopters and special operations units operating from Navy ships. The training exercise demonstrates the latest developments in the adaptive force packaging concept, while the special operations forces will give the JTG an additional long-range precision strike capability.

## Eastern Europe contact program created

MCNEWS — Since the recent breakup of the Soviet alliance many see Eastern Europe as a land of opportunity rather than an enemy, according to the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe Panzer Kaserne, Germany. The Marines of MarForEur have seized that opportunity with their support of the Commander-In-Chief, U.S. Forces Europe, military-to-military contact program.

"The U.S. European Command put together a program designed to make contact with militaries from Warsaw Pact countries to go to different Marine Corps bases in the United States," said LtCol. W.R. Foster, plans officer for MarForEur.

The goal of the program is not to train but to give them an orientation as to how the logical concept of a combined-arms force works.

# Linebacker wins leadership award

**8TH MCD** — John Thierry knows he's good.

The outside linebacker and Black College All-American from Alcorn State University in Lorman,



*John Thierry*

Miss., has been told his entire life how special, gifted and good he is. But he never knew he was also "one of the few" until the Marines said he was what they were looking for.

The Marine Corps named Thierry (as in cherry) the first recipient of the Marine Corps Leadership Award Feb.

19. The award is presented to the Black College All-American who best embodies the "whole man" concept the Corps has in mind, with regard to athletic skills, scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Major General James R. Davis, commanding general of the Marine Corps Recruiting Command at Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington D.C., presented Thierry with the award during the SBN Sports Network's 20th Anniversary Black College All-American Awards banquet at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, La.

In a speech before the award presentation, MGen. Davis explained ex-

actly what the Corps had looked for, and found, in Thierry.

The award puts equal emphasis on athletic accomplishments, scholastic achievement and community involvement.

"The Marine Corps Leadership Award is presented to the athlete who best represents these attributes...I take great pleasure in presenting, on behalf of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps Leadership Award," said MGen. Davis.

*Story and photo by  
Sgt. Gregory Smith*

## *Marines train in Alaska*

**MCNEWS** — Marines from 2nd Marine Division joined more than 14,600 airmen, soldiers, sailors and guardsmen who took part in Northern Edge '94, a joint training exercise at Fort Greely, Alaska last month. Operating as a joint task force, combatants reacted to a simulated border dispute between two fictional countries.

The exercise focused on peace enforcement and evacuation of American and foreign citizens, and was the first field exercise to use the Joint Readiness Training Center's scenario on peace enforcement operations.

Other units included the Alaskan Command, Alaska National Guard, Air Combat Command and the U.S. Special Operations Command.

## SecNav issues statement on sexual harassment

Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton released the following statement regarding sexual harassment in a March 11 message:

"Last October I shared with you my commitment to the full utilization of the talents of all our people. I commended each of you to recognize that when harassment and discrimination degrades the effectiveness of one member or inhibits our willingness to fully utilize one member, the overall readiness of our ships, our squadrons, our companies, our battalions our organizations, indeed the entire force, is degraded.

"Recent congressional testimony has emphasized the importance of prompt, thorough and appropriate attention to complaints of sexual harassment. The Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps and I have discussed this issue extensively and we agree that it is essential that

individuals throughout the chain of command take prompt appropriate action in sexual harassment cases. All individuals will be held accountable for actions of sexual harassment. Reprisals for complaints must not be inflicted and appropriate administrative or judicial actions must be taken in instances where complaints are well founded.

"Our responsibilities are outlined in SECNAVINST 5300.26B and include all elements of the Department of the Navy Sexual Harassment Program including the administrative and judicial avenues in place.

"I am accountable for the actions of the Department of the Navy. I expect our leaders to hold their people accountable for proper execution of these programs in a timely manner.

We must be serious. There are no excuses for failures to protect our people from sexual harassment."

# Dept. of the Navy Posture Statement:

## *SecNav puts people first in today's Navy, Marine Corps*

**MCNEWS** — Navy and Marine Corps people are “the bottom line,” according to Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton in the 1994 Department of the Navy Posture Statement, “Revolutionizing Our Naval Forces,” presented to Congress, Feb. 24.

“When I took the position of Secretary of the Navy, President Clinton told me he had entrusted to me the finest Naval Service in our history based on the quality of personnel. My visits to the Fleet and Fleet Marine Force absolutely reinforce this view.

“Our Navy and Marine Corps men and women deserve the best possible treatment as we right-size. We are continuing our plan to reduce Navy manpower by almost 90,000 active and reserve, men and women, through the remainder of this decade while holding Marine Corps levels at 216,000 women and men, active and reserve. Civilian manpower will be reduced by more than 30,000 men and women.

“We must manage this right-sizing with great sensitivity and a determination to keep faith with our people... Our greatest effort must be to ensure

that our men and women are properly motivated, trained, compensated, and rewarded as we go through these revolutionary times,” Secretary Dalton said.

Secretary Dalton further described the Navy-Marine Corps missions of power projection and forward presence as “especially salient” in the new security environment of the world today.

“From these two missions, forward

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***...we are shedding excess infrastructure no longer required***

— John H. Dalton  
Secretary of the Navy

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presence and power projection...we have developed a plan for a “right-sized” Navy-Marine Corps of about 330 ships and 174,000 Marines. This force is affordable and will provide the capability needed to carry out the directives of the National Command Authorities with minimum risk to the lives of our personnel,” Secretary Dalton said.

Applying disciplined business prin-

ciples and techniques in downsizing to a newly restructured service was described as “critical” by Secretary Dalton. “Having developed a blue-print for a Navy-Marine Corps Team ... my second thrust is to “recapitalize” that team — to ensure the naval forces of the future are as strong as the naval forces of today.

“In reducing our force structure to about 330 ships, 11 carrier air wings and fewer Marines, we are shedding excess infrastructure no longer required to support this smaller force, and we are seeking to improve our cost-effectiveness through enhanced efficiency, consolidation, joint procurement and improved processes...

“Focusing on our need not only to maintain our naval forces, but also to upgrade them with high-technology equipment and training, and more importantly, to replace them year-by-year much as a large business would replace its capital investment year-by-year.

“Recapitalization provides combat-readiness for the future,” said Secretary Dalton.

## ‘Troops to teachers’ program announced

**MCNEWS** — Secretary of Defense William Perry announced the implementation of the Teacher and Teacher’s Aide Placement Assistance Program.

The program, more commonly called “Troops to Teachers,” will help finance teacher certification training for separated servicemembers, terminated DoD and DoE civilians, and certain displaced contractor employees. They, in turn, will be placed as teachers and

teacher’s aides in schools that serve children from low-income families and are experiencing teacher shortages.

“It’s a win-win situation,” said Secretary Perry.

