



Heroes return

Fifty-nine years after the raid on Makin Island, Barracks Marines lay fallen brothers to rest at Arlington National Cemetery

"A New Reality"

ALMAR 41/01 addresses Pentagon, WTC attacks

by *Gen. James L. Jones*
Commandant of the Marine Corps

1. The recent terrorist attacks on our nation highlight the new reality of warfare. The very visible attacks against icons of our democratic nation and our citizens no longer represent a simple violation of international law. As was evidenced so graphically both in New York City and Washington, a new form of open warfare was declared against America, directly targeting civilian and military personnel and our institutions alike. Our Commander in Chief has stated we will respond to this act of war, and we will prevail. As we respond to this tragedy, our focus, as always, is to mission first and people always. In line with this commitment, I would like to offer my condolences to those who have suffered the loss of loved ones. I would like to voice special thoughts and prayers for our comrades-in-arms in the Army and Navy who appear to have borne the brunt of the attack at the Pentagon. While the process of accounting for all personnel, active duty, reserve, veteran, and civilian is not yet complete, our Corps appears, thus far, to have been spared any loss of life in Washington. I am not as optimistic with respect to the attack in New York City. Scores of emergency response personnel and the general public are bound to be members of the "Marine Family."

2. The very public display of this new form of warfare comes as no surprise to Marines. Our focus on developing anti-terrorism and force protection (AT/FP) capabilities across our force continues our tradition of innovation and transformation. The threats we so visibly faced have fully validated the reorganizations we have undergone in the past few years, especially in the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion and our Fleet Anti-Terrorist Security Team capabilities. Our more recent efforts to incorporate AT/FP skill sets in all deploying Marine Corps units has proven prescient in addressing the latest threat to our national security.



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Barracks Marines watch in stunned silence as smoke rolls off the Pentagon Sept. 11.

While our expeditionary culture remains the centerpiece of our warfighting capability, the added ability to effectively deal with terrorism is critical today and will remain one of our core capabilities for the foreseeable future.

3. Our expeditionary culture has once again proven valuable to our nation and we are poised to respond to the ongoing disaster relief operations in New York City. In conjunction with the Navy, we have once again demonstrated the value of the Navy-Marine Corps team in responding across the full spectrum of capabilities that our nation demands. In line with the special bond between Sailors and Marines, I have offered the full commitment of Marine Corps capabilities in support of any naval mission, ashore or afloat. Commanders are directed to reinforce this commitment by seeking out their Navy counterparts and reinforcing this offer of assistance wherever it may be needed. While this support includes the full range of our capabilities, your focus should remain on our ability to support the AT/FP capabilities we can provide.

4. While we have previously discussed in depth the potential for asymmetric attack, we have, through the myriad actions and reactions that transpired on Sept. 11, experienced this paradigm shift in a most personal fashion. In order to continue our tradition of innovation we must capture the lessons we have learned regarding this emergent form of warfare. Commanders are directed to compile appropriate issues and their potential impact for the future, and submit them through their advocates for incorporation into the Marine Corps Expeditionary Force Development System. Reality is that what we have faced in the past 24 hours is not a single, isolated event. Yesterday's attack is the most visible manifestation of a war for which we have prepared through organizational change, and for which our expeditionary capabilities will be highlighted and in great demand.

5. The manner in which we react over the days and months ahead will once again highlight our readiness and adaptability to meet the nation's needs across the spectrum of operations. It will also visibly reinforce that we are always ready and always faithful.

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Chaplain Lt. Gregory C. Cathcart and "B" Company's body bearers carry the remains of Makin Raiders across the tarmac at Andrews Air Force Base Aug. 16. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

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50th streamer added to Marine Corps Battle Colors

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

The Kosovo Campaign Streamer was added to the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps during the final Evening Parade of the 2001 season here, hosted by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones.

Secretary of the Navy and guest of honor, Gordon R. England, attached the streamer to the colors before a crowd of more than 3,000 guests. The Kosovo Campaign Streamer has two bronze stars representing the two components of the campaign — air and defense.

In 1999, Marines participated in an air campaign against the forces of Slobodan Milosevic, then-president of Yugoslavia. The attacks forced Milosevic's forces to stop oppressing ethnic Albanians living in Kosovo. On Sept. 24, 2000, Milosevic was defeated at the polls by opposition candidate Vojislav Kostunica.



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Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England attaches the Kosovo Campaign Streamer to the Battle Color of the Marine Corps here Aug. 31.

Since 1999, Marines have served in Kosovo to cool ethnic strife in the region.

