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**Company "B"  
Marines train to  
quell disturbances**

**Chemical unit trains in D. C. - Single Marine program stands-up**

# “Sound Off”

by Sgt. Patrick E. Franklin  
Press Chief

You may have noticed some changes to the “Pass in Review” this month. Mainly, the magazine is published in a timely manner and we lept from the March issue to the June issue.

Due to the untimely demise of our previous contractor, we were forced to accept a monthly contract process which slowed down publication considerably. We now have a regular contractor again and rather than play “catch-up,” we chose not to print an April or May issue.

There have been some changes to our staff as well. Cpl. Chance D. Puma has moved from the editor’s desk over to community relations and will be traveling with the Battle Color Detachment as their narrator. Cpl. Pauline L. Render has joined the staff from Iwakuni, Japan, and has taken over the editorial chores.

Speaking of editorials, the C.O.’s Column has given way to an opinion/editorial page. This is one of the changes I mentioned.

We will now accept your comments, concerns and ideas. Simply write a letter or send us an E-mail and we will consider printing it in the editorial column. If you have an idea or concern which warrants a reply, we will have the appropriate agency respond -- a local “Marine Mail” program, if you will. We will also share any humorous, or not so humorous, stories you might like to share with your fellow Marines.

Now, for the ground rules.

All letters and E-mails must be signed by the author. No anonymous letters will be considered for publication. Also, do not be upset if you

submit a letter and it never makes it into the magazine. We have a limited amount of space and all submissions will be evaluated prior to publication. Those letters which have the broadest ranging topic or that affect the Marines here at the “oldest post” the most will have the highest priority.

If your letter is chosen for publication, do not expect to see an exact copy of what you sent. You, like any journalist, will have your letter or article edited. We will not change the intent or tone of your submission, but we will correct grammar, spelling and style errors. Our guide for this process is the Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual. Editing is something all writers must face, so accept the inevitable and “press on.”

The Command is giving you the opportunity to address relevant issues in an intelligent and professional manner. Comments and suggestions from young Marines are highly valuable and often unrecognized. Modifications to existing equipment and suggestions regarding dietary and exercise routines are fine examples. If you have an idea, do not be apprehensive — send it in.

Here is your chance, the floor is yours.



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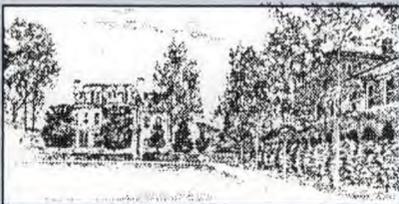
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# Preparing for the worst

Demo confirms unit's capability, importance to national security



*The Chemical Agent Monitor (CAM) helps the reconnaissance element detect deadly chemical agents.*

**Story and photos**  
by **Cpl. Jerry D Pierce**  
**Staff Writer**

The Marine Corps' Chemical/Biological Incident Response Force recently conducted full-scale enactments of terrorist attacks for members of Congress and more than 150 high ranking military and civilian officials.

The week-long series of exercises gave viewers a closer look at what takes place during terrorist incidents involving civilian victims in an urban environment. The demonstration and training events, held at the Capitol and at Henderson Hall in Arlington, Va., were instructional for everyone involved.

"Our main goal is to portray realistic scenarios that show the full capability of the Marine Corps' premier chem/bio response unit," said Maj. Mike Malone, operations officer for CBIRF. "Showing [victims] flop around from the effects of a nerve or blister agent gives a realistic presentation to our viewers. More importantly, it puts realistic images of an incident scene in our Marines' minds."

The realism of the demonstration was important for the Marines as well as the viewing audience.

"I think the demonstrations showed the realistic horror that terrorist threats can bring into the lives of innocent people," said Tom Slovan, a private industry representative who attended the Henderson Hall demonstration. "The destructive capabilities of terrorists today have been exemplified throughout the world, which gives even more reason to maintain a unit like this."

The demonstrations are realistic, but they cannot simulate the true destructive nature of a violent terrorist attack.

"Terrorists are attacking federal buildings and high-rise office buildings, and it is increasingly important that an elite unit like CBIRF remain trained and ready to respond to the needs of the innocent victims of these tragic incidents," said Slovan.

More than 350 Marines make up the Camp Lejeune, N.C., based unit.

"Almost 250 Marines work in occupational specialties other than the chemical/biological defense field. Of those, 80 percent have been laterally trained in the chem/bio field and perform duties that require them to conduct both their regular job and their secondary occupation. The remaining 100 Marines are fully trained chem/bio specialists," said Sgt. Steven G. Steele, CBIRF spokesperson.

During the demonstration, some Marines from the unit acted as the victims while others performed their standard duties.

"I would consider my job anything but standard," said Cpl. Brian J. Cox, communications specialist for CBIRF. "I don't consider what I do here to be a job or an occupation. We are six separate elements working

together to save lives.”

During the demonstrations, CBIRF’s command and control element coordinated all unit operations, handled all incident intelligence and served as the communications center for the incident.

The reconnaissance element quickly and accurately detected the chemical agent, a crucial step to minimizing casualties and saving the lives of innocent victims.

Once the reconnaissance unit identified the agent, the decontamination element moved in to conduct a thorough decontamination of all victims and unit personnel. The mobile victims walked through a series of showers and ended with a final check before being sent to the recovery area. The more seriously injured victims were immobilized and rolled through a series of showers and “scrubbings” conducted by decontamination personnel.

The unit’s security element provided force protection for reconnaissance and medical element members throughout the operation. Each member is an infantryman trained in a variety of roles including: security patrols, Military Operations in Urban Terrain, riot control and vehicle and personnel search.

The medical element handled casualty treatment and survival. Composed of three doctors, one environmental health officer, one physician’s assistant, a nurse and 17 corpsmen, this element provided on-scene, lifesaving medical attention to the more seriously injured victims.

Each member of the team is responsible for injury assessment and care.

