

# *Pass in Review*

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**Company B conducts  
live-fire training at Fort  
A. P. Hill**

*1995 Parade Season Review*

● *History of Bugle Calls*

# SuperSquads visit CMC

## *Corps' best infantry Marines recognized*

60 Marines representing the best of Marine Corps infantry recently made a trip to the nation's capitol.

The Marines, winners of the annual Super Squad competition, were recognized during the last Friday Evening Parade here and were treated to a private audience with the Commandant of the Marine Corps.



*Each Marine received a special shooting badge from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Charles C. Krulak.*



*The Marines talked with the Corps' senior Marine.*

The first rifle squad competition was held in 1958. The Marines are evaluated on marksmanship, physical fitness, patrolling, land navigation and other battlefield skills.

**Photos by Cpl. Curtis Augustine**



*Each platoon had a formal portrait taken with the Commandant and SgtMaj. Lewis G. Lee, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.*



*In addition to receiving an award for being a member of a Super Squad, a Marine is promoted by Gen. Krulak and SgtMaj. Lee during the awards ceremony.*

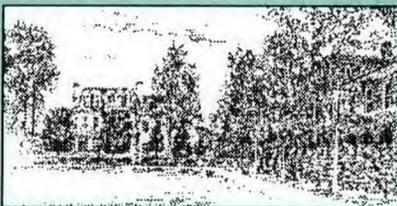
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**Marines of Company B practice firing the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon during a recent live-fire training exercise at Fort A. P. Hill, Va. (Photo by LCpl. Chance D. Puma)**

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## CMC has personal mailbox installed

**HQMC, Washington, D.C.**—The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Charles C. Krulak, established his personal mailbox "Marine Mail" on Aug. 1.

According to ALMAR 204-95, the purpose of the mailbox is for all Marines to send him ideas.

"I want to know three things, 'what aren't we doing that we should be doing?,' 'what are we doing that we should do differently?,' and 'what are we doing that we shouldn't be

doing?'," Gen. Krulak said.

Request masts, administrative requests, disciplinary actions and appeals, medical boards, EEO issues, etc. will continue to be addressed through appropriate channels.

The mailbox is listed in the E-Mail under the street talk name 'Marine Mail.' Gen. Krulak will also accept faxes at (703) 614-5035, letters written to Marine Mail-CMC, HQMC, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, D.C. 20380-1775 and the Internet.

Gen. Krulak's Marine mail Internet address is listed on the home page of HQMC/USMC at [HTTP://WWW.HQMC.USMC.MIL/HQMC/HQMC.HTM](http://WWW.HQMC.USMC.MIL/HQMC/HQMC.HTM).

"Send me your ideas, keep it positive and keep it professional. It will get through," Gen. Krulak assures. "I want to hear ideas from everyone-enlisted, NCOs, SNCOs, officers and our civilians.

"No frills, no bureaucratic chains—send it!"

## Recruiter Assistants needed

**4TH MCD, New Cumberland, Pa.**—Recruiters throughout the 4th MCD, which encompasses southern Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and Washington D.C., as well as select counties in surrounding states, are in need of assistance from Marines in the fleet.

If you are a Marine private through sergeant on active duty and would like to come home for 30 days without us-

ing leave, this is your chance.

As a recruiter assistant, you can spend up to 30 days on permissive TAD near your hometown. Privates and Privates First Class can earn promotions with referrals, lance corporals and corporals can improve their composite scores and sergeants can get special fitness reports. It's also a good way to see if you'd like to be assigned to recruiting duty.

If you are interested in helping find a few good men and women to join our Corps, talk to your work section and your unit first sergeant or sergeant major, then contact the recruiting station near your hometown. Please note that you should have your own place to stay and transportation.

For more information, Cpl. Angus at DSN 977-4650 or commercial (717) 770-4650.

## Squadron reaches mishap-free milestone 75,000 hours amassed during 18-year period

**MCAS, Beaufort, S.C.**—Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-451 surpassed 75,000 mishap-free flight hours recently during a routine training mission.

The squadron has the most flight hours without a mishap of any F/A-18 squadron in the Marine Corps.

The VMFA-451 "Warlords" began their tally of mishap-free flight hours in 1977 while still flying F-4S and F-4J Phantoms. Since transitioning to the Hornet, they have added 30,000 mis-

hap-free hours.

"All of our Marines are completely committed to safety," said Capt. James K. Linebarger, a pilot and powerline officer for VMFA-451.

"From top to bottom, it's a concentrated team effort that makes this sort of thing happen."

The squadron's director of safety and standardization, Capt. Chuck B. Sagebiel, credits the safety accomplishment to teamwork and dedication

of the maintenance crews. He said the Marines who perform the maintenance on the sophisticated aircraft are responsible for about 80 percent of an aircraft's safety.

"Flight safety has to start on the ground before it can be applied in the air," Sagebiel said. "Our ground crews never provide us with anything less than a completely safe aircraft. Then, all we have to do is take off, fly, and land the aircraft safely."

# Congress considers using new plan to reduce military retirement pay

**HQMC, Washington, D.C.—** Congressional budget committees are examining a proposal to cut military retirement pay in an effort to reduce the national deficit. The recommended plan is called High-12 Month Averaging and could save an estimated \$649 million. The proposed plan would affect approximately 600,000 military members who entered the service before Sept. 8, 1980.

Service members now eligible for retirement would suffer an immediate reduction in the value of their retirement pay. Deputy Secretary of Defense John P. White explained that past changes to the retirement system have always affected people not yet in the force.

"This doesn't do that," White said. "This affects people who have been in the force, operating under a particular system, and now the rules are being changed. That's just simply unfair and not the way we ought to treat our people."

Today's retirement system allows members to receive a percentage of their base pay at the time of retirement. For example, a master sergeant, retiring at 26 years would receive \$1,914 monthly (65 percent of \$2,945). Under the proposed High-12 Month, "base pay" will be computed based on the average of the last 12 months of basic pay. High-12 Month would reduce the same master sergeant's monthly retirement check to \$1,753—an 8.4 percent reduction.

White explained that there are a number of reasons High-12 Month is being opposed by the Department of

Defense. "The most important reason is that it is strictly designed as a part of a device to save more money in terms of deficit reduction. Deficit reduction is important, but it oughtn't be done at the expense of people who are serving," he added.

