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Happy 222nd Birthday Marines

On Nov. 10 all Marines, Sailors and civilian employees of "the Oldest Post of the Corps" will pause to celebrate the 222nd birthday of our beloved Marine Corps.

It is a day when we all celebrate our heritage and remember with great pride the very first time we had earned the right to be called "Marine." It is a title that is not easily earned and one that is never relinquished. The honor and respect that comes with the title Marine also carries a heavy responsibility of total commitment of duty to our God, country and Corps. It is this total commitment that makes each and every Marine of this barracks so magnificent.

You have accepted each "shot," challenge, and task with an unflinching determination to "do it right" the first time. No matter if you were honoring one of our own at Arlington National Cemetery, standing duty at LaTrobe Gate, providing security for the President of the United States, helping a fellow Marine receive his MCI course, or preparing meals in our galley, you have done it all in the finest traditions expected from the world's finest fighting force. I am honored and proud to stand next to you and be called "Marine."

On this most special of days, take a few minutes to remember the thousands of Marines who have gone before you. Because of their dedication and love of Corps, they have made it possible to enjoy the freedoms we share today. During the coming year I ask you to take care of one another and your families. You are our Corps' most precious resource.

Happy Birthday, Marines.

God Bless and Semper Fidelis.

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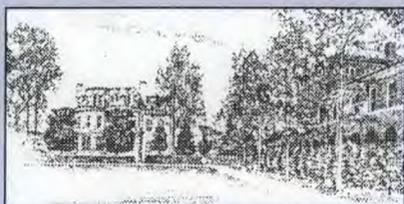
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Lance Cpl. Patrick A. Tweedly, Co. "A", checks out the impact zone of his M240G during a live fire exercise at Fort A. P. Hill during FEX. Check out the next issue for full coverage. (photo by Cpl. Pauline L. Render)

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CMC issues birthday message

A message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps

Today the Corps and its friends around the world gather to celebrate 222 years of making Marines and winning battles for our nation. Over the course of those years, the name "Marine" has taken on a legendary, almost mystical, warrior status. It is a status forged in the cauldron of basic training, tempered by shared hardship, and sharpened in the crucible of battle. Making Marines and winning battles are inseparable, but on this, the 222nd birthday of our Corps, I would like each of us to reflect on what winning battles means.

Winning battles is as much a triumph of Marine spirit as it is a victory over a foe. It means reaching deep within ourselves to unleash the special inner strength ... the indomitable will to win ... that is the legacy of our Corps. Princeton, Tripoli, Bladensburg, Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, the oil fields of Southwest Asia ... the mere mention of battles such as these floods us with deep emotion. Our hearts swell with pride, and our thoughts drift to memories of fallen friends, brave deeds, and the proud legions who have gone before. Our eyes seek out, and lock with, other Marines in a silent reaffirmation that we too are ready —

in body, mind, and spirit — to win the battles looming on our nation's horizon.

No Marine is told to feel deeply about the battles of our Corps. But we do. This inner commitment, this spirit, is passed from Marine to Marine, generation to generation — not in word — nor in print — but in resolve. It is a resolve to be the most ready when the nation is least ready — to sortie into the unknown — to meet the unexpected — to overcome the impossible — to defeat the forces of tyranny — to guarantee victory. This same determination has sustained our Corps in times of uncertainty, in times of adversity, and in times of combat — just as it will in the battles we will fight — and win — tomorrow and the day after tomorrow.

The battles of our storied past are our legacy. Those battles, the ones we fight today, and those we will surely face in our future, form the headwaters of a mighty river that flows through all Marines — its current ripples through our souls, renewing us, sustaining us, and fortifying us. Winning battles is what we should reflect upon today — and everyday.

Happy Birthday, Marines. God bless you,
and Semper Fidelis,
C. C. KRULAK
General, U.S. Marine Corps

8th & I 'spikes' competition

(Left to right) Gunnery Sgt. Ricky G. Licardo, Sgts. Andrew J. Meyer and Michael J. Bess, Staff Sgt. John A. Stafford, Lance Cpl. Jeffrey W. Konrady, Cpl. Matthew D. Burningham, Staff Sgts. Guillermo Aragon and Carl D. Hinson, and Gunnery Sgt. Cassandra F. Best pose with their first-place volleyball trophies.

The 8th & I team won the Northern League Championship earlier this year, capping off a 15-3 record in the intramural league at Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va.



Col. Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer, presented the group's team and individual trophies.

8th & I finished the two-month season winning 3 out of 4 playoffs

against the Manpower Enlisted Assignment Branch's team from Headquarters Marine Corps, Arlington, Va.

MCI prepares for move into 21st century

by *Cpl. Matt S. Schafer*
Staff Writer

When the Marine Corps Institute announced its goals for the 21st Century, they knew the workload was going to be intense and as a result, the organization is aggressively pursuing those objectives.

According to Terry M. Franus, MCI's executive director, the institute is rectifying the majority of its problems by revising its computer system.

"We knew we needed to make some changes regarding better service [to our students] throughout the Marine Corps," Franus said. "We felt the major issues we addressed were there because we had been running on an antiquated computer system which had not been redesigned or re-engineered in the last 18 years."

For the last year-and-a-half, MCI has concentrated on adjusting the computer system in every echelon of MCI/student relations. One problem MCI had was the method of course distribution. Before 1996, MCI had Reporting Unit Codes assigned for every battalion and squadron in the Marine Corps, and they used those RUCs to mail courses to students' units.

Today, MCI uses the addresses in the Marine Corps' Total Force System, making it possible to mail courses directly to the individual students. Franus explained that the new process gets the courses to the students in much less time.

"In Okinawa, we had problems with delays," Franus stated. "Marines would wait three to five months for their courses. The average time is now 14 days."

The time of arrival varies for Ma-

rines on deployment; however, Franus said MCI mails all overseas packages first class.

For Marines stationed in the United States, the waiting time is about three to five days after MCI receives the request. In addition, MCI mails the final exam with the course to expedite course completion.

When a Marine wants to know the status of his or her MCI, Franus said they always have the option of checking the Unit Activity Report.

"We provide an electronic monthly report called the Unit Activity Report that is updated twice a month," Franus explained. "Marines can access the UAR through the Banyan e-mail network and determine the status of each individual Marine enrolled within the MCI course program."

In addition, MCI is taking crucial steps towards becoming a more technically proficient organization.

"We have done some very good things and fixed some significant problems, but we are also working on a strategic plan that's going to carry us in to the 21st Century," Franus asserted.

MCI initiated this plan with the complete revision of its computer system which is due for completion around January 1999. In the meantime, the institute is designing five interactive courses on CD-ROM, to be completed on the computer.

"We collectively decided if we were going to produce electronic courseware, let it be interactive," Franus explained. "If you get more inter-activity between the program and the student, you will increase learning."

Franus said MCI has the capability to put its courses on-line, but if

the course is not interactive, it does not give the student any advantages over the paper-based courses.

"We could scan in a course to make it available on the computer," Franus said. "But all that does is become an electric page turner and makes the Marine press 'page up', and 'page down' repeatedly."

According to Franus, the first interactive course, Terrorism Awareness, is due for completion in early 1998.

