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# Marines must continue to meet Corps' standards



by Col. G. K. Brickhouse  
Barracks Commanding Officer

I have spoken to you all collectively and to most of you individually since assuming command. I have explained my professional expectations that you will fulfill the obligations of your contract with our country and our Corps. I have elaborated on my personal expectations that we do not shirk individual responsibility, that we try to give more than we take. I have charged each of you to conduct a personal inventory to determine if you could be called a best friend, the best parent, the best uncle and aunt, brother, sister, coach teacher ... the best Marine. I have challenged you to look in the mirror each day and make a contract with yourself to live up to your potential. I do not want you to become bitter when you are older so that you live your lives constantly saying, "I wished of, I could of, and I would of."

Lastly, I have asked that you never surrender your integrity or your attitude, because ultimately that will define who you are. I have told you to be confident, to appreciate humor and laugh. I have asked you to be humble. You have been told not to mistake kindness for weakness or compassion for a lack of resolve. I have asked you not to take life too seriously lest it get the best of you.

You need to understand and appreciate the uniqueness of being called a United States Marine.

The Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., is an unusual place. It is not a recruit training depot, an air wing, a platoon, a MEU or an FSSG. It is the past and the future and I believe it is at the heart of the Corps.

In the short time since assuming command I have received more than 25 pieces of correspondence from private civilians whom you have in some way touched by your work. The letter reproduced here most exemplifies what I want us to achieve as Barracks Marines -- it is my guidance to you.

*Every man, woman and child with whom you have contact is to know that you and your Corps are the very best this country can offer. They will be made to understand that the Corps is not luck, but hard work; that it is not hope, but sustained effort; that it is the individual Marine's sacrifice and selflessness which define the Corps' collective contribution to our country. I want them all to know, if only for a fleeting moment, what it is like to be a United States Marine.*

Respectfully,  
Brickhouse, U.S. Marines

Dear Colonel Brickhouse,

Captain Chad Drake, through another Marine that I work with at the FBI, provided our Vietnam infantry reunion with reservations to your "Evening Parade" at the barracks. The parade was the highlight of our region. Everyone could not stop talking about it. We felt honored just to be present amongst your Soldiers, or should I say Marines. They are the finest example that shows the world that the United

States Marines are indeed the best.

We were all in the same infantry company [Company D, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division] in Vietnam. I was one of the company commanders. We were very young, like many of the Marines we saw during the parade. We carried 80 to 100 pound packs in 100 degree heat for a year. Operating in the Central Highlands of Vietnam, we were an economy of force unit. That meant we were our numbered and walked, or trucked by convoy, to meet the enemy most of the time. We rarely got out of the jungle, never had a hot meal while in the jungle, received a change of clothes every two-to-four weeks, and assaulted the enemy weekly, up steep mountains all the time or so it seemed.

Shakespeare summed up what happened to us during that year when he wrote in King Henry V, "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother. ..." Thirty years later these men are my brothers. Twenty years after we returned from Vietnam we began to gather at these reunions.

None of us today could do what we did 30 years ago. I have sat in conversations where the men expressed concern if today's military was as strong as it was then. What the men saw put an end to that discussion. As an old soldier, today's military, led by the United States Marine Corps, is the best fighting force ever. The Marines we saw were magnificent.

Thank you for honoring us by letting us come to your parade.

Thank you,  
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Private First Class Lafosse-Martin, H&S Company, Guard Section, salutes the CMC's car as it leaves Post 1 before a "Friday Evening Parade." (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

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# Barracks gets TAP, RAP Outreach Center

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess in cooperation with Lynne Haily  
Media Chief

The Henderson Hall Community Services Transition Assistance Program and the Relocation Assistance Program established an Outreach Center here in coordination with the Marine Barracks' Career Planner.

Both programs serve Marines and their families by providing assistance that will help ease stresses associated with Permanent Changes of Station and leaving the military.

The Transition Assistance Program offers resources and guidance pertaining to resume writing, job interviews, networking, job searching, and dressing for success. These tools assist Marines and their families making the adjustment from active duty to civilian life.

The Relocation Assistance Program guides Marines who are new to the area, or preparing to leave for another destination by providing tips and information covering home-finding, packing, cultural adaptation, the sponsorship program, and relocation entitlements. The RAP also provides worldwide installation information, which includes the availability of on-base housing, schools, child care, medical facilities, recreational activities, youth programs, surrounding civilian communities, area shopping centers, and religious programs.

"The program allows Marines in the process of leaving the military to search the Internet on different subjects and eliminates the footwork of dropping off applications and scanning the newspaper," said Staff Sgt. Derrick F. Ledford, Marine Barracks' career planner. "Most of the jobs out there have some type of Internet address that can be used

to scan a job site for qualifications, working hours, and pay. It provides an alternate way of choosing a good career path."

Marines stationed at the barracks will be able to tap into these resources using the equipment in the Outreach Center. Two computers are set up in Room 208, by the Headquarters and Service Company office area so that Marines can search through the Internet and see what opportunities await them when they leave the military or journey to another duty station.

"We have a computer program Marines can use to look up information on jobs, relocation, or different duty stations," said Ledford. "It shows what schools and jobs are there, and it will help a spouse make a smoother transition as well. That way it is not so much of a shock to Marines and their families, and they will know what to expect."

The Outreach Center is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and program managers will staff the Outreach Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:

10 Aug. '99	5 Oct. '99
24 Aug. '99	26 Oct. '99
14 Sept. '99	Nov. '99 - TBA
28 Sept. '99	7 Dec. '99

The Outreach Center is also available on a daily basis for self-help projects like writing and printing resumes, job searches, house hunting and community information searches.