Another reason, the Deputy Secretary explained, is that the plan has the potential to be disruptive because people are going to respond by delaying retirement to accumulate the next pay increase to make up for the money they would now lose. If service members respond by remaining on active duty longer, the estimated savings would be lost in paying allowances for that additional time.

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*—Deputy Secretary of Defense  
John P. White*

Finally, White said, "It's unfair to the people in terms of their lives. It makes them disrupt their plans as well, because the government's forced them to behave in a different way when they shouldn't have had to do that."

The proposal is still in the early phases, but the Department of Defense is taking steps to convince Congress that it should not become law. White said that the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman and the Joint Chiefs all have sent letters to Congress stressing DoD's opposition to the proposal. White cited the current

administration's commitment to quality of life issues and said that this proposal is not consistent with that commitment.

"My opinion of it is retirement (pay) is part of the total compensation," the Deputy Secretary said. "It can't be looked at separately."

Quality of life issues have come under attack from critics claiming that DoD is spending too much on quality of life and readiness and not enough on modernization. Deputy Secretary White explained that there are three separate priorities—quality of life, readiness and modernization. "You can't have good quality of life for professional people who take pride in what they're doing unless they're ready, trained and well equipped—that's modernization," he added.

"Clearly there are budget allocations that we have to do....These are not 'either/or' choices," White continued. "Quite the contrary, I think you need to find a balance."

In addition to the \$150 million already budgeted for existing quality of life programs, DoD has earmarked an additional \$300 million a year for quality of life programs over the next six years. The Marsh Panel, or Quality of Life Task Force, has been formed to recommend where those additional funds can best be used to improve the quality of life of military members, family members and civilian employees of DoD.

The panel is targeting housing and housing allowances, community and family support, and personnel tempo.

# Changes made to Marine Combat Water Survival Training program

HQMC, Washington, D.C.--The Marine Combat Water Survival Training Program was recently revised according to ALMAR 202-95.

Combat Water Survival, 4th Class (CWS4), has been added to the program. The new classification emphasizes basic swimming techniques before combat water survival training. It is specifically tailored for poor or non-

swimmers and is the minimum requirement for enlisted Marines.

Swimming under combat conditions with combat gear will remain a part of CWS3 and higher qualifications. Additionally, the "Splash Recovery Technique" procedure has been deleted from CWS1 qualification and added to the requirements for Water Safety Qualification.

Requalification intervals have been extended as of Oct. 1:

CWS4	Every 2 years
CWS3	Every 3 years
CWS2	Every 4 years
CWS1	Every 5 years

Marines who are WSQ are not required to requalify.

## *PFT for female Marines to be revised*

HQMC, Washington, D.C.—The Commandant of the Marine Corps has directed a revision to physical fitness standards for female Marines that will require them to run three miles during the semiannual physical fitness test.

Gen. Charles C. Krulak based his decision on results of an in-depth study by the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va., and personal conversations with female Marines.

The study consisted of a control group of 60 female Marines who performed a male Marine PFT and additional physical training. The Marines were carefully monitored to gauge the increase in their physical capabilities. 50 women completed the study.

"The study convinced me that changing the distance from one and a half miles to three miles was feasible and worthwhile," Gen. Krulak said. "Unit runs currently conducted by our

commanders are normally three miles or longer, and this change to the PFT only serves to enhance those runs."

Gen. Krulak also said that the female Marines he talked to felt the change to the PFT was good, as well as necessary.

No date has been announced for when the changes will take effect. According to Gen. Krulak, the next step is a careful study of the implementation schedule and development of a revised scoring system for female Marines' physical fitness standards.

"This must be done very carefully so as not to disadvantage our women Marines when it comes to cutting scores and promotions," Gen. Krulak said.

The new standards and scoring system will be developed by the Training and Education Division, MCCDC, Quantico, Va., and will be officially announced by a revised Marine Corps Order.

### Tell it to a Marine...

"(But even more important) is the maintaining the high quality of the individuals who go through the training, operate the equipment, and use the supplies. They are the backbone of our fighting forces. They are the people who fight our battles and

win our wars. And the quality of our forces will only be as good as the quality of these individuals."

— *an excerpt from Secretary of Defense William J. Perry's commentary which appeared in the Richmond (Va.) Times Dispatch recently.*

## Marines aid Korean orphanage

**MCNEWS** — Armed with a good attitude and a genuine sense of lending a helping hand, Marines and Sailors attached to Special Marine Air-Ground Task Force Pohang, Republic of Korea, spent their free time assisting a local orphanage.

Volunteers from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron-465, Marine Wing Support Squadron-18, and Marine Aircraft Group-36 spent time at Pohang's Sun Rin Orphanage helping the staff with the upkeep chores of the facility.

"This orphanage was originally established by the 1st MAW during the Korean War," said LT Herbert

L. Griffin, SPMAGTF-Pohang flightline chaplain. "We're trying to continue the tradition by helping in any way we possibly can."

Six Marines painted the second story library within an hour as others cleaned the surrounding area.

"We told the Marines and Sailors there was a job to do and they accepted the challenge wholeheartedly," said Griffin.

"The plan is to spend three days working and two days sharing our culture with the children of the orphanage."

"We're here to help the kids out and do things they can't accomplish," said LCpl. Tim O. Theland, Weapons

Platoon, 1st Bn, 5th Marines. "This is my first day out here, and if I was asked to come again, I wouldn't hesitate."

Many of the children ran from Marine to Sailor asking for pictures to be taken of their families while wearing Marine covers and other military clothing. Other children simply sat next to the Marines holding on to their hands.

As an added bonus, two five-ton trucks delivered two basketball backboards for the orphanage.

"We're just trying to give something back, and fortunately, we have the ability to coordinate this effort," said Griffin.

## Marine Musicians visit New Zealand

### *III MEF Band makes first official Marine trip to southwest Pacific nation in decade*

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** — Marines of the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band made the first official visit in 10 years by a U.S. Marine Unit to this southwestern Pacific nation recently.

The band was invited to New Zealand to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of World War II.

The band performed at the Lower Hutt Town Hall and appeared in the parade and pageant in downtown Wellington.

The Marines joined nearly 2,000 others, including a U.S. Navy chaplain from III MEF, at the Wellington Cathedral of St. Paul to participate in the

New Zealand National Service of the 50th Anniversary of the End of World War II.

