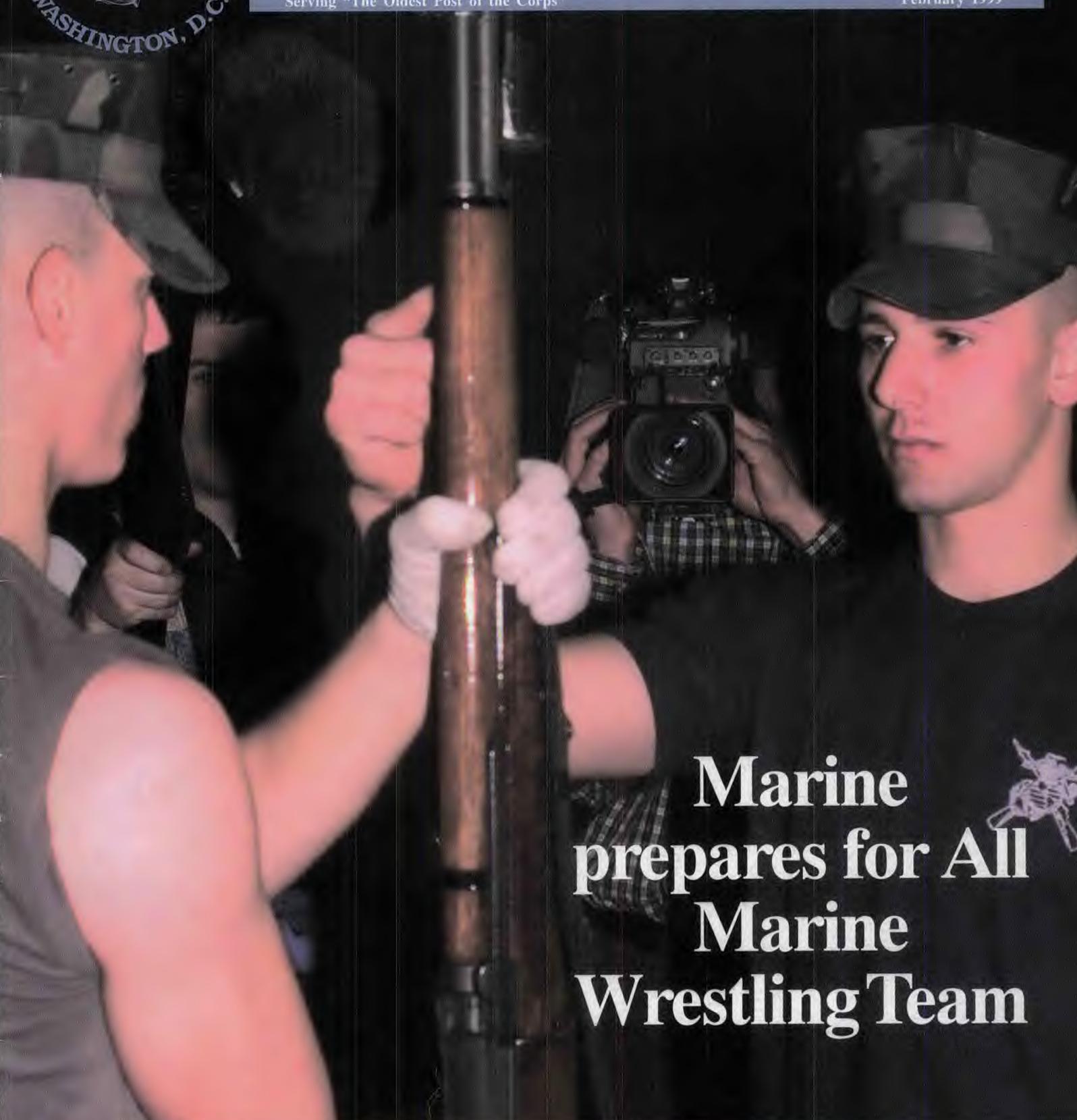




# PASS IN REVIEW

Serving "The Oldest Post of the Corps"

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## Marine prepares for All Marine Wrestling Team

# No Parking!

## Parking officially prohibited on 9th St.

*Editor's note: The following policy letter from the barrack's commanding officer was released Jan. 15.*

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Distribution List  
 Subj: Barracks Parking

1. This Policy Letter supersedes and cancels Policy Letter 1-99.

2. Purpose. To publish policy concerning the parking of personally owned vehicles (POVs) on 9th Street by Marine Corps personnel assigned to Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.

3. Background. Due to a limited amount of available parking, Marines stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC have historically parked their POVs along the east side of 9th Street. This practice has resulted in a number of complaints to the command from the residents of 9th Street who are denied their authorized parking space in front of their respective residents. Under DC law, only residents with a zone 6 sticker are permitted to park along 9th Street. Despite continuous efforts to discourage Marines from wrongfully parking along 9th Street, the problem still persists.

4. Policy. Marines attached to Marine Barracks are

strictly prohibited from parking POVs along the east side of 9th Street between the cross streets of "I" and "G" at any time. Parking on the east side of 9th Street is authorized only under the following limited circumstances:

a. A Marine resides at, and has lawfully obtained, a parking permit to park along 9th Street and makes timely notice of this fact to the Provost Marshal of Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.

5. Ticketing. Any vehicle which is found parked on the east side of 9th Street and registered under a Marine stationed at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, in violation of this policy, shall be ticketed and DC Metro Police shall be immediately notified of the violation.

6. Action.

a. Violations of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

b. Commanders and officers in charge will ensure that this policy letter receives widest dissemination and is posted conspicuously in and around their respective areas.

*D.J. Hejlik*

## Swearing

Think about it ... stop it

- Lacks maturity.
- Offends more people than you think.
- Reduces respect people have for you.
- Shows a lack of character.
- Indicates you do not have control.
- Is a sign of hostility.
- Becomes a substitute for more meaningful words.
- Turns discussions into arguments and occasional fights.