Franus explained MCI is planning to put its interactive courses on an "intranet" program, an internet website open only to Marines, if possible.

From mailing courses to student services, MCI is becoming more efficient by revising the computer systems. Although the project is not due for completion until 1999, Franus said MCI is right on track, and according to Sgt. Maj. Lewis G. Lee, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, MCI's progress is recognized by the highest levels of command.

"The commandant and the sergeant major have listened to the Marines since 1995. MCI has made great improvements and will continue to make improvements in the future," Lee stated. "Diligence and making intense efforts at the command level and the training NCO level will achieve success every time when completing MCI courses."

"I think we have improved our capabilities by 100 percent since February 1996, but are we there yet? No," Franus said. "Our computer system should be completed by January 1999 and that is going to give us greater capability. Revisions of our computer system are going to carry us into the 21st Century."

8th & I Performs at Expo

by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer
Staff Writer

MCB Quantico, Va. — The Marines of 8th & I brought their talents to the 1997 Modern Day Marine Military Exposition here Sept. 24 for the United States Marine Corps Enlisted Awards Parade and Presentation.

According to Maj. Robert L. Sartor, operations officer at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., the barracks' Battle Color Detachment performed as part of an annual awards presentation ceremony for seven Marines and one sailor.

"What we do as part of the exposition is put on a review that [highlights] awards presented to enlisted Marines from around the Marine Corps," Sartor said.

The awards honor those who excelled in several fields, such as drill instructor duty and marksmanship instruction. The Marine Corps League sponsors the awards each year. The commandant of the Marine Corps presented the awards to the recipients this year.

In addition, the presentation is conveniently held at the Marine Corps



Lance Cpl. Steven L. Issak (in utilities), Sgt. Edward D. Parsons, and Cpl. Graciela Lopez check out a display at the expo. (photos by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

Expo, giving Leathernecks from 8th & I a chance to become familiar with modern weaponry.

"[The expo] has a massive effect on barracks Marines," said retired Col. Jim Bracken, exposition manager. "[The exhibits] are being tested and prepared for the Marine Corps right now, and these are the things [barracks Marines] will see when they return to the fleet."

According to Bracken, the 17th Annual Modern Day Marine Military Exposition featured a variety of new items such as the air-defense version of the Light Armored Vehicle.

"The exposition is a display of equipment with a lot of things the Marines can touch and feel," Bracken explained. "It's not all static, there are simulators of all types, to include aircraft simulators and a variety of weapons."

Marines from the barracks observed, learned about and even handled items ranging from an anti-land mine vehicle to night vision goggles, which they may use later in their military careers.

"The purpose of the expo was to show what the Marine Corps is [developing]," said Lance Cpl. Jason D. Morris, 1st Platoon, Company "B". "Eventually, I'm going to the fleet and if I have the chance to use the new equipment, it will help me do my job better."



A company representative explains a piece of equipment to Lance Cpl. Miles A. Johnson at the expo. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

Barracks Marines Help Local Daycare Center

by *Cpl. Matt S. Schafer*
Staff Writer

A group of Marines from 8th & I made their most recent contribution to the community Sept. 11 when they helped clean up a place some Washington children go while their parents are at work.



Lance Cpl. John C. Yelverton, Marine Corps Institute, helps paint Friendship House, a local daycare center. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

According to Ms. Teresa Hawkins, deputy executive director of Friendship House, the Marines repainted four rooms in the Friendship House's administration and daycare building.

"Right now we're trying to renovate each area of the building, which is 200 years old," Hawkins said. "This building, in essence, is falling apart and without the Marines, we had no idea how we could have gotten this done. It's allowing us to ensure we have a place for the children to come, and it ensures we will be able to keep our license if a monitor from the city comes by."

Hawkins said Friendship House is an association which conducts a variety of community projects from taking care of children to helping adults get back on their feet.

"For the last 93 years, Friendship House has provided some kind of education for children," Hawkins said. "We service approximately 200 children per year from families who make low to moderate incomes — what we consider our 'working force.'"

In addition, Hawkins said Friendship House runs a program helping families who are in a crisis situation.

"Whether it's emergency food they need or emergency clothing, we give out around 2,000 pieces of clothing each month," Hawkins said.

Unfortunately, Friendship House uses all of its funds for its programs, leaving little money for repairing its facilities, and Hawkins said the Marines' efforts made Friendship House's job much easier.

In addition, community service projects like cleaning the youth center gives the community a positive impression of Marines.

"These kids are our future, and they will one day decide whether we have a Marine Corps or not," said Pfc. Isreal L. Castilleja, Headquarters & Service Company grounds and maintenance. "What these kids see here — Marines doing things to help them — is what is going to stay in their minds when they think about the Marine Corps."



D&B opens state fair

Cpl. William Rulapaugh, United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, marches through downtown Dallas, Texas, in a parade celebrating the opening of the state fair. This is the company's 36th annual appearance at the event. (photo by Cpl. Chance D. Puma)

New ribbon issued for DI, MSG duty

Marines serving as Marine security guards for "embassy duty" or drill instructors rate a new ribbon, according to ALMAR 262-97.

Marines who carry the Military Occupational Specialty 8511 and have completed a successful tour at recruit training facilities or the Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va., are authorized to wear the new "DI" ribbon, according to the almar. Marines holding command billets at these installations also rate the ribbon, with the exception of the commanding officer and the sergeant major of OCS. Service dates are retroactive to Oct. 6, 1952.

The almar also authorizes the new "MSG" ribbon for Marines who have the 8551 MOS and have successfully completed 24 months as a Marine security guard at an embassy. Service dates are retroactive to Jan. 28, 1949.

The DI ribbon follows the Marine Corps Recruiting ribbon in precedence, while the MSG ribbon follows the DI ribbon, according to the almar. Both are worn before the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Marines with questions should consult the almar for further details.

CRIME AND PUNNISHMENT



A Marine was found guilty on two counts of Article 92, Violation of a Written Order for altering a government identification card and underage drinking. He received 14 days restriction and 14 days extra police duty (EPD).

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Violation of a Written Order for underage drinking, and Article 86, Absence Without Leave (AWOL). He received 14 days restriction, 14 days EPD, and forfeited \$237 per month for one month.