To schedule an appointment with a TAP or RAP Manager, or to use the Center for a self-help project, contact Staff Sgt. Ledford at (202) 433-5711.

# Taylor is living out All Marine Wrestling Team dreams

Lance Cpl. Matthew E. Habib  
Staff Writer



Corporal Corey S. Taylor, Headquarters and Service Company, administrative clerk, left the barracks on TAD orders in May to take on some of the best wrestlers in the world in the Bulgarian Wrestling Tournaments.

Taylor wrestled three official matches in Bulgaria, along with four ex-

hibition matches and returned to the United States with an official 2-1 record.

Taylor is currently preparing for the World Team Camp in hopes of getting a position on the Olympic team.

"I'm ranked second in the 'Free-Style' and fourth in the 'Greco-Roman' nationals, which qualifies me to try out for the World Team Camp," said Taylor. "Wrestlers who have been on the Olympic Team for years will be there teaching me. It will help me to be even more prepared for the Olympic tryouts next year."

# Marine Corps Security Forces get new benefits

*Reference Marine Admin Message 295/99*

While Sgt. Maj. Lewis G. Lee, 13<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, was on a command visit with Marine Corps Security Forces, concerns were raised about the special duty status and perceived inequities for MCSF Marines.

The deputy chief of staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, developed a thorough review of Marine Corps Security Forces battalion duties and billet designations with respect to special duty assignment designation and associated special duty assignment incentives in conjunction with the deputy chief of staff, Policies, Plans and Operations, and the commanding general of Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va.

Effective 1 June, the Commandant of the Marine Corps approved special duty assignment status for MCSF Marines with the following selected incentives/rewards:

1. Marines who have served on MCSF duty as a Staff NCO or NCO will continue to receive special precept guidance on Staff NCO selection boards, denoting suc-

cessful completion of this duty assignment as indicative of superior leadership qualities.

2. Eligible Marines will maintain their selective reenlistment bonus eligibility while assigned to MCSF duty.

Additionally, the following recognition/credit is authorized for service on MCSF duty:

1. Per reference A, "Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual," Marines serving in nondeployable locations outside the continental United States will receive the Overseas Service Ribbon.

2. Per reference B, "Marine Corps Personnel Assignment Policy," Marines serving with Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team companies will receive overseas control date credit.

3. Per reference A, Marines serving in FAST companies will receive the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

Any required manual changes will be reflected in forthcoming revisions of the "Selective Reenlistment Bonus Program," "Selecting, Screening, and Preparing Enlisted Marines for Drill Instructor, Recruiter, and Independent Duties," and the "Marine Corps Promotion Manual.

# CMC looking for recon Marines

*Reference Marine Admin Message 292/99*

The Commandant of the Marine Corps continues to seek Marines to lateral move into the MOS 0321, reconnaissance Marine. The Marine Corps has a requirement of approximately 550 active component Marines, in the pay grades of private to sergeant. As of 23 April 1999, there are a total of 354 Marines in the MOS, for an overall MOS strength of only 64 percent. This is a decided improvement over the MOS's strength of only 41 percent about a year ago. Since then the Marine Corps has refined the entry level training track process and procedures to better screen, select, and train these Marines. The Corps has increased the overall number and



quality of entry level Marines classified to this MOS and is more consistently filling all of the available basic reconnaissance course school seats in order to build this MOS's inventory strength from the bottom up. How-

ever, the Corps is still well short of its total requirement at the private through lance corporal pay grades and the first three years of service. Therefore, the CMC is again requesting that qualified Marines lateral move to the MOS 0321 to bring it up to 100 percent of its authorized strength.

Marines private through lance corporal and within their first three years of service desiring to lateral move to MOS 0321 should submit lateral move requests to the CMC through their career planner within 60 days of the release of this message.

Additionally, entry level infantry Marines at Infantry Training Battalion should continue to request to be classified to this MOS.

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## Recon continued



The Corps will continue to increase the MOS's inventory through a combination of classifying entry level Marines to the MOS and laterally moving first term Marines into the field.

The enlisted assignments branch at Headquarters Marine Corps is particularly looking for infantry Marines between private and lance corporal who have successfully completed the basic reconnaissance course or who currently possess an additional MOS of 0321, 8652, 8653, or 8654, and are now serving or have previously served

in a billet of 0321.

Marines who do not hold these MOS's or have not completed the Basic reconnaissance course will also be considered provided they first successfully pass a reconnaissance screening, conducted by either a reconnaissance unit or their own command.

To be selected for the MOS 0321, a Marine must achieve a first class PFT and successfully pass the reconnaissance swim test. The swim test consists of three events that have a "Go" or "No-Go" standard. Event one consists of a 500 yard untimed swim, swimming 200, and 100 yards respectively demonstrating the breast, side and elementary back strokes. Event two requires the Marine to tread water for 30 minutes using the survival bob and trouser flotation methods. Event three requires a Marine to swim 25 yards while holding a 10 pound weight out of the water (to simulate rescuing a person). A Marine

must achieve a "Go" on all three events to pass the swim test.

The enlisted assignments branch will continue to select Marines for lateral moves to MOS 0321 based upon, one, the grade and the year of service requirements of the MOS, and two, whether the Marine is best qualified for the MOS. The grade and years of service requirements are absolutely critical to ensure the Corps creates a MOS inventory that provides promotion and retention opportunities for the Marines. Therefore, at this time the MOS is closed to lateral move for sergeant and corporals.