**Zone 6 sticker that is required to park on 9th St. between the cross streets of "G" and "I". Marines parking on 9th St. without this sticker are in violation of a Barracks order. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)**

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**On the Cover**

*Silent Drill Platoon Drill Master Cpl. Roupén Bastajian, instructs Silent Drill School Student Pfc. Terry J. Fernandez on the correct handling of the M-1 rifle. In the background TFI, a French TV crew, finish their documentary on the SDP which they began in July 1998. (photo by Staff Sgt. Shannon Arledge)*

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# Marine to try out for All Marine Wrestling Team

by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell  
Staff Writer

Lance Cpl. Corey S. Taylor, administration Service Record Book clerk, Headquarters and Service Company, reported to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. for the All-Marine Wrestling Team try-out Jan. 30, which continues until March 20.

Although Taylor is not exactly sure what to expect during the tryouts, he is determined to remain focused and display to the All-Marine team the same drive and determination that drove him in the National Championship.

Taylor earned a position on the Missouri National Team after his senior year of high school, but lost his first match in the National Tournament. Luckily, it was a double elimination tournament and he used the loss to fuel his aggression, defeat eight consecutive wrestlers and earn the opportunity to redeem himself against the only wrestler who beat him.

Taylor's momentum carried him into the championship match where he quickly pinned his opponent in the first period to become the National champion at the 103 pound weight class.

Despite standing only 5 feet 4 and a half inches tall and weighing less than 103 pounds, Taylor said he was never discouraged about his stature. For him, being the "small guy" was one of the most motivating aspects of wrestling.

"The lightweights set the pace for the entire tournament," said Taylor. "If I start the tournament motivated then everyone sees that and comes out ready to go."

Taylor said his will and determination pulled him through the tournament. After the first round loss he did not become unmotivated; he collected himself and continued to make his subsequent competitors pay for his first mistake.

"It felt like I went through a meat grinder ... I had never had a tougher tournament in my life," said Taylor, "but when they held my hand up as the winner, all the pain went away."

Wrestling is one of the most physically demanding sports someone can participate in, according to Taylor.

Taylor tries to stay in shape the best he can considering the limited wrestling opportunities at the barracks. He watches his diet and exercises daily in an effort to stay prepared for wrestling, but his ultimate goal is the 2000 Olympics. He said making the All-Marine team would give him some great experience with international wrestling, which in turn gives him a better chance at making the Olympic team.

Taylor's determination and competitive spirit have not gone unnoticed by the wrestlers at the barracks, who mark Taylor for a winner.

"Taylor is a great wrestler, he has great flexibility as well as awesome determination," said Sgt. Enrique Velez,

former barracks wrestling club teammate. "When he gets to Quantico, I am sure he will be one of the best wrestlers in his weight class."

If Taylor makes the All-Marine Wrestling Team he will be notified by March 10. Once on the team, he will begin practicing for the Pan American Games which begin in late March.



Lance Cpl. Corey S. Taylor, barracks Service Record Book clerk (right), practices his wrestling skills on Lance Cpl. Tony D. Hinds, barracks civilian pay clerk. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick.)

# Turning trash into dollar\$

## Successful recycling program hinges on 100% participation

by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell  
Staff Writer

For the past three months the barracks' maintenance section has worked diligently to improve the recycling program at the barracks.

Staff Sgt. C.I. Baker, Public Works Center liaison for the barracks, and Lance Cpl. Danielle Y. Burnard, maintenance section, have been working together to make recycling easier.

According to Baker, the barracks began its recycling program over five years ago; however, very few Marines utilize or even know about the program. The staff sergeant says the barracks is required to recycle under a Washington law.

In recent years the barracks has received free pick-up for its recyclables. According to Baker, about three months ago the Recycling Center in Anacostia began charging the barracks for the same service.

"In the past the barracks has not used the recycling program to its full potential," said Baker. "Very few Marines even realized we had a program."

According to Burnard the program has seen a small increase of support in the past couple of months. She said the Marines rarely ever use the recycling bins the way they were designed. The Marines put non-recyclables in the bins which result in the Recycling Center at Anacostia not picking them up.

"The last month-and-a-half we have been doing a lot of work to make the program more successful," said Burnard.

Despite the effort Baker and

Burnard have put in the program, setbacks continue to arise which can only be handled at the source.

"The biggest problem with the program is the Marines throwing trash in and around the recycling bins," said Baker.

In order to combat this obstacle, Burnard and the Baker made signs that describe what goes in each recycling bin, as well as sending all-Banyan e-mails notifying the Marines of the location of the recycling bins and purpose of the program.

The maintenance section also provided boxes for each section of the barracks to put all their recyclables such as glass, aluminum cans, cardboard, and both white and news paper. According to Baker, Marines can help the program by picking up their boxes in a timely manner.

Marines may think recycling is a

waste of time but there are positive things that may come from it.

At the end of the year the barracks, along with other commands, may submit a request to the Recycling Center for the use of some of the profit made from the program. The request will go before a board at the Recycling Center and they will decide which command will receive the money for their request. This program is beneficial for the entire Department of Defense because even the commands who may have a request denied know the money is going to assist another command.

Everything has been put in place to make this a successful program, according to Baker. All it requires now is the effort from the Marines to take that extra step and put their recyclables in the right place.



**Two civilian workers from the Naval District of Washington Recycling Center empty the paper bins located in the parking garage of the barracks. The barracks' recycling station, set up by the barracks' Facilities/Maintenance Section, has all recyclables broken down into different categories to ensure proper disposal. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess.)**

# Breakthrough: “Hashmark” Johnson’s iron leadership helps Marine Corps eliminate segregation

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick  
Editor

Black History Month is a time to remember the proud Marines whose character, leadership and dedication to the Corps overcame racial adversity.

Sergeant Maj. Gilbert H. “Hashmark” Johnson, USMC (Ret.) was one of those legendary Marines whose faithful service helped lay the foundation for the successful integration of all races into the military.

Born in rural Mount Hebron, Ala., Johnson had aspirations of becoming a minister, but left college after one year

for a military career. He served six years in the Army’s Black 25th Infantry and then enlisted for another 10 years in the Navy’s Steward’s Branch.