The element that makes CBIRF a self-sustained and worldwide deployable unit is the service support element. This element supplied transportation, rations and water for the entire unit. Service support is able to sustain the unit for up to 14 days and is able to arrange for more provisions with businesses within the incident area.

In April 1996, Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps, formed CBIRF as part of his new force-in-readiness policy.

“Gen. Krulak wanted a unit designed to deter and, if needed, respond quickly to various chemical and biological incidents of national interest,” said Malone. “He realized the importance of having a specialized unit that could respond to these incidents and keep the rate of fatal casualties to a minimum.”

Malone explained that now that CBIRF is up and running, it is important to use opportunities like this to demonstrate the unit’s usefulness.

“In urban environments you can’t handle terrorist activity by just running in and shooting people,” said Malone. “In these cases we are dealing with innocent victims of highly sophisticated and very destructive terrorist weapons. That is why it is so important for our Marines and our viewers to see both sides of this dangerous part of our lives.”



***Saving the lives of victims and CBIRF personnel is the responsibility of the Medical Element. The 23-man team is trained and equipped to provide 72-hour stabilization for the victims of chem/bio incidents.***

# Civil Disturbance: Company "B" ready for the call

by Cpl. Jerry D. Pierce  
Staff Writer

**MCB, Quantico** — Ever since President Washington sent militiamen into western Pennsylvania to quell a rebellion against whiskey tax during the 1790s, the issue of using federal forces to control civil unrest has been a sensitive one.

And with the occurrence of riots in Los Angeles during May 1992, the topic once again rose to the surface. When President Bush called on Marines and soldiers to help control unrest in California, it brought to the forefront the Corps' role in potential civil disturbance operations.

Marines of Company "B" recently rehearsed at Combat Town, an urban

training facility, in preparation for participation in any potential civil disturbance missions.

"It was an evolution rather than a training exercise — a final test of basic skills the platoons have been working on for the past four months," said Capt. Sean D. Berg, Company "B" executive officer.

Throughout the year, the company practices basic civil disturbance skills such as individual weapon movements, squad and platoon formations and transitions and coordinated (gas) masking drills.

During the evolution, two dozen Guard and Company "A" Marines acted as rioters. Each platoon in Company "B" practiced controlling the "angry" mob, which yelled slander-

ous remarks, threw eggs and water balloons, and did everything it could to challenge the discipline of the Company "B" Marines.

"When we train our Marines for this mission, we tell them to expect the worst. We teach them to expect crowd members to throw everything they can get their hands on, and in a worst case scenario, they might have to deal with snipers," said Berg.

Garbed with face-shields, M16A2 rifles, bayonets, helmets and flak jackets, the Company "B" Marines entered a simulated civil disturbance in Combat Town and quickly learned the potential for communication and organizational breakdowns in this intense environment.

"We'd only trained with one or two aggressors at a time, so it took us a minute to get used to the rioters yelling insults and throwing things at us," said LCpl. William B. Lancaster, 3rd Platoon. "It became difficult to maintain my self-control with all the pressure from the crowd, and with all the noise, communication was very difficult."

The last time Barracks Marines performed in support of an actual civil disturbance mission was almost three decades ago. Twice during a three-year period, Barracks Marines were called upon to augment police and National Guard forces.

In 1968 the Barracks mobilized to protect the U.S. Capitol, the White



Two members of a "snatch team" subdue a "rioter" during Company "B's" civil disturbance training. (Photo by Cpl. Pauline L. Render)



Pfc. Randy L. Company "B" of view. (Photo by Cpl. Pauline L. Render)



**Polion, a "rioter," talks to members of over a barrier trying to explain his point by Cpl. Jerry D. Pierce)**

House, the Barracks and other points around the city such as bridges, federal buildings and power plants during massive riots ensuing the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Then in 1971, Barracks Marines were again called to the U.S. Capitol to control rioters protesting the United States involvement in Vietnam.

While these incidents took place more than 25 years ago, the fundamentals for training and readiness are the same. Company "B's" evolution took place in a simulated urban environment, making it easy to imagine a city park or side-street in downtown Washington, D.C. And while the rioters were only throwing harmless training aids, bricks and broken bottles could have been the projectiles during a real incident.

"A riot is a group of people out of order, and our appearance is the first step toward control. If we look rigid and organized, our appearance is more imposing," said Berg.

Although it is difficult amid a hectic summer parade schedule to perform this needed training, the Marines of Company "B" are prepared to carry out any mission if the president calls.

## New faces fill parade billets

The noncommissioned officers' parade staff for 1997 includes many Marines whose names are appearing on the roster for the first time.

In fact, Cpl. Raphael Riemenschneider, training assistant operations clerk, said there are only three returning Marines from the 1996 lineup.

"There are quite a few new faces out on the parade deck this year," Riemenschneider said. "The Marines looked very good during the tryouts. You could tell they put a lot of time and effort into their performances."

"I think we can look forward to an outstanding show in the 1997 parade season," Riemenschneider added. "Last year's billet holders have put a lot of time into training the new teams."

### 1997 NCO Parade Staff

Sgt. Heath A. Kuhlmann, Parade Commander  
 Sgt. Gabriel Q. Ford, Flanking Officer  
 Cpl. Javier Torres, Adjutant  
 Sgt. David M. Sosinski, Senior  
 Cpl. Raphael Riemenschneider, Junior  
 Cpl. Daniel R. White, Supernumerary  
 LCpl. William C. Steding, Supernumerary

### Battalion Color Lowering

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 LCpl. Stephen R. Hurd  
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#### **H&S Team:**

Cpl. Toni A. Posey  
 LCpl. Kevin B. Grant  
 LCpl. Simon A. Reed  
 LCpl. Jeremy J. Richardson

### Bell Ringers

Cpl. Nelson D. Akeredolu  
 Cpl. Kenneth G. Morris

### Mascot Handlers

Cpl. Vinh H. Nguyen  
 Cpl. Nelson D. Akeredolu

### Flag Breakers

LCpl. Kristopher S. Taff  
 LCpl. Morani Grundy



**Sgt. Heath F. Kuhlmann. returns his sword to its scabbard at the completion of his tryout. His performance earned him the position as the parade commander for this year's upcoming NCO Parade. (Photo by LCpl. Matt S. Schafer.)**

## Quality of life, single Marines main concern

by *Cpl. Chance D. Puma*  
*Community Relations NCO*

Single Marines throughout the Marine Corps want a better quality of life — better living quarters, recreation facilities and programs. As the Corps changes to provide for these requests, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., has taken steps to address them locally.

