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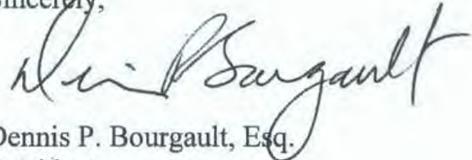
Dear Colonel Tryon:

On behalf of the Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you as commanding officer, Colonel Richard Tryon, and all the Marines of Marine Barracks Washington on the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Oldest Post of the Corps.

We take great pride in having such a prestigious and historic military post in our neighborhood ... and the Capitol Hill business community wholeheartedly shares in your spirit of commemoration and celebration. We are thankful to President Thomas Jefferson for choosing 8th & I as the barracks' site, and we are grateful to all of you Marines, both past and present, for your continued and *always faithful* presence and the honor you bestow to our nation, our capital city, and to our neighborhood in particular.

Happy Bicentennial to Marine Barracks Washington!

Sincerely,



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Up the river ...

Privates First Class Bradley S. Wind and Charles Florestal, 2nd Plt., "B" Co., pick up debris along the Anacostia River, April 21, for the Washington Regional Earth Day Cleanup, coordinated by the Anacostia Watershed Society. Wind and Florestal were among 30 volunteers from "B" Co., who worked in the cleanup east of the Washington Navy Yard. "You stood out today in a very positive way," said Bill Cobb, of Seafarer's Yacht Club. "You didn't have to do this. Thank you for offering your free time to help us keep this river clean."

Barracks Marines get free ride, beat rush hour, parking woes

by Cpl. Chad C. Adams
Editor

Several barracks Marines have found an easier way to battle their daily commute into the district, and they don't even have to find a place to park – all for free.

Executive Order 13150 gives servicemembers and Department of Defense employees the opportunity to use the National Capital Region Transit Subsidy to alleviate the cost and daily grind of commuting and parking in the D.C. metro area.

"The reason I'm pushing this within the company is because parking is so bad," said Lt. Col. Marc F. Riccio, Commanding Officer, Headquarters & Service Company, Marine Barracks Washington. "It beats having to park. I think it's going to be a good system."

This "transit benefit," a program designed to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and conserve energy, encourages the use of mass transportation.

Although the order was issued more than a year ago, many barracks Marines still don't know about the pro-

gram or the procedures involved in order to take advantage.

But for those few devil dogs "locked on" to the Metrocheck process, mornings have consisted of enjoying a free ride to work. Furthermore, this ride ends without the worries of getting here early enough to find that coveted spot on "the bricks" or one of the few remaining spots in an area that won't result in a ticket or the dreaded "boot."

"The Metro is more convenient to me," said Cpl. Robert A. May, Fiscal, Headquarters & Service Company. "It's not a hassle at all. I've always caught every train I meant to take."

The subsidy, which is distributed as Metrocheck vouchers, can be used on the MetroRail system or as a cash equivalent to purchase bus or train tickets. The passes are an addition to any current compensation and will equal personal commuting cost, not exceeding \$65 per month. However, this amount will increase to \$100 per month in 2002.

To apply, simply print out an application from the National Capital Region Transit Subsidy Web site, fill it

out and fax it to the number listed on the top of the application.

Five working days after the application has been received, qualified personnel can pick up the Metrocheck vouchers.

"It's very easy," May said. "I pick them up at the Navy Yard."

Vouchers can be picked up quarterly, but make-up disbursement dates are provided once per month at any location listed on the Web site. Daily disbursements are offered at the Pentagon Pass Office, excluding days where vouchers are being handed out monthly or quarterly at other locations. Vouchers will only be given for the time remaining in the quarter, so if anyone waits until the last day of the quarter to pick up Metrochecks, they cannot receive a full quarter, only enough vouchers to represent the time remaining in that quarter.

For more information, or to get a copy of the application, visit www.dtic.mil/ref/html/NCRTransitpass.html or for help understanding the process and the benefits of using the subsidy, contact Cpl. May at mayra@mbw.usmc.mil

NCOs battle for “Iwo” parade spots

*story and photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell
Media Chief*

MARINE CORPS WAR MEMORIAL, ARLINGTON, Va. – Eight Marines tried out for five positions here April 19 as Marine Barracks Washington held tryouts for the Noncommissioned Officers Parade.

The competition was fierce.

“Trying out for the NCO parade made me take a good look at myself,” said Sgt. Keith R. Jolly, guide, Silent Drill Platoon, “A” Company. “After being stationed at Marine Barracks for four years, I knew I was up against some tough competition.”

Every Marine had to go through either the entire Parade Commander sequence or the Adjutant sequence, while

Chief Warrant Officer Michael A. Ladd, battalion drill master, as well as Col. Richard T. Tryon, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, looked on.

Although not every Marine was chosen for the staff, every one of them enjoyed himself.

