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Contest opens for *Pass in Review* cover

by *Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin*
Editor

Walking around the barracks and talking to Marines in different sections and companies, it becomes quite apparent that some Marines are slightly offended because their section and/or company has not had their picture in the magazine in a while. I am constantly bombarded with Marines asking: "Why don't you put us on the cover?" or "Is my picture going to be in the *Pass in Review* this month?"

Therefore, in an endeavor to meet your expectations, I would like to extend this challenge to you

Beginning Jan. 1, the Public Affairs Office will be accepting letters to the editor pleading your case. The title of your letter should be "Why my section should be on the cover of the *Pass in Review*."

This is your chance to demonstrate to the battalion how outstanding your section is and have your picture on the cover of the magazine. Now you know what is at stake, but there are a few guidelines you will have to adhere to.

1. Submissions must be in letter format. Do not worry about grammar or punctuation, just write it like you would write a letter to your relatives or friends.

2. Submissions can be an individual or joint effort and barracks personnel of any rank may contribute. However, only section and company names will be included on the submissions — no individual names.

3. For submission purposes, the term "section" will refer to individual offices or sections (such as the Fiscal, Guard, or Motor Transport Sections) for companies such as Headquarters and Service Company and the Marine Corps Institute Company. Marines in Security Company and those in Company "A" or "B" may submit for

their individual squads or platoons. Those in the United States Marine Band or United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps may submit for their instrument sections (e.g. drums, baritone bugles, or chamber ensemble).

4. Submissions should not be a critique of other sections. Instead, they should focus only on the section for which the letter is being submitted.

5. Submissions must be typed or neatly written and dropped off at the Public Affairs Office, or they may be e-mailed to Cpl. Michael S. Fitzpatrick at CPL MICHAEL S FITZPATRICK@PAO@MARBKS WASH or fitzpatrickm@hqi.usmc.mil.

6. All submissions must be received by Feb. 1.

Once we reach the deadline, the Public Affairs Office will review each letter and present the top five submissions to the barracks commanding officer and sergeant major, who will make the final decision and select the most deserving and motivating submission. We will then schedule a time to photograph the winning section. We expect to use the photograph and publish the letter (edited for grammar and punctuation) in the March issue of the *Pass in Review*.

This is your chance to build teamwork and inspire your fellow Marines, Sailors and civilians. You may not always receive a lot of time off or large pay raises, but recognizing the hard work your sections

do can really boost morale.

I look forward to reading your submissions, and I hope everyone will take this chance to show pride in the work they and their Marines do each day.



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Two Marines practice rappelling techniques during recent mountaineer training at Camp Dawson Army National Guard Base, W.Va. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

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Barracks offers free assistance filing taxes

*by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin
Editor*

As another tax season approaches, the barracks commanding officer is encouraging barracks personnel to take advantage of free tax preparation and electronic filing.

The barracks will begin assisting all of its active duty Marines, Sailors, and their spouses and children compute and file their taxes in coordination with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program in the last half of January.

"The key word here is free," said Capt. Katherine M. McDonald, barracks legal officer and VITA coordinator. "We want our Marines and Sailors to consider using the VITA Program before they go out and spend their hard-earned money at an outside

tax-preparation agency. We want them to keep the money they've earned in their pockets."

McDonald said the command is setting its sights on having at least 400 barracks service members take advantage of this opportunity, though she said the goal includes barracks personnel who take advantage of the program at other Navy or Marine Corps installations as well.

The program commenced Jan. 1, however, the command here will begin helping its members after several barracks representatives attend classes early this month to become IRS-trained and learn how to prepare the various income tax returns. Other VITA Program specialists will be available to answer any questions and assist in the filing process.

In addition to this service being

free of charge, McDonald said the program has other benefits as well.

"Preparers at outside agencies have no allegiance to our service members and will probably never see them after they prepare the taxes," explained McDonald. "Here, we can take care of our own and look out for our Marines to get them as much money back or pay as little as is legally required.

"In the VITA Program, each office is under the supervision of a legal officer who can advise people on their taxes," she continued. "This is not always the case at other preparers' offices."

The most important thing to remember for this program to work, according to McDonald, is for service members here to have confidence in

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Housing program favors military residents

*by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick
Editor*

Whether a Marine is seeking lower housing rates or relocating because of the barracks' renovations, the Set Aside Housing Program offers assistance.

The Set Aside Housing Program offers military personnel the opportunity to obtain rental housing off-post with reduced rates and/or waived fees if they have direct deposit and at least one year remaining on their enlistment.

There are more than 1,000 Marines, representing all Navy/Marine Corps commands in the area, living under the auspices of the Set Aside Housing Program in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. Some benefits these residents enjoy include: no security deposit, no credit inquiry, no income requirement, and no application fee. A handful of apartments are even discounting the first month's rent for barracks Marines by as much as \$400. The discount is a special agreement between the barracks command and select apartment complexes designed to compensate for the delay in Basic Allowance for Housing pay many bar-

racks Marines face the first month they move out of the barracks, according to 1st Sgt. Roland J. Daniel, Headquarters & Service Company first sergeant.

Patrick M. Green, Military Affairs Coordinator for Southern Management Corporation and the barracks official S.A.H.P. provider, is currently developing an additional benefit for active duty service members.

"In some cases a Marine could move right into an efficiency or a one-bedroom [apartment] with rent, furniture and utilities paid for with their Basic Allowance for Housing," said Green.

The benefits of the program are too good to ignore, according to Sgt. Natee Kietchai, budget technician, barracks Fiscal Section, who experienced the difficulties of apartment hunting at his last duty station.

"The Set Aside Housing Program is so much easier than looking for [an apartment by] yourself," said Kietchai. "They have lists of apartments, which takes most of the 'legwork' out of searching for a place to live. They are very organized, very friendly and very accessible. It is

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Jiu-Jitsu: Barracks Marine sets sights on '99 Pan American/Olympic Games



Corporal C. G. Chapman IV, a student of jiu-jitsu, demonstrates a few martial arts moves on Cpl. William H. Davis, Marine Corps Institute Information Systems Management Office technician. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess
Staff Writer

One Marine here will soon have the opportunity to participate in one of the nation's most celebrated sports gatherings and possibly represent the United States in the 2000 Olympic Games.

