



## *Motor Transport*

### Cover Contest Winners

## *Barracks' "Driving Force"*

# Motor T: Operational tempo puts motor pool first for cover contest

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick  
Editor

Beginning Jan. 1, the Public Affairs Office began accepting letters entitled "Why my section should be on the cover of the *Pass in Review*."

This was every section's chance to demonstrate how outstanding their sections are and to finally have their picture on the cover of the magazine.

The submissions were in letter format and could have been an individual or joint effort by barracks personnel of any rank. Each letter was identified by unit and section rather than individual names to avoid any perceived prejudice.

Motor Transport swept the com-

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petition despite several convincing submissions and earned a group photograph for the cover of the *Pass In Review*.

The winning entry read as follows:

To Whom it May Concern,

Body Bearers, marchers, firing squads, color guards, White House,

Pentagon, Iwo Jima, rifle range, field exercises, and training ... what do all these people, places and events have in common? You guessed it, Motor Transport!

I am a Marine who is part of the hard-charging and motivated Motor Transport section. I arrived at Marine Barracks in February 1998. I thought I would be driving for officers and generals! I quickly found out that was not the case. I would like to take this time to tell you what Motor-T does from my perspective.

Throughout the year, we are constantly on the move. There are very few days at Marine Barracks when there is not an event, a delivery, pickup, or something where Motor-T is needed and used. Every day, there are so many moving parts! Whether it is a shot to Anacostia or Quantico, from Maryland to Virginia, it never slows down. The vehicle operators are very knowledgeable when navigating our vehicles in the Metropolitan area. Going to the White House and hearing on the radio that someone just wrecked and closed 395 South at Main Ave. — we have to be able to react quickly, change course, and get our Marines to their destination on time.

Parade season is one of our busiest times of the year. During the season, we are busy shuttling Marines to and from the Iwo Jima [War Memorial] for practices and the actual parades. During the "Evening" and "Sunset" parades, we run the parking and shuttle boarding areas. We are the first barracks Marines most people see at the parades.

Our schedule is not from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. like many think. Waking up at 3:00 a.m. to be at the Motor Pool

by 4:00 a.m., preparing our uniforms and vehicles, and arriving at the pickup points by 5:00 a.m. takes its toll. We

***"As stressful as it gets, we do what is in our nature, 'adapt and overcome!'"***

have to be alert and focused at all times in order to avoid accidents and keep the Marines we transport safe. When we do not have morning runs, we are at physical training which occurs every day of the week, sometimes twice a day. We are the first ones up and the last ones to hit the rack. As stressful as it gets, we do what is in our nature, "adapt and overcome!"

I do not want to leave out our mechanics — they are the backbone of Motor-T. If they cannot fix it, that means another driver has to hurry up and finish a shot to take another one. It means juggling vehicles and operators. Our mechanics are the best. The vehicles are rarely in the shop for more than a couple of days. I have seen them working until 11:00 p.m. on a vehicle that we could have gotten by without, but stayed behind to fix it to make the next day easier on us.

The reason I entered this contest is because I feel that there is little appreciation for what we do. Hopefully, this letter is published and raises awareness on what we really do every day. But we know who we are and why we are here. At Motor-T we have a motto, "The Proud and the Few Need a Ride Too!"

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**The Motor Transport Section of Marine Barracks: Winners of the *Pass in Review's* cover contest. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)**

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The Facilities/Maintenance Section and Information Systems Management Office team up to protect the barracks from the Y2K bug.

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# Marine Corps receives 27th Color Sergeant

by *Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell*  
Staff Writer

The Marine Corps inducted a new color sergeant during a Post and Relief Ceremony in the John Philip Sousa Band Hall Jan. 21.

The ceremony marked the passing of the United States Marine Corps Battle Standard to the 27th Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. James D. Reed from Sgt. Heath F. Huhlmann.

Reed previously served with Marine Security Guard detachments in Moscow, and Santiago, Chile, as well as serving with the 2nd Reconnaissance Company, Camp Lejeune, N.C., before being assigned to the barracks.

Reed said he knows he holds an awesome responsibility (color sergeants routinely participate in more than 2,000 ceremonies per year) and that he will continue leading the Color Guard in the right direction.

"Sergeant Kuhlmann has done an outstanding job here and he is a great leader of Marines," said Reed. "His door is always open, he is friendly to everyone, and above all he is a great asset to the Marine Corps and will make a great [staff noncommissioned officer]."

Reed said he is looking forward to the numerous ceremonies because of the opportunities to talk to people and share his experiences in the Marine Corps.

"The Marine Corps has opened so many doors for me and given me nothing but good things," said Reed. "I am looking at this as an opportunity to give something back to the Corps by sharing my leadership skills with the younger Marines."

Reed said he wants his Marines to know they can come to him with their problems and concerns and he will find the right answer for them, even if he has to go searching for it.

As much as Kuhlmann might miss being the Color Sergeant, he said he was glad such an outstanding Marine is taking responsibility of the Colors, and added the Color Guard will only become better with Reed at the helm.

If there was one bit of advice Kuhlmann said he could offer the new color sergeant, it would be to remember the Marines who are doing a great job, but not always in the spotlight. Above all, he must conduct himself as a sergeant of Marines.

"I have been all around the world and done many things in the Marine Corps, but nothing compares to the responsibility and honor of being the Color Sergeant," said



**Sergeant James D. Reed became the 27th Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps when he accepted the National Flag from Col. Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer, during a Post and Relief Ceremony Jan. 21. (photo by Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)**

Kuhlmann. "It was a great honor and very humbling. I am very happy I had the opportunity and honor to be here, but like everywhere else I have been, I am also excited to move on and continue my career in the Corps."

At the Post and Relief ceremony, Kuhlmann received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and ended the ceremony with a quote from Abraham Lincoln.

"I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing it to the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me will not amount to anything. If the end brings me out all wrong, 10 angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

# Y2K: Year 2000 Team updates computer data against anticipated technological failures

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Media Chief

In 10 months the world will celebrate the advent of the year 2000, and the new millennium could be closely followed by world-wide confusion with the Y2K computer bug looming on the horizon.

The Facilities/Maintenance section and the Information Systems Management Office at the Marine Corps Institute have been working for several months to minimize the effects of the Y2K bug by checking all the electronic equipment the barracks uses. Everything from computers, elevators and fax machines were inspected.

The Y2K problem can affect all computer systems which use dates, including both hardware and software, and can also affect embedded systems found in equipment such as security and process controls, bringing unpredictable results. Potential problems like power outages and computer failure in airplanes and automated teller machines may occur throughout the world.