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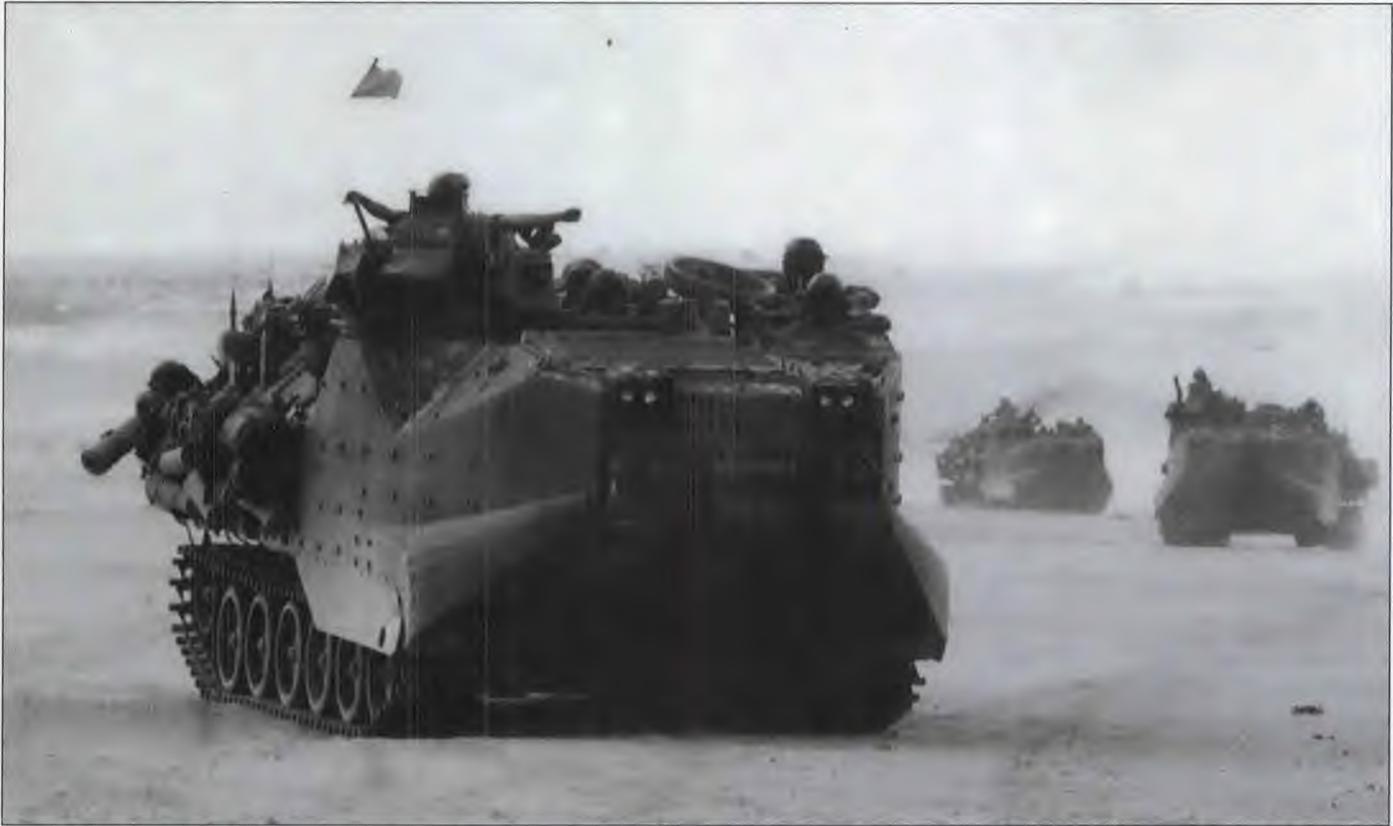
A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Violation of a Written Order for underage drinking. He received 14 days restriction, 14 days EPD, and a suspended forfeiture of \$250 per month for one month.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 128, Assault, and Article 92, Vio-

lation of a Written Order for underage drinking. He received 14 days restriction and 14 days EPD.

A Sailor was found guilty on three counts of Article 86, AWOL, Article 91, Disobeying a Lawful Order from an E-6 or above, and Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Written Order. He received 60 days restriction with 30 days suspended and a suspended forfeiture of \$788 per month for one month.

Commandant's planning guidance frag order issued, clarifies gains



Amphibious Assault Vehicles return from a combined arms exercise at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. Exercises such as these and "Hunter Warrior" help the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory develop advanced warfighting equipment and doctrine. (DoD photo by Sgt. B. E. VanCise, USMC)

by Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON — Upon becoming Commandant in 1995, Gen. Charles C. Krulak fired a round from Headquarters Marine Corps that awakened the Corps, as well as much of the public. His "Commandant's Planning Guidance" was a vector for the future — a strategic direction aimed at accomplishing what he believed were the two most important things the Marine Corps does for the nation — "Making Marines and Winning Battles."

Now, two years into his tenure, Krulak has issued a Frag Order designed to institutionalize, clarify, focus, and capitalize on the gains made to date from the first CPG.

To remain the "agile, adaptable, combined arms force the nation needs for the 21st century, Marines must focus their efforts on three areas — Operational Maneuver from the Sea, Innovation, and the Individual Marine," Krulak

wrote. With that as a framework, the Frag Order, signed Aug. 31, updates Marines on initiatives mandated by his original planning guidance and articulates a new initiative to prepare the nation and the Corps for the battlefield of the 21st century.

As he did with the CPG, the Commandant has ordered a Corps-wide stand-down to provide units the opportunity to discuss the contents of the order, and its implications for the Corps and for individual units.

ON-GOING INITIATIVES

Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory (MCWL): Established in October 1995, the MCWL was created to explore new and potential technologies for the 21st century Marine Corps. In February 1997, the lab conducted the first in a series of advanced warfighting experiments

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Marines clean-up Arizona crash site

by Gunnery Sgt. Joe Steele
MCAS Yuma

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. — Billed by one Marine as “the FOD walk from hell,” the clean-up efforts of the Aug. 11 Harrier crash in the Cabeza Prieta Wildlife Refuge has consumed more than 400 man-hours. The pilot of the aircraft was treated and released.

Foreign object damage walks are as relevant in restoring the environment to its natural state as it is in keeping aircraft from picking up objects that could damage the plane. With guidance from the Arizona Fish and Wildlife department, the Cabeza Prieta Wildlife Refuge, state officials, and MCAS Yuma facilities, Marines from Marine Attack Squadron-542, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., began their clean-up three days after their plane crashed.

Because the site is inside the wildlife refuge, the Marines have been meticulous in their clean-up operation.

“We’ve had about 10 Marines out here working about eight hours a day for the past five days,” said Gunnery Sgt. Glen J. Huskey, supervisor of the Marines cleaning up the site. “Once the survey team established the perimeter around the crash site and the investigators designated the items needed for the investigation, the clean-up began.”

The clean-up started when an explosive ordnance team dug up and disarmed the four MK-83 bombs lodged in the impact area. Teams then began removing larger items.

“The fuselage was airlifted out while we took out several truck loads of large pieces and approximately 20 pallet size boxes of smaller stuff,” Huskey said.

Lance Cpl. Jerome Mongiovi, an avionics technician with the squadron, dragged a clear plastic bag behind him as he crawled on his hands and knees, digging through the sand for debris. “This is the FOD walk from hell,” he said to his companions.

Mongiovi’s and the other Marines’ instructions on this day were to pick up debris larger than a snuff can. According to Huskey, this was the final pickup of debris on the site. “The goal is to restore the area to a semi-natural state,” he said.

According to Fred Daniel, with the MCAS Yuma Environmental Assessment office, the cleanup has gone well and damage to the refuge is minimal.



Lance Cpl. Matthew Cobb, 21, VMA-542, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., sifts through sand in search of debris. Cobb and other Marines from the squadron put in more than 400 total man-hours cleaning the crash site of one of their squadron's Harriers. The goal was to restore the site to as close to pre-crash conditions as possible. (photo by Gunnery Sgt. Joe Steele)

“Recent samples taken from the area show the total petroleum hydrocarbon levels are well below the health risk levels set by the state of Arizona,” Daniel said. The sample taken at the site showed the level of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons to be 1.5 parts per million. The state sets the acceptable level at 4,700 parts per million.