8th and I chartered a Single Marines Program in April, backed by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Support Activity, to confront quality of life issues and form a support structure to solve them.

Marines from around the battalion formed a small Commander's Committee April 16 to structure a Single Marines Program for 8th & I and improve the overall quality of life for single Marines here, focusing on 18- to 25-year-olds living in the barracks.

To best serve the needs of these Marines, single Marines living in the barracks like Cpl. Anthony A. Perez head the committee. "One thing I like about this committee is, up until now, we've had officers and staff noncommissioned officers making all the decisions about what goes on at Marine Barracks," said Perez, a tenor drummer with the Drum & Bugle Corps. "Now we can bring our voices in and, in our own words, explain to those in charge what the problems are that they may not be aware of."

The committee got the chance to bring those concerns to the command's attention April 22 by briefing SgtMaj. Dennis S. Frye, barracks sergeant major, on the program's first initiatives.

The meeting focused on the quality of the Bachelor's Enlisted Quarters and recreation programs — bringing into view the command's plans to improve living quarters over the next three years, according to committee member Lance Cpl. Christina L. Wright.

Frye was receptive to many of the committee's ideas and cited the command's need to provide adequate living space to house all of 8th & I's non-NCOs, many of whom are now living in town.

One of the largest endeavors discussed at the meeting was the feasibility of a 300-man BEQ with transportation to and from 8th & I, according to Wright, an administrative clerk at the Marine Corps Institute. While the construction project is still in the justification and procurement stages, the logistics section is already moving to support improved quality of life in the barracks with a

number of smaller improvements.

The barracks logistics section's short term goals for the existing BEQ include adding 20 new washers and dryers, activating service connections for newly installed phones, and furnishing 80 out of 130 rooms with new lamps and solid-oak furniture. By upgrading selected rooms as supplies become available, all 130 rooms will eventually be refurbished, according to Logistics Chief Master Sgt. Alfred F. Hickmott.

In addition to improvements on rooms, "plans are already drawn up to turn the E-club into a sports bar with a bigger dance floor and more arcade games," said Wright.

Aside from improving the barracks structure, the command is striving to make better activities available to the Marines living here. MWR recently added new fishing and hiking gear to the list of recreation equipment available to Marines and is also putting together monthly schedules for weekend trips.

"Say a bunch of Marines want to go to Ocean City for a weekend. We can hook up some buses or some discounted tickets for shows through MWR," said Wright. To take part in existing trips or plan their own trips, Marines can contact Single Marines Program committee members in their units.

The Single Marines Program is a direct action of MWRSPACT's Quality Management Board formed in 1994. The board found programs for singles in the Corps were lacking compared to those for married Marines and their family members, according to Sonya M. Downes, a recreational specialist for MWRSPACT's headquarters at MCB Quantico, Va.

The board also showed 55 percent of all Marines are single, a higher percentage of single members than any other armed service, making the program especially important to the Corps, said Downes.

This led to Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs LtGen. George R. Christmas' approval for the program, which includes \$42 million in funding for the Corps' MWRs to use in improving the quality of life.

With such strong backing from Headquarters Marine Corps and MWR, the Single Marines Program is off to a good start, but its overall effectiveness will be determined by local support.

"This program came to Henderson Hall in 1995 and has been doing good things there," according to Perez. "To meet with the same success, 8th & I needs single

Marines to actively participate and give as much feedback as possible," he said.

"The quality of life here isn't all bad," said Wright, "but it can get better. We're the junior Marines who live in the barracks, use the gym, eat at the chow hall and field day here. It's up to us to ask for the improvements we need."

Single Marines interested in the program can contact their company representatives or Master Sgt. Sheryl A. Hodges at MWR for more details about upcoming events.

**Single Marines Company Representatives**

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| LCpl. Vaketa L. Chambers  | H&S Co. | 433-2145 |
| LCpl. Jorbin Charles Jr.  | MCI Co. | 433-6441 |
| LCpl. Lance T. Diede      | Co. A   | 433-2654 |
| LCpl. Samuel B. Lewis     | H&S Co. | 433-2258 |
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| Pfc. Derrick L. White     | H&S Co. | 433-9891 |

## Barracks Cagers storm Henderson Hall

Team takes title in Over 30 Division, 2nd place overall in tourney action

by **LCpl. Matt S. Schafer**  
Staff Writer

The 8th & I Over 30 basketball team took first place in the Over 30 Division, and second overall in the intramural league tournament held at Henderson Hall April 9.

8th & I's team entered the final round of the championship playoffs with a 10-3 record and first place in the Over 30 Division.

The Over 30's dominated the single elimination tournament, but fell short in the final round against the Bandits, who claimed first in the Under 30 bracket, losing 101-78.

The Bandits built up an early lead against 8th & I with ruthless aggression and flawless ball control, but the road to victory was anything but easy. The Over 30s retaliated with solid defense and stone cold rebounds, forcing the Bandits to race to maintain their lead. In the end, the Bandits had the upper hand and the winning score.

Anthony Clark led the Over 30's in scoring with 22 points, followed by Daniel E. Phair with 21. Bandits' high scorer Ed Hazly sank 26 points, including 9 foul shots, followed by Nathaniel Brown with 17.

According to 8th & I coach King E. Thomas, Over 30 didn't give Henderson Hall the trophy for free.

"We were a little off on our shooting, but we got out there and ran with them up through the end of the game," Thomas said.