Commanders and unit leaders at all levels and at all units, including infantry battalions, are requested to encourage qualified Marines to immediately request a lateral move or classification to this MOS in order to correct this MOS's inventory shortage.



## Spotlight

**Name:** Lance Cpl. Anthony L. Viggiani

**Unit:** H&S Company, Guard Section

**Job:** Sergeant of the Guard

**Hometown:** Strongsville, Ohio

**Joined:** June 9, 1998

"I supervise all post sentries, ensuring every Marine is physically and mentally prepared to stand duty," said Viggiani.

"It's pretty amazing that the command trusts a lance corporal in this high of a billet, for more than four months. I'm pretty motivated by it!"

# Protocol: The means behind the scenes of meeting, greeting and seating

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Media Chief

Every section assigned to "The Oldest Post of the Corps" plays a vital role in the performance of the "Evening Parade," but much of the work is done behind the scenes.

Whether it is signaling the barracks' mascot on to "Center Walk" from the arcade, or directing traffic on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, each Marine's hard work may go unnoticed except by those who also work behind the scenes.

One of these behind the scene sections provides seating arrangements for more than 35 parades held throughout the summer. The Protocol Office is like a "ticket center" for the barracks, assisting the general public, the guests of honor and the reviewing officials with their guests, and the Marines assigned to the barracks with seating. It maintains the amount of people who previously attended an "Evening Parade," the number of people confirmed for reservations, what gate they will enter and where they will be seated, according to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Peter B. Tabash, protocol officer.

"We receive more than 100 requests for parade seats through the mail every day in addition to over 200 phone calls," said Cpl. Shawn M. Williams, barracks' protocol clerk. "We open all the mail and input it into the system, pull up the statistics, set up the [parade] rosters and give them to the parade escorts."

With six sets of bleachers on the parade deck and eight moveable bleachers set up every Friday morning in the parking lot, more than 3,500 people can comfortably view an "Evening Parade". But that number has been met and exceeded several times this season alone, according to Tabash.

"We have hosted up to 5,000 guests during an 'Evening Parade,'" said Tabash. "That includes using all the bleachers, placing people in the folding chairs behind the [40mm] gun mounts, and seating people on the parade deck itself. Marines do not need to worry about the seating, because each Marine here is allotted two seats per parade. If a Marine needs more seats, he can borrow from another Marine."

In addition to the Protocol's reservation duties, it is also the point of contact for any general officer function, coordinating with the barracks' Operations and Training



Major Jason J. Lagasca, Legal and Protocol officer, and Cpl. Shawn M. Williams, Protocol clerk, compare seating rosters for the bleachers. Each week the Protocol Office prints seating rosters of everyone attending an "Evening Parade" and where they will be sitting. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

Section, Motor Transport, or the Guard Section for parking, security and schedules to ensure the occupants have what they need, according to Tabash.

Even after the parade season ends, the Protocol Office continues to fine tune their current reservations system and update the reservations information message system at (202) 433-6060. The message system allows people to receive information about parade reservations without disrupting the Protocol Office, however there is a new internet based Ceremonial Integration System in the works, according to Williams.

"Right now we are trying to build an internet site so people can request reservations on-line," said Williams. "Hopefully, it will be up and running by next parade season, because we are bombarded with phone calls about reservations. We get the same questions over and over again, [and] not everyone understands [the requests] need to be in writing."



(Above) Sergeant Joshua G. Brown, Drum and Bugle Corps, mellophonist, leads the D&B on the parade deck as the acting Drum Major during the NCO Parade. (Below) The Firing Party fires a 21-gun-salute in front of the Iwo Jima War Memorial for Marines who have made the ultimate sacrifice. (Bottom-right) Marines from Company "A" Second Platoon make the final turn before passing the barracks commanding officer, the general officer host and the guest of honor during "Pass in Review." (photos by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)



Parade Staff for the NCO Parade lead the "Pass in Review" in front of the Iwo Jima War Memorial.

## Marines storm the "Deck"

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Staff Writer

The NCOs of Marine Barracks were the hosts of the barracks' annual "NCO Parade" held at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial July 6.

The "NCO Parade" is one highlight of the summer parade season, and it is held by the command to show their appreciation for the NCOs' professionalism and dedication to ceremonial excellence. It also allows them to step away from their normal Tuesday evening duties into a different element for the parade.

While the officers and Staff NCOs step into a spectator and mentor role, enjoying a day with family and friends, the NCOs from the barracks marched into the spotlight and performed all the hosting, marching, and operational positions for the parade normally





nt of the reviewing officials. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)



The official Color Guard of the Marine Corps on the steps of the Iwo Jima Memorial. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)



United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps Drum Line. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

## for annual NCO Parade

held by the officers and Staff NCOs.

The parade staff is one of the principal parts of both the "Sunset Parade" and "Evening Parade" and usually consists of five Marines: a major as the parade commander, followed by two captains and two Staff NCOs. For the "NCO Parade," however, it was a different story, as NCOs from different companies and Military Occupational Specialties led "A" and "B" Companies from behind the base of the monument.

The Marines were selected based on their performance during tryouts several months ago.

Noncommissioned officers from both "A" and "B" Companies also participated in the "NCO Parade" by filling the company commander and platoon commander positions.

Sergeant Major Alford L. McMichael, the 14<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, was the guest of honor for the "NCO Parade."