The military still separated white and black servicemembers until 1941 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802 opening the way for minorities to enlist for military service. The order required “... full participation in the defense program by all persons regardless of color, race, creed or national origin...” When the Marine Corps constructed a recruit training depot for blacks at Montford Point, at Marine Barracks, Camp Lejeune, N.C., Johnson requested and received a transfer from the Navy to become one of the first recruits there.

In his middle years, Johnson was unique when he arrived at Montford Point. He was an Officer’s Steward Second Class with nearly 16 years of active duty, including multiple raids and reconnaissance missions on both sides of the Mexican border. He also served aboard the USS Wyoming during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The service stripes on his uniform earned him the nickname “Hashmark” from the other recruits, but his experience and leadership would earn him a place in history.

He was one of the first to receive drill instructor training and as he rose in rank, he and several Montford Point Marines began replacing the white staff noncommissioned officers responsible for recruit training. Johnson completed the circle when he replaced 1st Sgt. Robert W. Colwell, Montford Point’s last white drill instructor, as the recruit battalion field sergeant major in May of 1943.

Montford Point was considered to be an experiment by many, including Gen. Holcomb, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy. They set standard operating procedures in place limiting the amount of instruction allowable for each cycle of recruits.

Johnson took the reins of leadership in both hands and with the help of Sgt. Maj. Edgar R. Huff, USMC (Ret.), his brother-in-law, (the only other black sergeant major besides Johnson to serve during World War II), formed schools for black Marines in everything from motor transport to radio communications and shoe repair.



**Sergeant Maj. Gilbert H. Johnson received his nickname “Hashmark” for the service stripes on his uniform representing enlistments in the Army, Navy and the Marine Corps. (photo courtesy of Marine Corps Historical Center.)**

Johnson's unauthorized training practices came under fire in 1943, when Secretary Knox arrived to inspect the 3,000 Marines at Montford Point.

Huff remembered Secretary Knox rifling through the formation saying, "This looks good. That looks fine, but you don't need all this stuff. They look good — big and strong with strong backs. But all you need to do is train these people to drill and walk in a military manner. Teach them plenty of discipline so they'll do what you say without questioning you — because they are not going to be doing anything but loading and unloading ships and hauling ammunition."

The combat training would prove to be an invaluable asset during the invasion of Saipan in the Marianas Islands. Marines from Montford Point helped repel the Japanese counterattack and "knock out" enemy positions.

The final thread of segregation snapped in 1948 when President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9981

banning all discrimination in the United States military.

Johnson transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve in 1957 and ended more than 30 years of faithful service in 1959.

Thirteen years later, Johnson was a guest speaker at a Montford Point Marine Association dinner in Jacksonville, N.C. Halfway through his speech he paused, saluted the audience and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, you will have to excuse me. I can't go on."

The audience gave Johnson a standing ovation, but it would be his last. Before he could come to attention, he fell from a fatal heart attack.

Montford Point was renamed Camp Gilbert H. Johnson twenty-five years after closing its doors to recruits. It was the first military installation named in honor of an African American, and is currently home to Marine Corps Service Support Schools.

## **CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

A Marine was found guilty of Article 91, Disrespect to a Noncommissioned Officer; and Article 92, Violation of a Written Order. The Marine received a forfeiture of \$539 for two months and 60 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 108, Altering an I.D. Card; and Article 134, Wrongful Possession of an I.D. Card. The Marine received a forfeiture of \$568 for two months; and 60 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Underage drinking; and Article 134, Incapacitated for Duty. The Marine received a forfeiture of \$242 for seven days (suspended for six months); 14 days Extra Police Duty and 14 days restriction to run concurrently.

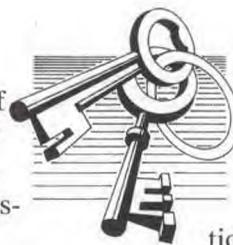
A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Dereliction of Duty. The

Marine received a forfeiture of \$568 for one month (suspended for six months) and 60 days restriction (30 days restriction suspended for six months).

A Marine was found guilty of Article 91, Disrespect to an NCO; and Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order. The Marine received a forfeiture of \$568 for one month (suspended for six months), and 30 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 108, Making a False Statement; and Article 134, Conduct to Bring Discredit to the Service. The Marine received a reduction to private first class; forfeiture of \$519 for one month (suspended for six months); and 10 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Dereliction of Duty; Article 108, Making a False Statement; and



Article 134, Conduct to Bring Discredit to the Service. The Marine received a reduction to private first class (suspended for six months); forfeiture of \$519 for one month; and 10 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 134, Larceny. The Marine received a reduction to private first class (suspended for six months); forfeiture of \$519 for one month; and 20 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Underage Drinking; Article 108, Destruction of Government Property; and Article 134, Drunk and Disorderly. The Marine received a forfeiture of \$265 for 7 days; and 14 days EPD and restriction to run concurrently.

## Officers' MCI courses can apply to master's degree

by *Public Affairs Office*  
*Marine Barracks, Washington*

MANASSAS PARK, VA — Amphibious Warfare School Non-Resident students who are enrolled in, or have completed one or more of the 8,500 or 8,600 series courses, can now apply those studies to an American Military University Master's degree.

In cooperation with the Marine Corps University's College of Continuing Education, AMU has developed a series of six graduate courses which are taken through distance learning, and which build upon the work completed in the AWS Non-Resident Program. The combined workload of an AWS course and the AMU companion course is equivalent to the workload of one regular AMU graduate course.

Participating Marines may earn up to 18 of the required 36 semester hours toward a master's degree in Military Studies in one of seven majors. The bottom line is that without the program, Marines receive no graduate credit for their AWS efforts.

Marines in AMU's distance learning program will conduct mentored, independent studies. Using the internet, students communicate with their professor and classmates even though they may be at different locations around the world. Hence, the program allows Marines to complete graduate studies no matter where the Corps assigns them, and it accommodates even the most demanding schedules.