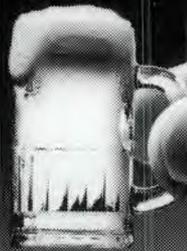
“We can help provide teachers in area where educators are in short supply and at the same time help servicemembers, DoD and DoE civilians transition out of the federal work force during this difficult period of downsizing.”

Interested individuals may apply at base education centers and at offices handling transition assistance.

Requests for information may be mailed to:

Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support (DANTES),  
6490 Saufley Field Road,  
Pensacola, FL, 32509-5243.

Information is also available by calling the DANTES toll-free number: 1-800-452-6616



# If You're Under 21, You Could Lose Your License No Matter How Much You Drink.

What does it take for you to lose your driver's license? If you're under 21 and behind the wheel of a car, a couple sips of beer should just about do it.

And when you're underage, you don't have to be blitzed, bombed or even buzzed. Almost any

amount of alcohol can cost you your license.

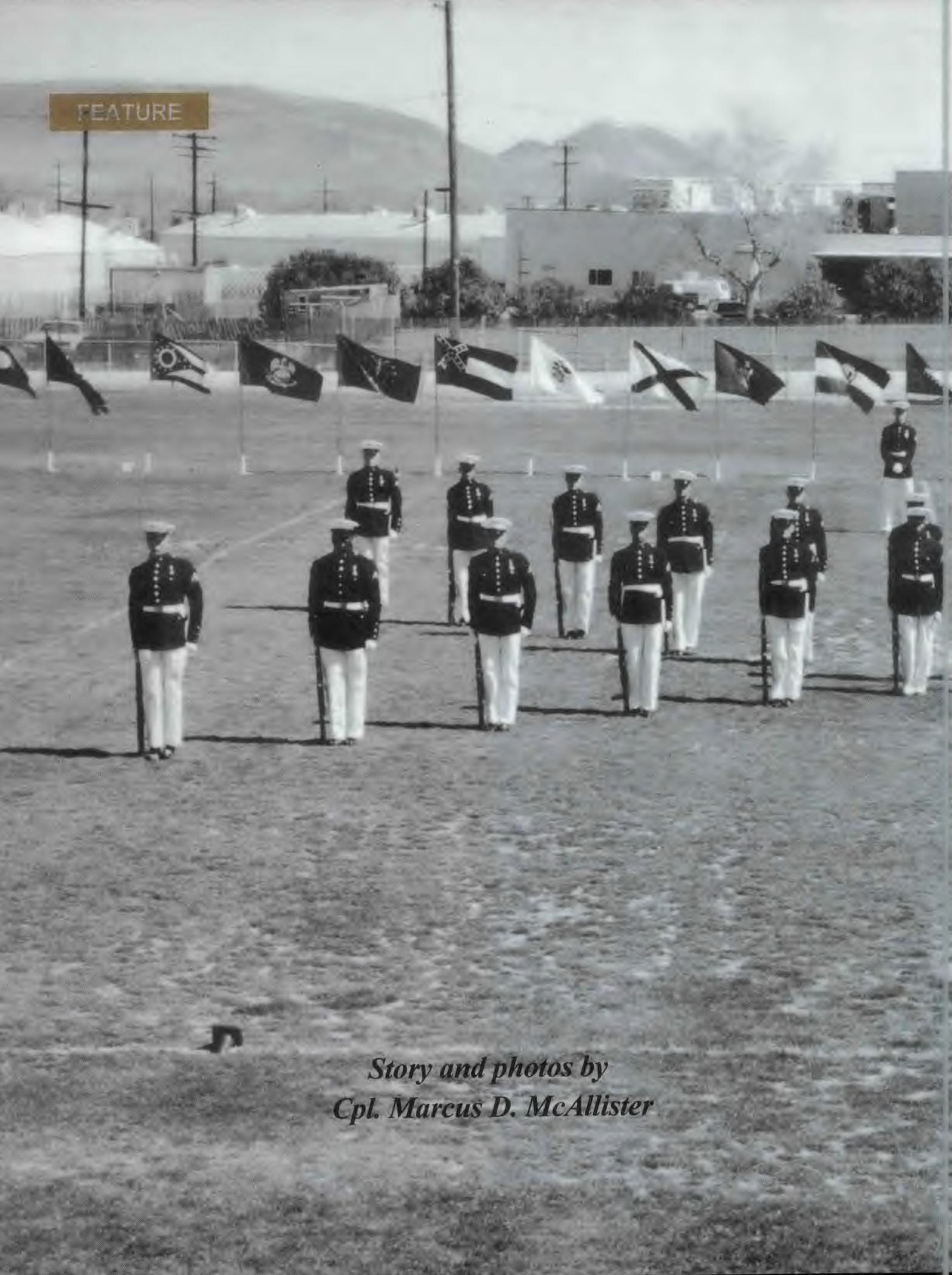
So unless you plan on riding shotgun with your mom, or bothering your friends for rides until they dread the very sight of you, think before you drink. It took you 16 years to get your license, don't lose it over half a beer.