# When the barracks wakes up in Guard Mari

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick  
Editor

**S**trict, professional and competent ... Marines in the Guard Detachment here stand their posts with smoldering intensity. They have toughened themselves to the influences of weather, boredom, and pain to better protect the barracks, accomplishing their mission so that others can safely meet theirs. It lends an aspect of defiance to their bearing.

Their duty to the Corps is no different than another Marine's, but their missions, their goals and the final obligation of their tempered spirit is.

The Guard Section's mission: provide protection for the barracks and its residence including the general officer quarters, the home of the commandants, and parade guests; provide security during presidential visits to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.; provide a security force annually for the United Nations in New York City to guard State Department classified materials, and numerous dignitaries; and screen, train and evaluate Marines for the Yankee White Presidential Support Program.

Those Marines who successfully complete the Yankee White Presidential Support Program will guard the Presidential Retreat at Camp David, or provide security at the White House Communications Agency.

It is an unusual mission with remarkable members, because the Marines who make up the detachment are usually 17 to 19-year-old men with less than two years as Marines. They are Marines of the highest moral character, sound in mind and body, quick to respond in a crisis, but with the maturity to mix procedures with common sense, according to Capt. Marc D. Freese, H&S Company, guard officer.

"These Marines are easily the most innovative and strongest Marines I have worked with," said Freese. "I have three lance corporals who stand sergeant of the guard and an NCO standing in a gunnery sergeant's billet. They have to brief the battalion executive officer, the general officers, and they write the Guard's Letters of Intent and Standard Operating Procedures. I can give the Marines general orders and expect them to work out the details, and they do."

The selection process for the Yankee White Presidential Support Program is as intricate as the Marines' future

mission. Naval security groups on the east and west coasts begin the selection process while the Marines are in recruit training. The normal screening process probes seven years into the Marine's past, making inquiries with the Marine's friends, school officials and relatives about his conduct.

The Guard Section arranges screening trips in collaboration with Camp David, WHCA, the staff psychologist and clearance personnel to interview the Marines once they are in the School of Infantry. The Marines then appear before a board composed of personnel from each of those sections. If the Marines meet its initial requirements, the S-1 personnel ensure each Marine receives orders to the barracks after attending Security Forces School.

"When they arrive, we pull them in and send them to Guard Academy which is anywhere from 10 to 14-days-long depending on when they arrive," said Freese. "We teach them deadly force, ethics, how to use tools such as pepper spray and the PR-24 (baton). From there we put them out on the posts around the barracks and have them begin standing duty. We look at them again in about six months, sometimes longer, and send the ones who have excelled to Camp David or the White House Communications Agency. From the initial screening in SOI to the confirmation of clearance, we lose



Private First Class Lafosse-Martion, salutes the CMC's car as it passes during the Evening Parade." (photo by C)

# the morning, or leaves at night Marines are here

several of the Marines. It is a difficult program.”

Any number of things can drop a Marine from the program. The results from the screening process could determine that a Marine does not have the desired physical or psychological profile. Smoking, sleeping on duty, eating food or reading non-Marine related material while on post are disqualifying actions, and because the Marines are usually young and inexperienced, they are under unusual pressure, according to Freese.

“These Marines have very clear backgrounds, and they have endured a lot of different, and difficult steps to get [to the barracks]: recruit training, SOI, Security Forces School ... in fact Marines have referred to the Guard as Purgatory,” said Freese with a smile. “They stand long hours on post, check IDs, make sure every Marine is in proper liberty attire, and they know if they do not hold themselves to the standards, not only are they going to be [reprimanded] they know they will be removed from the program.”

In addition to the moral and ethical struggles, the Guard Section must maintain its operational tempo. The tempo reflects the perfection and expedience sought while selecting Marines, but their mission at the barracks is compounded with the command’s mission of the Yankee White candidate selection.

The list of responsibilities during the parade season reads like a shopping list: coordinate

with Motor Transport and the local law enforcement to reserve 8<sup>th</sup>, I, G and 9<sup>th</sup> streets and the underpass for parade parking; work with construction workers in the lower and upper parking areas; issue DoD parking decals; maintain liaison with all civilian police departments for traffic control on Friday nights; maintain all the posts and an augment force at the barracks for 12 hours following their normal shifts; handle deliveries for the general officer quarters and the barracks; Color details; man Latrobe Gate which guards the admirals’ quarters in the Washington Navy Yard; and augment security during parades which means the guards work twice as long.

This list only includes the normal responsibilities. Situations requiring interaction with civilian authorities, FBI, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and pedestrians require even more time and manpower. These events are supervised by two officers, one SNCO and as many as 137 junior Marines in the Yankee White Presidential Support Program. Their excellence has not gone unnoticed.

The barracks received a memorandum June 6, 1991 from the White House military assistant to the president requesting assignment of military guards to protect White House Communications Agency facilities at the Washington Navy Yard, and to protect National Security Council and WHCA communication facilities on presidential trips. They do not, however, specifically guard the president himself. Members of the Secret Service provide presidential protection.

“I’ve stood almost every post here except sergeant of the guard, so I definitely know the inner workings of the barracks and the guard very well,” said Lance Cpl. Timothy M. Keough, Guard Section, training NCO. “Still, it makes me feel good to know the command has this much trust in me. I keep track of accountability, training events and LOIs, and I just created an event that will test our Marine’s judgement, and reaction time under stress and fatigue.”

When these Marines complete their final mission and reenlist, or find their way in the civilian sector, several said they expect things to be easier, or at least less stressful.

