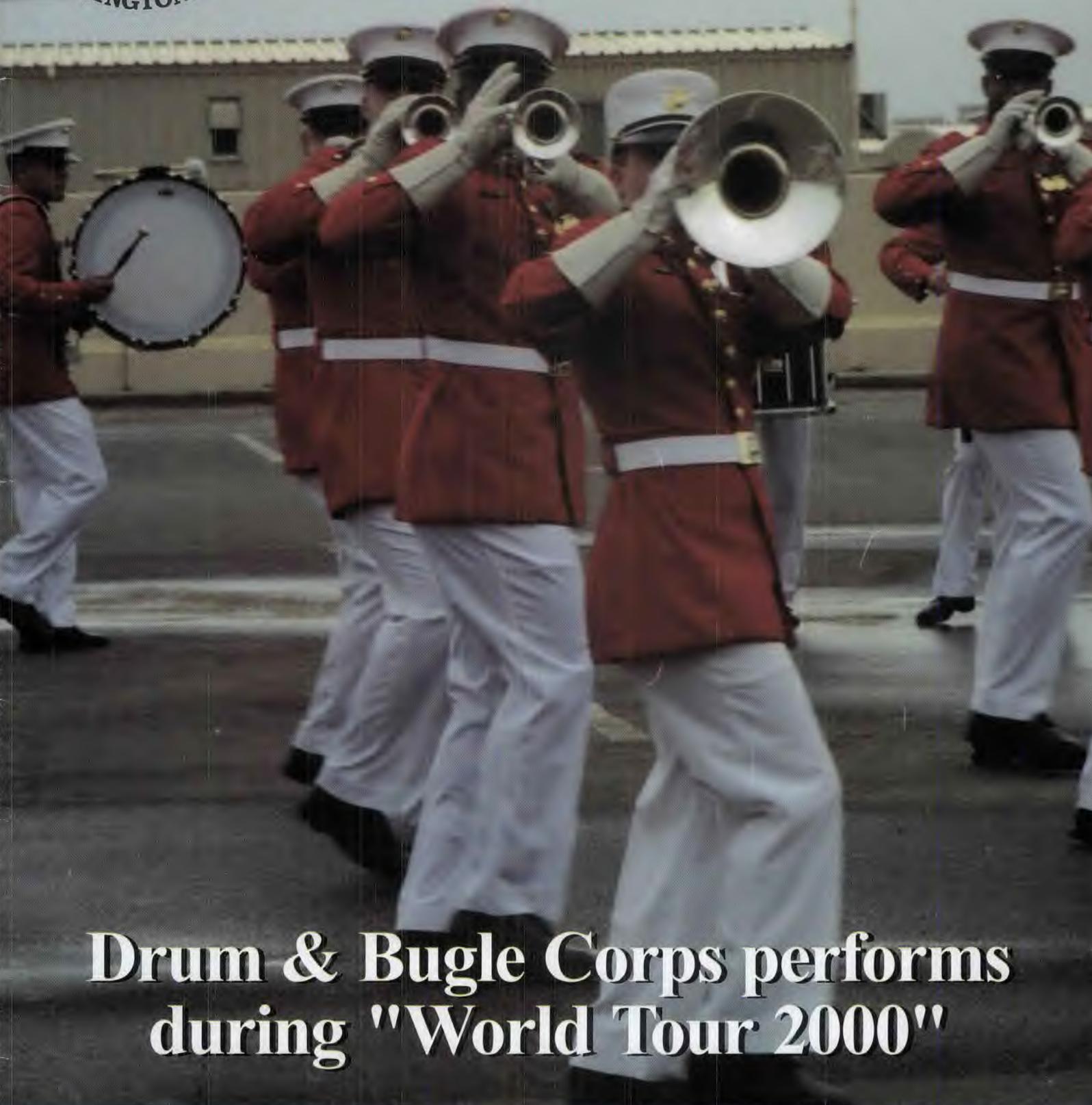


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Drug use: A permanent solution for a temporary problem? It's time to ask why Marines are risking their careers and their lives

by **Cpl. Chad C. Adams**
Staff Writer

Your world is driven by a hard-hitting bass drum as colors melt into a kaleidoscopic wave of sight and sound. Like a sledgehammer, each beat drives reality further and further away. Euphoria only masks the sweating, nausea and paranoia – the prelude to serious medical problems.

You're slipping further and further away. Tonight you're on "X."

In a movement that is steadily enveloping the club scene, a few Marines are using and abusing "rave" drugs at an alarming rate. As a result, Marines in the Washington, D.C., area, long known for its plethora of bars and nightclubs, are going out and finding these drugs. Unfortunately, these devil dogs, are tempting fate and losing. More and more urinalysis tests are popping positive, sending Marines to the brig, weakening our Corps here and abroad.

The most popular of these drugs, methylenedioxymethamphetamine, which carries the street names Ecstasy, E, X and the love drug, has become the drug of choice for raves and clubs.

Purchased for around \$20 per pill, part of the lure of the drug lies in the misconceptions that it doesn't have negative effects.

Marines believe the drug to be a safe, healthy way to go out and have fun. Many are turning to the drug as an alternative to alcohol or hard-core drugs like methamphetamines, marijuana or heroin.

These club drugs are also readily available in nightclubs in the district, and relatively inexpensive in comparison to other drugs.

Ultimately, many Marines roll the dice simply because they believe they cannot be caught by Marine Corps leaders or local authorities – the drug is normally out of the system within about 48 hours.

