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Serving "The Oldest Post of the Corps"

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SNCOs lead barracks parade

Barracks civilians receive award

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MWR opportunities abound

C.O. reviews "Philosophy of Command," progress

by Col. Dennis J. Hejlik
Barracks Commanding Officer

On July 2, 1997, I assumed command of the "oldest post" and on July 3 published a "Philosophy of Command," a guide to follow as we moved toward the 21st Century. I discussed several areas that were important for all members of the barracks: **Leadership, Training, Family Readiness and Safety.** I felt strongly about these issues then and even more so after working with you this past year.

As a team we have accomplished much — we have much left to do. I want each and every Marine/Sailor/civilian to read this update of July 1997's "Philosophy of Command."

LEADERSHIP

— Leadership does not equate to rank or billet. Leadership is an art that is refined through years of experience, education, mentoring and plain hard work.

You cannot lead from behind a desk; you must be "out and about." I believe the command climate is one of active supervision with accountability being alive and well.

You have all gotten the word out — "Taking care of Marines means ZERO tolerance for any type of abuse -- verbal, physical or mental." It will never be tolerated in this command or in our Corps. We must always treat one another with dignity, compassion and respect.

Where have we fallen short?

Not all are actively involved in taking care of Marines after 1630. Too many Marines take off the uniform at the end of the day and with it their responsibilities to those they lead. This is wrong and leads to five Marines receiving special courts martial for not respecting the rights of others. It leads to stealing from one another and cheating one another. Most importantly it leads to a breakdown in our ethos of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

If you have to ask yourself when you were last in your Marines' bar-

training hard.

We have been successful in preparing Marines for duty in the Fleet Marine Force. Our physical and mental toughness have increased the overall stamina of the barracks. Stamina is critically important, as our concept of employment for the barracks is to "train, equip and organize to perform special security, infantry and ceremonial missions as directed."

Where have we fallen short?

We must not forget that the American people expect us to be "ceremonial" all the time.

We need to continually focus on each and every commitment. They are all important: Evening and Sunset Parades, Full Honors Arrivals/Departures, Full Honors and Simple Funerals and White House commitments. We need to work constantly as a team to ensure we are the epitome of military precision, demeanor and grace.

FAMILY READINESS

"Family readiness must be one of our highest priorities. All officers, staff noncommissioned officers and noncommissioned officers must be intimately familiar with the needs of the Marines entrusted to their care."

I am convinced more than ever that we must take care of our families in order to focus on mission accomplishment. Our Single Marine Program needs renewed emphasis from all levels of command. It is a good,

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Marines from Company "A" practice small unit tactics during last year's field exercise at Ft. A. P. Hill, Va. (photo by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)

racks room, apartment or house, then you are not living up to your responsibilities. As I said in 1997, Marines want and need to be led 24 hours a day.

TRAINING — There has been, and there will continue to be, an increased emphasis on Military Occupational Specialty-specific training.

Our training events are more focused, better organized, continually supervised and constantly evaluated to ensure we are training smart and

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First Sgt. Shannon K. Johnson (right), parade commander, leads his fellow staff NCOs in sword manual rehearsals behind the barracks before the Staff NCO Parade. See story on page 6. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

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Class helps new parents prepare for financial changes

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Does having a baby change a person's life?

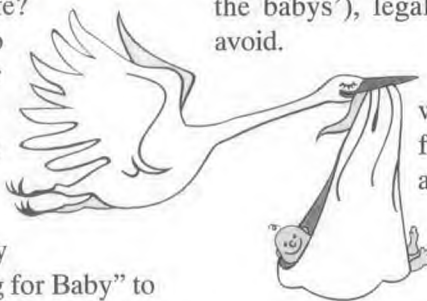
Yes! Not only do there seem to be too few hours in the day, but the laundry hamper becomes bottomless.

In addition to the arduous task of caring for an infant, increasing a family's size also has a definite impact on parents' finances.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers an informative class called "Budgeting for Baby" to help families adjust to the financial changes that come with having a baby.

Course instructors explain potential income changes, how to make the most of taxes, and how to plan for

changes in monthly expenses. Topics of interest include feeding and dressing a new child, how much to expect in child care costs, planning for the future (the parents' and the baby's), legal issues to consider, and rip-offs to avoid.



All Sailors and Marines or spouses who attend are eligible to receive a free layette of baby items, baby book, and handmade sweater set or afghan.

Contributions to the society pay for all of these items.

Classes are offered each month at the Washington Navy Yard, Henderson Hall and Bethesda Hospital. For more information or to reserve a seat, call the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offices at (202) 433-3364.

New executive officer arrives from war college

Marine Barracks, Washington, welcomed a new executive officer in July, who replaced the retiring Lt. Col. Michael B. Kessler.

The following is barracks Executive Officer Lt. Col. Samuel E. Ferguson's biography.

Ferguson is a native of Jonesboro, Tenn.

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of North Carolina, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1977.

Upon completion of The Basic School and Combat Engineer Officers Course in 1978, he was assigned to the 1st Landing Support Battalion, where he served as platoon commander, battalion S-3a, and company commander.

He was transferred to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Jan. 1980 and served as the executive officer for HQS-17 for one year.

In Jan. 1981 he was reassigned to the Marine Corps Engineer School, where he served as an instructor, Demolitions Range officer-in-charge,

academics officer, and company executive officer until July 1985.

Ferguson attended the Amphibious Warfare School for academic year 85-86 and was subsequently assigned to the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion. There he served as commanding officer for Company "B" and for Engineer Support Company.

From 1988 to 1991 he was assigned to Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, as the facilities officer. During this time he earned a Master of Science Degree from Chapman College.

