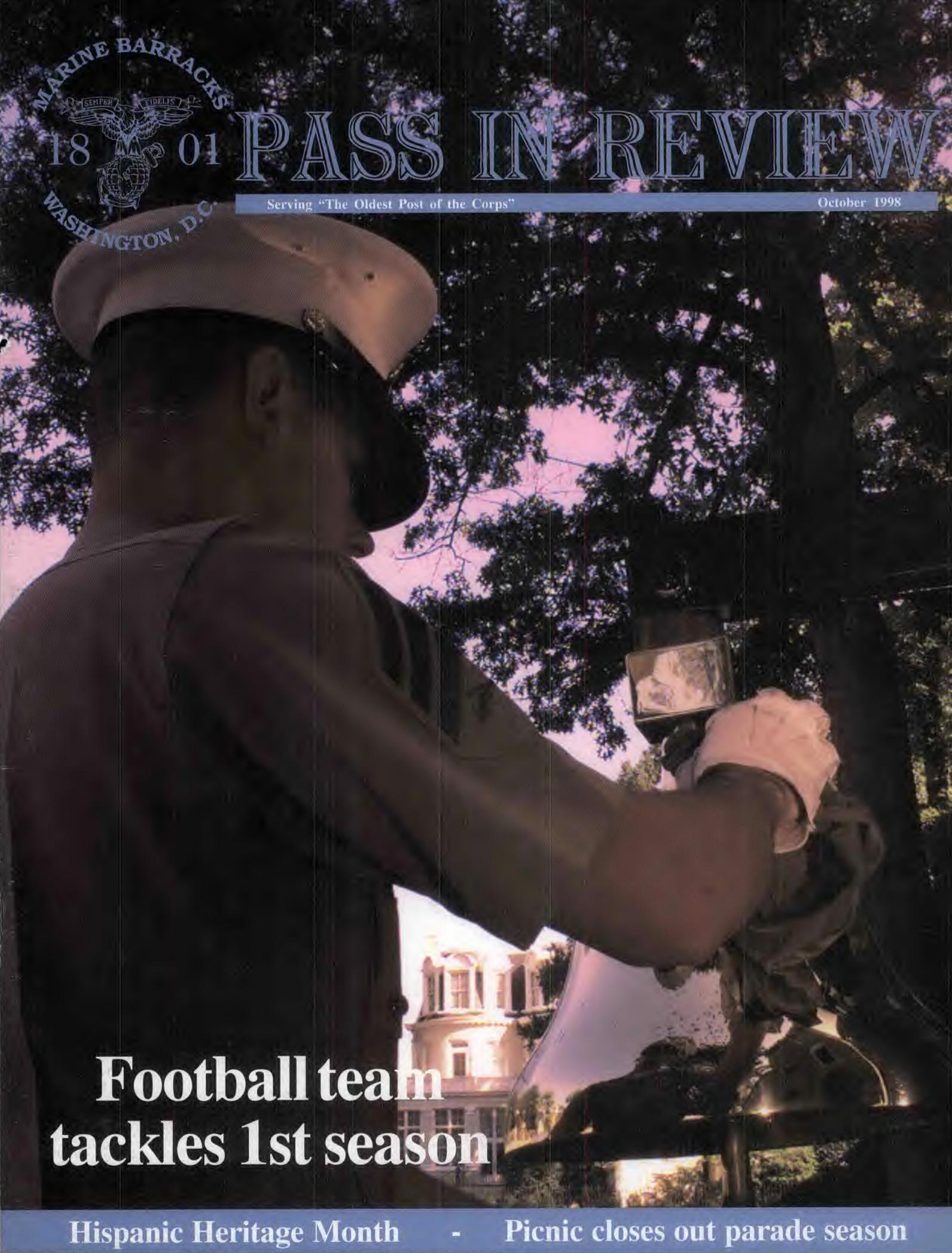




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Leading Marines: a gunnery sergeant's thoughts

by Gunnery Sgt. Angelo Goodwyn
H&S Company

Marine Barracks, Washington, should be everything we thought it would be before we arrived here for duty: the most squared away, highly disciplined, prestigious outfit in the Corps. After all, isn't this the place we have seen in every piece of Marine Corps literature as a shining example of what the Corps should look like?

The history behind the barracks speaks for itself and the Marines stationed here today will write the words that continue to carry the spirit of these hallowed grounds into the future. It is our honored duty, therefore, to maintain the image Marines look to for all the things that we believe make up what this organization should be.

LEADERSHIP -- The face of command must be visible to every member of the unit, and more importantly, it must be understood by everyone. Every Marine in charge of leading another Marine should make his/her thoughts clear as to what is expected (proficiency/conduct), and what to expect of the leader.

Our Marines expect leadership from us more than they expect friendship! The relationship we establish with our warriors should always be professional because it impacts on the results of the tasks we assign them.

Every unit is a direct reflection of its leader, so it is vital that all leaders perform above what is required. Listen to your Marines because they have plenty of good advice. Often our best critics are the Marines we lead, and if you "really" want to know how you are doing, ask your Marines. Sometimes we get so caught up in management that we lose track of leadership.

THINGS are managed, PEOPLE are led! What are you?

TRAINING -- Why do we wait until the last minute to qualify on the rifle range or take a Physical Fitness Test? How many Marines have missed promotion by a "few points" that one course from the Marine Corps Institute would have given them?

The Marine Corps provides us with all the necessary tools to conduct proper training, and yet we fail to do so. Marine Battle Skills Training, Professional Military Education, guided discussions, physical training, field trips, and battlesite tours are just a few assets at our disposal. If you lack the knowledge to proficiently train Marines, someone in this barracks has that knowledge. The least you can do is seek it out!

Unit training functions also relieve you of having to plan, coordinate, schedule, and instruct required training. These moments should not be squandered away. If for some reason you are unable to participate, your presence alone is enough to motivate your warriors to train hard.

COMMUNICATION -- Communication in a unit must be three things: deep, wide, and continuous. We must work nonstop to improve/extend our lines of communication to ensure "the word" reaches every ear every time.

Keep your Marines informed of ALMARS, Barracks Orders, memos, and any troop information of interest. Post all significant issues on the "Read Board" and ensure your Marines are reading it. Modern technology has blessed us with telephones, e-mail, and "post-its." They are all tools of war to be used to transmit "the word," but in the end there is nothing better than good old-fashioned face-to-face talk.

DISCIPLINE -- There is little more disturbing to me than an undisciplined Marine! The Noncommissioned Officer Handbook (something every Marine should own), states that "courtesy is a prerequisite to discipline."

It should be rendered to everyone, senior and junior. Courtesy and military appearance are two things the barracks stands for. It is what you expected BEFORE you arrived here, and it is what every visitor, military or civilian, looks for when they walk through the gate.

When a Marine continuously falls short of the mark, corrective action must be taken for the sake of the unit. Firm but fair! Failure to do so affects the morale, welfare and discipline of the good Marines and hampers a unit's effectiveness. One of the hardest things we do as leaders is try to fix problems with our Marines. The more disciplined a unit, the less problems you have to fix.

