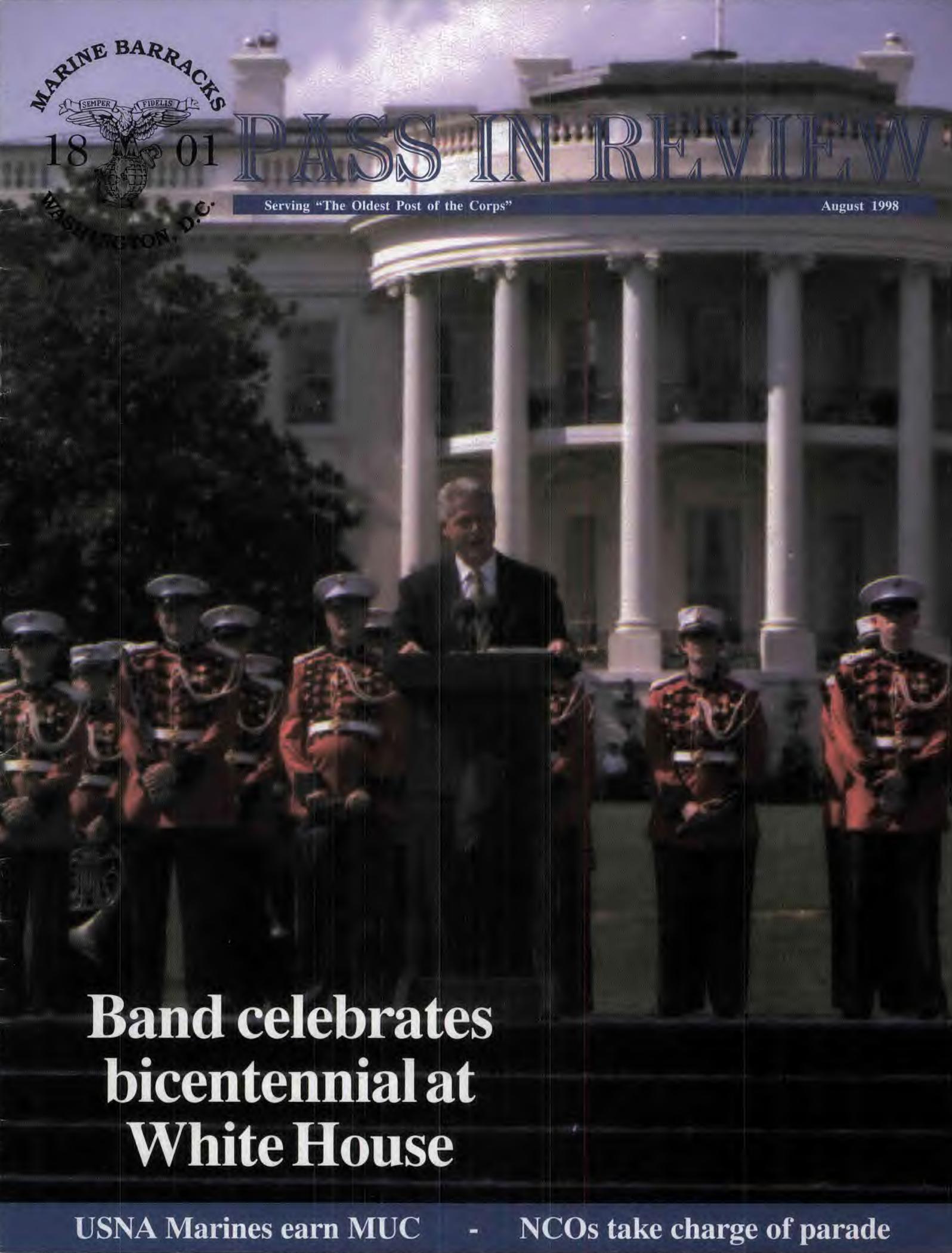




PASS IN REVIEW

Serving "The Oldest Post of the Corps"

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USNA Marines earn MUC - NCOs take charge of parade

Commandant discusses rules for quality of life

by *Gen. Charles C. Krulak*
Commandant of the Marine Corps

All Marine message 106/98 discusses our quality of life efforts, their relationship to good order and discipline, and how these are linked to our transformation process.

In reading this message, leaders will recognize the requirement for an immediate review of local policies and practices that govern the management of Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, as well as a re-evaluation of our attention as leaders to the activities of our Marines and Sailors during non-working hours.

Daily we receive messages reporting incidents of irresponsible behavior by a very small percentage of our Marines. Alcohol abuse is almost always a common denominator. For the most part, these incidents occur during non-working hours, on base, and in or near our BEQs. There are a small number of Marines who are under the mistaken impression that different standards of conduct exist once they take off their uniforms at the end of the day. They are wrong!

Over the past two years we have invested millions of dollars in barracks construction, renovation, equipment, and other quality of life improvements as outlined in our QOL Master Plan. While we are committed to improving the living conditions of our enlisted Marines, we must establish policies that reinforce – not hinder – our commitment to develop warriors for the 21st century.

Consequently, our focus of efforts is the 110,000 first-term Marines, most of whom live in our BEQs.

We develop these Marines by presenting challenges – where success depends on teamwork and cohesion – that leads the individual Marine to subordinate self-interest to the needs of the unit. Personnel assignment policies now focus on keeping Marines together through Military Occupational Specialty-producing schools to the operating forces to enhance unit cohesion – and it's working!

A crucial next step requires our leaders to sustain their Marines' discipline, values, and dedication to the Corps during their off-duty hours. Mentoring our young – not only in warfighting skills, but also responsible conduct – is critical to their personal and professional growth.

The touring of barracks by leaders did not go away when we moved our Marines out of the squad bays and into newer barracks. While individual, two- or three-man

rooms offer Marines more privacy, they are still government quarters subject to our standards of appearance, cleanliness, and supervision. They must be routinely inspected by our leaders. This starts with our noncommissioned officers, but does not stop with them.