From 1991 to 1994 Ferguson served as the operations officer for the Screaming Eagles of 9th Engineer Support Battalion. In 1993 he deployed with the 35th Marine Expeditionary Unit as the commanding officer of MEU Service Support Group-35.

From Aug. 1994 to May 1995, he served as the III Marine Expeditionary Force engineer officer and was promoted to his present grade in Feb. 1995.

From 1995 to 1997 he served as



Lt. Col. Samuel E. Ferguson
Barracks executive officer

Inspector-Instructor for the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion in Baltimore.

During academic year 97-98, he attended the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

Ferguson's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He is married to the former Karen Byrd of Norwood, N.C., and has two children, 12-year-old Justin and 8-year-old Rachel.

Hard work awarded

Barracks awards its civilians for dedicated service

by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer
Staff Writer

The civilian employees at Marine Barracks, Washington, received a commemorative pin for their efforts from 1993 to 1995 during a ceremony at the barracks July 28.

The barracks presented the award in conjunction with the Meritorious Unit Commendation the barracks received Nov. 28, 1995, for the ceremonial commitments Marines here performed in that time frame, to include former President Richard M. Nixon's funeral, according to Maj. Ronald B. Piner, barracks administration officer.

"The barracks received the 'MUC' for its efforts from 1993 to 1995, and we were recognizing the civilians for their contributions to the mission in [the recent July ceremony]," Piner explained.

When Gen. Charles C. Krulak, commandant of the Marine Corps, presented the MUC to the barracks in 1995, Piner said the barracks did not



Colonel Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commander, congratulates James "Chip" McBride, Maintenance Section woodworker, upon presenting the civilian employees here with commemorative pins in conjunction with a Meritorious Unit Citation the barracks received for its efforts from 1993 to 1995. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

know there was a way to commend its civilian employees.

Earlier this year, however, Piner researched the issue further when the

command again sought to recognize the civilians for their work here and found the civilian employees did, in fact, rate a MUC for their contributions.

Colonel Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commander, presented the commemorative pins to the civilian employees and offered a word of recognition.

"[These employees] are a great asset to this [battalion], and the barracks could not run without them," Col. Hejlik said. "It gives me great pleasure to present this award."

As for civilian employees such as painter Henry Hockett, the award offered a dose of encouragement and a reason to take pride in their jobs.

"I am very excited to receive this — it is real motivating," Hockett exclaimed. "[The award] shows us the command knows just because the barracks may be the "Oldest Post of the Corps," it does not mean it has to look like it."



Get some!

Marines here formed-up around Col. Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer, July 23 at Naval Air Station Anacostia to challenge themselves in battalion Physical Training. Colonel Hejlik led the battalion through several, "colonel-unique" exercises, such as "halfway-down pushups," "sun gods," and a great deal of flutter kicks. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

Barracks SNCOs take command for special Event

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer

The staff noncommissioned officers took the reins from the officers and led the way for this parade season's Staff NCO Parade Aug. 7.

The Staff NCO Parade is an annual forum in which



(pictured at left -- left to right front) Parade Commander 1st Sgt. Shannon K. Johnson; Gunnery Sgt. Steve E. Gregory, parade staff; Parade Adjutant Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth B. Williams; and (left to right rear) parade staff members Staff Sgt. Steven K. Wetzel and Gunnery Sgt. Teresa L. Hoffman march during the Pass in Review. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)



Staff Sgt. Mark S. Miller, U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, leads the D&B across the parade deck as the drum major during "Scotland the Brave" in the Staff NCO Parade. (photo by Sgt. Curtis L. Augustine)

the command displays its appreciation for the staff NCOs' professionalism and dedication to ceremonial excellence.

"The barracks has a Staff NCO Parade to show the command's appreciation to the staff NCOs for all the hard work they do throughout the parade season," said Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth B. Williams, barracks operations chief. "The reason this year's parade went so well was because we started organizing earlier, our focus remained constant, and everything went as planned."

During the Staff NCO Parade, senior enlisted Marines assumed billets normally held by commissioned officers.

The barracks' senior enlisted Marine noticed the high level of intensity and applauded the evening's performances.

"My thanks go out to all those who participated in that outstanding parade effort [Aug. 7]," said Sgt. Maj. Dennis S. Frye, barracks sergeant major, in an e-mail message to the barracks. "Since the performance, I have been inundated with calls and hand shakes from those who attended, relating how pleasurable the entire evening was for them and their guest/family. As your sergeant major, I could not be more proud of this unit and what we accomplished that night."

"This year, we put 'steel on target' and the lesson for all to take away should be clear," he added. "That is, the 'whole team,' synergistic approach toward any mission is the only way to do business — that formula has and always will result in our being able to 'stay in the black.'"

The 1998 Staff NCO Parade lineup featured:

Parade Staff

Parade Commander: 1st Sgt. Shannon K. Johnson

Parade Adjutant: Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth B. Williams

Staff: Gunnery Sgt. Steve E. Gregory

Gunnery Sgt. Teresa L. Hoffman

Staff Sgt. Steven K. Wetzel
Company "A"

Company Commander: 1st Sgt. Mitchell C. Cole

Platoon Commanders: Staff Sgt. Thomas M. Herman Jr.