BASIC MARINE 101 -- These are fundamental things we are taught in boot camp, Officer Candidate School, and our primary schools that help form the foundation of a Marine. Proper civilian attire, walking left and abreast of seniors, being where you are supposed to be on time, boots laced left over right, and teamwork are all examples of basic Marine 101.

COURAGE -- Courage can be the hardest thing to come by sometimes. It is having to say "NO" when nobody wants to hear it. It is having to tactfully tell the boss he or she is wrong. It is having to stand up and face your fears. It is having to make unpopular changes when faced with "because it has ALWAYS been that way."

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Although parade season is complete, everything at the barracks continues to shine. Sergeant Aaron J. Rodonis, mellophone bugler, D&B Co., shines the bell as part of his duties as duty music. (photo by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)

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First tackle football team

Barracks gears up for football season

by *Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell*
Staff Writer

The barracks is gearing up and hitting the practice fields for its first eight-man, full-contact football season.

Because this is the team's first season, Gunnery Sgt. Uhry T. Thomas Jr., the team's offensive coordinator, said he just wants the players to do their best and be successful.

"Success isn't winning or losing, it means giving 100 percent and having a positive attitude," said Thomas.

The league includes five teams and is scheduled to be eight weeks long, with the barracks tackling its first game Sept. 23 at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center against the 694th Air Force Intelligence Group from Fort George G. Meade, Md. The league will not have any playoffs at the end of the regular season; however, they will have a championship game between the top two teams in the league.

According to Thomas, both the offense and defense are "very fast and are looking pretty good," which will be helpful in this league. Eight-man football is much different than normal 11-man football, according to Thomas. In eight-man football, speed is much more important than normal and not as much emphasis is put on size.

Thomas pointed out the team overcame the rigors of many barracks commitments in order to field an entire team. The group practiced three times per week during the parade season, but the total number of practices has risen to four and five times each week now that many of the barracks' commitments have ended.

Despite the busy schedule, Thomas has made it a point to be at the practices and coach the younger Marines.

Thomas said he loves to coach football because it embodies everything the Marine Corps stands for: teamwork. He also said he likes to take people from all over the United States and bring their different styles and behaviors together into one team, which also resembles the Marine Corps team.

Thomas said the team has a lot of hard-working players and has started to see them work together on the football field.

The football team is made up of players who truly want to "give it their all" and make this first season a good one, Thomas explained. One such player is Cpl.

DeShannon T. Cotton, the team's safety.

"[Cotton] has a big heart. His attitude makes people want to excel," said Thomas.

Cotton said he has been playing football since he was in seventh grade and loves the intensity of the game.

"I like to [tackle]. When you take down somebody, you feel like you own him," said Cotton.

Cotton's tenacity is one reason he is such a motivating player, however, he also said he likes the camaraderie of the team and the challenge of the game itself.

Cotton said he appreciates the coaches' dedication to the team throughout the parade season and said they really care about making the Marines better football players.

Team players said they are expecting a good year. With motivated players and dedicated coaches, the team is setting itself up for a successful season.

Proposed barracks schedule

Sept. 23, 6 p.m.: Barracks VS 694th Air Force (This game is set to be rescheduled.)

Oct. 3, 3 p.m.: Barracks VS Andrews Air Force Base

Oct. 17, 1 p.m.: Barracks VS 704th MI

Oct. 21, 8 p.m.: Barracks VS Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Nov. 4, 6 p.m.: Barracks VS 694th Air Force

Nov. 7, 3 p.m.: Barracks VS Andrews Air Force Base

Nov. 21, 3 p.m.: Barracks VS Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Nov. 26, 10 a.m.: Turkey Bowl Championship between the top two teams in the league

* All games may be subject to change. All games listed are scheduled to be played at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.



Cleaning up

Corporal Andrew G. McLawrence, Student Services Division clerk at the Marine Corps Institute, and a group of Marines in the Single Marine Program held a car wash recently to raise money for future events.

Upcoming activities the group is planning include:

Pool tournament

Laser tag

Halloween bash

(costumes required)

For more information, contact Cpl. Lacey L. Reid, SMP president, at 433-4044.

(photo by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates culture, diversity

**by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell
Staff Writer**

National Hispanic Heritage Month, an informative celebration of the Hispanic culture, affords Americans everywhere the opportunity to reflect upon the contributions of Hispanic-Americans each year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

In 1968 the United States set aside one week to honor Hispanic-Americans and their contributions to society. Congress extended Hispanic Heritage Month to a month-long celebration in 1989.

"The goal [for Hispanic Heritage Month] is to give a better representation of the Hispanic culture," said Ed Munoz, associate professor of sociology at Iowa State University.

"Hispanic Heritage Month is an

awareness event about people getting a taste of everything from Latin-American countries," said Ann Ramos, Mexican-American Younger Achievers Society director, in an article for the Iowa State Daily newspaper.

Marines of Hispanic decent make up approximately 11 percent of the entire Marine Corps; however, this small number of Hispanic-Americans has won more Medals of Honor than any other ethnic group (38 in all).

Medal of Honor recipients such as 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez and Pfc. Fernando L. Garcia, who gave their lives by throwing themselves on grenades during the Korean War to save their fellow Marines, are just two examples of the gallantry and dedication Hispanic-Americans have contributed to the Corps.

Marine Barracks, Washington Hispanic Heritage activities

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office is planning a special, "all-hands" event to observe Hispanic Heritage Month in early October. Consult MWR at 433-2353 for more details.

The dining facility will celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a special meal Oct. 5 including:

Tomato soup

Tacos

Burritos

Enchiladas

Beef and Chicken Fajitas

Beef Tamales

Spanish Rice

Mexican Corn

Refried Beans



Colonel Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer, takes his post in the dunk tank at the barracks post-parade season picnic recently. He awarded four-day passes to Marines and Sailors whose spouses were able to hit the target. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

Barracks takes time to celebrate

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess
Staff Writer

It was a bright, sunny, August day.

It was a day barracks personnel; armed with food, drinks, strollers, baseball bats, horseshoes, a dunk tank, and their families; left their uniforms and their work behind. Their destination was Fort Hunt Park, a picnic area not far from George Washington's home, Mount Vernon.

More than 1,000 Marines, Sailors, civilians, family members and friends attended the well-deserved celebration, according to Gunnery Sgt. Darryl C. Bines, Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge and picnic coordinator.

They assaulted the park during the late morning of Aug. 27, turning the peaceful and serene area into the annual Marine Barracks post-parade season picnic, signalling the end of another hectic parade season.

The picnic, hosted by MWR, featured music by "Free Country," one of the ensembles of the "The President's Own" United States Marine Band; pony rides for the children; games for all ages; and several softball games, with teams competing for the Commander's Cup.

Teams from around the barracks battled it out on the softball field throughout the day. When the smoke cleared, however, "A" and "B" Companies were left to compete for the Commander's Cup.

Company "B" jumped ahead in the 3rd inning of the final game with strong hitting, never looking back as it claimed the title with an 18-14 victory.