Daniel said that state officials want additional samples taken so the site can be characterized. Characterization involves taking samples at several different depths to get an indication of the contamination level. With the levels so low already, Daniel is trying to demonstrate that there is no threat to the environment or water tables. He is

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CMC says change is here now, not in future

by Lance Cpl. Robert Carlson
MCB Camp Butler

MCB CAMP S.D. BUTLER, Okinawa, Japan (Sept. 4) — The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Charles C. Krulak, spoke to capacity crowds here and told them that the changes proposed in his Commandant's Planning Guidance have become a reality.

"This is not a pipe dream, Marines — these changes are here," the general said.

During his three-hour discussion with Marines from various units, the commandant outlined the current issues facing the Corps. "A changing global economic center of gravity, changes in weapons and weapons accessibility, increasing urbanization, reduced access to land bases overseas, and increasing cultural and religious strife are all things we must adapt to if we are to be successful," he said.

These changes, he explained, mean the Corps will need to conduct humanitarian operations, peacekeeping and patrolling missions, as well as all-out warfighting.

A complete re-vamping of recruiting and recruit training is almost complete, and the commandant said that by July 1998 all units will have Marines who have experienced boot camp and Marine Combat Training together.

"These new Marines will be trained together, and will stay together for their entire first enlistment," Krulak said. "We're working to screen out the bums and make sure the people we have in the Corps are ready for combat."

In addition to changing the way new Marines are forged, the commandant



The commandant talks with his officers after a brief at MCB Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan. (photo by Sgt. Sean T. Hays)

plans to eliminate nearly 5,300 billets that don't support the Corps' warfighting mission and re-assign those Marines so every unit in the Marine Corps will have 90 percent manning.

Education, according to Krulak, should be continuous, comprehensive and effective. "Teleconferencing, area learning centers and on-line courses are things we're working on to make it easier to continue the learning process," he said.

Providing Marines with quality equipment is just as important as training them, said Krulak. New Gortex parkas and trousers, lightweight tents and sleeping bags, and steel-toe combat boots are all items Marines can look forward to in the next issue of 782 gear. The commandant said new Marines will get a one-time 782 gear issue, rather than getting different equipment at each duty station.

A new system for writing and filing fitness reports will go into effect

Jan. 1, 1999. "With electronic filing of the fitness reports, the system can be fully automated, and we'll eliminate much of the delays in recording the reports at headquarters," Krulak said. "We want to centralize the system so the best-quality Marines will get promoted."

Identifying potential opportunities for streamlining and improving efficiency in logistics departments will eventually centralize the Corps' supply stockpiles. "There's no reason we can't use a system like Federal Express or UPS to get our supplies from a central location to the unit that needs it within a couple of days," Krulak said.

The commandant said these new ideas, focusing on improved capability and efficiency, will make the Marine Corps a formidable force in the 21st century. "These changes are not three or four years down the line, they're happening now," he said.

Meet the Marines inside the amphibious machine



Lance Cpl. Dante Johnson (left) and Pfc. Frank Gulan work on the .50 caliber machine gun mounted on their amphibious assault vehicle. (photo by Pfc. Chet Decker)

by Pfc. Chet Decker
MCB Camp Lejeune

MARINE CORPS BASE, Camp Lejeune, N.C. — The Marine Corps prides itself on shaping young Marines by giving them a dose of responsibility and molding them into the leaders of tomorrow.

For Lance Cpl. Dante Johnson of Sanford, Fla., and Pfc. Frank Gulan of Queens N.Y., both members of Company C, 2nd Amphibious Assault Battalion, the Marine Corps doles out more than just responsibility.

Under the tutelage of their crew chief, Cpl. Julio Chavez from Los Angeles, the duo "own and operate" their very own amphibious assault vehicle. Granted, the Corps claims exclusive ownership of the vehicle, but that doesn't mean Gulan and Johnson take a hands-off approach to taking advantage of the war machine's capabilities.

"This is a great job," Johnson said. "You never know what you're going to do next. We train a lot, but it's all good. It's what we need, and we're ready to go whenever we're called upon. There's a lot of excitement involved with this job."

The crew was recently involved with a mine sweep and amphibious assault mission on Onslow Beach. The primary mission was to test and display a new minesweeper to generals and other top officials.

Johnson and Gulan provided support and sat atop their assault vehicle giving curious onlookers a closer view and answering questions from invited civilians. One happened to ask the crew, "What do you do for the Marine Corps?"

"We're testing out a new breaching system. Today was just a demonstration on how it would work," Gulan said. "The whole operation is on computers, sort of like robots."

The minesweepers are remote-controlled, so Marine drivers would not be injured as the mines detonate. The duo's assault vehicle carried most of the minesweeper's extra gear.

"Our role was to bring the operators out here in our vehicle," said Gulan. "That way they don't actually have to be in the minesweepers."

In an actual combat situation, the equipment could be controlled from the ship.

"In a real assault, if something went wrong, we would

come off ship and give support to the sweepers," Johnson said.

The AAV is equipped with a mounted MK-19 40 mm grenade launcher and .50 caliber machine gun, so the enemy can enjoy its capabilities up close.

When the infantrymen dismount the vehicle, it's the crew's job to send rounds down range in their defense.

"We cover them, and they cover us," Gulan said. "It's basically like a buddy system."

In the water, the vehicles reach a speed of around 10 mph, depending on the wave conditions, while on land, 45 mph is about the top speed, according to Gulan.

The two Marines learned how to operate and maintain the vehicle during six months of training at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Gulan is the "A-driver," who keeps tabs on the radio system and serves as a chaperone of sorts to any infantrymen the vehicle may be taking ashore.

"It's my job to keep them informed, so they know what's going on. I keep them calm. I'm like the buffer between the crew and the grunts," Gulan said.

Through teamwork and plenty of field exercises the Marines are convinced they have been properly prepared for combat.

"I think we're more than ready for whatever they throw at us," Johnson said. "We go on field ops often, so we learn what we need to know."

"Anything can happen in combat. Once you get out there, a whole lot can change," Gulan said. "That's why we train so hard."

OCTOBER'S RED RIBBON WEEK TO FOCUS ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

WASHINGTON — The Secretary of Defense has designated Oct. 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week, an observance highlighting drug abuse prevention and education efforts in the military services. President Clinton is the honorary chairman for this year's campaign which will be marked by the theme: "I've got better things to do than drugs."

ALMAR message 290/97, published Sept. 4, announces the Marine Corps' participation in the annual observance and instructs commanders to set aside time to emphasize to Marines and their family members the health benefits of pursuing a drug free lifestyle. The message also authorizes the use of counterdrug demand reduction funds to support Red Ribbon Week and encourages commands to provide handouts, publish articles on the Red Ribbon campaign, and allow Marines, family members, and civilian employees the opportunity to participate in community programs commemorating the event.

Military substance abuse centers have been provided information and catalogs for ordering Red Ribbon Week materials. Additional information is available through the National Family Partnership at (314) 845-1933 and the Bureau For At-Risk Youth at (800) 999-6884.

Clean-up continued

researching the depth of ground water in the area and locations of the nearest wells.

