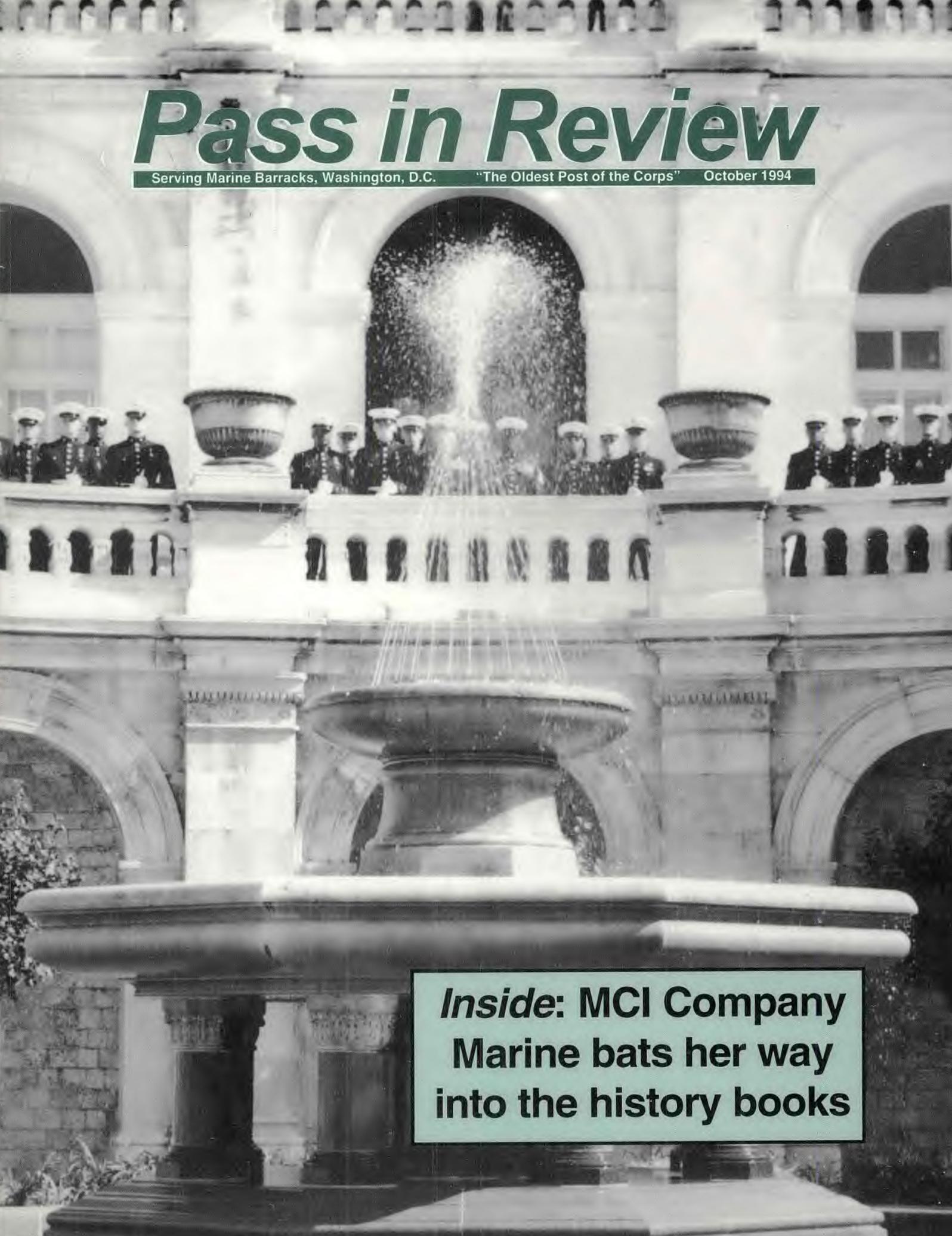


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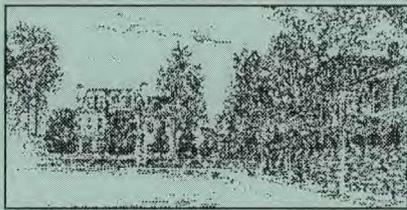
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Company A's 2nd Platoon led by Platoon Commander, Capt. John D. Hughes Jr. stand in front of the U.S. Capitol during the 5th Annual Capitol Hill Community Festival. Look for more festival photos in the November/December issue of the Pass in Review. (Photo by Cpl. B.K. Bradshaw)

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New LAV undergoes testing

MCNEWS – The newest proposed addition to the Marine Corps Light Armored Vehicle Fleet showed up at MCAS Yuma, Ariz., recently. The LAV Air Defense variant spent seven days at the end of a runway going through a series of laser rangefinder return tests.

Powered by a General Motors Turbo Diesel V-6, the prototype has many of the same qualities that other LAVs display, as well as the addition of a 25mm Gatling-gun, (similar to

those used in the AV-8B Harrier), and eight stinger missiles.

The current tests being performed are designed to fine-tune the laser rangefinder used by the onboard tracking system.

“This test is of major importance to the Marine Corps,” said Sgt. F. O. Sosa, Project Chief, LAV-AD. “It gives us an idea as to when we can expect to have the LAV-AD variant up and running in the Marine Corps.”

SecNav redesignates two Navy/Marine Corps awards

The names of the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal have been changed by the Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton.

The awards will now be referred to as the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, respectively.

According to ALMAR 307-94, the changes will not be reflected in the citations and certificates until the existing stocks for the certificates are depleted, estimated Oct. 1, 1995.

Also on that date, the certificate and citation will be combined into a single document for each of these awards.

Two Marines killed and 13 injured in explosion

FORT A. P. HILL, VA — Two Marines were killed and 13 others, including a Navy Corpsman, were injured Oct. 12, when several explosive devices accidentally detonated on a firing range.

The victims, from 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, 24th MEU, Camp Leje-

une, N. C., were taking part in a routine mine-clearing exercise on Range 77 when the explosion occurred, according to an Army spokesperson.

Names of the victims are being withheld until notification of family members. The accident is currently under investigation.

DoD sports tournaments planned for 1995

AFIS — DoD's Armed Forces Sports Committee will hold 10 championship tournaments at nine installations in 1995.

Athletes competing in armed forces events often qualify for international military competitions. In addition, they may compete in national and international events.

To qualify for armed forces competition, athletes must apply through local sports channels and qualify through service tryouts and tournaments. Requirements vary by service. For more information on armed forces competition, contact the MWR office here.

1995 armed forces tournaments

Boxing

March 6-12 Kelly AFB, Texas

Basketball (w)

March 19-25 Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Basketball (m)

March 26 - April 1 Patrick AFB, Fla.

Wrestling

April 3-8 Peterson AFB, Colo.

Bowling

April 8-14 NTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

Volleyball

May 1-6 Peterson AFB, Colo.

Track & Field

May 24-28 Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Softball

Aug. 14-19 Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Golf

Sept. 10-15 NAS Pensacola, Fla.

Soccer

Oct. 29 - Nov. 4 NTC, San Diego, Calif.

Tell it to a Marine...

“Sometimes the greatest contribution that our young people in uniform give us--when they die in combat--is to allow us to make the right decisions the next time around so that others may live.”— *LtCol. Kevin J. McCarthy, a former member of the 24th MEU, reflecting on the bomb attack on the MEU's headquarters in Beirut 11 years ago, Oct. 23rd, in which 241 Marines and Sailors tragically lost their lives.*

SecDef pledges better quality of life for servicemembers and their families



William Perry

MCNEWS — Defense Secretary William Perry has pledged to lobby for increased pay, protect benefits and ensure a high quality of life for military servicemembers and their families.

The secretary's position was outlined in a statement released to the Air Force Association in Washington. He announced that DoD will shift funds in the five-year defense plan toward readiness, military pay raises and quality of life improvements for service members.

"My most important task, since the day I was sworn in as Secretary of Defense, has been to maintain the high quality and morale of our people in uniform. This has been an enormous challenge as we complete the post-cold war drawdown and build a force for

the challenges of a new era," he said.

"But if there is anything I'd like to be measured for at the end of my tenure, it's the quality of our forces. I inherited quality forces with high morale, and I want to pass them along to my successor."

Perry will preserve the commissary benefit. While there are ways to make the commissary system more efficient and cost-effective, he will reject any proposal that lowers the quality, benefits and services offered.

"We shouldn't nickel-and-dime our people when they buy groceries," Perry said.