To enroll in AWS, Marines should contact the Marine Corps Institute at 1-800-MCI-USMC. To receive more information about the AMU portion of the study, contact AMU at (703) 330-5398, extension 111, FAX (703) 5109, email [info@amunet.edu](mailto:info@amunet.edu), or visit the university's web site at [www.amunet.edu](http://www.amunet.edu). Finally, to receive 75 percent tuition assistance, active component Marines should contact their education office for details on DOD Tuition Assistance. Marine reservists may call 1-800-827-1000 for information about the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

American Military University is located at Manassas Park, Va., and grants bachelors and masters degrees under the authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## Recruiter's assistants needed

by *Public Affairs Office*  
*Marine Barracks, Washington*

Marines, say you review your cutting score one day and find that you are a few points away from promotion. That next chevron and the responsibilities that accompany it are outside of your grasp for another three months.

You sit down and try to think about what else you can do to ensure you receive the promotion even if the score goes up several points, but nothing comes to mind. Rifle score and physical fitness test are out. There is only one idea that comes to mind: recruiter's assistance.

If you are from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Western Massachusetts, Western New Hampshire and Eastern Vermont, your opportunity to earn

those needed points await.

Recruiting stations in those states are in need of recruiter's assistants to assist recruiters in finding qualified men and women to become Marines.

Marines available for this duty may receive points for their cutting score toward promotion to the next grade.

If any Marines are residents of any of the five states and would like an opportunity to recruit, consult the chain of command for eligibility and availability for permissive temporary assigned duty. If eligible, contact Recruiting Command Station Springfield, Mass. at: 1-800-537-USMC (8762), or write:

Recruiting Station Springfield  
105 East St.  
Chicopee, MA 01020.



# Keep it in the Black

by *Cpl. Ronna Weyland*  
*Quantico Sentry*

The United States Marine Corps Rifle and Pistol Team is looking for Marines interested in trying out for the team.

"The 1999 Marine Corps shooting team is looking to pick up approximately 30 Marines to compete this year," explained GySgt Jerry McGraw, instructor/competitor for the rifle team.

According to McGraw, the purpose of the Competition In Arms Program is to give Marines a chance to handle weapons in a competitive environment.

"One of our objectives is to fill a four woman team for the 1999 season, which is currently inactive due to

lack of participation," he explained. "We have SSgt. Watson, a meritoriously promoted female Marine, who has been the only woman Marine for over two years on the team."

McGraw continued, "There are records indicating that there are match records that haven't been broken in the women's category since 1977."

Some incentives for joining the team are trophy medals, both team and individual, and the chance to enhance skills with both the rifle and pistol. "Once a Marine becomes distinguished with that weapon, they will not have to qualify with that weapon again," McGraw said.

"The difference between match shooting and qualification shooting is mind set," he continued. "The stress

level is different because the Marine knows he/she is competing for a medal."

The division match sites are as follows:

Far East — Camp Hanson, Okinawa, Japan on Feb. 19 - March 12

Pacific — Puuloa, Hawaii on Feb. 26 - March 19

Western — Camp Pendleton, Calif. on March 5 - March 26

Eastern — Camp Lejeune, N.C. on March 12 - April 2

Marine Corps Team — Camp Lejeune on April 2 - April 30

Contact Maj. M. R. Darnell, officer-in-charge of the United States Marine Corps Shooting Teams, at (703) 784-5237.

## Military Academic Skills Program

The Military Academic Skills Program is an on-duty education program with the overall objectives of improving the competency of active duty enlisted personnel in the academic skills of reading, mathematics and communications writing. A Marine that successfully completes MASP returns to his or her military occupational specialty more confident and better prepared to perform the Marine Corps mission. Additionally, Marines will be better prepared to retake the Armed Forces Classification Test and begin exploring other alternatives including higher education.

The program is centrally managed and delivered over the Marine Corps Satellite Education Network managed locally by the base education officer. The program manager will coordinate on-site classes with the contracted MASP institution.

The MASP prep course will be offered twice during Fiscal Year 1999. The MASP prep course is offered to Marines with a score of 8.5 or below on the Test For Adult Basic Education. This is an optional class that will allow Marines to develop their basic academic skills prior to taking the four-week MASP class. Immediate enrollment in a four week MASP course is not required and may be

postponed until convenient.

General eligibility and target populations for MASP include:

Enlisted personnel with a general technical score of 99 or below.

Enlisted personnel who score below 10.2 on the TABE are eligible for the four week MASP class; personnel with a TABE score of 8.5 or below are eligible for the two week MASP prep course.

Enlisted personnel referred by commanding officers to improve work performance.

Self-referral for career, professional and personal development.

Command education officers are responsible for:

Generating an annual MASP eligibility list.

Coordinating MASP diagnostic testing procedures.

Informing all organizational education officers of MASP availability.

For more information on the MASP program call Greg Shields or Catherine Mahoney at DSN 278-5722 or (703) 784-5722. Course dates and more information can be found in MARADMIN message 057/98.

# It is 1999 at Marine Barracks. What d

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Staff Writer

1999! What a difference a day like New Year's Day makes.

A new year usually means endless adjustments.

If you are writing checks, make sure the year written is "1999."

Everyone around the District of Columbia/Metropolitan area are adjusting to a harsh winter where several ice and snow storms have wrecked havoc with daily businesses and operations.

What kind of changes need to be made for 1999? Many people around the world are making promises to stay healthy, increase their education or make themselves better in their jobs or other skills.

At any other time of year those changes could be called goals, but as Marines at "The Oldest Post" embark upon a year of parades and ceremonies, they are called "resolutions."

Will these resolutions survive until the year 2000? It is too soon to really say. However, it is only February; anything can happen.



**Sergeant William R. Rulapaugh, "The Commandant's Own," United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps**

*"To cut down on sweets, workout more and try to lose weight."*



**Sergeant Maj. Dennis S. Frye, barracks sergeant major**

*"To drink less coffee and exercise more."*



**Sergeant Phillip T. Samuels, assistant stage manager, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band**

*"To start saving money for my son's future education."*



**Lance Cpl. Sean C. Perkins, company office, Headquarters and Service Company**

*"I resolve not to dwell on the past. It can only get better."*

# Do you resolve to do for the New Year?



*Corporal Vernon R. Dennis, website developer, Marine Corps Institute Company*

*"To start going to church more."*



*Lance Cpl. Thomas F. Trimpey, scheduling clerk, Operations and Training Section, Headquarters and Service Company*

*"I resolve to quit smoking."*



*Lieutenant Cmdr. Andrew M. Davidson, barracks psychologist*

*"I resolve to have my picture in the 'Pass In Review.'"*



*Lance Cpl. Juano K. Duff, illustrator, Marine Corps Institute Company*

*"To make myself an all-around better person."*

# Healthcare reemphasizes priorities

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Staff Writer

TRICARE, the Department of Defense's regional health benefits program for all active-duty members, retirees, as well as their families and survivors, made several new changes and reemphasized old ones for the new year which will benefit everyone enrolled in the program.