"For friendship and trust amongst all, for an appreciation of our interdependence, for a new understanding of the nations of the Pacific, and for a world where harmony and peace prevail, hear us Lord," said Chaplain Francis Zanger, who spoke of past sacrifices, current peace, and hope for reconciliation with previous enemies.

More than 3,000 New Zealanders and the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, the Honorable Josiah Beeman, attended the hour-long concert by the band at the Lower Hutt

Town Hall.

"Everyone was extremely impressed, and the ambassador came up after the show to congratulate us," said LCpl. Richard Simas, a saxophonist from East Providence, R. I.

"We are really doing what we came here to do — renewing relationships with the New Zealanders."

"I can't imagine Victory in the Pacific Day without the Marine Corps," said Vivienne Collins, who was a Red Cross volunteer outside of Wellington during WWII.

"We New Zealanders have strong bonds with the Marines—bonds from the heart."

*Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society seeks volunteers...*

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is seeking volunteers for its District of Columbia Auxiliary (Washington Navy Yard) office. Volunteers gain valuable experience in interviewing clients, public relations, management and computer skills.

The society seeks anyone with a few hours to spare - civilians, active duty and retired military members or their spouses. The society offers reimbursement for commuting and child care expenses.

For more information, call the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society District of Columbia Auxiliary at (202) 433-3364 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

*to help Sailors and Marines in need*

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can assist people in improving their financial picture. Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society volunteers and staff work hard to help Sailors, Marines and their families pull themselves out of deficit budgets and into savings plans.

For more information, call (202) 433-3364, Monday through Friday, 8-4 p.m.

# Soccer team sponsors USO Charity Night

## *Indoor event to benefit local chapter*

The Washington Warhogs soccer team will sponsor a USO-Metro Charity Night on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7:05 p.m. The game features the Washington Warhogs hosting the Houston Hotshots.

Tickets are available on a first-come first-served basis at USO offices located at Fort Myer, Va. (Bldg. 59),

Fort Belvoir (SOSA Community Center), Indian Head, Md. (Bldg. 13) and Woodbridge Run Military Housing (Community Center).

The game will take place at the USAir Arena in Landover, Md., and a significant portion of the proceeds will go to the USO of Metropolitan Washington.

# Bike brake, handlebar recalled

## *California manufacturer to replace parts on two mountain bike models*

CPSC—In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Specialized Bicycle Components of Morgan Hill, Calif., is recalling 3,585 steel rigid forks on 1995 Stumpjumper mountain bikes and 52,868 handlebars on all models of 1994 Rockhopper mountain bikes. Specialized has received reports of handlebar and front brake failures, which could result in serious injury to bicycle riders.

Specialized is supplying authorized retailers with replacement parts for the

rigid forks and handlebars. In addition to recalling and replacing the rigid forks on 1995 Stumpjumper, Specialized is recalling and replacing all YC-A125PB handlebars which were originally equipped on the following 1994 Rockhopper models: Rockhopper, Rockhopper Sport, Rockhopper GX, Rockhopper FS, Rockhopper Comp, and Rockhopper Comp FS.

Consumers with questions about this recall can call Specialized Bicycle Components toll-free at (800) 214-1467.

# New FitRep reporting requirement

## PME essential for promotion, retention

Professional Military Education (PME) has been a continual and traditional occupation of every Marine throughout his or her career. Now, completing set courses in the PME chain are requirements for continued service.

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said Barracks Sergeant Major, SgtMaj. Larry J. Carson. "Marines need to be focused on getting to school and enhancing their education."

In All-Marine message (ALMAR) 256/93, it was announced that effective Jan. 1, 1996, successful completion of appropriate level non-resident PME course is a requirement for promotion and retention. With that, Marines are now able to enroll in the PME for their current and next higher grade.

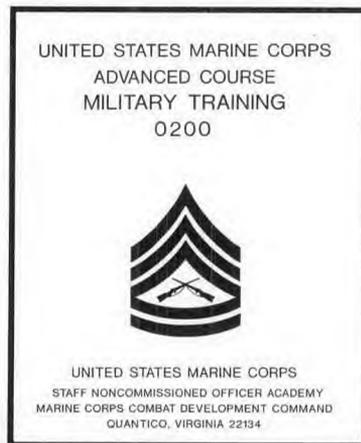
Since June 1991, non-resident PME courses have been required before Marines could attend the resident courses like NCO Basic, SNCO Career and SNCO Advanced.

Completion or work on PMEs is now part of the evaluation process too. Reporting seniors now must comment on completion of non-resident courses in Section C

pletes the course.

But reporting requirements aren't the only reason Marines should seek out PME, the SgtMaj. said.

"I've been privileged to have served on two promotion selection boards," Carson noted. "PME course completion showed both boards who was motivated to be



of the fitness report. Likewise, they must also comment if a Marine fails or is officially disenrolled from a course.

Attendance at resident academies is now of greater importance, as well. If the Marine being reported on hasn't completed the resident program, the reporting senior must also report why the Marine didn't attend in Section C comments. This reporting requirement continues until the Marine com-

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promoted. If there was a close choice in some MOS's for the promotion slot, it was considered a factor in deciding who was best qualified."

"Marines should take PME quite seriously," Carson concluded. "You can never have enough knowledge."

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By  
**GySgt. Cynthia Atwood**

# 1995 Barracks Parade Season

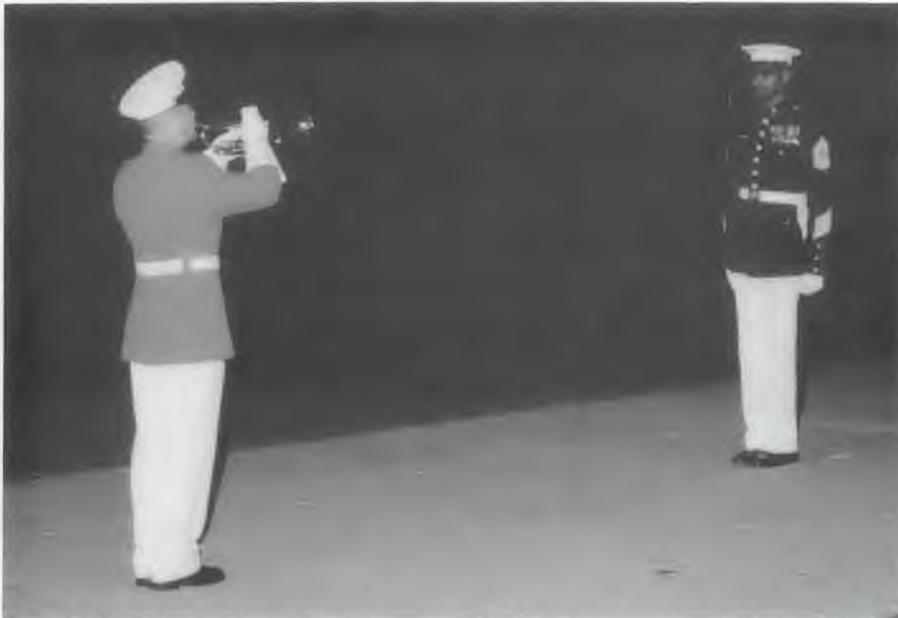
Marines of "The Oldest Post of the Corps" thrill thousands during annual summer performances