Corporal C. G. Chapman IV, a student of jiu-jitsu, a 2000-year-old

martial arts style, will be participating in the jiu-jitsu competition of the 1999 Pan American Games held in Orlando, Fla., later this month.

The sports festival is a preparatory event for the Olympic Games held every four years, according to the games' website.

Chapman, a 21-year-old South Carolinian serving as an illustrator at the Marine Corps Institute, first became interested in jiu-jitsu when he saw a "no-holds-barred" fighting championship on television several years ago.

"I watched the first Ultimate Fighting Championship several years ago and Helio Gracie's son, Royce, easily beat three opponents and became the very first UFC champion," he said. "He went on to win UFC-2 and -4 after that."

Chapman enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1995 and was stationed with the Guard Detachment of the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, Va. There, he acted on his interest in the ancient style of fighting.

"More than two years ago when I settled in Virginia, I found a Brazilian jiu-jitsu school in Rockville, Md., that I liked and decided to start studying," he said. "I had tapes I watched beforehand, but the school was where I really started learning."

Chapman transferred to MCI in March 1997, and in November, after several months of intense training, he competed for the first time in a real

tournament.

"I lost," he said. "My school's tournament was the first one, but I did not do too well. Still, it taught me to accept defeat and train harder," he said.

The extra training he put forth paid off in his very next tournament when Chapman captured second place in his division. He began an ongoing streak of placing no lower than second in area competitions, claiming first-place in his weight class twice. He also won the Most Outstanding Competitor Award at his last tournament, the East Coast Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championship held in Virginia and is the reigning East Coast champion.

In October Chapman and several fellow students traveled to San Paulo, Brazil, to train for the Pan American Games in the land where jiu-jitsu is still very popular and highly regarded.

"I was good, but the students down there studied the sport their whole lives," he said with a laugh. "I was getting tossed all over the place. I needed the training."

Many styles are represented in such a prestigious event as the Pan American Games, but few are as historically significant as jiu-jitsu, the oldest form of martial arts in the world, perfected by Helio Gracie and his brothers more than 70 years ago in Brazil.

Brazilian jiu-jitsu, as it is called today, is a ground-based wrestling style that depends more on pure technique and leverage than strength, speed and physical stature; and employs various arm, knee and foot locks and strangulation techniques.

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Marines, Sailors assault West Virginia

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess
Staff Writer

West Virginia, known for its rugged, mountainous terrain, was the backdrop for barracks Marines and Sailors as they participated in a test of strength, endurance and concentration — mountaineering.

More than 100 Marines and Sailors from nearly every company assigned to the barracks participated in the mountain warfare training package, which emphasized mountain safety, rope management, rappelling techniques, climbing techniques, and stream crossings.

Two staff noncommissioned officers stationed at the Special Operations Training Group, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C., traveled to the "Mountaineering State" to refresh the Marines and Sailors on the skills they learned in basic training, and to instruct them on advanced techniques of rappelling and climbing.

Gunnery Sergeant Phillip L. Hill and Staff Sgt. John W. Hess, the two instructors attached to SOTG, along with



Marines left the relative safety of the rappel tower for the cliffs in West Virginia's countryside. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

several officers and staff noncommissioned officers from the barracks, oversaw the training.

The barracks Marines and Sailors spent the first day refreshing basic safety procedures before rappelling off a 43-foot rappel tower and practicing "tying-off," a method of securing the rope so a rappeller is suspended in the air. Night-rappelling concluded the first day.

For the following three days the Marines received their first taste of scaling up and down mountain faces when they traveled to Cooper's Rock State Forest in Bruceton Mills, W.Va. A majority of the Marines and Sailors said they were climbing for the very first time.

Marines applied the knowledge they received on rock climbing and rappelling, including tying military rappel seats, managing rappel ropes, and tying and securing knots.

The final day utilized all the knowledge Marines received that week during one final event. The three platoons were challenged to secure ropes for their Marines to rappel down the 45-foot-high slope, and construct and secure two one-rope bridges to simulate a stream crossing.

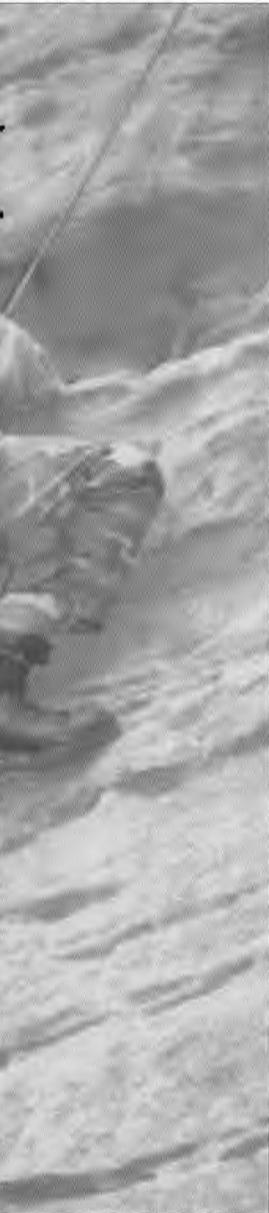
Hess said he was impressed by the way the Marines demonstrated the knowledge they acquired in such a short amount of time.

"The Marines [accomplished] a lot more than I ex-



Captain Kyle B. Ellison, former "B" officer, currently assigned to Headquarters, ascends a hill during one of the mountaineering evolution. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

a's mountains



Company commanding quarters & Service Company four days of the mountain. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

pected," he said. "The company commander made the suggestion to give them more and I ran with it. Some Marines were nervous, but they went through and did what they had to do."

The company commander recognized the fun Marines were having during the evolution, but also stressed the importance of the training.

"The Special Operations Training Group mountain warfare section conducts an assault climber school. Its mission is to train Marines to a level at which they can conduct a cliff assault," said Capt. Kyle B. Ellison, former "B" Company commander. "Each Marine Expeditionary Force (MEU) has a unit within a rifle company capable of accomplishing SOTG missions. This training introduces the Marines to a capability they will encounter again in the Fleet Marine Force."

"Rock climbing is exciting, physically demanding, and most importantly, it is fun, but at the same time it is also extremely dangerous. If Marines are responsible, they will have a great time climbing."

Ellison said he was impressed with not only the amount of training the Marines absorbed, but also their adherence to their primary mission: being Marines.

"The Marines learned in a week what it took me five-and-a-half weeks to learn," he said. "They impressed me with how the corporals and sergeants made it happen. They set the example."