Former President Clinton established the Kosovo Campaign Medal and the accompanying campaign streamer to recognize those whom participated in Kosovo operations or provided direct support.

While the campaign revolved around Kosovo, it involved forces that also operated in or over Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, Slovenia, the Adriatic, and the Ionian Sea.

The streamer commemorating these actions now joins the 49 other streamers representing the entire battle history of the United States Marine Corps.

The streamers represent the Corps' large actions, such as its battles in World War II and World War I, and small actions, such as the Barbary Wars and the Dominican Campaign.

Marine Barracks Washington is the home of the official Battle Colors of the Marine Corps.

"8th & I" meets Bourbon Street ...

Corporal Michael J. Auby (bass drum) lays down the beat for the 10-man Parris Island Brass Band, during a concert here Aug. 31. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones introduced the combo to the Secretary of the Navy, Gordon R. England during the pre-parade reception in the John Philip Sousa Band Hall.

From there, the musical unit rambled through the post parking lot and onto the parade deck, serenading the crowd with a repertoire of Dixieland Jazz sing-along which included "Bourbon Street" and "When The Saints Go Marching In."



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MCI Student of the Year awarded

by Sgt. M. V. Trindade
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The Marine Corps Institute recently presented its student of the year award in a ceremony here Aug. 31.

Sergeant Saulo Ugarte, a firefighter with Aircraft, Rescue and Firefighting, at Marine Corps Air Facility, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, received the honor for his academic efforts during this past year.

"I completed 23 MCIs, eight Federal Emergency Management Agency classes, and several computer classes," said Ugarte, a Walnut, Calif., native. In accomplishing this feat, Ugarte managed to earn his Associate's Degree.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Teresa Hoffman, operations chief at MCI, Ugarte's actual course completion count is closer to 30. That's when one includes both the sergeants non-resident program and the staff non-commissioned officer distance education program.

"It's a tremendous honor for him and it's obviously something that's very competitive," said Master Sgt. S. R. Thomas, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, Marine Corps Air Facility, MCB Hawaii. "He's very professional and gets things done. For the last six months he's been holding a staff sergeant billet."

Although Ugarte's job is demanding, he still creates a balance between his studies and his work.

"We have to have so many people on the field at a time, you know," explained Ugarte. "Sometimes it was hard but I always found a way, and my job has been real supportive too."

Ugarte has been an assistant section leader and has approximately 20 Marines working for him. "Obviously he

wouldn't be in that position very long if he weren't an effective leader," Thomas said. "You have to have someone in there that the guys respect and trust, otherwise things wouldn't get done."

For Ugarte, a native of Nicaragua, completing his education is a very important step for his military career for both personal and professional reasons.



Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett

Colonel Richard T. Tryon, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks Washington, awards Sgt. Saulo Ugarte, fireman, Aircraft, Rescue and Firefighting, Marine Corps Air Facility, MCB Hawaii, as the MCI Student of the Year.

"I've always wanted to be an officer," the 25-year-old Ugarte said. "Sometimes I think; 'how could I be a leader if I don't have information to pass down to people?'"

Although Ugarte's brother was also in the Marine Corps, he claims that it was the Corps' structure that really appealed to him.

Ugarte plans on realizing his professional goals by submitting his package for the Meritorious Commissioning Program.

He also says that if he's not selected for the MCP then he'll complete his bachelor's degree by next summer and submit for the Enlisted Commissioning Program by next fall.

"It's always a hard thing to lose someone like him," said Thomas, about Ugarte's decision to put in for a commission. "I'd like to see him go as far as he wants to go, but it would be a huge blow to the enlisted ranks."

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— Sergeant Saulo Ugarte
MCI Student of the Year

Barracks nominates new Color Sgt.

by *Cpl. Chad C. Adams*
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The 29th Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps was nominated here September 21.

Sergeant Trevor H. Johnson, formerly a supply administrative chief with Marine Aircraft Group-31, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., edged out four other sergeants from around the Corps for the prestigious enlisted billet.

The post of color sergeant was officially recognized in 1965. Though the post was filled in an unofficial capacity up to that point, official tracking began with former color sergeant, Gunner Sgt. Shelton L. Eakin, who was promoted to lieutenant meritoriously and later killed while serving in Vietnam. A memorial trophy dedicated in his honor bears the names of Eakin and all color sergeants to date, and is passed to each new color sergeant.

The color sergeant carries the Presidential Color for all White House State functions, and carries the National Ensign with the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment. He heads the Marine Color Guard Section of "A" Company, which performs in parades, ceremonies and official functions around the United States and abroad. The Color Guard Section has three teams and routinely participates in more than 1,000 ceremonies annually, with between two and eight performances each day.