*Over 30 (left)—Staff Sgt. Joseph E. O'Bannon positions himself to shoot a "free throw" early into the final game against the Bandits. 8th & I lost the game, 101-78. (photo by LCpl. Matt S. Schafer)*



# Don't get "netted" in an internet crime

*Sgt. Thomas Arntz  
MCB Quantico*

**MCB, Quantico, Va.** —Three Marines serving aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, were recently convicted on charges of Internet-related crimes.

The convictions all came from charges related to misuse of the government Internet and were investigated by either the Criminal Investigation Division or the Naval Criminal Investigative Service aboard Quantico.

"There are a number of ways that we can discover Internet abuse," said Chief Warrant Officer-3 Bret Swanson, CID investigations officer. "Another person reporting something they saw that didn't belong there, using software programs to monitor systems' use, and by conducting random network surveys."

In one case, an officer pled guilty to misusing government equipment and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman in a general court martial. The charges were specifically

related to e-mail and Internet use for personal reasons. The sentence imposed was a fine of \$25,000, a reprimand, and loss of lineal numbers. The maximum punishment he could have faced was four and a half years in prison, forfeiture of pay and dismissal from the Corps, plus an unlimited fine.

Two corporals were both found guilty at general courts-martial of misusing government equipment and a felonious charge of illegally loading and possessing illegal pornographic images on their assigned government computers within their respective work spaces. The pornographic pictures were obtained via the command's Internet capability.

One corporal received 32 months confinement; the other Marine received 22 months confinement. Both received additional punishments of a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction in rank to E-1.

"If you want to make sure that CID doesn't show up on your doorstep, make sure you never use it for personal use," said Swanson. "Just be

responsible with the equipment you were given to do your job with."

Sometimes mistakes happen and a user may end up on an unauthorized web site and not realize it until it is too late, and the personnel at CID realize this.

"Some users use search engines that do not always list authorized sites," said Swanson. "It's just important for people to be careful and get out of the accidental visits to unauthorized sites right away."

Users are also instructed to call their base network operations systems office and report the site that was accidentally visited.

"They need to make sure they back out of it right away. If they don't back out of it right away, it will be up to them to explain why they didn't," said Swanson.

According to Swanson, CID is tasked with performing random network surveys throughout the base, and the user will not know they are coming until they walk through the door with their laptop to hook into his or her computer.

## Regulations require seat belts for driver, passenger safety

**Washington** — Forty-eight Sailors and Marines who were not wearing seat belts died in motor vehicle mishaps last year, according to the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va. Many of these fatalities could have been avoided by buckling up.

Chief of Naval Operations Instruction 5100.12F and Marine Corps Order 5100.19D require safety belts be worn when driving, even in privately owned vehicles.

"Safety belts are the most important safety device built into vehicles today," said Rose Talbott, head of NSC's Motor Vehicle Safety Division.

Another piece of standard safety equipment in use since the late 1980s is the air bag. Air bags are a supplement to the safety belt, not a substitute. Air bags offer no protection during side, rear, or rollover crashes.

"Air bags are only deployed in frontal crashes. The sensors that trigger the air bags are located in the front area," said Talbott.

Perhaps the most important reason safety belts are so effective is that they prevent drivers and passengers from being thrown from the car in an accident. According to research, it is 25 times more likely that drivers or passengers will be killed or injured if ejected from a car during an accident.

Safety belts also help to prevent your body from being thrown about while inside the car. Wearing a safety belt can prevent bumps, bruises, cuts, and sprains if an accident occurs.

Wearing a safety belt is also a part of defensive driving. Being secured in your seat allows you to steer more efficiently and effectively, and can actually help avoid an accident.

If you are not wearing a safety belt and enforcing its use in your vehicle, you are not protecting yourself or your passengers, no matter how short the ride.

## Former Barracks Career Planner gets new assignment

*Sgt. Chad E. McMeen*

*Quantico Sentry*

**MARINE CORPS BASE, Quantico, Va.** — Most Marines who carry the military occupational specialty 2549, communications center chief, spend their days behind a locked door in a vault without windows. However, there are some who break the mold.

Staff Sgt. Mary Flecher, formerly assigned as the career planner at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., and a 15-year veteran in the communications field, was recently selected to become one of 18 — and the first female — communications system operators assigned to Marine Helicopter Squadron-1. HMX-1 is the only squadron in the Marine Corps that uses CSOs.

According to Maj. David W. Smith, head of the Communications Department and officer-in-charge, the CSOs are responsible for providing in-flight communication support for the President and his staff. The Marines chosen for this unique billet must undergo a detailed interview process, complete flight crew training, and spend approximately one year learning the job in addition to getting qualified.

"I had never flown on a regular basis, and certainly not in a helicopter," said the 5-foot 3-inch tall Marine describing her early bouts with air sickness. "It was just something I had to work through." At the time of her selection, Flecher was stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., where she was serving as the career planner.

"Staff Sgt. Flecher joined the unit running full steam — all ahead flank," said Smith. "She's a real self-motivator and maintains momentum in the right direction."

"This is a unique opportunity for the communications field," said Col. Fred Geier, HMX-1 commanding officer. "She could potentially be the first female Marine to be on



*Staff Sgt. Mary Flecher accepts her air-crew wings from Col. Fred Geier, HMX-1 commanding officer. (Photo by Sgt. Chad E. McMeen)*

the presidential lift."

Plotting new territory for women in the Marine Corps, Flecher's success proves that there are no limits to what Marines can accomplish.

## Marines test new eyewear, Frames of Choice program on horizon

**MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C.** —

Marines who wear glasses may take on a new look soon, thanks to the Navy's Frames of Choice eyeglass program.

The Frames of Choice program kicked off in the Navy several months ago after field tests to determine what frames Sailors found to be most desirable. Now, Marines have been given the green light to participate in the program

A team of Navy eye specialists fitted almost 350 Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment and the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment with a prototype eyeglass frame designed for wear in the field. The frame is made of a lightweight, durable metal, coated with a black non-reflective matte finish.