Our concern now," Daniel said, "is that we may cause more damage to the area by trying to remove the sand than if we just let nature take its course and let the microorganisms eat it. If the state requires more work, I'll request to have them come to the site to show me how to get in there without causing more damage," he said.

According to Chris Dipple, Cabeza Prieta Wildlife Refuge operations specialist, the concern his office has is the potential for petroleum damage. "If the site is not cleaned up, there is a possibility of ingestion which can cause internal damage. But, it looks as if most of it burned off, so this shouldn't be a real problem."

Dibble said that damage to the habitat was minimal and that because the site is confined to such a small area,

it won't be a big deal for small animals like rodents and lizards. In fact, the hole could benefit the animals because it will collect water when the rains come.

"Of course, we'd like them to be able to restore the site to pre-crash conditions," he said.

After the Marines finished picking up the debris, they turned to raking out the ruts caused by the vehicles used to remove the debris. The ruts and the hole could prove to be the only lasting indicator that a crash occurred here.

"Once the state passes the soil testing, we'll come back in and look at the site to determine how to patch the hole and repair the tracks," Dipple said.

Daniel said the Corps will do what the state requires to pass the inspection. Having already raked the area, picked up debris and with samples well below state regulatory levels Daniel believes the cleanup is about done.



Light Armored Vehicles roll off a Navy Landing Craft Air Cushioned (LCAC) during operation Cobra Gold '97. According to the Commandant, Marine units must continue to be prepared to meet a variety of situations as we enter the 21st Century. (DoD photo by Sgt. Jacqueline Richardson, U. S. Army)

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— Hunter Warrior — in Southern California. According to the Commandant, the secret to the lab's success is input from the Marines in the field who need and will use the new technology. That, said he, makes it imperative to improve the lines of communication from the operating forces to the lab — an initiative which will be undertaken by the Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Marine Corps Systems Command. In doing so, he said, Marines at the “tip of the spear” can more easily and effectively submit their innovative concepts, tactics, and equipment to the lab for assessment.

Chemical, Biological, Incident Response Force

(CBIRF): Activated in April 1996, CBIRF has quickly gained recognition as the nation's premier reaction force for chemical or biological incidents. The unit was deployed to support the Olympic Games in Atlanta, the presidential inauguration, and the Summit of Eight in Denver. The CBIRF must continue to hone its capabilities, the Commandant said, including “seeking out new detection and resolution technologies.” He also wants the CBIRF to develop countermeasure and force protection training for Marine Expeditionary Units, and to prepare a teaching package for federal, state, and local response forces.

Transformation: In explaining the genesis of the Marine Corps Transformation process, Krulak stated, "To prevail on the (21st century) battlefield, our Marines must have individual warrior skills second to none, they must have absolute faith in the integrity of their unit — their team — and they must be men and women of character."

The transformation from civilian to Marine occurs in four phases: recruiting, recruit/officer candidate training, cohesion, and sustainment. The third phase, cohesion — so far only used in the infantry — keeps Marines together from recruit training through their military occupational specialty school and first permanent duty assignment. The goal is to maximize unit integrity and teamwork.

It is now time to expand the cohesion portion of the transformation process to the rest of the Corps. The Commandant has directed that Manpower and Reserve Affairs continue to re-craft our manpower practices to facilitate team-building and unit cohesion across all MOSs.

Education: Education is a central theme in Krulak's discussions about developing warriors for the next century. A heavy emphasis has been placed on professional military education with the goal of providing a continuous and incremental increase in the ability and education of all Marines as they progress in rank. Concerned, however, that some PME curricula are extremely demanding and too time-consuming to be successfully accomplished as non-resident courses, the Commandant is calling upon technology to extend the classroom to Marines wherever they may be assigned.

"... New interactive technology offers us the opportunity to make learning our profession more rapid and user friendly," he stated. The Marine Corps University will take the lead on how the Corps' educational processes can better support this goal.

Training: Over the last two years the Corps has made major changes to how we train Marines to ensure we develop warriors with the right tools for warfighting in the 21st century. A week was added to recruit training giving time back to drill instructors and allowing for the creation of the Crucible. The syllabi at Marine Combat Training and the School of Infantry were completely overhauled to re-focus on warfighting, the MAGTF Staff Training Program is actively engaging our warfighting staffs and the new Marine Aviation Campaign Plan has made fundamental changes to the way we train in aviation. Turning his attention to modeling and simulation, the CMC has called for an update on the Marine Corps Modeling and Simulation Program that details progress to date and the extent to which training simulators can be

improved and integrated.

Structure: The impact of the Quadrennial Defense Review and the nature of the 21st century battlefield make it imperative to examine the Corps' structure to ensure we are optimized for OMFTS. While this year's Active Force Structure and Reserve Force Structure Reviews were conducted to shift structure to warfighting units in the near term, Krulak has ordered the establishment of an OMFTS Working Group by June 1, 1998. The group will develop a framework for what an OMFTS force should look like in the next century. Following the Urban Warrior AWE in the Spring of '99, the Corps will establish a Force Structure Planning Group. This group will then use that framework and the lessons learned from the AWE's to ensure we are structured to conduct OMFTS in the 21st century.

Doctrine: Nine new doctrinal publications will have been published by January 1998 as a result of an aggressive and thorough overhaul of the Corps' doctrine and its development process. Taking advantage of the work accomplished by the MCCDC Doctrine Division and MCU — and assisted by the FMF and Naval Doctrine Command — the next step is to make sure Marines understand how to integrate doctrine into their studies. The MCCDC and MCU will draft a plan to ensure the Corps' resident and non-resident professional military education curricula are more fully linked to tactics, techniques, and procedures and support the new OMFTS doctrine. "The curricula must explain how the doctrine relates to OMFTS," said Krulak.

Logistics: A logistics and acquisition strategy review was conducted as directed by the CPG. Designed to identify ways to streamline, eliminate duplication, and improve efficiency, the review identified two concepts — precision logistics and activity-based costing — which offer significant advantages. The Commandant has ordered a detailed plan of action to institutionalize these concepts throughout the Corps.

Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I): "The Marine Corps must be able to reach and execute effective decisions faster than our adversaries, in any conflict, on any scale," Krulak said. Citing "tremendous progress" in developing systems, the Commandant calls for a higher degree of C4I cohesion. "It is time to coordinate, synchronize, and standardize the Marine Corps' C4I efforts." He directed a plan of action to be established to accomplish this, as well as to provide

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an update on the Marine Corps Intelligence Plan.

Aviation: The Corps will continue to reduce the number of different type, model, and series of aircraft it flies, Krulak said, producing a more efficient and easier to maintain inventory. Much needed upgrades will also continue: The MV-22 Osprey will replace the CH-46 and CH-53D helicopters, and the Joint Strike Fighter will replace the F/A-18 Hornet and the AV-8 Harrier. Additionally, the AH-1 and UH-1 helicopters will be upgraded and eventually replaced by a follow-on aircraft.

"As critical as Marine aviation is to OMFTS, we need to ensure our aircraft, aviators, and those who support them are at the highest possible state of readiness," the Commandant pointed out. "The Marine Aviation Campaign Plan (implemented in October 1996) was designed to do just that."

Calling the plan dynamic, the general said he wants periodic updates on its progress, recommended changes, and how it will be institutionalized.