Another quality of life initiative is to improve housing.

"Every base commander and senior enlisted person I've talked to, when I asked what affects morale most at their bases, mentions housing as No. 1 or No. 2," he said.

DoD will continue to look for solutions to the housing problem. One is

to have private firms build housing on military bases and lease the units to military people at reasonable rates.

Health care is another quality of life issue of concern to service members.

"Short term, the allocation of health care services has been hurt by the turbulence of downsizing, with families in Europe suffering most," Perry said.

"The larger challenge is to harmonize military health care with national health care reform and to make defense health care more efficient without sacrificing quality."

Perry said DoD is making progress on all fronts. Many of the proposals will cost money and may require reductions in systems acquisitions down the road.

"But let me reiterate: every penny that we spend to maintain military quality of life is an investment in the readiness of the force," Perry said.

DoD Surplus Property Sales has new number

Battle Creek, Mich. — The DoD Surplus Property Sales Program, managed by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS), can now be reached at 1-800-GOVT BUY (1-800-468-8289). The number provides information on the program and phone numbers to local Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices (DRMOs).

Local DRMOs can provide dates and times of sales and methods of payment on many goods, such as tools; clothing; sporting goods; furniture and office equipment, available through the program.

Some CHAMPUS health care providers exempt from billing limitations

CHAMPUS NEWS — Certain providers of health care services under CHAMPUS won't be bound by the recently announced limits on how much nonparticipating providers can charge CHAMPUS patients.

Exempted from the billing are: pharmacies, ambulance companies, independent labs and x-ray companies, durable medical equipment, medical supply companies, and portable x-ray companies.

The new rules about how much CHAMPUS patients can be billed

went into effect Nov. 1, 1993. Providers who treat CHAMPUS patients, but who don't participate in CHAMPUS, may not bill CHAMPUS patients more than 15 percent above the allowable charge for any CHAMPUS services they render.

The billing limits were enacted in the 1993 DoD Appropriations Act. Providers who charge more than the prescribed limits may have their authorization to provide care to CHAMPUS patients withdrawn.

Barracks S-1 tackles MCAAT inspection

Administration inspection team covers all the bases

The Barracks S-1 Section distinguished itself during a Marine Corps Administrative Analysis Team (MCAAT) inspection held here Sept. 22-23.

The 20-Marine section began preparing earnestly for the inspection in June, working seven days a week. For their diligence and attention to detail, the section received a 7.69 percent error rating, a low error rating in comparison with the Marine Corps average, according to GySgt. Linda R. Charest, S-1 Administration Chief.

"I knew we would do well because of the hard work we put into preparing for the inspection but I had no idea we would score so low," said LCpl. Lisa M. Malwitz, a service record book (SRB) clerk in the section.

"We were really pleased with the score," she added.

The five-man team from Camp Lejeune conducts biennial administration inspections, checking for pay-related errors and reviewing unit diary, and service record book procedures, and providing administrative guidance.

"Each inspector sat at a desk and went through random SRBs and on occasion, asked us questions," Malwitz said.

"If we didn't know an answer, the inspector explained it to us in depth. It was a great learning experience."

The Marines learned of some little-known facts in



LCpl. Kevin G. Stansel, Service Record Book Clerk, along with the rest of S-1, spent many long hours preparing for the MCAAT inspection. (Photo by Cpl. Matthew H. Gray)

the administration field, such as Combat Saved Leave, when during the inspection it was noted that some Marines had rated the special options but had not received them.

Combat Saved Leave is the leave a Marine accumulates during the period he/she is in combat. When the Marine returns, Combat Saved Leave is used before Annual Leave.

Preparing for the inspection encouraged the S-1 Marines to pull together in order to meet the high expectations of the inspectors and the command.

"Everything we did was geared toward perfection," Malwitz said.

"Everybody came together to do our best. It wasn't one section against another. It was a true team effort."

The Marines were recognized by both the Administrative Analysis Team and Marine Barracks Commanding Officer, Col. John B. Sollis, for their professionalism, courtesy and knowledge of administrative matters.

*Story by
Cpl. Mary L. Ford*



Now-Sgt. Randall S. Rogers, administrative clerk within the S-1 Section, checks over his records to search for possible mistakes that will count against the section in the MCAAT inspection. (Photo by Cpl. Matthew H. Gray)

Special service honors Corps' 219th Birthday

Barracks Marines, Sailors, civilians and their families are encouraged to attend a worship service celebrating the 219th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps Nov. 6 at the Washington National Cathedral at 4 p. m.

The cathedral is located at Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.

The Brass Choir of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, directed by Col. John Bourgeois and conducted by Maj. Timothy Foley, will perform before the service beginning at 3:30 p. m. The service is an annual event presented by the Marine Corps and will be hosted by the Washington National Cathedral and Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps.

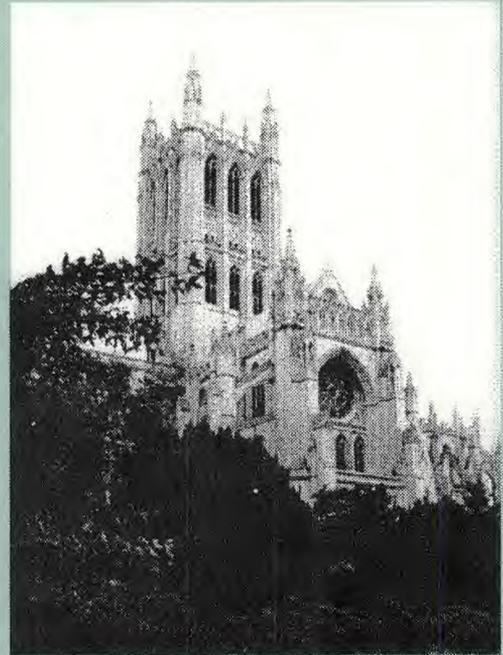
Participants include: Gen. Mundy; SgtMaj. Harold G. Overstreet, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; Sgt. Daniel J. Charlier, Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps; Capt. George Pucciarelli, Deputy Chaplain, USMC; Rev. Bruce Jenneker, Canon Precentor of the Ca-

thedral; 2ndLt. Candi Cunningham, Student, Basic School, Quantico; Cpl. Delores D'Alesandro, Administration Assistant to the Director, Marine Corps Staff; and RADM Donald Muchow, Navy Chief of Chaplains.

Capt. Larry H. Ellis, CHC, USN, The Chaplain, U. S. Marine Corps, will be this year's Honored Guest Speaker. The National and Marine Corps Colors will be presented by the U. S. Marine Color Guard, Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C. The Basic School Choir, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, and the Washington National Choir of Men and Boys will offer sacred music.

The ceremony is conducted in the magnificent setting of our National Cathedral. This service offers servicemembers and civilians the opportunity to pause for rededication and prayer for our country and our Corps, remembering those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in their defense.

The uniform for active duty Ma-



The National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

rines is Blue Dress "B" (ribbons, no badges), or Service "A" (ribbons and badges), commensurate uniform for other services, and informal attire for civilians.

The Barracks will provide transportation to the ceremony for "8th & I" Marines, Sailors, civilians and their families.

Buses will leave the underpass parking lot at 3:00 p.m. and return here after the ceremony.

Those using the provided transportation need to submit their names and number of passengers to their respective companies by Oct. 31.

Barracks' telephones on-line with new Tempo system

Effective Oct. 1, the Tempo telephone service was implemented at the Barracks. The change enables the dialing procedures to be consistent with Defense Switched Network guidelines.

All speed dial lists, modems and software/PC devices should be reprogrammed according to the following dialing procedures:

*Use 7-digit dialing to call other users in the DoD in the National Capitol Region. (5-digit dialing is no longer available)

*Initiate all local, toll and international calls (including 911 emergency calls) by dialing "99" (not "9") and then the number.

*Initiate all DSN (formerly

AUTOVON) calls by dialing "94" (not "8") and then the number.

*Continue to dial "0" to reach the Pentagon Operators.

For more information, contact GySgt. Mervyn Best for mainside Barracks offices or GySgt. April A. Touchette at the Marine Corps Institute.

Marine Barracks kicks off annual CFC fund drive

The annual Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., Combined Federal Campaign fund drive is underway and Barracks keyworkers are soliciting donations through their companies and sections.

The purpose of the drive, which for the Marine Corps started Oct. 14 and will run through Dec. 9, is to allow all Barracks Marines, Sailors and civilians a once-a-year opportunity to donate to more than 2,200 service organizations.