With these thoughts in mind, commanders will establish policies that:

- Assign Marines to BEQs and BEQ rooms so that unit integrity is maintained. We build cohesion by keeping our Marine teams together, both by assigning them to the same unit and by assigning them to the same BEQ/floor/room. Where barracks occupancy goals, construction projects, and proximity challenges present significant problems in assignment by unit, the commanders will use their good judgment consistent with my intent. But my intent is clear: cohesion!
- Allow responsible alcohol consumption by strictly enforcing age laws, by placing limits on amounts that can be maintained in BEQ rooms, and by defining specific parameters governing consumption of alcohol in BEQ rooms and common areas where underage personnel are present.

-- Give clear guidance on BEQ room décor. I expect Marine quarters to be clean, orderly, and professional in appearance.

-- Ensure that duty NCOs and staff NCOs, officers of the day, and members of the interior guard maintain a visible presence and are well aware of procedures ensuring timely intervention in cases where good order and discipline are breached. This is particularly critical during weekends, holidays, and when the majority of the command is deployed or training away from the garrison.

I want Marines to understand that, as Marines, they are responsible for appropriate appearance and demeanor and will be held accountable. I also want to remind Marine leaders, at all ranks, that preparing Marines to win battles is an all-inclusive effort — a stewardship — that goes far beyond the training day.

Transformation is the goal. By implementing the policies in this ALMAR, we will take another step towards that goal.



Gen. Charles C. Krulak

... we must establish policies that reinforce ... our commitment to develop warriors for the 21st Century.

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President Bill Clinton speaks to guests on the White House South Lawn during the United States Marine Band's bicentennial celebration there July 10. See story on page 4. (photo by Master Gunnery Sgt. Andrew R. Linden)

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Marine Band Director Lt. Col. Timothy W. Foley directs "The President's Own" during a bicentennial anniversary performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts July 11. (photo by Master Gunnery Sgt. Andrew R. Linden)

**by Staff Sgt. Christine A. Kohn
Marine Band Public Affairs Office**

"We are talking two centuries of pure American spirit — formless and weightless but as powerful as our arsenals, the stuff of thumping pulse and shiny eyes and the voice of glory raised high by horns and reeds." — Hugh Sidey.

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band celebrated its 200th birthday with a command performance at the White House for President and Mrs. Bill Clinton and an historic concert for a full house at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The celebration began July 10 with a performance and reception hosted by the president and Mrs. Clinton on the White House South Lawn. Guests included Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton, and about 1,500 former Marine Band members, family members, and friends.

"You have played for kings and prime ministers, in great halls overseas, for people in parks and theaters

Band celebrates anniversary

across our country, nearly every day, in so many different musical styles," President Clinton said. "It is entirely fitting that our Marine Band was among the very first class of inductees into the American Classical Music Hall of Fame. No President could fail to be proud to say you are 'The President's Own.' Happy birthday."

The band demonstrated its versatility by featuring a variety of ensembles, including a combo in George Gershwin's "'S Wonderful," a string serenade in Irving Gordon's "Unforgettable," and the band in John Philip Sousa's "Semper Fidelis" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

The program included remarks by the president, Mrs. Clinton, Gen. Krulak, and Marine Band Director Lt. Col. Timothy W. Foley.

"For 200 years, this band has stirred the very soul of our nation," Gen. Krulak said. "The beauty of its music reflects the magnificence of our great nation and its citizens, and provides us a small glimpse of our Creator's perfection. Your fellow Marines and your commandant are extremely proud of you."

"As a Marine, the most important goal is to accomplish the mission," Lt. Col. Foley said. "Since our first performance at this house in 1801, performing for the president of the United States has remained the central and defining element of who we are as an organization. Our entire orientation is focused upon accomplishing that mission, and to be here today is a wonderful expression of our role as 'The President's Own.' As we celebrate our 200th anniversary, there is no place we would rather be."

The next evening, on July 11, the Marine Band presented a "spectacular" concert, according to Cecelia Porter of *The Washington Post*, before more than 2,000 people in the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

"The band has never sounded more splendid and precise," Porter wrote in a July 13 review.

The president, Mrs. Clinton and daughter Chelsea were guests of honor at the performance, along with Secretary Dalton and concert host, Gen. Krulak.

Dear Lt. Col. Foley,

On behalf of all the racks, many thanks for the July 10th and 11th birthday truly enjoyed both events the concert has been the best to date.

Please thank Captain involved for our wonderful us all proud to be Marine the United States Marine

Col. Dennis J. Hejlik

ersary with president

Foley opened the performance with music that highlighted the band's history when he led four pairs of woodwinds, plus percussion, in three early American works by Francis Hopkinson, Alexander Reinagle, and Philip Phile. These "gracefully reproduced the intimate charm of the first White House entertainments," Porter wrote.

Distinguished guest conductors Dr. Frederick Fennell, Director Emeritus Col. John R. Bourgeois, USMC (Ret), and composer Dr. W. Francis McBeth followed Foley.

Fennell conducted the president's favorite band music, the "English Folk Song Suite" by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Bourgeois led the band in his arrangement of marches by the band's 17th director, John Philip Sousa. McBeth premiered his "When Honor Whispers and Shouts," written especially for the bicentennial.

The second half featured the U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra in a suite from the ballet *Appalachian Spring*, Vocalist Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Ryan in three songs by George Gershwin, and a 118-piece ensemble in Percy Grainger's "Marching Song of Democracy."

Media covering the bicentennial included ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, NBC Nightly News, National Public Radio, the Associated Press, *Time*, and *The Washington Post*.

Mrs. Clinton wrote about the band in her weekly newspaper column distributed to more than one hundred newspapers worldwide.

"'The President's Own' serves not only to entertain, but also to represent the president and the country in the White House, around the nation, and around the world," Mrs. Clinton wrote. "It is with great pride that we honor and acknowledge its achievements."

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

I am delighted to extend warmest congratulations to the men and women of the United States Marine Band as America celebrates the band's bicentennial.