Whether it was for their careers in the FMF or simply for fun, several Marines said they are looking forward to

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Staff Sgt. Antonio W. Ulmer, Marine Corps Institute, teaches Marines how to tie a military rappel seat during the barracks' mountaineering evolution in West Virginia. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)



Barracks Marines and Sailors practice scaling steep cliffs as part of the mountaineering training. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)

Barracks Marines complete leadership training course

by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell
Staff Writer

More than 30 corporals and senior lance corporals recently completed the barracks annual, two-week Corporals' Course in December.

The course addresses all the basic areas a new non-commissioned officer needs to be familiar with to be a sound leader and accomplish the mission. Instructors teach the students everything from how to organize a Physical Training session to how to read a Leave and Earnings Statement.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Teresa L. Hoffman, course organizer, the main focus of the course is to teach the students the importance of teamwork.

Although the class' focus was on unity, individual areas such as drill were graded during practical application exercises and students needed a 70 percent to pass. She said the real test comes when they return to their work sections and must perform and carry themselves like NCOs.

"I think it is great the way we are working together this year," said Cpl. Marlon K. Christie, fiscal section. "It makes everyone pull together as a team."

Sergeant Vinh H. Nguyen, Corporals' Course instructor, said he agrees the students' teamwork is a very motivating thing.

"The best thing about this course, other than the knowledge [students] receive, has to be the camaraderie they share," said Nguyen. "It brings them all together to learn from each other."

The students said highlights of the course included leadership panels with barracks company commanders and company first sergeants, allowing the students to ask questions about the Marine Corps and a

corporal's role in it.

"It was great to be able to openly ask questions to the senior enlisted Marines at the barracks," said Christie of the first sergeants panel. "They have been 'around the block' and can offer a lot of information to the new NCOs."

According to Hoffman, the Corporals' Course is the first step in the students' leadership ladder. This year's course was designed to make the Marines think and solve problems, according to Hoffman. She also said she is very pleased with the results of the class.

"I am hoping to get the critiques back from the students and make any adjustments for the future in order to improve the class," said Hoffman. "Overall, it is a good, solid course."

Another group of corporals and senior lance corporals will begin a second barracks Corporals' Course Jan. 11.



Corporal Jorbin Charles Jr., Marine Corps Institute Company postal clerk, drills a squad of Marines during the recent Corporals' Course in the Reserve Center at Naval Station Anacostia, Washington. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)

Helping hands

Private First Class William J. Holsworth, Marine Corps Institute Company, (left), and Lance Cpl. Mohamad K. Akhtar, Headquarters & Service Company, prepare food boxes for distribution to the community.

Several Marines participated in a food drive at a local activity center to ensure families in need enjoyed a hearty Thanksgiving Day meal.

(photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)



Infantry companies at Corps' "oldest post" receive new leaders in ceremony



Captain Daniel W. Geisenhof (center) returns the guidon to 1st Sgt. Shannon K. Johnson, company first sergeant, after assuming command of Company "B" from Capt. Kyle B. Ellison during a recent ceremony in the John Philip Sousa Band Hall. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)



Captain Matthew G. Broniec relinquishes command of Company "A" to Capt. George S. Benson (right), former platoon commander of the Silent Drill Platoon, during a ceremony held Dec. 14 in the John Philip Sousa Band Hall. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)

Taxes continued

the program. She said Marines of all ranks have used the program, including senior officers.

"Last year's tax assistance program was a great success with 20 Marine Corps tax centers in the United States and Japan electronically filing more than 54,000 federal returns," according to a recent White Letter issued by Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Charles C. Krulak. "This program has proven itself each year to be an outstanding quality of life benefit."

Although the program is especially good for young Marines, such as those who may be filing taxes for the first time without someone being able to claim them as depen-

dents, McDonald said everyone can benefit from the program's simplicity.

"People do not need to be at the 1040EZ level to take advantage of the program," she said. "People may think their taxes are complicated, but most are not, even if they have investments such as mutual funds and stocks."

The barracks is scheduled to begin preparing taxes on post Mondays and Wednesdays by appointment or by "walk-in" later this month. McDonald said she also encourages barracks members to use program facilities at Henderson Hall; Quantico, Va.; and the Washington Navy Yard. For more information, call 433-4073.

Set Aside continued

only a matter of finding [something that] is available and move in."

The special relationship between the barracks and the Southern Management Corporation is mutually beneficial, according to Green, who said the program draws a higher caliber resident to their housing complexes.

"We get uniformed, drug-free personnel in our buildings [who] respect people and property and have a guaranteed timely payment of rent," said Green. "[That is why] we give preference to the military. [In return,] Marines get their own apartment and a place to live and cook their own

food. [So, in a way] we are helping the military in an intangible way."

The search for S.A.H.P. housing starts by contacting Master Sgt. Michael T. Peterson, barracks Administration chief, who is the barracks' point of contact for the Set Aside Housing Program. He has several brochures, points of contact and price listings available for interested Marines.

Once a Marine chooses a suitable S.A.H.P. housing complex, he or she needs to bring a recent Leave and Earnings Statement, military identification card and a letter of eligibility

from the Administration Office when he or she visits the S.A.H.P. complex they have chosen.

"I cannot think of many reasons [not] to use the Set Aside Housing Program," said Kietchai. "It takes a lot of the legwork out of shopping for an apartment, and it saves money. [Otherwise] you lose \$20 every time you [complete] an application and you must have a deposit up-front. You can't beat the program."

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Peterson at 433-4887, or Patrick Green at (703) 902-2000.

Jiu-jitsu continued

Gracie, now 86 years old, is recognized worldwide as the creator of the style, and his sons compete in various competitions around the world, spreading the popularity of the sport.

1999 may prove to be Chapman's most competitive year in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, but for now he continues to study the sport. He said he is looking forward to opening up his own Brazilian jiu-jitsu school in the future.

Company "B" continued

applying that knowledge in the future.

Corporal Marcin Kapka, Logistics Section, Marine Corps Institute Company, enjoyed the rappelling part of the evolution.

"I was not scared at all when I did it," he said. "It is exciting to go down

so quickly. I would go to the [Assault Climber School] if I could get the opportunity."

"My favorite part was building single rope bridges," added Lance Cpl. Paul M. Hansohn, company office, Headquarters and Service Company.