“We are here when the barracks comes to work, and we are here when they go to bed,” said Keough. “I would say my personality is the same as when I joined, but I see things differently. The situations, the stress and the requirement for instantaneous judgement has given me perspective, and I am definitely better for it.”



in, H&S Company, Guard Section leaves Post 1 before a “Friday” (L. Sean Fitzpatrick)



There are no degree requirements to become a member of the United States Marine Band, but most current members are graduates of our nation's best music schools, often holding advanced degrees in music. More than 90 percent serve with the Marine Band for more than 20 years. (USMC photos)

## “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band

*by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick in cooperation with the United States Marine Band Public Affairs Office Editor*

When Israel’s greatest king, David, crushed the Philistine army, he and 30,000 chosen men of Israel celebrated with all their might before the Lord, with songs and harps, tambourines, cymbals, and lyres: *2 Samuel 6:1-5*.

Two thousand years later, very different men and women with lyres on their sleeves stir the soul of another nation, offering a small glimpse of the Creator’s perfection, according to General Charles C. Krulak, 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps. They are the members of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band.

There is no other musical organization, civilian or otherwise, with the history, prestige or mission of The United States Marine Band.

It is the country’s oldest professional musical organization, and it may well be America’s musical representative, but despite the ensemble’s ability to synthesize the mettle and fidelity of the Corps into music and measure, misunderstandings sometimes camouflaged the tenor of their mission.

Members of “The President’s Own” are Marines, but



The bands increasing number of commitments has seen the development of a professional support staff.

they are warriors of a different nature. It is their unique mission, history, and nature of their enlistment that sets them apart from all other service members.

President John Adams signed an Act of Congress in 1798, which established the United States Marine Band, and summoned a drum major, a fife major, and 32 drums and fifes. Since its White House debut in 1801 its primary mission has been providing music for the president of the United States. This mission keeps the organization in a permanent, nondeployable status – always ready to answer the president’s call – and requires numerous devia-

tions from the typical Marine Corps enlistment.

Marine Band members serve four-year enlistments, but instead of enlisting and then attending basic training, potential members travel to Washington, D.C., at their own expense for auditions. After a preliminary security clearance screening and successful audition, the new members enter the Corps with the Military Occupational Specialty 9811.

“Members of the Marine Band do not attend recruit training since we cannot run the risk of injuries ... during the rigors of that training,” according to Col. Timothy W. Foley, United States Marine Band director. “Such an injury could end a concert musician’s career. This coupled with the fact that the Marine Band has no tactical or combat mission makes it [unwise] from a budgetary and manpower viewpoint to train personnel in skills that would never be used.”

Members bypass recruit training and enlist as staff sergeants; a stipulation set forth in the Marine Corps Manual of 1840, because they are considered fully trained for their mission. The rank offers these highly qualified musicians – many with doctoral degrees – competitive pay standards and positions befitting their knowledge and proficiency.

“A typical Marine Band member begins his or her musical training as a child,” said Gunnery Sgt. Christine A. Kohn, Marine Band, public affairs chief. “While I am sure most are blessed with innate talent,[many are] like professional athletes and must have tremendous focus, self-discipline, and drive.”

According to Foley, this professionalism at arms allows new members report for duty fully prepared for their primary duties, “To provide music and perform such other functions as directed by the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.”

It is a compromise that is made in order to maintain the high musical standards demanded of the Marine Corps’ premier musical organization according to Foley. Part of this compromise includes never qualifying with weapons, because their primary weapons are their instruments. Thus their rank insignia has a lyre instead of crossed rifles beneath the chevrons.



The finesse of chamber music performance must coexist with the stamina required by demanding concert programs.

However, the absence of rifles does not mean the absence of Esprit de Corps, according to Master Gunnery Sgt. Dennis R. Wolfe, United States Marine Band, drum major, who also teaches new members about military courtesy, protocol, and basic Marine Corps history.

“Many people have the opinion that the Marines in this organization are not Marines simply because they did not go through boot camp,” said Wolfe. “My response is that Marines are trained professionals, who do the best possible job they can do for the Marine Corps, whatever that job may be.”

“The President’s Own” accompanied President Lincoln when he gave his famous “Gettysburg Address” in 1863. It also led the funeral procession for President John F. Kennedy at the request of Mrs. Kennedy.

The Marine Band performs at the Executive Mansion

nearly 300 times annually and provides musical support for more than 800 commitments year-round. It has performed for every presidential inauguration since Thomas Jefferson’s and was the first organization inducted into the American Classical Music Hall of Fame. Despite its intense schedule, the Marine Band has a 90 percent retention rate, meaning most Marines aspire to the rank of master gunnery sergeant, E-9, and stay enlisted for 20 years or more.

It is what John Philip Sousa called, “the national band ... as great among bands as America is among nations.”



Foley is only the 26th director of “The President’s Own” in more than 200 years.

# No mission is impossible when Marines are Jacks of all trades



by Lance Cpl. Matthew E. Habib  
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“Adapt and overcome” is a motto most Marines hold close to their hearts as they look for every possible way to accomplish the task at hand. Marines striving to meet the needs of the Marine Corps, sometimes learn entirely new Military Occupational Specialties and skills to ensure all goals are met.

Marine Barracks, Washington D.C., is known for special events and ceremonies, and with this comes extra responsibilities. Marines serve in billets outside of their original MOS to ensure the barracks meets these responsibilities and operates smoothly.