"The picnic was 100 percent better than last year, but the added touch was we threw in the Commander's Cup softball games," said Bines.

Bines also expressed the importance of the roles the Mess Hall and Motor Transportation Sections played in this year's picnic.

"MWR is the top element for the picnic, but the Mess Hall and Motor Transport made it a success," said Bines. "Everybody had a good time."



(left to right) Lance Cpls. David L. Clay and Thomas A. Boardman, "B" Company Marines, take their turns at the grill. Barracks personnel rotated through this duty during the picnic, ensuring the "chow" was "sufficient in quality and quantity." (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

Celebrate end of parade season with family, friends



Captain Jon M. Lauder, 1st Platoon commander, "B" Company, slams a pitch to center field during the Commander's Cup softball championship game against "A" Company. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)



Spouses and family members wait anxiously for their turn to attempt to win four days off for their Marine or Sailor by dropping Col. Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer, in the dunk tank. The colonel offered the incentive to any female spouse of a Marine or Sailor assigned to the barracks during the post-parade season picnic. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)



Corporal Clay A. Butler, "A" Company, shows his fellow Marines how it is done at the horseshoe pits. (Photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

Barracks continues tradition, history, friendship in Canada

by Sgt. Patrick E. Franklin
Media Chief

FORT HENRY, ONTARIO, Canada -- Marines crossed the longest undefended border in the world Aug. 15 and headed for Fort Henry, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Shortly after the Marines "stormed" the historic citadel, the Canadians turned over the keys to the post without resistance.



Silent Drill Platoon rifle inspector Cpl. Orlando Ortiz throws a rifle back to Cpl. Jerry A. Heim Jr. (left) as Heim throws his weapon to Cpl. Roupen Bastajian (center) during a recent performance in Canada. (photo by Sgt. Patrick E. Franklin)



Musicians in the Fort Henry Guard's "The Fifes and Drums" perform in Ontario, Canada, during a joint parade with the barracks' Battle Color Detachment recently. (photo by Sgt. Patrick E. Franklin)

The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment and the Fort Henry Guard were not engaged in hostilities, but rather were continuing a tradition which began in 1954. During a "Changing of the Guard Ceremony" the FHG turned over the keys to the post as a sign of the trust and friendship they have developed with the Corps.

The relationship between the guard and the barracks began more than 40 years ago during celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of the Ogdensburg Treaty, an agreement of cooperation and trade between the United States and Canada.

"The Marines heard about Fort Henry during the celebration and came here to see our 'Sunset Ceremony.' They were very impressed and went back home talking about the place. The commandant of the Marine Corps [at that time], Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., was a real history buff, and when he heard about the Guard, he invited us to Marine Barracks, Washington, to perform the next summer," said Steve Mecredy, director of programming and tutorial at Fort Henry. "The guard performed at both the Marine Corps War Memorial and at the barracks in the summer of 1955 and made Gen. Shepherd the Honorary Commander of the Fort Henry Guard, a position he held until his death in 1990. In honor of Gen. Shepherd and the relationship they share with the Corps, the Fort Henry Guard always plays the 'Marines' Hymn' as they exit the parade field."

The Marines and the guard continued exchanging visits every other year until 1994 when the guard made its last visit to the barracks. Since then, budget [constraints] have prohibited the guard from making the trip to the barracks, but the Marines have continued to make the trip to Fort Henry each year to keep the tradition going.

Carrying on a tradition is something both the Guard and the Marines have in common. While the Marines continue to add to their heritage, the Fort Henry Guard represents a part of Canada's past which ended many years ago.

The uniforms and tactics they use during their demonstrations represent the British regiments which were garrisoned at Fort Henry during the 19th century.

According to Mecredy the differences between the two units style of drill is one of the things the audiences viewing the performances find so intriguing.

"They get to witness two very different styles of drill and music during the joint ceremonies. Those differences really stand out and kind of hit you in the face," he said.

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Members of the Fort Henry Guard practice the sequence for a special parade they performed with Marines during their visit here in August 1972. The barracks has maintained a close relationship with members of the guard since 1954. (photo by Staff Sgt. R. V. Hawkins)

“The audiences are really impressed by the excellence of both units.”

Those sentiments were echoed by Staff Sergeant Mark S. Miller, operations staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge for the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps.

“Seeing the differences between the two units is really neat. Just the little things like the way they call cadences and give their orders is interesting,” said Miller.

While the Marines are members of the active forces of the United States, the Fort Henry Guard is made up of college students and some high school students and has no affiliation with the Canadian military. But neither unit takes its responsibilities lightly. Just as members of “The Commandant’s Own” United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Color Guard spend endless hours honing their skills, so too do the young Canadians.

Their shared commitment to excellence is one of the common bonds that has brought the two organizations so close.

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Marines and guardsmen post a joint color guard for the combined unit performances during the barracks’ visit to Canada recently. (photo by Sgt. Patrick E. Franklin)

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"The best part of the joint ceremonies are the friendships that are formed between the guard and the Marine Corps," said Mecredy. "Yes, we do the joint parades and they are a lot of fun and people do a lot of work to see they go well. But, speaking for the guard, the most important thing for these [young people] are the friends they make.

"Each year our alumni come back when the Marines come just so they can see the friends they have made," Mecredy continued. "Some of the members of the Drum and Bugle Corps have been making these trips for five or ten years and they have made some very close friends here with members of the guard."

Miller agreed with Mecredy, saying the friendship and competitive rivalry are the things he enjoys most.

"The camaraderie between the two units is probably the most special thing about this trip. We have all made a lot of friends up here. I started coming here in 1989, when we used to come up and stay for five days. Back then we held more sporting competitions and it was a nice break from the regular schedule we keep. It is still fun, but now the trip is just a lot quicker," said Miller.

Through the years the length of the visits and the rotation between the sites of the performances may have changed, but the bonds of friendship formed have not diminished.



The Marine and Fort Henry mascot handlers present Chesty XI (right) and David to the audience during a joint performance in Canada recently. (photo by Sgt. Patrick E. Franklin)

While the Fort itself represents a time when relations between the United States and Canada were less than friendly, the young men and women who meet there each August represent the reason our two countries share a border of over 4,000 undefended miles.

BCD goes head-to-head with Ft. Henry Guard



Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps Sgt. Heath F. Kuhlmann hits the ball for a triple during the Battle Color Detachment's softball game against Fort Henry recently. (photo by Cpl. Colin S. Hayakawa)

*by Sgt. Patrick E. Franklin
Media Chief*

FORT HENRY, ONTARIO, Canada — Away from the spotlights and the eyes of the audiences, members of the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment and the Fort Henry Guard prepared for what many feel are the best part of the visits between the two units ... the sporting events.

Barracks Marines and members of the guard faced-off in three competitions during their annual visit Aug. 15 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. This year the guard was looking for revenge for their total defeat in all three events last year: softball, soccer and the "Gunner's Gun" competition.