"I enjoyed doing that part of the training."

Correcting copy

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Sergeant Michael J. Bess mistakenly identified Capt. Lewis P. Rhodes, Professional Military Education Department, Marine Corps Institute Company, as 1st Lt. Brian T. Fulks, Operations Department, MCI Company, in the Tun Tavern article on page 19.

Sergeant Michael J. Bess mistakenly identified Sgt. Scott M. Hebert, guide, 1st Platoon, "B" Company, as the 2nd Platoon guide in the FEX article on page 31.

In a story on page six about the new boot issue, Sgt. Michael J. Bess wrote incorrectly that Marines received

an increase in their Clothing Replacement Allowance, and that the increase was taken out once Marines received their boots. The Supply Section here later clarified that Headquarters Marine Corps increased every Marines' CRA and then removed it to cover the cost of the boots, whether Marines rated the boots or not. Marines in certain organizations not rating the boots still received the increase and must understand that the increase was deducted in the same manner, because they do not rate the new gear.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT



A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order; and Article 134, Illegal use of the internet. He received forfeiture of \$519 for two months; and 30 days restriction and Extra Police Duty (EPD), suspended for six months.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 90, Disobeying an Officer. He received a reduction to lance corporal and forfeiture of \$539 for two months.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 86, Unauthorized Absence; Article 92, Disobeying a Direct Order; and Article 134, Drunk and Disorderly. He received a reduction to private, forfeiture of \$428 for two months, and 30 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Disobeying a Direct Order; Article 117, Provoking Speech and Gestures; Article 121, Wrongful Appropriation of Armed Forces identification card (AFID); Article 134, Drunk and Disorderly; and Article 134, False Pretense with AFID card. He received a reduction to lance corporal, forfeiture of \$539 for two months and 30 days EPD and restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 86, Unauthorized Absence; and

Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order. He received a reduction to private first class and a forfeiture of \$519 for two months.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order; and Article 107, Making a False Statement. He received a forfeiture of one week's pay, and 14 days EPD and restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of two counts of Article 86, Unauthorized Absence; and Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order. He received a forfeiture of \$265 and 14 days EPD and restriction.

A Sailor was found guilty of Article 111, Reckless Driving. He received a reduction to seaman, a forfeiture of \$614 for two months, and 30 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order. He received a reduction to private and 30 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order; Article 116, Breach of Peace; and Article 134, Indecent Manner. He received a reduction to private first class, forfeiture of \$428 for two

months, and 30 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order; and Article 86, Unauthorized Absence. He received a reduction to private first class, forfeiture of \$519 for one month, and 30 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of two counts of Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order; Article 86, Unauthorized Absence; and Article 108, Unlawful use of AFID card. He received a reduction to private first class, forfeiture of \$519 for two months, and 30 days restriction.

A Marine was found guilty of Article 92, Disobeying a Lawful Order; Article 86, Unauthorized Absence; and Article 92, Violation of a Written Order. He received a reduction to private first class, a forfeiture of \$519 for two months, and 30 days restriction.

Editor's Note: The information above includes activity from Aug. 15 to Nov. 15. The legal report is scheduled to return to a monthly report.

CMC chooses 27th color sergeant

by Public Affairs Office
Marine Barracks, Washington

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Charles C. Krulak announced the name of the new Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps in an informal ceremony at the Pentagon Dec. 14.

Sergeant James D. Reed from Union City, Tenn., is the 27th Marine to hold the color sergeant title, which was officially recognized in 1965.

Though the post was filled in an unofficial capacity up to that point, official tracking began with former color sergeant, Gunnery Sgt. Shelton L. Eakin, who was promoted to lieutenant meritoriously, and later killed while serving in Vietnam. A memorial trophy dedicated in his honor bears the names of Eakin and all color sergeants to date, and is passed to each new color sergeant.

The United States Marine Corps Color Guard is unique. It includes the National Colors, carried by the color sergeant of the Marine Corps, and is the only official battle color of the United States Marines.

The 49 streamers and silver bands displayed on the Battle Color commemorate the military campaigns in which Marines have participated. They span the entire history of our nation, from the revolution to the present. Decorated with palms, oak leaf clusters and stars, they represent more than 400 hundred awards and campaigns of the United States Marines. It is the privilege of Marine Barracks, Washington, to be entrusted with the custody of this color.

The color sergeant carries the National Ensign during ceremonies, the Presidential Color for all White House State functions and tours, and carries the National Ensign with the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment. He heads the Marine Color Guard Section of Company "A," Marine Barracks, Washington, which performs in parades, cer-

emonies and official functions around the United States and abroad. The Color Guard Section has three teams and often participates in more than 1,000 ceremonies annually, typically two to eight per day.

The search for a new color sergeant began with a message released Marine Corps-wide to solicit nominations. The units responded by sending their choices to the barracks commanding officer and sergeant major. The sergeant major, "A" Company's commanding officer and first sergeant, and the barracks Operations and Training

officer screened the candidates' packages to determine which Marine sergeants were best qualified to travel to Marine Barracks, Washington, for further evaluation.

Once they arrived at the barracks, the four remaining candidates participated in a week-long competition conducted by the current color sergeant and "A" Company's command. During the week the Marines practiced the color guard marching sequence and competed in a final evaluation before the bar-

racks commander and sergeant major.

A special agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigations also reviewed each Marine's record book to determine if he can obtain a White House clearance. The barracks commanding officer also met with each candidate to make his decision as well.

Recommendations based on interviews, record screenings and drill performances were then forwarded to the barracks commander, who gave the final recommendation to the commandant of the Marine Corps.

The color sergeant billet is usually a two-year tour open to sergeants in all Military Occupational Specialties who meet the 6-foot, 4-inch minimum height requirement, can obtain a White House Security Clearance and possess the leadership skills to head the section as its noncommissioned officer-in-charge and platoon commander.



Sergeants Troy E. Lendhardt (second from left) and Darryn H. Lindsey (second from right) congratulate Sgt. James D. Reed after he was named the 27th Color Sergeant by Gen. Charles C. Krulak, commandant of the Marine Corps. (photo by Sgt. William M. Lisbon)

Marine Corps honors Glenn in ceremony

by *Public Affairs Office*
Marine Barracks, Washington

The United States Marine Corps presented Senator John H. Glenn Jr. with the Distinguished Public Service Award during a ceremony at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va., Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Charles C. Krulak presented the award to Glenn during the ceremony, which commemorated the senator's more than 50 years of service to the country.