“The chance to tryout for the NCO Parade was a great experience for me. The competition was intense and in the end the most deserving Marines made the staff,” said Cpl. Michael O. Wilkis, Battle Color Detachment scheduling NCO, S-3, Headquarters and Service Company. “I think the NCO Parade is going to be an outstanding chance for the junior Marines at the barracks to show everyone what they are made of.”

The NCO Parade will be held August 28, the last “Sunset Parade” of the season. These parades are free and open to the public.



Corporal Michael O. Wilkis performs under the microscope. Several noncommissioned officers battled for limited slots.

Barracks bicentennial celebration heats up

by Marine Barracks Public Affairs Office

"The oldest post of the Corps" proudly celebrates its 200th anniversary here this year.

Since March 31, 1801, Marines of Marine Barracks, Washington have provided faithful and diligent service to the Marine Corps and the nation. In observance of this bicentennial year, several commemorative events have been planned for this spring and summer.

On March 30, the Barracks conducted the bicentennial opening ceremony, which consisted of a traditional cake cutting, a plaque unveiling, and the raising of a commemorative "1801" national ensign. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, was the guest of honor.

A commemorative week is also planned for the week of July 23-29. The events for the week will honor former Barracks Marines, as well as friends of the Barracks. Selected events



Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell

Colonel Richard T. Tryon, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, unveils the bicentennial plaque with Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps during the first of several planned festivities.

will also be open to the general public.

Throughout the week, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Silent Drill Platoon will

perform special concerts and performances at sites throughout Washington, D.C.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps will host a "Special Evening Parade" July 26 at 8th and I in honor of all former Marines of the Barracks. This will be a closed parade and all former Barracks Marines are invited to attend.

A homecoming cookout will take place on the parade deck July 28 from seven to 11 p.m. Former Barracks Marines and families are invited to attend.

The Barracks will also host an open house on Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The open house will consist of a historical exhibit in the John Philip Sousa Band Hall, as well as tours of the Barracks, Center House, and the Home of the Commandants. This event is open to the public.

A closing ceremony will culminate the bicentennial celebration during the final Evening Parade of the summer, Aug. 31.

And they're off...

Children of all ages and sizes invaded the parade deck during the annual Marine Barracks Easter Party.

Through the efforts of Marine Corps Community Services and Barracks Marines who volunteered their weekend, children were treated to an easter egg hunt/race (seen at right), prizes, snacks and a picture with the Easter Bunny himself, a.k.a. Lance Cpl. Reynolda Longoria, MCCS, Headquarter & Service Company.



Cpl. Chad C. Adams

White House wants you, NCOs

by *Marine Barracks Public Affairs Office*

While 8th & I Marines geared up for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the president, for others, it was business as usual.

To the president and many visiting dignitaries, devil dogs assigned to the White House Marine Noncommissioned Officers Program are highly visible representatives of our nation and the United States Marine Corps.

Each day these Marines remind national and world leaders of our nation's strength as they greet guests of the president at the West Wing of the White House.

Ironically, many of their peers do not know what these Marine ambassadors do from day to day.

"I think we are out of sight, out of mind, in a lot of ways," said Sgt. Erik Bonstrom, noncommissioned officer in charge of the four-Marine team. "This is a very independent environment."

"We are operationally controlled by the White House Military Office and administratively fall under Headquarters and Service Company, Marine Barracks Washington," Bonstrom said. "We are continuously on call, our daily activities are driven by the president's schedule."

The White House NCO program was abolished during the Ford administration. After President Reagan's inauguration in January 1981, one of his early decisions was to re-establish the White House NCO Program. Marines have been standing at the entrance to the West Wing ever since.

For Marines interested in the White House NCO program, now is the time to apply.

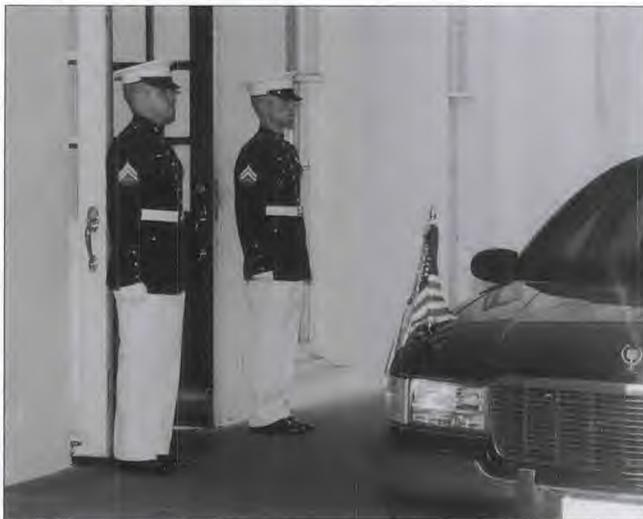
"This is truly a unique opportunity for Marine NCOs, and it is only afforded to Marines assigned to Marine Barracks Washington," said Capt. Sam L. Roy, guard officer, Marine Barracks Washington.