"The Facilities/Maintenance section contracted a group [Year 2000 Solutions Team, China Lakes, Calif.] to come in and inspect the barracks' infrastructure," said Richard Ocheltree, barracks planner/estimator. "They inspected and found equipment with embedded chips. Chips that are not Y2K compliant have a two-digit setting, and they may fail in the year 2000. The equipment may not operate."

Ocheltree said of the 172 embedded systems used at the barracks and the Marine Corps Institute, six were found to be noncompliant, and three were identified as unknown, meaning the company was not contacted or has gone out of business, and must be treated as noncompliant.

The group spent one week last summer conducting the inspections throughout the barracks. Once the noncompliant items were identified, a report was sent to the barracks with recommendations for corrections.

"We developed a contingency plan which called for the replacement or repair of the items," said Ocheltree.

Ocheltree added that of the nine noncompliant items several were replaced or repaired, and the rest will be corrected in the near future.

The ISMO is checking all network components and computers belonging to the barracks ensuring the hardware and software installed are using four digits instead of two digits and will not fail when the year 2000 arrives.

"The Y2K problem can affect any personal computer or network component that is not compliant," said Capt. Steven R. Bowers, Information Systems Manager.

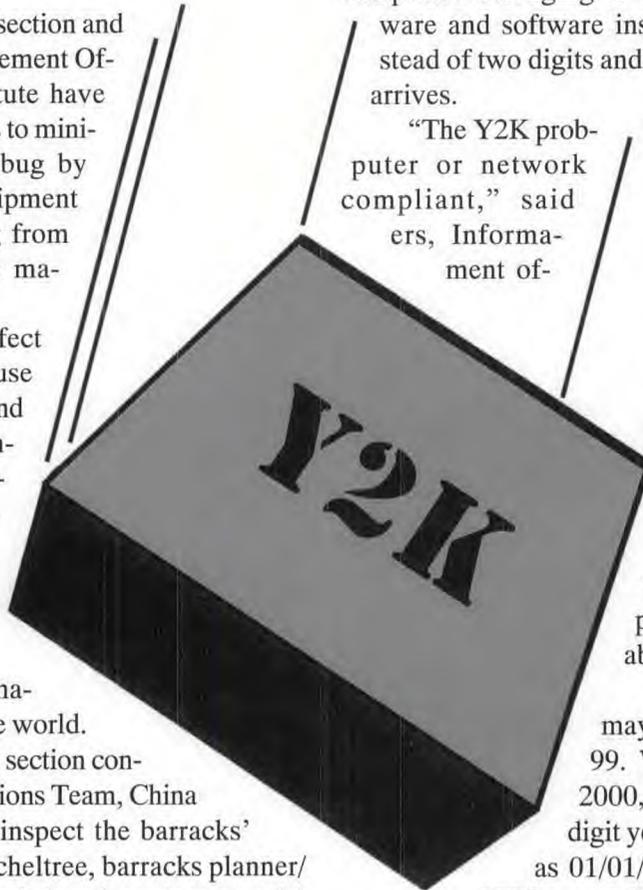
lem can affect any personal component that is not Capt. Steven R. Bowers, Information Systems Manager. "A great deal of business done at the barracks is conducted via electronic mail. All of our key documents such as orders, directives, campaign plans, and operations orders are also filed electronically. It is very important to do [our] very best to safeguard our computing assets from being vulnerable to Y2K."

"A non-compliant computer may write January 1, 1999 as 01/01/99. When the year 1999 rolls over to 2000, many systems [using] the two-digit year field will express the first day as 01/01/00 and assume the zeros mean 1900 — reading '00 as coming before '99 in numerical sequence," said Bowers, who added the same problems will occur in spreadsheets and databases.

The ISMO also began combating the Y2K problem last summer after briefing the command of the situation and the effects it may have on the barracks.

A full inventory of all computing assets within the barracks has been taken, and inspections of the items were made, according to Bowers.

"A Y2K team was formed by the ISMO and augmented by Marines from various sections of the barracks,"



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# Marine Barracks holds Parade Staff tryouts



**Colonel Dennis J. Hejlik, Marine Barracks commanding officer, and Sergeant Major Dennis S. Frye, Marine Barracks sergeant major, evaluated the Marine officers and staff noncommissioned officers during the three-day parade staff tryouts. (photo by Gunnery Sgt. Shannon Arledge)**

**by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Media Chief**

“The Oldest Post of the Corps” is once again preparing for the upcoming parade season with the recent selection of the marching parade staffs for the “Sunset”, “Evening” and Staff Noncommissioned Officer Parades.

Every Marine commissioned and staff noncommissioned officer, from the highest-ranking major to the newly-promoted staff sergeant, participated in the three-day evaluation where Marines performed the parade commander and adjutant sequences used during the “Evening Parades”.

During a ceremony Feb. 5, Col. Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer announced the results of the tryouts, commended the parade staff participants for their efforts and stated the reason why such a mass turnout for the staff tryouts was necessary.

“I was pleased, for the most part, with the efforts I saw from the officers and SNCOs out there,” said Hejlik. “Overall, it was a really super effort, and I think it was better than last year.”

“Like last year [we] had everyone try out,” said Hejlik. “The reason [we] do that is [we need] to have unity. It lets people know what everyone goes through when you end up on the parade staff. That is why Marines attend Ceremonial Drill School and Silent Drill School, because we are a barracks. We are not the Marine Corps Institute...we are not Camp David...we are not the Naval Academy...we are a barracks!”

Hejlik and a group of evaluators analyzed each participant competing for parade staff slots before selecting Marines for their positions.

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**Gunnery Sgt. Angelo Goodwyn, Company Gunnery Sgt., performs the “Eyes, Right” sequence for the parade staff tryouts. (photo by)**

# outs, fills billets for '99 parade season



*...nery sergeant, Headquarters and  
...ht" portion of the adjutant's se-  
...Gunnery Sgt. Shannon Arledge)*



*Staff Sgt. John C. Hornick, Information Systems Management Office, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, practices the "Return Sword" portion of the barracks' ceremonial sword drill. (photos by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)*



# Battle Color Detachment prep

by *Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell*  
Staff Writer

## MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, ARIZ.

— The Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment flew to MCAS Yuma last month in preparation for the West Coast Installation Tour.

When the BCD arrived in Yuma Feb. 1, the Marines left behind all of the distractions of Marine Barracks and focused on training themselves mentally and physically for the upcoming West Coast Tour.