Staff Sgt. Keith D. Lyle



Staff Sgt. George... and guidon bear the Pass in Review. (photo by Sgt. Curtis L. Augustine)

ing Parade

Staff Sgt. Jesus E. Alvarado

First Sergeant: Gunnery Sgt. Randy W. Matthews

Company "B"

Company Commander: Staff Sgt. George L. Earst

Platoon Commanders: Staff Sgt. David M. Sosinski

Staff Sgt. Antonio D. Steward

Staff Sgt. Gregory F. Mulholland

First Sergeant: Sgt. Edward D. Parsons

U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps

Director: Staff Sgt. Bret A. Landsdell

Drum Major: Staff Sgt. Mark A. Miller

U.S. Marine Band

Drum Major: Master Sgt. John R. Barclay



(above) Staff Sgt. George L. Earst (center), "B" Company's commander, and 1st Sgt. Mitchell C. Cole (not pictured), "A" Company's commander, lead Platoon Commanders (left front to back) Staff Sgts. Jesus E. Alvarado, Keith D. Lyle, Thomas M. Herman Jr., (right front to back) David M. Sosinski, Antonio D. Steward, and Gregory F. Mulholland down Centerwalk during the Staff NCO Parade Aug. 7. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

(left) Staff Sgt. Bret A. Landsdell, D&B, salutes the parade commander as the unit's director at the end of the Marines' performance in the Staff NCO Parade. (photo by Sgt. Curtis L. Augustine)



Staff Sgt. George L. Earst, "B" Company's commander, salutes the parade commander as the unit's director at the end of the Marines' performance in the Staff NCO Parade. (photo by Sgt. Curtis L. Augustine)



Program helps spouses help themselves

by *Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick*
Staff Writer

Imagine joining the Marine Corps without attending boot camp, without ever learning about customs and courtesies, and suddenly being surrounded by Marines saying things like, "Get a red light on that trash, war dog. Put it on the back burner. Let's run this hooyaa up the flagpole ASAP and see who salutes. It should be good-to-go."

New spouses may find transitioning into the military way of life difficult without some explanations and guidance, but members of the Marine Corps Family Team Building are offering a program called L.I.N.K.S. (Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills) to help new arrivals.

Just as Marines depend on each other to accomplish a mission, spouses depend on each other to meet the mission on the "home front." Unlike Marines, however, spouses do not see each other every day and are often working and living away from base, according to a press release from the Family Service Center at Henderson Hall.

Recognizing the need for spouses to meet and exchange information, MCFTB created the L.I.N.K.S. program as a forum for experienced spouses to share their Marine Corps lifestyle insights in a positive, casual, non-threatening environment.

The concept of "helping others to help themselves" is clearly visible during the sessions and becomes an ongoing, action-oriented process, according to a press release from Henderson Hall's Family Service Center.

"The L.I.N.K.S. program is a spouse-to-spouse program. It is not unit oriented, and it is not a club — it is an experience," said Sandi Hejlik, barracks L.I.N.K.S. volunteer mentor — a seasoned spouse here who completed the L.I.N.K.S. Instructor course. "It is the single most exciting thing I have seen in the Marine Corps since I was a young bride almost 30 years ago. In those days there was no outreach program and nowhere to look for help. It was a time when the old saying was true, 'If the Corps wanted me to have a wife, I would have been issued one.'"

The MCFTB L.I.N.K.S. program is a series of classes typically offered once a month in the mornings and evenings for three to four sessions.

The course covers 10 major subjects:

— Introduction to the program.

— "The Corps" discusses Corps history, traditions, structure, mission and its effect on family life.

— "Getting Through The Maze" provides an overview of benefits, privileges and resources available to Marine families.

— "I\$ That All There I\$?" explains how to read a Leave and Earnings Statement and emphasizes responsible financial management and sources of assistance.

— "Your Marine's Away" discusses the inevitable separations Marine families experience and how to balance the additional responsibilities while the Marine is away.

— "Crossroads: Moving In The Military" discusses the challenges of moving often with insight from experienced spouses.

— "Balancing Act" discusses the importance of balancing family and self with the needs of the Marine Corps.

— "Getting Along/Communicating" focuses on healthy interaction with others.

— "Investing In Your Community" discusses the benefits of becoming involved in the community.

— "Closure/Celebration" sums up the MCFTB L.I.N.K.S. program.

Times have changed and the Marine Corps is changing with them.

From the first L.I.N.K.S. period of instruction to the final day of a recent L.I.N.K.S. session, Hejlik said she was pleasantly amazed with the changes she perceived in the participants.

"What I saw happen was marvelous," she said. "There was just a wonderful comfort level — [they had] confidence and a good attitude about their new lifestyle.

"I enjoyed it so much because ... the new spouses were getting this information from the beginning," Hejlik continued. "If [members of the] home are understanding and supportive, the family readiness level is [higher] and everyone is so much happier."

Spouses who participate in the L.I.N.K.S. program are saying the same thing — the program is doing wonderful things for new Marine spouses.

"It is not one of my duties, but as a volunteer director I thought it would be good information," said Carol B. La Voy, L.I.N.K.S. mentor and volunteer coordinator at Henderson Hall's Family Service Center and for the Metro area. "I went to the instructors' course [for] seasoned spouses, but even I learned some things I had not known before. I thought, 'Wow! If I had known that years ago, it would have been really nice.' Hopefully with spouses knowing what the Marine Corps is about, they will adjust to

it and learn to enjoy it because, unless they grew up in the military, it is totally foreign.”

The L.I.N.K.S. sessions are open to spouses from all services and with varying degrees of experience.

The next set of sessions is scheduled to meet Sept. 22, 29 and Oct. 6, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Henderson Hall’s Family Service Center, (703) 693-4840. Quantico also

offers sessions once a month in the mornings and evenings, and offers child care on site.

For more information about the MCFTB L.I.N.K.S. program contact Carol B. La Voy at (703) 614-7200/1; The L.I.N.K.S. Team in Quantico, Va., building 206, at (703) 784-1211; or Sandi Hejlik at (202) 543-7838.