The goals of the Barracks drive are "one hundred percent contact and reaching our monetary goal (of \$38,000)," said LtCol. Tommy S. Gray, Barracks Executive Officer. In a meeting with CFC keyworkers at the Staff NCO Club here Oct. 12, he noted that, "last year we did not make our (monetary) goal — we were a couple of thousand dollars short."

This year, the executive officer urged the keyworkers to "talk up"

the CFC campaign and explain to each member of the Barracks how important their contributions are to the many organizations that receive the support.

"There are so many people today without jobs. We in the Marine Corps are fortunate to have jobs. The CFC drive is an opportunity for us to give back a little bit (to those who are less fortunate)," added Major Bruce R. Woodard, Barracks S-4 officer. He urged all Barracks Marines, Sailors and civilians to "give with your heart."

In addition to the CFC keyworkers for each company, Maj. Woodard and Maj. Donna A. Gerlaugh, Chief of the Student Operations Department at the Marine Corps Institute are the two Barracks sponsors of the drive.

To find out more about the Combined Federal Campaign fund drive contact your company representative.

USO offers Holiday Hotel Program

USO NEWS — The United Service Organization of Metropolitan Washington and the Hotel Sales and Marketing Association International will hold its 11th annual Holiday Hotel Program, Dec. 20-30.

The Holiday Hotel program offers complimentary hotel/motel rooms to visiting families of servicemembers unable to travel home for the holidays. No more than four family members may share a room. All recipients are responsible for payment of charges incurred above the cost of the room, such as parking, room service and telephone.

Enlisted personnel, non-commissioned officers and junior commissioned officers are eligible for the program.

For more information about the program or application process, please contact the United Service Organization of Metropolitan Washington Family Services Office at (703) 696-2552 or (703) 696-3279.

Some area commissaries are now accepting credit cards

MCNEWS — Local commissaries at Marine Corps Combat Development Command Quantico and Ft. Belvoir, both in Virginia, are among five stores selected for a new credit card shopping program to start in November.

The five selected commissaries accept debit cards for purchases. The commissaries will program debit card readers to accept Visa or MasterCard as payment, making the pilot program less expensive to begin.

A printer attached to the reader will print two receipts — a customer's copy

records and one the commissary keeps.

Customers who use a credit card will receive a statement from MasterCard or Visa at the end of their billing period.

The credit card program venture improves cash flow into the U. S. Treasury, said JoAnn Boutelle, project manager from the commissary agency's Resource Management Office.

"Shoppers will play an important part in helping us assess how well they accept the program and whether to extend the program to other commissaries," she said. Future test sites include

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Barbers Point Naval Air Station, Hickam Air Force Base, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Fort Shafter, Pearl Harbor Naval Base and the Army's Schofield Barracks, all in Hawaii; Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Ft. Irwin, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, March Air Force Base and McClellan Air Force Base, all in California; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.; Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.; and Marine Corps Air Station New River, N. C.

Dressed For Success ?



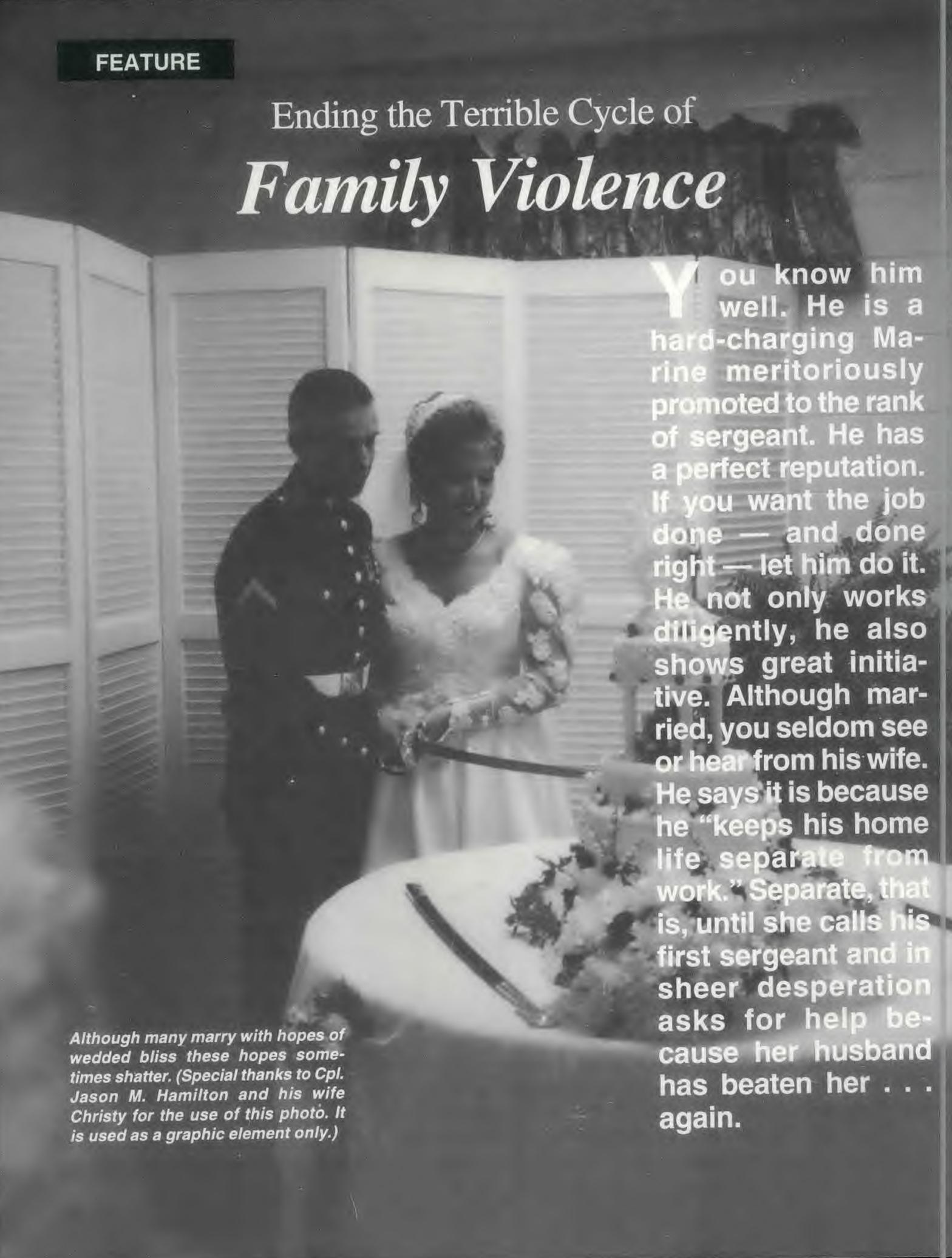
Barracks Order 1020.5B outlines appropriate civilian clothing to wear while in a liberty status. Recently there has been a rise in inappropriate civilian attire by some Barracks Marines. Barracks SgtMaj. Larry J. Carson stresses the need to adhere to these posted regulations.

Examples of inappropriate civilian attire are half shirts, t-shirts which would normally be worn as undergarments, ripped, frayed, or soiled clothing, shorts or trousers without a finished hem (cutoffs), shower shoes, eccentric hairstyles or hair colors and any clothing which portrays inappropriate language or offensive gestures.

SgtMaj. Carson stipulates that some shirts without collars are authorized for female Marines due to differences in male and female fashion. Clothing that is authorized by Barracks Order 1020.5B include: Shirts with collars, crew neck shirts and sweaters. Shirt tails will be worn tucked in unless the design of the shirt dictates otherwise. Trousers/jeans must not be excessively faded, frayed or have holes. Belts will be worn with trousers/jeans/shorts which have belt loops. "Bermuda" type shorts, socks worn with shoes, except that socks need not be worn with "docksiders," sandals or similar "leisure" footwear. Cosmetics will be applied conservatively.



Ending the Terrible Cycle of *Family Violence*



You know him well. He is a hard-charging Marine meritoriously promoted to the rank of sergeant. He has a perfect reputation. If you want the job done — and done right — let him do it. He not only works diligently, he also shows great initiative. Although married, you seldom see or hear from his wife. He says it is because he “keeps his home life separate from work.” Separate, that is, until she calls his first sergeant and in sheer desperation asks for help because her husband has beaten her . . . again.

Although many marry with hopes of wedded bliss these hopes sometimes shatter. (Special thanks to Cpl. Jason M. Hamilton and his wife Christy for the use of this photo. It is used as a graphic element only.)