Created by an Act of Congress in 1798, the United States Marine Band has put the American spirit to music for the past 200 years. At moments of great national celebration or tragedy — from the inauguration of President Thomas Jefferson to the funeral of President John F. Kennedy, from the laying of the cornerstone of Washington Monument to President Abraham Lincoln's address at Gettysburg — the band has movingly expressed the joys, sorrows, and hopes of the American people.

The Marine Band has evolved from a small group of fifers and drummers to become one of the world's preeminent musical institutions, internationally renowned for its musicianship, versatility, and unswerving commitment to excellence. Yet its fundamental mission of providing music for the President of the United States has never changed. For two centuries, "The President's Own," as Thomas Jefferson first named it, has filled the halls of the White House with music and the hearts of Americans with pride.

As the chief beneficiary of your skills and dedication, it gives me great personal pleasure to salute the musicians and staff of the United States Marine Band as we celebrate this 200th anniversary.

Bill Clinton



(left) Members of the United States Marine Band play for President and Mrs. Bill Clinton, Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Band Director Lt. Col. Timothy W. Foley, and 1,500 other guests on the White House South Lawn during the band's bicentennial celebration at the White House July 10. (photo by Master Gunnery Sgt. Andrew R. Linden)

200 years of service

Celebrating two centuries of tradition, history

by *Public Affairs Office*
United States Marine Band

On July 11, 1798, President John Adams approved a bill that officially brought the United States Marine Band into being, making it America's oldest professional musical organization.

The band consisted of a "drum major, fife major, and 32 drums and fifes." Some of these "Musics," as they were called, were retained in Philadelphia, then the nation's capital, to form a military band of Marines under Drum Major William Farr, the first official leader of the band.

The Marine Band's headquarters remained in Philadelphia until the capital moved to Washington in July 1800.

The band camped for a few months in Georgetown on a hill overlooking the Potomac River and the future site of the Lincoln Memorial.

The band played some of Washington's first public concerts at the hillside encampment.

Following its summer concerts, the band grew increasingly popular with President Adams and Vice President Thomas Jefferson. On New Year's Day in 1801, Adams called upon the band to make its White House Debut.

Jefferson, an avid music lover and amateur violinist, took great interest in the Marine Band and is credited with giving the band its title "The President's Own." In March 1801, the band per-

formed for Jefferson's inaugural and has performed for every presidential inaugural since that time.

In 1801 the band moved to its present home here. The Marine Band is the longest tenant at Marine Barracks, Washington, which was made a National Historic Landmark in 1976, and is also the oldest continuously active unit in the Marine Corps.

John Philip Sousa directed the band from 1880 to 1892. During his tenure as director, Sousa organized the band's first concert tour in 1891. The musicians toured for five weeks, performing throughout New England and the Midwest.

The band's fall tour became an annual event, interrupted only by the Spanish-American War and World Wars I and II. During these periods, the band played many additional performances in Washington and at the

White House, boosting morale during wartime.

In addition, the Marine Band was one of the first musical ensembles to be immortalized on Thomas Edison's revolutionary invention, the phonograph. Beginning in the 1890s, the band recorded dozens of cylinders, featuring waltzes, polkas, and, of course, the marches of John Philip Sousa.

From the turn of the century, the Marine Band grew in size and reputation. Radio was still in its infancy in 1922 when the nation became more familiar with the Marine Band through its radio broadcasts. At that time the band had the longest sustaining program on network radio.

Since 1798, the Marine Band's mission has remained to provide music for the president of the United States and the commandant of the Marine Corps.



The United States Marine Band marches through the streets at the St. Louis World's Fair in April 1904. (submitted by Marine Band Public Affairs Office)

USNA Marines awarded 2nd MUC in 30 days



Petty Officer 3rd Class Christine M. Hartman, USNA security, prepares to unfurl a flag representing the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation awarded to service members stationed at the Naval Academy during an awards ceremony June 29, while Lance Cpl. James A. Cascio (right), 1st Section, USNA Company; and Pfc. Jeremy H. Bowers, 2nd section, USNA Company, post. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer
Staff Writer

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Barracks Marines assigned to the United States Naval Academy Company received the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation June 29 during a ceremony at U.S. Naval Station, Annapolis.

Coast Guard Capt. Charles L. Miller, director of Coast Guard activities in Baltimore, presented the award — the unit's second award in less than 30 days, according to Navy Capt. Jerry M. Farrell, commander of U.S. Naval Station, Annapolis.

The Coast Guard 'MUC' immediately followed a Navy and Marine Corps Meritorious Unit Commendation the Naval Academy received a month earlier. Retired Navy Adm. Charles R. Larson, former USNA superintendent, presented the award for the Marines' and Sailors' efforts during his command at the Naval Academy.

"In the 28 years I have been in the Navy, I have never seen or heard of a unit earning two MUCs in one month," Farrell said. "That speaks highly of [the unit's] professionalism and dedication to duty."

The Naval Academy received the Coast Guard MUC award for its contributions to the "Whitbread Around the World Race," according to Navy Lt. George J. Drake,

administration officer at Naval Station, Annapolis.

Drake said the Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen provided security and lodging for the participants of the biggest sail boat race in the world, which circumnavigates the globe.

"[The Marines and Sailors] provided on-the-water-support by refueling the vessels, and they were responsible for berthing over 600 boats," Drake explained.

While the Navy and Coast Guard primarily dealt with the ships, Marine Capt. Thomas E. Prentice, USNA Company commander, said the Marines provided security and stood by for crowd control during the six days the Whitbread participants stayed in Annapolis.

"Basically every Marine was secured that weekend so we could provide security re-enforcements to the barracks because of the overflowing population in Annapolis at that time," Sgt. Greg A. Simas, 2nd Section leader, USNA Company, explained. "We also sent Marines to help out the Navy and the Coast Guard on the ships."

According to Drake, the entire evolution was one the racing association looked at as a good example for docking units in the next race.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," Drake said. "This became known as the most successful start [for the Whitbread race] ever, and it is nice to be recognized for our efforts."