When the two teams took the field

for the softball game, it looked as if it would be easy going for the Marines, who took a commanding early lead in the second inning 6-0.

However, the guard was not going to rollover. Taking advantage of a barracks pitching change in the fifth inning, the Canadians came back to take the lead 8-6.

The game came down to the final inning and, according to Staff Sgt. William D. Bullock, Marine softball team coach, it could have gone either way.

"Last year, I said if things had gone just a little differently the score could have been different and everybody laughed. But this year the guard saw just what I meant," Bullock said. "[Each year] the Canadians keep getting better and better, and we always



Marines on the "Gunner's Gun" team employ a mid-1800s, breach-loading Anderson cannon during a competition against Fort Henry Guard's team. The teams are graded on their executions of the sequence as part of a series of friendly competitions the units engage in during their annual visit. (photo by Cpl. Colin S. Hayakawa)

look forward to this."

When all was said and done on the softball field, it was the Marines who came away with a 15-10 win, but the soccer field was another battle.

The coach of the Marine soccer team, Staff Sgt. Clayton R. Young, started off the scoring by putting a well-placed, almost unblockable shot into his own team's net, giving the Canadians the lead 1-0.

The accidental shot occurred when Young was trying to clear the ball away from his team's goal, and it inadvertently bounced off the wrong side of his foot.

After that unfortunate turn, the guard took control and never looked back, winning the game 3-2.

According to Cpl. Marlon F. Moran, barracks assistant coach, the team played well, but unfortunate circumstances made the difference.

"The game was very intense. I think our team did very well this year with the exception of one mistake. We made the Canadians fight for the win," said Moran. "There is a special

camaraderie between us, and it is always fun to play them. Unfortunately, there has to be a winner and a loser, but we will come back next year."

With the events tied at one apiece, it came down to the gun competition.

The event is a series of drills on two Anderson Guns (cannons) Fort Henry owns. Each team loads and fires three rounds from their respective guns in three heats. The competition is graded on time and proper drill procedures.

The Marines won the first heat by a commanding margin largely due to a misfire on the Canadians' gun. The teams then switched guns and the guard returned the favor to the Marines, who also suffered a misfire.

With the gun match tied at one win apiece it came down to the third heat. Each team had flawless runs, but the guard took the win by mere seconds.



Sergeant Christopher E. Hall, U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, takes the ball down the field while Fort Henry guardsmen attempt to strip the ball away during a recent soccer game. The game was one of three competitions the units hold during their annual visit. (photo by Cpl. Colin S. Hayakawa)

When it was all over the two sides shared a few jokes, exchanged the trophies, and parted with the promise that next year it would be different, each side making vows to win the events lost this year.

Learning Resource Center available at MCI

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess
Staff Writer

The Marine Corps Institute, in its continuing mission to provide Marines the best educational tools for advancement and growth, took a step to further its support with the addition of the Learning Resource Center.

The LRC, a computer learning center for Marines here to access distance learning courseware, is one of 94 Department of Defense facilities providing computer access points for Marines and other DoD personnel world-wide. MCI has also been designated as the Distance Learning Center for the Marine Corps, and will provide guidance in the design, development and administration of distance learning products and services Marine Corps-wide, such as MCIs on CD-ROM and the LRC.

The first steps in creating a solid educational environment for Marines here began in March with the remodeling and staffing of the LRC at MCI,

according to Fred Roberts, director of the Distance Learning Training Department at MCI. The Training and Education Division at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va., and the barracks both provided funds for the LRC project.

The center at MCI has 16 computer workstations designed for interactive multimedia instruction and computer-based training, as well as a teacher workstation which displays the instructor's work on two large television sets for students to observe.

"The difference between a traditional classroom and an electronic classroom is the electronic classroom facilitates Interactive Multimedia Instruction," said Capt. Jon S. Hetland, assistant operations officer at MCI.

The computers have Internet access, which will enable Marines to run MCIs on CD-ROM, enroll in computer classes, work on on-line college courses, and enroll in self-paced computer-skills courses, according to Rebecca Mimms, Human Resource

Development and Train-the-Trainer (T3) officer-in-charge for MCI.

Presently the LRC has installed Microsoft Office and Lotus Smartsuite presentation software. Plans to install PLATO, a self-paced computer program for English and mathematics skills assessment, are also in the works for the near future, according to Mimms. The hardware required for tele-communication instruction, which would allow classes to take place at MCI while the instructor is at another location, should be in place by fiscal year 2000.

Mimms currently oversees the use of the LRC, which is available Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Arrangements are being made, however, for the facility to be available 24 hours-a-day in the near future.

For more information on the Learning Resource Center, call Rebecca Mimms at 433-0223, ext. 120, or Capt. Hetland at 433-0225, ext. 276.

Barracks team wraps up good season with solid effort

by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell
Staff Writer

The "Marine Barracks" softball team maintained an undefeated record in the American League playoffs, but their season came to an end with a seventh-inning loss in the American/National league championship game Aug. 13.

The team's tenacity and determination made the barracks team a force to reckon with during the regular season and helped them take the American League title Aug. 11. It was not enough, however, to overcome the National League Champions, Marine Corps Recruiting Command's Programs and Resources team, when the two top teams went head-to-head in the last game of the season.

The softball season began somewhat slow for the



"Marine Barracks" and Marine Corps Recruiting Command's "Programs and Resources" softball teams congratulate each other after their championship game Aug. 13 at Shirley Park in Arlington, Va. Programs and Resources edged out the barracks in the final inning to take the win. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)



Barracks team member Cpl. Nicholas M. Zegarra attempts to knock the ball out of the park during the team's overall championship game Aug. 13. The barracks team won its league championship game to advance to this overall game against the winners of another league. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)

barracks team. The players had a lot of close games early in the regular season and needed a little time to become accustomed to playing together as a team, said Gunnery Sgt. Rodney A. Brown, the team's head coach.

The season kicked-off June 3; and, although the team struggled through several games, members of the team pulled it together with teamwork and dedication to finish the season with a winning record of 6-4.

"This team has a lot of character, every week a different player stepped up [to the challenge]. These guys

refused to loose," said Brown.

First year player Cpl. Marlon K. Christie, the team's third baseman is one example of the dedication the Marines on the team displayed throughout the season.

"[Christie] is a great third baseman and is willing to make sacrifices for the team," said teammate Lance Cpl. Joal R Norton.

According to Brown, Christie was the "catalyst" of the team for the entire season and was an instrumental part of the team's undefeated record in the American league playoffs.

Both leagues held separate playoffs and awarded their respective first place teams. That brought the best of each league together in the overall championship game.

With key hits from left fielder Sgt. John C. Hornick III and Christie, the barracks team led most of the final game and held a three-run lead rounding up the sixth inning. However, the barracks' pitching became a little shaky and Marine Barracks found itself trailing by two runs going into the bottom of the seventh. When the barracks' players came up to bat they got one man on base, but were unable to put any runs on the board.

Despite the loss, players said they enjoyed the season and are already looking forward to next year.

"It is all right. We had a great season, everybody played hard," said Christie. "We will be back — we have unfinished business come next year."