How about another person you know very well? She is the nice woman who lives down the street. Mother of two children, she spends a lot of time with them inside the house. Generally the children do not misbehave but seem to carefully avoid making her angry. Then one day in the commissary, you notice that her older child has visible bruise marks up and down his legs. You remember seeing similar marks a few weeks earlier. He begins to act up as he and Mom walk down the cereal aisle. You watch as she grabs him by one arm, jerks him up into the air, shakes him, shoves him into the grocery cart seat and sternly warns him under her breath to, "Just wait till he gets home!" Then you wonder how she treats him privately.

Family violence happens much too frequently. These two scenes are not unusual. They are, however, stereotypes. Many couples and families involved in abuse look and act very different from these examples. The victim is not always the wife. The abuser is not always the husband. The children do not always show the same signs.

Abusive persons come in all shapes and sizes; all ranks, occupations, and income levels; both male and female.

Americans were shocked by recent news reports of wife abuse by professional football's Hall-of-Fame running back, O. J. Simpson. Few would have guessed this athlete-turned-actor would have a history of family violence. Prestige, fame, and fortune do not prevent abuse. This problem knows no boundaries. Family violence is not an issue only for television talk

shows, newspapers, and politicians. It occurs all around us. Consider these statistics:

In America, a person is battered every 18 seconds by a spouse or collaborator.

More than 50 percent of all women's injuries in hospital emergency rooms are related to domestic violence.

One in four murders nationwide involve family relationships.

Half of the nation's couples have already had at least one violent incident.

What is Domestic Violence?

The recently revised Marine

One or more forms of domestic violence is a common occurrence in 10 to 25 percent of all marriages in the United States

Corps Order P1752.3B defines domestic violence as, "Direct physical injury, trauma, or emotional harm intentionally inflicted on a child, spouse, or parent, or inflicted through a wanton or reckless disregard of the safety and welfare of the injured party."

More specifically, abuse toward children can include twisting, shaking, hitting, neglecting, sexually contacting, or any combination of actions that create a risk to the life and well-being of the child. Spouse abuse can

include physical, sexual, psychological (threats of violence), and property (putting a fist through the wall, throwing dishes, etc.) violence.

Why Does Abuse Happen?

Research shows that most individuals involved in family violence are not mentally ill or criminally insane. In fact, military service members who are abusive are often proven performers who are recommended for retention. Many have a record of solid performance. Almost none of them marry with the intention of being abusive.

So, why do people become abusive? It usually results from a combination of marital problems, financial difficulties, overwhelming child care responsibilities, and lack of parenting skills. It is often found in homes where there is alcohol or drug abuse, social isolation, or a history of family violence.

It is important to understand that violence does not "just happen." When problems become intense and coping skills are inadequate, angry or violent responses are not uncommon. The violent response easily becomes a routine method for dealing with conflict. For example:

"John" and "Mary" love each other very much. They have been married 18 months and she is pregnant. They have been financially strapped since paying a large deposit for their apartment and high monthly rent. Now they have to buy new items for the coming baby. They have gotten

behind on their bills. Creditors call regularly and Mary has to come up with excuses for their lateness. John and Mary have started to argue on a daily basis.

One day John comes home late. Mary smells alcohol on his breath. She assumes he has been drinking with friends. The fight begins.

"How could you go out and spend our money on beer when we can't even pay our bills?" Mary snaps, obviously angry.

"Can't I even have one afternoon to relax with my friends?" John snaps back. "You go out whenever you feel like it! Anyway, it's my money. I'll go out with my friends whenever I want."

Furious, Mary strides up to John and stands face-to-face. Their yelling gets louder and their tempers more out of control. Finally, to make Mary stop yelling, John turns and slams the wall with his bare fist making a large hole in the plaster. He then storms out of

the house slamming the door as he leaves.

A normally good relationship, like "John" and "Mary's" can quickly become a boiling pot when problems arise but adequate conflict resolution skills are missing. One day of flaring tempers can, the next day, turn into a shoving match. As the problem continues unresolved the



It is important to understand that violence does not "just happen."

couple may soon find themselves completely out of control. They do not intend to get so angry. They just do not know how to stop. Even more complicated is the fact that

they still love each other and genuinely do not want to hurt their partner.

Allowing the anger to escalate begins a pattern of responses from both persons. The tension turns to violence. Normally, after an episode of abuse there are strong feelings of guilt and sorrow for their actions. The couple makes up and agrees to never do that again. They cool their emotions but they do not fix the problem.

Then another crisis arises.

Tension builds again and the response is the same, or worse than, before. It is a cycle of violence.

Without appropriate intervention, the cycle of violence is rarely broken.

Preventive Measures

Preventing family violence and providing help when abuse occurs is a priority in the Marine Corps. Unfortunately, many Marines have the mistaken

The Commandant of the Marine Corps outlines Corps' policy, procedures in dealing with family violence

"The role of the Family Advocacy Program [in preventing and treating incidents of family violence] and my stance on family violence have not changed. Guidance recently published provides specific Marine Corps policy and procedures for commanders to follow when dealing with family violence. Specifically:

- a. That Commanders are responsible to ensure victims of spouse and child abuse and neglect are provided appropriate protection and safety;
- b. That all offenders will be held accountable through administrative and/or disciplinary action and rehabilitation, where/when appropriate;
- c. That incidents of abusive behavior and maltreatment will be reported in accordance with the [instructions] provided; and
- d. That a Corps-wide Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to family violence will be implemented that will encompass all available resources...both military and civilian police and investigatory agencies, legal and judicial systems, Family Service Centers, etc., to combat and treat child and spouse maltreatment.

"To reiterate, family violence is unacceptable and will not be tolerated . . . I expect the policies and procedures to be strictly followed to ensure that we deal with family violence through [an effort] that provides compassion and safety to victims, holds offenders properly accountable, and makes the maximum use of all available resources."--General C.E. Mundy, Jr.

perception that if the chain of command finds out that abuse occurred, their career will abruptly end. Out of "self-protection" the Marine ignores the helping resources fearing that any request for help or acknowledgment of violence will result in legal action. The violence continues to grow increasingly worse until they either divorce or end up on a police blotter. These are the very results they meant to avoid all along.

An incident of abuse does not automatically result in UCMJ charges or Office Hours. Instead, the problem is first addressed through the resources already in place to help. Information, counseling, and other types of assistance are offered to each of the persons involved. There is no cost for any of these services.

The most important preventive measure Marines can take is to seek assistance as soon as they recognize a potential danger in their relationship. Never wait until it is out of control.

Three key resources are available to Marines of Marine Barracks, Washington, DC. These are:

The Marine Corps Family Services Center.

Located at Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia the Family Services Center includes the Family Advocacy Office, specializing in helping families and individuals involved in abuse. Through this office regular programs are provided free of charge in the areas of Couple Communication Classes, Anger Management Classes and Stress Management Classes, Living Without Anger Workshops and Parenting Classes. The center

also offers Individual and Couple Counseling and Abused Women Support Groups.

The New Parent Support Program.

For parents of children *under five years of age* the New Parent Support Program offers help for new families with expectant parent programs such as parenting classes, resource referrals, support groups and home visits.

The Chaplain's Office, Marine Barracks

All Chaplains are safeguarded by civilian law and by Marine Corps Order to maintain "Privileged Communication," which is total confidentiality of information if it is given, "as either a formal act of religion or as a matter of conscience." (MCO P1752.3B, Appendix A) Along with the unique ability to maintain confi-

dentiality, the Chaplain's Office, Marine Barracks offers additional help from a distinctly spiritual perspective with individual counseling, couple counseling, Pre-marriage Workshops, Marriage Enrichment Workshops and Communication & Conflict Resolution training for couples (called, "Fighting For Your Marriage"). The Barracks Chaplain's Office can also help with referrals to other helping agencies.

For help in contacting any of these resources, Marines or their family members may call the Marine Barracks Chaplain's Office (202) 433-6201 or Henderson Hall's Family Services Center at (703) 614-7200.