While the entire installation received the award, Prentice said the Marines' newest ribbon provided some additional encouragement.

"It is good that our Marines are recognized for their participation with the Navy," Prentice explained. "They are not always recognized for their efforts so I am sure it means a lot to them."

In addition, Simas said the evolution allowed younger Marines a chance to experience joint-service operations."

"The operation was a good training exercise for the younger Marines — to work with members of other services," said Simas. "Most of the younger Marines have never been to the 'fleet,' and they do not have the chance to [work on a joint-service operation] often."

Barracks NCOs step up to challenge

by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer
Staff Writer



The parade staff; including (left to right front) Sgt. Franklin D. Acree, Cpl. Juan L. Sanchez, Sgt. Orlando G. Esquibel, and (left to right rear) Cpls. William C. Steding and Lance T. Diede; takes its place during the NCO Parade July 7 at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va. (photo by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)

The noncommissioned officers “took charge” of the Sunset Parade July 7, orchestrating every detail from marching to hosting.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth B. Williams, operations chief here, Marine Barracks, Washington, holds an NCO Parade annually as a tribute to its corporals and sergeants.

“[The NCO Parade] is the one time a year we allow NCOs as leaders to not only strut their stuff, but we as leaders have the chance to show them we trust their abilities,” Williams explained.

In order to conduct the parade, the five NCOs on the parade staff started preparing in May, following the NCO Parade Staff tryouts, according to Cpl. William C. Steding, NCO Parade adjutant.

In addition to the parade staff, Marines such as Sgt. Daniel E. Paige, 1st Platoon guide, “A” Company, assumed parade billets officers or staff NCOs regularly hold. Paige was the 1st Platoon commander during the NCO parade, which he said provided a good learning opportunity.

“It was a great experience learning the different steps and be-



Corporal William C. Steding, parade adjutant, reports to the parade commander after forming the battalion during the NCO Parade. (photo by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)



“A” Company’s NCO Parade company commander, Sgt. James R. Parker Jr., reports to the parade adjutant. (photo by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)



Challenge for NCO Parade

ing in front of the platoon," Paige explained. "It was also a good experience for the younger Marines to see the NCOs take charge."

In the end, the Marines' performance impressed their superiors, such as Col. Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer.

"We are very proud of the NCOs who stepped up to the plate and hit a home run — not because they are superstars, but because they all pulled together as a team — [privates first class, lance corporals, corporals and sergeants] all working to make it one of the best NCO parades ever," Hejlik wrote in a recent message.

The 1998 NCO Parade lineup featured:

Parade Staff

Parade Commander: Sgt. Franklin D. Acree

Adjutant: Cpl. William C. Steding

Staff: Cpl. Juan L. Sanchez

Cpl. Lance T. Diede

Sgt. Orlando G. Esquibel

U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps

Drum Major: Sgt. Reginald G. Jackson

"A" Company

Company Commander: Sgt. James R. Parker Jr.

Platoon Commanders: Sgt. Daniel E. Paige

Cpl. Robert G. Dodds

"B" Company

Company Commander: Sgt. Scott M. Hebert

Platoon Commanders: Cpl. Eugene E. Wilson

Cpl. Ereka A. Jackson



(above) Sgt. Reginald G. Jackson conducts the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps as the drum major, and (left) Sgt. Scott M. Hebert, Company "B" company commander, reports the status of his company to the parade adjutant during the NCO Parade in July. (photos by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)



BCD brings cheer to hospital patients, staff

by *Cpl. Matt S. Schafer*
Staff Writer

The Marine Battle Color Detachment brought its presentation to hospital patients in Washington July 1 to perform a ceremony for the patients and orderlies there.

According to LaVerne Barksdale, chief of recreational therapy at the Commission of Mental Health Services hospital, the Marines' performance entertained the audience while allowing patients a chance to leave the monotony of their ward and catch a breath of fresh air.

"A lot of the patients can not go off the hospital grounds and [the Marines] came to them," Barksdale said. "It was beneficial for them to go outside and see some people from the general community."

The patients responded to the ceremony with enthusiasm, applauding between every song from "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, and gasping in amazement as the United States Marine Silent Drill Platoon executed its drill sequence.

"I have not seen the patients that attentive for a long



The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps performs for patients and staff members at the Commission of Mental Health Services hospital in Washington during a Battle Color Detachment ceremony in July. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

time, and after the performance they were talking about it and trying to thank every Marine they saw," Barksdale exclaimed.

While the performance entertained the patients, Barksdale said it also provided them a chance to interact with each other.

"It was very beneficial for them to get outside and interact with patients outside their groups of five to six people," Barksdale said. "A lot of the time they do not see that many people and seeing a few new faces helps them communicate with others. It was also a source of entertainment for them."

In addition, Gunnery Sgt. Omer A. Duff, "D&B" public affairs noncommissioned officer, said the performance may have provided some Marines in the detachment a different view on the mentally disabled.

"They were extremely appreciative of the show," Duff said. "[The performance] showed that despite what you may hear about people with mental disabilities, they are basically just average human beings, and I think people sometimes forget that."

"The response of the audience was a surprise which inspired us to give 110 percent, and it went well," Cpl. Michael D. Coleman, second soprano bugler, added. "It was a pretty cool feeling performing for them."



Sergeant Nicole A. Eddy-Bennett, second baritone bugler, warms up with fellow Drum and Bugle Corps Marines before a Battle Color Detachment ceremony in Washington. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

Free: VFW gives away pre-paid phone cards in "Operation Uplink"

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States presented 2,000 pre-paid phone cards to Marine Barracks July 2 as part of "Operation Uplink."

This operation is a VFW program designed to provide 25,000 phone cards to active duty service members and hospitalized veterans in the District of Columbia and 150,000 around the world in appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who serve.

Phone cards were distributed to each section in the barracks for dissemination. Their recent visit was one of seven scheduled visits to various military installations in and around the district during Independence Day weekend — the largest Operation Uplink event in its two-year history.