TRICARE Prime, the most com-

duty and were not enrolled.

Priority 5: All other eligible persons, including retirees, their families and survivors not enrolled in Prime.

"The policy ... will officially ensure active-duty service members are treated first during emergencies," said Petty Officer 1st Class Reynaldo I. L. Williams, health benefits advisor at the Washington Navy Yard Branch Medical Clinic.

In a continuing effort to provide

ten request justifying the need for consideration to:

William Orchard  
Directives Manager  
TRICARE Management Activity  
16401 E. Centretch Parkway  
Aurora, Colo. 80011-9043

E-mail requests can be sent to [william.orchard@tma.osd.mil](mailto:william.orchard@tma.osd.mil).

Williams said having the policy manual and other TRICARE information on the Web is definitely a benefit



prehensive of the three options it offers its members, re-released its priority list for treatment in a publication issued to its members Dec. 14, 1998.

The priority list is as follows:

Priority 1: All eligible beneficiaries of all branches.

Priority 2: Active-duty family members enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

Priority 3: Retirees, their family members and survivors enrolled in Prime.

Priority 4: Active-duty members not enrolled in Prime, and survivors of military sponsors who died on active-

better service and timely information for its members, the current TRICARE policy manual and other electronic publications are now accessible on the internet at [www.tricare.osd.mil/manuals](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/manuals).

In the future the site will be TRICARE's primary means of distributing the manual to its members; however, TRICARE will still provide paper copies of the manuals, as required.

Members requiring paper copies of the policy manual and other published packages need to submit a writ-

ten request justifying the need for consideration to:

"It cuts down on time, saves money printing material out, and if necessary, members can look up information on home computers," said Williams. "It benefits both sides of the program."

For more information about TRICARE, contact the barracks' medical section at the Washington Navy Yard Health Medical Branch at (202) 433-6311, or visit TRICARE's website at [www.tso.osd.mil](http://www.tso.osd.mil).

# Barracks Civilians lend a helping hand

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Staff Writer

The barracks has more than 1,100 Marines and Sailors in the District of Columbia/Metropolitan area, tasked with everything from protecting the president of the United States to meeting the educational needs of Marines via the Marine Corps Institute.

There is another group of people working at the barracks who do not come into work wearing camouflage utilities or spit-shined boots. They do not stand uniform inspections and instead of a Leave and Earnings Statement, their hours are accounted for on timecards.

The 40 men and women assigned throughout the barracks, the civilian Marines, work side-by-side with "Leathernecks" on a daily basis at Marine Barracks.

Marines at the barracks who work closely with the civilians everyday agree they are an essential part of the command.

"[The civilians] have a great working relationship with the Marines they work with everyday," said Cpl. Shawn M. Cheplick, post supply clerk, Headquarters and Service Company.

Like Cheplick, who works with civilians on supply matters, Cpl. Gabriel Laserna, an illustrator at the Graphics Section at MCI, works with civilians every day concerning graphic imagery in MCI courses.

He said he appreciates the latitude they give him when it comes to job assignments.

"When it comes to Marines coming in requesting jobs, they want something 'yesterday'" said Laserna, "but when [civilians] come into my office, they tell me what they need

and allow me to do my job. That is the biggest difference."

Barracks civilians can understand the pressures Marines face because some wore the uniform at one time.

"When I was active-duty in the Air Force I had standards to follow according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice," said Miriam Mickel, an instructional systems specialist at MCI and an Air Force reservist. "As civilians we also have standards to follow coming from the Office of Personnel Management, the federal agency that governs federal workers."

Mickel said her experience as a servicemember prepared her for her current position at MCI.

"I understand when [parade season] is going here, [the Marines] work hard all summer and receive extra time off during the fall and winter months," said Mickel. "It has not changed since I was serving."

Last year, the command searched for a way to commend its civilian employees and discovered the civilians rated an award usually reserved for Marine units.

On July 28, 1998, the command presented the civilians with the Meritorious Unit Citation for their contributions to the barracks from 1993 to 1995 (Pass In Review, Sept. 1998 issue). It was issued in conjunction with the MUC awarded in 1995 to the barracks by Gen. Charles C. Krulak, commandant of the Marine Corps, for accomplishing various ceremonial commitments from 1993 to 1995, including former President



**Steve R. Smith, a civilian woodcrafter, finishes cutting a board in the barracks' Facilities/Maintenance Section. Smith works with civilians and Marines in his section. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)**

Richard M. Nixon's funeral.

The barracks is comprised of many people with various backgrounds and specialties, but when it comes to running a post like Marine Barracks, the civilians have proven they are ready for that.

## Barracks uses unique “sendoff” for officers, SNCOs

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Staff Writer

There are many ways to honor a departing commissioned or staff noncommissioned officer completing a tour of duty, but for Marine officers and SNCOs stationed here, a unique ceremony exists.

Officers and SNCOs leaving “the oldest post” have the chance to say a final farewell to their Marine comrades while listening to several of their favorite musical selections in the ceremony known as the playoff.

A playoff is a brief ceremonial farewell implemented by Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, 24th commandant of the Marine Corps. He started the playoffs while serving as the barracks’ commanding officer from 1956 to 1958, for officers who were either transferring to another duty station, or leaving the Marine Corps.

“The playoff was something he wanted to do to acknowledge the departing members of the mess,” said Col. Truman W. Crawford, former director and commanding officer of the “The Commandant’s Own,” United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps for more than 30 years. “Originally, the playoffs consisted of morning, or evening colors with “Auld Lang Syne” added in 1967 for the departing officers.