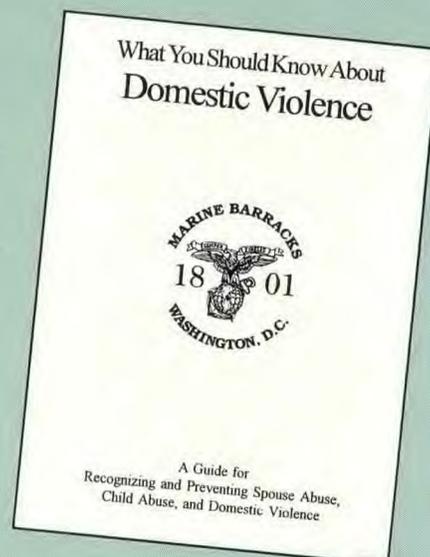
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Barracks Chaplain publishes handbook on preventing domestic violence

The Marine Barracks Chaplains's Office has published a guide for recognizing and preventing spouse and child abuse and all forms of domestic violence titled "What You Should Know About Domestic Violence." All Barracks Marines are encouraged to learn what family violence is, how to stop an existing problem and prevent a problem from arising.

To get you copy of "What You Should Know About Domestic Violence" contact the Barracks Chaplains Office at 433-6201



To one Marine, a diamond proves to be her best friend

When Cpl. Robin McGuire joined the Corps, the last thing she expected to do was become a small part of Marine Corps history.

Her recent contribution to the ever-changing face of the Marine Corps didn't come amidst the fiery explosions of battle but on a diamond-shaped field of green and brown. McGuire recently became the first woman Marine to play in the Men's East Coast Regional Softball Tournament held at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., July 18-21.

The 24-year-old Milwaukee native began playing softball and other sports at the age of nine, but was determined to become one of the best in softball. Her hard work later paid off when she earned spots on some of the top teams in the nation, such as the United States Slow Pitch Softball Association (USSSA) team, the Precision/Terabussi and the Nike coed teams.

In her continuing quest for excellence, McGuire turned her focus to the Marine Corps and arrived at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S. C., on March 15, 1993, to become "one of the few," a challenge she faced and conquered by being meritoriously promoted to the rank of lance corporal upon graduation

from recruit training as her company's Honor Graduate.

After reporting to the Marine Corps Institute here on Nov. 6, 1993, as a computer programmer with the Institute's Information Management System Office, she made the cut to be the starting second baseman on the Marine Barracks, Washington Softball Team.

"Cpl. McGuire is one of the most fundamentally sound softball players — male or female — I've had the pleasure to compete with," said MSgt. Daniel E. Burke, who served as the coach for this year's team. "Mentally and physically she is one fine athlete."

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

After a 21-2 season in the coed Naval District Washington Evening League, the team geared up for their part in the Men's East Coast Regional Tournament in North Carolina. One problem plagued the Barracks team: What



Although she started as the second baseman for the Barracks team, Cpl. McGuire showed her diversity by playing in both the pitcher and short stop positions for the All Marine Team. (Photo courtesy of Ft. Indiantown Gap Public Affairs)

to do with their second baseman? No woman had ever competed in the all-male tournament!

To McGuire this was simply another challenge to overcome. With the support of her team and the Barracks leadership, she petitioned and received a waiver from Pam Hodge, Head of Marine Corps Sports, Quantico, Va., to compete with her teammates.

"All-Women's Regional Sports aren't held on the East Coast anymore, so women are now eligible to compete on the men's team," McGuire said.

"The team was very supportive. They treated me like everyone else," said McGuire, whose

favorite position is shortstop. "I gained a lot of experience playing on the team because of the high level of competition."

Despite two early losses in the regionals, the Barracks team returned home to claim the championship title of the Naval District Washington Evening League.

But — they no longer had the benefit of their talented second baseman, Cpl. Robin McGuire.

McGuire's absence from the championship game was due to her selection to attend the 1994 Women's All Marine Softball Training Camp at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where, after a grueling tryout with 17 other Marines, she earned one of the coveted 15 spots on the 1994 Women's All Marine Softball Team.

"It was awesome," McGuire said. "I was totally motivated to be invited to try out for a spot at the camp and to help the team represent the entire Marine Corps at the armed forces level."

On their way to the Women's All Armed Forces Tournament in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., Aug. 17-19, McGuire and her All Marine Softball Team faced their first challenge at the North Carolina State Industrial Tournament in Wilmington, where McGuire was named Most Valuable Player and was the only Marine selected for the All State Team for North Carolina.

"As a member of the All Marine team I played some of my best ball because the competition was so strong," said the 5-foot-2-

inch ballplayer.

As one of the team's power hitters she averaged .750 batting and received nothing but praise from the team's coach, 1stLt. Tommy Ross, who is stationed at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga.

"She may be small but she's a firecracker waiting to explode when she's up to bat. She's a natural ball player with a natural talent for the game," said Ross.

As her Marine teammates moved to the next level of competition they faced the best Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard teams during the three-day tournament held. Despite a 4th place finish for the Marines, McGuire



As a computer programmer with the Information Systems Management Office Cpl. McGuire is one of four Marines responsible for programming and maintaining MCI's Automated Information System. (Photo by Cpl. B.K. Bradshaw)

stood out and was selected as one of only two Marines to play for the Armed Forces Team, which would compete against some of the best women's teams in the nation during the Women's Majors National Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., over Labor Day weekend.

"The hardest part about going from the Barracks team to the All Marine team to the All Armed

Forces team was the short time you had to get to know the other players," said McGuire. "A big part of winning is a group of players' ability to function as a team."

During the four-day double-elimination tournament, the Armed Forces Team became nearly unstoppable, going into the final games with an undefeated record, only to fall to the UPI team in the final match-up, 7 to 4.

She returned to 8th & I, Sept. 8, to her job as one of only four Marines responsible for programming and maintaining the Institute's Automated Information System (AIS). The AIS system controls much of the day-to-day operations of the Marine Corps Institute, such as student enrollment, tracking of course materials, grading and graduation information.

The young corporal still spends a great deal of time playing volleyball, basketball and softball and wants to keep playing sports "as long as my body holds up." Her long-range goal is to coach college fast pitch softball.

McGuire also makes time to continue her education through classes at Strayer College in Arlington, Va., and is working on earning a bachelor's degree in computer information systems.

It's just one more challenge for McGuire, who does not hesitate to say that she will make a repeat appearances from the Barracks team to the All Marine Team and all the way to the All Armed Forces Team.

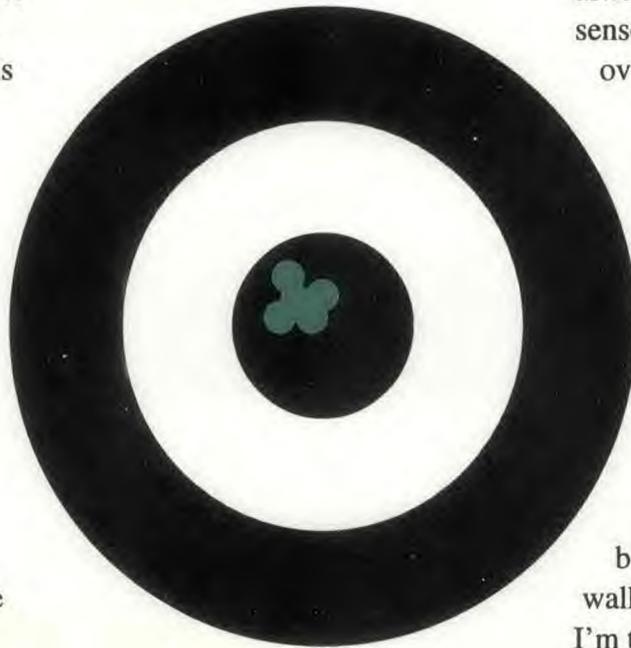
Random Shots

Ordinarily, whenever Corporal McAllister holds a pistol to my head and says, "Sir, this is just to remind you, you owe me an article today for 'Pass in Review'," I don't have any difficulty producing. I don't even flinch anymore. Ordinarily, *something* that has occurred around here recently is firmly fixed in my thinking. I just take aim, and fire away.

This month, however, as our 219th Birthday is rapidly approaching, I have a number of "targets of opportunity" in mind. So, with a magazine and five rounds, and in no particular order, I'm going to let loose with a few random shots.

Shot #1: *Congratulations, Colonel Crawford!* By the time this award-winning edition of "Pass in Review" hits the street, a good many of us will be "dug-in" down at Fort A. P. Hill. Hopefully, by then LtCol Crawford, Director of "The Commandant's Own," will have been promoted to colonel. If anyone I know was ever born to be doing just exactly what he's doing in life, it's our own Truman W. Crawford of Endicot, New York, who was born (on April Fool's Day, mind you) the very year our Drum & Bugle Corps was established. And no foolin', if ever a Marine *deserved* to be promoted, *he* certainly does. Our heartfelt congratulations are in order!