"We are one of the most highly profiled units in the Marine Corps," said Staff Sgt. Bret A. Lansdell, buglist, Drum and Bugle Corps Company. "People see us perform and they remember the polished look of the BCD and that is how they picture the entire Marine Corps."

The Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Platoon wasted no training time once they arrived in Yuma. Immediately after the Marines unpacked and situated their rooms they hit the grinder.

"We need to set the precedent for the training so the Marines know what to expect while we are at Yuma," said Staff Sgt. Thomas M. Herman Jr., platoon sergeant, Silent Drill Platoon, "A" Company.

The Drum and Bugle Corps began the West Coast Tour teaching their newer and older Marines the new routine they will be performing this year.

"Each year we always put a new routine on the [parade] deck," said Lansdell. "We have to put something together that is entertaining and also stays within the realm of Marine Corps drill."

According to Lansdell, Yuma is a great place for the more experienced members of the Corps to mold and teach the junior members.

"[Yuma] is the point every year when [the D&B] welcomes many new members," said Lansdell. "The camaraderie of the old teaching the new is very important."

The Silent Drill Platoon is also welcoming many new members into its ranks. The need for "the old teaching the new" is also imperative for the Silent Drill Platoon, which is selecting 20 new Marines this year.

"The [SDS] instructors really want the Drill Team to be perfect this year," said Cpl. Roupen Bastajian, drill master, Silent Drill Platoon, "A" Company. "This year the professionalism of the instructors is the best I have seen in the last three years. This West Coast Tour could be better than any other."

The SDS learns all of the individual movements of the performance at Ceremonial Drill School in Washington, D.C., but Bastajian said they actually begin putting the puzzle together once they arrive at Yuma.

Along with completing the drill sequences, the Marines also learn to come together as a unit. The SDS Marines are with their instructors from the time they wake up to the time they go to sleep, and get their first taste of what life is like in the Silent Drill Platoon.

Despite the sweet smelling eucalyptus trees and sunny California skies, Yuma was far from a vacation for the Battle Color Detachment. Reveille sounded at 6:00 a.m. for SDP. They drilled at least 10 hours a day, seven days a week, as well as conducted physical training every day. This demanding schedule continued until Challenge Day when they found out who was on the Marching 24, and who the supernumeraries are.

The Marching 24 and the two inspection teams are as follows:



(left to right) *Sergeant David E. Warner, Cpls. Michael E. Wood and Ryan J. Eide, and Sgt. Corey M. Dinan, Drum and Bugle Corps, practice their musical selections.* (photo by *Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell*)

# ares West Coast performance

Capt. Jon M. Lauder, platoon commander  
 Staff Sgt. Thomas M. Herman Jr., platoon sergeant  
 Sgt. Orlando Ortiz  
 Lance Cpl. Eric L. Bradley  
 Lance Cpl. Tom N. Dawson III  
 Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Hill  
 Lance Cpl. Jose L. Marquez  
 Lance Cpl. James V. Rooney  
 Lance Cpl. Robert M. Roe  
 Lance Cpl. Bruce A. Baxter Jr.  
 Lance Cpl. Bryce E. Collins  
 Lance Cpl. Bobby E. Jones  
 Lance Cpl. William Torres Jr.  
 Private First Class Moses K. Allen  
 Private First Class David K. Binkley Jr.  
 Private First Class Allison G. Comstock  
 Private First Class Danny P. Dupre  
 Private First Class Andrew C. Farmer  
 Private First Class Jon J. High  
 Private First Class Richard T. Jordan  
 Private Matthew L. Meeks

#### Inspection Team One:

Cpl. Joe A. Almendarez Jr., Rifle Inspector  
 Cpl. Mark R. Redding  
 Lance Cpl. Christopher M. Karas  
 Lance Cpl. James M. King

#### Inspection Team Two:

Cpl. Roupén Bastajian, Rifle Inspector  
 Cpl. Ryan L. Blaine  
 Cpl. Herman B. Cuadros  
 Cpl. Jerry A. Heim Jr.

“Being on the Marching 24 means that you are the best of the best,” said Pfc. David K. Binkley Jr., first year marcher, “A” Company. “It will be awesome to represent the Marine Corps everywhere [the Silent Drill Platoon goes].”

Once the starting team was picked, the Battle Color Detachment was ready to begin practicing collectively in preparation for the next 14 ceremonies awaiting them in Arizona, Texas, and numerous sites in California.

While the rest of the BCD perfected its routines, the Marine Corps Color Guard became comfortable with the new Color Sergeant, Sgt. James D. Reed. The Color



***Gunnery Sgt. Stevenson L. Samuels III, tenor drum player, Drum and Bugle Corps, practices with the drum line in preparation for the first Battle Color Ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz. (photo by Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell)***

Guard is the smallest section on the West Coast Tour, but it is perhaps the most recognized component of the BCD, according to Reed.

“The Marine Corps Color Guard is nothing less than an honor to be a part of,” said Reed. “Currently, there are 20 Marines in the Color Guard. Of these Marines, the top two are [selected] as riflemen for the Parade Four, which is the Marine Corps’ Official Color Guard. Although the Color Guard has the smallest part in the ceremony, I believe it is the most important because we carry the Marine Corps Colors, streamers and the National Flag.”

By Feb. 23, everyone in the BCD, from the youngest member of the Silent Drill Platoon, to the most experienced member of the Drum and Bugle Corps, was ready to attack the parade deck in Yuma where they performed with the same unparalleled dedication and professionalism they exhibit at a small Marine post in Washington, D.C.

# Barracks undergoes renovations

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Media Chief

A \$7.9 million project to renovate the interior of the BEQ from the barracks rooms to the upper and lower parking levels has been ongoing for several months.

"The original [contract] was awarded in August 1998 and work started in December. The completion date [is scheduled for] October 2000," said Devaughan Moore, facilities manager.

Moore said the project was designed to progress on the renovation while keeping the BEQ operational for the Marines.

"The reason the project is taking two years is because [we] do not want to inconvenience the Marines here," said Moore. "A contractor would like to go through and do the entire barracks at one time ... displacing and inconveniencing Marines as [little] as possible was our main priority."

The work currently occurring in the barracks' parking garage is an example of reducing the burden on barracks Marines. Used for parking for BEQ Marines and general officers, it also doubles as a rehearsal area for the marching companies in the winter months and during inclement weather.

When work began on the parking garage in November 1998, half of both the upper and lower parking levels were closed to begin laying a special membrane material on the UPL's floor to prevent water from leaking to the LPL, according to Moore.