However, Marines are getting caught. Commanders are addressing the drug problem by holding surprise urinalysis tests in the early morning weekend hours – the

prime time to catch any offenders.

But, regardless of whether Marines get busted or not, the most important misconception they face is the safety of the drug. Ecstasy causes physical exhaustion, nausea, panic attacks and dehydration. Prolonged use causes fatigue, anxiety, paranoia and depression, according to health reports. There are also several documented cases where users ingested what is considered to be a "recreational" dose of the drug, and died shortly thereafter.

So far, Marine Corps leaders have been taking an active approach in stopping the abuse of club drugs. Naval investigation units go undercover in the clubs and on the bases to find those who use, and more importantly, those who deal.

Headquarters & Service Company, along with Marine Corps Community Services, took a step in the right direction last year with a whitewater rafting trip and fireside counseling session.

Although the Marines received good information on the dangers of drug use and abuse, we can still do much more. As much as it is every Marine's responsibility to maintain Corps Values and remain squared away, it is every leader's responsibility to provide the information

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Cpl. Chad C. Adams

and motivation to do so.

However, one important question must be asked. We have to find out why Marines are risking their careers and lives in order to simply feel good and get high. What is it that is missing from their daily, personal or professional lives that propels them to do something that has such staggering consequences, especially after they watch their own friends go down around them in staggering numbers.

I received a brief from the substance abuse counselor from Henderson Hall recently. He said the number one reason that Marines gave as a reason for their drug use was that they were just trying to get kicked out of the Marine Corps.

Is this true?

We as Marine leaders must continue to fight this battle and determine why our most precious resource would forgo their Marine ethos for a quick, but possibly deadly, "trip."

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February is “Black History Month”

by Public Affairs Office

With February deemed “Black History Month,” now is a perfect time to reflect on the trials and tribulations black Marines endured.

“This is undoubtedly a very important time of year,” said Sgt. Maj. Ronnie L. Edwards, barracks sergeant major. “However, I would be willing to give up this celebration, if we could put forth a small portion of these efforts every month of the year.”

President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802 on June 25, 1941, establishing the Fair Employment Practices Commission, allowing blacks to serve in all branches of the Armed Forces.

The decision, though highly unpopular at the time, spurred the preparations for the integration of blacks into the Marine Corps. Training was to be conducted at Montford Point in New River, North Carolina (soon to be renamed Camp Lejeune). New River was already the major East Coast combat training site for the Fleet Marine Force, and would be the only train-



Corporal Edgar R. Huff, one of the first black drill instructors, confronts a recruit platoon at Montford Point. (USMC Photo 5337)

ing area for black Marines.

Recruiting began on June 1, 1942, nearly one year after the president issued the executive order. The first men to enlist were Alfred Masters and George O. Thompson.

Recruiters searched for men with the qualifications needed to set up the initial camp. The original schedule called for about 25 cooks, bakers and

barbers to report for boot camp on August 26. When these men graduated they stayed at Montford Point and trained the recruits to follow.

The next 200 recruits, with various specialties, reported throughout the month of September. Each month thereafter brought about 200 recruits, until the total of 1,200 was reached.

Sergeant Major Gilbert “Hashmark” Johnson was one of the first black drill instructors. He wanted his Marines to be prepared, so he went against orders and secretly trained them for combat. This training proved to be invaluable to the Corps when the Marines of Montford Point helped repel Japanese forces during the invasion of Saipan in the Marianas Islands.

In 1948, segregation was finally erased in the Marine Corps when President Harry S. Truman issued Executive Order 9981, banning all discrimination in the United States military.

The origin of “Black History Month”

During February, we observe “Black History Month,” bearing witness to the progress, richness and diversity of African American achievement.

An African American named Carter G. Woodson created and promoted “Negro History Week” in the 1920s. It was celebrated in February because this month includes the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two men who dramatically affected the lives of black Americans.

The month-long celebration honoring the contributions of black Americans was implemented in 1976.

MLK Jr.'s speech touches Marine's heart

by *Gunnery Sgt. James W. Gray Sr.*
Minister

The speech of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., instructs one to have strong faith and believe Jehovah's way is the better way.

I believe the dream of Dr. King is a revelation of truth that he received through his study of scripture and the relationship he had with Jehovah.

Dr. King was a preacher of the gospel. Scripture states that without a vision the people will perish. Dr. King was a visionary. He shared his vision with others in belief that someday it will become a reality.

His actions and speech went against what was customarily accepted by others. Many other leaders promoted violence to resolve the problems of that time. Their actions and speech went against scripture warnings not to return evil for evil to dispel persecution and suffering.

Dr. King's speech and actions were full of basic principals found within the sacred scriptures. Beneath the surface of his words, I see biblical phrases being brought to life (a soft answer turns away wrath; don't overcome evil with evil, but overcome evil with good).

Dr. King preached a message of faith, obedience, and love. Although many did not see, understand or believe in his vision and stood as an obstacle before him, he pressed forward in faith and love.

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I've learned we must have a vision. We must speak and walk in faith believing that someday, because of our obedience to the principals of God's word, God will bring our vision to reality.

Dr. King's vision became a reality. I believe in his heart he held fast to the words of the Apostle Paul to the church of Galatia. In Galatians 6:9 it says, "... let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." This is the understanding I received from Dr. King's powerful speech.

Marines should be judged by character, not skin color

by *Sgt. Maj. Ronnie L. Edwards*
Barracks Sergeant Major

This time of year, I reflect on our Corps' glorious history, and the road we face ahead.