The search for a new color sergeant began with a message sent out Marine Corpswide to solicit nominations. The units responded by sending their choices to the Barracks Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. Ronnie L. Edwards, on behalf of the barracks commanding officer. The sergeant major, "A" Company's commanding officer and first sergeant, and the barracks Operations Officer screened the candidates' packages to determine which Marine sergeants were best qualified to be further evaluated.

Once they arrived at the barracks, the five remaining candidates participated in a week-long competition conducted by the current color sergeant and individuals from the command element. During the week the Marines



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Barracks Commanding Officer Col. Richard T. Tryon (left) congratulates the newly nominated Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Trevor H. Johnson.

practiced the color guard marching sequence and competed in a final evaluation from the barracks commanding officer and sergeant major.

"Here, all the sergeants are equal," Johnson said on the last day of competition. "I've been to a board in the fleet and you have the feeling before hand if you are going to win it. Here it has been very competitive."

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

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

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

The billet is currently filled by the 28th Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Blake L. Richardson.

After the selection, Richardson, a native of Englewood, Calif., will return to Camp Pendleton, Calif., as a field radio operator with 9th Communication Battalion.

"8th & I" sets tone; Marines earn tan belts

by **Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett**
Staff Writer

In May, Col. Richard T. Tryon, Barracks Commanding Officer, issued the challenge to all Marines at "8th & I" to complete their tan belt training in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program by Aug. 31.

Since then, just about all the Marines on post have been squeezing in a few hours a day to learn the basic skills of the close combat fighting style.

Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, initiated the Corps-wide program in 1999 because he believed previous programs did not fit the needs of anticipated 21st century conflicts.

"The bottom line is no matter how many weapons and how much ammunition you have, the plan is to 'close with.' It's all up close, and in that situation you have to be able to fight," said Master Sgt. Joseph B. Reed, barracks S-4 chief.

Like anything new, the program was expected to take a while to get

rolling throughout the Corps, but here the martial arts training has really caught on.

Despite parade season's high tempo of operation, the Marines stationed here made sure this mission was accomplished.

"During parade season we are as busy as anyone, and if we can get the martial arts training done, then that speaks volumes to other units throughout the Marine Corps," said Reed.

Even though the challenge was task-oriented, the Marines going through the training appear to enjoy it.

"The training focuses on three types of discipline: mental, moral and physical," said Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell, instructor trainer. "It is extremely well-rounded and brings out the best of the Marine Corps."

For now, Marines at "8th & I" are getting into the training and are learning the basic skills of the Marine Corps style of martial arts. However, the program will give these and other Marines throughout the Corps a program they can stick with for their entire career, with goals obtainable.



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Master Sgt. Randal Coker, S-3 chief, works on "front kicks" during a recent training session on the parade deck.



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On the way ...

Navy Capt. William F. Boudra (left), Commanding Officer, Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake, presents Col. Richard T. Tryon, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks Washington, with a detailed drawing of the future Bachelors Enlisted Quarters.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2002, with completion of the Marine Barracks Annex expected in 2004.

Barracks Marines kick off senior week for midshipmen

story and photo by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble
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ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Rising with the sun, Marine Barracks, Annapolis took part in the Naval Academy annual Colors Tecumseh Court Ceremony September 7, which began Senior's Parent's Weekend this year.

The ceremony has been performed by Marines since six years after the Naval Academy was established.

"It is a good chance for the Marines to show off thier spit and polish," said 1st Sgt. Gary W. Weiser, company first sergeant, US Naval Academy.

Parents week takes place twice a year at the academy, once for the freshman who are begining thier first year, and again for the the seniors that will be graduating in the next few weeks. These specific weeks are scheduled in order to allow the parents the opportunity to see the acad-



Members of the US Naval Academy Company Color Guard perform morning colors for the midshipmen's senior week.

emy and what thier children are accomplishing.

Marines have served at the Naval Academy for 150 years. They have performed ceremonial functions and honors as well as providing security.

"Marines are challenged here wether it is a security mission or a ceremonial commitment," said Weiser. "The Marines here also get quite a bit of training."

Beginning in 1851, six years after the Academy's founding, the Marine Detachment known as the "Marine Guards" were quartered through the years aboard six different ships—the USS Savannah, Santee, Constitution, Macedonia, Winnepec, and Preble. Eventually, in the 1870's, the leathernecks were moved into barracks located near the Santee Basin and the Academy's sailing center.

Marine Barracks, Annapolis is one of the few units that carries battle steamers. Additionally their colors contain the National Defense Service Streamer with one bronze star and its organizational colors along with the World War I and World War II Victory Streamers.