Glenn was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1943. He subsequently served in combat in the South Pacific during World War II and during the Korean Conflict. Glenn flew 149 combat missions during those two wars and was awarded numerous decorations, including six Distinguished Flying Crosses and the Air Medal with 18 clusters.

Glenn went on to serve as a test pilot on Navy and Marine Corps at-

tack and fighter aircraft and, in 1957, set a transcontinental speed record for the first flight to average supersonic speeds from Los Angeles to New York. In 1959, Glenn was assigned to the NASA Space Task Group at Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., and was selected as one of the nation's first seven astronauts in the U.S. Space Program.

On Feb. 20, 1962, he became the first American to orbit the earth, completing three orbits in a five-hour flight, for which he received the Space Congressional Medal of Honor.

After 23 years of



Senator John H. Glenn Jr. speaks to the media after receiving the Distinguished Public Service Award at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, Dec. 10. The Ohio senator was honored for more than 50 years of service to the Marine Corps, NASA and the United States government. (photo by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)



Senator Glenn speaks with media representatives following the ceremony at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial. (photo by Sgt. Pauline L. Franklin)

active duty, Glenn retired from the Marine Corps at the rank of colonel in 1965. Glenn was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1974 and was subsequently re-elected for four consecutive terms. Glenn will retire from the U.S. Senate at the completion of the 105th Congress.

Marines assigned to Marine Barracks, Washington provided the ceremonial units and support for the event, including "The President's Own" United States Marine Band.

Marines get new, high-tech body armor

by Sgt. Jason J. Bortz
MCB Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO, Va. — Rounds whiz by a Marine's head. With no apparent fear, the Marine continues toward the objective. Without warning, the cold tip of a 7.62 mm round strikes the Marine in the chest hurling him to the cold, damp ground. The following morning, the Marine awakens inside a Multipurpose Health Service Facility with nothing more than a blood-blister on his chest thanks to the new body armor he was wearing.

Individual Combat Clothing and Equipment, Marine Corps Systems Command, was tasked to find new body armor that weighs less but offers a greater ballistic requirement (ability to stop rounds). When the requirement came from Marine Corps Combat Development Command for the body armor, ICCE went to outside industry to look at body armor on the open commercial market.

"Thirty to 40 years ago, the military was the driving edge when it came to hi-tech gear," said Maj. Sherman L. Bierly, projects officer for ICCE.

"Now the (commercial) industry has the edge. We found that there were more than 30 body armor manufacturers," said 1st Lt. Alvin J. Church, projects officer, ICCE.

The one ICCE is currently researching is known as the Interceptor. The Interceptor is made up of two modular components, the Outer Tactical Vest and the Small Arms Protection Insert. Attached to the OTV is a removable throat protector and groin protector. There is a pocket in the front and back for the SAPI plates to be inserted. There is also a flip-down collar and side ventilation to release

some of the heat. Without the SAPI plates, the vest will stop a 124 grain, 9 mm round traveling at 14,000 feet per second, said Church.

The vest will weigh approximately 8.3 pounds without the plates and throat and groin protector. This setup is similar to the current PASGET (Flak Jacket) vest, which despite weighing more, cannot stop a 9 mm round. Once the SAPI plates are inserted, the Interceptor will stop 7.62 mm rounds and weigh 15 pounds. The Interceptor will have the same fragmentation stopping capabilities as the PASGET.

The ability to insert and remove the SAPI plates gives commanders the ability to tailor the vest to fit all Marines. Despite the added weight, "Marines like the idea of having a vest that will stop bullets," said Church. Combat instructors at The Basic School and Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. have tested the Interceptor in the field, for the last year. The Interceptor will undergo a few minor modifications before the actual fielding of the final body armor in fiscal year 1999.

Another type of body armor ICCE has worked on was a lightweight vest that can be worn under a Marine's uniform. ICCE found that in the Deseptor. Weighing 3.1 pounds the Deseptor can stop 9 mm rounds and will be delivered to Military Police, Marine Security Guard and Marine Security Force units within 120 days.

A final piece of body armor ICCE has been researching is a new lightweight helmet. The helmet will have the same design as the current PASGT



First Lt. Alvin J. Church, Logistics Officer, Marine Corps Systems Command, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., displays a Small Arms Protection Insert used with the Interceptor vest. A removable throat protector and groin protector complete the vest. (photo by Dave Ellis)

helmet, but will weigh approximately eight to 15 ounces lighter with the same or greater ballistic capabilities. A new suspension system will also be incorporated into the helmet to make it more comfortable for the Marine.

"The suspension unit used in today's helmet is basically the same as the one used in 1940," said Church.

Again, ICCE looked at the commercial market and found several varieties to choose from. A contract should be awarded for the lightweight helmet this year.

"Body armor and helmets are a top priority with the Commandant of the Marine Corps because they save lives," said Church.

Rare honor: Only phenomenal Marines guard America's president

by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell
Staff Writer

Presidential security is an exceedingly important priority for the United States government. Only the most qualified individuals are considered for the job. Who should guard the president? Who can provide the best security? Who would be the most reliable? These are all questions that may be asked when determining who will compose the Marine Corps' Presidential Support Program.

The journey to find and train Marines for this special duty, referred to as the "Yankee White" program, is arduous, but necessary. There can be no question about integrity or commitment to the Corps or country.

In order to find these individuals, a team of Marines from Marine Barracks, Washington, routinely visits the Schools of Infantry at both Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"I am not going to paint you a big, beautiful picture of presidential support," exclaimed the first sergeant of Security Company (the Marine unit that protects the president at Camp David). "It is a hard duty, but it is a 'once-in-a-lifetime' opportunity and a great chance to serve your country."

Not only do these Marines voluntarily defer primary Military Occupational Specialty billets for at least the first two years of their contract enlistment, they also relinquish many other personal privileges to become proficient in security force operations. It

requires an exceptional Marine to complete this program, according to Security Company's first sergeant. Not just anyone can succeed in presidential support.