The VFW's mission, according to

Gerard P. Miserandino Sr., a National District council member, and the reasoning behind Operation Uplink, is to fight for the rights and benefits of foreign war veterans and active duty personnel.

"[VFW members] are out of the war, but we are carrying on the fight," said Miserandino, who lost both arms during the Vietnam War. "Our motto

is 'Honor the dead by helping the living.' If we can get these cards to vets in hospitals or ser-

vice members overseas, then they will heal faster and have higher spirits.

"[Operation Uplink] is a little community program that says, 'We were there. We know what it is like and someone out here cares,'" said Miserandino. "That card could save a life. I hope so."

"... in appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who serve."

Correcting copy

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Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin incorrectly identified Georgia Governor Zell Miller as a senator in a cutline on page 19.

The author of a story about the Body Bearers on page 8 was incorrectly listed as Cpl. Michael S. Fitzpatrick. The author was Cpl. Matt S. Schafer.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Dereliction of Duty. He received a reduction to private first class, a forfeiture of \$519 for one month, and 60 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 86, AWOL. He received a forfeiture of \$242 for one month, 14 days restriction, and 14 days of EPD.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Dereliction of Duty. He received a suspended forfeiture of \$568 for two months.

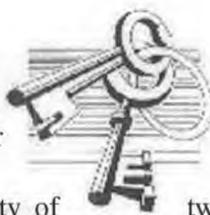
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pending forfeiture of \$568 for two months.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Underage Drinking. He received 30 days restriction and a suspended forfeiture of \$568 for 2 months.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 111, Driving While Intoxicated. He received 30 days restriction, and suspended sentences for a forfeiture of \$519 for one month and reduction to private first class.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 91, Disrespect to a noncommissioned officer. He received a reduc-



tion to private first class and a forfeiture of \$519 for two months, as well as suspended sentences for a forfeiture of \$568 for one month and 30 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 134, Altered Identification Card. He received 30 days restriction, reduction to private first class, and a suspended forfeiture of \$519 for one month.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 112a for drug use. He received a forfeiture of \$463 for two months, and 45 days restriction and EPD.

Marines, Sailors approved for corrective eye surgery

by *Cpl. Brannen Parrish*
Camp Lester, Okinawa, Japan

CAMP LESTER, Okinawa, Japan (July 17) — Service members looking to lessen the degree of their nearsightedness and who meet specific requirements can turn to the U.S. Naval Hospital to correct their blurred vision.

The procedure, called radial keratotomy (RK), allows doctors to correct nearsightedness by making incisions in the cornea, the transparent tissue which covers the iris and pupil.

Civilian doctors have used RK since the 1970s, but the procedure has only recently been used by the military.

To apply for the procedure, candidates must first provide the USNH eye clinic their glasses or contact lenses prescription over the telephone. Candidates are then approved or disapproved for a subsequent examination.

If accepted, candidates are placed on a waiting list. In three to five months, they receive an extensive eye exam to further determine if they are eligible for surgery.

Patients who pass the exam must watch a video about the risks associated with RK. Some of those risks include: chance of infection, induced astigmatism, a 15 percent risk of hyperopic shift towards farsightedness, and scarring. Patients should also understand their vision may eventually return to nearsightedness.

Doctors take a number of factors into account when determining a patient's eligibility, including: age, sex, cornea thickness, refraction of the lens, the pressure on the eye and eye health.

"We are still in the early stages, but the results have been good," said

Lt. Cmdr. Floyd A. Doughty, USNH head ophthalmologist.

Captain Andrea M. Shad, Tactical Exercise Control Group intelligence officer, III Marine Expeditionary Force, underwent radial keratotomy recently because she felt her glasses were a nuisance.

"My glasses were always getting in the way when I went swimming, running and bicycling," she said. "I heard about corrective eye surgery



being conducted at Bethesda, Md., but the waiting list was long. I didn't think seriously about it."

After learning the surgery was available on Okinawa and weighing the benefits and consequences, Shad did what more than 100 patients have done in the 19 months RK has been offered here.

Master Chief Petty Officer Michael C. Carr, USNH public affairs officer, underwent RK in May. "After wearing glasses for 27 years, the best feeling was waking up in the morning, glancing across the room at my clock and seeing the numbers clearly," said Carr.

According to some studies, patients who undergo RK have a 50 to 65 percent chance of regaining normal, 20/20 vision. Ninety-five percent of RK patients find their vision corrected to 20/40, which is the legal

requirement to drive without corrective eyewear in most states. Eighty-five percent of RK patients end up with 20/25 vision, which is one line short of normal vision.

Lieutenant Cmdr. Timothy J. Barron, USNH comprehensive ophthalmologist, said the results have been better than the studies have shown.

"Patients have to be realistic about their motivation for getting RK," said Barron. "If a patient hopes for 20/20 vision, we will attempt to shoot for that, but the primary purpose of RK is to lessen a patient's dependence on glasses or contact lenses."

Before surgery, patients receive anesthetics which numb the eyes and put the patient at ease. Using a scalpel with a diamond blade, doctors make as many as eight incisions in the cornea. The number of incisions depends upon the severity of the patient's nearsightedness.

The patient is awake during the surgery, which lasts about 20 minutes, and the only discomfort comes from a metal clip which holds the eyelid open.

Doctors stress RK is not available to everyone. Active duty soldiers and airman are not authorized by their services to undergo RK, but the procedure is open to their dependents. Marines and Sailors on Okinawa assigned to the Unit Deployment Program are also disqualified.

Doctors also discourage those who are looking to improve normal vision.

"We don't want patients who desire perfect vision," said Barron. "You have to ask yourself if the benefits are worth the risks."

Editor's note: Sailors and Marines here can find out if they meet the criteria by calling the USNH eye clinic in Bethesda, Md., at (301) 295-1339.