Marines assigned parking spots in the construction area moved their vehicles to either other locations in the previously unaffected areas of the garage or parking lots at the Washington Navy Yard, Naval Station Anacostia or Henderson Hall, where barracks Marines are temporarily housed.

The contractors are now moving to the unaffected areas of the parking garage, and the task of working on renovations there, assigning new parking spaces and keeping it available for use is becoming increasingly difficult,

according to Maj. Francis R. Quigley, barracks logistics officer.

"[The work] had already been delayed for more than a week, due to the almost impossible task at hand: fix the garage and keep at least one-half of it open. [We] worked almost daily with the contractors and went through more than 20 different courses of action until a suitable one was found," said Quigley.

Housing Marines in the BEQ while construction is commencing would be impossible, so Moore said he began looking for convenient, temporary lodging.

"The plan for moving the Marines was looked at a year before the actual project took place," said Moore. "[We] finally decided on acquiring adequate living spaces at Anacostia and Henderson Hall."

Moore said when the Marines move back into the BEQ, they should find it improved in almost every aspect.

"In the rooms there will be new drapes for the windows, new furniture, and new floor tile in the living area,"

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**Willie Moore Jr., Joshua Company welder, carefully combines a group of boiler room pipes spanning the length of the upper parking level's ceiling. (photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew E. Habib)**

**Y2K continued**

said Bowers. "The team checked all assets in the barracks' inventory for compliance by manually checking the machine, or by using self-checking software."

The results of the inspection showed the computers either compliant or could be made compliant simply by updating the system's basic input-output system, which was done on the spot. Older model noncompliant computers will be replaced this month, according to Bowers.

"No matter how hard we try to ensure every piece of

hardware/software is checked, there is always a chance we might miss something, considering the numerous and various systems [the barracks] has in its inventory," said Bowers. "However, I think any effects will be very minimal. [There] might be a few machines here and there with clocks that will not successfully roll over to the year 2000. Expect minimal problems, but the barracks as a whole will get through this just fine."

**Tryouts continued**

"I sat down with [Sgt. Maj. Frye], [Lt. Col. Samuel E. Ferguson] and [Maj. Gareth F. Brandl], and it took us a total of three hours to go through everybody," said Hejlik. "[We] gave everybody a lot of consideration. We did not really focus on their faults, but rather the talent they had and their potential, so it was not a easy process."

Hejlik said the Marines selected for the parade staff would have a busy summer with special ceremonies throughout the parade season, including retirement ceremonies for the commandant and sergeant major of the Marine Corps, and posting their replacements.

Many of the Marines selected are veterans of last season's parade staffs. However, quite a few of the Marines, like Maj. Scott A. Burk, assistant operations and training officer, are in new positions. This year he will head his own staff as the parade commander.

"After marching two years it is very rewarding and an honor to be selected as parade commander," said Burk. "Each of the former parade commanders I have marched for had different approaches to leadership and training of a staff. However, the one thing they did share was the ability to produce a competent staff. There-

fore, I feel very well prepared to train this staff."

Burk said the upcoming task at hand will be simple for him because of his familiarity with the Marines in his staff.

"This year's staff, as a whole, is very experienced, so I am not alone," said Burk. "[Staff Sgt. Tommy J. Jimmerson and Capt. Eric H. Traupe] were with me last year and will contribute a great deal, making my job easy."

Staff Sgt. John C. Hornick, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Information Systems Management Office, promoted to his current rank Feb. 1, said he is looking forward to trying out again next year after experiencing the parade tryouts for the first time.

"I thought my tryout performance was fair. I know the things I did wrong, and it will help me prepare for next year," said Hornick. "I will continue to prepare throughout the summer to try and make next year's staff."

The Marines selected for the parade staffs are:

Parade Commanders:  
Maj. Keith E. Mayo  
Maj. Scott A. Burk

Adjutants:  
Capt. Eric H. Traupe

Capt. Steven R. Bowers

Flanking Officers:

Capt. Ward A. Jones  
Capt. Justin G. Butters  
Capt. Kurt A. Greiner  
Capt. Brandon A. Davis

Staff Noncommissioned Officers:

Gunnery Sgt. John D. Marino  
Gunnery Sgt. Angelo Goodwyn  
Gunnery Sgt. Harold Odrick  
Gunnery Sgt. John C. Fiero  
Gunnery Sgt. Elvis S. Dixon  
Staff Sgt. Tommy J. Jimmerson

The Marines selected for the Staff Noncommissioned Officer parade marching staff are:

Parade Commander:  
1st. Sgt. Mitchell C. Cole  
1st. Sgt. Roland J. Daniel  
(alternate)

Barracks Sergeant Major:

Master Sgt. Michael T. Peterson

Staff Noncommissioned Officers:

Gunnery Sgt. Darryl Edmonds  
Gunnery Sgt. Harrell L. Bellous Jr.  
Gunnery Sgt. Teresa L. Hoffman  
Gunnery Sgt. Steven K. Wetzell  
Gunnery Sgt. Lewis F. Scott  
Gunnery Sgt. Julien C. Duncan  
Staff Sgt. James A. Rzonca

## Renovations continued

said Moore. “[We] are investigating a proposed project to replace the old locking system with a new system where instead of using a key to unlock the door, Marines will use plastic cards like in hotels.”

Other future proposals are in the works, such as replacing the existing plumbing valves with automated flushing systems, and installing a rooftop above the atriums between the towers, as well as replacing the floor in the gymnasium, according to Moore.

The renovation of the barracks comes at the same time as the official signing of the BEQ Campaign Plan, an outline listing the policies and regulations of living in a BEQ.

In the foreword of the plan, Gen. Charles C. Krulak, commandant of the Marine Corps, stressed the need of providing BEQ Marines with an improved quality of life in the barracks while at the same time maintaining order and discipline.

“We have invested millions of dollars and countless hours of our leader’s time in improving the Quality of Life of Marines living in our BEQs,” said Krulak. “These facilities are their homes and we, as leaders, have a responsibility to provide them with living conditions which allow them to continue to develop as Marines and foster unit integrity.”

In All-Marine Message 106/98 dated March 22, 1998, Krulak called for set policies for proper room assignment, alcohol consumption by Marines of age, and room appear-

ance. The plan standardizes these policies throughout the Marine Corps.

The BEQ Campaign Plan can be found on the Web in the “Information For and About Marines” section at [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil).

Many Marines stationed at the barracks may not be here when the renovation project is completed, but when it is and Marines who experienced the relocation move

back in, it is expected they will enjoy the new modifications.