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

A Marine was found guilty on three counts of Article 86, AWOL, and Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order. He received a reduction to private first class, forfeiture of \$591 for two months, and 30 days restriction.

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

A Marine was found guilty of Article 112a, Wrongful Use or Possession of a Controlled Substance. He received a reduction to private first

class, 60 days restriction, and a suspended forfeiture of \$519 for two months.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 91, Disrespect toward a Non-commissioned Officer. He received a forfeiture of \$539 for two months and 60 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Underage Drinking. He received 60 days restriction and a suspended forfeiture of \$568 for two months.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 112a, Wrongful Use or



Possession of a Controlled Substance. He received 14 days restriction and extra police duties.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 86, AWOL, and Article 87, Missing a Movement. He received 30 days restriction and EPD, and a suspended forfeiture of \$539 for one month.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 91, Disrespect toward a Non-commissioned Officer. He received a forfeiture of \$539 for one month and 30 days restriction and EPD.

Super Squads awarded in barracks ceremony

*by Public Affairs Office
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The top four infantry rifle squads in the Marine Corps received this year's annual Super Squad awards in a ceremony here Aug. 28. The squads were also recognized before several thousand visitors during the Friday "Evening Parade" later that night.

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Charles C. Krulak and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Lewis G. Lee presented the bronze Super Squad medallions to each of the Marines and corpsmen of the following rifle squads:

1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Ca.

1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "F", 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment.

2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company "B", 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment.

3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "C", 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

4th Marine Division, New Orleans, La.

1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "G", 2nd Battalion, 23 Marine Regiment.

The general and sergeant major commended the Marines and Sailors on their outstanding performances and addressed family members during the awards ceremony.

"These Marines [and Sailors] represent the best the four divisions in the Marine Corps have to offer," said Gen. Krulak, "and we are going to honor them with recognition in tonight's pa-

rade. With more than 6,000 people looking on, there is going to be more hooting and applause than any of you have ever heard. But this award is not just for them. It is [also] for the Marines [and Sailors that came] before them and for the families whose encouragement made this event possible."



Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Charles C. Krulak congratulates a member of the 4th Marine Division "Super Squad" during an awards presentation held here Aug. 28. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

The competition began at the installation level for each squad with platoon examinations covering physical fitness, rifle qualifications and Marine Corps knowledge, according to Chief Warrant Officer-2 Roy Montoya, weapons employment officer, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

The 14 men, including a corpsman, in each squad advanced through their battalions by "outperforming" and eliminating the other squads at each level. These squads then advanced to compete against the best squads from other battalions within their respective divisions.

"Once the squad was identified, it was up to [the staff noncommissioned officers] to train them and show them the techniques," said Montoya about the squad from the 1st Marine Division. "The majority of the squads had a whole year to prepare for the competition, but we only had two months because we just got off a six-month

'pump' and some of these Marines just got out of the School Of Infantry."

Day one of competition at the division level began with a Marine Corps knowledge examination followed by a timed run through the Confidence Course in boots, utilities and 782 gear. The squads then made makeshift body litters from the materials they had with them for a timed, distance run carrying a Marine in the litter.

Then it was off to a Leadership Reaction Course designed to test the squads' leadership and teamwork abilities. After the LRC, each squad took an enemy vehicle description and iden-

tification exam. The day ended when each Marine disassembled, reassembled and identified each part of the M16A2 Service Rifle, as well as the foreign-made AK-47 and S.K.S. weapons while blindfolded.

Day two began with another Battle Skills Training examination followed by a timed tactical hike with a panel of evaluators radioing in simulated casualties among the squads.

The units spent the rest of the second day firing every crew-served weapon in the Marine Corps and disassembling and identifying the components of the M2 .50 caliber and MK19 40mm machine guns in the fastest time.

The third day began with another BST exam and continued with a simulated helo raid. Each squad was graded on its terrain model and how [the mission and the model] were presented by the fire team leaders.

Instructors from the division schools, who judged the entire event,

randomly selected Marines from each squad and said, "Your squad leader is [gone]. You lead them," according to Montoya. The third day ended with another timed run through the Confidence Course.

The Marines finished the competition on the fourth day with a final examination.

Despite the stresses and requirements of the Super Squad competition, the 4th Marine Division's squad turned the special circumstances of being a reserve unit into its primary asset.

"For some of us [training for the competition] was fine, for others it was very hard," said Sgt. Mauricio Mexicano, 23rd Marine Regiment's Super Squad squad leader. "We came in on our off weekends. I did [everything] to get them out [in the field], and they became better, more efficient Marines because of it."

The unit's ability to work so well as a team enabled every Marine to assume command and lead the squad

to a successful mission, added Lance Cpl. Peter H. Bran, the unit's 2nd Fire Team point man.

No matter what obstacles each unit faced in preparation and competition, part of achieving success depended on the competence and speed of the squad's corpsmen, who were judged on the same terms as the Marines in addition to their responsibilities as corpsmen.

"Being assigned to a squad or platoon is the best thing because they are my guys," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph S. Richey, 3rd Marine Division's Super Squad corpsman, who is also a three-time Super Squad competition veteran. "The best part of being in the competition was the experience of being with such a small unit and the men I have worked with — it is something I will always remember. This sort of thing does not happen very often."

New weapons provide Marines 'newer alternatives'

by Sgt. Jason J. Bortz
MCB Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — Non-lethal weapons, such as acoustic and directed energy weapons, can provide Marines with an alternative way to deal with noncombatants to reduce injuries and fatalities on both sides, and still accomplish set objectives and missions.

For the last two years, the Marine Corps has been experimenting with the possibility of using non-lethal weapons in combat situations to reduce casualties.

An important factor with non-lethal weapons is reversibility. Traditional weapons leave a lasting effect, often resulting in crippling

injuries and death. Non-lethal weapons, however, should have effects which can be reversed with the passage of time. Weapons that cause conditions ranging from temporary disorientation to pain or loss of consciousness, are desired.

Non-lethal weapons are defined by the Department of Defense policy as discriminate weapons explicitly designed and employed to incapacitate personnel or material, while minimizing fatalities and collateral damage to property and the environment.

Non-lethal weapons are not expected to reduce casualties or permanent injuries to zero, but they will significantly reduce fatalities or injuries compared to traditional military weapons.

With that said, there is always the possibility some fatalities could result from the employment of non-lethal weapons. There has been an increase in the number of wars fought in urban environments. That suggests the enemy will be located among the civilian population and will use civilian non-combatants as "shields."

Marines will receive extensive training with non-lethal weapons so a commander or platoon sergeant will be able to make a quick and accurate decision whether to use non-lethal weapons or traditional military weapons. A resident Non-Lethal Individual Weapons Instructors Course is projected to begin at the Marine Detachment, Fort McClellan, Ala., in October.

'Fore! Golf team closes out season, looks forward to next year

by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell
Staff Writer

The barracks' first competitive golf team finished its season Sept. 3 after four months of stiff competition.