Shot #2: *Rumor has it, Parade Season's over.* Well, yes and no. The bleachers are gone. Our Tuesday and Friday evenings are no longer spoken for. But otherwise, we're still attacking in 27 different directions simulta-



neously—ceremonially and otherwise. I invite you to read and consider thoughtfully the Commandant's letter (next page). As he is, I am tremendously pleased with your performance. And as he does, I appreciate how hard the men and women of the Oldest Post work, day in and day out, to accomplish the vast array of missions, highly visible and nearly invisible, assigned to the Barracks—not only during Parade Season, but *all* the time. From Camp David to Annapolis, at the White House, at Arlington, on *both*

sides of M Street, and everywhere our over-committed Battle Color Detachment (and its constituent parts) is proudly "showing the flag," the Marines, sailors, and civilians of 8th & I—*whatever* they're doing for the Corps—are always "passing in review." In that sense, our "parade season" is *never* over.

Shot #3: *Plunging from their pedestals.* I don't know what it is about this time of the year (last October, you'll recall, we were featured on ABC's "PrimeTime Live"), but all of a sudden, some of us are in the self-destruct mode.

I'm not talking about our borderline character and behavior disorder, "tightrope walkers"—the "usual suspects." I'm talking about some of our "best and brightest"—some of our most celebrated "role models." I don't get it! Some of us are going down, and going down *hard*. When our NCO of the Quarter is arrested down at Fort Benning for multiple civil-infractions (and *bombs* out of jump school—his "reward" for having been such a stellar performer here); and when a member of the Silent Drill Platoon and THE Number One Sergeant in all of Company B both pop positive for smoking dope; and when one of our Staff NCO's is caught cheating on the rifle range, I have to ask myself, "What the heck's going on

here?" Let's get a grip, Marines! Meanwhile, for those free-falling bungee jumpers who've suddenly crashed and burned—those who *haven't* irreparably burned their bridges, that is—let's see if we can't lend these Marines the moral support and encouragement they desperately need to hoist themselves back up on a professional pedestal where they belong. None of us joined the Marine Corps to be a failure.

Shot #4: *Happy Birthday, Marines!* This time of the year, as we're doing perpetual wind-sprints, and our ceremonial commitments are hitting us fast and furiously, we scarcely have the time to pause and take note of 10 November and what it means, or should, to be a part of this magnificent organization. By the time we come up for air, it's almost Thanksgiving. On Saturday, 12 November, however, most of us will be gathered to celebrate our

219th Birthday. (Security Company will have gotten off to a running start on November 4th.) Our Guests of Honor will be General and Mrs. Mundy, who can choose to celebrate their last Marine Corps Birthday on active duty anywhere and with anyone they wish. That they have chosen to spend the evening with *us*, is a special tribute to all of *you*. (But then, who can blame them?)

Shot #5: *And don't let the screen door hit you on the way out.* My successor, your next Barracks Commander, has just been identified. He's a terrific officer. I know you'll be pleased.

Another proud alumnus of the Oldest Post (he commanded the illustrious "Third Herd" of Company B back in the mid-to-late '70's), both he and his wife are absolutely thrilled to death. (But then, who can blame *them*?) I know the feeling. That's what the prospect of returning here to serve

with men and women such as *you* does to a former platoon commander. Two action-packed years ago (where has the time gone?), I was as dumbfounded, and utterly amazed, and tremendously excited as he is. He'll get over being dumbfounded soon enough. (The change of command will occur next July.) But the "amazed" and "excited" sentiments will be with him every step of the way. How do I know that? Because they're still alive and well with me. And I have you to thank for that.

"Cease fire! Cease fire! Unload, clear, and lock!" There you have it, Corporal Mac. Paste 'em and score 'em any way you wish. Certainly not the tightest group I've ever fired. But that'll have to do for now. I'm off to the Institute to admire some of the most talented and innovative people I know.

By
Col. John B. Sollis

30 September 1994

Dear Colonel Sollis,

Once again, we conclude the parade season and another successful General Officers' Symposium; and once again, I find myself writing to convey to you — and through you to all Marines of the "Oldest Post" — both my admiration and my appreciation for an absolutely magnificent parade season. There is no member of the Barracks — from the Combat Grounds Crew to the Silent Drill Platoon, the musicians of either the "President's Own" or "Commandant's Own", or anyone connected with the administration or logistics of the season at the Barracks who should miss knowing that this was a high point in successful Barracks' seasons, from my perspective.

I've said before, and will again, that while Marines are today engaged at the highest operating tempo and in the greatest number of locations around the world that they have been over my career, and that while their duties are ultimately important, there still remains no organization in the Corps that affects the American people as movingly and that makes a greater impact on the ultimate existence of the Corps than the Marines of 8th and I. You signal to America what it is to be a Marine: the pride, the bearing, the flawlessness, and the unwavering dedication to purpose that America wants to believe her Marines are all about. Mrs. Mundy and I continue to count it the highlight of our careers in the Corps to be a part of the Marine family of our "Oldest Post". Thanks for another magnificent year!

Semper Fidelis,
General C. E. Mundy, Jr.
Commandant of the Marine Corps

NEWSMAKERS

Editor's Note: If you've noticed, we've changed the name of this column from "Salutes" to "Newsmakers" and radically modified the design to include more information and photographs of those making headlines here at 8th and I. Hope you like it!

If you haven't already heard the big news, 8th and I will be losing two outstanding senior officers: **LtCol. T.S. Gray, Bks XO**, will depart in the summer to command the 2nd Bn, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division in windy Chicago (and along with wife Mary and the kids, will tow his beloved boat, of course) and **LtCol. J. Boggs, MCI's Deputy Director**, will leave these hallowed halls to command an infantry battalion with the 1st Marine Division in sunny California. Congratulations to both!

The following Marines have lots to smile about: They have new ranks and bigger paychecks. Congratulations to newly promoted **Capt. W.J. Mancini, XO, USNA Co.**, and **Captain J.D. Hughes Jr. of Co. A** (he'll need the money now that he and wife Harriet are the new CO and XO of half a fireteam, baby girls **Mary and Erin** were born June 2).

New silver and scarlett bars go to Barracks Personnel Officer **CWO-3 Rich Williamson, H&S Co.**

In the SNCO ranks, picking up his fourth and final rocker is **MGySgt. L.R. Morlet, H&S Co.** Also earning their third rocker are USNA Co's **MSgt. J.K. Smith**, and MCI's own **MSgt. P.E. Riddle**. The new Gunny on the block is **GySgt. J. R. Taylor, MCI**.

And finally (after waiting what seemed an eternity to him) is the newest member of the SNCO Corps, recently promoted **SSgt. M.S. Cobb, H&S Co. Supply Chief**.

Also, no more Pro & Cons for new **Sgt. L. Barber III, Sgt. A.E. James, Sgt. D.M. L'Hote, Sgt. R.S. Rogers, and Sgt. E. Savage III** (Hmmm...all from the S-1 Office, must be the water).

"Don't call me an E-4" are 8th and I's newest Non-Commissioned Officers: **Cpl. C.M. Annesi, Cpl. B.R. Arrington, Jr., Cpl. A.J. Consul, Cpl. T.F. Laxson, Cpl. T.A. Posey, Cpl. C.W. Riggs, Cpl. S.M. Smith, and Cpl. M.E. Smith**.

And finally, pinning on another stripe on the ladder up to Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps are new **Lance Corporals R.Z. Ayala, J.C. Crosby, J.E. Cross, A.R. Duncan, R.D. Holmes, K.S. Huysentruyt, R.J. Ranly, F.J. Rendon, D.A. Sultan, J.O. Wages, J.S. Walters, K.W. Work, and T.A. Worsech**, and new **Private's First Class C.W. Higgins, J.D. Joyner, Jr., M.W. Seymour, and J.R. Shepard, Jr.**

Wetdown front and center!

For their sustained performance "above and beyond" **Sgt. L.M. Godbout** and **LCpl. M.G. Engle, both of H&S Co, Supply**, are now proudly wearing well-deserved **Navy Achievement Medals**.

Hard-earned **Good Conduct Medals** were also awarded to **Cpl. B. Frederick, and Cpl. T.J. Lyle** of "The Commandant's Own"; **Cpl. D.W. Springer, Co. A.**; and **Cpl. S.A. Brown and Cpl. G.L. Giacomazzi, H&S Co.**

Recently awarded a **Certificate of Commendation** was **Cpl. R.C. Seals III, Co. B**; While **Cpl. T.A. Bowers, Drum and Bugle Corps**; and **LCpl. C.M. Davidson, H&S Co**, both received **Meritorious Masts** for jobs well done.