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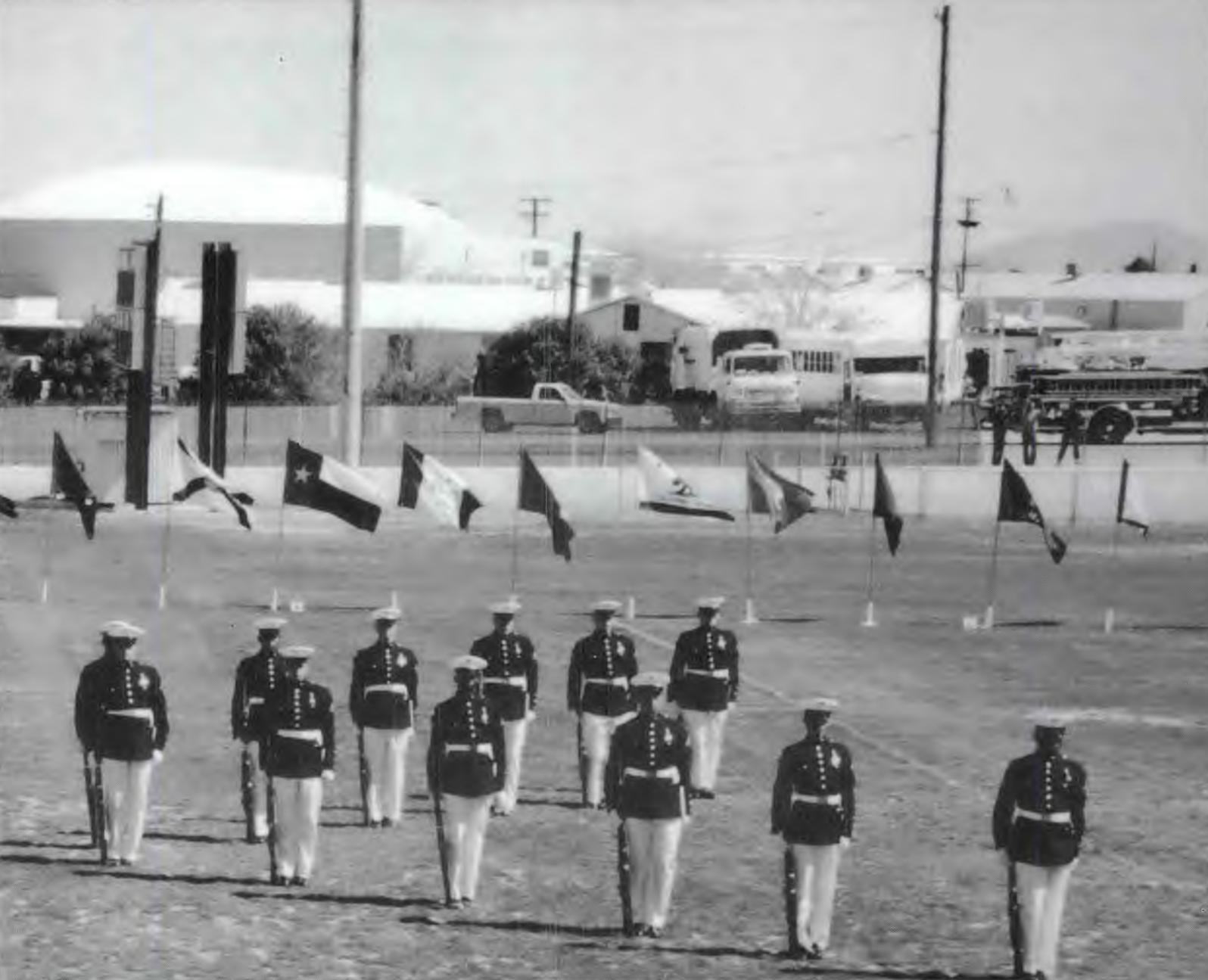
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FEATURE



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



## Spring Training

### *Battle Color Detachment begins 1994 Parade Season with intense training and West Coast Tour*

The warm and sunny climate of Southwest Arizona became the temporary home to the United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment as it prepared for the West Coast Tour and 1994 Parade Season.

The first two elements of the detachment – The United States Marine Drum and Bugle

Corps and the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon – departed the freezing temperatures and snow-covered grounds of the Barracks, Feb. 12, to undertake an intense 18-day training cycle before kicking off their West Coast Tour.

The third element of the detachment, the



*From the left, LCpl. Kevin S. Wright, Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps Daniel J. Charlier, LCpl. Monty C. Wherry, and LCpl. Troy G. Bixby go through the motions of a Battle Color Ceremony in preparation of the West Coast Tour.*

**PREVIOUS PAGE:** *The Silent Drill Platoon performs its world famous drill sequence at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.*

United States Marine Corps Color Guard, arrived 12 days later.

The Battle Color Detachment has been using the facilities of MCAS Yuma for two decades.

MSGt. Michael H. Gardner, Drum Major for the Drum & Bugle Corps, explained choosing Yuma as a training site.

“The number one reason is the weather. It stays nice 99-percent of the time and is ideal for training,” said Gardner.

While the weather can be a challenge to a training environment, the biggest challenge facing



the first year Marines of the Silent Drill Platoon is learning to march as one, explained Cpl. J. Foster Chance, Silent Drill Platoon Rifle Inspector.

“They know what team work was and means, but didn’t know how to apply it to the drill,” said the 21-year-old native of Phoenix, Ariz.

The Silent Drill Platoon practiced 10 to 12 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week after arriving in Yuma.

“We put in a lot of long hours to bring these Marines up to speed,



and I have to give a lot of credit to the new Marines. They really busted their tails to get where they needed to be," said Cpl. Jason E. Mansel, a Silent Drill Platoon fire team leader.

While the Silent Drill Platoon concentrated on learning the drill sequences, the Drum & Bugle Corps spent its time learning new songs and a new field show to match the music.

At the end of their 18 days of music and drill rehearsals, the Drum & Bugle Corps Marines had a musical and marching presenta-

tion that would normally take other musical units months to complete, said Cpl. Gregory Scott Holder, a drill writer and instructor for the Drum & Bugle Corps.

The final outcome: the 1994 presentation of "Music In Motion."

According to Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps, Daniel J. Charlier, the United States Marine Corps Color Guard, also practiced its drill routines to keep its marching level at a peak necessary for the countless number of ceremonies the color guard participates in yearly.

*Drum & Bugle Corps Marines rehearse in the Yuma sun in preparation for the 1994 Parade Season and West Coast Tour.*



*The Drum and Bugle Corps performs its "Music in Motion" at MCRD San Diego. (Photo by LCpl. Eric J. Lenz)*

When the training was complete, the Battle Color Detachment marched onto the parade deck at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz., marking the first Battle Color Ceremony of the 1994 Parade Season, and the first show of their West Coast Tour.

The Battle Color Detachment carried this year's show to seven Marine installations, to include MCAS El Toro, Calif., and MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Detachment also visited three high schools, the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas and Fort Huachuca, Ariz., home to the Army Intelligence Center.

The hard work of the detachment culminated in a standing-room-only crowd at Yuma and at almost every appearance made by the detachment.



*1stLt. Wayne R. Hunte, Silent Drill Platoon Commander and LCpl. Johnathon J. Osbourne, Guidon Bearer, go through the paces in the first full rehearsal of the West Coast Tour.*

"I never knew how much impact this ceremony had on people," said 1stLt. Wayne R. Hunte, Silent Drill Platoon Commander.

"Everywhere we went, the retirees, active duty

servicemembers and civilians would swell with pride at seeing the performance," said the Rochester, N.Y., native.

Hunte noted a major difference in his Marines as soon as they stepped in front of the first crowd.



*Cpl. J. Foster Chance, Silent Drill Platoon Rifle Inspector (left), catches the 10-pound 6-ounce pound M-1 rifle tossed by Cpl. Donny L. Bennett.*

“It’s one thing to learn the physical aspects of the drill but the confidence and the pride in being a member of the Battle Color Detachment you can’t learn from your instructors,” Hunte said.

High winds and cold weather made the presentation at Fort Huachuca a challenge for everyone in the Detachment, but the Color Guard was affected most.

“Fort Huachuca was the most

difficult show for us,” said LCpl. Montgomery C. Wherry, the Marine Corps Battle Color Bearer. “Carrying the Marine Corps Colors along with the 49 battle streamers that sit on top of the staff is not the easiest job in the world, and it becomes more challenging in 30-mile-an-hour winds.” Wherry said.