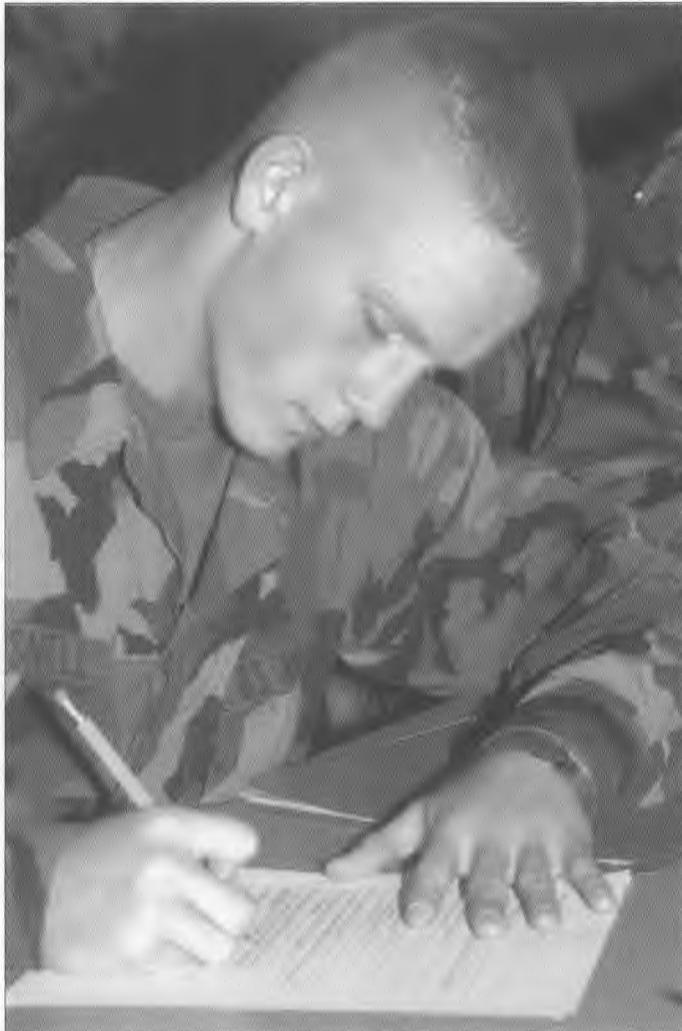
Marine officials at the recruit depots in San Diego, Calif., and Parris Island, S.C., as well as the Schools of Infantry, thoroughly examine the Marines' Service Record Books prior to the screening team's interview to ensure the elimination of those who do not meet basic requirements.

Those applicants initially accepted will partake in another level of screening when the barracks screening team flies out to interview them ... scrutinizing the applicants and searching for any discrepancies that may disqualify them.

Gunnery Sgt. Paul C. Connors, a member of the screening team as well as the barracks (where Marines in the program finish their training) guard chief, begins by asking the applicants various questions covering drug use, alcohol related incidents, and financial problems to eliminate any Marines who passed the initial administrative screening process. Because of the intense screening necessary to arrive at this juncture, few Marines are eliminated during Connors' lecture.

Candidates also participate in a psychological evaluation administered by Lt. Cmdr. Andrew M.

Davidson, program psychologist. This is where the majority of the Marines are dropped. Most applicants are lost



Private James A. Gosnel hoped to acquire experience and knowledge by gaining admittance into the highly selective "Yankee White" program. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)

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because their psychological profiles do not adhere to the requirements of the program due to potential factors such as family or financial problems.

The few Marines who remain return for the last portion of the screening, in which they stand before a board comprised of Camp David's Security Company commanding officer and first sergeant, Davidson, and Connors.

After the most qualified Marines have been selected for the program, they return to their platoons to complete the School of Infantry before going on to Security Forces School in Chesapeake, Va.

The training at Chesapeake is the second step in becoming a member of the Presidential Support Program. The school consists of five intense weeks of security training, focusing principally on the guidelines and application of deadly force and physical security. During the last few days before graduation the Marines participate in a practical application exercise in which course instructors devise scenarios to test Marines' reactions.

"Chesapeake was a very strict place," said Pfc. Charles W. Franklin, a recent Security Forces School

graduate. "Because of the realism of the exercises, it was some great training."

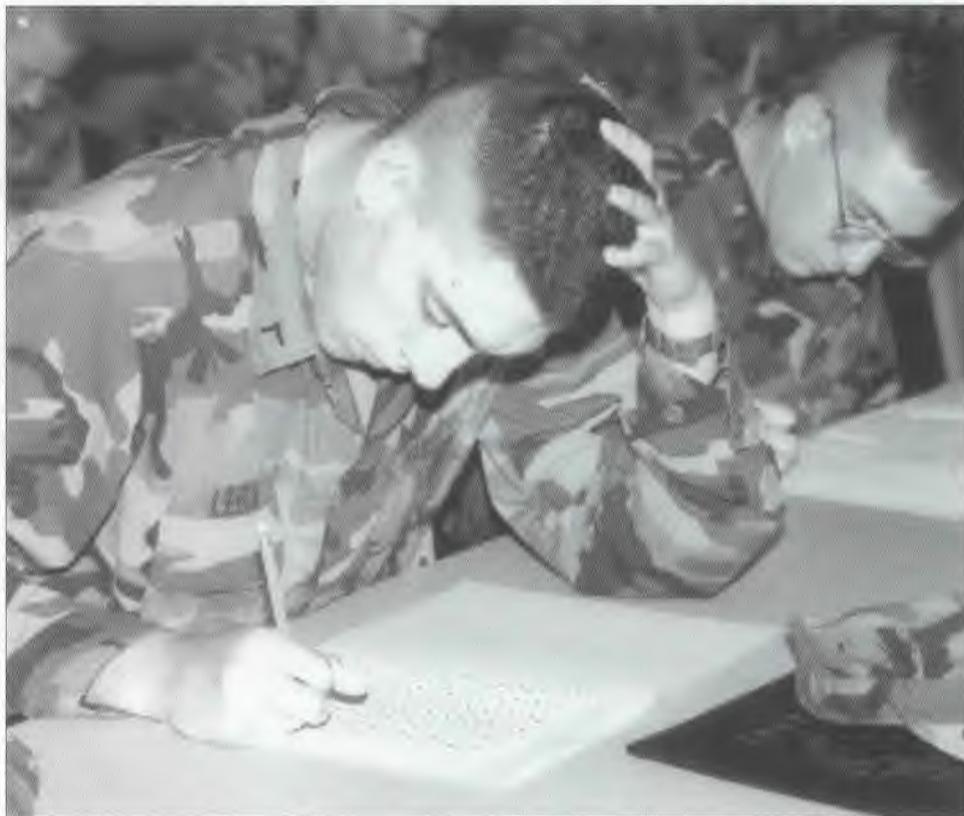
Marines who graduate from Security Forces School advance to the next level of training and screening at Marine Barracks, Washington, where they will spend roughly six to eight months standing guard duty while they await an intense background check.