Individual Warfighting Equipment: The reserve force completed its one-time issue of 782 gear in July 1997, and active duty forces are scheduled to begin receiving their 782 gear on Oct. 1. The Corps has also changed the way it procures individual warfighting equipment, going directly to industry and modifying off-the-shelf gear to meet our standards. This new strategy has saved time and resources and was used in procuring such items as Gortex parkas and trousers, bivvy sacks, combat tents, the modular load system, and modular body armor. The Corps will continue to look for more efficient and effective methods for fielding gear to Marines.

Fitness Report: The Commandant recently approved a completely new Fitness Report, "designed from the ground up," which will accurately assess the skills and potential of the individual Marine. The new report creates a picture of the "whole Marine," he stressed.

To ensure Marines understand the new system, the Commandant called for a comprehensive training program to educate Marines on its use. The new fitness report is currently in testing and will become official on Jan. 1, 1999. To provide commanders time to transition to the new report, he ordered a moratorium on fitness reports from Sept. 30 to Dec. 31, 1998.

Marine Mail. Echoing his missive from the original CPG, Krulak is once again calling on his Marines to get involved. He said he will expand the scope of the Marine Mail program to solicit ideas. "An innovative, forward-looking, learning organization must have a vehicle to

solicit ideas from all of its members," he said. "I want to encourage every Marine who has an idea that will improve our warfighting capability to submit his or her idea via Marine Mail." The new question he has added to the list is, "what new concept, idea, tactic, or piece of equipment should the Marine Corps invest in to improve its warfighting capability?"

NEW INITIATIVES

Leaning Into the 21st Century. According to Krulak, the operational environment of the 21st Century will be such that Marines will conduct humanitarian operations, peacekeeping and high-intensity combat all in the same day and in the same area. These operations will also be conducted side-by-side with other governmental and non-governmental agencies. Just as the Marine Corps successfully smoothed the seams between supporting arms with combined arms coordination on the battlefield, we must weave the diverse capabilities of the different entities -- the players on the 21st Century battlefield -- into a coherent campaign plan. To do so, Krulak has directed the development of an operational concept that unifies the intellects, assets, and capabilities of military, academic, industry, government and non-government agencies -- all the elements of national power. With a "virtual staff" at its core, this new warfighting command and control concept must contain the ability to leverage technology and "reach back" to organizations and individuals, wherever they are located, during all phases of operations. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Operations will be working with MCCDC to develop this warfighting concept.

Summary. As the Frag Order makes its way from Headquarters Marine Corps, down through commanders to the individual Marine, the Commandant wants to ensure his purpose in issuing the guidance is understood.

"Preparing our Corps for fighting and winning our nation's battles in the 21st century will require the maximum effort of every Marine. The initiatives laid out in the CPG ... have begun the process of building the Marine Corps our nation will need to prevail on the battlefields of the future ... Each and every initiative laid out in the CPG and this Frag Order serves to improve and empower the individual Marine, to build cohesive teams ready for the chaotic and lethal battlefields of the 21st century. The power of the Corps resides, as it always has, in our warfighting competence, our innovative approach to problem solving, our infectious can-do attitude, and the honor, courage, and commitment of the individual Marine."

Barracks guards stand post in New York



The United Nations Building in New York, where the secretary of state conducted business during the 52nd annual U.N. general assembly. (official U.N. photo)

by *Cpl. Nelson O. Akeredolu*
Staff Writer

NEW YORK - From the halls of Montezuma to the halls of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, Marines from Marine Barracks, Washington, stood duty for the State Department here.

Twenty Marines from the barracks' guard section were temporarily assigned to augment the diplomatic security staff for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright during the 52nd annual United Nations General Assembly.

The Marines protected the State Department's security operations, focusing on physical and perimeter security for Albright and bilateral talks at the Waldorf-Astoria.

They conducted their duty on two

floors of the famed hotel, which was the location of Department of State operations at the assembly. These floors consisted of the secretary of state's residential floor and another floor used as office space, according to Andy Laine, spokesman for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

The security of the floors was crucial. In addition to the secretary and her staff working and living here, they also held talks with foreign nations and meetings with other delegates.

"Our mission was basically to make sure no one without authorization came on the floors or entered any of the rooms," said Sgt. Stanley G. Buchanan III, sergeant of the guard.

The State Department uses barracks Marines during the assembly each year because they have high security clearances and are more accessible than other security units, according to Capt. Russell E. Wrede, barracks guard officer.

It is estimated the Marine Barracks guard section has provided support for the General Assembly for nearly two decades.

"The Marines have a long and distinguished tradition of providing excellent security support for Department of State operations. Unfortunately, there is no institutional knowledge of when this began," said Laine.

"Prior to [the guard Marines], they were using only their diplomatic security police force — the same ones you see in front of the main state building," said Wrede. "The problem with that is it is very expensive, ... so what they decided to do was use Marines."

Although this is not typical duty for the barracks guards, the Marines chosen for this mission fit the desired profile for the job.

"You need a Marine that is comfortable talking with people, ... is uninhibited talking to strangers, but is not heavy handed. ... The Marines up there epitomize what it is to be a 'Yankee White guard' (a term used for guards with high clearances)," said Wrede.

Although the guard section is honored to support the function each year, the event does strain the small section's resources.

"It's important to realize that you need Marines who have been there before. You need that experience. A couple of Marines who have been there before can lend a calming effect to the situation," said Wrede.

For all the work they did here, the Marines efforts did not go unnoticed. Albright took a few moments out of her busy day to tell the Marines how much she appreciated their work, according to Buchanan. Other department officials have also expressed gratitude.

"Each year the Marine Barracks provides us with a group of very dedicated and professional Marines," said Laine, "and here, at the State Department, we are very grateful to have this support from the Marine Barracks."

From coast to coast their concerts are packed, though they haven't cut a record in years. But with the Corps' help, they are ...

Back in the studio for new CD

by *Cpl. Nelson O. Akeredolu*
Staff Writer

They are not the Rolling Stones or Aerosmith, but their fans look for them all across the nation when they are on tour.

Although most people may be more familiar with their "live" performances, the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps is back in the studio to work on its fourth recording in more than six decades.

"Any Marine, or person for that matter, desires that something of themselves is left behind, so that they can look back and also tell those that follow in their footsteps 'Hey, that was me,'" said Col. Truman W. Crawford, director of the Drum and Bugle Corps.

In mid-August, after nearly two years of planning, the 82 members of the Drum and Bugle Corps entered a recording studio to conduct the first of seven recording sessions for the forthcoming album entitled "Chimes of Liberty." The recording is only the fourth done since "The Commandant's Own" was established November 9, 1934.

Although there have been three other recordings, only one of the three was sanctioned, according to Crawford.

"The first professional, commercial type recording was done in the bicentennial year 1976," said the director.

The previous recordings are considered collectors items in many musical circles, according to Crawford. He also stated that they are considering re-releasing the 1976 recording with the new CD as a "time-capsule" look at how the D&B has changed over 21 years.

"Two major things have changed over the years. The first is the increased instrumental capabilities of the performers. They have all gotten better. The instruments we use have also gotten better," Crawford said.