Finally, please take the time to welcome aboard our newest members of 8th and I who are checking in from assorted climes and places: **GySgt. G.A. Pearson Jr., GySgt. A.L. Ramos Jr., SSgt. G.R. Bashford, SSgt. T.A. Delaney, SSgt. K.A. Grimsey, SSgt. R.L. Pennington, Sgt. G. Aragon, Cpl. C.M. Annesi, Cpl. W.D. Jensen, Cpl. M.D. Livingston, Cpl. T.A. Posey, LCpl. C.L. Collins, LCpl. C.P. Cronin, LCpl. K.M. Kelley, PFC J.C.**

Bracken, PFC K.A. Condon, PFC W.R. Fasci, PFC L.W. Fisher, PFC S.D. Garant, PFC C.P. Garrity, PFC L.N. Hahn, Jr., PFC C.W. Higgins, PFC B.V. Hull, PFC S.A. Jacob, PFC C.H. Johnson, PFC J.D. Joyner Jr., PFC M.L. Keehner, PFC T.K. Maye, PFC M.L. Outlaw, PFC J.L. Parker, PFC D.H. Peacock, PFC M.S. Peters, PFC D.D. Pritchard, PFC P.A. Santos, PFC M.W. Seymour, PFC J.R. Shepard Jr., PFC J. Torres, PFC D.S. Wann, PFC J.M. Weirsky III, PFC J.K. Williams, PFC C.R. Zovinka, Pvt. C.P. Brown, Pvt. R.P. Clothier and last but not least, **Pvt. Z. Tycner**.

We're glad to have you aboard.

New NCO...



Major G.P. Fontaine, CO, Headquarters and Service Company pins on **Cpl. Anthony R. Miller's** new chev-

rons. Cpl. Miller works at the White House Communications Agency. (Official Marine Corps photo)

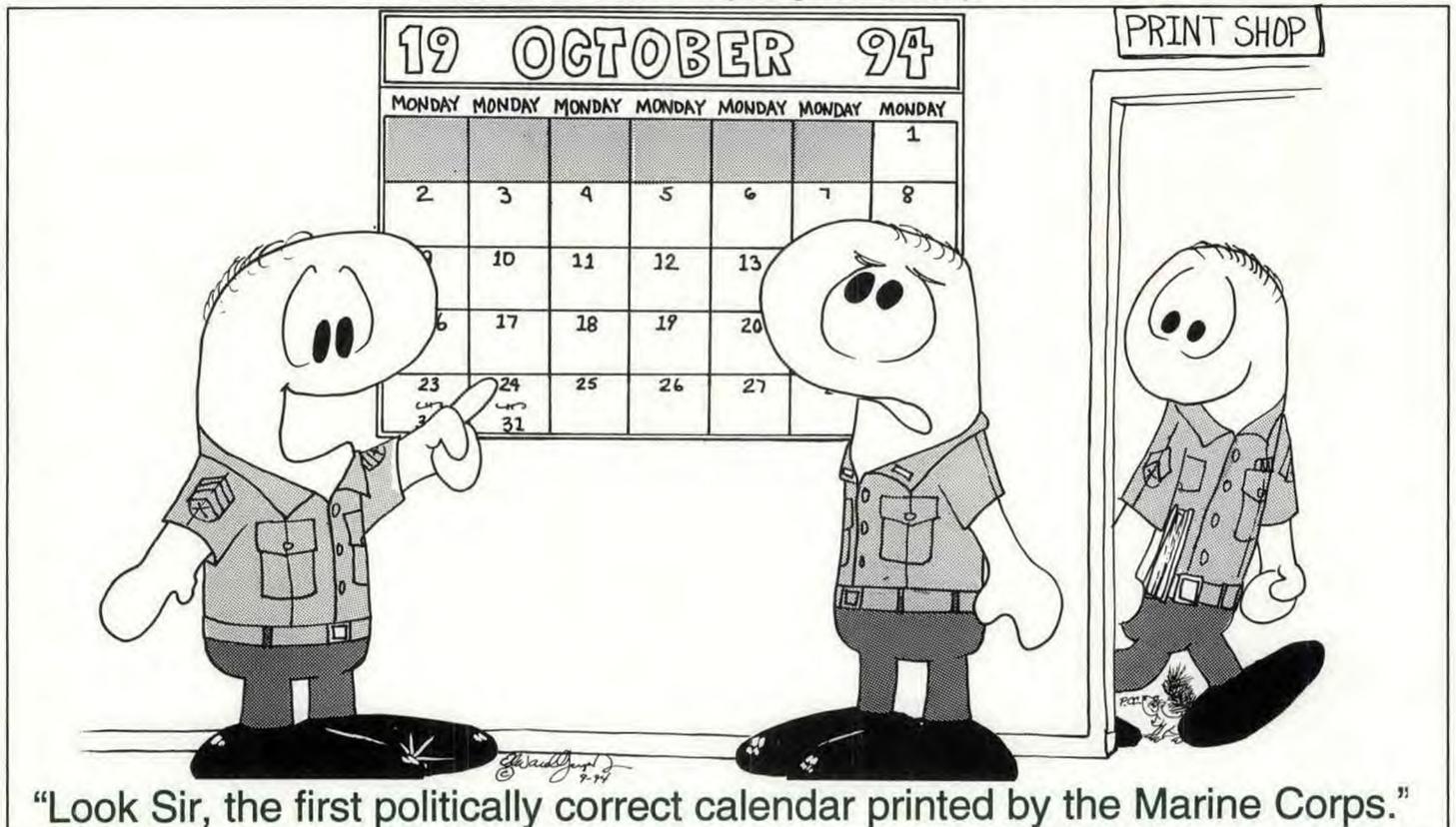
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.
invites you to celebrate the
219th
Birthday
of the
United States Marine Corps



Date: November 12, 1994 **Time:** 6 p.m.
Location: Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C. 1000 10th and H Streets N.W.
Uniform: Evening Dress / Blue Dress A / Service A / Civilian Formal
Cost: Sergeants and below \$30 / Staff non-commissioned officers \$35
 Officers \$42.50 / Cost for a single guest is the same price as the servicemember; for two or more, \$50
Rooms are available at a special rate
Shuttle service available from the Barracks

Tickets, souvenir mugs, plates, and videotapes now on sale at MWR
 Call 433-4295/4296.

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



Thanksgiving Day at Home

As I write these words, 16,000 American troops are in Haiti working to ensure a peaceful and stable environment. Another 15,000 American troops are deploying into Southwest Asia to prevent attack from Iraq. There are even more "hot spots" around the world that may soon demand American military involvement. Like many of you, I have had the experience of deploying into these hostile situations. When a need for military intervention arises, all of our personal plans are simply set aside or put on hold, until it is over and our commander orders us to return home. Our mission overrides even the holidays.

In the newspaper I saw photographs of the Army's 24th Mechanized Infantry Division getting on the plane headed for Kuwait City, and read that I MEF from Camp Pendleton would be joining them shortly. Seeing them carry all their gear onto the plane reminded me of our first deployment into Southwest Asia in 1990.

I thought about going back to live in the desert sand again. I remembered the heat and wind, the lack of showers and clean clothes, the repetition of MREs day after day, and the monotony of waiting. That is not exactly the same as a Barracks FEX at Fort A.P. Hill.

One of the toughest things of all during a deployment is being isolated from family and friends during special occasions and holidays. It seems certain that more than 30,000 American families will observe Thanksgiving Day this year without the presence of their loved one who is serving in our military

on foreign soil. We are fortunate to be on home land for Thanksgiving Day. Since we are so privileged, I want to suggest some ways to show thankfulness this year.

First, find someone or some group less fortunate than yourself and give a bit of your time and energy to helping

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them. There are senior citizens, homeless, handicapped, and many other groups who would be thrilled to have you spend even one afternoon with them. It costs you nearly nothing, and gives great reward.

Second, let your family know you love them. One short phone call to Mom and Dad to say "I love you" can mean more than you may realize. A

card or letter to a brother or sister mentioning a characteristic they have that you admire and love can last a lifetime.

We don't live forever. If any of your family members are alive, take advantage of this opportunity to tell them you care.