Looking into the past, I can only speculate that black men had to be very proud to enlist and serve in the Marine Corps, because before the Roosevelt administration forced the Corps to take blacks, regulations stated that they not be allowed to enlist. Those first black recruits that arrived at Montford Point, Camp Lejeune, in August 1942, had to be on cloud nine.

At first, it probably didn't matter that they were at a segregated camp and kept in segregated units. Upon completion of their training and sometime thereafter, the first two battalions were formed. You were either a commissary steward or you found yourself as a service troop. In a nutshell, you were permanently on working party duty.

However, through hard work and dedication, black Marines started to gain the respect of white Marines toward the end of World War II, and full integration finally came during the Korean War.

How far have we come since 1942? Look around you.

The change is evident.

The first few groups of recruits at Montford Point were trained by white NCOs, and all black Marines served under white officers. Regulations prohibited white Marines to serve under black NCOs, and there were no black officers.

I can remember, in 1976 as a young private first class, seeing a couple of black NCOs from time to time, but don't recall seeing any black officers. Look at the Corps today ... the 14th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps is black.

I am convinced that we are where we are today because of those who came before us. As an enlisted Marine, the two most inspirational pioneers in my eyes, are Sgts. Maj. Gilbert H. "Hashmark" Johnson and Edgar R. Huff.

These two men set the stage during those important initial years. "Hashmark" Johnson was the first black field sergeant major, and was later promoted to Sergeant Major of Recruit Training Battalion, Montford Point. Sergeant Major Huff assumed the post as the field sergeant major and retired as the senior sergeant in the Corps in 1972.

Through time and the persistence of men like "Hashmark" Johnson, Edgar Huff and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Marines are no longer judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

"Look how far we've come still overcoming ..."

Barracks Marines celebrate MLK Jr. Day

(right) Sergeant Jerilyn L. Hicks, Headquarters & Service Company, S-4 Section, administrative assistant, performs with the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Combined Choir, Jan. 11. (photo by Sgt. Sara Storey)

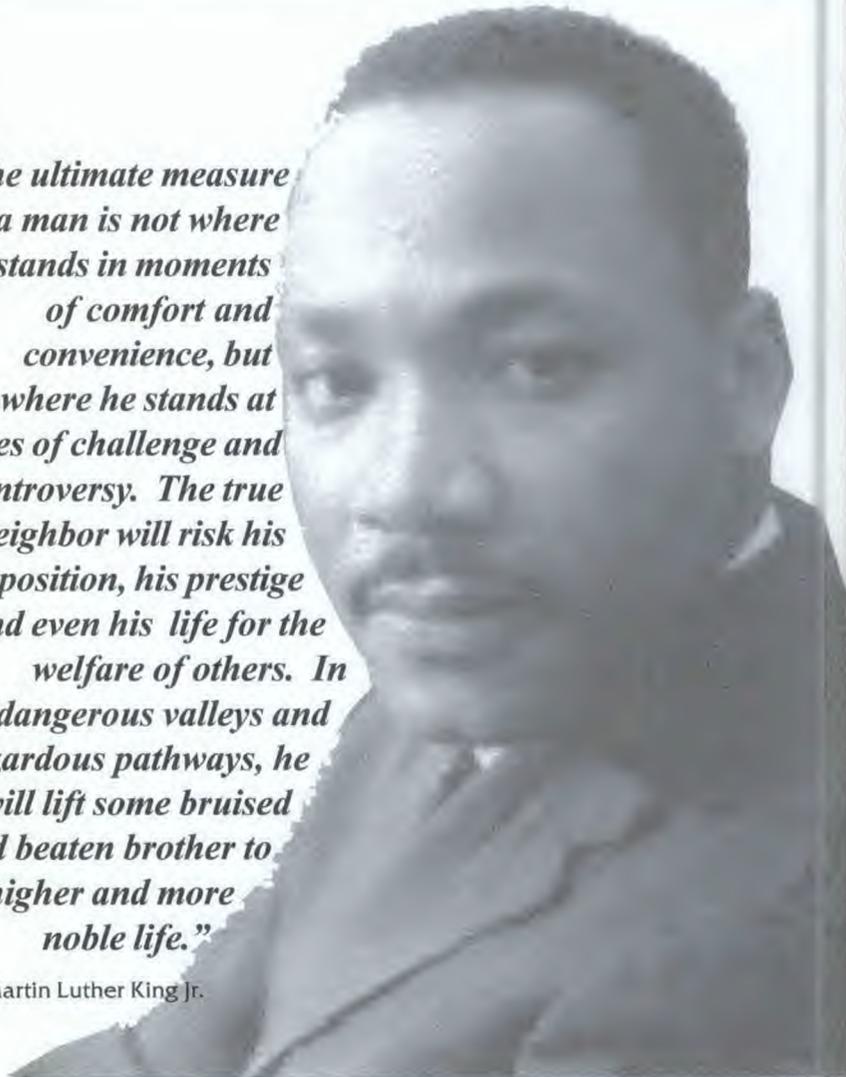


(above) Barracks Marines listen attentively to various speakers during the barracks' Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. (below) Sergeant Marlon K. Christie, H&S Company, S-4 Section, fiscal analyst, recites a poem entitled "I Dream a World," by Langston Hughes. (photos by Sgt. Sara Storey)



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. The true neighbor will risk his position, his prestige and even his life for the welfare of others. In dangerous valleys and hazardous pathways, he will lift some bruised and beaten brother to a higher and more noble life."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



VITA makes filing taxes free and EZ

by *Sgt. Sara Storey*
Editor

Tax season typically runs from January 15th to April 15th, and finding time to file an income tax return can be ... well, taxing.