The Marine Corps does not share this duty assignment with any other military branch of service, only Marines man this very prestigious post outside the West Wing of the

White House.

"I think Marines have this assignment because of the special place our Corps holds in our nation's heart and mind," Roy said. "Our leaders know that, and I think they want to show the world the utmost in professionalism and pride. Nothing does that better than a Marine in 'dress blues.' These Marines are more than fancy door openers, they represent America's strength and power to every world leader that comes to visit the president of the United States."

The White House NCO Program is open to any Marine NCO stationed at Marine Barracks Washington. This is a very demanding assignment, but the rewards can be great.



Cpl. Chad C. Adams

The first and last thing foreign leaders see when visiting the White House, Marine NCOs, who represent the only military service to man the West Wing.

Every Marine is awarded the Presidential Service Badge after they complete a successful one-year tour on Presidential Support Duty.

Only the best candidates will be selected based on the criteria outlined in Barracks Order 1330.20H.

"We are continuously seeking qualified applicants for the program," Roy said. "Because of the need for a Category II security clearance, I try to begin filling projected vacancies a year in advance. Currently we are looking for qualified NCOs to serve as alternates with openings ex-

pected in March and April of 2002. Not everyone can get the proper security clearance. I would say that is the biggest roadblock in the process. That is why we start looking so early."

Each Marine will need a strong recommendation from their Commanding Officer and should be able to obtain a Category II security clearance. The Barracks Order is the best guide, because it can also be used as a pre-screening document. Once the package is completed and the Marine is approved, he will be placed on the alternate list until there is an opening.

For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Jason C. Lykens at the Marine Barracks Guard Office at (202) 433-2258 or e-mail him at lykensjc@mbw.usmc.mil.

Marine Band continues summer tradition

by *Marine Band Public Affairs Office*

“The President’s Own” continues America’s longest-running concert series this summer with programs each Wednesday and Sunday evening in June through August, excluding July 4.

Wednesday concerts are scheduled for 8 p.m. on the West Terrace of the U.S. Capitol Building and Sunday concerts begin at 8 p.m. at the Sylvan Theater on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

This summer concert tradition began on August 21, 1800, on a hill overlooking the Potomac, when a small group of Marine Band musicians presented their first performance in Washington, D.C., the nation’s new capitol city. Led by Drum Major William Farr and dressed in their brilliant red coats trimmed in blue, the two-year-old Marine Band established an important tradition of public service that would survive more than 200 years—the tradition of sharing its music with the people of Washington.

Only a month before that first Washington concert, the Marine Band had moved from Philadelphia, traveling by ship, stagecoach and on foot. They set up camp at E Street, between 23rd and 25th Streets, N.W., near the current site of the Lincoln Memorial. Written accounts of the period describe Washington as a city of “mud, cowpaths, and

wooden huts.” In August 1800, the Marine Band was also in the early stages of its development. No instrumentation was documented for the group’s informal concert, but by December the band comprised two oboes, two clarinets, two French horns, a bassoon and a drum.

From the beginning, the band was warmly received throughout the city. In addition to its status as America’s oldest professional musical organization, “The President’s Own” was Washington’s only band “of a public nature” until at least 1830.

During Martin Van Buren’s presidency in the early 1840s, the Marine Band began regular public performances outside the U.S. Capitol, a tradition that continues today. In January 1845, President John Tyler invited the Marine Band to present public concerts on the South Lawn of the White House. These continued for nearly a hundred years.

After Tyler left office, President James Polk added a caveat to the South Lawn concerts in deference to his wife’s wishes: no dancing. President Zachary Taylor later reinstated the dancing and ordered waltzes, polkas, and military music every summer night on the lawn. By this time, gas lamps illuminated Washington’s evening skies.

President Abraham Lincoln, a fan of the band’s summer concerts on the White House Lawn, would often listen while resting on a sofa in the Blue Room, with the shutters closed. On one occasion, when the president stepped onto the South Portico, the audience clamored for a speech. He returned indoors, saying, “I wish they would let me sit out there quietly and enjoy the music.”

Following the death of his son Willie, however,



The United States Marine Band has performed before Washingtonians for more than 200 years, a tradition that will carry on this summer at the Sylvan Theater, on the grounds of the Washington Memorial, and the West Terrace of the U.S. Capitol Building. (photos courtesy of Marine Band Public Affairs Office)

these concerts were cancelled at Mrs. Lincoln's request. The public missed the White House performances so much that in June 1863 Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles petitioned President Lincoln to reinstate them. Welles described the public's "grumbling and discontent" in his diary, writing, "The public will not sympathize in sorrows which are obtrusive and assigned as a reason for depriving them of enjoyments to which they have become accustomed." The concerts were moved to Lafayette Square and began again the following month.