Crawford's interest in producing a tape was shelved for years by scheduling and funding constraints. This dilemma was resolved this year when recording dates were placed in the drum corps' schedule and funding was provided by the Public Affairs branch of Headquarters Marine Corps.

The content of the album will showcase many musical styles.

"In the recording we are doing today, we are doing a lot of traditional and conventional military pieces and a proportionate number of contemporary works to exhibit the broad gamut of skills of our instruments," said Crawford. "We want to showcase things our listening public, no matter what their tastes are, will sit down and enjoy — be it classical march or contemporary jazz. There is going to be something on there for everyone."

The CD will contain 13 selections featuring some popular crowd favorites such as "A Closer Walk With Thee" and "Coconut Champagne." The CD will feature performances by five soloists and a brass quintet.

The Drum and Bugle Corps has a large following in the general public. There have been many public requests for Drum and Bugle Corps recordings, according to the director. However, the CD will not be available for purchase by the general public.

"The purpose of this recording is essential for recruiting," said Crawford. "It will be distributed out to sponsors, Public Affairs Offices throughout the Marine Corps, and the recruiting service to augment their recruiting efforts."

The musicians themselves are ecstatic about the project.

"With this recording our music can reach a broad audience that is not able to see us perform live," said Sgt. Aaron J. Rodonis, a mellophonist. "'The Commandant's Own' is very original. We are very unique. There is no sound in music like we perform and that's widely known. We don't do a lot of recording and there are people out there that haven't heard us. I am really proud that now people who aren't able to come see us will actually get to hear what we do."

Unlike some projects accomplished with only a portion of the unit's manpower, this CD was produced with the entire D&B contingent.

"Every single person assigned to the unit was there. Even the company duties drove down there to do their part," Rodonis added.

Along with the conducting and playing of the music,

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MWR: Changes give Marines something to do without spending lots of cash

by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer
Staff Writer

Marines who do not have a lot of money or a car, and those who complain about having nothing to do can forget about being "hermits" after work and on the weekends.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation office here is making sure nobody has to spend their liberty looking for something to do.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Darryl C. Bines, quality assurance staff noncommissioned officer at MWR, 8th & I now sponsors one trip each month for barracks Marines.

The first trip took Marines to a nearby amusement park for a fraction of the cost others spend when they go on their own, according to Bines.



Body bearer Cpl. Wade H. Butler Jr. lifts weights in the gym here. MWR is working to improve the gym and add a cardiovascular fitness center on the sun deck in Tower 2. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

"The seven Marines who went saved \$20 on admission alone, and that doesn't include what transportation might cost them," said Bines.

According to Bines, this trip initiated a new barracks policy requiring MWR to conduct one trip every month. A bus-load of Marines visited New York City Sept. 26, and MWR sent another group to a different amusement park for a Halloween celebration.

The trips, however, are just part of the new assets MWR plans to offer Marines here in the next year.

According to Capt. Karl C. Rohr, MWR officer, Marines at MWR are also revamping the Bachelor's Enlisted Quarters to offer Marines more recreational opportunities.

"We are currently having the Enlisted Club remodeled, and we're turning it into a recreational center for the barracks Marines," Rohr stated.

Rohr said the recreational center will include computers that are always on line for Marines' personal use, a big screen television set, and a variety of video games.

"The Marines currently don't have somewhere to go locally to unwind during their off-time, so the Morale, Welfare and Recreation office is bringing a place to them," Rohr said.

In addition, MWR is remodeling the gymnasium and ordering the equipment to set up a cardiovascular fitness center on the second-story sun deck in Tower 2.

MWR is also working to support intramural sports teams, to include ice hockey, football and softball, in the near future.

"Intramural sports have always been available to Marines around the barracks," Rohr said. "But I truly believe we could have a better program if more Marines knew about them."

According to Rohr, MWR has many programs Marines do not take advantage of. For example, MWR can reimburse Marines for tickets to movies, concerts and other local festivities.

"If Marines bring in the ticket stubs from the theater or other places in town, we can probably give them some money back," Rohr said. "As long as they bring in the stub less than six days after the event."

From time to time, Many Marines may say there is nothing to do in Washington, but MWR is doing its part to ensure such statements are only made in vain.

Marine bugler answers call to leadership

by *Cpl. Chance D. Puma*
Community Relations

Atop the ramparts overlooking centerwalk, a lone bugler sounds the call of "Taps" — a dignified close to the Evening Parade. This memorial is a tribute to America's fighting men and women who have fallen in the line of duty. The bugler himself presents a powerful image for all to witness.

The ceremonial bugler billet is a unique post for Marines in the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, a privilege many of them compete for.

After his selection for the '97 parade season, mellophone section leader Sgt. Mark A. Collado continued the special tradition of ceremonial bugler, finding out firsthand there is much more to the billet than holding a note.

"The ceremonial bugler is a leadership-type billet I really hold close to my heart," said Collado, a Houston, Texas, native. "Playing 'Taps' for thousands of people who all interpret it a little differently ... it brings out a lot of feelings for everybody."

However, there are more important things for a ceremonial bugler than the moments of glory during a dramatic performance, according to Collado. For Marines of "The Commandant's Own," playing a solo or piece outside of the concert formation is a special opportunity to shine as Marines and leaders, he said.

Collado has actually held two "leadership" billets unique to the Drum and Bugle

Corps — he performed as this year's ceremonial bugler as well as earning the title of NCO drum major in both the 1996 and 1997 noncommissioned officer parades. From his experience in these positions, Collado said the basic concepts of Marine leadership apply in these billets as they do throughout the rest of the Marine Corps.

"Performing a concert or parade in the formation is like serving in a platoon, you are part of a team. But a ceremonial bugler playing alone on the rooftop is almost like a sniper. 'One shot, one kill,'" said Collado.

It is the basics of leadership — such as those used by squad leaders and platoon sergeants everywhere — that make the ceremonial billets a challenge and learning experience, he

said.

"The ceremonial bugler sets the example for all the duty musics — how calls are played, ceremonial bearing and a high standard of personal appearance," said Collado. And, like all Marine NCOs, "you are judged every week by your peers."

Marines everywhere face difficult obstacles on the way to their goals, often against some of the toughest competitors around — their Marine peers. It's no different in a ceremonial unit like D&B Co., according to Collado.

"In 1996 I auditioned for the billet of ceremonial bugler and lost. I became an alternate but I was upset," he said. "I was let down because I was expecting to win, but I didn't give up."



Sgt. Mark A. Collado, ceremonial bugler for the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, performs on the East Coast tour. (photo by Cpl. Chance D. Puma)

"The next year came and I was ready. I corrected last year's mistakes and won the billet," said Collado.

Collado made a lot of personal changes to succeed in his ceremonial billets, according to Sgt. Gregory C. Markley, D&B Co.

"In the years I've known him, he's really turned his life around," said Markley.

"I was a late bloomer as far as rising in the ranks. My peers were succeeding in leadership roles while I laid low," said Collado. "Some of the most important things that helped me get where I am as the ceremonial bugler were setting my own goals as a Marine and not being afraid to take a chance."

Collado said he believes leaders shouldn't be "afraid to try things differently than their predecessors."

"One thing I did for the very last Friday parade was play a bugle given to the D&B by the Fort Henry Guard," Collado said. "It was made in the

18th century and was really difficult to play ... but I took a chance so I could put my own personal touch to the billet.