To help make the process a little less painful, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is back again this year.

Marines at the tax center are certified to prepare tax returns by H&R Block, and they are standing by to help Marines and sailors at the barracks who want to take advantage of this free service.

"Most commercial tax preparers would charge around \$70 to file a typical 1040EZ. A more complex return could cost considerably more," said Sgt. Joseph B. Buchanan III, Marine Barracks Tax

Center, noncommissioned officer in charge.

The center uses a program called Tax Wise, designed specifically for military personnel, according to Buchanan. The program is very user-friendly, enabling tax preparers to complete both state and federal returns quickly and accurately. The returns are filed electronically, so a refund may be deposited in a person's bank account in three to seven days.

"I had Marines at the tax center

file my return last year, and I was really impressed with the job they did," said Gunnery Sgt. Allen C. Benjamin, Headquarters & Service Company, company gunnery sergeant. "The whole process was fast, free and convenient."

To make the process a smooth one, Buchanan recommends collecting all relevant information before heading to the center. This includes W-2 forms, investment paperwork, homeowner and daycare deductions, bank account statements, children's social security numbers, etc.

Taxpayers can find the tax center located in Room 214 of the Marine Corps Institute building from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They accept walk-ins, but those who feel they have a more complicated tax return can make an appointment by calling 685-7497.

Don't forget ...

- W-2 forms
- Investment paperwork
- Homeowner deductions
- Daycare deductions
- Bank account statements
- Children's social security numbers

"B" Company gets new commanding officer

by *Sgt. Sara Storey*
Editor

The leadership of "B" Company changed hands in a ceremony at the Enlisted Recreation Center, Jan. 10.

Captain Chad R. Vanderslice passed the guidon to Capt. Kirk A. Greiner, symbolizing the passing of his position and responsibilities as company commander.

"It's an honor and a privilege to take command of the great Marines of 'B' Company," said Greiner. "I pledge to them nothing less than my best effort, and I expect the same from them."

Vanderslice assumed the position as the training officer in the Operations/Training Section.



Young Marines graduate recruit training

by *Cpl. Chad C. Adams*
Staff Writer

For some, it's the sound of a booming voice. For others, it's the razor-sharp creases and spit-polished boots. For many, it's the penetrating glare firing out from under that Smokey Bear.

But for every enlisted Marine, there is something they won't forget about one or all of their drill instructors.

Many of those lasting images are ones that Marines carry with them in their everyday lives – some token of thought, some perspective that enhances their outlook on life.

Several Marines here are duplicating that teaching effort by participating in the barracks Young Marines program. The program, which instills confidence and discipline through the Corps Values of honor, courage and commitment, graduated the newest of those Young Marines here, Jan. 6.

As the young devil dogs sat proudly with straight backs, over 300 friends and family packed into the John Philip Sousa Band Hall and noticed the impact of these motivated instructors.

"I wish I had something like this when I was growing up," said Gunnery Sgt. Elvis S. Dixon, Marine Corps

Community Services. "It gives the kids a good outlet to see good role models."

The majority of the new Young Marines are residents of the local Southeast community, where tough streets bring even tougher choices. The Young Marines program helps the youngsters make the right decisions.

"A lot of them are going in the wrong direction," Dixon said. "So, if we can bring them back it's a good thing."

"The choices they make are a little tougher than the ones we had to make," added Cpl. Bruce D. Quach, Headquarters & Service Company, dining facility.

To help ensure the Young Marines were given the proper tools to make those right decisions, instructors dedicated nights and weekends to train their recruits.

"The amount of time they spent exemplifies the word commitment," Dixon said. "They want to pass values on to those who would never see it otherwise. It definitely speaks highly of them."

Highly motivated, instructors aimed for instilling the basic values and leadership principles that Marines learn in



Corporal Joyce Swinton, instructor, congratulates a new Young Marine.

recruit training.

"I hope they gain a little bit of confidence and maturity," said Lance Cpl. Andrew Strohecker, H&S Company, supply section.

Ultimately, the instructors dedicated an overwhelming amount of time and effort, not for awards or accolades, but to do the right thing and give something back to the community.

"When I was growing up, there was no one there to help me out," Quach said. "I had to learn from my own mistakes."

For Quach, the words of his senior drill instructor are ones that he carries through life, words he passed to his Young Marine recruits: "If you can go your whole life and make an effect on just one person, then you will live a life worth being remembered," Quach said.

Every enlisted Marine remembers something about their drill instructor.

Let's just hope the young ones do as well.



These young devil dogs anxiously await the moment they are declared "Young Marines." (photos by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

H&S Company heads to gas chamber fulfilling annual training requirement

*by Cpl. Chad C. Adams
Staff Writer*

The smoke hung heavily in the dimly lit room, as the only light eased its way through the small windows before tangling with the smoke, creating a floating twist of puffed light.

The image was serene – until you accidentally took a breath.

More than 80 Marines from Headquarters & Service Company got away from their posts here Jan. 25, for their annual gas mask training at The Basic School, Quantico, Va.

Marines received classes on the M-40 mask, donning, clearing and mask maintenance, the new Mission Oriented Protective Posture levels and suits, and the importance of proper mask techniques in a Nuclear, Biological, Chemical environment.