Corporal Will Davis, ISMO technician, works to repair the power supply in a downed server. Marines at the Information Systems Management Office help ensure mission accomplishment by keeping barracks computer systems operable. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

Maintaining 20th century systems at the “oldest post”

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer

The computer software and servers at the barracks offer people an electronic gateway with almost unlimited destinations, but when computer users have problems, they turn to the Information Systems Management Office for answers.

The 10 Marines at ISMO are responsible for maintaining and upgrading the barracks' 418 users' software and hardware, including the United States Naval Academy Company in Annapolis; informing computer users of changes in operating procedures; and maintaining the phone lines for the Marine Corps Institute 24 hours-a-day. They accomplish these missions by splitting the Marines into a Trouble Call team and a Project team.

While the two teams are on assignment, one Marine mans the phones at the Help Desk, answering questions

from computer users throughout the barracks, logging in trouble calls and notifying the teams of emergency situations, such as the Local Area Network going down.

The Marine at the Help Desk receives an average of five to seven trouble calls each day when the LAN is working, and six times that number when it is down, according to Cpl. Will Davis, ISMO technician.

“The complaints range from ‘I cannot use my computer,’ to re-installing Banyan software,” said Cpl. John C. Yelverton, ISMO technician. “Once [someone] spilled an entire cup of coffee on his keyboard and asked, ‘Do you think that might have an effect?’ It is always something different around here.”

Marines from ISMO handle trouble calls on a first come, first serve basis. However, emergencies take precedence over everything else, because without the LAN

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Whether it is for sport or protection, students here are learning an art that balances mental and physical toughness with discipline in a ...

Deadly, self defense artform adap



Wilbert B. Bailey, a local 15-year-old high school student, picks a spot on the mat where he can deposit his Judo sparing partner Earl C. Johnson, civilian motorcycle courier, during a Monday night practice session at the gym here. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

*by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer*

Morale, Welfare and Recreation section is offering Judo classes for men and women over the age of 15 in the barracks' gym.

Each week a former member of the United States Army Judo Team and World Military Games competitor guides his students through Judo's techniques and philosophies.

Judo allows a smaller individual to dominate a larger, stronger opponent by using his opponent's strength against him, according to Army Sgt. Maj. Damian Mojica, sergeant major of Personnel and Security Directorate at the

White House Communications Agency and Judo instructor.

"If a man has 10 increments of strength and I have seven, he can easily overpower me," said Mojica. "But if I can direct his momentum where I want it, suddenly my strength is 17. If he pushes, I pull; fake one way; move in with a combination of moves; and unbalance him physically and mentally."

Mojica said Professor Jigoro Kano, creator of Judo, developed the sport for its balance of physical and mental requirements, however, the sport has its roots in a brutal, ancient Japanese form of Jujitsu.

Jujitsu is a system of attacks involving punching, kicking, throwing, stabbing, choking, bending and twisting limbs, pinning and defenses against these. It was Japan's nationally endorsed martial art in the early 1800s, and it was a savage, often fatal form of self defense, according to Mojica.

Kano studied under the Jujitsu masters of his day, but he soon discovered it was not devised for physical education or moral and intellectual training, according to Mojica. Unsatisfied with Jujitsu's limitations, he combined all of the good points he learned during his Jujitsu training and founded a new system in 1882 for physical and mental training. It was Judo.

Judo caught on quickly in Japan and the Jujitsu masters worked quickly to put a stop to it. The government decided to hold a tournament to decide



Luigi M. Cantizano, a motorcyclist, and Benjamin D. Graham (bottom) demonstrate techniques that can be deadly to an opponent during training and tournaments.

ted to challenge all

which martial art Japan would endorse.

“It was not much of a contest,” said Mojica. “A Judo master actually threw the Jujitsu master. It spread quickly throughout Japan and it can be found throughout the world today.”

The modern form of Judo consists of throws, choke holds, elbow locks and pinning moves. Mojica quickly pointed out that while Judo is a sport, it is also an effective form of self defense. The differences between sport and defense are in the individual’s focus and purpose, he explained. A man or woman can render an attacker unconscious or immobile using Judo with intensity.



cycle courier and 16-year Judo veteran, works with local teen (n) on his takedown techniques and arm locks. Though Judo trained individuals, students learn how to fall to prevent injuries. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)



Army Sgt. Maj. Damian Mojica, White House Communications Agency sergeant major, turns his students’ attention from physical training to Judo’s mental and emotional elements. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

“Martial arts competitors usually do not get hurt after a throw because they know how to take a fall, and there are strict rules governing what can and cannot be done during a Judo tournament,” said Mojica. “It can be quite deadly to those who are inexperienced.”

Regardless of the individual’s performance with Judo on the mat or in a tournament, Mojica says the benefits gained from the sport are always useful.

“Judo is very intense,” said Mojica. “Any time someone pushes his or her physical abilities to its maximum, there is a lot of mental determination behind it. That kind of effort and determination in Judo builds discipline, not only in the sport, but in everyday life.”

One of Mojica’s students in the barracks’ gym is Earl C. Johnson, a civilian motorcycle courier. He discovered the sport only one year ago and quickly climbed the ranks with hard work and dedication.

“Judo appealed to my competitive nature and it is fun,” said Johnson. “By concentrating all of my energy into Judo, it gives me discipline in the world. I know if I can [succeed] here, then I can do it anywhere.”

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Corporal John C. Yelverton, ISMO technician, verifies the connectivity of the Local Area Network lines at ISMO. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

users cannot log in, the internet is inaccessible, and e-mail is down, according to Yelverton.

The LAN's support to mission accomplishment makes ISMO Marines an integral part of daily operations and requires long workdays at times.

"Usually someone is using the LAN after hours and if something goes wrong we get called back," said Davis.

"That happens all the time," Yelverton added, "and if it

takes three days to fix something, then we stay there for three days. You do the job because it has to be done."

Marines in ISMO place the highest priority on getting the job done and being proactive by implementing new software and hardware or by changing the way they do business, according to Cpl. Raymond R. Dennis, ISMO technician. They evaluate ideas, suggestions and new technologies and decide which, if any, would enhance the system's efficiency.