Another frequent patron of the Marine Band's South Lawn concerts was the great American poet Walt Whitman. An avid music lover, Whitman reviewed these performances for the Washington Sunday Herald from 1866-72. Describing the concert scene in one review, Whitman wrote:

"The Marine Band concert yesterday afternoon on the South Lawn of the President's house was a real success. The gathering proved the fullest of the season."

Band music was the most popular musical genre in the late 1800s. During the tenure of John Philip Sousa, the band's 17th Director, weekly programs and musician rosters were published in newspapers much like today's television listings. Crowds gathering for band performances at the White House and the Capitol routinely swelled to 5,000 per concert.

The band's White House duties and schedule of public performances (including numerous war bond rallies) greatly increased during both World Wars. In the summer of 1918, for example, audiences could hear the band in concert every day of the week, either at Marine Barracks Washington, the Capitol, the White House, the Sylvan Theater, or at city parks such as Garfield, Potomac, Franklin, and Montrose.

Over the years, the Marine Band's outdoor venues have included the grounds of the Smithsonian, the Ellipse, the DC World War Memorial, Iowa and Dupont circles, and the Watergate Barge, a floating stage anchored on the Potomac River.

Some of Washington's (and the nation's) most trea-

sured landmarks have benefited from the Marine Band's presence since their inception, with the band providing the soundtrack for important historical milestones. Members of "The President's Own" participated in the laying of the cornerstone of the Washington Monument in 1848, the dedication (1922) and rededication (1997) of the Lincoln Memorial, and the dedication of the Jefferson Memorial in 1943. In subsequent years, the band often returned to these

sites for regular concerts. In fact, in 1950, the Marine Band was the first military band to present concerts at the Jefferson Memorial.

On August 20, 2000, the Marine Band marked its 200th anniversary of public concerts in Washington, with a performance on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. More than 4,000 people (pictured at left) attended the event, which was staged near the site of



"The President's Own" perform at the historic Lincoln Memorial.

the band's first Washington performance in August 1800.

In honor of the occasion, Washington, D.C., Mayor Anthony Williams declared August 20, 2000, "United States Marine Band Day." The proclamation reads, "Whereas, for more than two centuries, the United State Marine Band has been part of the events that have shaped our national heritage and its omnipresent role in events of national importance has made it part of the fabric of American life... (I) call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in saluting this musical ensemble for continuing to provide this tradition of public service for all to enjoy."

For more than two centuries, "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band has serenaded Washingtonians and visitors in concert. From the first informal performance near the Lincoln Memorial, to weekly concerts at the Capitol and the Sylvan Theater, the Marine Band looks forward to continuing this important tradition of public service for years to come.

Additional Marine Band performance and program information is available on the Concert Information Line, or online at www.marineband.usmc.mil.

Inclement weather cancellations will be announced after 6 p.m. the day of the concert on the Marine Band Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011.



President George W. Bush, escorted by Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps and Col. Richard T. Tryon, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks Washing-

ton, reviews the Evening Parade from Center Walk May 18. This marked the first presidential visit since President Bill Clinton in 1993. (photos by Cpl. Chad C Adams)

President George W. Bush reviews Evening Parade



*by Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers
Public Affairs Chief*

Dark, cloudy skies dropped a steady rain overnight and throughout the morning, soaking the finely manicured lawn of the parade deck – and isolated thunderstorms tap danced their way through the metro area, threatening to cancel the visit of some very special guests from 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

President George W. Bush says hello to fellow Texan, Sgt. Richard D. James, S-3, Headquarters & Service Company, Marine Barracks, Washington. Amid a sea of fancy dress, the president seemed drawn to a Marine in “blues.”

The clouds disappeared, and rightly so — the Marines of “8th and I” weren’t about to let it rain on this parade.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones welcomed President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush to Marine Barracks, Washington for the Commander In Chief’s Evening Parade here May 18.

Accompanied by the sounds of a dozen revving engines, the presidential motorcade arrived in front of the Commandant’s home on “G” Street at 7:30 p.m. The president’s limousine darted into a blue tarp tent, the sides of which were immediately were drawn like curtains, and moments later, the presidential party was ushered into the historic residence.

The Commandant presented the president with an exquisite Eagle, Globe and Anchor, made of crystal and gold, on the “Sun Porch” of the home. After mingling with other guests at the Garden party, the president stopped to shake hands with Barracks Marines.

“God bless the Marine Corps.”

— George W. Bush
President of the United States

Sergeant Richard D. James, Deck NCO, S-3, Headquarters & Service Company, was fortunate enough to shake the president’s hand.

“He asked me where I was from, and I said ‘San Antonio, Texas.’ He smiled and said, ‘A fellow Texan!’ I then asked him which Texas college football team he rooted for — ‘the Aggies or the Longhorns?’” James recounted. “He grinned and without hesitating said, ‘Both.’ I thought the way he did that was pretty smooth.”