“The purpose of the training was to familiarize Marines on gas and help build their confidence in the gas chamber and going into an NBC environment,” said Gunnery Sgt. Allen C. Benjamin, H&S Company, company gunnery sergeant.

“It is an annual Marine Corps requirement,” added Capt. Patrick M. McGee, H&S Company, executive officer.

Although the training is a requirement, much like going to the rifle range or taking a semi-annual physical fitness test, the instructors at TBS took a unique approach.

“They tried to make everybody motivated,” said Cpl. Michael P.

Higgins, H&S Company, press shop noncommissioned officer in charge. “Nobody wants to get gassed. They at least tried to take care of Marines by giving them MOPP suits. That was the first time I ever wore one.”

For an overwhelming number of the Marines, this was their first trip to the gas chamber since recruit training. So, many were a little nervous; their previous experience with a chamber full of angry drill instructors wasn’t so pleasant.

But this time, the TBS instructors

created a learning environment sparked by motivation, not fear.

“The instructors made sure everyone was alright,” Higgins said. “They made sure everybody was good to go.”

As the masks came off, faces turned red and legs began to bounce with anxiety. Some even panicked and lost control momentarily.

But in the end, the devil dogs laughed just a little more than they coughed, but more importantly, they learned first-hand lessons that might someday save their life.

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Gunnery Sgt. Allen C. Benjamin



"World Tour 2000"

Tuesday, November 14

10:30 p.m. Everyone is here, but our flight is delayed. We have to be back in a couple of hours.

Wednesday, November 15

12:15 a.m. Back again. We're leaving for Andrews Air Force Base at 1:30 a.m.

1:30 a.m. We're on the bus! We should be leaving soon. Everyone is really excited. I hope I can sleep on the plane.

4:30 a.m. We're still at the terminal. The flight was rescheduled for tomorrow.

2:00 p.m. Back at the barracks. Cross your fingers! Maybe we'll get to leave today.

2:50 p.m. Boarded bus, departed for Andrews Air Force Base.

5:30 p.m. They just told us our plane was ready! We're heading out to the flight line.

6:15 p.m. We're headed down the runway! We're on our way to Naples, Italy.

7:20 p.m. We're somewhere over the Atlantic Ocean right now. We're supposed to do an in-flight refueling. There's a lot of turbulence.

7:25 p.m. The refueling was unsuccessful, so our flight is diverted to Stephenville, Canada.

9:45 p.m. We landed in Stephenville for gas.

Thursday, November 16

12:23 a.m. We're on our way to Naples, again. Everyone's exhausted.

7:23 a.m. (local time 1:23 p.m.) We're here! We finally made it to Naples! Because of all the delays, our show was cancelled. But, we have liberty tonight!

9:30 p.m. We met an Italian man who'd spent about 10 years in New York and spoke English. He helped us order a real Italian feast for dinner.

Friday, November 17

5:00 a.m. Everyone is awake. We have to have all our gear staged by 5:30 a.m. Then we're headed back to the airport.

9:00 a.m. We have liftoff! We're on our way to Kuwait.

2:04 p.m. (local time 5:04 p.m.) It's raining. I can't believe it. We're in the middle of the desert and it's raining.

6:30 p.m. We were bussed to the base. I was hoping to see a camel during the ride, but no such luck. Maybe tomorrow.

Saturday, November 18

6:00 a.m. Time to get our uniforms ready! We have a show at 11:00 a.m.

7:02 a.m. It's not raining anymore, and it's starting to get really hot. This is the kind of weather I expected. Still no camels.

12:07 p.m. The show was great! There were about 1,000 troops there. They really seemed to appreciate it. None of the troops get to go home for Thanksgiving, so we tried to make it a really special show.



Sunday, November 19

7:00 a.m. Back on the bus.

8:30 a.m. I saw my first camel from the bus windows! I wish I'd been able to get closer. The camels here have one hump and they are taller than I expected.

9:12 a.m. We made it to the flight line. Seven hour flight from Kuwait to Oman. Everyone is really tired of flying.

7:00 p.m. Arrived in Oman, we're headed to rehearsal.

9:30 p.m. We're behind the stadium, waiting for our part in the performance. We're talking to the Omani troops. The police have Arabian horses and one of the bands plays while riding camels. The Omanis are very friendly and interested in Americans. Especially the blondes.

Monday, November 20

12:30 a.m. We're headed back to the hotel after rehearsal.

6:30 a.m. Wide awake, ready to shop! We're headed to the marketplace. They call it a "suk." There's an ocean right outside our hotel. Beautiful city - truly a desert oasis.

3:30 p.m. Headed back to stadium for show.

9:18 p.m. Terrific show! We played in the grand finale with about 2,000 other troops. The fireworks were fantastic.

Tuesday, November 21

12:34 p.m. We're going back to the hotel for a couple hours sleep before getting on another plane.

7:00 a.m. Back on the bus, headed to airport. We're taking off at 9:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. We're back in Naples for a few hours while our plane refuels.

3:00 p.m. Takeoff! We're spending the night in Ramstein, Germany. We're going home tomorrow!

10:30 p.m. Landed in Ramstein.

**Wednesday,
November 22**

7:00 a.m. Loaded airplane. Everyone is anxious to get home.

9:50 a.m. Finally headed back to Washington, D.C.

12:40 p.m. (local time) Home again, home again!



Barracks Marines p welcoming 43rd



participate in parade president to office



photos by Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Climbing the ladder of leadership ...