“Marines are prepared to do anything to accomplish their mission,” said Master Sgt. Michael T. Peterson, Headquarters and Service Company, administrative chief. “They are able and willing to learn a new job or gain experience that will help them and their future units.”

Sergeant David Sikes, Headquarters and Service Company, police sergeant and originally a combat engineer, never made a lateral move in his seven years of service, however, he is knowledgeable in a large spectrum of skills in the Marine Corps. Throughout his military career, Sikes has attended hazardous material training and is crossed-trained in a number of new skills.

Lance Corporal Alex Pagan, H&S Company, training NCO and armorer, ensures information in the company database is correct, and inspects an M240G machine gun. (photos by Lance Cpl. Matthew E. Habib)

Sikes has held three different billets during his seven months here: Facilities/Maintenance Section carpenter, Headquarters and Service Company police sergeant and training NCO.

“I had no experience [in the billet] when I took over as training NCO here,” said Sikes. “They took me out of Facilities/Maintenance section and I pretty much learned from other Ma-

rines and on-the-job training. But now that I am the police sergeant, I realize I use just about every skill I have ever learned in the Marine Corps to help the Marines and meet the mission of the barracks.”

Sergeant Raymond Gonzalez, former Headquarters and Service Company police sergeant, said this type of action is nothing new at either the barracks or out in the Fleet Marine Force.

“Marines are always being pulled from their original job to fill another position,” said Gonzalez, whose original MOS is an infantryman. “The Marine Corps will pull Marines from positions that are full, cross-train them, and put them in positions [where manpower is] lacking. This is something that makes the Marine Corps special and stand out from the other services: the fact that any Marine can take on a challenge in order to get the job done.”

Cross training applies to all Marines. Everyday, young lance corporals and privates are pulled from their position and placed where the Marine Corps needs them, according to Lance Cpl. Alex Pagan, Headquarters and Service Company, training NCO, originally a supply clerk. Not only does this help the Marine Corps, but it opens up opportunities to the individual Ma-

rine.

Pagan was originally pulled from supply and placed in the H&S Company Office as an office clerk. He then began to work at the armory, but was called back to the company office to be the training NCO. Pagan now works in both billets, and for every extra billet Pagan picks up, he said he gains valuable experiences that will benefit him his entire life.

“I’ve learned a wide variety of skills that will go toward helping my Marine Corps career and will go on my civilian resume,” said Pagan. “I have trained on the 9 mm. pistol and security tactics while working at the armory, along with the responsibility it takes to guard weapons. I have also improved my communication skills and learned better ways to lead Marines by working in the company office.”

Marines who have been cross-trained not only use their skills to help the Marine Corps’ mission, but incorporate that knowledge in training other Marines. Sergeant Greg Ruley, information systems management office, small systems clerk and former DRAGON gunner, helps his Marines achieve the close knit bond he experienced when he was in an infantry unit. He also reminds them not to lose sight of what being a Marine is about.

“I still have everything that was taught to me in the infantry and have the good points imbedded in me,” said Ruley. “I want to pass on what I have learned and have open communications with the Marines in the office. More importantly, I try to teach my Marines the [infantry] aspects of the job, as well as the technical aspects. That is how they realize there is more than just an office in our line of work. This not only makes them more proficient at their jobs, but also helps them develop into better Marines. I would never be able to pass on this kind of experience without the skills and cross-training I received earlier in my career.”

Peterson said he believes cross-training, combined with hard working Marines, plays a huge part in helping the barracks keep its well-known professional reputation.

“I see the Marines support the barracks everyday from billets they have no prior experience in,” said Peterson. “Marines with a different MOS find themselves in new billets ... [and] they all work hard to learn their new jobs and accomplish the mission. If it was not for them, this barracks would not be the smooth, well-oiled machine it is.”

## Oldest Marine visits Oldest Post

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At right, Captains Daniel W. Geisenhof, “B” Company commander, and George S. Benson, “A” Company commander, welcome Mr. Herbert Bowen to Marine Barracks following an “Evening Parade” July 9. Bowen, a Baltimore native, is the oldest known living Marine and a veteran of World War I. In February, he received the Legion of Honor from French President Jacques Chirac. The award was for his service with the United States Marine Corps in France during World War I.



(photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew E. Habib)

# Fly Space Available, the

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Marines who have ever flown know that traveling by plane can be an expensive process. Unless vacation plans are made far in advance, a luxury not always available to Marines, one could end up spending an entire paycheck on a ticket.

However, some Marines are overlooking a very interesting benefit offered to them. Space availability, or space seating, on any DoD flight in, or out of the country is offered to active duty or retired military service members and their families for free.

Space "A" seating is the available, unused seats and cargo room on a military aircraft carrying personnel on an official mission or exercise. To make reservations for a space "A" flight, a Marine need only fax a request or sign up in person at an Air Mobility Command terminal, found at bases such as Andrews Air Force Base, or certain civilian airports like Baltimore Washington International Airport. Marines must also be on leave status with papers and have identification cards, passports, immunization records, and visas ready to show to the AMC terminal when required by the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide.

Only then can a passenger be placed onto a particular flight, and even then other passengers could have seating precedence due to mission-related matters, orders, or emergency leave.