The Commandant and Col. Richard T. Tryon, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks Washington, also escorted the president to the eastside of the barracks, or “the bricks” along 9th Street, where the marching elements for the parade were warming up before the night’s ceremony.

Colonel Tryon introduced the Marines to their Commander In Chief as they squeezed their battalion formation into a “school circle” around the steps where the president stood. He didn’t speak long, and it might have been difficult for every Marine to hear his words, but when the

General James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, presents President George W. Bush with a crystal and gold Eagle, Globe and Anchor, the symbol of the Marine Corps. The First Lady, Laura Bush, also received a necklace with the Marine Corps Emblem from Mrs. Diane Jones.



Lance Cpl. Jermey M. Wheeler, guard section, Marine Barracks Washington, stands tall for the Commander In Chief.

president concluded his words with, “God Bless the Marine Corps,” the Marines responded with a thunderous, “Oorah!”

The last presidential review here was during President Clinton’s first year of office, May 7, 1993. Throughout U.S. history, the commander in chief and the Marine Corps have shared a special relationship. Two hundred years ago, President Thomas Jefferson and Lieutenant Colonel Commandant William Ward Burrows ventured on horseback to personally select this site (known then as square 927) for a Marine garrison “within easy marching distance of the new Capitol building” to protect the infant republic.



“A” Company Marines cammie up

*story and photos by Cpl. Chad C. Adams
Editor*

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. – As the sun began to fall below the distant tree line and the shadows made their final stretch across the open field, behind war-painted faces, dark eyes stared silently out into the distance.

Then in one motion, the cammie-clad unit sat, and a thunderous bark shattered the quiet of night.

Normally, running into this motley crew would mean lights out, but not on this night.

Instead of a training exercise, “A” Company warriors strapped on their packs and headed to the fields here for Warrior Night, where Marines participated in the time-honored Marine Corps tradition of mess night, with a twist – they cammie up.

“The purpose of the Warrior Night was to carry on the tradition of mess night in a less formal environment,” said 1st Sgt. William A. Winters, company first sergeant. “An event like this, in our chosen environment and uniform, does wonders for Marines who dress up in Blue/Whites practically everyday.”



The warriors relished the opportunity to shed ceremonial attire for a day in the field with their buddies.

“It helped build a lot of unit camaraderie,” said Lance Cpl. Christopher L. Adams, squad leader, 2nd squad, 1st platoon. Everyone got to join together and experience a Marine Corps tradition. For a lot of us, it was our first mess night.”

For some of those first timers, unfamiliarity showed, as every now and then a young Marine stood when he shouldn't or addressed the members of the mess incorrectly. But several fines into the evening, the “President of the Mess,” Marine Corps Color Sergeant, Sgt. Blake L. Richardson, had the company well under control.

Ultimately, the Warrior Night provided a fun-filled atmosphere where Marines were afforded the opportunity to bond together in an environment much different from everyday garrison duty. Instead of standing under the beaming sun on the parade deck, or standing on a bus in rush hour traffic, Warrior Night did something important for the “grunts” – it got them back into their element.

“Having the mess night in the field gave us a chance to remember where our roots begin,” Adams said.

“It is important that we get the 03's back to the field on



Marines from “A” Company stand ready to fill their cups. Although they used canteen cups, there were no Meals Ready to Eat during this trip to the field, rather chicken and shrimp.



(above) Cpl. Bobby Jones stands to speak to the president of the mess, Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Blake L. Richardson. Fines were levied and glasses were raised as members of “A” Company participated in Warrior Night, a non-traditional mess night carried out in the field. For many of the junior Marines, Warrior Night provided their first mess night experience.

(left) Lance Cpl. Samuel Bass flashes a smile as several Marines enjoyed their first Marine Corps mess night. Instead of a traditional mess dressed in blues, “A” Company Marines donned utilities and painted their faces.

occasion so that they can understand how to prepare and deal with the adversities that they tend to come in contact with while in a field environment,” Winters said. “Even if the purpose of the visit to the field was a Warrior Night, there were a lot of PME's conducted, which will go a long way in preparing Marines for their next visit.”

As “America's 911 Force,” that next visit to the field could be in any clime or place, even for Marines stationed at the “oldest post of the Corps.” This fact makes an event such as this a building block for an operational force in readiness – for missions to foreign shores or for slamming butts on the parade deck.

“An event like this enables you to get to know your Marines better, and when you know your Marines, you are better able to task them within their capabilities; this equates to better performance on the parade deck,” Winters said.

With a blanket of darkness smothering the field, laughter echoed from seemingly every direction. There were no rounds going down range; there were no patrols on the prowl, but as the laughter continued to echo into the night, it might have been the best “training” in quite some time.