But Mother Nature couldn’t stop the detachment from pleasing the spectators. “The Marines of the

detachment as a whole performed admirably, and the crowds were great,” said CWO David C. Wolfe, Assistant Director, Drum & Bugle Corps.

“One of the best parts about this job is the response of the spectators. We draw that response out of them, and there is nothing outside of the Marine Corps that can compare to that experience.”

# Punchin' his way up

*Color Guard marcher wins Golden Gloves competition*

By day, Cpl. Brian T. Fields is a picture of discipline, pride and grace, as he carries the National Ensign and Marine Corps Colors in countless ceremonies.

He is the epitome of a poster Marine, with his chiseled features, flawless appearance and a determined gaze that does little to hide his willingness to take on a challenge.

By night, he focuses that gaze on his opponent, using a cat-like ferocity to battle his foes into submission.

In his fifth match as a heavy-weight amateur boxer, the Company A Marine who is assigned to the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard fought his way into distinction March 26, with a second round knockout victory. The win made him the Virginia State Novice Golden Gloves Champion and helped the Henderson Hall boxing team win the novice team trophy in the competition.

Fields, a 22-year-old native of Chicago, was tempted into the brutal sport as a hobby last year when the Color Guard presented the colors at a local boxing match in July.

There, he met MSGt. Theodore Hohney, Henderson Hall Boxing



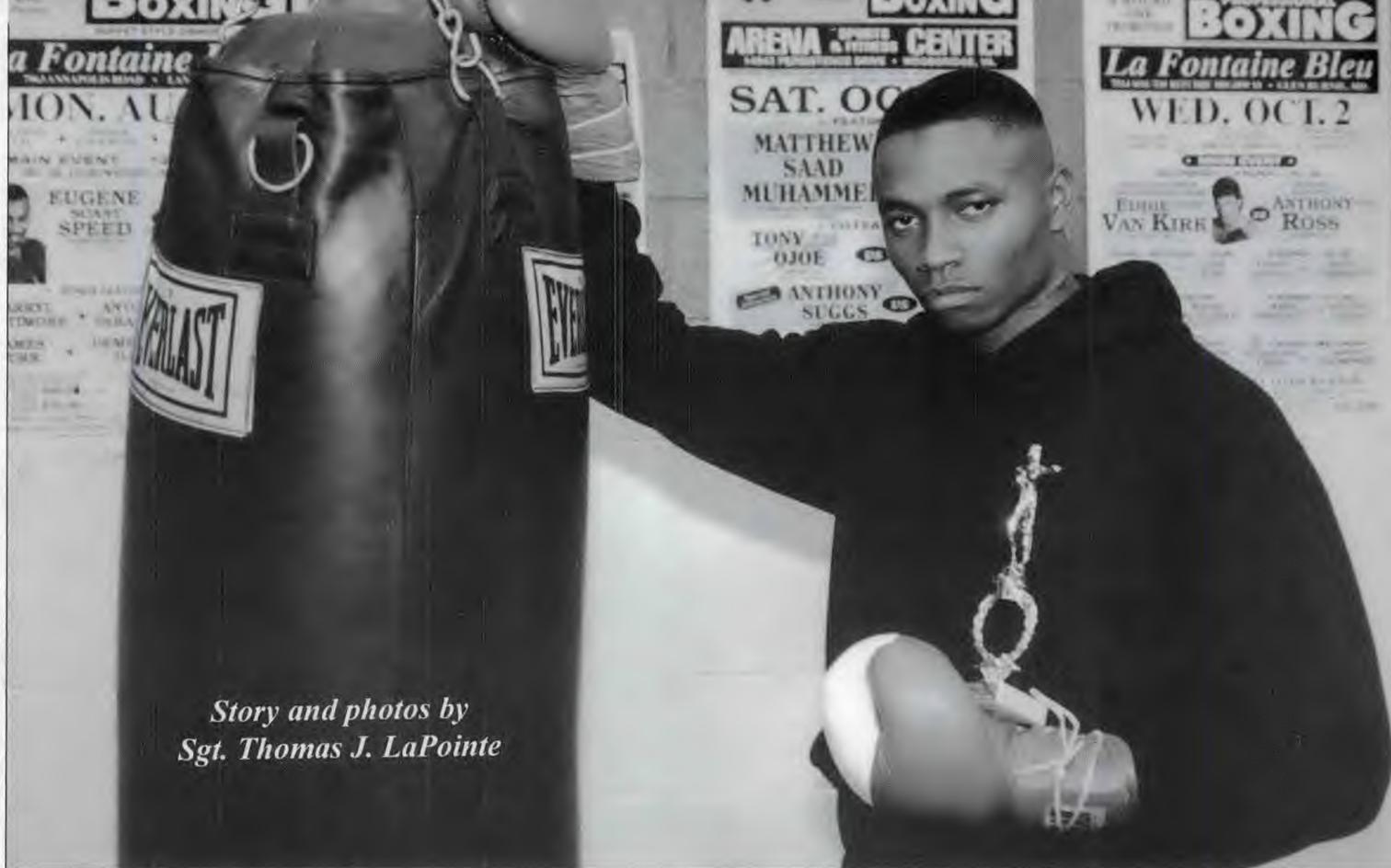
*Cpl. Brian T. Fields marches colors by day...*

Team Coach, who told him how to get on the team.

"I kickboxed for three years when I was younger," said the 6-foot-three, 177 pounds Marine.

"This seemed like something I could do, he said.

His competitive attitude is always apparent in his performance as a member of the Color Guard,



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



*...and battles foes in the ring by night.*

says Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps Daniel J. Charlier.

"It doesn't surprise me that he won the championship," said Charlier.

"He's got the mentality of a warrior. Once he makes up his mind he is going to do something, nothing is going to stop him except death."

*Fields displays his trophy after earning the Golden Gloves title.*

In his drive to succeed, Fields, who joined the Marine Corps in July 1990, is highly critical of himself. He seeks constructive input from his coach, teammates and fellow Marines who watch his bouts. He is especially critical of his only loss. In his second fight, March 18, he lost a three-round decision in Baltimore he thought he should have won.

"I was robbed. I did enough to prove to myself that I beat him, but not enough to convince the judges," said Fields, who vowed not to lose a decision again.

Currently a "novice" class amateur boxer fighting two-minute rounds, Fields will automatically move into "open" amateur class, and fight three-minute rounds, once he has fought 10 bouts, whether he wins or loses them.



*Fields comes across with a hard left during a fight.*

Though Fields enjoys the challenge of boxing, he is content to give his best at each match and see where it takes him. Because he has definite personal goals, he isn't sure where boxing fits in.