It is a gamble, but for service members the "first come, first serve" basis could save them the cost of a commercial flight, according to Lance Cpl. James W. Ellis, Pentagon Aviation Support and Coordination Office, flight

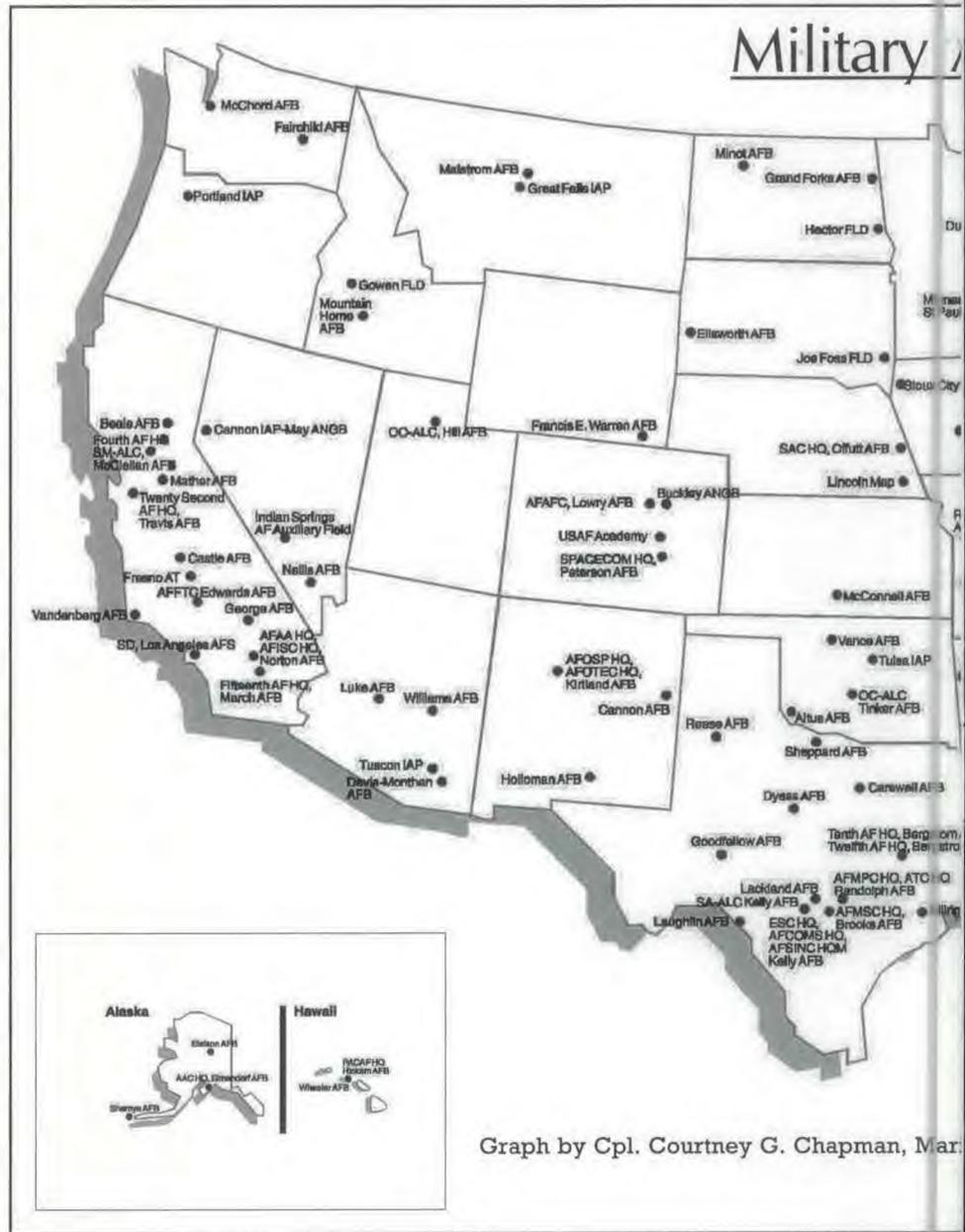
validator.

"A Marine in my shop just took 45 days of leave and flew to Panama City, FL, Hawaii, and Australia [on space "A"], and he did it all for free," said Ellis.

Space "A" flights have an undetermined number of stops before reaching the desired destination similar to

commercial flights, which often have layovers. While these stops may be a hassle, they are also provide a number of unexpected vacation sites.

Another concern for the Marine on leave is aircraft maintenance. There is rarely back-up transportation to help get the Marine to his target location in these situations. This potential night-



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mare leaves the Marine stranded with only two alternatives: the Marine can wait for another space availability flight, or he can purchase a commercial ticket.

“My advice is if a Marine is going to fly space availability always have commercial back-up such as an open-ended ticket,” said Cpl. Barry W.

Honea, Pentagon Aviation Support and Coordination Office, flight validator. “The space availability flight could get [anywhere] and breakdown, or people with higher flight priority take the empty seats.”

Even though the Marine is flown out, there is no guarantee he will be flown back. Honea recommends that

flyers register for the flight home as soon as they land to secure a spot at the top of the return list.

For some Marines like Sgt. David T. Sikes, Headquarters and Service Company training NCO, space availability flights are a great benefit and make the most of them with few problems.

“The space availability flight worked out really well for me,” said Sikes. “On Christmas Eve I was able to fly [for free] out of Andrews Air Force Base and into McDill Air Force Base with no problems.”

Other Marines say the “what if” factor is too much to worry about. Mechanical problems delayed one Marine’s flight and wasted two days of his leave. When he finally did find an open seat on another space “A” flight, the aircraft was forced to land again after striking a large bird.

When the Marine finally arrived in Okinawa, a typhoon hit and delayed his return flight again and the Marine had to pay \$500 for a commercial plane ticket home.

Whatever the case may be, each Marine should research space availability flights to see if they meet a particular need, according to Honea.