*LCpl. Raphael Riemenschneider, MCI Company and Barracks Time Orderly, signals the beginning of an Evening Parade.*



*Drum Major Dennis R. Wolfe leads "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band through one of their many patriotic selections.*



*Sgt. Mark S. Miller, U. S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, sounds Adjutant's Call for SgtMaj. Larry J. Carson, Barracks Sergeant Major.*

**More than 74,000 people traveled to "The Oldest Post of the Corps" to view the Friday Evening Parade this year.**



*Drum Major Michael H. Gardner leads "The Commandant's Own," The U. S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps across the parade deck.*



*1stSgt. Michael O. White, Company A (left) and 1stSgt. Glen T. Ripkoski, Company B, lead the way during the Staff Non-commissioned Officers Parade.*



*The Marines of Color Guard Detachment, Company A, bore the Colors of the Marine Corps proudly throughout the season.*



*Capt. James F. Glynn, Commanding Officer, and Cpl. Timothy W. Colett, Guidon Bearer, lead Company B through Pass in Review.*

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*“This parade season was particularly significant. The Barracks took part in several DoD ceremonies commemorating World War II and the Korean War, in addition to regular parade season parades.”*

*— Maj. Christopher L. O’Connor,  
Barracks Operations Officer*

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*The 24-Marine Silent Drill Platoon ensured their reputation as one of the Marine Corps’ elite units with memorable appearances nationwide.*



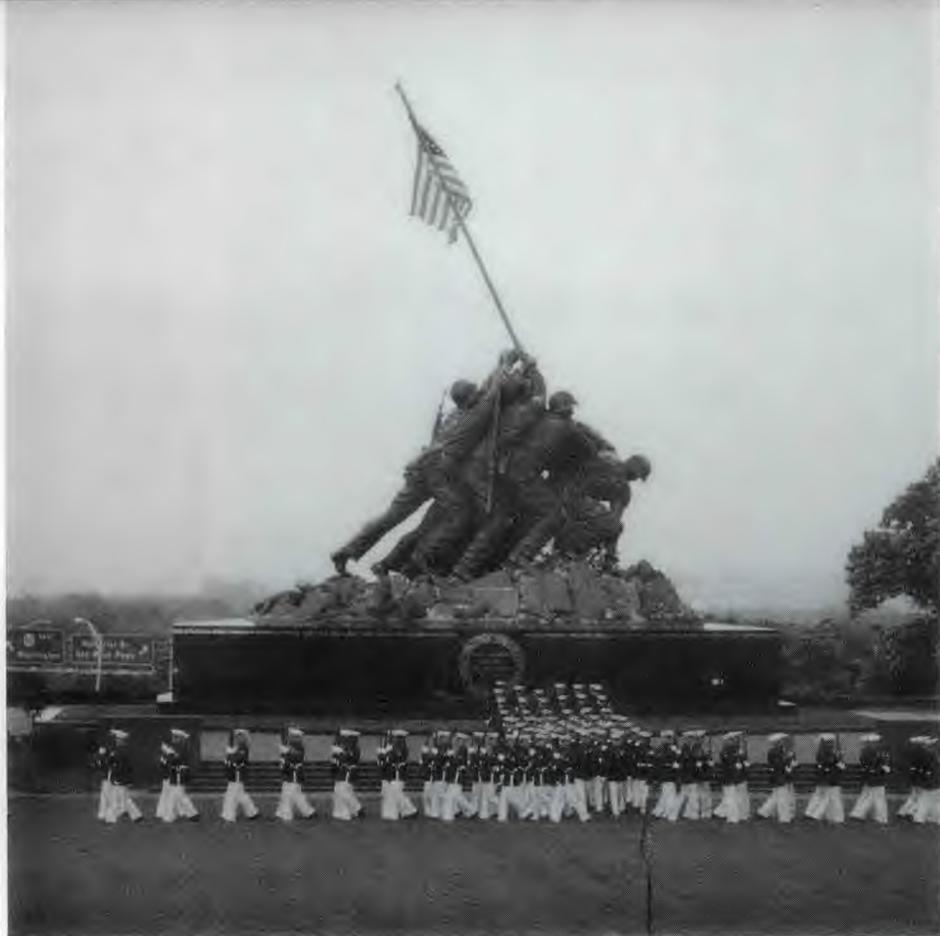
Members of the "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band provide entertainment for guests during a reception at the John Philip Sousa Band Hall.



*Rain was a featured guest at several parades during the 1995 season. However, only 3 of the 36 parades presented at the Barracks and the Marine Corps War Memorial were canceled or cut short by the weather.*



*SSgt. Brian R. Guilmette puts 100 percent into his solo during "Brass Roots."*



## **The Marine Corps War Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery provided a dramatic backdrop for the Sunset Parades.**



*The U. S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps' "Music in Motion."*



*Mrs. Vivian Martin who retired after more than 30 years of years of service at the Barracks reviewed the Family Parade with former Barracks Commanding Officer Col. John B. Sollis.*



*(From left) LtGens. George R. Christmas, Harold W. Blot and James A. Brabham all members of The Basic School Class 1-63. All three were in the same platoon.*

## *Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. hosted several special parades during the 1995 Parade Season.*



*Gen. Carl E. Mundy, Jr., 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps (left), relinquished command to Gen. Charles C. Krulak on June 30.*



*SgtMaj. Lewis G. Lee, 14th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (right), shakes hands with his predecessor, SgtMaj. Harold G. Overstreet.*

**All photos by HQMC Photo Lab**



LCpl. Benjamin C. Brown III, First Platoon, chambers a round in his M-249 SAW. (Photo by LCpl. Chance D. Puma)

## Company B fires up Fort A. P. Hill

### *Barracks Marines conduct live-fire courses on Army Qualification Course*

**M**arines of Company B conducted helo operations training recently, lifting off from Bolling Air Force Base on two CH-46 Sea Knights and two CH-43 Sea Stallions enroute to their most recent field exercise.