"I've had certain goals for each stage of my life. I wanted to be a Marine, which I've done, go into law enforcement, get a college degree in criminal justice, then join a federal law enforcement agency," said Fields,

Right now he sees boxing as a

hobby and a way to maintain a high level of physical fitness.

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***"I love the competitive atmosphere and the challenge of taking on another man,"***

*— Cpl. Brian T. Fields*

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"I used to train just to reduce stress. Now my training program is very intense," said Fields.

Fields often trains three times a

day, several days a week. A typical day includes weight lifting, an intense one-hour cardiovascular workout and boxing instruction, that includes sparring and working on body movement and position.

"Boxing is primarily a hobby. It takes a lot of time and money," said the lean squad leader.

His competitive edge helped him get orders to the Barracks. Fields is one of only a few Marines who came from the Fleet Marine Force to the Barracks as a lance corporal to march. Most marchers come to the Barracks directly from the Schools of Infantry and boot camp.

When he was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., with India Co. 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, his company commander was a former Barracks officer assigned to the Marine Corps Institute.

"I was the company guide, and the commanding officer told me I was 8th&I potential. So I got the endorsements I needed and was screened to come here."

Fields was approved to join the Barracks, but his orders were postponed when his battalion deployed to Somalia for two months. He finally checked into Company A and joined the Color Guard in March 1993.

Though Fields' current enlistment ends this summer, he is weighing his options in light of his new-found talents.

Regardless of where his career choices take him, however, he plans to take on life's challenges the same way he does in the ring — swinging as hard as he can.

## On Deck in '94

Barracks officers and staff noncommissioned officers spent the final weeks of winter on the parade deck preparing for 1994 Parade Season tryouts.

Countless hours were spent in the rain, sleet and snow as the subtleties of marching were mastered. In the end, a rigorous, day-long competition revealed the best of the best for this year's staffs. Congratulations to this year's parade staff selections:

### Primary Staff

Maj. C.E. Opel  
CWO-2 R.L. Williams  
Capt. P. Zipple  
Capt J.P. Raymond  
GySgt. D.R. Escalera  
GySgt. C.V. Coleman  
SSgt. G.E. Pace

### Alternate Staff

Maj. C.L. O'Connor  
Capt. J.F. Glynn  
Capt. R.M. Strauss  
Capt. G.G. Wislar II  
GySgt. T.M. Gates Sr.  
GySgt. M.W. Kane  
SSgt. K.F. Imhoff

### Staff NCO Staff

1stSgt. D.M. McNamara  
GySgt. J.A. Meehan  
SSgt. E.M. Garrison

SSgt. D.M. Lovell  
SSgt. J.R. Taylor



Capt. Adam J. Copp passes in review during tryouts.



SSgt. Karen F. Imhoff practices.



GySgt. Paul E. Riddle (l) and GySgt. Michael W. Kane practice for tryouts.

# Warriors in training

## *Company A Marines sharpen infantry skills*

**C**ompany A took to the woodlands of MCCDC, Quantico, Va., in a continuing effort to maintain its infantry skills, Feb. 2.

The day-long exercise added “squad in the defense” skills to an already-established base of knowledge, according to 1stLt. Dennis F. Sullivan, first platoon commander. This, the third exercise of the year for the company, is part of an overall plan to teach the Marines of Company A skills needed to integrate into the Fleet Marine Force upon completion of their tour here.

“Our overall intent is to develop the small unit leader, primarily the squad leader,” said Capt. Robert M. Heidenreich, company commander.

Platoon commanders and platoon sergeants taught classes on infantry skills to the squad leaders before going to the field, Heidenreich said. The squad leaders, in turn, gave classes to their squad in preparation for a test over the material. A score of 80 percent must be achieved on this test.

All of this is done before actually going to field training to maximize use of the limited time the company has in the field.

“The training gave us a chance to put into practice what we learned in the classes,” said LCpl. Darren N. Butler, 1st platoon.

These trips are necessary to maintain the infantry skills of Company A’s Marines, all of

whom are infantrymen.

Following a Company A Marine’s two-year tour here, he usually returns to a unit in the FMF, where he must be familiar with the knowledge and techniques of his primary trade.



*LCpl. Ronald G. Fowler fires an illumination flare during Company A’s recent field training.*



*Company A Marines sharpen patrolling techniques as they move through a danger area at MCCDC, Quantico.*



*1stLt. Dennis F. Sullivan critiques Company A Marines on their actions in the preparatory phase of a patrol.*

*LCpl. Michael G. Rivers, 1st Plt., sprints across a linear danger area during the exercise.*

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*Story and photos by  
LCpl. Dave Johnson*

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# When I was a lieutenant

I am a “baby boomer.” I belong to the same generation of Americans as President Clinton. When he was a senior at Georgetown, a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, and a first year law student at Yale, I was an under-graduate, slugging it out at Princeton. This was back during the Vietnam War.

As it turns out, I am the first commanding officer of 8th & I not to have served in Southeast Asia since the Vietnam era began in the mid-1960’s. Neither President Clinton nor I served in Vietnam.

When I was a lieutenant, many of my friends thought I was insane. Others were intrigued by the sheer idiocy of my chosen direction. I am, after all, from the same generation as the President. Back then, guys who graduated from places like Georgetown, Princeton, and Yale had better things to do with their lives than to “throw it all away” on the Marine Corps. People marveled that I would throw away a perfectly decent education to hang out with a bunch of shaved-headed knuckledraggers. To join the Marine Corps back in 1971 was, to say the very least, to choose “the road less travelled by.”

But I didn’t join the Marine Corps just to be different or to intrigue my friends. I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to be like my dad. Once upon a time

my dad had been a Marine lieutenant — back during World War II; back when being a Marine lieutenant was much more “socially acceptable” — even *admirable*.

It was never my intention to make the Marine Corps my career. I just wanted to see whether I had what it takes to become a Marine

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***“A strange and wonderful thing happened to me on my way to law school; I never made it there. Instead, I wound up here at 8th & I.”***

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officer. And to my pleasant surprise, I discovered I did!

When I was a lieutenant, I worked my butt off at The Basic School. Why? I don’t know. I sure as heck wasn’t chasing the “gold watch.” I guess I worked my butt off because I thought that was what a Marine lieutenant was supposed to do. And I guess I worked hard because I was afraid that if I didn’t, I probably wouldn’t be much of an officer when I finally made it to the FMF.



**1stLt. Edwin B. Sollis, 1943**

first, I wanted to be a Marine lieutenant. And I wanted to be a good one.

After The Basic School, I packed my trash and headed out to Fort Sill, Oklahoma to attend the Field Artillery Officers’ Basic Course. I packed all my earthly possessions, everything I needed, in my brand new MG-B. Later that year, while I was home on leave over Christmas, I met my wife. I met and fell in love with the girl of my dreams when I was a young lieutenant. It seems that some of the very best things that have ever happened to me happened to me when I was a lieutenant.