Marines break away for R&R on Chesapeake Bay

by *Cpl. Matt S. Schafer*
Staff Writer

The aroma of raw shrimp and diced squid filled the air as the captain’s mate prepared fish bait for a shipload of energetic barracks Marines armed with fishing rods.

For the next nine hours, the leathernecks executed their assault under the hot July sun capturing their prey in the name of recreation.

Marines in Motor Transport, and a few others from throughout the battalion, took a break from their daily routines for a quest to retrieve the largest trout and flounder in the Chesapeake Bay during a fishing trip July 23.

“[Master Sgt. Robert E. Meade, Motor-T maintenance chief,] told me we needed to set up a trip of some sort, so I went to the [Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here, which referred me to MWR at Henderson Hall in Arlington, Va.,] and they gave me a bunch of numbers for fishing companies,” Cpl. Nathaniel A. Root, “Motor-T” vehicle operator and trip coordinator explained. “I started contacting charter companies and getting prices quoted. I was looking for something that could [support] 35 people.”

Root said he found the ideal company for the trip on the Chesapeake Bay just outside of Deale, Md. The package included a captain and a mate, who helped the Marines with their fishing equipment and maneuvered the ship to various fishing spots.

By 8:00 a.m. the Marines had boarded a boat entitled the *USS Olympus* and commenced their journey. Throughout the day, the ship cruised along the bay using a “fish finder,” an electronic device used to identify fish, to track down their prey.



Corporal David A. Butler, Grounds/Maintenance Section, removes his hook from the mouth of a fish during a recent trip the Motor Transport Section organized to take Marines to the Chesapeake Bay for some relaxation. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

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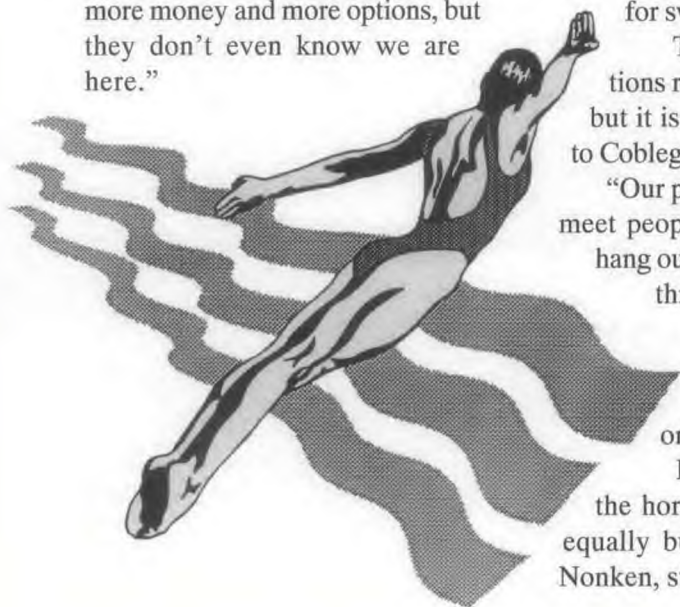
MWR: Opportunities abound for those willing to make phone calls to find activities

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer

The barracks' Morale, Welfare and Recreation section offers several opportunities to eligible members, but the gamut of MWR resources in the area are available for those who take time to find out what is available.

The MWR program extends to each branch of the military; and, though each installation's program is customer-driven, various activities, programs and resources are open to all military members, federal employees and dependents of all the above, regardless of their duty station.

"People need to get the word out. That is probably the biggest clog in communication," said Larry P. Cunningham, Fort Myer MWR marketing specialist. "Look at the gate of potential at the Pentagon [for example]. If I could get just 20 percent of the Pentagon to read our MWR publication, the "At Ease," it would bring a huge influx of work for our facilities and employees. This means more money and more options, but they don't even know we are here."



Those interested in MWR events at other installations can pick up an MWR publication in the respective MWR buildings. The MWR office here also periodically receives neighboring MWR publications. The publications include hours of operation, phone numbers, price listings, coming events, and trip listings.

A trip some people have been making this summer is the short trip to the diving board. It seems the summer heat made the pool an MWR sponsored sensation, according to Mark O. Coblegh, assistant pool manager at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

Quantico, Andrews and Bolling Air Force Bases as well as Forts Myer and McNair have public and private pools. Each installation offers an array of classes and activities such as swimming lessons for adults and children, lifeguard training and certification, swim teams, water aerobics, and designated hours for swimming laps.

These five military installations require fees to use the pools, but it is worth the price, according to Coblegh.

"Our pool is a really great place to meet people, swim, sunbathe or just hang out," said Coblegh. "We have three pools: one for adults, another for adolescents and the third is a wading pool for children, so everyone has a place to go."

Lesser known facilities, like the horse stables at Quantico, are equally busy, according to Judy C. Nonken, stable manager at Quantico.

"We offer several styles and classes for riders, but we do not have any western or rodeo classes because they are so hard on the horses," said Nonken, "and if we lose one horse, we probably will not get another. Still, we have a



pretty packed program." Packed enough that the Quantico stables require reservations on the weekdays and maintain a strict "first come, first serve" policy to ride its 14 government horses and ponies on the weekends.

Quantico's stables also offer boarding facilities; trail rides; several showmanship, jumping and pleasure courses; as well as pony parties for children. One facet Nonken stresses about every riding class at Quantico is the training each rider receives to care for the horses.

"Each rider should expect to spend 30 minutes grooming and warming up or cooling down the horses before and after each class," said Nonken. "People transfer to Quantico and call us up because they heard about us in California. We offer a quality riding program and we work hard to provide that quality to professional and recreational riders year round."

Bolling Air Force Base, along with Quantico, also offers automotive clubs and centers for amateur and professional mechanics.