The Marines have played a indispensable role in the Naval Academy's program, continually providing support and safety for the state's capital.

Center House Association links barracks officers past, present

by Pfc. Elizabeth A. Thomas
Staff Writer

There is a special place here on post where few can call home. Inside, a library houses books left by those who have moved on, but after 200 years, tradition carries on.

The place is Center House, and the Center House Association helps keep its members coming back, again and again, creating a bridge between barracks officers old and new.

"It is 'The Oldest Post in the Corps,' and being stationed there is something that sticks with a person,"

said retired Lt. Col. Michael B. Kessler, former barracks executive officer.

Not only is being stationed at '8th & I' an honor for all Marines, it rewards the officers who are stationed there.

Every officer stationed at "8th & I" is a member of the officers mess, which is also called Center House due to the fact that it used to be located off Center Walk.

"It is a place where the officers can go and relax, entertain friends or be with friends," said Kessler.

Center House has helped spawn many friendships among officers, pro-

viding Marines a link to the past.

In 1997, Capt. Ron Holman came up with the idea to establish an association with the soul purpose to "perpetuate the special privilege and traditions of the Center House Mess." Holman's idea was quickly molded into the "Center House Association."

Most of the first year was spent trying to find former officers from the barracks and filling out paperwork to get a charter created for the association.

"In trying to find the names of all the officers who were stationed at '8th & I' we looked directly at the Center

House Mess Log Book, which dates all the way back to when the barracks was first built in 1801. We went as far back as the officers who were at the barracks during the 1960s," said Kessler. "Luckily the Internet was becoming more popular then and it was easy to search the names on the net."

"In contacting everyone from the list, we found when we'd get in contact with one person, it turned out that they knew three or four other people from the list," Kessler said. "It was good to find out that some had kept in touch with each other on their own."

The charter was signed, and the Center House Association was made official March 31, 1998.

"We thought it was great that we got our charter on the birthday of the Barracks," said Kessler. "That just made it even better."

The first people to join the association were called charter members.

"At the beginning we had set deadlines for people to join as charter members. Yet every time we would get near the closing date, more people would contact us saying they just found out about the association and ask if they could join as charter members," Kessler said.

As it turned out, the first of the charter memberships were reserved for the original seven who created the Center House Association. Those were: retired Capt. Ron Holman, who conceptualized the association; former Barracks Commanders, Col. Dave Dotterer; retired Colonels James Flynn, John Sollis; retired Brig. Gen. William H. Rice, and retired Lt. Gen George R. Christmas.

"What makes the Center House Association great is the fact that any retired officer in the Marine Corps that

was ever assigned to "8th & I" can join," said Kessler.

Through the past three years the association has really come into its own. Every year the association gets more members. There are currently just under two hundred members, said retired 1st Lt. Steve Trimble.

"The reunions we have every year really help us keep everybody together, it reminds us of the special times we had at the Barracks. It reminds you that everyone doesn't get assigned to the Barracks, it's just one of those assignments you never forget," said Kessler. "It doesn't matter if you are a platoon commander, a squad leader or what have you, you still have the honor of being at the Barracks and representing the Corps. Just remember, General Jones himself started out as a marcher."

"The reunions are really a great way to keep in touch," said Trimble. "I have run into quite a few of my old friends at the reunions. We hang out and talk about the old times, it's really a great event."

Every year the association donates a gift to Center House, said Kessler. "Our first year, we donated an old-fashioned mantle clock that now sits over the fireplace. In our second year we donated a new table for the dining room. At our last reunion we had Col. Chapman's sword and medals displayed in a case and that was donated. It now hangs above the doorway in the dining room," said Kessler.

"The association brings all of the officers to the same level; there are no ranks because every one is a VIP," said Kessler.

Honor, pride, friendship and loyalty are the meaning of Center House and the purpose of the association. It is a group created by those who share the history of Center House that wanted to hold on to the friendships and memories.

To find out more information about the Center House Association or how current or retired officers who have been assigned to the barracks can become a member, visit the Web site at www.centerhouse.org.

Historic Center House links barracks officers past and present. (photo by Pfc. Elizabeth A. Thomas)



Poppin' Smoke

**“A” Company
tests field skills
in Quantico**



Captain Bradley A. Cornali, 3rd platoon commander, leads his Marines through field training for the last time before executing his orders to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. (photo by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble)



Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

"A" Company Marines make their way to a waiting CH-53 "Super Stallion."

by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble
Staff Writer

QUANTICO, Va. - Deep in the deciduous hardwood forests, the inconspicuous Marines navigated their way across ropes, water, and vast terrain, never losing intensity.