Company B set down at Fort A.P. Hill that morning and put the emphasis of its two-day training schedule on live-fire rifle courses.

The purpose of the live-fire was to revitalize the Company B Marines' marksmanship skills with several

day- and night-fire scenarios on the Army Qualification Course.

Spending time on the rifle range is extremely important for infantry Marines at the Barracks, especially those who are expecting change of station orders to the Fleet Marine Force, according to Capt. James F. Glynn, Commanding Officer, Company B. "It's been a year for most of the Marines out here since they've been on an actual qualification course," said Glynn, a native of Albany, NY. "The biggest thing to do

over these two days is build the Marines' confidence with the weapons."

The live fire began on the Battle Sight Zero course, where the company honed the sights on their M16A2 service rifles and selected Marines fired M-249 squad automatic weapons. After setting battle sights zero on their weapons and allowing the SAW gunners to fire on qualification targets, the company hiked to the Army Qualification Course where they finished live-fire

training. Company B kept the pop-up targets on the qualification range busy the entire day, firing several relays from fighting holes and basic prone-to-standing positions.

Because the Barracks' company training exercises typically involve the use of blanks, using live ammunition on a real qualification range was refreshing for Company B Marines, according to LCpl. Patrick L. Jackson, Squad Leader, Third Platoon, Company B. "There's nothing like going live," he said. "We're getting an opportunity that Barracks Marines don't get often."

Company B did not have time to sit down and savor that experience for long. Almost immediately after

finishing the night-fire exercises, first and third platoons picked up their gear and rode buses straight back to the Barracks to prepare for the next day's ceremonial commitments.

"The time we have in the field is much needed and appreciated," said Jackson, originally from Springfield, Ill. However, Company B doesn't allow any contest between the field and the parade deck, according to Jackson. "The bottom line is, ceremonial commitments in the District of Washington are our main mission."

While first and third platoons returned to the Barracks to prepare for their commitment, Company B's second platoon stayed in the field through the next day. The second

scheduled day of range training consisted of intensive reaction drills and ambush scenarios.

Although parade schedules will always dictate the amount of time Barracks Marines have in the field, Capt. Glynn is serious about making that time for Company B to train, he said. "We try and go every month," said Glynn. Other recent field exercises included patrolling and land navigation training, while Company B's next field exercise will focus on demolitions training.

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*By*  
*LCpl. Chance D. Puma*



*Marines from Company B load M-249 SAWs during the course. (Photo by LCpl. Chance D. Puma)*

“We have not forgotten”

## POW/MIA Day, Sept. 15



Visitors examine the floral tributes left at the “Three Fighting Men” statue that faces the nearby Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

**AFIS**—Washington is a city full of monuments, and it becomes easy to not see them. But one monument is impossible to miss. People approach it as if going into church. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial grips the hearts of visitors with its listing of the names of those dead and missing from that war.

Visitors come from all over the world. Many leave a piece of their heart in many different forms.

Some lean against The Wall with tears trickling down their faces. Some kneel in silent prayer. Some curse the loss of friends and

loved ones.

Many leave things behind — boots, teddy bears, dog tags, music tapes, religious items, Christmas trees, little Santa Clauses. Other times, they line the memorial with flowers, photographs and even a couple of beers.

Some visitors find unique ways to pay tribute to wall names, said former Navy Seabee Ron Edgington, who was with the Naval Support Depot in Chu Lai, South Vietnam, from September 1966 to May 1968. Edgington, a volunteer at the memorial, said he’ll never forget a day last

May when a group of high school seniors from Haddonfield, N. J., visited.

“They came here with their teacher after completing studies on Vietnam,” said Edgington. “They were aware of the phenomenon of people leaving memorabilia at The Wall. So they decided each one of them would place something there they cherished and never wanted to lose. They forced themselves to bring the item here.”

Edgington was amazed when the youngsters set a large plastic box next to the memorial. “Each kid read a



*The Rolling Thunder motorcycle group left a floral tribute to POW/MIAs. The 180,000-member group staunchly support accounting for America's missing service members in Southeast Asia.*

paragraph as to why their item was important to them, then they put the item into the box," he recalled.

"One girl put her grandmother's gold ring in, another girl put the only picture she had of her father in Vietnam. They filled the big box with teddy bears, a state championship track medal, lots of prom pictures and other items. An all-state baseball player dropped in his first home run ball in the box. The teacher, in her middle 30s, put her national honor society

college pin in."

When they finished, they closed the box and walked away, Edgington said. "They wanted to experience what it was like to leave something of value," he noted. "They were trying to relate to The Wall and understand what motivates people to leave things here."

"No one has ever left something as a prank or joke," Edgington said. "Everything has a serious meaning to whoever left it."

## *Photos by Rudi Williams*



*Thousands of war veterans visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington every year, such as this former Marine GySgt. who wears four Purple Hearts and a patch on his old uniform shirt with the words, "In memory of over 58,044 brothers who never returned—Vietnam 62-75."*



*Holding the hand of his chaperone, a youngster is oblivious to a man weeping at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.*



*Rachelle Aria Dietzel*

**N**ew faces are arriving daily at The Oldest Post of the Corps. To begin with, **Sgt. Charles E. and Ria Dietzel**, Maintenance section, H&S Company, welcomed **Rachelle Aria** on July 29 at 7:58 a.m. at a robust seven pounds, eight ounces measuring 19 3/4 inches long.

Our other newest Barracks member is officially enlisted for duty. **Molly**, under the family care of **SSgt. Ronald L. LaPlante**, D&B Company, officially became **PFC Chesty XI** on Aug. 24.

When you see him, be certain to congratulate **LCpl. Gabriel M. Weber**, 1st Plt., Company B. Weber recently brought home a silver

medal from the inter-service Camp Perry, Ohio Rifle Competition.