Bolling's Automotive Skills Center has lifts, U-haul and resale operations, as well as a car wash and a Scrub Shop, for professional hand washing and waxing by appointment, according to a publication by Bolling's 11th Team Services Division.

Quantico's Auto Hobby Shop does not have a car wash, but it does have an engine and a paint room; eight lifts and five flat stalls; free use of tools; auto repairs at a significant discount; and free automotive instructional classes every Tuesday, according to Jeff A. Weaver, Auto Hobby Shop manager at Quantico.

Bolling also offers unique sporting activities like batting cages and a miniature golf course.

For people looking for bigger greens, Bolling and Andrews Air Force Bases, Marine Corps Base Quantico, and Forts McNair and Myer offer more golfing opportunities.

Each installation has a 9- or 18-hole golf course available to eligible members at a fee. Quantico and Forts Myer and McNair also offer night golfing. Each of the five facilities offering the sport can reserve the courses for personal parties and activities, according to MWR publications from each installation.

Eligibility for access to the golf courses varies at each installation. For example, Quantico's courses are only accessible to active duty and retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their family members, the FBI Academy, National Guard and reserve personnel, while Forts McNair and Myer are open to the public.

"I think our greatest challenge is letting people know who is eligible to participate in MWR activities," said Debbie E. Lewis, director of MWR marketing for Forts Myer and McNair. "If people know what we offer they can use us instead of the community, [they will save money doing it], and the money stays in the system. Also, the more people who use our facilities, the more feedback we get and we can continue to offer people what they really want."

For more MWR information call Bolling at (202) 767-7707, Quantico at (703) 784-2014, Forts McNair and Myer at (703) 696-8865, the Washington Navy Yard at (202) 685-0869 and Henderson Hall at (703) 614-3859.

Fishing continued

Each time the captain of the boat identified a good fishing area, the Marines dropped their lines. Moments later, Marines around the ship were reeling in fish as fast as they could cast their lines.

One group of Marines even initiated friendly wagers on who would catch the largest fish, which Gunnery Sgt. Leroy Brunson, barracks logistics chief, swept with a 16-inch trout.

"We do a trip like this to improve morale," Root explained. "Motor-T is a pretty busy place and we wanted to give the Marines a change of pace from always being out on the road."

The fishing trip was a success and gave every Marine there a chance to relax, according to Cpl. Mark A. Madigan, vehicle operator.

"I think the best thing about the fishing trip was you got



Motor Transport Marines Lance Cpl. Jason D. Patterson, vehicle operator, Sgt. Juan J. Torres-Portillo, mechanic, and Cpl. Mark A. Madigan, vehicle operator, drop their lines during a recent fishing trip. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

to see everybody having a good time," Madigan said.

While the trip allowed the Marines to escape their hectic schedules for a day, it also gave Marines like Pfc. Jorge Careaga Jr., vehicle operator, a chance to get to know some of his counterparts in a different setting.

"My favorite part about this trip was getting to know everybody outside of the work environment while keeping it at a professional level," Careaga said.

Although Motor-T Marines put the trip together,

Staff Sgt. Joseph E. O'Bannon, barracks electrician, said the trip was open to all Marines at the barracks.

"Corporal Root went to every section in the barracks asking if there were any Marines interested in going," O'Bannon said. "The Marines who did not take this opportunity definitely missed out on a great day."

Heads up!

Corporal Benjamin E. Thomas Jr., soprano bugler in "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, attacks the ball during one of the unit's practices in July. The D&B team was training for their annual game against members of Fort Henry August 17. Marines in the Battle Color Detachment compete against members of the Ft. Henry Guard in several competitions, including soccer, during their trip to the fort in Ontario, Canada. Read next month's issue for coverage of the trip and events. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)



FROM THE C.O.

Command continued

solid program that offers an excellent opportunity for our young Marines to become involved in quality of life issues at the Barracks.

For example, the Single Marine Program played an active role in designing and furnishing the recreation center and was involved in the selection of new furniture for 90 rooms. The program also offers recreational trips throughout the north-south I-95 corridor.

Our Key Volunteer Network is a valuable communication-information network that provides our married Marines with a bank of resources available throughout the Maryland-Virginia-Washington area.

The Key Volunteers, along with

other programs such as "LINKS," and new spouses and new parent programs, enable our families to be self-sufficient. These programs keep them in touch with other barracks families and allow all Marines to focus on our many commitments.

SAFETY — Safety is paramount in everything we do regardless if it is on the battlefield or parade field.

We have too many "DUIs," underage drinking incidents, vehicle accidents and training accidents. All equate to a lack of concern by small unit leaders, SNCOs and officers.

Recent local, national, and international events also highlight our lack of Force Protection. Anything which can hurt a Marine, Sailor or Civilian is

a Force Protection issue.

Stay alert, use common sense and if it doesn't look right, it isn't. We owe it to our Marines and their families to keep them safe — they are our most precious resource.

We are the keepers of our Marine Corps history, courtesies, customs and traditions. The American people expect their Marines to be sharp, to be ready, and to win. To win you have to be part of a team, and a good team is comprised of great individuals — **YOU.**

D. J. HEJLIK
Colonel, USMC
Commanding

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation funds available for '99

by Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

PRINCETON, N.J. (Aug. 13) — The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is looking for students who qualify for academic year 1999-2000 scholarships.

Individuals qualify for the scholarship if they are: the son or daughter of a Marine on active duty or in the Marine Forces Reserve; or the son or daughter of a former Marine or Marine reservist who received an honorable discharge, medical discharge, or was killed while in the service of the country.

Prospective applicants must also be in one of the

following academic categories: high school senior, high school graduate currently enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited college or university, or currently enrolled in a post high school accredited vocational/technical school. Applicants' total family income must not exceed \$43,000.