The contemporary playoff ceremony includes all Marine officers and SNCOs assigned to the barracks. They gather on the parade deck as the barracks’ commanding officer escorts the departing Marine to Center Walk where they are serenaded by the Drum and Bugle Corps.

“It was originally just a basic B flat march, like ‘Stars and Stripes Forever,’ [but] was later expanded to one, then two musical selections of the Drum and Bugle Corps’ choice,” said Crawford. “It was not until the late 1980s that I would extend an invitation to the departing officers to choose one or two of our regular selections if they desired.”

After the selections are played, the Drum and Bugle Corps plays the “Marines’ Hymn” prior to “Auld Lang Syne” as the official party march down the line of officers and staff noncommissioned officers for one final salute before leading the guests to a post-ceremony farewell.

While the officers have enjoyed the playoff ceremony for more than 40 years, the ceremony for staff noncommissioned officers is no less significant in its second year.

When Sgt. Maj. Dennis S. Frye, barracks sergeant



**Colonel Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer (right), escorts departing Capt. Clinton J. Chlebowski and Mark N. Hosmer, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Felix M. Arnold in their playoff July 9, 1998. (photo by Cpl. Matt Schafer)**

major, arrived two years ago, he expressed disappointment when he saw staff noncommissioned officers leaving without a proper farewell. He and Crawford quickly sat down to create an appropriate adaptation of the officers’ playoff.

“When I came to the barracks I wanted to have something for the SNCOs [leaving] the barracks, but Col. Crawford explained the situation to me,” said Frye. “He said it would be impossible for the Drum and Bugle Corps to hold a playoff for every officer and staff noncommissioned officer at the barracks. Instead, he asked me to come up with a reasonable plan and he would support it.”

Frye and Crawford circumvented the problem of inadequate support by mingling the ceremony with morning colors during Friday morning parade practices during the summer months. The staff noncommissioned and commissioned officers could then gather by the flagpole and give the departing service member a final sendoff.

The sergeant major said he appreciates the response the playoffs receive, and stressed the importance of such an event for a departing SNCO.

“I am proud the barracks staff noncommissioned officers [finally] have a playoff,” said Frye. “The SNCOs and officers talk ‘team’ here constantly. Officers completing a successful tour at the barracks have received a great deal of assistance from a SNCO, and for SNCOs it is the same thing. By having an event like this, it lets [both of them] know they are part of that team.”

# Marine breaks creative mold, pours heart into hobby

by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell  
Staff Writer

It can require hours of long, tedious work to construct the intricate ceramic pieces Gunnery Sgt. Melinda A. Duke, barracks supply chief, makes in her spare time.

Ceramics in the shape of Marines, Indian heads, and even lamps are just a few of the items Duke dedicates hours of her own time to complete.

Roughly four years ago Duke was talking to some of her friends and they suggested she find a hobby to keep her busy in her off-time. Duke was already making very elaborate 17th and 18th century dresses for various dolls to display and sell; however, her friends suggested she do



**Gunnery Sgt. Melinda A. Duke, barracks Supply chief, arranges her pottery which she spends hours of her own time completing. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)**

something else. That is when Duke discovered ceramics.

"I began making ceramics because when I went to the store I could never find exactly what I wanted. Now I can make what I want," said Duke.

She began her current hobby by occasionally buying ceramic molds (hollow forms with the impression of an object on the inside used to shape liquid ceramic clay). She would pour the liquid into the molds and smooth out the seams left by the molds before taking the ceramics to various independent businesses to fire them (firing the ceramics in a kiln hardens the artwork). She finishes the projects by painting the pieces in great detail.

Painting is Duke's favorite part of the entire process. She said even after pouring and firing the pieces, she can never be exactly sure how they are going to come out until the elaborate painting is complete.

Duke's hard work and creativity has caught several Marines' eyes around the barracks in recent months.

"I was walking by Gunnery Sgt. [Rodney A.] Brown's office and I saw [the Marine sculpture] and I asked were he got it. He said Gunnery Sgt. Duke made it, and, of course, I had to have one," said Company Gunnery Sergeant Gunnery Sgt. A. Goodwyn, Headquarters and Service Company.

The word is getting out around the barracks about Duke's ceramics. She already has a stein in the works for the barracks sergeant major and items for various other staff noncommissioned officers around the barracks. In addition, Goodwyn has brought up the idea of possibly giving a ceramic Marine to all SNCOs who are leaving the barracks as well.

Due to the demands upon her work in the last couple of years, Duke said it started to become too costly for her to continue taking all of her ceramics to independent businesses for firing. Therefore, she made a long-term investment two years ago by purchasing her own kiln in order to do her firing.

Duke said she loves working with ceramics and sees no end to her hobby in sight.

"I see myself doing [ceramics] for a long time," said Duke. "I will always love it because there are so many different ways to express yourself, and there is always something new to do."

"[Gunny Duke's] ceramics are excellent quality work," Goodwyn said looking at his ceramic Marine. "You can really tell that she puts her heart into it."

# MICRO Fit takes off at Barracks



**Lance Cpl. Joal R. Norton, recreation Marine with MWR, rides a stationary bike during his half-hour physical assesment. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)**

Marines who use MICRO Fit can assess their body fat, muscular endurance, upper body strength, flexibility and measure their heart rate in about 30 minutes. A computer analyzes the data and creates a file for each participant, allowing individuals the opportunity to monitor their progress indefinitely.

Jamie L. Morris, MWR recreation director, said this program could revolutionize how the Marine Corps monitors the physical readiness of its Marines.

“The Marine Corps can compare the information from base to base and see who is making progress and why,” said Morris. “[MICRO Fit] is going to be utilized as a tool to evaluate Semper Fit [now that it] is up and running. [It] is really only a matter of getting Semper Fit on the training schedule.”

For more information contact Morris at 433-4295 from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Spotlight

**Name:** Sgt. Raymond J. Scott Jr.  
**Unit:** “The Commandant’s Own” United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps  
**Job:** Snare Drummer  
**Joined Marine Corps:** Aug. 25, 1995  
**Hometown:** Virginia Beach, Va.