**Edward Mooney, Joshua Company pipe fitter, smooths pipe for connection to the barracks’ new heating system. (photo by Lance Cpl. Matthew E. Habib)**



## Long arm of the law

*Hoisted up onto the shoulders of his fellow Body Bearer members, Lance Cpl. William W. Woodall celebrates his victory in the quarterback passing contest sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Special Services Office. Woodall threw three times for a combined total of 168 yards to capture the victory over eight other contestants. He received the trophy at a special presentation during halftime of Super Bowl XXXIII Jan. 31, and was also awarded a four-day pass by Col. Dennis J. Hejlik, barracks commanding officer. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)*

## Commandant urges Corps to trust Anthrax vaccine

by Gen. Charles C. Krulak  
CMC

**HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, Washington, D.C. (Jan 26)** — As your commandant, I want to discuss with you the ongoing Anthrax vaccination program. I want you to know why I think it is so important to the Corps and why each of us, from private to general, needs to participate. I also want to address some of the “bum scoop” that is being circulated about the danger of the vaccination.

We have instituted this critical force protection program because biological and chemical weapons are proliferating at an unprecedented rate worldwide, and Anthrax is the leading biological weapon of choice. Marines only have to read accounts of the terrorist group AUM SHINRIKYO's use of Sarin nerve gas against innocent commuters in Japan's subway, or view the photographs of the Iraqi Kurds and Iranians who were killed by Saddam Hussein's chemical weapons to be convinced that a rogue leader or terrorist group will not hesitate to employ Anthrax if it achieves their aims. I never want to have to explain to a mother or father or spouse why their son, daughter, husband, or wife died from exposure to Anthrax when we could have prevented their death simply by vaccinating against this threat. This is the same concern for the welfare of our troops that drives all leaders to seek protection for their Marines. It is the same reason that we are fighting so hard to get new body armor, ballistic helmets, and other improved individual fighting equipment into the hands of our troops. I would not send you into combat without flak jackets, nor would I send you unpro-



***Captain James Avery Johnson, Medical Officer of the Marine Corps, receives his first Anthrax vaccination from Petty Officer 3rd Class Roderick L. Joiner, hospitalman, Headquarters, Marine Corps Medical Clinic, Jan. 11. (photo by Sgt. William M. Libson.)***

tected against the very real threat of Anthrax. I am aware that misinformation and rumors abound concerning the Anthrax vaccination program. I also believe that much of the incorrect information found on the Internet is being disseminated by persons who have their own reasons and agenda for trying to undo this critical force protection program. I am confident that once Marines understand that Anthrax is life threatening, and once they are made aware that the vaccine we are using to counter this threat is both safe and effective, they will eagerly comply with this vaccination program. A wealth of materials derived from highly credible and independent sources within the scientific community speaks to the long and successful use of this FDA-approved Anthrax vaccine by thousands of people such

as veterinarians and livestock workers. In 28 years of licensed use of the vaccine, there has been no evidence of a link to cancer, infertility, or birth defects.

As we continue to broaden this program, I want to make you aware of a phenomenon we have observed: reluctance to take the Anthrax vaccination is inversely proportional to the distance the Marine is from the fighting hole. No Marines engaged in Desert Thunder refused the vaccine. Marines assigned to that operation knew their adversary was suspected of having the means and the will to use Anthrax against them. These Marines also realized that whether on ship or ashore, there would be no escaping the odorless, invisible Anthrax

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## Anthrax continued



**Petty Officer 3rd Class Roderick L. Joiner, hospitalman, Headquarters Marine Corps, prepares the Anthrax vaccination for Capt. James Avery Johnson, Medical Officer of the Marine Corps. (photo by Sgt. William M. Lisbon)**

spores if they were caught in the down-wind pattern. Additionally, they knew that once they were exposed and symptoms appeared, there would be little the medical community could do to prevent their gruesome death from occurring in a matter of days.

The threat is real and so, too, is our ability to protect our force in a safe, effective manner using a vaccine that causes fewer side effects than those normally experienced with other routine immunizations. Marines who choose to ignore the threat and refuse the vaccination will be held fully accountable and may be subject to adverse disciplinary or administrative proceedings, or both, at the commander's discretion. We will treat Anthrax vaccination refusal in the same way we treat disobedience of any lawful order. I do not consider vaccination refusal as a bar to deploy-

ment. Deciding which Marines deploy will remain the prerogative of the cognizant commanders. Once deployed, the individual will continue to receive the full benefit of education and counseling and will be given another opportunity to take the vaccine. If the individual continues to refuse, the cognizant commander will determine what action will be taken.

I have instructed my staff to review the guidance and informa-

tion we have previously provided regarding the Anthrax vaccination program to ensure we have given commanders, their Marines, and families all of the information they need regarding this issue. That information will be updated and published immediately in a separate message.

We have done a better job in implementing, administering, and tracking this immunization program and educating our Marines as to why it is necessary than in any similar program in our history. We are not there yet, nor will we be until 100 percent of our Marines understand and accept the need to be vaccinated against this threat. I do not want to lose one Marine because he or she was unprotected against Anthrax and I do not want to lose one Marine because he or she refuses the Anthrax vaccination.

Commanders, I charge you to stay directly involved in carrying out this program and keep me informed of any additional support or information you may need from the headquarters level to ensure success.

Marines, I charge you to seek the correct information from knowledgeable, credible sources and base your personal decision on facts, not speculation, rumors, and misinformation.

Three outstanding sources of accurate information on the Internet is:

(1) The Centers for Disease Control at: [HTTP://WWW.CDC.GOV/NCIDOD/DBMD/ANTHRAX.HTM](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/NCIDOD/DBMD/ANTHRAX.HTM)

(2) The Navy Environmental Health Center at: [HTTP://WWW.NECH.MED.NAVY.MIL/PREVMED/IMMUN/ANTHRAX.HTM](http://WWW.NECH.MED.NAVY.MIL/PREVMED/IMMUN/ANTHRAX.HTM)

(3) The DoD Web site at: [HTTP://WWW.DEFENSELINK.MIL/OTHER\\_INFORMATION/PROTECTION.HTML](http://WWW.DEFENSELINK.MIL/OTHER_INFORMATION/PROTECTION.HTML)

I would never send Marines into a hostile fire zone without providing them with the best equipment and training available. That is my responsibility as your commandant. I am equally determined to ensure all Marines are given the best protection we have available to guard them against the Anthrax threat. The safe and effective vaccine we are using represents our best defense against this invisible killer. Our potential enemies are very much aware that, by our prudence, we have blunted one of the most lethal weapons in their arsenal. With every additional Marine immunized, we strengthen our capabilities and weaken those of our adversaries who would employ this threat against us.