Those interested may request application packets by writing to: Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, N.J. 08543-3008; or e-mailing their request to mcsf@aosi.com.

Scholarship applications must be submitted by April 1, 1999.

Law bans sexually explicit material from military stores

by Jim Garamone
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WASHINGTON — Military retail services will no longer sell sexually explicit magazines, videotapes and audio tapes.

In June the Supreme Court upheld the 1996 Military Honor and Decency Act by refusing to review an appeal of a lower court ruling. The law requires the Department of Defense to remove all sexually explicit materials sold or rented by the exchange services, commissaries and U.S. Navy ships' stores.

On July 1 Frank Rush, acting assistant secretary of defense for force management, signed DoD Instruction

4105.70, "Sale or Rental of Sexually Explicit Material on DoD Property."

The instruction defines sexually explicit material as "material, the dominant theme of which is the depiction or description of nudity, including sexual or excretory activities or organs in a lascivious way."

Under the instruction, the eight-member Resale Activities Board of Review met Aug. 13 for the first time. Steve Sellman, director of DoD accession policy, chairs the board. The other members are all civilian representatives from the military services and the military exchange commands.

Army Lt. Col. Tom Begines, a Pentagon spokesman, said board mem-

bers asked the exchanges to provide materials for review that might be affected by the new law. The resulting review list includes more than 100 publications. The board will announce findings later this year.

"Once the board determines that a particular item is sexually explicit, it will be removed and not offered for sale or rent," Begines said. "If the board determines that several issues of the same periodical are sexually explicit, the publication will not be sold in DoD retail activities."

Video and audio tapes the board determines to be sexually explicit will be permanently removed from DoD retail stores, he said.

Commandant seeks suggestions via Marine Mail

General Charles C. Kulak, commandant of the Marine Corps, is interested in you ideas and solicits your input to the following questions:

1. What are we doing that we shouldn't be doing?
2. What aren't we doing that we should be doing?
3. What are we doing that we should be doing differently?
4. What new concept, idea, tactic, or piece of equipment should the Marine Corps investigate to increase its warfighting capability?

Note: Marine Mail is not designed to bypass the chain of command.

If you have thoughts on the above questions, make your thoughts known to the Commandant. Your suggestions will help us make the Marine Corps better.

Send electronic Marine Mail messages to <http://www.usmc.mil/cmc.nsf/MarineMail>, or mail it to:

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Marine Corps Historical Center: haven for knowledge



The Gatling Gun, invented in 1862 by Dr. Richard J. Gatling, a dentist, was the first practical machine gun. This one is an 1865 model, and was mounted on an 1871 naval landing carriage. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

*by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer
Staff Writer*

The Marine Corps Historical Center at the Washington Navy Yard is a place which may hold the answer to nearly any question about Marine Corps history.

On the outside, the historical center is but another white brick building with few distinct characteristics other than its logo, emblazoned in red and gold on the door. On the inside, however, is a collection of artifacts and letters documenting the history of the Marine Corps.

Once visitors enter the corridor, they embark upon a journey through Marine Corps history which holds treasures such as the two original flags flown over Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima. The flags, however, are just minor representations of the many valuable

items the museum maintains, according to Lt. Col. Leon Craig, executive officer, Marine Corps Historical Center.

"The museum has all kinds of artifacts ranging from the Revolutionary War to Operation Desert Storm," Craig explained. "In addition, we offer a command chronology of all Marine units dating back to 1965; casualty cards from World War I, World War II and Vietnam; and a 40,000 book library covering all kinds of Marine Corps History."

Craig said the historical center, which is the headquarters for all Marine museums, has been located at the Washington Navy Yard since 1979 in a building which formerly housed Marines from Marine Barracks, Washington.

"[The Marine Corps Historical Center] has command and control over all of the other base museums," said Chuck Melson, chief historian. "It was the first museum established and it probably has the most artifacts out of all the Marine museums."

Since its inception in 1920, the Marine Corps History and Museums Division has provided a place for people to study Marine Corps history, including the commandant of the Marine Corps.

"[The History and Museums Division] provides the commandant with information whenever he needs it," Craig explained. "For example, if the commandant is going to another country, such as Korea, we can provide him with information about the Marines' involvement there."

In addition, the museum staff also assists former Marines in learning more about their own involvement in wars, campaigns and conflicts in which they may have participated.

"A lot of [veterans] come in wanting to know what they did [for a war or conflict]," Melson explained. "They will often know what they did, but they will not always know why they did it."

Melson said the information held in the reference section can provide former Marines with that information, as well as information on what may have become of their comrades.

While the reference section provides many opportunities for Marines to enhance their knowledge, its artifacts can tell stories to people of any background.

"[The museum] offers a more tangible understanding of Marine Corps tradition," Melson said. "It tells where the Marine Corps came from and where it is going. [The artifacts] are all acquired officially and each piece tells a



The two original flags raised over Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima are just a couple of the more prominent artifacts in the Marine Corps Historical Center. The flag shown is the first, smaller flag raised during the battle. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

story.”

The museum collects artifacts from many sources including battle sights, other historians and sometimes former Marines. Melson said most of the artifacts are stored at the historical center, and the museum staff puts a sampling of them on display.

Weapons on display may be from battles, paintings may have been used to document wars, and artifacts such as the original flags from Mount Suribachi came from the actual battle sites for documentation.

The artifacts themselves, however, are not the source of the tradition, according to Melson. The stories behind the artifacts are the true treasures.

“It is not just the artifact, it’s the story behind it,” Melson said. “A regular Mameluke Sword may be no big deal to one person, but what about ‘the’ Mameluke Sword used by Lt. Presley N. O’Bannon (O’Bannon was presented the Mameluke Sword for his actions in Tripoli in 1805).”