Once the Marines put the glasses on, those in charge of the field-and-wear tests want them to keep them on

— in the field, on liberty, and in their barracks.

"The understanding is that they wear the glasses as much as possible," said HMC George Hoover, one of the field test coordinators. Officials want to evaluate the practicality of the new glasses, which are more modern-looking than the heavy, durable black or brown plastic-framed glasses currently worn.

# MCI releases "motor-T" course

**MCI Motor-T—GySgt. Pamela J. Smith, motor-t course developer at MCI Co. (left), administers the practical application section of the MCI course, "Troubleshooting the M998 HMMWV's Electrical System" examination to Cpl Ryan R. Trahan from Motor-T Maintenance Section, TBS Co., MCB Quantico, Va. (photo by LCpl. Matt S. Schafer)**



**By LCpl. Matt S. Schafer  
Staff Writer**

The Marine Corps Institute is introducing motor transport Marines around the Corps to an alternate method of testing with its most recent course.

"Motor-T" Leathernecks are receiving some hands-on training with course 35.21, entitled, "Troubleshooting the M998 HMMWV's Electrical System."

According to GySgt. Pamela J. Smith, a motor-T course developer at MCI, the new course has been

released to provide Marines with a better understanding of how to identify electrical problems with the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, or "humvees," in the motor pool. Motor-T Marines can use the information from this course to find and solve electrical problems, which may also cause mechanical problems, while they are still small, instead of waiting until the humvees break down.

"This course will save the Marine Corps thousands of dollars on maintenance. If you take the time to test the vehicle, you will save

time and money," Smith said.

Smith explained this course includes a practical application section, which aids Marines in understanding the functions of various tools. It provides detailed instruction on the "Simplified Test Equipment for Internal Combustion Engines-Reprogrammable," an instrument used to diagnose problems on a humvee by testing its electrical levels.

Smith said this instrument can be a great asset to any vehicle maintenance section, but not enough Marines know how to operate the STE/ICE-R, nor will they properly learn with a "bubble sheet" and a number two pencil.

"You can't teach someone how to fix a vehicle out of a text book," Smith explained. "That's where this course comes in. It gives motor-T Marines a chance to be tested in a hands-on environment and apply the book knowledge they already know."

With new testing techniques coming into play, MCI also added a few guidelines for test administrators.

In addition to the initial course, MCI designed course 35.20, "Administrator Course for Troubleshooting the M998 Electrical System," which teaches sergeants and staff noncommissioned officers how to give the test to another Marine. Sergeants and Staff NCO's must complete this course before administering the test.

Marines can contact their training NCOs for more information on the new course, or call 1-800-624-8762.



*Col. Dotterrer, presents Sgt. Shawn C. Hughes with the "MCI Graduate of the Year" award for various educational accomplishments. (photo by LCpl. Matt S. Schafer)*

## MCI honors top graduate

*By LCpl. Matt S. Schafer  
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The Marine Corps Institute presented the "MCI Graduate of the Year" award to a Marine April 9 during an assembly at the Rayburn Building in Washington, D.C.

Col. David G. Dotterrer, commanding officer of Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., presented the award to Sgt. Shawn C. Hughes, a helicopter crew chief at NAS Patuxent River, Md., who completed 17 MCI courses in eleven months.

According to Hughes, completing the MCI courses gave him a boost of self-confidence in advancing his education.

"Because of my fear of failure, I never allowed myself to be academically challenged. Using the study techniques recommended by MCI, I successfully completed several courses and increased my self confidence. I realized I was not limited to a high school diploma," Hughes said.

While completing the MCI courses, Hughes was also a student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he completed 33 credit hours and made the Dean's List twice.

Hughes' efforts at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and his 17 completed MCI courses were

merely the beginning in determining his eligibility for the award.

According to Mr. Chris Dionis Jr., an instructional systems specialist at MCI, the selection process for the MCI Graduate of the Year focuses on how the student applies the knowledge gained from MCI courses towards leading service members.

"The person has to be a well-rounded individual to receive the award. For example, you can complete 70 courses, but if you're not applying them to your daily schedule, you may not get the award," Dionis says.

Dionis said MCI has recognized an outstanding graduate each year since 1984. In order to do this, MCI takes applications every September to determine the winner for the previous

fiscal year.

They screen the applicants, and narrow the list down to the top three enlisted individuals. Two of the applicants receive certificates as honor graduates, and the one who is most qualified receives the award.

"Sgt. Hughes met all the standards where all the other applicants fell short," Dionis says.

Hughes uses his knowledge to help other Marines prepare for promotion boards, recognize terrain and conduct aerial navigation when flying as an air crew member, and troubleshoot problems as an aircraft mechanic. He designed balanced diets and workout schedules to help his unit's Sailors improve their Physical Readiness Test scores.

He also taught five "Navy Rights and Responsibilities" classes on various subjects, including sexual harassment and fraternization.

Hughes has also received the award for "Marine of the Year" in his unit for two consecutive years. He received the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and has been recommended for the Meritorious Commissioning Program as well.

In addition to receiving the MCI Graduate of the Year award, Hughes was recognized by the Distance Education and Training Council, the accrediting organization for MCI. Michael P. Lambert, the executive director of DETC, presented Hughes with a certificate recognizing him as one of the outstanding DETC graduates in 1997.

# Marine learns tough lesson from

by *LCpl. Matt S. Schafer*  
Staff Writer

For the last 221 years, the Marine Corps has established a reputation as an elite fighting force and an institution that swears by the values of honor, courage and commitment.

With these standards, however, comes the obligation to uphold them, a task the Marine Corps expects all Marines to perform.

One Marine from Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., is finding out just how far the Marine Corps strives to uphold these values.

Former corporal Charles L. Woods Jr. is spending the last year of his military career as a private at the Marine Corps Brig in Quantico, Va., awaiting a bad conduct discharge.

According to Sgt. Luis D. Mejia, legal clerk at 8th & I, Woods was a fiscal clerk who wrongfully appropriated \$147,000 from the U.S. government. He used \$2,000 of that money to pay off some personal debts before turning himself in to authorities.