Technicians in ISMO recently replaced outdated servers and are currently upgrading the system with Windows New Technologies. They are also updating or replacing the outdated Shark Mail. The new mail system is expected to be faster and will automatically integrate components to make an immediate attachment file.

"With the new servers it is a whole new scheme," said Davis. "It is so much more efficient from an administrative standpoint. We can monitor the system more closely and so the programs run smoothly ... less glitches."

While the success of their mission hinges on technology, it is ISMO's professionalism and mission readiness that makes them a reliable source of computer information and computer repair, according to Cpl. David C. Dempsey, headquarters' administration clerk. Every person who uses a computer at the barracks essentially depends on ISMO Marines to do their job quickly and efficiently, he explained.

explained.

"Our computers are always going down or being upgraded because of the job we do," said Dempsey. "[The Marines at ISMO] get here as fast as they can, and I know I can depend on them if I have any questions about my computer. They definitely do a good job [and] we could not do ours without them."

Judo continued

Mojica says the training is rigorous, but the intensity is essential to success.

"Vince Lombardi once said, 'Fatigue makes cowards of us all.' He thought as I do if a man is going to lose, he should lose because he was outsmarted, outmoved, or lacked experience, but never because he lacked endurance," said Mojica. "This is why I push the students

farther than they think they can go — to prepare them — to give them focus."

The monthly fee for enrollment does not include the cost of the Judo uniform, and individual classes are reviewed on a case by case basis.

For more information about the Judo classes call MWR at 433-2353.

Dear Col. Hejlik,

It has been a long time since I have attended two 8th and I parades in one week. As you will someday discover, you never cease seeing one of our ceremonies through your old "C.O.'s eyes." You just can not help it!

You and your sterling troops have much to be proud of, rightly so, but I have never seen two more technically perfect ceremonies under somewhat less than ideal circumstances, particularly on Tuesday at the Marine Corps War Memorial.

You get a lot of advice, and occasionally some of it may be of use, but seldom do people take the time to recognize the hard work and professionalism that has to be embedded and maintained in your officers and troops.

I left a good piece of my heart at the barracks. Maybe

it shows in this letter, but I wanted you to know Carol and I were extremely proud of what you and your fine Marines showed us this past week. Sometimes it needs to be said.

In May of 1973, when I assumed command from Col. Dave Twomey, Gen. Chapman slapped me on the back and said: "Charlie, all good Marine officers strive to achieve perfection — 8th and I is the only place where you are *expected* to do so. Good luck. I will be seeing you!"

I extend to you and your entire command my appreciation, and best wishes for continued success in the pursuit of excellence.

Semper Fidelis,
Charles G. Cooper
Lt. Gen., U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

Dear Sir,

On Friday, May 8, my wife and I had the distinct honor of being your guests at the evening parade ceremony.

There is no purpose in trying to describe how much we had been looking forward to the evening. What we experienced, however, far out-distanced any of our expectations.

From the moment that we arrived, we were accorded the most gracious welcome that we ever received by fine young Marines — privates first class to colonels.

The sergeant major took the time to personally acknowledge our presence and engage us in a few warm words. Your executive officer took pity on an old captain talking to a young second lieutenant and his wife,

and ushered us into the prime area, directly behind former commandants and Gen. Charles Krulak, our existing inspiration.

Having served under Gen. Chapman, I was particularly pleased to witness he and his counterparts standing proudly as these fine young Marines passed in review. How young Gen. Mundy looked.

Our observation must sound like an echo to you by now, but the evening parade ceremony was the most memorable two hours that we ever spent. Nevertheless, it is a message that must get out.

Our young people need credible role models. By God, I saw hundreds of them at Marine Barracks.

Having served in the Corps, it was

no surprise to find such efficient and caring people. However, it has been 30 years and I forgot how impressive hundreds of poster Marines can be.

The Silent Drill Platoon and the Drum and Bugle Corps provided unbelievable performances. Seeing that lone bugler blowing taps on the ramparts was one of the most moving experiences of the evening. How proud we are to be Americans. How proud I am to be a Marine.

Thanks for sharing those wonderful people with us. They are clearly a testimonial to your leadership and a credit to our beloved country.

Yours gratefully,
Capt. Frank M. Corcoran

Sergeant Major Lewis G. Lee,

I do not want to take up much of your time, but would like to give a little credit where credit is due.

There is a Marine currently working at the Marine Corps Institute by the name of Lance Cpl. Michael D. Kilger. This young Motivated "Devil Dog" does not know me from Adam, and has on several occasions answered my questions/requests in a truly expeditious and professional manner.

Knowing time is of essence here, he either faxed or e-mailed me a temporary response until the original was mailed or entered on the BTR.

Sergeant Major, being out here on I&I duty we really appreciate this kind of support. I wish and hope that this is the kind of support that is given to all commands.

This Marine has assisted me in getting some of my Marines of Battery "E," 2/14 meritoriously promoted, regular promotions, and most of all Professional Military Education schools. This year alone we were able to send four Marines to PME school.

I am currently in the process of doing a Meritorious Mast for this Marine and hope to get it in the mail today.

Semper Fi and stay motivated,
1st Sgt. Kraker

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

H&S Company

Sgt. R. Gonzales
Sgt. D.D. Holmen
Sgt. M.A. Knutson
Sgt. D.A. Robinson Jr.
Cpl. T.T. Byrd
Cpl. K.D. Johnson
Cpl. D.E. Ray
Cpl. J.L. Rose
Lance Cpl. J.M. Geddings
Lance Cpl. S.D. Kolego
Lance Cpl. D.D. Love
Lance Cpl. P.H. McNiff
Lance Cpl. D.W. Smith Jr.