"A" Company Marines honed their field skills, while demonstrating their dedication and enthusiasm for the infantry here Aug. 15.

The training is essential to their company, because it allows the Marines to step back from the regimented schedule of the barracks and refine their field skills.

Monthly, "A" Company schedules infantry field training to keep these leathernecks prepared for battle.

"It is important because things at the barracks get routine and we don't get to the field that often," said Cpl. Adam M. Wohlever, platoon guide, second platoon. "As infantry Marines, we need time in the field to keep our skills sharp."

Lance Cpl. Ralph J. Martinez-Vaughn, marcher, 2nd platoon, "A" Company, attacks an obstacle (photo by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble).

Climbing ropes and jumping logs, these devil dogs began their day with the confidence course as a warm-up, making sure that all Marines were properly prepared for the next two courses. It only took a few minutes for "A" Company to get used to their natural surroundings and do what they do best.

"The confidence course is a way for us to get used to the field again, warm up our muscles and prepare for the rest of the day," said Wholever.

With 782 gear and M-16A2 service rifles, Marines flew into the second course, a fire and maneuver course that began with a 100-yard low crawl and concluded with a three mile run.

Soaked in sweat en route to the water jugs, the first Marines that finished were ready for more.

"This is what we really joined the Marine Corps for," said Lance Cpl. Troy A. Knoblauch, 1st fire team leader, 3rd squad, 1st platoon. "It increases the motivation with in our company."

Low crawling through the mud, wading through the Virginia swamps, and practicing fire team maneuvers over two miles of staged obstacles was the last and most strenuous course, yet the leathernecks appeared more animated as it drew closer.

"It definitely boosts morale, it gets the marchers at the barracks back to



their grunt roots,” said Capt. Graham R. Grafton, 1st platoon commander. “We emphasize spit and polish so much it is nice to come out and get dirty.”

But the strenuous training did not end there, although these Marines had completed more than half of their field training for the day, the most challenging segment was still ahead.

The ability to perform on the expected level of excellence the barracks requires is a task that requires constant discipline and training.

“These are the most disciplined Marines I have ever had in the fleet,” said Grafton. “If we could take these Marines out to the field for a Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) work-up, it would be a phenomenal MEU.”

Although barracks Marines may not get much time in the field, compared to their grunt counterparts, basic



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Corporal Adam M. Wohlever, platoon guide, 2nd platoon, “A” Company, finally gets a hard-earned moment of rest after the day of training.

fundamentals are practiced every day.

“What it takes to be a good Marine is discipline and attention to detail,” said Grafton. “It is just a matter

of translating the two.”

High visibility is a fact of life for the devil dogs and it has translated into high performance for the barracks Marines. The stress of parade season has its benefits when it comes to results and task accomplishment.

“In the field you can evaluate a different side of the Marine. In the field we base their performance on physical stamina instead of drill and personal appearance,” said Capt. Mark John Maracle Jr., executive officer.

Evaluations were not made just for the individual Marine’s physical ability; his dynamics of leadership were looked at as well.

“As a squad leader at the barracks, our role is much more strict. There is more you have to worry about,” said Lance Cpl. Jon R. Hogan, squad leader, 3rd squad, 2nd platoon. “In the field it is mainly motivation, accountability and mission accomplishment.”

Running through the last course, cammies wet and mud sliding down their foreheads, “A” Company Marines got through field training successfully; breaking up the routine at the barracks and offering them a twist of different challenges.

Saddling up in the “Super Stallion”

by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

Defying gravity, “A” Company took training to a new level here August 29 during embarking and debarking procedures with two CH-53 “Super Stallions.”

Scheduling the birds for three hours, concentration elevated every minute the CH-53s raised these Marines further from the ground.

Planning the training exercise two months prior, these leathernecks were anticipating their time in the helos.

“The importance of the operation is to familiarize the infantry Marines with the correct procedures for entering and exiting a CH-53,” said Gunnery Sgt. Kevin T. Craig, company gunnery sergeant.

The birds used for “A” Company’s training are specifically designed to transport troops and cargo. Designed differently than the CH-46 “Sea Knight,” which has two rotors on top, the CH-53 has the back rotors on the right side of the aircraft.

“There are many different ways to come off a CH-53, but you must always go to the left tail,” said Craig.

Usually, a helo boarding company has at least 8 months of training before they are used on and Marine Expeditionary Unit. That is why the training that took place was not just another day in the field. These devil dogs received the rare opportunity to familiarize themselves with an important part of infantry training.