Marines graduate from Corporal's Course

by *Cpl. Chad C. Adams*
Staff Writer

More than 40 Marines from the barracks completed their first step of Professional Military Education by graduating from the Corporal's Leadership Course, Jan. 19.

Corporals and lance corporals from throughout the battalion completed an intense, two-week course of instruction designed to give Marines the tools needed to become effective leaders.

"It gave us useful knowledge that can be taken back with us to properly train and lead our Marines," said Cpl. Desmond D. Onezine, United States Naval Academy Company, corporal of the guard. "The challenge is taking that knowledge and applying it."

The course featured classes pertaining to drill, physical fitness, uniform regulations and several other periods of instruction designed to make Marines more proficient in their professional and personal lives.

"It was a great opportunity to apply all of the fundamentals noncommissioned officers need to know in the Marine Corps, because in some of our military occupational specialties, we don't have the opportunity to lead Marines," said Cpl. Jessica M. Vazquez, Headquarters & Service Company, protocol section.

Although the course was fast-paced and challenging, many of the students realized the importance of the material and how it related to the meaning of being a good leader of Marines.

"Marines should know the fundamentals of leadership," Vazquez said. "All Marines should be leaders. You can't just pull it out of your back pocket if you don't have it in place."

Becoming a good leader requires knowledge, patience and, above all, motivation. Class 2-01 recognized Onezine as the most highly motivated Marine over the two-week course.

"It means a lot," Onezine said, referring to the feeling he gets from being recognized by his peers. "Ever since I first came into the Marine Corps, my goal has been to motivate others."

Other Marines recognized included the honor graduate, Cpl. Jason O. Bomba, Security Company; 2nd place graduate, Lance Cpl. Jesse L. Laintz, H&S Company; and 3rd place graduate, Cpl. Adam M. Wohlever, "A" Company.

Sergeant Major Michael S. Hannasch, director of the Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Academy at Quantico, Va., was the guest speaker for the graduation ceremony. Hannasch told the graduates that no matter what the time, what the era, NCO's have always been and will continue to be the backbone of our Corps.



Corps' Martial Arts Program replaces Close Combat

by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell
Media Chief

Many Marines hearing about the new Marine Corps Martial Arts Program brush it aside as simply another change that the Corps will soon abandon for something newer and better. But, this couldn't be farther from the truth.

Some Marines think the new system is a form of kung fu or karate, which simply isn't true.

Webster's dictionary defines "martial" as "1.) of, relating to, or like war 2.) relating to or connected with the armed forces or the military profession."

The techniques used in the program are based on combat scenarios. They cover the entire spectrum of violence from simple compliance techniques to the use of deadly force. The Marine Corps Martial Arts program is a hybrid of numerous martial arts, focusing on bayonet training, striking and ground fighting tactics – all of which could be used in a combat situation.

The program has expanded from

the former Close Combat Program, previously employed by the Marine Corps.

The new system, like the old, has two courses available to Marines: the Instructor's Course and the Instructor/Trainer Course, three and six weeks long, respectively.

Using the old system, Marines were trained and made instructors with the emphasis placed on teaching techniques. The new program continues to emphasize the teaching aspect, but also tests the individual Marine's ability to actually perform the techniques at full speed.

This is where the program begins to resemble the more stereotypical civilian martial arts. Depending on the Marines skill level, he or she can be awarded various belts.

There are five belts in the program: tan, gray, green, brown, and six degrees of black.

Before testing for a belt a Marine must complete various professional military education requirements and attain a certain rank. In order to be an instructor, a Marine has to complete



the Instructor's or Instructor/Trainer Course and earn a green belt or higher. This helps ensure the Marine understands when and where the techniques should be employed.

The program states that the Marine will be a "warrior as a gentlemen" and not simply a trained thug.

The command authority for the program is at The Basic School, at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.



The barracks made Santa's "nice" list

photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell

"... He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot ..."

Volunteers from Marine Corps Community Services had a chance to visit with Kris Kringle after hosting the barracks annual Christmas party, Dec. 16.

At the party, children had the chance to watch a magic show, color goodie-bags, eat lots of homemade treats, and tell Jolly Old St. Nick what they wanted for Christmas.

After the kids left, Santa headed back to the North Pole, "... but, I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, 'Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!'"

(both excerpts from *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Clement Clarke Moore).

Old school, Old Corps -- Old timers keep on ballin'

by *Cpl. Chad C. Adams*
Staff Writer

What were once dunks are now lay-ups. What were once elevating jump shots are now set-shots or fade-away jumpers. Even though there are no Michael Jordans to be seen, this still might just be the best game in town – the only one that helps keep the Corps strong and America free.

Several senior Marines here are refusing to lower the bar, continuing to lead by example, and not dropping the pack. Instead of resting on their rockers, these senior staff noncommissioned officers are taking their leadership values to a higher level each time they take the ball to the hoop.

“It is important to me as a senior SNCO to stay physically fit because it’s part of being a Marine, and it is our responsibility as Marines to stay physically fit,” said 1st Sgt. William A. Winters, “A” Company, company first sergeant, who is 38-years-old.

“It’s good for your ego,” said Master Sgt. William Highsmith, Marine Corps Institute Company, distance learning instructor, who is 37-years-old. “It keeps you going.”

To maintain this high level of physical fitness, several staff noncommissioned officers play on the barracks over-30 basketball team in a league at Henderson Hall. And even though these devil dogs aren’t as fleet of foot as they used to be, the competition is still intense, with one game going into triple overtime recently.