"Woods originally faced 46 months confinement and a dishonor-

able discharge, but the court gave him a lighter sentence because of a pre-trial agreement," Mejia said.

"I didn't think about getting caught until it was too late," Woods said. "Once I had the check in my hand, I realized I wouldn't get away with it."

During the summer of 1996, Woods said he felt as if he ran out of financial options. He had a wife and four children, with another on the way. He often borrowed money from friends, the bank and his family to make it through each month. He used all of the funds available to him through the Navy Relief Society, and no longer sought the financial assistance of others.

"I could have called my family again, but I was tired of borrowing money," Woods said. "I thought I needed that money in the fiscal accounts and that was my downfall."

Woods said he felt guilty about stealing the money, and he knew it was only a matter of time before the Marine Corps would catch him. He turned himself in to authorities in September 1996.

After Woods turned himself in, he started talking to the chaplain, Lt. Kenneth Counts, twice each day. Woods said his conversations with the chaplain helped him see things in life through a broader perspective.

"The chaplain was an inspiration during my low times," Woods said. "He gave me support, guidance and made me feel good about myself."

Chaplain Counts visits Woods frequently at the brig, and continues to give him encouragement. Woods said he often regrets not talking to the chaplain earlier.

"If I would have visited him before, I probably wouldn't be here now," Woods said. "I think any Marine who feels he or she needs to turn to something evil like I did, needs to talk to the chaplain. He's there to support Marines during rough times."

Between talking with the Chaplain and the brig's rehabilitation process, Woods said he learned many lessons about conducting himself as a citizen and a parent.

"Sometimes you go through things in life, and you don't realize the mistakes you're making until

## Credo:

### Alternatives for Marines with personal, financial problems

Lt. Kenneth Counts, the barracks chaplain, introduced Woods to a few different options the Marine Corps offers to Marines with personal or financial problems.

One option is the Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation. CREDO is a personal growth retreat program which allows Marines to attend self improvement workshops for one week and work on solving their problems.

Counts also mentioned the Navy Relief Fund calling it the primary financial relief society for Marines and

sailors. In fact, they distributed \$909,000 in loans to Marines and sailors in the Washington, D.C., area in 1996.

In addition to programs such as CREDO and Navy Relief, Counts said his services are always available to Marines.

"The barracks chaplain maintains an open door policy to any Marine 24 hours a day and seven days a week," Counts said. "The chaplain is here to listen to Marines and help them deal with any questions or issues that come up in their lives."

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something bad happens," Woods said. "That's what happened to me."

In addition, Woods said he spends his time contemplating the career he had in the Marine Corps. According to Staff Sgt. Rodney A. Brown, 8th & I fiscal chief, Woods was an excellent Marine. He was proficient in his job, and he was an outstanding non-commissioned officer.

"Everybody who knew him and worked with him still thought highly of him, even after he stole that money," Brown said. "Many Marines, including his company commander and company first sergeant, spoke on his behalf at his trial."

Furthermore, Woods said he does not want other Marines making the mistakes he made during his life.

"A lot of people here spend their time feeling guilty. They say things like 'I should have done this' or 'I could have done that,'" Woods said. "Don't be the one who ends up saying that. Do not put your life on hold like that."

In addition, Woods said he does not want people using his actions to judge the Marine Corps as a whole. Instead, he encourages people to observe the consequences he has to pay.

"Don't judge a book by its cover," Woods emphasized. "Just because one Marine messed up doesn't mean the whole organization is bad. I abused the system and look where it got me."

"I don't think it's worth it to anyone to abuse their brain into thinking they won't get caught when they're breaking the rules," Woods said. "Don't try it, it's not worth it. If you do try it, you will get caught. It eventually catches up with you."

## MCI logistics Marines deliver goods

by *LCpl. Matt S. Schafer*  
*Staff Writer*

Since 1920, the Marine Corps Institute has provided correspondence courses to Marines worldwide. Whether students require these courses for college credit, promotion points, or to simply learn more about the Marine Corps, they all possess the same mission — education of Marines.

The textbooks, however, do not send themselves through the mail. The logistics section of MCI is comprised of 25 Marines and several civilians. This section ensures leathernecks receive their MCI courses in a timely manner.

MCI's logistics section consists of a warehouse and a mail room; where courses are stored, sorted and sent to active duty and reserve Marines. According to Cpl. Gerald J. Walton, logistics clerk, this section maintains a fast paced operational tempo that keeps Marines racing to stay on top of their work load.

"We receive an average of 3,000 requests for MCI courses each day," Walton said.

"Each request comes to the logistics Marines on adhesive labels with the address and the course, or courses, ordered by the student."

The logistics Marines have two days to complete each work load, but they try to handle each shipment on the first day. This concerted effort helps MCI increase efficiency and maintain a steady production rate.

The Marines handle requests individually to ensure each customer receives the correct course and exam. They assemble the course orders and prepare each package for mailing.

According to Cpl. Valerie J. Beachum, a postal clerk with the logistics section, MCI mails courses to all Marine bases and military stations with Marine detachments. In addition, the postal section mails courses to reservists, and members of other armed services who order a course or series.

So how does the MCI logistics section support a rifleman in a fighting hole at Camp Pendleton, Calif., a Marine sentry on post at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., or a reservist at home in Tulsa, Okla.?

"It doesn't matter what their job is, Marines need to do MCIs," Walton said. "Some stations require Marines to complete certain courses before they're promoted. For most occupations, there's an MCI course, and the logistics section is here to send those courses out."

The logistics section works to meet the needs of Marines around the world, and Walton said they are not afraid to go that extra mile. The Marines often work late during the week, and if a shipment comes in on Saturday, the logistics section is there to handle it.

"We do the work necessary to get the job done, whether it takes us 40 hours each week or more," Walton said.

According to Walton, the Marines do not mind working overtime because they know their job directly affects Marines who order MCI courses.