At the barracks the Marines continue their training. Here the Marines refine their abilities. They stand daily posts with loaded firearms and receive some very useful, hands-on training and real life experience.

During their tour here, Marines in the guard detachment stand post and wait for their clearances in anticipation of the climax of their journey: Camp David or the White House Communications Agency.

All the hard work and dedicated training pay off when the Marines receive their clearances and proceed to either WHCA or Camp David for direct presidential support.

"I would not say it was fun," said Cpl. Jesus E. Castro, a Marine in the barracks guard section who spent 18 months at WHCA providing security around the world. "It



Private first class Jesse H. Leech, Presidential Support Program candidate, fills out a psychological profile administered by Lt. Cmdr. Andrew M. Davidson, program psychologist. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)

is more of an honor to be able to work with the best officers and enlisted [service members] in the armed forces.”

The journey to be one of the few Marines on the presidential support program is long and hard, but not impossible.

“As the senior enlisted Marine at Camp David, [one might assume] that I am the most important person there, but I am not, the Marines in the program are,” Security Company’s first sergeant stated. “They are the unsung heroes.”



Gunnery Sgt. Paul C. Connors, (left) barracks guard chief, and a panel of senior Marines interview a potential candidate for the Presidential Support Program during a recent screening trip at Camp Pendleton, Calif. (photo by Lance Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)

Spotlight

Name: Cpl. Lacey L. Reid

Unit: “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band

Job: Personnel Chief, Marine Band
President, Single Marines Program

Joined Marine Corps: July 21, 1993

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

“The Single Marines Program is trying to implement a year-round program to collect food and clothing to give to the needy, instead of setting up solely during holidays. We are also looking to establish a Marine outreach program to help students in the Washington area with things like tutoring them in their schoolwork, being a mentor, and basically being a friend.”



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

H&S Company

Staff Sgt. J.C. Gray
Sgt. M.S. Beckham
Cpl. R.O. Deane
Lance Cpl. A.V. Brown
Lance Cpl. C.R. Eastman
Lance Cpl. J.A. Fisketjon
Lance Cpl. J.S. Hurley
Lance Cpl. T.M. Johnson Jr.
Lance Cpl. B.L. Kirk
Lance Cpl. J.V. Lippert
Lance Cpl. C.M. Short
Lance Cpl. S.D. Spears
Lance Cpl. J.L. Wright

Security Company

Sgt. S.M. Dougherty
Cpl. J.A. Flanary
Cpl. R.D. Polion
Cpl. E.M. Yurgartis
Lance Cpl. M.E. Ramirez
Lance Cpl. A.M. Taylor

MCI Company

Master Sgt. A.G. Jones
Master Sgt. D.T. Schedler Jr.
Cpl. M.J. Saiz
Lance Cpl. L.A. Perez
Pfc. E.A. Cunningham

USNA Company

Cpl. J.M. Linker

D&B Company

Master Sgt. R.E. Rose Jr.
Gunnery Sgt. W.D. Bullock
Lance Cpl. M.S. Beames

Company "A"

Staff Sgt. J.R. Parker Jr.
Sgt. L.T. Diede
Cpl. J.W. Anderson
Pfc. R.W. Almond
Pfc. K.L. Pettus
Pfc. C.J. Scott
Pfc. D.F. Alfred

Pfc. S.B. Bondurant
Pfc. J.L. Bridges
Pfc. J.M. Cretien
Pfc. A.C. Farmer
Pfc. C.H. Gabel
Pfc. B.A. Halouska
Pfc. M.S. Hope
Pfc. J.B. Jones
Pfc. J.J. Keelen
Pfc. D.R. Lefler
Pfc. A.T. Lumpkins
Pfc. B.A. Luschinski
Pfc. J.O. McDonald
Pfc. J.L. Moore
Pfc. J.R. Stankiewicz
Pfc. D.R. Zubowski

Company "B"

Sgt. W.L. Smith
Cpl. A.B. Calvello
Cpl. K.A. Harrel
Cpl. L.J. Maple
Pfc. R.J. Gonzalezramos
Pfc. E.J. Pentek
Pfc. D.E. Edwards
Pfc. R.W. Patton

Pfc. N.P. Wehunt

United States Marine Band

Cpl. S.F. Davis

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

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Sgt. M.A. Collado
Sgt. E.J. Loadwick
Cpl. W.H. Butler Jr.
Cpl. G.A. Lowman

Congratulations to first-term Marine Cpl. D.E. Oliver, who re-enlisted recently for duty station preference.

Congratulations to Lance Cpl. and Mrs. Luke K. Skarin on the birth of their 10-pound baby boy, Joshua, Dec. 1.



OUTSTANDING!

Sergeant Jeff S. Decker, barracks audio technician, Operations and Training Section, Headquarters and Service Company, was selected to attend Officer Candidate School through the Meritorious Commissioning Program.

Barracks Marines recently chosen through various programs were:

*Sgt. Timothy W. Engelhardt (ECP) Cpl. Patrick McMahan (MCP)
Cpl. Brannon H. Turner (NROTC) Lance Cpl. Jay A. Lappe (ECP)*

God has patience for ungrateful children

by Lt. Kenneth D. Counts
Barracks Chaplain

One night aboard ship, my Religious Program Specialist knocked on the hatch of my stateroom. He wanted me to speak with a lance corporal from our battalion. It was late and the RP went back to the berthing area and encouraged the Marine to come talk.

Time on float had, for some reason, given the young man opportunity to recognize that something was missing in his life. He told me that he had turned his back on the faith his parents had demonstrated to him at home. So we talked about how to know God and whether, after a time of neglecting God, a person can come back to God — of course you can.

Perhaps you noticed a similar pattern among Marines who went to the chapel while they were recruits at one of the Marine Corps Recruit Depots and really liked it, but after their graduation from boot camp they quit attending churches or chapels.

“Faith and consideration for God, who has claims on our lives, can be utterly absent from one’s mind.”