The team played at various civilian and military golf courses in the Washington area in a league with seven other military teams. Though the team did not fare as well as its members hoped, they said they enjoyed playing a round of golf every once in a while and socializing with other Marines.

Lance Cpl. Luke K. Skarin, who said he loves golf for the challenge and skill it takes to play the game, decided to organize the team. He held tryouts and began putting the team together in May. He sent out a barracks-wide e-mail inviting Marines to try out for the team in a round of golf at Andrews Air Force Base. The team had room for six players, however, 12 showed up for the tryouts. The six players with the best scores for 18 holes of golf made the team; the others were made alternates.

The team engaged in battle once every two weeks. Sometimes player availability was limited due to barracks commitments, but the team adapted and team members worked to improve their game.

"This was our first year and we were a little shaky, but everyone participated so we will get better," said Skarin.

The matches were open to all services in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia areas, and the winning team in each match was

determined by the top four players' scores on each team. There were no prizes awarded for individual games, however, the team from Fort George G. Meade was awarded a trophy at the end of the season for having the best average throughout the season.

Despite the losses, team members said they are not disappointed with their season and recognize they have room for improvement — no one out there is Tiger Woods yet. However, some barracks players said they play for fun and relaxation, whether or not they do well.

"I love playing," said team member Pfc. Michael P. Smith. "[Golf] allows us to take time out of the day to relieve stress. It also gives us the chance to associate with other services."



Lance Cpl. Luke K. Skarin, barracks golf team coordinator, sizes up his shot during a match Aug. 20 at Fort Belvoir. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)

Corporal Gabriel Laserna, team player, said he cannot complain if he has a bad day on the golf course, because it is still fun and a great way to spend time away from the barracks.

"I'm what they call a 'range guy'," said Laserna laughing. "I shoot great on the driving range, but when I get to the tee, balls are everywhere."

The barracks' first intramural season is over. The team was full of motivated Marines doing their best to represent the barracks well, but most of them will not be here next year. The few Marines who are coming back are looking for some other motivated, golf-loving devil dogs or civilians to welcome aboard the team. Golfers interested in representing the barracks are encouraged to keep their eyes open for next year's team schedule; practice begins in May.

\$hopping for bargains to save Marine Corps money

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess
Staff Writer

The Procurement Office here is one of the smallest sections in the barracks. With only one gunnery sergeant and two sergeants, it is tasked with one of the most important missions at the "Oldest Post of the Corps" year-round.

This section is charged with "supporting the barracks in the form of uniforms for ceremonial commitments, information technology equipment, supplies, and anything we get on the open market that people cannot get through the supply system," said Gunnery Sgt. Uhry T. Thomas Jr., the office's contracting officer.

Despite its proximity to the Logistics Section of the barracks, Procurement is actually under the direct supervision of the barracks' executive officer; however, it shares a close working relationship with its neighbors.

"It is a very important relationship because the flow of requisitions starts with [the Supply Section] to research the request and ensure the item cannot be bought within the Federal Supply System," said Thomas.

If the item cannot be bought through the FSS, then the General Service Administration is involved in the search.

"The General Service Administration negotiates a series of multiple-award contracts for Department of Defense facilities," said Thomas. "We have the option to use these contracts or we can get firm, fixed prices on the open market."

Federal Supply System items distributed throughout DoD facilities include paper, cleaning supplies, paint and office items and are stockpiled at



Sergeant Latricia R. Young, Procurement Office contracting officer, looks over a contract for office equipment on her computer. Her office will be responsible for purchasing the equipment on the open market at a reasonable price. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

serv-marts such as the one at Quantico, according to Thomas. There are times, however, when certain items are unavailable and Procurement acts to procure them.

"GSA negotiates multiple-award contracts for items the supply system cannot support, and we have a choice of choosing which one we want to use to make sure we get the best price," he said. "There can be hundreds of contracts but we will randomly choose three or four to look over and research, and the one that offers the best price is the one we will go with."

The two Procurement clerks in the office, Sgts. Glenn L. Burton Jr. and Latricia R. Young, along with Thomas, are also tasked to ensure funds received from each section to purchase items not available through GSA are properly spent and accounted for.

"Each section has a certain amount of money it is allowed to spend," said Young. "Fiscal commits that money

to us and we buy whatever item is needed, within regulations."

When it comes to getting things the barracks needs, Thomas and his staff do not look for the most expensive items. According to Thomas, a search ends with the purchase of an item which is less expensive, but still adequate to get the job done.

"We are the last checks and balances on spending taxpayers' money," he said. "We are charged with making sure the money in each section's budget is spent correctly. We want to get the best bargain for the best value at the best price."

Thomas stressed that he, Burton and Young, as the barracks' contracting officers, are available to answer specific questions.

"We are the local contracting officials, and for anyone who has a contract-related question, the point of contact is the Procurement Office," he said.



This flag was anonymously placed beside a ditch dug for train tracks prior to the Civil War. It marks the site where the remains of what is believed to be a Confederate soldier were recently discovered. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

USNA builds unity, s

*by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer*

Gettysburg, Pa. — Thirty United States Naval Academy Company Marines enhanced their Professional Military Education Aug. 18 when they left the classroom to study one of America's bloodiest battlesites: Gettysburg.

The annual PME served two purposes: to learn from the generals' and soldiers' experiences who fought and died here, and build unit integrity by spending time together away from the Naval Academy, according to Capt. Thomas E. Prentice, USNA Company commanding officer.

The Marines went to Gettysburg with a basic understanding of the three-day battle. However, Tricia L. Murphy, one of only 118 licensed battlefield guides at Gettysburg and a published Civil War author, accompanied the Marines on a six-hour bus tour and thoroughly described the events of the battles as they unfolded more than 100 years ago.

Murphy explained that the generals still employed Napoleonic tactics at that time. This mode of warfare worked well for Napoleon 70 years earlier, but advances in weaponry made it fatally outdated during the Civil War.

A regiment of men fighting with Napoleonic tactics stood shoulder to shoulder in three or more



During the battlesite study, Tricia L. Murphy, a licensed battlefield guide in Gettysburg, describes "Picket's Charge", where Union soldiers launched the largest cannonade ever employed on United States soil. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)



Tricia L. Murphy forms USNA Marines into two columns to demonstrate Napoleonic tactics during the Civil War. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

Studies history at Gettysburg in unique PME

columns and attacked in a frontal assault. She had the Marines form similar columns as she explained what happened to the soldiers when they used this method at Gettysburg.

"If [someone] fires straight into the column, he can only hit one or two people, but if he moves to the side and fires down the length of the column he can hit five or six people (similar to the interlocking fields of fire employed today with automatic weapons)," said Murphy. "They estimate at the end of the battle one out of every three soldiers was a casualty."

Rain fell on the Marines as they soaked in the events of the battle — 135 years ago men of a similar age stood where they stood and were cut to the ground by searing .50 caliber bullets, shrapnel and cannon fire.

Private First Class Kris I. March, 3rd Guard Section, USNA Company, said his esprit de corps, military training and discipline made it easy for him to imagine preparing for the battle and waiting with the other soldiers at Gettysburg.