Take note of some of the other newly decorated Marines at the Barracks. **SSgt. Jose A. Benitez**, H&S Company was awarded a Good Conduct Medal. **Sgt. Cory B. Knox**, Company B and **Cpl. Darren M. Fischer**, Company A were recently awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. **Cpl. Randy K. Watson**, ISMO, MCI Company is now wearing a Good Conduct Medal.

Several other Marines were honored in ways you won't see on their uniforms. **Sgt. Michael L. Stetler**, **Cpls. Aaron R. Fulton, Andrew C. Lindstrom and Eric D. Shelley**, Company A and **LCpl. Bryan J. Duerr**, Company B, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while USNA Company Marines **Sgt. Maynak J. Patel**, **Cpl. Allen C. Blaine** and **LCpls. Terrance J. Montag and Kenneth M. Work** were subjects of Letters of Appreciation.

Offer congratulations to the Barracks' most recent promotees, too. In H&S Company, **Maj. Frank**

**E. Toy**, **GySgt. Michael E. Janiszewski**, **GySgt. John J. McGovern** and **GySgt. Reginald T. White** were all recently promoted to their current grade. Other H&S promotions include **Cpl. Martin T. Boyd**, **Cpl. Timothy L. Kennedy**, **Cpl. Robert A. Lockhart**, **Cpl. Troy M. McNeal**, **Cpl. Josh A. Minix**, **Cpl. Joshua M. Neven**, **Cpl. Warren P. Sudweeks**, **Cpl. Kenneth J. Turbyfill Jr.**, **LCpl. James E. Amaismeier**, **LCpl. Clayton L. Cabral Jr.**, **LCpl. Charles A. Campbell IV**, **LCpl. Jeremy B. Crotts**, **LCpl. Roy A. Danels**, **LCpl. Jonathan A. Getz**, **LCpl. Blak S. Gunn**, **LCpl. Luis Gutierrez**, **LCpl. Warren Leigh**, **LCpl. Kenneth C. Lovell III**, **LCpl. Leandre S. Mallette**, **LCpl. Robert C. Marshall**, **LCpl. Shane L. Myers**, **LCpl. Daniel A. Robinson Jr.**, **LCpl. Joseph M. Shackford II**, **LCpl. Kristen J. Southard**, **LCpl. Jason M. Travis**, **LCpl. Jason D. Williams** and **LCpl. Melissa J. Wright**.

Newly promoted members of "The President's Own" U. S. Marine Band are **MGySgt. Earl T.**

Hurrey, MSgt. Olive U. Blackall, GySgt. Janice M. Snedecor and Cpl. Michael J. Minar.

In "The Commandant's Own," The U. S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, new promotees are Sgt. Raymond L. Bedard and LCpl. Duane D. LeBlanc.

Company A Marines with new rank insignia are: Sgt. J. Foster Chance, Sgt. Michael L. Stetler, Cpl. Robert G. Boyce, Cpl. David P. Eastman, Cpl. Kuahiwi N. Fernandez, Cpl. Henry D. Flach, Cpl. Christopher W. Griffith, Cpl. David H. Kervin, Cpl. Luis F. Mejia, Cpl. Frank A. Politano Jr., Cpl. Steven W. Snyder, Cpl. Christopher S. Tyler, LCpl. Brian J. Bell, LCpl. Christopher J. Black, LCpl. Matthew D. Burningham, LCpl. Richard J. Hunter, LCpl. Kyle D. Provencher, LCpl. Christopher D. Ryberg, and LCpl. Richard A. Underwood.

From Company B, newly promoted Marines include Cpl. Brian T. Kenney, LCpl. Terry D. Ful-

lerton, LCpl. Corey L. Schweitzer, LCpl. Ryan K. Shultz, LCpl. Matthew A. Thomson, LCpl. Joseph D. Wagle and LCpl. Josef E. Wagner.

Security Company promotions include Cpl. Nathan V. Kaiser, Cpl. Jeremy J. Kelly, Cpl. Derek J. Kilgo, and Cpl. Nicholas J. Teeter.



*LCpl. Gabriel M. Weber, Company B, wears the medals he earned in competition shooting this year.*

Several new faces have been noticed at the Barracks. Welcome these new Marines when you see them. They are CWO-2 Michael A. Ladd, Sgt. Dwight E. Sommers, Sgt. Terrell R. Devoe, LCpl. Jamal K. Phillips, PFC Dennis G. Leanes, PFC Carl A. Rains, PFC Timothy C. Lane, PFC Hans E. Sherman, PFC Eric M.

Prudhomme, PFC Richard S. Foy, PFC Dorrian G. Robinson II, PFC Anthony J. Grabicki, PFC Brandon M. Sain, PFC Brian A. Nelson, PFC Larry A. Villareal Jr., PFC Daniel K. Brinkerhoff, PFC Chris W. Maddox, PFC Bryan K. Williams, and PFC Manuel A. Garcia.

New Marines in the Company B area are PFC Shannon W. Wallace, PFC Joshua D. Mann and Pvt. Richard J. Donohue.

Capt. Harold D. Jones, Cpl. William J. Philbin, Cpl. Charles E. Locke Jr., Cpl. Joe M. Shehan, Cpl. Ismael Ortiz Jr., and LCpl.

Rick A. Pagel are new to the USNA Company.

LCpl. Kenneth A. Reed III is new to the Drum & Bugle Corps.

MCI Company welcomes GySgt. Clark P. Hewitt Jr., PFC Jose M. Cruzmontanez and PFC Duane T. Denoi.

## Providing a positive image

“I just wanted to pass on a “well done” to all the marching units, the staffs, the President’s Own, the Commandant’s Own, the Adjutant, Grounds Maintenance and Operations sections, the escorts and dog handlers, the corpsmen, and many others that I am sure I have overlooked but who also have done so much. They all made last night and the entire parade season a smashing success!!! The Barracks should be extremely proud of what they have done over a very busy summer—I am!!!” With these words of praise from the Commandant, the 1995 Parade Season comes to an end. I would also like to add my “well done” to the chorus of praise for all the hard work and professionalism displayed this past season.

With the 1995 Parade Season gone it is now time for all of us to reflect on the season. We have a formal process for examining the parade season so that we can continue to improve our performances. This process has already begun and we should see the results in the next few months. However, before we even begin this process, we need to reflect on why we, as the Marines of Marine Barracks, Washington D.C., conduct these parades.