**Terri Brennan... Sollis, 1972**

Then I went off to Okinawa. I had the time of my life there when I was a lieutenant. On my third day in the FMF I was controlling the fires of a 155mm howitzer battery. I was responsible for several million dollars’ worth of equipment. And suddenly I was entrusted with the health and welfare and discipline and professional development of a whole platoon of crazy young Marines. I thoroughly enjoyed what I was doing. I loved being a Marine lieutenant.

I augmented when I was a lieutenant. I dropped the “R” and hung onto the “USMC.” I still had no intention or interest whatsoever



tion” while I was serving on Okinawa. *That* was a fateful decision.

Had I not become a regular officer, I would never have been assigned to 8th & I as a brand new first lieutenant. But I did. I was privileged to serve here for four years — two years longer than I had intended when I arrived here 20 years ago last month. I was still going to fulfill my obligated service and — “adios, amigos!” — move on to law school. That was the plan.

A strange and wonderful thing happened to me on my way to law school; I never made it there. Instead, I wound up here at 8th & I. Had I never come here as a



**1stLt. Sollis, Platoon Commander**

young lieutenant, I’m quite certain I would never have stayed in the Marine Corps. I’m sure I would have chosen another path. But because of the men and women with whom I served at the Barracks many years ago — the same caliber of men and women as *you* — I fell in love with the United States Marine Corps. And that, let me assure you, was *never* going to happen to me when I was a lieutenant! But then it did.

All things considered, I’m reasonably pleased with the way my life has unfolded — pleased, but mostly surprised. That I am still a Marine today simply amazes me. My college friends gave up on me years ago. But some, especially in the wake of Desert Storm, have now decided that, crazy though I may have been, I certainly had “the courage of my convictions.” (Right! — As if I had a clue in the world as to what I was getting myself into when I was a lieutenant!).

*I shall be telling this with a  
sigh somewhere ages and  
ages hence:*

*Two roads diverged in a  
wood, and I —*

*I took the one less travelled  
by,*

*And that has made all the  
difference.*

— Robert Frost

“The Road Not Taken”

[1916]

By Col. John B. Sollis



**Live fire at Camp Fuji, Japan with Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, in 1973.**

# IRS system ensures timely tax refunds

*Waiting until the last day to file can delay your refund*

**AFIS** — Give the Internal Revenue Service about eight weeks processing time after you file your federal income tax before calling to check on the status of a tax refund.

If the check hasn't arrived at the end of eight weeks, call the IRS Automated Refund System toll-free at 1-800-829-4477. The IRS updates tax refund information every seven days.

Before calling the service have your Social Security number, filing status and the whole dollar amount of your expected refund handy. The service operates Monday through Friday. If you use a touch-tone telephone, the hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. If you use a rotary telephone,



call during normal business hours, said IRS officials.

Ever wonder why it takes the

IRS awhile to issue a tax refund? Once the tax return is delivered to the IRS service center, it is opened and sorted according to the type of return.

The returns are coded and edited for computer input and the information is placed on magnetic tape. Information and math accuracy are checked. If it all checks out, the tapes are sent to the IRS computing center where the final return information is credited to the taxpayer's account. The Treasury Department's regional finance centers receive refund tapes and issue the checks. IRS officials suggest you file your tax return in January or February, if you can, since

## Tax withholding information

*Personal, financial changes may change withholding*

**AFIS** — Check your withholding statement if you feel as though you owed too much tax when you filed your federal tax return, say Internal Revenue Service officials.

If you feel your refund is too large and would rather have some of the money during the year, check Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," in your service record book.

You may want to submit a new W-4 to reduce your monthly deduction. IRS officials said the

W-4 helps determine the amount of taxes withheld from your check. Personal and financial changes, as well as tax laws, can affect your withholding.

Some changes that may prompt you to increase or decrease withholding are:

- Earned income increase or decrease;
- Non-wage income increase or decrease;
- Marriage or divorce;
- Buying a home; and

- A large medical expense.

IRS officials said there is no limit to the number of legitimate exemptions you may claim on Form W-4.

If you claim more than 10, your employer must send the W-4 to IRS, which may ask you to justify each exemption.

Specific information on the withholding program and W-4 can be found in IRS Publications 505, "Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax," and 919, "Is My Withholding

fewer returns are filed during this time. In some cases, a check can be in the mail just three or four weeks after filing the return.

**Some refunds held by IRS**

Taxpayers who have a tax return coming but owe on a student loan, spousal support or some other type of debt may find their refund check worth less.

Some states and federal agencies are asking the Internal Revenue Service for part or all of an individual's refund check to help pay debts, such as back child support payments.

The IRS will contact the individual and tell them how much money is being withheld and to which agency it is going, but it is up to the individual to work the problem out with the agency.

A spouse who doesn't owe child support or a federal agency and who filed jointly with a spouse who does may be considered an "injured spouse." As such, said IRS officials, the spouse can file IRS Form 8379, "Injured Spouse Claim and Allocation," for his or her share of the refund that would otherwise be used to pay the debt.

**Bad addresses cause delays**

An old address can delay refund checks, next year's tax package and other IRS tax correspondence.

If notices of tax deficiencies or other problems are sent to your last known address, they are legally effective, even if you never received them, said IRS officials.

That's one reason it's vitally important to change your address with the IRS, they added.

To change your address with the IRS if you have already filed, check with the local IRS office, or call (800) 829-3676.

**Return schedule**

If you mailed your return use chart below to determine when your federal tax refund check should arrive. Refunds may be expected after three weeks on electronically filed returns.

<u>Date Mailed</u>	<u>Date Expected</u>
Jan. 21	March 18
Jan. 28	March 25
Feb. 4	April 1
Feb. 11	April 8
Feb. 18	April 15
Feb. 25	April 22
March 4	April 29
March 11	May 6
March 18	May 13
March 25	May 20
April 1	May 27
April 8	June 3
April 15	June 10

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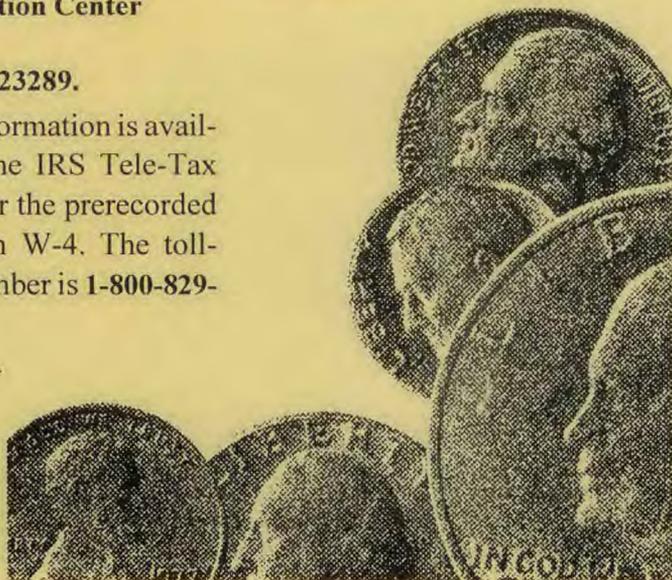
For free copies, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 or write:

IRS  
Forms Distribution Center  
PO Box 25866  
Richmond, VA 23289.