"If we fall behind with our work, it could hold up somebody's promotion," Walton said. "We get our job satisfaction from knowing when we send our MCIs out on time, somebody around the Marine Corps is benefiting."

# Full honors: a final tribute to those who serve

*story and photos  
by Cpl. Jerry D. Pierce  
Staff Writer*

As the Commandant's representative kneels and hands a folded, National flag to the widow, he removes his cover and says, "On behalf of the president of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's service to country and Corps."

This was the scene on March 5, 1997 at a Marine Corps full honors

funeral in memory of retired Maj. Gen. Paul J. Fontana, a highly decorated Marine aviator who served more than 39 years.

A burial at Arlington National Cemetery is one of the nation's highest honors for our country's servicemen and women.

Last year, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., performed more than 500 funeral ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Of these, only 75 were full honors funerals.

The Marine Corps performs two types of ceremonies for final honors.

Simple honors funerals pay re-

spect to former and active duty enlisted Marines. Officers are remembered with full honors funerals. As an officers' rank increases so does the complexity of the ceremony, with general officers receiving the highest honors.

"A full honors' funeral is the culmination of everything our units are capable of," said Lt. Col. Michael B. Kessler, barracks executive officer. "It seems only fitting that we honor the Marine Corps' top leadership with such an outstanding display of pageantry, precision and Marine Corps tradition."



The "raise to heaven" is a little known part of the ceremony and is done to symbolize the Marines giving their fallen brothers back to God.



The 21-gun salute is rendered in three Saluting Battery is also used in full hon times depending upon the rank of the d



**An Army caisson is used to transport the casket from the chapel to the funeral site. The ceremonial burial unit marches close behind, honoring those who served through ceremonial precision and marked military bearing.**

**A riderless horse with a pair of boots reversed in the stirrups is used to display the final ride of the deceased.**



**A 21-piece section of the United States Marine Band plays an integral part in the Marine Corps final salute. Military music functions as the foundation for all burial ceremonies, giving a marching beat and reverent tone to the somber occasion.**



**Salutes are rendered by a 7-man firing party. An Army honors ceremonies, firing their cannon 11 to 19 times for each deceased.**

## LETTERS

March 11, 1997

Dear Dave,

This year the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego was again privileged to showcase the unique talent of the Drum and Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Platoon. The inspiring musical arrangements and intricate drill movements were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended the Battle Color Ceremony.

Please pass my sincere appreciation to all the participants for a job well done! We look forward to next year's performances.

Sincerely,  
Garry L. Parks  
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer, MCRD San Diego, Calif.

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May 13, 1997

Dear Col. David G. Dotterrer,

I just wanted to express to you that on last Friday, the personnel at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., once again showed this community a level of professionalism to be matched by none. I sponsored a group of sixty first graders from St. Thomas More Academy, Arlington, Va., to a Phase II rehearsal, a tour of the barracks and a meal down in our mess facilities. When they left this post I can assure you that we had sixty volunteers, ready to sign the dotted line. To say they were astounded is an understatement. Before Phase II, Lt. Col. Kessler, CWO-3 Ladd, Sgt. Maj. Frye and numerous other Marines mingled with the kids and fielded all types of questions. The kids were totally captivated during Phase II. After Phase II, Cpl. Render took control of the group and proceeded to hold them spellbound with a historical presentation of the barracks and spontaneous answers to an array of questions that only a first grader could imagine to ask. Special thanks too to the mess hall staff for the patience shown in having to deal with sixty first graders during the lunch hour. I'll never lose the vision of GySgt. Clark and SSgt. Best personally assisting the kids; carrying trays, pouring sodas, ice cream, whatever was necessary.

By the way, sir, Molly was on her P's and Q's, especially with sixty sets of hands pawing at her. These kids and their chaperones experienced first hand that Marines are human, loving people and the isolated incidents they hear about in the media are just that, actions of an individual, not the Marine Corps in whole. The kids won and the Marine Corps won. Fifty years from now, I will always think back to this moment and cherish it as one of the highlights of my career.

GySgt. Uhry T. Thomas

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May 22, 1997

Dear General Krulak,

As a resident of Capitol Hill and a neighbor of the 8th & I Marine Barracks, I would like to express my appreciation for the recent efforts by the Marine Corps when Col. Dotterrer authorized his men and women to clean the grounds at Tyler Elementary School.

I have very much appreciated the community service provided by the Marines in years past when they cleaned sidewalks and streets in the spring prior to the parade season. Frequently in the past years, the Marines also cleaned leaves and trash from our streets in the fall. Last year, they cleaned one of the worst eye sores on Capitol Hill — the grounds between 9th and 10th along Pennsylvania Avenue. Given the deterioration of services by the District of Columbia, the efforts by the Marines to help our neighborhood are even more noticeable.

I should have written this letter a long time ago. As a neighbor, I have not been hesitant to speak out when there were parking permit issues, lack of parking during parades, inconveniences because of road closures, etc., but I always silently appreciated the good work my neighbors have done. This time I want you to know how very grateful I am for the excellent work they did. The school grounds have never looked better.

Sincerely,  
Layne D. Owens

# Modern day slavery

By LT. Kenneth D. Counts  
Barracks Chaplain

I thought slavery had been abolished during the Civil War, but slavery of the worst kind continues to this day in the form of financial bondage, BETTER KNOWN AS DEBT. *Debt can make you so unhappy. It will thrash you like Indiana Jones' bull whip.*

I feel astounded when I learn what huge debts young Marines and their fiancées already have accumulated before their wedding day. Not uncommonly, I hear couples begin their marriage with debts totaling \$20,000 or \$30,000. Many other couples who don't start with debt will soon be under major debts in the earliest stages of marriage...but few seem to care. Debt seems to be regarded as a normal part of modern life. Let me suggest to you that that attitude will enslave you and make you very unhappy.

Perhaps you already know surveys reveal 48 percent of the most serious marital problems are financial. One civil court judge has observed, "Quarreling about money is the major reason for America's unprecedented divorce rate." As chaplain, I seldom see a family with financial problems where there is not also anger and disharmony between the spouses.