You will often hear the comment about the Marine Corps that we are “stuck in the past” and parades such as the Evening Parade are offered as

proof. After all, surely what happens on the parade deck has nothing to do with the conduct of modern warfare. This is nothing more than a stylized throwback to the 18th century when the ability to march in precise formations and play music was vital to the conduct of war.

In the strictest sense, the above comments are correct—the parades we perform *do* have little to do with modern warfare. However, these comments miss the point as there are several good reasons why the Evening and Sunset Parades, or events like them, are vital to the United States Marine Corps.

**First**, these parades are crucial to the maintenance of the Marine culture or ethos. Every organization, and the Marine Corps is certainly one of the best examples, has a culture, formed not on the basis of explicit rules but developed out of a set of ethical habits internalized by its members. Sure, we have plenty of written rules and regulations in the Marine Corps, but “once a Marine, always a Marine” is not one of them. One look at the faces of the Marine veterans who watch the parade tells you they have come home to witness the heart and soul of being a Marine.

**Second**, the parades reinforce, but cannot create, that special bond which is the essence of being a Marine. There is a sense of cohesiveness, a sense of elitism, which observing your obvious

standards of excellence brings out in all Marines.

**Third**, they rejuvenate us. Many of the Marine observers of the parade tell you that they walk away with their “motivational batteries recharged.” Think about the reaction of the “Super Squad” Marines as they watched the last parade.

Finally, the parades provide a connection to our past. Without such a connection, an institution or organization cannot determine how it got to where it is today and, consequently, cannot determine how to move into the future.

Note that I have discussed the reasons for conducting the Evening and Sunset Parades only from the standpoint of Marines. I have purposely left out the primary reason which is usually given in any discussion—to provide a positive image of the Corps to the American people. I do this because I believe this reason is self-evident to you and because we need realize that the parades play an important role for us—the Marine Corps family.

Again, congratulations on a superb parade season. In the words of the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Dalton, the final parade was “extremely well done and made me very proud to serve as Secretary of our Corps of Marines.”

By  
Col. David G. Dotterer

# Check Mate

I played a game of chess with my son last night. He won. I'm not so sure why I ever bothered to teach him to play the game. He was never supposed to be good enough to beat his Dad. Age, maturity, and experience usually give one the edge, right? Even so, I quietly surrendered my King to my son's solid check-mate. Humiliating defeat. I'll do better next time.

I think one of the biggest revelations from our game was his ability to think ahead *so many* moves. I told him he was just lucky, but we both knew better. He planned and calculated, even took a risk or two, then locked me down. By the time I saw my plight, it was too late to devise a rescue strategy. That is a sign of maturity, you know: Looking ahead as far as possible, understanding the benefits, dangers, and consequences of each action, and pursuing the plan all the way to its goal (adjusting as necessary). My son couldn't do that very well when he was ten years old. Now that he is fourteen, it's becoming a different — and much better — game.

Chess isn't the only place where maturity pays off. A Marine stopped by my office the other day asking about the regulations for weddings in Virginia. He described the girl he is about to marry. She sounds fantastic. They've known each other about nine months. I assumed he was going to tie the knot in the next couple of weeks.

To my surprise, he said they are planning their wedding for early 1997! Smart Marine. Smart fiance. I bet they'll do well together. They will do well partly because they are planning and calculating carefully in advance. They want to start off right. They will first build a savings account to pay for the wedding extras, a nice but simple honeymoon, and the basics to set up their home after the vows are made. They will also use some of his leave days and liberty weekends to get to know each other's family. I don't know if this Marine is a good chess player, but he sure shows maturity as he plans for becoming a husband.

In chess, you look at more than just the current position of each playing piece on the board. You examine where each of those pieces could end up *several moves later* and plan your strategy based on those possibilities. The further ahead you can plan your moves, the better your chances of winning the game. When a car salesman says he can finance that BMW for you with no money down, no credit check, and payments deducted straight out of your paycheck, then dangles the keys before your eyes, it will seem like a good move. You'll be stylin'. He will almost never tell you what can happen *several moves later*. It's a better strategy to check his interest rates, get exact insurance costs, talk to

the credit union, wait at least twenty-four hours, have someone else look over the sales contract, and so on. Mature persons look at the long-range effects of each decision *as well as* the immediate benefits.

Once you make a move on a chess board and take your hand off the playing piece, you can't take it back. In almost every game of chess I play (which isn't all that many) I make a move thinking it is my best choice. As soon as I raise my hand off the piece, I realize I could have used a different piece better, or (more often) I just set myself up for some real damage and destruction. I can't take it back, though. My only choice is to regroup — accept my losses, change my strategy a bit and move on. Perseverance pays.

Maturity requires perseverance. If you don't get what you expected you probably can't go back and do it again. You can't give up, either. You have to regroup and move on. Make lemonade, as they say. Before you make a move that could be a mistake:

Plan ahead.

Look at all the possibilities you can see in the distance, then,

Step out and keep marching.  
Adjust your course when necessary.

You can do it. Persevere!

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"Therefore . . . stand firm.  
Let nothing move you.  
Always give yourselves  
fully to the work of the  
Lord, because you know  
that your labor in the Lord  
is not in vain."

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by  
LCDR Doyle W. Dunn, USN



# From the Mailbox

August 6, 1995

Dear Capt. Powell:

*I wish to extend my thanks to you and all who participated in last Friday's Parade for a magnificent evening of precision drill and beautiful music; it was a thoroughly memorable experience. We were fortunate to bring 83 Delawareans to see the parade, many for the first time. Each of us came away in awe of the performances of your Marines. Each individual unit was outstanding in its own right and the overall effect of the evening left a tremendous sense of pride in being an American and, for some of us, in being former members of our Armed Forces. You can be justifiably proud of your troops; they were awesome!!*

*Thank for the opportunity to bring our group to see such an inspirational event. Your folks really took good care of us and I personally thank you, and them, for their outstanding hospitality.*

*The Evening Parade is one of those special events that everyone should see at least once! When I came to Washington eleven years ago, to Andrews Air Force Base, I was told not to miss the Marine Retreat. I saw it twice that summer and have been back several times since. It was as inspirational then as it is now!*

*Again, on behalf of the folks that travelled from Dover, Del., our thanks to you and each member of the Marine Barracks for a truly wonderful evening.*