“8th & I” Young Marines follow marchers’ steps

by Cpl. Chad C. Adams
Editor

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON – Heels struck the deck in one motion, a rocking wave that sent the sound of thunder across the parade deck. As the crowd shouted their approval, a familiar flag blew in the wind. It bore the name synonymous with drill – “8th & I.”

However, these marchers didn’t belong to either of the line companies.

Although the scene was one familiar to the Marines from “A” and “B” Companies, the platoon that stole the show on this day was the “8th & I” Young Marines.

The young devil dogs that carry the name of Marine Barracks put their skills to the test, and an honored name on the line, during a Young Marine Drill Competition here recently.

And just like their big-brother counterparts who amaze under the Friday-night lights, the “8th & I” Young Marines out-drilled seven other platoons from all over the East Coast and marched off the parade deck with the first place trophy.

“We spent at least three days per week for at least two months preparing for the competition,” said Sgt. Derrick Oliver, Young Marine Instructor.

“I was confident,” added Young Marine Sgt. Ronald A. Jones, platoon sergeant, a 16-year-old junior at Eastern Senior High School and member of the “8th & I” Young Marines since 1995. “I practiced it, we ran through this. We practiced it every day. We had the hardest card and we went out there and did good.”

Working nights and weekends shows the type of courage and commitment the Young Marine Program



Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Young Marine Sgt. Ronald A. Jones, platoon sergeant, leads his platoon during drill competition. 8th & I placed first out of eight competing platoons.

can bring out in America’s youth, further illustrating what motivated Marines can do for the local community.

“It says that the kids want more out of life; it says they want to be the best,” Oliver said. “It’s good because it gives them a purpose in life. So many of these kids look forward to making it in this program, which in turn, carries over into life itself.”

However, as beneficial as the program is for Young Marines, the “old” devil dogs learn new tricks as well.

“Working with the kids keeps me on my toes because the kids ask the questions that you don’t think about, and I’m always learning new things so they don’t catch me off guard.”

Even greater than the gift of knowledge, the Marines who give their time enjoy a feeling that most never get – the feeling of making a difference.

“We do it for the kids,” said Oliver, also a chief messman here. “We feel that we are giving something to the youth of today to make it in the future. It’s very rewarding seeing the kids use the things they learned from you.”

Although no one puts in more time than the dedicated volunteers do, the program still wouldn’t be possible without the overwhelming support given by the entire battalion.

From Marine Corps Community Services to individuals such as Gunnery Sgt. Marco L. Barnes, messhall manager, who volunteered his time to judge the drill competition, Marine Barracks has been involved.

And as the crowd viewed the “snap” and “pop” that defines Marine Barracks echoing from a motivated 12-year-old, one look proved that they knew it was all worthwhile.

Marines lend helping hand at Special Olympics

story and photos by *Cpl. Chad C. Adams*
Editor

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON – Approximately 60 Marines loaded up on buses at the underpass May 10, as they would for any of the 1,500 commitments barracks Marines participate in each year. However, this one was special.

Volunteers from across the battalion took a break from ceremonial commitments in order to lend a much-needed helping hand at the Washington, D.C., Special Olympics.

“It’s good to know that we contribute to the community,” said Gunnery Sgt. Marco L. Barnes, messhall manager, Headquarters & Service Company, Marine Barracks Washington. “It really showed, once we got out there, how much they appreciated us.”

Marines built fences and support tents, hauled loads and carried water; however, their biggest contribution of the day didn’t occur until the athletes arrived.

Devil dogs surprised organizers, and maybe even themselves a little bit as well, by diverting that famous Marine Corps motivation into a powerful wave of compassion.

“It changed the way I looked at daily life,” said Cpl. Todd M. Johnson, body bearer, “B” Company. “Looking at them, every day is a challenge. It puts things in perspective. I was surprised at how much heart they had. They put a lot of heart in everything they did. No one quit.”

Ultimately, the Marines touched the lives of those special athletes, and they gained powerful images that will last a lifetime.



Lance Cpl. Christopher E. Bloom, body bearer, “B” Company, Marine Barracks Washington, was one of several Marines who used praise, cheers and hugs to help athletes.



(left) Lance Cpl. Crystal B. Duncan, messhall, Headquarters & Service Company, gives a shoulder to cry on during a time of need. Organizers were astonished at how one minute, devil dogs were mission oriented, and in the next instant, they could show compassion for competitors.



(right) Marines cheer on a competitor from the finish line. The main mission for devil dog volunteers was to have fun by cheering and providing extra motivation for the athletes during the event.



Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers

The Champs: (front) Andre Knight; (seated left to right) Chad Adams, Adam Ellison, Michael Wilkis and David Smith; (standing) Benjamin Black, Brian Fulks, Timothy Mack and Curtis Mason (not pictured, Christian Cabaniss)

Don't call it a comeback

After managing only two wins the entire season, S-3 doubled that win total in the postseason tournament, knocking off the number one and two seeds en route to running the gauntlet and winning the Marine Barracks Basketball Tournament. Late season additions added the depth needed as S-3 turned up the heat in the tournament. The hired guns, which made up a hodge-podge of Headquarters & Service Company Marines, played up-tempo basketball, attacking the basket and pushing the ball up floor, which led them to a 43-39 victory over H&S, the defending champion.