“I submitted my package for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program when I decided to make the Marine Corps my career.

“I went the officer route because I want to influence the policies I have strictly enforced as an enlisted Marine. Secondly, I want the opportunity to travel and change duty stations.”

“This is a phenomenal opportunity. The Corps gave me the discipline to go back and finish what I started eight years ago [in college], and now it is going to continue paying me active duty wages and cover the cost of my education -- amazing.”



## Key Volunteers, taking care of our own

*Editor's note: This is a letter written by Col. Dennis J. Hejlik regarding the Key Volunteers at Marine Barracks.*

As a Marine, one often hears the phrase, "...Marines take care of their own." This notion extends beyond the individual Marine on our right and left — it includes all of our family members — the Marine Corps family! Our families who accompany our active duty Marines serve our Corps in a manner similar to their husband, wife or parents who don the uniform everyday.

The Corps' era of "...if the Corps wanted you to have a wife (or husband), it would have issued you one..." is a distant memory. The contemporary Marine Corps has a full fifth of its active force married, and as a result, has developed the mindset that Marines cannot be "combat-ready" if their family is not "ready." Our commandant's and our Corps' focus is on family advocacy, and as such, numerous benefits, services and facilities now exist to accomplish our mission of "family readiness."

The key volunteer's network is always poised at the forefront and ready to provide a vast resource of information for families of the "...Oldest Post." The information that is

provided allows our families to be totally aware of the services that are available throughout the Washington, D.C. area.

Last year, under the guidance of Mrs. Gwen Counts, Marine Barracks' key network developed a unified format for recording and reporting an accurate roster of Barracks' personnel and their families. This program is now standardized throughout the post and has resulted in a clear reduction in outdated material. It has further allowed the Barracks to provide important and timely information to all Marines and their family members.

This year Chaplain Kenneth Counts remains the family readiness officer. He is supported by our dual coordinators, Cheryl Hewitt (wife of Cpl. Hewitt, "B" Company) and Nicole Geisenhof (wife of Capt. Geisenhof). All three are diligently working to ensure our key network "works" for you.

One of their principle missions is the improvement of the "welcome aboard" process. At present, the "welcome aboard" package that is mailed to our "new joins" and their families has been revamped — thus making the transition to Washington, D.C. easier and as painless as possible. Moving to the district for duty with Marine Barracks can and should be

an adventure — not a grueling misadventure. Your key volunteer network exists to support this cause (the former) and is always ready to be an instant source of information that you should use.

The key volunteer network is an extremely involved member of this command, existing solely to support you and your family. Please take the time to thank them for what they selflessly do for us on a daily basis.

Mrs. Cheryl Hewett  
Mrs. Sandy Hejlik  
Mrs. Marianne Killackey  
Mrs. Maria Alvarado  
Mrs. Dawn Ellison  
Mrs. Betty Jo Bowers  
Mrs. Nicole Geisenhof  
Mrs. Cindy Hamashin  
Mrs. Teresa Harrison  
Mrs. Sandy Rose  
Mrs. Diane O'Keefe  
Mrs. Cynthia Rugolo  
Mrs. Susan Agazzi  
Mrs. Laura Schneider  
Mrs. Angela Ledford  
Mrs. Nancy Walker  
Mrs. Jessica Drake  
Mrs. Christina Parsons  
Mrs. Pam Lauder  
Mrs. Cathy Hughes



### ***Barracks honors King's legacy***

***Thomas A. Tarrant III, author and pastor, speaks of his ministry before a Marine audience during a service honoring the legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the John Philip Sousa Band Hall Jan 13. During the service Tarrant described his early association with the Ku Klux Klan, his eight-year stay in prison, conversion to Christianity and renouncement of racism and hatred.***

***King's birthday, Jan. 15, was designated as a holiday in 1983 and is celebrated in over 100 nations around the world. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)***

**W**hen you see these Marines, congratulate them on their recent promotions.

### H & S Company

Master Sgt. D.C. Bines  
Sgt. M.D. Johnson  
Cpl. E.S. Berrie  
Cpl. B.M. Freeman  
Cpl. C.J. Pakney  
Lance Cpl. D.L. Bearden  
Lance Cpl. E.E. Henderson  
Lance Cpl. R.M. Miller  
Lance Cpl. C.D. Register  
Lance Cpl. H.C. Rodriguez  
Lance Cpl. K.S. Round

### Security Company

Cpl. C.S. Carroll  
Cpl. T.E. Wilhelmi  
Lance Cpl. A.V. Brown  
Lance Cpl. R. Gomez  
Lance Cpl. J.P. Magee  
Lance Cpl. C.A. Ross

### USNA Company

Sgt. W.L. Lawing  
Lance Cpl. A.R. Wallman  
Lance Cpl. J.M. Wood

### D&B Company

Master Sgt. C. Gaither  
Gunnery Sgt. C.I. Melendez  
Sgt. M.D. Coleman  
Sgt. C.M. Dinan  
Sgt. J.D. McCaughey Jr.  
Sgt. M.F. Moran

### Company "A"

Sgt. O. Ortiz  
Cpl. H.B. Cuadros  
Pfc. W.E. Busch  
Pfc. C.T. Chandler  
Pfc. G.R. Corse Jr.  
Pfc. J.M. Diverde Jr.  
Pfc. J.B. Fedeli  
Pfc. T.J. Fernandez  
Pfc. M.W. Giguere  
Pfc. G.A. Guajardo  
Pfc. J.M. Harrod  
Pfc. C.D. Lee  
Pfc. C.T. Lustig

Pfc. B.C. Manzello  
Pfc. D.A. Merchel  
Pfc. J.D. Moore  
Pfc. S.A. Oconnell  
Pfc. J.L. Payton  
Pfc. M.H. Snowdon  
Pfc. J.C. Rossi  
Pfc. M.A. Russell  
Pfc. M.O. Wilkis  
Pfc. R.S. Wise

### Company "B"

Pfc. H.J. Angulo  
Pfc. M.P. Clington  
Pfc. D.G. Demers Jr.  
Pfc. W.D. Frinkle  
Pfc. G.H. Lancaster  
Pfc. W.P. Phillips  
Pfc. D.M. Rowen  
Pfc. C.L. Tucker Jr.  
Pfc. D.A. Wing  
Pfc. D.J. Wright

**C**ongratulations to the following Marines for the awards they recently received.

### Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Gunnery Sgt. R. Henderson  
Sgt. W.M. Baker  
Cpl. C.S. Kinley  
Lance Cpl. C.E. Freas

**C**ongratulations to the following Marines who re-enlisted recently

Sgt. Maj. D.S. Frye  
Staff Sgt. S. Mcelvine  
Sgt. N.A. Eddy-Bennett  
Sgt. D.H. Ruth (MOS change to the 4066 field.)