WHCA Company

Sgt. R.E. North
Sgt. B.K. Williams
Cpl. C. Campagna
Cpl. W.E. Phillips

MCI Company

Sgt. L.D. Buckner Jr.
Cpl. D.A. Criddle
Lance Cpl. B.G. Eller

"A" Company

Sgt. Maj. D.C. Phillips
Sgt. O.G. Esquibel
Sgt. O.A. Bradshaw
Cpl. C.O. Ball
Cpl. R.L. Blaine
Cpl. S.P. Bulmann
Cpl. R.E. Saw
Cpl. J.P. Taylor
Cpl. G. Valenzuela-Reyes
Lance Cpl. L.J. DesForges

"B" Company

Sgt. A. Taylor Jr.
Sgt. K.E. Wickstrom
Cpl. J.F. Monroe
Lance Cpl. C.A. Jackson
Lance Cpl. J.R. McNeil Jr.
Lance Cpl. W.W. Woodall

Security Company

Cpl. R.M. Bach
Cpl. M.T. Derringer
Cpl. T.A. Dobbs
Cpl. B.A. Fogle
Cpl. J.M. Letsinger
Cpl. C.J. Markey
Cpl. D.K. Phillips
Cpl. M.J. Terns
Cpl. G.C. Thomas Jr.

United States Marine Drum and Bugle Company

Sgt. A.A. Perez

Marine Band

Sgt. P.T. Samuels

USNA Company

Pfc. T.O. Robbins
Pfc. D.G. Faust
Cpl. T.A. Scogland
Cpl. C.L. McCants II

Congratulations to the following Marines for the awards they recently received.

Meritorious Service Medal

Capt. G.R. Martin
1st Sgt. M.K. Gordon

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Sgt. Maj. D.C. Phillips
Gunnery Sgt. M. P. Barrett

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Sgt. O.A. Bradshaw
Sgt. O.G. Esquibel
Sgt. J.C. Hornick III
Sgt. E.G. Ruley
Cpl. B.P. Christopher
Cpl. D.C. Dempsey Jr.
Cpl. R.A. Neighbors
Cpl. D.L. White
Lance Cpl. K.R. Taylor

Good Conduct Medal

Gunnery Sgt. C. Gaither
Staff Sgt. J.C. Cox
Staff Sgt. G.P. Yoder
Sgt. R.L. Bedard

Congratulations to the following first-term Marines who re-enlisted recently (all are now attending the Naval Academy).

Sgt. J.D. Hughes
Sgt. C.E. Loomis
Cpl. T.J. Felter

Congratulations to the following career Marines who re-enlisted recently.

Staff Sgt. P.A. Dover
Sgt. R.G. Jackson

Best wishes to the following Marines and their spouses on the recent additions.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Stephen McElvine had a 7-pound, 13-ounce baby girl, Delania Marie, June 20.

Cpl. and Mrs. Sean P. Bulmann had a 6-pound, 13-ounce baby boy, Colin Riley, June 23.



OUTSTANDING!

First Lt. Ward A. Jones, "A" Company, stands by as his wife and Capt. Sasan K. Sabet, "A" Company, pin on his captain insignias during a promotions ceremony here. First Lt. Jennifer A. Ogilvie, Lewis P. Rhodes, and Jason W. Walker were also promoted to captain during this ceremony. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

Loyalty, forgiveness

Ingredients for lasting friendships

by Lt. Kenneth D. Counts
Barracks Chaplain

During the 50s Marine veterans from the Pacific campaigns composed the famous "Band of Brothers" document. Perhaps your recruiter gave you a copy of it. With a thumb tack, you might have hung it on a wall over your bed while you counted the days until you reported to Boot Camp. I wonder if you ever read it? I wonder if you remember what you liked about it when you read it?

The "Band of Brothers" speaks in very professional terms about many things. But in an ordinary, everyday sense, I think that document captures something we all long for from friendships.

I enjoy watching Marines who support and encourage their fellow Marines. I have to believe that one of the great benefits of belonging to the Corps is that bond of brotherhood/friendship you can, or should, cultivate with others in your platoon or workspace.

The second point of the "Band of Brothers" ends in the words "(A Marine should never) ... fail to come to the aid of a fellow Marine in time of need."

Surely this is the heart of true friendship. Consider what others have said about friendship as I list some famous quotations on this subject.

"True happiness ... arises ... from the friendship and conversation of a few select companions."

-- Joseph Addison

companion who walks with him, is wise, and lives soberly, he may walk with him, overcoming all dangers, happy, but considerate." — The Buddah. (Friends make us stronger and increase our chances of success, but we can lose our friends by mistreating them.)

"You can hardly make a friend in a year, but you can

lose one in a minute." — Chinese Proverb.

"Every murderer is probably someone's old friend." — Agatha Christie.

"A friend is long sought, hardly found, and with difficulty kept." — Saint Jerome.

To keep your friends, you must often be willing to forgive and overlook their flaws and imperfections. To keep your friends, you must work to respect whatever secrets and weaknesses you may know about your friend.

"Reprove a friend in secret, but praise him before others." — Leonardo Da Vinci.

"Every man should have a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends." — Henry Ward Beecher.

"My friend is not perfect — nor am I — and so we suit each other admirably." — Alexander Pope.

To achieve maximum profit from your friends, you must allow them to correct your stupidity and tell you what they see needs to be changed in you.

"The best mirror is an old friend." — George Herbert.

"Good counselors lack no clients." — William Shakespeare.

"Trustworthy are the wounds of a friend." — Hebrew Proverb.

Perhaps you might be surprised that God described Himself as your best friend and brother in the Book of Proverbs. When King Solomon wrote, "A brother is born for adversity, but there is a Friend who sticks closer than a brother," he meant God.

Life can feel so much better with friends than without them. We all are searching for new and lasting friendships. I hope you will consider that the best Friend is always near and wanting so much to help, to forgive, and to counsel you.

God Bless you, Marine.

"... God described Himself as your best friend and brother in the Book of Proverbs."

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The visual aid in this photo shows a mere 69,022 students enrolled in MCI courses in 1969; however, the institute currently has nearly 220,000 enlisted and 12,000 Marine officer enrollments, as well as 10,588 non-Marine enrollments in MCI courses.

(USMC photo)

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