Barracks Marines get **PUMPED UP** for competition

Several Marines from "8th & I" struck gold in the Henderson Hall/Marine Barracks Bench Press Competition at Henderson Hall recently.

(below) Michael A. Ladd displays his winning form. Ladd lifted 350 lbs. for 1st place in the Masters division.



(left to right) Billy Melrose (130-149 lbs. weight class, lift of 265 lbs., 2nd place), Tollie Grier (190-204 lbs. weight class, lift of 385 lbs., 1st place), Kristan Cybriwsky (female class, lift of 115 lbs., 3rd place) and Dixie Joseph (female class, lift of 115 lbs., 2nd place). (photos by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

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

H&S Company

April

- Sgt. Yairo Villahernandez
- Sgt. Cong V. Huynh
- Sgt. Shunta L. Best
- Cpl. Wylie E. Busch
- Lance Cpl. Michael K. Watson
- Lance Cpl. Michael D. Rossi
- Lance Cpl. Justin S. Hovis
- Lance Cpl. Matthew R. Jones
- Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Shaulis
- Lance Cpl. Joseph W. Neuschaefer
- Lance Cpl. William B. Holinka

May

- Sgt. Chad E. Pfaff
- Cpl. Daniel F. Alfred
- Cpl. William F. Nelson II
- Cpl. Joshua D. Combs
- Cpl. Juan C. Llanos

MCI Company

April

- Maj. Neal D. Noem
- Master Sgt. James W. Gray
- Master Sgt. James R. Morrison
- Staff Sgt. Darren N. Butler
- Cpl. Joanna V. Dominguez
- Lance Cpl. Jacob W. Bull

May

- Master Sgt. Gilbert N. Norwood
- Pfc. Joel Aubin

“A” Company

April

- Lance Cpl. Marcus D. Quinones
- Lance Cpl. Kevin E. Wilkins
- Lance Cpl. Juan J. Gallegos
- Lance Cpl. Troy A. Knoblauch
- Lance Cpl. Jason A. Bell
- Lance Cpl. Ismael P. Santa III

May

- Sgt. Richard T. Jordan
- Cpl. Stephen P. Wanders
- Cpl. Jason E. Millspaugh
- Cpl. Nicholas D. Andrews

Lance Cpl. Brent A. Schaeffer
“B” Company

April

- Lance Cpl. Robert J. Powell
- Lance Cpl. Clint V. Reynolds
- Lance Cpl. Jonathon C. Larsen
- Lance Cpl. Ernest L. Ham
- Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Maenner
- Lance Cpl. Jason J. Marino

May

- Sgt. Anthony A. Jurgensen
- Cpl. Christopher D. Stolte
- Cpl. Argon Dilka
- Cpl. Jarrod T. Larock
- Cpl. Jeremiah B. Johnson
- Lance Cpl. Robert J. Swett
- Lance Cpl. Jeffrey R. Hunt
- Lance Cpl. Matthew F. Nicholson

Security Company

April

- Sgt. Ryan R. Andrus

May

- Cpl. Jimmy B. Bunn

USNA Company

April

- Lance Cpl. Randy P. Earwood

May

- Cpl. Shaun K. Raines

D&B Company

April

- Staff Sgt. William R. Rulapaugh
- Sgt. Robert S. Colling
- Lance Cpl. Christopher E. Ricketts
- Lance Cpl. Jonathon P. Dichazy
- Lance Cpl. Paul L. Croom II
- Lance Cpl. Brian M. Crane

May

- Cpl. Timothy D. Judy

Congratulate the following Marines on the awards they recently received.

**Navy and Marine
Corps Achievement
Medals**

- Staff Sgt. Richard M. Weir
- Sgt. Justin P. Byma
- Sgt. James B. Harper
- Sgt. Scott A. Mills
- Sgt. Jonathan F. Patrick
- Sgt. Aaron N. Remocaldo
- Cpl. Robert M. Roe
- Lance Cpl. Kevin Garris
- Lance Cpl. Jesse L. Laintz

**Certificates of
Commendation**

- Staff Sgt. Joshua G. Brown
- Staff Sgt. William R. Rulapaugh
- Sgt. Jamie M. Bennett
- Sgt. Justin S. Garcia
- Sgt. Brian P. Gaston
- Sgt. Esteban A. Gomez
- Sgt. Antonio A. Perez
- Cpl. Herbert E. Becerra
- Cpl. Eric L. Bradley
- Cpl. David J. Buckles
- Cpl. Carl Grover
- Cpl. Craig T. Lustig
- Cpl. Rawle M. Roberts
- Cpl. Jessica M. Vasquez
- Lance Cpl. Joseph G. Hunter
- Lance Cpl. David E. Harvey
- Lance Cpl. Jeremiah B. Johnson
- Lance Cpl. Eric M. Mingott
- Lance Cpl. Andrew C. Strohecker
- Pfc. Nicolas R. Hansen