"[Young people] in high school who are reading [history] books do not get to experience [what we felt on this tour] because they do not have the military connection," said March. "[Now] I realize what they went through. They had

[courage]."

The tour bus made its final stop on the Union side of the infamous "Picket's Charge," ordered by Gen. Robert E. Lee, commanding general for the Army of Northern Virginia. At the time, according to Murphy, Lee did not know the Union lines were reinforced. Also, his officers miscalculated the extent and depth of the Union line by several miles. So instead of attacking the right flank at 500 yards, he charged the middle from more than one mile away.

"When [the Confederate soldiers] got about halfway across the field, the [Union] cannons opened fire," said Murphy. "Entire columns disappeared, but the men closed the gaps and came on. Their weapons were really only accurate up to 300 yards, and at that range the fortified Union troops opened fire, but still the Confederate soldiers kept coming."

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H&S follows USNA lead in battlesite study

Frank S. Walker Jr., Fredericksburg, Va., tour guide, explains the events of the Battle of Fredericksburg.

Noncommissioned officers from Headquarters and Service Company visited Fredericksburg Sept. 1 for a Professional Military Education battlesite study of the battles in that area and their effects on the Civil War. Gunnery Sgt. Angelo Goodwyn, company gunnery sergeant, said he organized the event in an effort to diversify PMEs and generate ideas for future PMEs.

"This tour really brought to bear the [reality] of how brutal combat was in those days," said Cpl. Robert S. Numerick, Operations and Training Section. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

PME continued

“Of the 13,000 who started, only 150 made it to the Union line, called the ‘High Water Mark’ because it was as far north as the Confederates ever came,” said Murphy. “The men who had to fall back walked backward with their face to the enemy because they feared a ‘coward’s wound,’ or a shot in the back.”

The determination and courage made evident by the actions of these soldiers won the respect and admiration of the USNA Marines.

“The tactics they were using were so outdated,” said Lance Cpl. Sean P. Fineran, 3rd Guard Section, USNA Company. “Imagine ... knowing you are going to die, [and then] someone turns to you and says, ‘Hey, it’s your turn,’ and you go anyway. They were [disciplined], and they were pretty brave.”

When Prentice decided to bring more Marines than usual to this annual PME, he said he hoped his Marines would learn about Gettysburg and civil war tactics, as well as enjoy a day away from the command post. He got more than he hoped for.

“Look at these Marines,” Prentice said pointing to several groups of Marines talking about the battle. “They are talking about the possibilities of the battle, coming up with more questions, and answering them themselves. I would say this was a very, very good evolution.”



Tricia L. Murphy, battlefield guide, explains the differences between smoothbore cannons, which fire a wider variety of ordnance, and the rifled cannons (pictured above), which fire further and more accurately, during a recent USNA Company battlesite study. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

Several Marines agreed, but for different reasons.

“I [originally] thought this was going to be boring, but it was actually really cool,” said Lance Cpl. Nathan A. Hartseil, 3rd Guard Section, USNA Company. “I learned more than I ever thought I would because when you learn about the [individual soldiers] then you understand why they did what they did.”

Spotlight

Name: Lance Cpl. Jeremy J. Debarros

Unit: Headquarters and Service Company

Job: H&S Company uniform presser

Joined Marine Corps: July 7, 1997

Hometown: Providence, R.I.

“The best thing about being stationed at the barracks is the relationship and motivation you get from your fellow Marines.”

“I like my job because I get to look at [sharp] uniforms that were pressed out by myself and other Marines. It motivates me to see everyone standing tall during the parades.”



August 18, 1998

Dear Colonel Hejlik,

My family and I had the pleasure of attending the evening parade on Friday, August 14th, at the Marine Barracks. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your fine group of Marines that you have under your command. I asked so many different Marines questions on where to park, directions, etc., and every one was so very polite and helpful! When we finally got to the gates to enter the seating area, I was again asking a Marine for help. When I was through, I turned around to see a Marine bent down to my 10-year-old daughter's level explaining something. I later asked her what she said to him. She told me she asked if that was the uniform they fought in because it looked so nice.

Well, he didn't just answer with a "No, we use different uniforms." He bent down to her level and explained about the camouflage uniforms, the boots they would wear, and then looked around for someone wearing them and pointed him out to her! I hope you can find out who that fine young Marine is and thank him personally for me. I now wish I had gotten his name.

When we were in and seated, we were entertained and spoken to by a corporal in the drum and bugle corps, and a lance corporal from the drill team. They were very

nice and kept us from the monotony of just sitting there waiting for the show to start. What a great idea!

Well, now to mention the parade and show. In my 55 years of living, I cannot recall ever being more entertained as I was for that hour and a half! The band and bugle corps were the best I've ever heard. And as for the Silent Drill Platoon, words cannot describe it!! It was not only fascinating, it was literally mind boggling! It makes one wonder, "is it some kind of illusion like a TV magic show?" They were so perfect, what a performance!

After the show I asked my 14-year-old daughter how she liked it (our family could not sit together because we got in too late). She said she really liked it, and immediately added, "Dad, did you notice how nice they all were when you asked them a question?" Well, I sure did. I'm sure they are told to be polite to the public, but they were ALL more than just "polite." They all, as the saying goes, went above and beyond the call of duty.

Please thank everyone for the outstanding job they did that night. They should all be as proud of themselves as the public is of them. What a great experience it was! I shall never forget it!

Sincerely yours,
Nick Frey

Good afternoon Sgt. Maj. Frye,

I wanted to inform you of the conduct and demeanor of four Marines from the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps that I observed Wednesday, Sept. 2, in Stafford, Va.

The impression I received after observing these Marines was significant enough that I called them over to see me so I could have a word with them. I recognized one of the Marines to be Sgt. Anthony Perez. I asked the other three Marines to identify themselves. They were Cpls. Michael Wood, Colin Hayakawa, and Jay Thomas.

I had gone to the Brooke Point High School at 9 p.m. to pick up my daughter. It was in the school parking lot where I saw the Marines with 85 high school students, loud music, and plenty of beverages for everyone. I know this gives the appearance of a bad story to follow, however, I commend these Marines for their time, effort, and professionalism.

The beverages I mentioned were vats of water strategically placed throughout the parking area. The loud music was marching music being played by the students.

Sergeant Perez and the three corporals were diligently making corrections. These four noncommissioned officers

had captured the hearts and minds of the young adults.

My daughter, Meghan, is a band member. She has informed me that due to the insights, tips, corrections, and positive encouragement given by these four "hard chargers," the school marching band has made marked improvements in drill, formations, posture and music quality.

I know these Marines could be doing other things on their liberty time, but they chose to drive 45-50 miles to assist and mentor a group of young musicians -- A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF HONOR, COURAGE and COMMITMENT!

The school band director informed me that letters of appreciation will be sent to Col. Truman W. Crawford (director of the D&B) on each of these Marines.