There could be many reasons for that chain of events. Some recruits are pretenders with God and prefer the chapel to buffing decks. But I want to speak to the brightest and best experiences of those who enjoyed chapel worship in boot camp because they found that the chapel satisfied something deep in their souls. Why did they quit?

Our times are secularized. This means that faith and religious or spiritual perspectives have fallen into unpopularity and neglect. Faith and consideration for God, who has claims on our lives, can be utterly absent from one’s mind.

Imagine growing up in a home in which you never saw your parents. Or imagine living in a marriage in which you never saw your mate. Imagine how you would feel if each morning a delicious breakfast awaited you in the kitchen, but no person could be found throughout the house. Imagine picking up a lunch off the counter and walking out to work, but you had seen no one make that lunch. Imagine

returning after your day at work or at school to find the dirty dishes from breakfast cleaned and returned to the cabinets, but no one was visible. Imagine finding your bed made and your dirty clothes washed, pressed, and hung in closets or placed neatly in bureau drawers, but no one could be found to thank. Imagine returning to the kitchen to find your supper ready for you. Would you feel lonely yet?

“He constantly works the countless details of our days and nights for our best interest. He fully participates in our every activity. But who among us recognizes His presence and welcomes His kindness?”

The silence of God amazes this writer. So many people blindly snatch their brown bags off the counter and never notice someone had to have made that meal for them. So many live in luxurious accommodations, but think not who might actually inhabit those dwellings devoting unflinching attention to their basic needs.

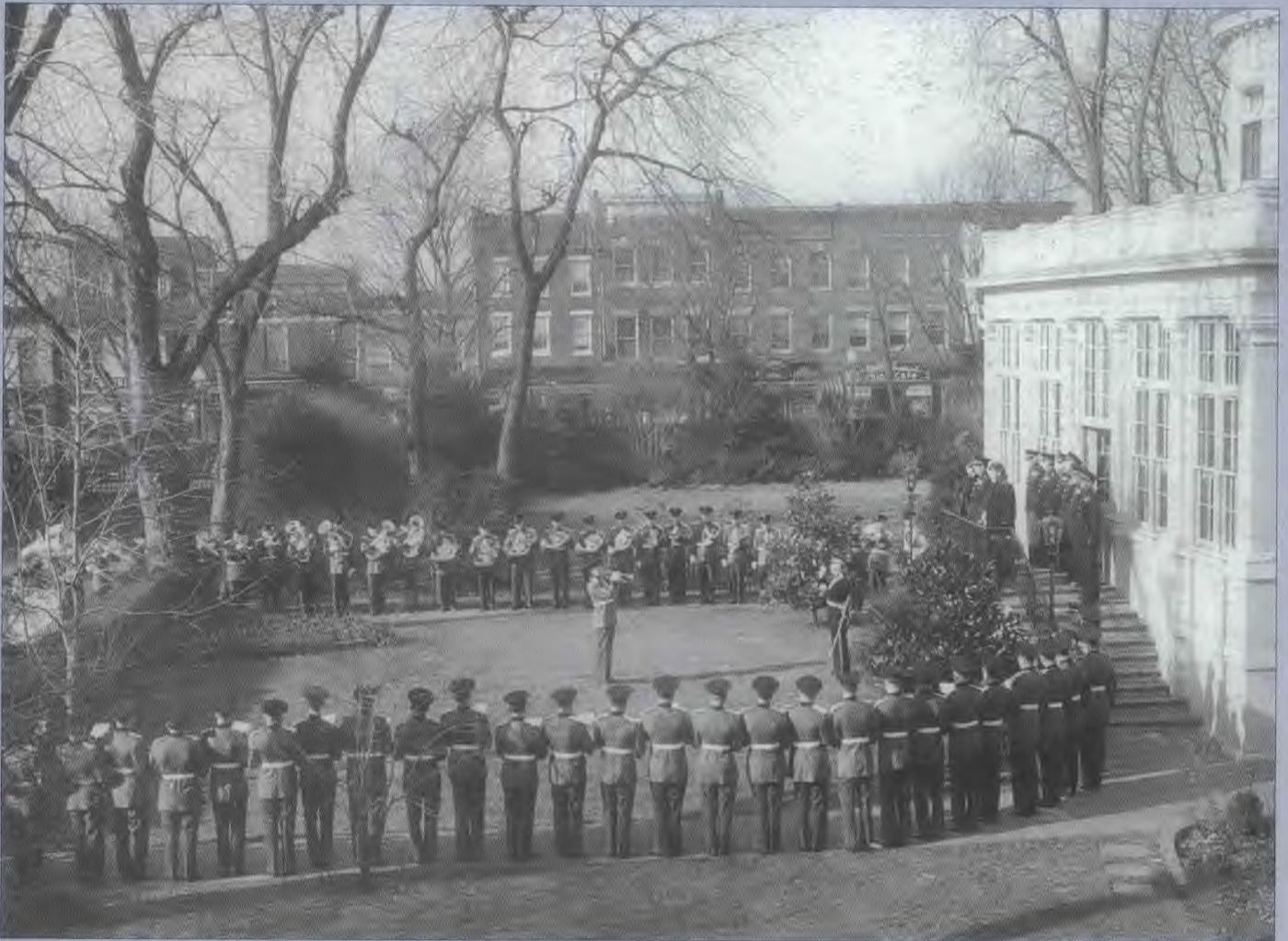
When you become a parent of your own children, those children can take and take from you and act so ungratefully. After they grow and move out they can come back and express how they missed your help and came to miss the things you did for the family. We value what is vanishing. We appreciate what we had after we lose it.

So it was with the Marine on float, and so it is with God. He is immediately accessible every moment of every day. He constantly works the countless details of our days and nights for our best interest. He fully participates in our every activity. But who among us recognizes His presence and welcomes His kindness?

Perhaps you have greedily enjoyed His provisions but have not yet come to feel the need for His personal fellowship. I hope you will eventually grow lonely and curious to meet this Great Benefactor.

I fully expect you will be delighted when you discover Who you missed and will wish you had recognized Him sooner.

United States Marine Band 1951



“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band serenades then Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Clifton B. Cates and members of his family and staff on New Year’s Day, 1951. The tradition originated when Capt. Taylor Branson directed the Marine Band behind the commandant’s home New Year’s Day in 1804.
(USMC photo)

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