**C**ongratulations to the following Marines on their recent completion of resident PME.

### Sergeant's Course 2-99

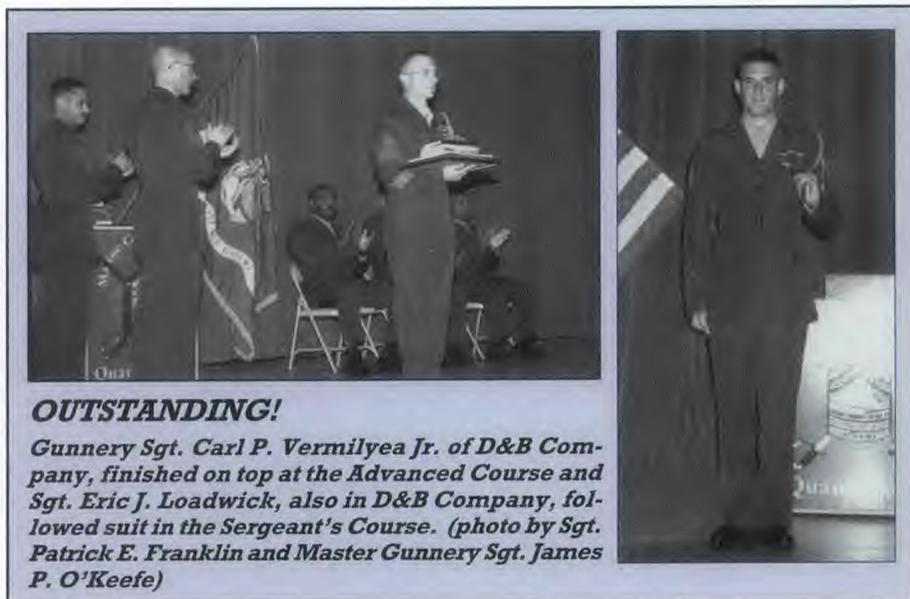
Sgt. J.G. Brown  
Sgt. D.R. Dickerson  
Sgt. C.E. Hall  
Sgt. E.J. Loadwick  
Sgt. A. Taylor  
Sgt. G.J. Walton

### Career Course 1-99

Staff Sgt. J.C. Alvaradocastro  
Staff Sgt. J.J. Cronin  
Staff Sgt. J.P. Drass  
Staff Sgt. J.A. Edmundson  
Staff Sgt. G.F. Mullholland

### Advanced Course 1-99

Gunnery Sgt. O.A. Duff  
Gunnery Sgt. T.E. Merklinger  
Gunnery Sgt. C.P. Vermilyea Jr.  
Staff Sgt S. Arledge



### OUTSTANDING!

*Gunnery Sgt. Carl P. Vermilyea Jr. of D&B Company, finished on top at the Advanced Course and Sgt. Eric J. Loadwick, also in D&B Company, followed suit in the Sergeant's Course. (photo by Sgt. Patrick E. Franklin and Master Gunnery Sgt. James P. O'Keefe)*

# To Love and be Loved

by Chaplain Kenneth D. Counts  
Barracks Chaplain

Coming home from work late again, tired and irritated, a father found his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door. This little guy he loved better than life itself.

"Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?"

"That is none of your business! What makes you ask such a thing?"

"I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy.

"If you must know, I make \$20.00 an hour."

"Oh," the little boy replied, head bowed. "Daddy, may I borrow \$10.00?"

The father was furious and sent the little beggar to bed with the harshest rebuke.

The man sat down and started to get even madder about the little boy's request.

How dare he ask such questions only to get some money.

But after an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think he may have been a little hard on his son. Maybe there was something he really needed. It was not like him to ask for money.

The man went to the door of the little boy's room and reopened the conversation.

"I have been thinking. Maybe I was too hard on you earlier," said the man. "It has been a long day and I took my aggravation out on you. Here's that \$10.00 you asked for."

Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out more crumpled bills. "I did not have enough, but now I do. Daddy, can I buy an hour of your time?"

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always be ready to say you are  
sorry!"***

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Love is a puzzle.

Love is work and aggravation.

Love sometimes does not feel very pleasant.

Love is patient.

Impatience is coming home looking forward to being

left alone to recline on the couch, only to discover that your 5-year-old wants you to spend time and energy on him. You think you are too tired. You have to strain to be patient.

Patience takes more power than bench-pressing your max.

Love is kind.

You could rebuke and criticize your family in unkindness. You could try to punish the boy for what you thought

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loving them!"***

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was impertinence. Instead, you have to bite your tongue and control your words to discover what you misunderstood.

Love does not make you feel ashamed for what you did cruelly to an innocent soul who wished for you to treat them positively. After my unloving behaviors, I am always ashamed of my impatience and unkindness.

Love should enable us to stop acting selfishly.

But, fortunately, love does not hold a grudge. Love is mystifying in that the people I hurt are so ready to forgive and take me back just when I feel the worst about not loving them!

In love, the more you admit you wronged a person, the more they forgive. The more you feel you let somebody down, the more they still love you.

Love means you should always be ready to say you are sorry!

Love means you forgive the person and remain loyal to the one who hurt you.

God is the Master on this subject. God comes to us all like the child in the above story. He loved us before we loved Him. He puts up with mistreatment from us because He has patience and kindness for the unloving. Please think about that, Marine. To love others as God loved us will lead you to true satisfaction in all relationships.

But even more incredible — God loves you!

# “Oldest Post” welcomes Winter



*(photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)*

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