"I received a lot of compliments on it and I felt it was important to do," said Collado, "because, as hard as I worked to become ceremonial bugler, I felt anyone could have done it the same way it's always been done."

So, while visitors at an Evening Parade may never realize how important the position is to a lonely, roof-top bugler, or how much work goes into earning the title, Collado still holds the job close to his heart.



Sgt. Mark A. Collado stands by before a performance on tour. (photo by Cpl. Chance D. Puma)

D&B recording continued

one of the most crucial elements of the process is the editing and mixing of the tapes. The honor of completing this mission falls to Staff Sgt. Brian J. Dix, head lower voices instructor for the D&B.

"The work is done by the engineer and myself. Everything is digitized. What I do is sit in front of a computer and a mixing board and take songs and find the parts that fit best and mix them together. I can't change the notes. A mechanic can't make you a better driver, an engineer can't make you a better musician. What I can do is make sure that the performance you hear on the CD is the best that you can possibly hear," said Dix.

Dix praises his colleagues for their performance and professionalism during the production process.

"The ensemble was absolutely terrific during the recording. They had to pay more attention to duty, be more focused on the music and their surroundings. ... It took an incredible amount of stamina to make this recording. ... A

normal musician can go into a recording studio about 9 a.m. and be done about 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. in the day. We're military musicians, our lives don't work that way. There were several times we came in at 5 a.m. for a run at 6 a.m., went on to do a three hour recording session, took a break and then did a performance at 'Iwo' at 5:30 p.m. It's a full day for us."

After one more scheduled recording session and the mastering of tapes, the CD should be ready for distribution by the spring of 1998, according to Dix.

"The Commandant's Own" believes that its dedication and hard work are the things that truly come through in its music.

"The thing that totally represents the CD is not the fact that we are musicians," said Dix, "but that we are Marine musicians — the fact that we have responsibilities within this command and that we are able to maintain those responsibilities and still produce a quality CD."



When you see these Marines, congratulate them on their recent promotion.

H&S Company

- Cpl. W.M. Boughton Jr.
- Cpl. J. Z. Gaby
- Cpl. D.G. Robinson II
- Cpl. N.A. Root
- Lance Cpl. J.T. Casterlin
- Lance Cpl. R.M. Etzler
- Lance Cpl. D.M. Jacques
- Lance Cpl. J.L. Johnson
- Lance Cpl. B.E. Roppel
- Lance Cpl. C.D. Smith

Security Company

- Cpl. D.K. Brinkerhoff
- Cpl. J.R. Domkoski Jr.
- Cpl. J.W. Jones
- Cpl. C.W. Maddox

MCI Company

- Cpl. C.G. Chapman IV
- Lance Cpl. J.J. Davis

Drum & Bugle Company

- Gunnery Sgt. S.L. Samuels III
- Sgt. S.A. Leslie
- Sgt. S.A. Pierce
- Sgt. D.E. Warner
- Lance Cpl. J.A. Thomas Jr.
- Lance Cpl. M.E. Wood

Company "A"

- Lance Cpl. C.J. Easter
- Lance Cpl. D.W. Hattaway
- Lance Cpl. C.A. Hupfeld
- Lance Cpl. J.M. King
- Lance Cpl. J.A. Young

Company "B"

- Cpl. W.H. Butler Jr.
- Cpl. C.A. Jones

Lance Cpl. W.C. Jones

Congratulations to the following Marines for the awards they received in September.

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

- 1st Sgt. M.K. Gordon
- Gunnery Sgt. M.L. Duke

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

- Cpl. W.M. Boughton Jr.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. W.D. Bullock, who re-enlisted in September.

Best wishes to Maj. and Mrs. Robert F. Killackey Jr., who had a 7-pound, 6-ounce baby boy, Thomas, Sept. 25.



OUTSTANDING!

Cpl. David O. Bratz, adjutant's clerk, stands at attention as Maj. Robert F. Killackey Jr., Headquarters and Service Company commanding officer, and Capt. Katherine M. McDonald, adjutant, pin on his chevrons during a ceremony here Sept. 12. (photo by Cpl. Nelson O. Akeredolu)

Life's camouflaged diversions distract from eternal treasures

by Lt. Kenneth D. Counts
Barracks Chaplain

As the section heads prepared for a staff meeting, the executive officer asked whether anyone had observed the recent eclipse of the sun. One major who felt no concern replied, "I have had so much on my plate, that I have had no time to look up into the heavens."

Perhaps you who read these words are too busy to consider heavenly things too. Yes, we are all busy, but what are we failing to look into? We all must stay busy, and we cannot control that. But the daily grind does not force anyone to neglect higher things?

In combat, the enemy uses cover, concealment, camouflage, and diversionary tactics to distract you, to dissipate your resources and energies, and then to defeat you. Could it be that you are distracted by the very things you think you need to watch so closely?

Recently the headlines were dominated by the untimely death of a popular, young woman. But immediately after the world's attention was focused on this tragedy, another woman of noble character died.

The second woman was the most beautiful. Hers was not an external beauty of face, or figure. Hers was a beauty of the inner person, a beautiful spirit and a beautiful record of accomplishments for the good of others. To the busy eye of shoppers manipulated by fashion trends, this second woman held little interest. But she was far more beautiful to those eyes which can see heavenly realities.

She was stooped and bent with age and with years of unappreciated work. She had devoted her life to worship and sacrificial service to some of the most helpless, pitiable persons on earth. She had not devoted herself to charitable service for personal profit or pride.

To no real surprise, since people love to be busy with useless things which distract from and waste life, the

second death went relatively unnoticed.

Could it be that you, likewise, noticed nothing of eternal concern in the contrast of those two deaths?

Be very careful about what makes you so busy and so obsessed. All the riches and possessions of this world cannot defend you or make you secure. Will a generous bank account make you healthy? If your picture appears on every magazine cover, can you then trust people to treat you honestly? If you own a mansion, can you rest assured it will not flood or burn, and so lose its value? What can you hold in this world which will not turn into dust right before your eyes? What material thing have you ever bought that retained the pride you felt when you

first purchased it? This life is a camouflaged diversion if you refuse to look into heavenly realities. What good is it to gain the whole world and to lose your soul?

While working on her final movie, Marilyn Monroe had to receive injected tranquilizers to be able to sleep each night. Her husband, Norman Mailer, who wrote her biography, recorded how he watched her rest once and how he

*What can you hold in
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spoke these words.

"Darling, I wish I could tell you God loves you. And I wish you could believe it. I wish you still had your religion. And I wish I still had mine."

I who write these words can say that God loves Marines and I can believe it, because it's true. One who can see into the heavens finds earthly life richer and more satisfying than ever before. Looking to the heavens will not cause you to miss out on earthly life. It will make life worth living. And it will lead to an eternal treasure which cannot be stolen or tarnished. But people who refuse to look up, lose even what is here below.

Please make time to look beyond your earthly busyness to stare at heavenly realities. Make time for worship and for walking with God. You'll not be disappointed.

God Bless

CORPS-TOONS by Cpl. David O. Bratz



Low Rider, Low Rider, this is Blue Leader Tango Fox one! I think you have something of mine, over!

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