Semper Fidelis,  
C.C. Krulak  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

# Money: dependents eligible for need-based scholarships and loans

by Executive Director, District of Columbia  
Auxiliary Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

How much does a college education cost? "Too much" is the most common answer. If you have a son or daughter heading to college in 1999, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society may be able to help.

Need-based scholarships and loans are available for the dependent children of active duty Sailors and Marines. The Travers scholarship provides student grants up to \$2,000 per academic year, while the Travers loan provides interest free, parental loans up to \$3,000 per academic year.

Qualifications:

- Dependent child of active duty Sailor or Marine

- High school graduate
- Enrolled or accepted full-time student at a post secondary institution (academic, vocational, or technical)
- Grade point average of at least 2.00 on a 4.00 scale

If you are interested in applying for the Travers Scholarship, do not delay. The deadline for applications is March 31, 1999.

Contact your nearest Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society office, or:

Headquarters,  
801 North Randolph Street, Suite 1228  
Arlington, Va. 22203.

If you prefer, request an application from the society's education department at (703) 696-4960.



## *The Body Bearers Platoon*

*One of the ceremonial responsibilities of the barracks is honoring dignitaries, general officers and special holidays with cannon salutes.*

*(Left) Lance Cpl. Jeremy S. Volgren, Pfc. Jason R. Gonzalez and Lance Cpl. Tollie O. Grier man Gun 3, as the Body Bearers practice firing the 40-millimeter mount sequence before a commitment.*



## Chronology: 81 years of women in the Marine Corps

by Capt. Carolyn C. Dysart  
Division of Public Affairs,  
HQMC

The following abbreviated chronology is provided in commemoration of March being designated Women's History Month.

- 13 August 1918, Opha Mae Johnson, the first woman Marine enlisted in Washington, D.C.

- 7 November 1942, Gen. Thomas Holcomb, commandant, approved the formation of the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

- February 1943, World War II, women's continuous active service began.

- 12 June 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Service Integration Act (Public Law 625) which authorized the acceptance of women into the regular component of the Marine Corps.

- 1949, the Women's 3rd Recruit

Training Battalion was formed at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

- August 1950, Korean War, for the first time in history, women reserves are mobilized.

- 8 November 1968, President Johnson signed Public Law 90-130, a bill which repealed the limits on the number of women in services.

- 1974, The commandant approved a change in policy permitting the assignment of women to specified rear echelon elements of the Fleet Marine Force.

- 1975, the Marine Corps approved the assignment of women to all occupational fields except infantry, artillery, armor, and pilot/air crew.

- 11 May 1978, Col. Margaret A. Brewer was appointed to a general officer's billet, becoming the first woman general officer in the history of the Marine Corps.

- February 1985, Col. Gail M.

Reals became the first woman selected by a board of general officers to be advanced to brigadier general.

- June 1992, Brig. Gen. Carol A. Mutter assumed command of the 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, becoming the first woman to command a Fleet Marine Force at the flag level.

- 23 July 1993, 2nd Lt. Sarah Deal became the first woman Marine selected for Naval aviation training. She received her wings on 21 April 1995 and is now serving as a CH-53E pilot.

- June 1994, Brig. Gen. Mutter became the first woman major general in the Marine Corps and the senior woman on active duty in the armed services.

- July 1996, Lieutenant General Mutter became the second female lieutenant general in the armed services history and the first female Marine to wear three stars. Lt. Gen Mutter retired in 1998 at her current rank.

## Spotlight

**Name:** Sgt. Joseph A. Hayes

**Unit:** White House Communications Agency  
(Currently assigned to 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N.C.)

**Job:** Sergeant of the Guard (WHCA)

**Joined Marine Corps:** June 1, 1996

**Hometown:** Cleveland, Ohio

"I was surprised when I won the first time [competing on] the Meritorious Sergeant's Board, but I had confidence in my TMI," said Hayes.

The TMI is the most important part, because [the command] wants Marines who can teach a class ... who can instruct Marines -- that is what being a non-commissioned officer is all about."



# Court is in session

## H&S Team 2 dominates basketball season

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Media Chief

Just as the National Basketball Association brought basketball back to fans this month after a seven-month layoff, the barracks' Morale, Welfare and Recreation Special Services section brought the intramural basketball season to the barracks Jan. 20.

Five companies assigned to the barracks sent their best players for solid competition and fast-paced action on the basketball court.

Headquarters and Service Company, the defending champions, sent three teams comprised of Marines from its different sections. One of those teams is sweeping the league with impressive victories against teams from the Marine Corps Institute Company, the "President's Own" United States Marine Band, and "A" Company.

Undefeated H&S Team 2, led by coach Marlon K. Christie, dominated its opponents with Jay C. Warren's ball-handling ability, a deep bench, and solid, all-around scoring contributions.

According to Nicholas M. Zegarra, a veteran of last year's championship team, implementing the fundamentals of basketball is a key to Team 2's success.



**Franklin D. Acree (with ball) keeps his team on track with a 5-2 record. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)**

"I feel this year's team might be stronger because [we] have a much deeper bench than last year, and that will enable us to keep the pressure on the opposition throughout the game," said Zegarra. "[We] are also more organized this year. [We] are not going out there and just playing street ball and being individuals. [We] are moving the ball around, con-

centrating on the fundamentals and playing an aggressive defense."

While H&S Team 2 started its season with a 49-34 victory over the Marine Band, H&S Team 1 started in the opposite direction with a 31-20 loss against "B" Company.

Headquarters Team 1, coached by Robert F. Killackey Jr., grabbed early leads with scores from Jefferson J. Boyd, forward, and Michael P. Fadrowski, guard, but "B" Company, led by forwards Franklin D. Acree and Dennis K. Mack Jr., gained control of the game late in the first half with defense and strong rebounding.

Despite the defeat and their current record, Fadrowski said he believes his team has what it takes to hold their own against the other teams.

"My expectations for the team are very high," said Fadrowski. "There are a couple of things I feel set us apart from the rest of the basketball teams — one is teamwork. [Our] team incorporates everyone and every individual has a specific skill I think [we] use to the team's advantage. [Secondly,] the team is dedicated to winning and if it means extra practice, then that is what [we] will do. I think our team just needs to work on a few of the basics and everything else will fall into place."

Fadrowski said his team has not received the opportunity to show their true talent. Since the loss to "B" Company, Team 1's next two games were back-to-back victories, both by forfeit.

"I believe [we have] a real chance to pull out an upset and win the whole thing," said Fadrowski. "[Our] team will never give up and [we] will get stronger after every game. [We] have lots of heart on our team and give 100 percent at all times."