I want to let you know that I extend to these Marines a "JOB WELL DONE!" I intend to give these Marines a coin from the Inspector General for the professional performance. I know that the barracks coin personally given by their barracks sergeant major would also mean a great deal to them. Please, if you would, personally convey my gratitude for their professionalism.

Semper Fidelis,
Sgt. Maj. Otis Kokensparger

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

H&S Company

Cpl. M.K. Christie
Lance Cpl. J.B. Arguetahidalgo
Lance Cpl. E.B. Macasarte
Lance Cpl. A. Morales Jr.
Lance Cpl. J.C. Warren

MCI Company

Cpl. E.E. Heizmann
Lance Cpl. E.Y. Cunningham
Lance Cpl. B.A. Gerding
Lance Cpl. J.R. Quiroz Jr.

"A" Company

Lance Cpl. A.J. Lane
Lance Cpl. A. Laudicina
Lance Cpl. J.L. Lewis
Lance Cpl. J.J. Magdeburg
Lance Cpl. A.V. Roberts

"B" Company

Cpl. B.D. Morris
Cpl. D.B. Smith
Lance Cpl. W.C. Crawford II
Lance Cpl. J.C. Eaton
Lance Cpl. K.A. Edwards
Lance Cpl. D.M. Gotzh
Lance Cpl. D.K. Mack Jr.
Lance Cpl. P.J. Sanders

U.S. Marine Band

Cpl. M.R. Cheplick

USNA Company

Cpl. D.C. Hopkins
Cpl. P.M. McMahon
Lance Cpl. M.P. Haughton

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

Distinguished Service Medal

Col. T.W. Crawford

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Lance Cpl. E.S. Berrie
Lance Cpl. J.D. Mayfield

Congratulations to the following first-term Marines who re-enlisted recently.

Sgt. R.V. Espino for a lateral move to the 5547 field, tuba player.

Sgt. A.A. Perez for retention to the "The Commandant's Own."

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

Gunnery Sgt. D.C. Bines
Gunnery Sgt. G.L. Earst
Sgt. A.A. Atkinson
Sgt. B. Smith

Congratulations to Maj. and Mrs. Gareth L. Brandl on the birth of their 6-pound, 12.5-ounce baby girl, Remington Leigh, Aug. 26.



OUTSTANDING!

Colonel Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Dennis S. Frye, barracks sergeant major, congratulate Lance Cpl. Johnathan G. Hauptman, "B" Company, for a job well-done as an Audience Educator for the 1998 Parade Season.

Colonel Hejlik awarded the Audience Educators Certificates of Commendation in a ceremony following Phase I/II parade practices Sept. 4.

(Photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

1998 Parade Season Audience Educators

Staff Sgt. B.A. Lansdell

Sgt. D.T. Drake

Sgt. A.A. Perez

Sgt. A.J. Rodonis

Sgt. W. R. Rulapaugh (awarded Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal in lieu of certificate)

Cpl. J.M. Bennett

Cpl. S.V. Farabaugh

Cpl. B.P. Gaston

Cpl. G.R. Hillard

Lance Cpl. E.E. Collins Jr.

Lance Cpl. S.A. Mills

Lance Cpl. J.G. Hauptman

Lance Cpl. J.A. Glover (awarded Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal in lieu of certificate)

Lance Cpl. M.D. Slate

Lance Cpl. R.G. Stalvey

Integrity check: seek challenges, avoid easy path

by Lt. Kenneth D. Counts
Barracks Chaplain

The Bible is full of stories about war and warriors. If you do not read your Bible you are in for a surprise. You could discover the Bible to be one of the finest training aids a Marine can use.

Bible stories preserve timeless principles which can strengthen a Marine's thinking and give internal fortitude and spiritual power to build character.

Caleb was a man like those "old war dogs" who show up among the Friday night parade guests wearing red ball caps. His was a true warrior's heart. By faith he feared no contest, for he had a conviction that God would be on his side and would do great things for him in battle. When a war finally came, his nation won easily.

Having conquered the land, sections were assigned for each family to have an inheritance and a lasting home. But each family would still have to fight more battles. There were many enemies left in those lands who would have to be mopped up.

Caleb was 85 years old by then. You would expect a man that old to be ready to retire and take it easy, but not Caleb. Listen to his words. He asked for the most difficult and dangerous land.

"I am 85 years old today. I am still as strong today as I was (when we first left Egypt). As my strength was then, so it is now for war. Now then give me the hill country ... because there are giants there with great fortified cities. Perhaps the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out." (Joshua 14:10-12)

Caleb asked for the most dangerous and most difficult objective. He volunteered to fight against giants in hardened fortifications.

Faith is not for weaklings. Faith knows that because God is with me, I must expect to do bigger things than ever before.

In this life we expect men to get tired and take easier assignments. We all see Marines retire to take it easy, but not Caleb. He wanted bigger challenges, not relaxation or ease. A warrior like that motivates every other warrior in his company. He inspires aggression. He kindles courage. He exudes confidence and expectancy of victory. He stretches you to attempt bigger challenges.

Strength of character must be developed just like muscles must be developed. The Commandant of the Marine Corps General Charles C. Krulak addressed this

recently and was quoted in a local newspaper. The commandant said, "Cowardice in character manifested by a lack of integrity or honor will, sooner or later, manifest itself as cowardice in other forms. People who have the courage to face up to the ethical challenges in their daily lives to remain faithful to sacred oaths have a reservoir of strength from which to draw on in times of great stress."

Former President Theodore Roosevelt delivered a similar message. It would become his most popular speech and was entitled "In Praise of the Strenuous Life."

Roosevelt said that if Americans attained lifestyles of ease and began to lose the drive to attain great things and to cultivate inner power to become strong enough to meet and beat the worst problems, then this nation would be unworthy. Roosevelt predicted that the greatest threat to America at the turn of the 20th Century was prosperity and ease.

Perhaps his words have come true. We now approach the doorway into the 21st Century. But I hear few voices calling us to stand and become men and women of personal integrity or to welcome greater challenges in the moral/spiritual arena. Current trends seem to stress personal profit at the cost of compromising all standards.

What an inspiration it would be if some old (or young) Caleb would stand up and be counted by saying "Right is right. Wrong is wrong. We demand truth and integrity. Bring on the giants. I fear no one. I trust God to fight for me."

People with faith like that make you think you can break bricks with your forehead. They motivate me. But where do we find such men and women? You can find some of them in your Bible, Marine!

Annual Marine Corps Worship Service

The Annual Marine Corps worship service will be held Nov. 1 at 3:30 p.m. in the National Cathedral in Washington.

The guest speaker will be Chuck Swindoll, president of the Dallas Theological Seminary, with music provided by the "President's Own," United States Marine Band Brass Ensemble.

The uniform will be Dress Blue "Bravos" with ribbons and no badges.

Buses will be available at the underpass on 8th street at 2 p.m. for transportation to the service.

All Marines, Sailors and their families are invited.

“Going live” with Channel 5



*“The Commandant’s Own,” United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps performs on live TV in January 1965.
(photo by Staff Sgt. David A. Moisan)*

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