Third, say a prayer for those Marines, Sailors, soldiers, and airmen who are deployed over the Thanksgiving holiday. My predecessor at Marine Barracks, Chaplain Paul Deaton, is now on USS LEYTE GULF - a guided missile cruiser - in the Arabian Sea. I will be praying for him and his crew.

Fourth, give thanks to God. We have had a pretty good year at Marine Barracks. The things that happen to us do not happen by coincidence. There is a greater power watching over us and caring for us, even when we don't recognize it. This holiday is an opportunity to stand back and reflect on the ways God has protected and provided for us. Life is far too wonderful to spend totally absorbed in ourselves.

Give thanks to God. Happy Thanksgiving!

by
LT Doyle W. Dunn, USN

Worship Opportunities

NAVY YARD	Catholic Mass	9 a.m. Sundays
	Protestant Service	10:30 a.m. Sundays
NAVY ANNEX	Catholic Mass	7:30 a.m. Daily
FORT BELVOIR	Jewish Services	Call (703) 806-3393/4316 (Chaplain Zisook)

**8TH AND 1 MARINES,
SAILORS AND
CIVILIANS ARE
AMERICA'S
MOST WANTED:
VOTERS**

Registering to vote is an important part of our democratic process.

On November 8th, one third of the U.S. Senate, all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 36 State Governors and thousands of state and local officials will be elected. Once sworn in, these public officials will made crucial decisions that will affect you and your family's future. Can you afford to let someone else decide on your life?

**"While your opinion matters, it's your vote that counts"--General John M. Shalikashvili,
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff**

Happy 219th Birthday



A message from the Secretary of the Navy

October 13th marks the 219th birthday of our great Navy. Throughout America's history the Navy has played an important role in meeting the challenges to our nation's security. Today those challenges are presenting themselves in new and different ways, and our Navy is meeting them — as it has for over 200 years — with honor, courage and commitment.

We are able to carry out our mission today because of our people who have created this historic legacy. You are the men and women who have gone in harm's way, who have enforced sanctions in the Persian Gulf, who have provided promise in the Adriatic, who have restored hope in Somalia, and who are now upholding democracy in Haiti. You have maintained a constant unwavering vigil forward from the sea.

At the same time, you have also served your communities as volunteers on the homefront. Whether it be caring for the young and the restless or the sick and the elderly, you have given your communities the strength and leadership they need during these uncertain times. As both America's expeditionary force and concerned, caring citizens you have earned the respect of all Americans.

To celebrate our Navy's Birthday, we should renew our determination to continue this legacy. The Navy will remain America's first line of defense. You are the difference between success or failure in this weighty responsibility that we bear. I am proud of you and appreciate the sacrifices you make each day. May God bless you and our entire Navy family.

John H. Dalton
Secretary of the Navy

Marines and Sailors

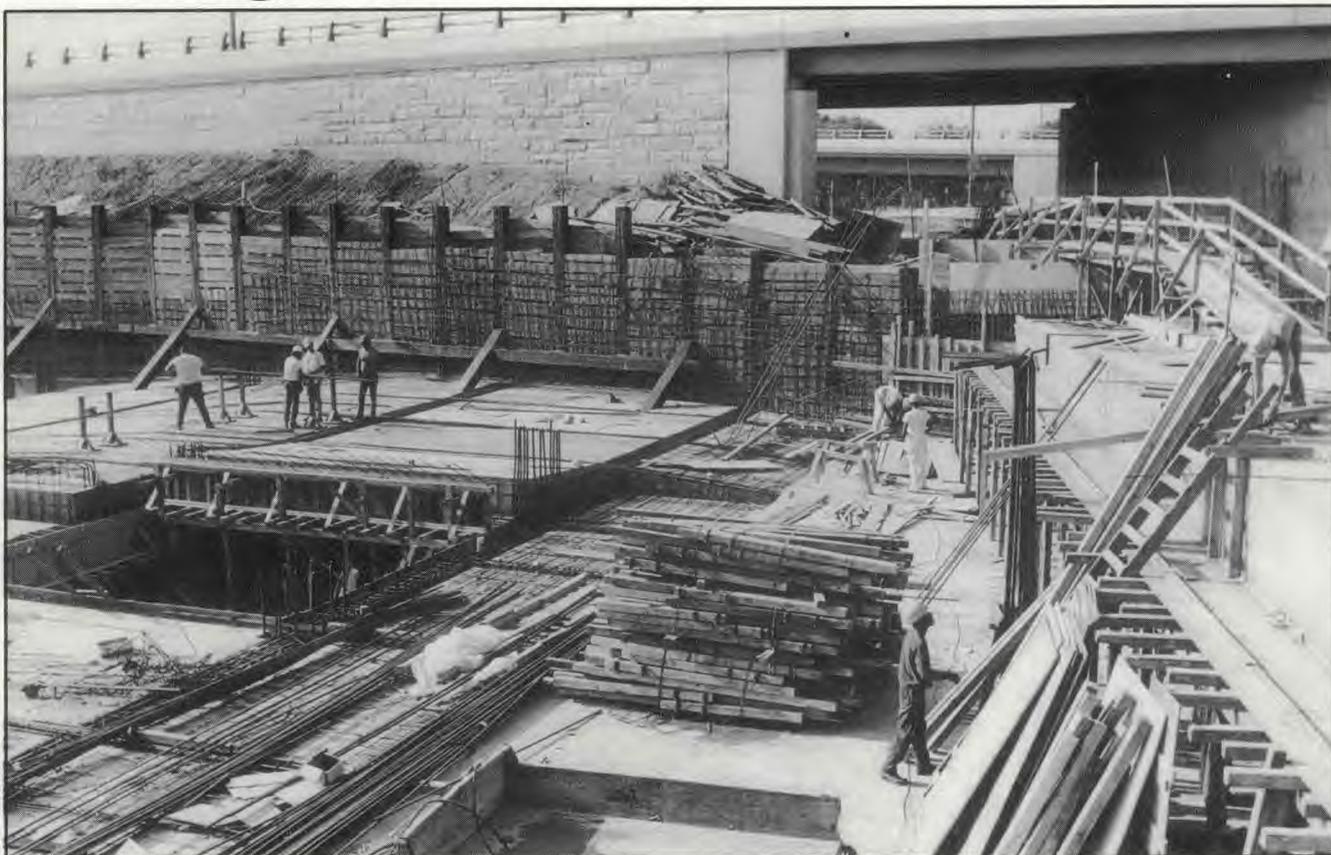
A message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps



Fifty years ago, at the pinnacle of our Corps' heaviest involvement in combat, General Alexander Vandergrift, our distinguished 18th Commandant issued the following birthday greeting: 'Today we Marines begin our 170th year of life. It is destined to be one of the most momentous years in all our battle-filled history. A birthday is a fitting time to peer backward and forward. As we look back into the twelve months just passed, we have reason to look ahead with hope and with courage. Since the last observance of the Corps' official birth, our advance in the Pacific has been steady and unswerving. We take deserved pride in our role as the spearhead of a great amphibious drive against a formidable enemy. You have fought ably in the past year. You have met and licked the foe's forces at Cape Gloucester, at Bougainville, in the Marshalls, the Marianas, the Palaus. You have planted our flag again on Guam. You have helped secure the bases from which our Navy has sailed forth to overwhelming conquest. You, with the other services, have come as liberators to thousands of men, women and children who have been under Japanese rule for nearly three years. The price has been high. Many of your comrades are gone. Their lives, their wounds paid for those victories. Today, as new blows are being readied, we stand prepared for further action. Our enemy is determined that we shall not reach our objective of inflicting total defeat. He is ready to fight to the death. In these many years, we have met other such enemies. And we have won against them. For we, too, are determined. Whatever obstacles confront us, we shall destroy them and press on to our goals. On this 169th birthday of the Corps, therefore, I wish all who wear the Marine green the highest success in the ventures they face.' Some things never change, today, we Marines begin our 220th year of life...and we continue to stand prepared for further action. On this 219th birthday of the Corps, therefore, I charge all who wear the Marine green to stand tall. You're United States Marines; and highest success in the ventures you face will continue to be your hallmark.

Semper Fidelis
General C.E. Mundy, Jr.
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Building a home...



Construction continues on the new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters here on Sept. 12, 1973. Construction began in the spring of 1972 and was completed in 1975. Prior to

the completion of the barracks, Marines here resided at the Washington Navy Yard in Building 58 and at Naval Station Anacostia. (Official Marine Corps photo.)

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