### Standings as of Feb. 19:

H&S Team 1	2 wins	4 losses
H&S Team 2	6 wins	0 losses
H&S Team 3	2 wins	2 losses
"A" Company 1	2 wins	3 losses
"A" Company 2	1 win	2 losses
MCI	2 wins	3 losses
MCI/SNCOs	2 wins	2 losses
"B" Company	5 wins	2 losses
Marine Band	0 wins	4 losses

The season will end March 12, followed by the playoffs March 15-29, with the championship game March 31.

# Paintball -- Marines battle

by Sgt. Michael J. Bess  
Media Chief

Thirteen barracks Marines left their busy schedules and life as they knew it to participate in a battle close to war. The battleground — Bowie, Md.

The Marines did not take their M16A2 service rifles, nor did they check field gear out from the barracks' supply warehouse. In fact, all these Marines brought with them was anticipation of a good time taking part in paintball, a function put together by the barracks' Morale, Welfare and Recreation office.

According to Curtis L. Griffith, assistant recreation cen-



**I SURRENDER!!!** A Marine marches off the battlefield after falling victim to a "walk-by" during the paintball evolution. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)



After carefully creating a plan of attack, Team "Orange" and Team "Blue" teams faced each other several times throughout the day.

ter director, the paintball trip is just one of several events MWR has set up for the barracks Marines and their families.

"It is part of my job here to come up with trips and ideas for the Marines," said Griffith. "I plan to have fishing trips, white-water rafting, and sporting events in the near future. Paintball is one of the events I came up with."

When it came to trading in M16A2 service rifle rounds for pink pellets designed to burst on impact, the Marines threw all caution to the wind and set out in search of their "enemies,"



Lance Cpl. Tristan A. Sanders, "Blue" team, breaking for better cover and concealing himself from the "Orange" team.

# on new playing field



*...hes into action against Team "Green" located nearby. The two  
photo by Sgt Michael J. Bess)*

hiding behind pallets, trees, and even paintball referees to accomplish their goal.

One Marine learned a valuable lesson when it came to playing paintball with fellow warriors.

"It was total teamwork. If you do not communicate with your teammates, you will find yourself fighting alone," said

Cpl. Robert L. Numerick, assistant operations and training clerk.

The Marines were exhausted from the games, but each Marine clearly enjoyed themselves and looked forward to another MWR-sponsored event.



*...ompany, scans the perimeter before  
ment. (photo by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)*



*Lance Cpl. Sean C. Perkins (above), company office, Headquarters and Service Company, strikes an intimidating pose before engaging his enemy during one of the paintball battles their team fought in Bowie, Md. The paintball function was sponsored by the barracks' Morale, Welfare and Recreation office. (photos by Sgt. Michael J. Bess)*



*Corporal Robert L. Numerick, barracks assistant operations and training clerk, lines up "the enemy" in his sights. (photo by Sgt. Michael Bess)*

Tough just got tougher

# O'course offers new challenge

by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick  
Editor

Marines from Headquarters and Service Company departed the barracks Jan. 28, for an afternoon of physical training and teamwork at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Captain Jennifer A. Ogilvie, executive officer, H&S Company, and Gunnery Sgt. Angelo Goodwyn, company gunnery sergeant, H&S Company, responding to the command's initiative to create diverse training evolutions away from the barracks, managed to turn an ordinary obstacle course into a exercise in stamina, teamwork and



*A Marine from Headquarters and Service Company balances the weight of a simulated casualty with help from his fire team. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)*

initiative.

There was nothing unusual about the course's appearance, but its function changed considerably after two quick passes.

"It was the commander's intent that we conduct physical training, so we viewed this as a great opportunity to operate away from the barracks and get some solid, motivating physical training," said Ogilvie. "Although everyone had maneuvered [through] the obstacle course before on an individual basis, we made some changes to make it fire team-oriented and give the Marines an opportunity to lead and work together to accomplish the mission."

The Marines formed several fire teams after becoming reacquainted with the course and each team leader received a full water jug. The fire team's mission was to carry the simulated ammunition successfully through the course as quickly as possible. Halfway through the second obstacle, however, Goodwyn designated casualties in each fire team, forcing the Marines to carry the casualty Marine and the simulated ammunition through the course.

The tired Marines had little time to rest before Ogilvie told them to turn around and negotiate the course in the opposite direction, beginning with the rope climb.

The level of difficulty increased with each pass through the course. After the sixth and final run, the Marines were showing signs of fatigue from carrying the casualties, circumventing several land mines and overcoming time constraints, but the evolution was not finished.

The Marines boarded the vans for a short ride to the endurance course. The fast-paced, winding path cut up and down ravines, through small creeks, across fallen trees and through young brush. The Marines filled the forest with barks and leatherneck banter with Ogilvie and Goodwyn motivating the Marines along the way.

The breathless Marines formed two ranks at the end of the path and jogged back to the vehicles where Goodwyn accounted for each enthusiastic Marine.

"Just talking to them, they all said they enjoyed it," said Goodwyn. "Marines [desire] motivation and training and they want us to train and motivate them. The Company Office provides everything needed for training, but the sections have to send the Marines."

# MCI Marine makes time to train NCOs

by *Cpl. Justin C. Bakewell*  
Staff Writer

The Corporal's Course at Marine Barracks is where the future leaders of the United States Marine Corps begin to learn what it takes to be a fundamentally sound leader of Marines.

In order to become solid, dependable leaders, corporals need staff noncommissioned officers to mold and teach them to become tomorrow's leaders — Marines like Gunnery Sgt. Teresa L. Hoffman, course writer, Marine Corps Institute Company.

Hoffman's decision to organize and execute the course came from her determination to lead Marines and her desire to ensure a solid future for the Marine Corps. With this in mind, she approached the barracks sergeant major requesting to be the course organizer.

"She saw an opportunity [to make a difference with young Marines] and jumped at it," said Sgt. Maj. D. Scott Frye, barracks sergeant major.

Hoffman came to the barracks from Okinawa where she was a platoon sergeant for more than 50 Marines. She said she missed being responsible for a large number of Marines.

"I miss all my Marines," said Hoffman. "You become complacent sitting behind a desk, and I like to be in their lives letting them know someone cares."

Organizing and leading the Corporal's Course is not the only thing Hoffman does to lead Marines. She can be seen asking Marines questions, saying "hello," doing anything to motivate Marines and keep them moving in the right direction.