Additional information is available by calling the IRS Tele-Tax line and asking for the prerecorded message on Form W-4. The toll-free telephone number is 1-800-829-4477.

Another option, said IRS officials, is to call the local IRS office and

ask the taxpayer education coordinator how to get a copy of the IRS video "Is Your Tax Withholding Correct? Form W-4."



**IRS telephone numbers**

The IRS offers specialized telephone numbers and addresses to answer questions pertaining to different aspects of the IRS and your tax return:

**Tax assistance**  
1-800-829-1040

**Publications order**  
1-800-829-3676

**Automated refund system**  
1-800-829-4477

**Tele-Tax topics**  
1-800-829-4059

**Hearing-impaired assistance**  
1-800-829-4059

## Awards

### Company A

#### Letter of Appreciation

Cpl. L.R. Cook  
 Cpl. K.L. Evans  
 Cpl. B.T. Fields  
 Cpl. J.I. Hartung  
 Cpl. C.D. Walker  
 LCpl. D.W. Springer  
 LCpl. J.R. Hinkley  
 LCpl. D.L. Guy  
 LCpl. B.W. McKinstry  
 LCpl. A.J. Grayson  
 LCpl. J.V. Sloan  
 PFC R.N. Green  
 PFC J.G. Bowman  
 PFC D.R. Wiggins

### Company B

#### Letter of Appreciation

LCpl. D.W. Baker  
 PFC O. Curtis Jr.

### H & S Company

#### Good Conduct Medal

SSgt. J.K. Snively  
 Cpl. R.V. Pruitt

#### Meritorious Mast

Sgt. D.A. Mosby  
 Sgt. G.S. Clemmons  
 Sgt. O.D. Benton  
 Cpl. K.J. Delph  
 Cpl. S.W. Augsten  
 Cpl. J.C. Dixon  
 LCpl. A.H. Argotsinger  
 LCpl. R. Camacho  
 LCpl. D.T. Hunt II  
 LCpl. M.J. Dunn  
 LCpl. D.M. King  
 LCpl. C.M. Davidson  
 LCpl. R. Ramirez-silva

#### Certificate of Commendation

Cpl. S.M. Self

#### Certificate of Appreciation

PFC R.J. Ranly

### Security Company

#### Presidential Support Badge

Cpl. W.A. Gardner  
 Cpl. K.A. Hancock  
 LCpl. R.L. Henry  
 LCpl. C.A. Hilton

### U.S. Naval Academy

#### Good Conduct Medal

1stSgt. W.E. Davis  
 GySgt. R.A. Henry  
 Cpl. R.F. Fox

### Welcome Aboard

1stLt. C.E. Ellis  
 Capt. B.C. Neulen  
 Capt. L.S. Powell  
 SSgt. J.B. Evans  
 SSgt. C.J. McFarlane  
 SSgt. K.B. Williams  
 Sgt. E.A. Sims  
 Cpl. E. Savage III  
 LCpl. A.W. Breen  
 LCpl. J.R. Brockett  
 LCpl. A.J. Consul  
 LCpl. D.M. Francis  
 LCpl. P.J. Krantz  
 LCpl. H.D. McCrindle  
 PFC D.J. Araujo  
 PFC C.L. Burke  
 PFC B.W. Burrow Jr.  
 PFC S.E. Busch  
 PFC D.S. Callen  
 PFC M.R. Chaffee Jr.  
 PFC K.W. Davis III  
 PFC J.M. Dunlap  
 PFC M.D. Gladden  
 PFC G. Guajardo III  
 PFC C.E. Hall  
 PFC J.E. Hargesheimer  
 PFC J.B. Harris

PFC S.F. Hurlbut  
 PFC L.A. Lackey  
 PFC T.J. Montag  
 PFC B.J. Newsom Jr.  
 PFC W.M. Perkins III  
 PFC F.J. Rendon  
 PFC S.H. Richardson  
 PFC P.M. Roebuck  
 PFC C.A. Romito  
 PFC J.O. Wages Jr.  
 PFC J.R. Walter  
 PFC C.F. Zeigler III

### Promotions

SSgt. O.S. Clemenson  
 Cpl. R. R. Schliesman  
 Cpl. C.C. O'Neill\*  
 Cpl. C.D. Caviness\*  
 LCpl. D.E. Bahrke  
 LCpl. E.O. Berg  
 LCpl. M.R. Chaffee  
 LCpl. M.E. Flores  
 LCpl. J.L. Griffin  
 LCpl. J.P. Griswold  
 LCpl. S.F. Hurlbut  
 LCpl. C.B. Johnson  
 LCpl. D.M. Joiner  
 LCpl. R.L. Martens Jr.  
 LCpl. T.T. Mason  
 LCpl. D.R. Morris  
 LCpl. J.I. Plata  
 LCpl. W.L. Romblad  
 LCpl. N.J. Teeter  
 LCpl. C.J. Welander

LCpl. C.F. Zeigler III

\* indicates a meritorious promotion.

### Scuttlebutt

The Marine Barracks family would like to greet the following newest additions:

#### Newborns

LCpl. Ronald and Jodi Duncan are the proud parents of **Josiah Lee Duncan**, born March 29, at 8LBS, 11oz.

Cpl. Kevin and Andrea Delph are the proud parents of **Eian Joseph Delph**, born Feb. 20 at 7lb, 13 oz, and was 19½" long.

WO Cassandra and 1stSgt Michael White, H&S Co., are the proud parents of **Hope Breana White**, born March 10, weighing 6 lb., 8 oz and was 19¾" long.

Capt. John and Kim Bilas are the proud parents of **Christine Elizabeth Bilas**, born March 6 at 8lbs, 6 oz, and was 21" long.

## New Warrant Officer

Major John D. Foldberg, Executive Officer, MCI Company, reads the promotion warrant for newly selected Warrant Officer Woodrow F. Bebb (U.S. Marine Corps photo.)