In addition, Melson said the paintings and dioramas around the museum can create an atmosphere of their own.

“My favorite paintings are the portraits by Tom Lea (an artist working with Life Magazine during World War

II),” Melson explained. “The guys in those paintings are so realistic. You can almost feel the cold rain beating on their backs and their fatigue. It is almost like you are there with those Marines.”

According to Staff Sgt. Joseph E. O’Bannon, an electrician from the Maintenance Section here who has visited the museum, the historical center offers something for just about anyone.

“There [is a] wealth of knowledge you can gain from [the museum],” O’Bannon explained. “I think everybody would benefit from seeing the museum — there is so much to learn.”

The Marine Corps Historical Center, in essence, tells the story of the Marine Corps through official papers and artifacts, providing visitors with a concept of the heritage of a force in readiness, according to Melson.

“Short of the Evening Parade, it is probably the best show in town,” Melson explained. “I think one can learn a lot more here than in a book because this is us — the Marines. This is where we have been, and where we are going.”

Volunteering makes difference



Captain Jennifer A. Ogilvie, H&S Company executive officer, volunteered throughout this basketball season as a coach for her old high school, West Springfield High School in Springfield, Va. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer

There are people throughout history whose kindness and generous deeds have set an enduring example by giving back to the communities in which they live and work. Some Marines here are joining the ranks of these generous workers as volunteers.

Marines throughout the barracks are taking time out of their busy schedules to make a difference — and they are doing it without fame or fanfare and without additional pay. These barracks Marines are making time to share life experiences, compassion and their natural abilities with their communities.

Sergeant Douglas W. Gray, Guard Section, was making his rounds recently, when he saw a young boy run into the street. He was upset with the child's reckless behavior and was walking toward him when something unusual happened.

"A boy ran into the street chasing a ball and I was about to [chastise] him," said Gray. "I asked him what he was doing, and I found out that he is four years old and

his whole family lives on the street. I knew there were homeless people, but whole families. ... So I just figured a [soup kitchen] would be a good thing for the Marines to do."

Moved by the child's story, Gray began thumbing through the phone book in search of a soup kitchen that needed labor rather than donations of food. He took part in soup kitchens in high school where he and other students took leftovers from the cafeteria to a local shelter, but this time he did not have those resources. So he and 10 other Marines from the Guard Section donated their manpower, and a small kitchen in the District of Columbia's northwest region was happy to have them.

"It just took a phone call, and [manpower] was what [the soup kitchen] asked for," said Gray.

Gray's compassionate efforts represent one way to volunteer, though venues for volunteer work are almost unlimited, according to Capt. Jennifer A. Ogilvie, Headquarters and Service Company executive officer.

She said she made up her mind to be a volunteer basketball coach for her former high school when she saw her high school basketball coach in a pick-up game in the



(Left to right) Lance Cpl. Christopher W. Morgan, Pfc. Christopher J. McGee and Lance Cpl. Micah K. Houghton, Headquarters & Service Company Guard Section Marines, prepared and served dinner with homeless women and men training for full-time kitchen staff duty at a local soup kitchen. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

beginning of the summer.

“I decided to coach for a number of reasons,” said Ogilvie. “I think playing basketball, or any sport, is a positive outlet for high school [students], and it is important to support them. At the same time, I genuinely enjoy it and have found it rewarding.”

Finding the time to volunteer can be like balancing on a tightrope for many people because of the responsibilities that come with representing the “showcase” of the Marine Corps. However, those people who volunteer here seem to know how to make every second count.

Captain Jon S. Hetland, assistant operations officer at the Marine Corps Institute, for example, has several tricks to squeeze priceless minutes out of a full work schedule.

“There is a lot of knowledge and time Marines have [which] they take for granted,” said Hetland. “Study or do homework in the grocery line, run to

and from work instead of driving [for physical training], and take the stairs instead of waiting for an elevator. Cutting edges does save time, but [know when] to slow down and take it easy. Some of that is found in volunteering.”

Hetland volunteers approximately once a month at both Franconia and Tyler Elementary Schools in Washington. He also teaches bible study classes and leads a youth group at a church in Annandale, Va., and is the founder, head coach and player for the barracks’ hockey team, the “Bulldogs.”

“I like to see improvement [in everything] and there are all sorts of [areas] to improve, but they share one major category — character,” said Hetland. “Anytime you volunteer and help somebody, you build their character. Childhood and friends help influence and mold who we are, and volunteering can help mold [children].”

Helping others and making a positive difference is reward enough for volunteers like Cpl. Betsy K. Wilkinson, Marine Drum and Bugle Corps mellophonist, despite the lack of recognition and pay.

“I get a personal sense of satisfaction from working and helping people without getting paid,” said Wilkinson, who volunteers through her church. “When someone volunteers, they are making someone’s day and they are saving the charity money. The satisfaction is unreal.”

For more information about volunteer opportunities, the phone book has volunteer information listed under “Social Services.” Interested parties can also contact the barracks chaplain at 433-6201, or Carol B. La Voy, volunteer coordinator at Henderson Hall and for the metro area, at (703) 614-7200/01.