Hoffman said one of her proudest moments came when a fellow SNCO told her about a Marine who had completely changed after completing this year's Corporal's Course. He no longer handed in sub-par work and truly became a competent leader.

"In less than two weeks someone came to me about one of my corporals," said Hoffman. "It really made me feel like I was making a difference."

Despite her pride in her work, Hoffman is very humble about her accomplishments. Hoffman not only maintains her Military Occupational Specialty in Tactical Communications, but she has also served as a substance abuse counselor and an MOS instructor.

"The scope in which [Hoffman] works in is so wide that she is quite capable of handling many things at once," said Frye. "The Marines are fortunate to have her example and should seek to emulate her."

Hoffman said her experiences in the Corps taught her that the most important thing to remember when leading Marine is to treat them all equally.

"When I came into the Marine Corps I was the only female in a company of 250 Marines," Hoffman stated. "I had some great leadership examples there because, regardless of being a female, I was treated



**Hoffman's concern for the Corps' future is helped by Marines like Pfc. Jay C. Warren, awards clerk, H&S Company, who pursue Corps knowledge. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)**

equally."

Since Hoffman took responsibility for the Corporal's Course more than 65 Marines have graduated and several are now sergeants.

"The way [Hoffman has taken charge of this course] typifies [her]," said Frye. "She is a great leader and deserves all the recognition she receives."

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

### H&S Company

Sgt. J. C. Cartrett  
Sgt. J. A. Hayes  
Cpl. J. C. Bakewell  
Cpl. C. S. Taylor  
Lance Cpl. J. W. Burtis Jr.  
Lance Cpl. P. F. Chilcoat  
Lance Cpl. K. C. Cole  
Lance Cpl. C. J. Schaaf  
Lance Cpl. B. J. Valdez

### MCI Company

Cpl. K. G. Kueny  
Lance Cpl. T. L. Paris

### "A" Company

Sgt. C. A. Butler  
Sgt. M. G. Monica Jr.  
Cpl. J. A. Almendarez Jr.  
Cpl. J. A. Binkley  
Cpl. A. R. Ferguson  
Lance Cpl. K. M. Barker  
Pfc. M. L. Meeks

### "B" Company

Sgt. C. J. Hewett  
Sgt. E. D. Johnson  
Sgt. D. A. Parker  
Lance Cpl. C. L. Baugher  
Lance Cpl. T. O. Grier

### D&B Company

Sgt. C. S. Hayakawa  
Sgt. P. B. Howard  
Lance Cpl. J. C. Wheat  
Lance Cpl. H. A. Garcia

### WHCA

Cpl. J. A. Young

### USNA Company

Cpl. J. J. Gobin

### "A" Company

Sgt. O. Ortiz  
Cpl. R. Bastajian

### Certificate Of Commendation

#### H&S Company

Cpl. S. E. Mazanec  
Cpl. C. S. Taylor

#### "A" Company

Lance Cpl. J. A. Glover

### Meritorious Mast

#### H&S Company

Pfc. D. S. Donaghy

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

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

### Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Staff Sgt. D. L. Williams for three years.



### **Outstanding!**

Staff Sergeant Jan J. Molvak Jr., 1st platoon sergeant, "B" Company, is promoted by his father (right) Jan Molvak Sr. and United States Sen. James Jeffords (R-Vt.) during a promotion ceremony on Center Walk Feb. 1. (photo by Cpl. Sean Fitzpatrick)

# Living in New Sodom

by Lt. Kenneth D. Counts  
Barracks Chaplain

Coming to the top of the escalator as I exited the Metro, there stood a homeless man waiting to ambush me with his pitiful request, "Can you spare some change for a cup of coffee?"

What should I do? It was easily within my means to help him.

Should I lie?

Should I ignore the beggar?

Should I mentally excuse inaction by the assumption that he would only misuse anything I gave him?

Homeless persons and pan-handlers are not an easy question for this Chaplain. For if I disregard the homeless in cold-blood, then I am as bad as the residents of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Do you remember those famous cities of Bible times?

Most of us think God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for its lifestyle and nightlife, but there was a deeper problem in those cities. The residents of Sodom would not care for the street people. Practically nobody knows these words from the Prophet Ezekiel explaining why the fire and brimstone fell from the sky:

"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed, and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before Me. Therefore, I did away with them as you have seen."

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***So, if we neglect the poor  
when we have adequate  
funds to do something  
supportive, then are we no  
better than the  
Sodomites?!***

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Those who resided in the District of Sodom "DID NOT HELP THE POOR AND NEEDY." So if we neglect the poor when we have adequate funds to do something supportive, then we are no better than the Sodomites?!

Once, while walking down the sidewalk on 8th Street,

a gunnery sergeant from "The President's Own," The United States Marine Band, showed me how to handle these beggars! He set an example I could learn from to know exactly what to do for beggars.

That day, in front of the "mom-and-pop" store, a poor man begged for money in order to buy something to eat. The gunny stopped and asked him what he would like to eat. He entered the corner store and simply bought the man a hot dog and a Coke. Then he sat on the pavement as his new acquaintance ate and explained how to find food.

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***Nobody seemed willing to help,  
until the richest Man I ever met  
appeared and told me where to  
find free food.***

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You and I can deal with the poor in similar ways. I think God would like it when we did, and I think you would like it too.

You rarely need to give a beggar cash. The present writer has almost never seen money solve anyone's problems, but we Marines and Sailors could improve and bless the lives of so many we meet in every clime and place.

I try to look at life through spiritual NVGs. Everyday events can pose riddles and brain teasers from Heaven that I hope I will not overlook. The destitute on 8th Street are a powerful puzzle to me.

I remember feeling so lonely and lost. I remember times when it felt like all the well-fed folks had passed me by. Nobody seemed to care. Nobody seemed willing to help, until the richest Man I ever met appeared and told me where to find free food.

He began to provide a new and different life for me, and He changed everything I was and He put me to work.

I began to look for other beggars who were down-and-out, and I shared with them the secret of where to find food. That rich Man took me home to His house and He adopted me. He made me His son and included me in His will, giving me a claim to the family fortune.

So, knowing where I came from, how can I ever turn my back on another beggar. For I am surely no better than them.

## Marines Storm Iwo Jima 1945



February 19, 1945: More than 110,000 Marines stormed the beaches of Iwo Jima during a four-day, amphibious assault. The battle climaxed on Feb. 23, when Marines overwhelmed the Japanese forces and the famous photograph of the flag raising atop Mount Suribachi was taken.

(Above) Marines on Iwo Jima hunker down in the deep, volcanic sands under the shadow of Mount Suribachi.  
(Official USMC photo)

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