“Overall, Marines are competitive,” said Gunnery Sgt. Mark Shular, Headquarters & Service Company, Motor Transportation Section, maintenance chief, who is 38-years-old. “You always play to win, that’s what



First Sergeant William A. Winters and Gunnery Sgt. Mark Shular battle for a loose ball. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

the Marine Corps is all about.”

And that’s what these Marines are all about – competitive juices flowing to produce an intense workout.

“I play basketball as a change of pace from my normal training activities which include a variety of sporting events such as running and weight training,” Winters said. “I try to incorporate my basketball games in my aerobic workout day.”

Not only do these leaders find the game to be a challenging workout, but many find that the ideals of sport transcend into their professional lives.

“This is a guaranteed team sport,” Shular said. “If one guy gives up, the whole team drops. It works hand-in-hand with Marine life.”

“The biggest thing that translates from sports to our personal and professional lives is the ability to work with different thoughts and ideas,” Winters added.

Different thoughts and ideas enable these leaders to continuously learn

and improve in their professional military careers. Meanwhile, this learning reverts back to their fitness levels as well, creating a never-ending circle of learning and growth through professionalism and fitness.

“It is more difficult to maintain the level of fitness as the years pass, but as the years pass, you also become better educated on how to properly train for your particular sporting event,” Winters said. “You also become more aware of how things such as diet and rest affect your performance.”

Performance is where the proof of their dedication ultimately lies as these senior enlisted leaders maintain the Corps values of honor, courage and commitment at the barracks and throughout the Marine Corps.

As these senior SNCO’s enter the twilight of their careers, these devil dogs continue to step it out.

Motivators just can’t do it any other way.

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

H&S Company

December

- Capt. S.L. Roy
- Master Sgt. R.W. Coker
- Gunnery Sgt. M.L. Barnes
- Gunnery Sgt. B.A. Walker
- Gunnery Sgt. A.Y. Waller
- Gunnery Sgt. T.A. Young
- Staff Sgt. D.S. Davis
- Staff Sgt. A.R. Wooliever
- Staff Sgt. L.R. Young
- Sgt. B.H. Kim
- Sgt. T.M. Nunnally
- Sgt. R.C. Piotrowski
- Sgt. M.T. Vargas
- Cpl. J.S. Clark
- Cpl. L.A. Gonzales II
- Cpl. C.A. Grover Jr.
- Cpl. S.S. Overby
- Cpl. J.E. Puglise
- Cpl. K.L. Starling
- Cpl. A.T. Walker
- Cpl. A.T. Zepedatorres

January

- Capt. F.J. Catchpole
- Sgt. M.G. Gomez
- Sgt. W.R. Hubbard
- Sgt. C.S. Jerman
- Sgt. D.A. Schay
- Cpl. J.K. Avery
- Cpl. T.L. Broadway II
- Cpl. J.Z. Davis
- Cpl. D.B. McDevitt
- Cpl. D.J. Parker
- Cpl. J.K. Smith
- Cpl. C.L. Walters
- Cpl. J.E. Whitney
- Lance Cpl. J.D. Barber
- Lance Cpl. A.C. Strohecher
- Lance Cpl. B.J. Welch

MCI Company

December

- Sgt. M.J. Russo
- Sgt. C.L. Stehle
- Cpl. V.C. Brown
- Pfc. E.J. Turner

January

- Capt. K. McCombs
- Capt. D.T. Stouffer
- Cpl. P.W. Turner

“A” Company

December

- Sgt. B.E. Collins
- Cpl. A.C. Farmer
- Cpl. C.M. Jones
- Pfc. B.J. Dunaway II
- Pfc. L.L. Lawrence
- Pfc. T.H. Prigge
- Pfc. M.A. Wagner
- Pfc. L.M. Wimp

January

- Cpl. C.T. Lustig
- Lance Cpl. N.D. Martocci
- Lance Cpl. J.M. Vaughn
- Pfc. J.D. Cochran

“B” Company

December

- Sgt. S.S. Smail
- Cpl. C.D. Chatwin
- Cpl. J.R. McNeil Jr.
- Pfc. B.R. Benavides
- Pfc. D.T. Carter
- Pfc. J.A. Carroll
- Pfc. M.E. Delorey
- Pfc. S. Fertil
- Pfc. T.R. Galloway
- Pfc. R.E. Giddens
- Pfc. M.K. Gorab
- Pfc. J.R. Greiling
- Pfc. D.N. Hanson
- Pfc. T.Y. Herring
- Pfc. F.A. Jennings

- Pfc. P.V. Jordan
- Pfc. N.H. Kimbro
- Pfc. J.M. Lynch
- Pfc. Z.F. Maddox
- Pfc. R.R. Morris
- Pfc. K.T. O’Neill
- Pfc. A.J. Otero
- Pfc. L.D. Ratliff
- Pfc. F.L. Rucker
- Pfc. E.A. Seargent
- Pfc. L.M. Sitzman
- Pfc. S.A. Steele Jr.
- Pfc. W.T. Talley
- Pfc. S.A. Varao
- Pfc. A.T. Weisel