**Military Outstanding
Volunteer Service Medal**

- Sgt. Derrick E. Oliver
- Cpl. Nicholas V. Gonzalez
- Cpl. Bruce D. Quach

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- Staff Sgt. Christopher P. Rose
- Sgt. Moses K. Allen
- Sgt. Michael S. Beames
- Lance Cpl. Timothy P. Egan

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Marine risks life for others, named 'citizen hero'

by *Cpl. Chad C. Adams*
Editor

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - A Barracks Marine was recognized as a hero here recently by Alexandria Fire Chief Thomas M. Hawkins.

Lance Cpl. Peter Q. Gary, Grounds Combat Element, Headquarters & Service Company, Marine Barracks, Washington, was honored as a "Citizen Hero," May 21.

The award was given for actions taken place in March when Gary and another local man, Peter DeLuca, rushed into a burning apartment building on Taney Avenue.

While washing his car, Gary saw smoke and heard cries for help. Once arriving on the scene with fire extinguisher in hand, Gary raced through the building, alerting the residents of the danger.

"I rushed in to alert the residents," Gary said. "I began banging on doors



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Lance Cpl. Peter Q. Gary (left), Grounds Combat Element, and Peter DeLuca accept a "Citizen Hero" award for bravery from Fire Chief Thomas Hawkins

and telling people to get out."

But one resident couldn't get out, so Gary and DeLuca rushed into the basement and carried a woman to safety.

"She was in no position to walk,"

Gary said. "She had a walker and was next to handicapped."

As a result of the duo's heroic actions, there were no injuries reported from the fire.



Deep in the heart of Texas

While a very important Texan made his presidential visit to "8th & I" in May, a few barracks Marines visited the Lone Star state not so very long ago. Members of "A" Company traveled to Austin to participate in a ceremony. Captain Bradley A. Cornali and his Marines stand at "ceremonial at ease" in front of the Capitol building. (photo courtesy of "A" Company)

Dirty deeds

Grounds Combat Element does 8th & I's "dirty work"

*story and photos by Cpl. Chad C. Adams
Editor*

Their work shines as brightly as any bayonet, yet the spotlight never shines upon their face. However, without their contributions, there would never be a squared away parade deck, immaculate gardens or spotless sidewalks – much less a parade on Friday evenings.

They are the unsung heroes behind the image, the spit behind the polish and the muscle behind the dirty work that must be done.

They are among the hardest working Marines the public never sees. They're the devil dogs of Grounds Combat Element.

"If we didn't do what we do, the parade wouldn't go," said Lance Cpl. Ian McConnell.

But it does go, and one only has to look into the bleachers on any given Friday evening to see that Grounds is doing their job. The crowds come and go, taking away that sensation of awe, impressed by the sights and sounds of "8th & I," impressions that are first made after seeing the work done by the Grounds Marines.

However, many people never know the wide spectrum of responsibilities given to this section.

"Our mission is to keep the barracks looking good and make sure everything is ready for Tuesday and Friday night," said Lance Cpl. Jesse L. Laintz.

Grounds Marines cover the entire post – cutting grass, blowing leaves, picking weeds and trimming hedges.



Lance Cpl. Jesse L. Laintz helps keep the parade deck looking sharp while sporting the "Grounds Pittsburgh Steelers Safety Helmet." Laintz recently received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his tireless efforts.

"Anything that is green is our job," Laintz said.

To do that job, along with ceremonial duties, Grounds Marines are often working before others are even in uniform and are still at it when many are already in the rack.

Whether they're preparing the parade deck for Friday night or tearing it all back down again after everyone else is already gone, there is more work to be done in the morning. And rain or shine, parade or not, the boys in blue are there maintaining the image of the Corps in the one place it has to be.

Although it's difficult at times, somehow these young men manage to find the right perspective.

"The hardest part of the job is knowing what you do for the Marine Corps," said Cpl. Daniel Alfred. "It's not a glory job. It's a little different than saying you're working at the White House."

It may not be duty at the White House, but for those who proudly serve at "the oldest post," it might just be the most important duty of all.



Grounds Marines wipe down bleachers before a parade.

“The Crescent”



President George W. Bush shakes hands with Sgt. Marlon K. Christie, while Cpl. Dameon D. Hunter (left) and Lance Cpl. Edgar Blanco (right) look on during the “Crescent” following the Evening Parade May 18. (photo by Sgt. Marshal Paull, Headquarters Marine Corps)

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