'The Somber Detail'

Body Bearers from "B" Company are tasked with the sensitive mission of supporting approximately 500 funerals (dependent, standard honors and full honors) in the national capital region annually. Their job is not often talked about due to its sensitivity, yet it can draw international media attention, as it did Aug. 16-17 (see story on page 14).



Sergeant Reginald Daniels (front right) and Cpl. Aaron Williamson lead a six-man burial detail from a Marine KC-130 at Andrews Air Force Base, Aug. 16.

Makin Raiders laid to rest

by Lance Cpl. John R. Lawson III
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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY - On Aug. 17, 1942, two companies of Marine Raiders attacked the Japanese on the Makin Atoll, and 30 of them didn't return.

On Aug. 17, 2001, the Marine Corps paid its respects here with a ceremony it had been waiting and hoping to give for 59 years.

When the Makin Raiders gave their lives, they proved that they were "always faithful to each other, always faith-

ful to the Corps, and always faithful to their country," said the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones.

General Jones addressed a standing-room-only crowd of approximately 700 people in Ft. Myer Chapel during a service that preceded the graveside ceremony.

"Marines of today draw inspiration from the 'Greatest Generation,'" Gen. Jones said. "We learn from their courage."

General Jones recounted how the raid lifted American morale early in the war and reassured everyone that America was ready and willing to take the fight to the enemy.

The "fog of war" was very much a factor during the raid. That's why 19 Marines disappeared for 57 years; nine Marines were captured and executed, and two Marines remain missing.

The remains of all of the Marines had seemed hopelessly lost, especially after an unsuccessful search in the late 1940s.

However, what Gen. Jones referred to as "the spirit of Semper Fidelis" is a two-way street. When U.S. Army technicians got a lead in 1999 on where island natives might have buried 19 of the bodies, it was only a matter of time before this group of missing Makin Raiders would get their belated homecoming. They had been faithful to the Corps, and the Corps would be faithful to them.

The Army's Central Identification Laboratory, with assistance from many other government agencies,



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Retired Col. Evans Carlson, son of the famous leader of "Carlson's Raiders," and who also served under his father in during the Makin raid, sits in quiet remembrance on the tarmac at Andrew Air Force Base Aug. 16. Colonel Carlson was one of several former Makin Raiders on hand to welcome their brothers home.

conducted exhaustive identification procedures at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. Finally, the checks were complete, and the time had come to show gratitude.

The families of six of the Marine Raiders elected to have private burials. The remains of the other 13 Raiders arrived for burial at Arlington National Cemetery on Aug. 16. A Marine Corps KC-130 transport plane flew the remains from Hawaii to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

The Marine Band, more popularly known as "The President's Own," and a detachment of Marines from the barracks participated in a ceremony on the tarmac.

"Thank God they're home," said retired Col. Joe Griffith, the oldest surviving participant of the Makin raid. He had just been promoted to captain at the time of the mission.

Colonel Evans Carlson was the architect behind the Marine Raider concept as well as the raid on Makin. His son, Evans Carlson, who retired as a Marine colonel, also attended the tarmac ceremony.

"I'm awfully glad to be here," Col. Carlson said. "For me, it's a very moving experience."

Colonel Carlson said his famous father would have been pleased as well. "Dad regretted every casualty, however they were caused, wherever they occurred," he said. "His feelings about this were extremely strong."



Cpl. Chad C. Adams

A young girl prays while friends and family, as well as Marines past and present, paid their respects during the funeral at Arlington National Cemetery Aug. 17.

The ceremony at Arlington, which also featured the Marine Band and a detachment from the Marine Barracks, showcased the appreciation the Corps has for its fallen warriors.

A 21-gun salute climaxed the ceremony for these Marines: Capt. Gerald P. Holtom, Palo Alto, Calif.; Sgt. Clyde Thomason Atlanta, Ga.; FM1 Vernon L. Castle, Stillwater, Okla.; Cpl. Daniel A. Gaston, Galveston, Texas; Cpl. Edward Maciejewski, Chicago, Ill.; Cpl. Robert B. Pearson, Lafayette, Calif.; Pfc. William A. Gallagher, Wyandotte, Mich.; Pfc. Kenneth M. Montgomery, Eden, Wis.; Pfc. John E. Vandenberg, Kenosha, Wis.; Pvt. Carlyle O. Larson, Glenwood, Minn.; Pvt. Robert B. Maulding, Vista, Calif.; Pvt. Franklin M. Nodland, Marshalltown, Iowa; and Pvt. Charles A. Selby, Ontonagon, Mich.