January

- Capt. J.S. Taylor
- Cpl. I.M. Jennings
- Pfc. A.P. Amato
- Pfc. S.A. Anderson
- Pfc. J.M. Baer
- Pfc. E.P. Bonayon
- Pfc. M.C. Carter
- Pfc. R.F. Collier
- Pfc. M.D. Collins
- Pfc. P. Dabrowski
- Pfc. F.M. Dixon
- Pfc. J.A. Dean III
- Pfc. D.F. Guerrarojas
- Pfc. M.J. Hartman
- Pfc. J.R. Love
- Pfc. A.S. Makoski
- Pfc. S.J. Oelsager
- Pfc. D.K. Stein
- Pfc. B.S. Wind

Security Company

December

- Sgt. A.V. Brown
- Cpl. N.S. Campbell
- Cpl. K.M. Correal

USNA Company

December

Sgt. K.E. Pierce Jr.
 Cpl. J.L. Bridges
 Cpl. E.S. Jaekle
 Pfc. M.G. Cleveland
 Pfc. C.L. Galliard
 Pfc. D.B. Hurley
 Pfc. B.A. McCauley
 Pfc. N.S. Minich

January

Sgt. D.F. Zogheib
 Cpl. R.E. Brown

D&B Company

December

Lance Cpl. K.G. Martinez
 Lance Cpl. S.R. Stanley

January

Staff Sgt. J.G. Brown
 Staff Sgt. C.G. Morris
 Sgt. M.S. Beames
 Sgt. K.M. Boyce
 Sgt. J.P. Byma
 Cpl. N.J. Goessl

Congratulate the following Marines on the awards they recently received.

Joint Achievement Medal

Lance Cpl. M. Baich

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Gunnery Sgt. C.A. Kohn
 Sgt. J.A. Flanary
 Sgt. D.L. Hicks

Meritorious Mast

Cpl. H.J. Angulo
 Cpl. D.E. Harvey
 Cpl. E.M. Malchak
 Lance Cpl. J.G. Amstutz
 Lance Cpl. J.M. Britton
 Lance Cpl. R.W. Cardon
 Lance Cpl. D.C. Coronado
 Lance Cpl. G.S. Demott
 Lance Cpl. C.M. Harman
 Lance Cpl. J.R. Magee
 Lance Cpl. J.M. Piehl
 Lance Cpl. J.H. Pratt

Congratulate the following Marines on the recent addition to their families.

Captain Theodore E., Marine Corps Institute, logistics officer, and Ms. Karyn Pitt gave birth to a 7 pound, 11 ounce boy, Tariq Hasan, Nov. 25.

Captain Christian F., "A" Company, company commander, and Ms. Jessica Johnson gave birth to a 7 pound, 15 ounce boy, Cade Alexander, Dec. 21.

To put your families' new addition in the *Pass In Review*, e-mail your rank, first name, middle initial and last name to storeysj@mbw.usmc.mil. Please include your spouse's first name and middle initial; and the baby's weight, full name, and date of birth.

OUTSTANDING!

Captain Brent A. Harrison, Drum and Bugle Corps, commanding officer, promotes (from left to right) Sgt. Kevin M. Boyce, Sgt. Michael S. Beames and Sgt. Justin P. Byma during a ceremony Jan. 5. (photo by Sgt. Sara Storey)



"You've got to serve somebody. It may be the devil or it may be God, but you've got to serve somebody."

Bob Dylan

God allows us the freedom to choose

by Lt. C.G. Cathcart
Barracks Chaplain

Several years ago the legendary Bob Dylan wrote a song called "You've Got to Serve Somebody."

In this song Bob Dylan sings about various people – an aristocrat, a power broker, a celebrity, an heir to a fortune, a homeless person, a drug addict; and the circumstances they find themselves in – wealth and power or poverty and despair. In the chorus Bob Dylan sings, "you've got to serve somebody. It may be the devil or it may be God, but you've got to serve somebody."

This song rings true. No matter how wealthy, powerful, poor or despairing; no matter the situation or your station in life, you've got to serve somebody.

The song illustrates how people are all seeking something to fill a vacuum in their lives. Some seek fame, while others are searching for wealth, power, status, drugs, alcohol, or something else to fill that vacuum.

They are trying to fill it with the wrong things. There is a place in each one of us where only God can be.

I believe that God wants a relationship with us individually, no

matter what we have done before, no matter how inadequate we think we are, or how far beyond reach we believe ourselves to be. We are never beyond God's reach or his love.

God cares about each one of us individually. He cares about the big things and the small things that concern you and I. God forgives,

"When we put God first in our lives, the other things fall into place and the road will be made clear."

Chaplain C.G. Cathcart

and when he forgives he forgets.

Wealth, power, fame and status are not wrong. In fact, they can be great things when used the right way. It is when we put something before God, when we fill that vacuum with something besides him, that we get off course.

When we put God first in our lives, the other things fall into place and the road will be made clear. This road is not necessarily the easiest path to take, but God has cleared it for you.

It is all too easy to buy into the illusion of happiness. Many times we say to ourselves, "if only I had

this job ... more money ... this person ... then I would be happy."

More often than not, it is nothing more than an illusion. In fact, sometimes those things that we want so much can destroy us and leave us empty. That empty feeling surrounds us when we try to fill the vacuum with something besides God and his love.

However, God will never let you down. God will never leave you feeling empty and lost.

God has left you and I with the choice of what we will place first in our lives. He doesn't coerce, manipulate, or punish us if we don't put him first, he simply gives us the choice. We choose whether we will put him first in all things, whether we will trust in him. The choice is always ours to make. There are many things in life we have no control over, but we will always have the power to put God first in our lives.

As Bob Dylan said, "you've got to serve somebody." Who will you serve today?

Semper Fi,
C.G. Cathcart

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