*Sincerely,*

*Richard B. Harper, Jr.*

*Colonel, USAF (Ret.)*

August 11, 1995

Dear Col. Dotterer,

*Please accept my sincere appreciation for a superb evening this past Tuesday. The Marines of the Barracks, 8th & I, in their usual unmatched form, provide a most impressive parade. As always, the preliminary details can often "make or break" an event, and I would like to especially acknowledge the efforts of Capt. Powell and Cpl. Noble for coordinating the guest list and MSgt. Balduck for providing a delightful Center House reception.*

*Again, congratulations as you conclude a successful parade season and thank you for a truly "good show."*

*Semper Fi,*

*R.G. Richard*

*Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps*

*Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for*

*Manpower and Reserve Affairs*

July 11, 1995

Dear Col. Sollis,

*Thanks for the support on the 4th of July. Your Marines were spectacular once again. We appreciate the personal touch you gave to Jim and me. We look forward to working with the Barracks again.*

*My thanks to you and your superb supporting cast at 8th & I. Semper Fidelis.*

*Sincerely,*

*T. P. Murray*

*Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps*

*Director of Public Affairs*

July 31, 1995

Dear Col. Dotterrer,

Please pass along to your Marines my sincere appreciation for the marvelous change of command and retirement they conducted for MGen. Davis and myself. Changing command at "The Oldest Post of the Corps" was a great thrill for me and my family.

I am very honored.

Semper Fidelis,

J.W. Klimp

Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General Marine Corps  
Recruiting Command

July 26, 1995

Dear Col. Dotterrer,

Please accept and pass to your Marines and Sailors my most sincere appreciation for their exceptional performance during the Naval Academy Parade. I have received countless compliments on that evening's ceremony. You can be rightfully proud of the professionals in your charge, both those marching on the parade field and those behind the scenes. They truly make "The Corps' Oldest Post" our showplace.

Again, thanks. I was pleased to be a part of your first parade as the Commanding Officer. My regards to you and your family, and best wishes in your continued success.

Sincerely,

G.R. Christmas

Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower  
and Reserve Affairs

July 27, 1995

Dear Col. Dotterrer,

Thank you for the truly magnificent performance of the Barracks at the special July 26 Sunset Parade. The multiple ceremonial commitments during Korean War Veterans week were undoubtedly challenging for your Marines. But they performed superbly. Our honored guests were literally overwhelmed by the spectacular performance at the Marine Corps War Memorial. I trust your Marines understand the emotions that their tribute recalled for those we honored. I observed more than a few tears by the Korean War Veterans.

On behalf of our honored guests and Korean War Veterans, please express our appreciation for a memorable evening. Your ceremonial and support Marines were outstanding. Capt. Powell was exceptionally professional in coordinating parade administrative details. GySgt. Atwood was extremely cooperative in preparing special announcements recognizing the achievements of our honored guests. As always, the conscientious initiatives and dedication of your Marines contributed to an outstanding Sunset Parade.

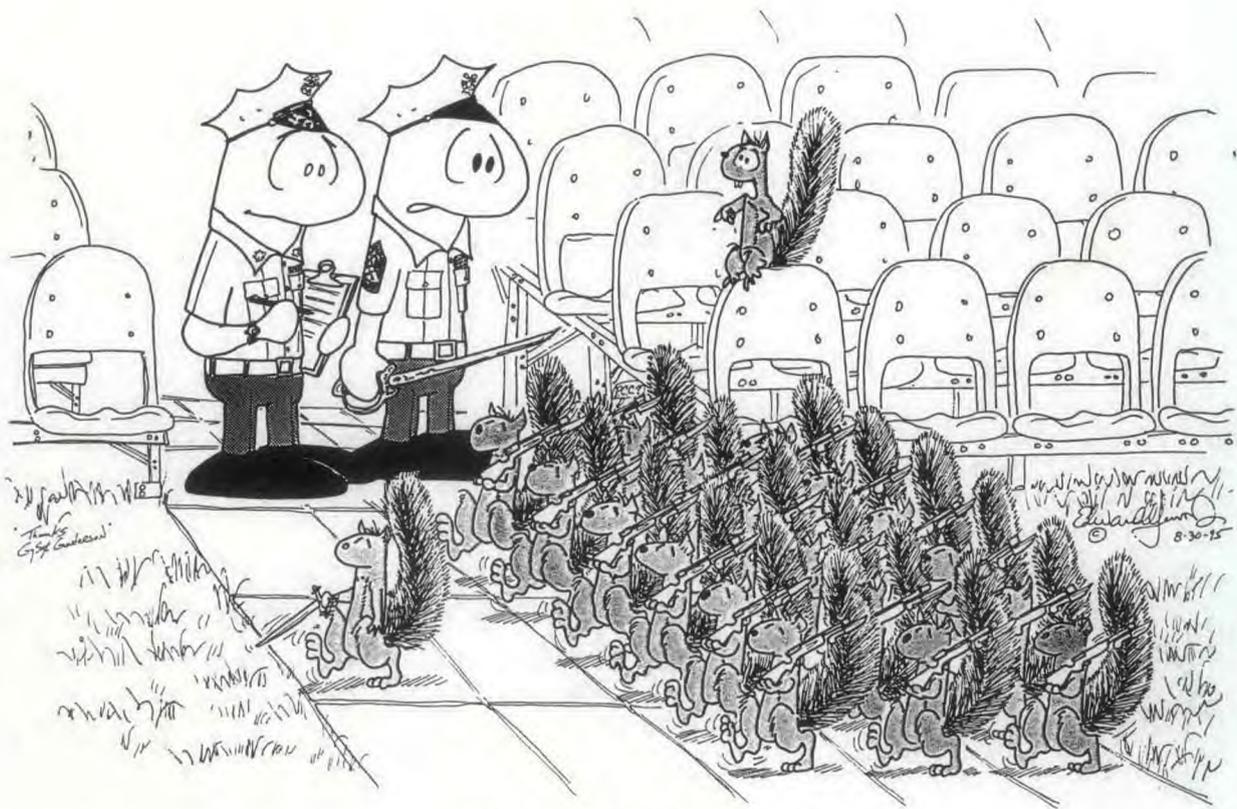
Congratulations again on your assumption of command at the Barracks. You and Kerry are superb representatives of our Marine family. I wish you both success at "The Oldest Post of the Corps." You and Kerry cause me to fondly remember special memories of the times we shared at the Barracks.

Semper Fi,

J.H. Admire

Major General, U.S. Marine Corps

**HARRY WHO** by GySgt. E.A. Temple Jr.



"What's so hard about this?"

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