You would think that the application of more money to one's palm would cure all this, but increasing the flow of money almost never cures anything. Regardless of the income, most individuals or families have difficulty making "ends meet." Invariably, expenses always seem to rise just a bit higher than income. Until persons learn how to develop a carefully planned and disciplined approach to spending, they will always wind up with too much month at the end of their money.

May I offer a prescription to the problem of debt? Escape from this enslavement begins in the mind and emotions, not in a pay raise. I would ask you to consider that debt is a problem caused by your thinking, not by your environment.

Our consumer society thrives on impulse buying and instant access. I had a friend who went bankrupt running a convenience store in a rural town. His store doubled as the Post Office. Although that Post Office was small, numerous boxes for those who had no mail delivered to their homes had to be stationed there. My friend located these mail boxes immediately inside the front door of his store. My friend went bankrupt and had to sell his store.

The new owner made one change. He moved the Post Office to the back of the store. The result was that every postal patron had to walk through the whole store twice, once to get to their mail and once to return to the street. That new owner turned a bankrupt store into a thriving business. The reason why? Because most of us buy things we see in stores on impulse. We buy things we never even thought about until we saw them on a shelf.

Sales thrive through manipulating our imagination and impulsiveness. In Central America, years ago, someone built a factory to employ Indian tribal people. The owners paid the workers at the end of the first week, and on the following Monday no one returned for work. Managers went into the villages to ask what was keeping their new employees away. They discovered that one week's wages enabled these simple people to buy everything they had ever wanted. But after some thought, the managers devised a solution. They distributed numerous copies of catalogs. The workers were fascinated with the pictures of new things they never imagined they could have. That factory has never been idle another day.

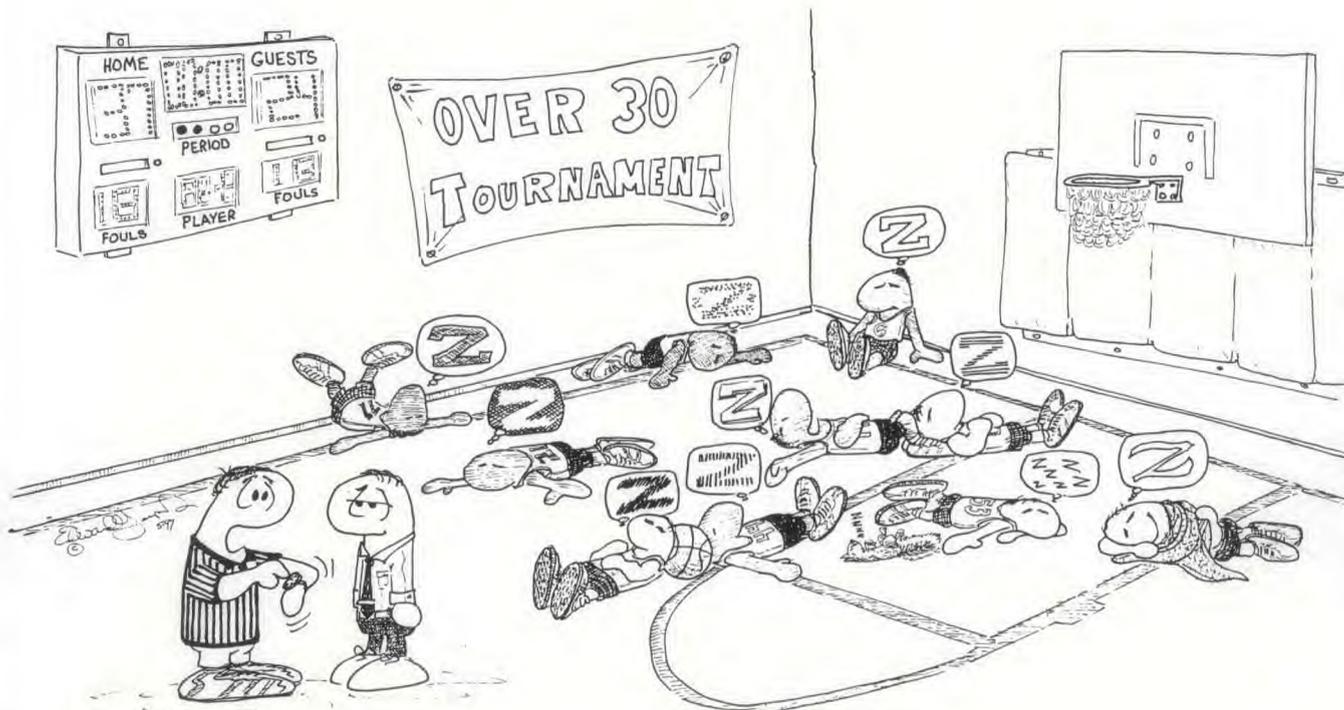
Escape from debt starts when we learn to control impulse buying. But a second step for escaping debt is to learn how to budget. If a couple or an individual plans a budget, they can build an attitude of control over their spending habits. No one I have known to be in financial straits used a budget. Some had written a budget and then ignored it. A budget is useful only when used. So I think many avoid learning how to budget precisely for the reason that they do not want to control their spending. But sooner or later we all admit that our finances are killing us and we need to learn a better way.

Solomon said, "The borrower is slave to the lender." Jesus said, "...a person's life does not consist in abundance of possessions." John the Baptizer said, "... Be content with your wages." Isn't that a new idea-contentment? If you can be content, you can overcome the impulse to buy and fall into deep debt.

I know some wise money managers who can help you learn how to manage money and teach you how to get out of debt and become a financial success. Mary McCormick and her staff at the Navy Relief Society will help you plan a budget. You can call her for a no-cost consultation at (202) 433-3364. Dr. Jim Jackson is also available at the Henderson Hall Family Service Center. He would gladly make an appointment if you call (703) 614-7200.

God bless you

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



Hey coach, it's half-time ... not nap time!

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