“Each Marine’s plans are going to be different,” said Honea. “If the Marine has the leave time to do it, I definitely recommend trying to get a space “A” flight. If he is bound by time and definitely wants a guaranteed [seat on a specific flight], then his best bet might be to just pay the money and get a commercial ticket.”

For more information, call the Andrews AFB AMC terminal at (301) 981-1854, or BWI at 800-569-8284.

## Air Bases



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

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Lance Cpl. J. W. Derry  
Lance Cpl. G. C. Leasing  
Lance Cpl. P. C. McMillin  
Lance Cpl. T. R. Mitchmore  
Lance Cpl. H. D. Noble  
Lance Cpl. M. P. Reese  
Lance Cpl. J. C. Sutfin  
Lance Cpl. J. A. Kelly  
Lance Cpl. V. W. Sprunger

### MCI Company

Cpl. J. D. Morris  
Lance Cpl. B. T. Smith

### "A" Company

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Cpl. J. G. Henson Jr.

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Lance Cpl. L. J. Mataacosta  
Lance Cpl. P. M. Sullivan

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Lt. Col. L. N. Janzen

Congratulate the following Marines for the awards they recently received.

### Certificate of Commendation

SSgt. R. G. Jackson  
Cpl. B. D. Reeve  
Cpl. B. A. Woodell  
Lance Cpl. W. W. Woodall

### Meritorious Mast

Lance Cpl. Daniek

Congratulations to the following Marines who recently re-enlisted.

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. J. T. Dumas  
Gunnery Sgt. D. Edmonds  
Gunnery Sgt. M. S. Carpenter  
Sgt. L. R. Young

Best wishes to the following Marine and his family on their recent addition.

Cpl. and Mrs. Aaron M. Remocaldo had a baby boy, Caleb Tyler, July 31.

## OUTSTANDING!

These Marines and sailors provided emergency medical assistance to a guest having a heart attack at the Aug. 3 "Sunset Parade." Because of their timely response, the gentleman's condition was stabilized until the arrival of paramedics and his life was saved.



From left to right, the Marines and Sailors are: Lance Cpl. Jorge R. Morales, Sgt. Nathaniel A. Root, HM2 Jason M. Jones, HM1 Christopher F. Needham, Cpl. Carl E. Storm, and Master Sgt. Robert E. Meade. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

## NCO of the Month & Marine of the Month

Cpl. Tyrone M. Nunnally, Motor Transport, swept the NCO of the Month Board, while Lance Cpl. Danielle Y. Burnard, Facilities/Maintenance, became the Marine of the Month.



# “Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me”

by Lt. Gregory C. Cathcart  
Barracks Chaplain

The word discipline is derived from the word disciple, or one who comes under the correction or instruction of another. We have a perfect illustration of this in the New Testament when Christ chose his twelve disciples to follow and learn from him.

What is most interesting to me though, is that he chose some unlikely followers to learn from Him.

I am not sure where it came from, but somehow many people believe in the concept of disciples being weak minded, milk toast, or anemic followers who lacked any intestinal fortitude. On the contrary, I have no doubt the disciples and Christ lived hard lives in the sense that they were accustomed to discipline; whether it be their individual livelihood or surviving in those times – all were disciplined.

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***My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.***

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Hebrews 12:5-6

However, Jesus came to take it a step further by not only being physically disciplined, but morally and spiritually disciplined as well.

The New Testament gives many examples of how He corrected them, sometimes in a hard way, sometimes in a kind word, but he did so because He wanted each of them to be the absolute best they could be.

Many Marines at the barracks have played sports in high school or college. Regardless of the sport, there was a coach who disciplined the players to be the best they could be. I had one coach in particular who would discipline us to a fanatically, almost brutal extent. At least so I thought, because my perspective was limited. It was limited because I had not actually played in a real game at that point.

In a real game your opponent is trying to devastate you by any means possible in front of tens of thousands of people and there can be zero mistakes.

My coach knew this because he had been there before. He knew what we would face and out of concern for us, and he disciplined us so we would be prepared for the reality of what we were going to face.

One of his many quotes was, “The more you sweat in practice, the less you bleed in battle.” And it proved to be true.

What seemed unfair, uncaring, and abusive was later seen as an act of true compassion and concern. I simply could not see that until I was a few years older.

Each of us answers to those placed above us in authority and we may not fully understand why certain decisions are made or why the Corps has such high standards. Time will show it is for our welfare, safety, and our benefit that we have such discipline.

The Bible teaches us God disciplines those he loves. It says in Hebrews 12:5-6, “... My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” In the same chapter, verse 11 it says, “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

If we accept the fact that discipline is actually an expression of care, concern, and understanding it will be easier to accept. We will also be able to use it when needed, allowing others to practice their own discipline like an athlete preparing for a game.

However, in fully accepting discipline, we must never abuse it. We should never use discipline in any way other than to correct and train. Sometimes discipline involves punishment, but the motive should be correction and training. Punishment must never be motivated by revenge.

Hebrews also says, “If you are not disciplined, then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.”

Discipline is good for your life. Accept it as an act of true love and concern.

## “Evening Parade,” 1968



Sergeant William Horton (center), the oldest living Medal of Honor winner from the Boxer Rebellion era, stands in the reviewing area with (left) Brig. Gen. Frank E. Garretson, Director of Information, and Col. Joseph C. Fegan Jr., barracks' commanding officer, during an “Evening Parade,” July 12, 1968. (USMC photo)

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