Captain Jennifer A. Ogilvie encourages her team to concentrate and take the “good” shot. They came from behind with only two minutes left in the fourth quarter and won the game with only four players on the court. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

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

H&S Company

Sgt. J.H. Jamieson
Sgt. I.L. Norman
Sgt. J.W. Poat
Cpl. R.L. Wiesmann II
LCpl. J.P. Mayo II
LCpl. B.A. Russo
LCpl. B.J. Black
LCpl. A.M. Dwyer
LCpl. J.J. Garcia
LCpl. J.A. Gibbs
LCpl. J.B. Harper III
LCpl. T.D. Hinds
LCpl. M.K. Houghton
LCpl. J.L. Makin
LCpl. M.K. Neset
LCpl. R.S. Shockley
LCpl. D.S. Waller

MCI Company

Sgt. M.D. Burningham

"A" Company

LCpl. B.M. Antis
LCpl. C.S. Brunner
LCpl. M.D. Fox
LCpl. J.D. Humphreys
LCpl. I.M. Myers
LCpl. P.J. Pendleton

LCpl. L.J. Searcey

"B" Company

Sgt. C.A. Jones
Cpl. S.V. Farabrough
LCpl. R.G. Garcia Jr.
LCpl. M.P. Higgins
LCpl. A.T. Newman

Security Company

Sgt. V.L. Washington
Cpl. B.R. Burress

USNA Company

Cpl. W.W. Waddick
LCpl. M.D. March
LCpl. N.A. Hartseil
LCpl. E.E. Temple Jr.
LCpl. D.H. Younkins

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

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Cpl. B.D. Christopher
Cpl. R.A. Neighbors
Cpl. M.S. Schafer
Cpl. D.L. White
LCpl. K.R. Taylor

Good Conduct Medal

Sgt. J.W. Poat
Cpl. C.A. Jones



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

Sgt. and Mrs. Michael Fadrowski had a 8-pound, 9-ounce baby girl, Jade Michaela, July 24.

Cpl. and Mrs. William Steding had a 9-pound, 14-ounce baby girl, Haleigh Dena, August 6.

Capt. and Mrs. George Benson had a 7-pound, 11-ounce baby boy, Kyle Ryan, August 8.



OUTSTANDING!

Corporal Salvador Santoyo stands at attention as Staff Sgt. Keith D. Lyle, platoon sergeant, "A" Company, and Anita, Santoyo's wife, pin on Santoyo's new chevrons. Santoyo was meritoriously promoted to the rank of sergeant. (photo by Cpl. Matt S. Schafer)

Quitters never win, winners never quit

by Lt. Kenneth D. Counts
Barracks Chaplain

Captain Don Theime commanded the Recon Company of our regiment, the 9th Marines. When he invited me to accompany one of his teams on patrol — I jumped at it.

Theime must have meant to lull me into over-confidence, because he described this patrol as a movement of only 250 meters. What he did not say was that the 250 meters went straight up a Thai hillside.

The skipper was testing me. I knew he was. He wanted to find out if the chaplain was a quitter. I wasn't then. I'm still not.

That afternoon, I felt so impressed as the Marines humped 80-pound rucks and their weapons in temperatures elevated over a hundred degrees and humidity approaching 100 percent. On a patrol like that, you find out whether you have staying power.

After reassignment to another battalion, I climbed other hillsides.

I had never seen the terrain of the Central Training Area in Okinawa, Japan, when I first met "Engineer's Hill."

The hike that morning was to be a simple, eight-mile hike over rugged terrain. So when I first stepped onto the incline leading up Engineer's Hill, I did not understand what was about to happen.

Looking up, I thought I was seeing the peak of a very long, steep hill. The column was disappearing around a bend in the road. I told myself it was the top. I thought how tired I felt and hoped the pace would ease.

Was I ever mistaken. Rounding that bend which I thought to be the summit, I now realized we had only

reached the halfway mark. A wave of disappointment washed over our minds. That hill exposed whether or not we had staying power.

Most Marine training has the effect of forcing us to surpass our limits of endurance. Whenever you feel you have reached the end, or start to imagine how great a break would feel or you wish it was "Miller Time," the Corps will not let you stop.

It never fails that some noncommissioned officer or officer gets in your face and motivates you to march on. We discover that we can do much

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It is my conviction that strength of character, will power, and determination are the inner springs of all strength.

Hiking over hills surprised me when I saw someone who fell out of the hump. "Weaker" Marines could keep going. But superior men would give up and cave in. Why?

The inner determination of your will and your personal refusal to give up produce a strength some persons lack.

Consider that same need for inner strength in the "hills" you must hike across in the course of life to prove your integrity and honor. Moral failures are worse than dropping out of a hike or a run.

When an under-aged Marine gets

caught drinking alcohol, that Marine has dropped. When police stop a Marine for Driving Under the Influence, a Marine has dropped. When a Marine pleads guilty to charges in a Non-Judicial Punishment proceeding, that Marine has dropped. When a Marine tells a lie, breaks a promise, or steals, he or she has dropped because of weakness.

You need to see the moral challenges, and the temptations which can destroy your reputation, as more demanding tests than an obstacle course, or a Physical Fitness Test, or any route of march.

I remember topping another ridge in Okinawa's Central Training Area more than a year after my first hump there. Our commanding officer slowed the march so we could look back over the horizon at the 35 miles and seven ridge lines we had crossed since our departure at 4 a.m. the previous morning. We still had 15 miles before we could rest. But we knew we could make it.

Marines had to feel pleased to have found staying power within themselves to have come that far. We were not about to quit until we crossed the finish line.

Marine, you have crossed some rugged terrain in your career. What compromise will make you give up and drop out on moral grounds and chargeable offenses? What misbehavior is worth it to you to trash your pride as a Marine in exchange for misconduct?

I think it is wise to remember that our strength is shown by the things we stand for, while our weakness is proven by the things we fall for.

God Bless you, Marine.

“Chesty” signs in



*Lieutenant General Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller signs the guest scroll at Center House, the exact date of the photograph is unknown, but it is believed to have been taken some time after his retirement in November 1955.
(Official USMC photo)*

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