# 'Your ticket to entertainment'

The Marines and civilians of MWR constantly work to provide top quality entertainment and recreational opportunities to members of the command. Here are a few items of interest this month:

- There will be a party every Friday after the Evening Parade in the Enlisted Club featuring the sights and sound wizards of Advantage Audio Visual. Don't forget to bring your friends. We encourage everyone to show off our newly-renovated club.
- The Eyes Right all-ranks restaurant introduces "Lunch to March By." We are introducing a different and improved daily buffet geared to put a pep in everyone's stride.
- For the ultimate alternative workout, MWR presents Jazzercise Aerobics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

- We offer movie passes to most major theaters for \$3.75 each.
- Four-day Disney passes good for all three parks (Disney World, Epcot Center and MGM Studios) are available for \$106.20 (adult) and \$82.80 (kids).
- Kings Dominion, featuring "Wayne's World," is currently open weekends and will open daily June 1. Tickets are \$17.95 (adults) and \$13.95 (kids).
- Ticket rebate price change:

<u>Ticket price</u>	<u>Rebate</u>
\$5 to \$20 .....	\$4
\$20.50 and up .....	\$6

For more information, contact MWR at 433-2112/2570/6178.

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



"Our Easter squirrels buried all the eggs, Sir. "

# Flying Lessons

by Lt. Doyle W. Dunn, USN

Quality leadership is a trait for which Marines are famous around the world. The subject of leadership is important not only to Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers, but to the newest Privates in the Corps as well. We can never, however, believe that we have "arrived" and stop trying to improve our leadership.

Some of God's creatures are born with an instinctive knowledge of effective leadership skills. Geese, for instance, do not have to be "taught" to fly in a V formation, or to migrate to the South in the winter months. Their actions demonstrate shared leadership.

Here are five lessons about leadership learned from observing geese. Perhaps we can improve our own style by applying what comes naturally to them.

**Lesson 1)** As each goose flaps its wings in flight, it creates an uplift for the goose following. By flying in a 'V' formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each goose flew alone.

*People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.*



**Lesson 2)** Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the 'lifting power' of the bird immediately in front.

*If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go. We will be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to the others.*

**Lesson 3)** When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

It pays to share the hard tasks and the leadership of the group.

People, as with geese, are interdependent on each other.

**Lesson 4)** The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

*We need to make sure that our honking from behind is encouraging and not anything else.*

**Lesson 5)** When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or catch up with the flock.

*If we plan to reach our goals, we will stick with each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.*

*"Lessons from Geese", taken from the writing of Mark Jones, 1990.*

## Calendar of Events

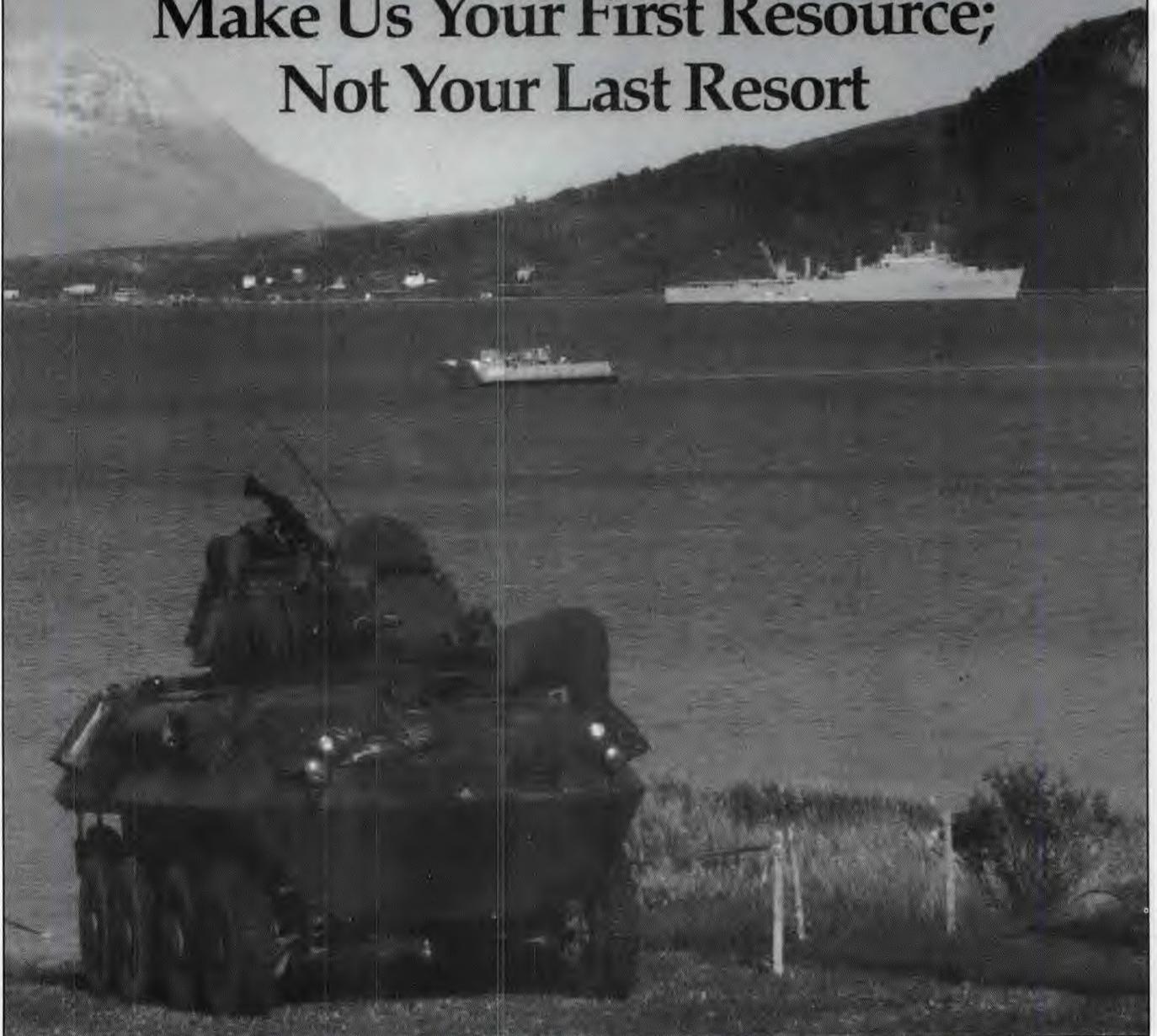
### May 1994

5	.....	National Day of Prayer	
8	.....	Mother's Day	
12	.....	Ascension Day	..... Christian Observance
16	.....	Feast of Weeks	..... Jewish Observance
20	.....	Idul Adha	..... Islamic Observance
21	.....	Shinran Shonin Day	..... Buddhist Observance
22	.....	Pentecost	..... Christian Observance
30	.....	Memorial Day	



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***Marines from Company B's Body Bearers Section practice proper flag folding techniques during annual joint training***

***here with their Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard counterparts. (Photo by Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister)***

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