Sergeant Thomason distinguished himself during the raid as the first enlisted Marine to earn the Medal of Honor in World War II.

Melvin D. Heckt, the president of the United States Marine Raider Association, had these words for the Raiders lost during the attack: "We salute you, comrades. We salute you as Raiders, as Marines, as Americans, as men."



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Body Bearers from "B" Company maneuver a casket from a Marine KC-130, which arrived at Andrews Air Force Base Aug. 16.

BCD takes road show North, marches on Fort Henry

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KINGSTON, Ontario - Fireworks were seen lighting up the sky and cannons thundered across the countryside when the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment joined the Fort Henry Guard here recently for the 47th Annual Joint "Evening Tattoo" and "Changing of the Guard Ceremony."

Hundreds of spectators watched in awe as the Silent Drill Platoon and United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps demonstrated their American brand of ceremonial splendor.

"As always, the crowds in Canada are receptive to

Marines and make us feel welcome every time we visit," said Sgt. Brian P. Gaston, baritone bugler, D&B.

Fort Henry was originally built during the War of 1812, when the British anticipated an attack on Point Henry. Its location was vital to protecting trade routes for the British and was in the proximity of the Royal Navy Dockyards.

Now Fort Henry is a historic site to visitors and residents of the Kingston area. College students volunteer their time running the fort and studying British military tradition. In return for their efforts, the fort pays for college tuition.

The relationship between the guard and "8th & I" evolved in 1954 during the 10th anniversary of the Ogdensburg Treaty. The two units were celebrating an agreement of cooperation and trade between the United



Fort Henry Guard members welcome the Battle Color Detachment during the annual joint performance in Canada.

States and Canada.

“Returning to Canada and being a part of this international event for the second time was awesome, said Sergeant Major Ronnie L. Edwards, Barracks Sergeant Major, “The professionalism and dedication displayed by the Fort Henry Guard and staff was sincerely something to witness and experience.”

While the Silent Drill Platoon kept the audience enamored with flashing bayonets and the crack of their M-1 Garand rifles, the Drum and Bugle Corps’ performance was a striking display of creative discipline.

During the “Changing of the Guard Ceremony” the FHG handed over the keys to the fort to Sgt. Maj. Edwards for the next 24 hours, a sign of the trusting relationship with the Corps.

“The fort was Kingston’s first line of defense and existed between British North America and the United States of America,” said Edwards. “Who would have thought of, or pictured 150 years ago, the Fort Henry turning the fort over to United States Marines?”

With red lights blazing and smoke dancing in the night, the “Line of Battle Performance” provided a reenactment of British soldiers from 1867, including bayonet movements and “Final Fire,” an explosion of six and 12-pound



Members of the Fort Henry Guard join “A” Company’s Marine Corps Color Guard.

cannons, along with the firing of ramparts’ three ton, 24-pound cannons at the end of the ceremony.

Although the parade deck was the primary highlight of the Fort Henry trip, time away from the parade deck was filled with friendly, yet extremely intense competition.

Every year the BCD and the Fort Henry Guard challenge each other to a game of soccer, softball, and the “Gunners Gun.”

The “Gunners Gun” is a race to fire two 19th century breach-loading cannons. Each six-person team received lessons on how to move and operate the cannon using the drill movements and techniques of the era. The final day, the two teams competed for the best time and proper drill sequence.

As usual, the Marines trampled the FHG in softball 26-10 and beat out the FHG in the “Gunner’s Gun.”

However, soccer was a different story. Fort Henry won 6-4 after a grueling two-hour grudge match with four overtimes and a shootout.

Ultimately, the entire event left life-lasting impressions.

“The atmosphere of the competitions between the two units was very unique,” said Croom. “Clearly a lesson in fierce nationalism and boasting rich histories of tradition, the pride and esprit of each was evident.”



Barracks Marines compete against the FHG firing cannons.

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

H&S Company

August

Lance Cpl. Eric R. Parsons

September

Sgt. Ben K. Dawson
 Cpl. Christopher R. Borgerding
 Cpl. Brain R. Endicott
 Cpl. Wayne D. Frinkle
 Cpl. David B. Graves IV
 Cpl. Elvira P. Lombardo
 Cpl. Casy T. Smith
 Lance Cpl. Fredrick Dixon
 Lance Cpl. Gary C. Ragan II
 Lance Cpl. Joseph H. Scheller IV
 Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett

MCI Company

August

Lance Cpl. Donald M. Laddy
 Lance Cpl. Erich J. Turner

September

Lance Cpl. Evelyn M. Edwards
 Lance Cpl. Anthony D. Riddick

"A" Company

August

Lance Cpl. Billie J. Dunaway
 Lance Cpl. Matthew K. Gorab
 Lance Cpl. Jeffrey R. Greiling
 Lance Cpl. Christopher M. Jones
 Lance Cpl. Zachary F. Maddox
 Lance Cpl. Todd H. Prigge
 Lance Cpl. Franklin L. Rucker
 Lance Cpl. Michael A. Wagner
 Lance Cpl. Lloyd M. Wimp

September

Cpl. David T. Dial
 Cpl. Justin S. Dontje
 Cpl. Joshua E. Elmore
 Cpl. Felix R. Ramos
 Cpl. Micheal H. Willerson
 Lance Cpl. Jonathan D. Cochran
 Lance Cpl. Simon P. Flarity

Lance Cpl. Nathanal J. Fried
 Lance Cpl. Travis N. Jones
 Lance Cpl. Leonard L. Lawrence
 Lance Cpl. Michael A. Wagner

"B" Company

August

Lance Cpl. Joshua J. Allison
 Lance Cpl. Billy R. Benavides
 Lance Cpl. Deshaunn T. Carter
 Lance Cpl. Steve E. Fertil
 Lance Cpl. Robert E. Giddens
 Lance Cpl. Dustin N. Hanson
 Lance Cpl. Thomas Y. Herring
 Lance Cpl. Frank A. Jennings Jr.
 Lance Cpl. Nathan H. Kimbro
 Lance Cpl. Jeremy M. Lynch
 Lance Cpl. Ryan R. Morris
 Lance Cpl. Adrian J. Otero
 Lance Cpl. Larry D. Rattiff
 Lance Cpl. Reshaad J. Reed
 Lance Cpl. Louis M. Sitzman
 Lance Cpl. Eric A. Sergeant
 Lance Cpl. William T. Talley
 Lance Cpl. Steven A. Varao
 Lance Cpl. Andrew T. Weisel

September

Sgt. Christopher L. Baugher
 Cpl. Adam S. Betz
 Cpl. Charles C. Florestal
 Cpl. Chad E. Sharp
 Lance Cpl. Scott A. Anderson
 Lance Cpl. Anthony P. Amato
 Lance Cpl. Jarrod M. Baer
 Lance Cpl. Edwin P. Bonayon
 Lance Cpl. Melvin C. Carter
 Lance Cpl. Micheal D. Collins
 Lance Cpl. James A. Dean III
 Lance Cpl. Diego F. Guerrerojas
 Lance Cpl. Mark J. Hartman
 Lance Cpl. James R. Love
 Lance Cpl. Andrew S. Makoski
 Lance Cpl. Stephen J. Oelslager
 Lance Cpl. Raul R. Quintana
 Lance Cpl. Daniel K. Stein
 Lance Cpl. Joshua J. Wilhelm
 Lance Cpl. Bradly S. Wind
 Lance Cpl. Bradley S. Wind

Security Company

September

Sgt. Phillip M. Sullivan
 Cpl. Benjamin S. Marshall

USNA Company

August

Lance Cpl. Brandon A. McCauley
 Lance Cpl. Nathan S. Minich

September

Lance Cpl. Johnathan D. Cochran
 Lance Cpl. Jack L. Hancock Jr.
 Lance Cpl. David B. Hurley
 PFC Cody M. Bradley

D&B Company

August

Cpl. Scott

September

Cpl. Shawn R. Stanley

Congratulate the following Marines on the awards they recently received.

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Marc F. Riccio

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Capt. Todd M. Boeding
 Capt. Bradley A. Cornali
 Capt. Robert E. Rhode III
 Sgt. Michael S. Beames

Navy Commendation Medal

Capt. Jarrod W. Stoutenborough
 GySgt. Melinda L. Jones

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NCOs take center stage

NCO PARADE



Sergeant Jamie Bennett takes command of the Drum & Bugle Corps as drum major for the Noncommissioned Officers Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial.

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(right) Cpl. Justin Y. Booker, marcher, "B" Company, marches as the Adjutant during the Noncommissioned Officers Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial. Barracks NCOs from across the battalion put in hours of drill practice for the parade.



(above) Members of the Noncommissioned Officers Parade staff prepare to march onto the parade deck at the Marine Corps War Memorial.

(left) Sergeant Keith R. Jolly, platoon guide, Silent Drill Platoon, "A" Company, marches in company commander's position.

“Helo-Ops”



Marines from “A” Company exit a CH-53 “Super Stallion” during landing and takeoff techniques practiced aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. (photo by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble)

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