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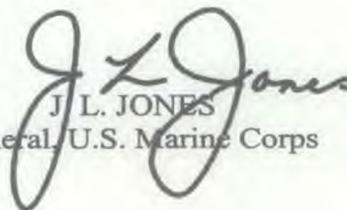
As we commemorate the 226th anniversary of the founding of our Corps, Marines everywhere can take pride in their contributions to our great nation. We are a Corps born of an act of Congress, consecrated in sacrifice, steeped in tradition, and tested in battle. Our earned legacy is filled with the names of many great Marines: Lejeune, Vandegrift, Puller...Butler, Bestwick, Daly -- who fill the annals of our lineage with their inspired acts of vision and gallantry.

Heroic actions on the battlefield are a hallmark of our legacy. Equally compelling are the countless heroic deeds of many other Marines who exemplify the virtue of placing the needs of others above their own. Whether it be a Marine saving an Okinawan child from drowning, or pulling people from a burning wreck, or a family extending itself to provide a safe, nurturing home for disadvantaged children, our lives are indeed full of heroism. Today we celebrate these deeds, not as exploits, but as contributions to the greater good -- circumstances where Marines take care of not just their own, but reach out to care for others.

A lone Marine standing vigil on a dark night in Kosovo; a Marine Reservist serving as a firefighter or police officer who responds to an emergency in his community; a civilian Marine working alongside his counterparts in uniform who shares the perils and realities of a terrorist attack; and a committed spouse who finds the time to serve as an advocate for family programs in addition to making a home and supporting the family -- all are among the heroes of all generations. We are indebted to them for their example of strength and their presence of character. They embrace our core values and live them to the fullest. They inspire us to do the same. We admire and appreciate their example as we celebrate the birth of our Corps and our rich heritage. As our motto enjoins us, let us always be faithful, to our God, our country, our Corps and to our families. Let us also resolve to be always faithful to those Marines who have bestowed upon us our proud legacy of sacrifice, courage, and victory against any foe.

To all Marines, past and present, who uphold the finest traditions of our Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, Happy Birthday and...

Semper Fidelis,


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Lance Cpl. Steve E. Fertil, marcher, 3rd Platoon, "B" Company prepares to take his place on the front line during civil disturbance training in Quantico. See related story on page 10. (photo by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble)

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MCI attacks postal challenges to better serve Corps

story and photo by Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer



Corporal Terry L. Paris takes courses from the mail stacks and tosses them into bins, part of a never-ending job.

Operations at the U.S. Postal Service's Brentwood mail processing center here in Washington was recently suspended due to the nationwide threat of Anthrax contamination, and the flow of mail into the Marine Corps Institute (MCI) was shut off.

However, Marines who might be relying on the extra points that completed MCI courses can bring them (for promotion) can overcome the mailing delays.

"Our mail room tested 'clean' for Anthrax, so we can operate normally," said Robert Cornell, MCI assistant postal chief. "But we are dependent on the U.S. Postal Service (to receive mail)."

"When (Brentwood) was shut down, we had about two-days worth of outgoing mail locked inside the building that we couldn't get to," said Capt. Spencer L. Padgett, MCI logistics officer. The biggest hold-up has been incoming mail, but sending out mail was also a challenge. Every effort has been made by MCI to ensure that courses are getting to every Marine who requests them.

"We've tried to maintain a positive flow on our outgoing mail," said Cornell. "At first we were shipping out our own mail, but now (the U.S. Postal Service) is picking it up again.

"We actually have the second largest mail room in the Marine Corps, so those Marines operating in there are used to the large workloads," said Gunnery Sgt. Teresa L. Hoffman, MCI operation chief. "They will figure out a way to get the job done."

For the time being, MCI is shipping out all mail first-class, instead of at the normal fourth-class rate. It costs more, but it will ensure that the mail will be treated with more urgency.

Operating by strict, time-consuming guidelines for health precautions, MCI's focus turns to the Marines in the fleet who are trying to get their courses turned in and graded.

"If they are in a bind and they need to get an MCI turned in, they should send it by certified mail or an express service," said Padgett. "And if a unit wanted to, they could bunch up 20 or 30 courses and send them all together."

For Marines who are stationed within the national capital region, the best bet to make sure their course get to MCI is to bring it in themselves.

"They can walk right up to the second-floor of Lejeune Hall (Building 220) on the Washington Navy Yard and hand deliver their MCI if they want," said Padgett. "Then they know it will get graded on time."

As long as the threat of contamination keeps the U.S. Postal Service on alert, the frustration of not receiving mail as quickly as before will exist. However, MCI Marines are confident that they will overcome further challenges and find alternative ways to support Marines around the globe.

Practical advice from MCI:

- **Get your course work done early. Don't wait until the last minute.**
- **Have your Training NCO make copies of your answer sheet before sending the original to MCI.**
- **Track your course completion posting on your individual record on MCI's Web site or on the Unit Verification Report (UVR).**
- **Be prepared to use an alternate way to submit your exam for grading if your exam is time-sensitive. Consider certified mail or personally delivering your exam to MCI.**
- **The latest news concerning MCI can be found on the Internet (www.mci.usmc.mil), or by phoning MCI Student Services at 800-MCI-USMC, or (DSN) 325-7438.**

Lilly assumes "B" Company command



Captain Kirk A. Greiner (left) receives the company guidon one last time from Company First Sergeant Roland J. Daniel (saluting), moments before passing the reigns to new "B" Company Commander Capt. Francis X. Lilly.

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

Captain Francis X. Lilly succeeded Capt. Kirk A. Greiner as "B" Company commanding officer in a brief change-of-command ceremony on the parade deck here Nov. 14.

Greiner, was reassigned to the operations and training section here, until Jan. 15 when he will proceed to the Armor Captains Career Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

Captain Lilly received his commission in 1994 upon graduation from Harvard College.

Upon completion of The Basic School, Infantry Officers' Course, and Light Armored Vehicle Leaders Course, Lilly reported to 2nd LAR Battalion. He served there as a platoon commander with companies "A" and "D," and as the LAR detachment commander for Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Landing Force 6th Fleet 2-98. Lilly then served as commanding officer for Company "A" for seven months.

In June 1999, Lilly was assigned to the Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard, a U.S. Army command. He assumed duties as a battalion advisor to a Saudi Arabian National Guard mechanized infantry battalion.

Lilly reported to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. in August 2000 and was assigned to the Marine Corps Institute where he served as the project officer.

In his seven years of service, Lilly has earned the Army Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of second award.

"Patriots' game"

Best-selling author Tom Clancy is joined by Chief Warrant Officer Michael A. Ladd, 1st Lt. James D. Keith, Capts. Sam L. Roy, John R. Barclay and Christian F. Johnson, officers of Marine Barracks, for Tun Tavern II here recently.

The tradition of Tun Tavern II began in 1983 when former Marines within the FBI celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday here at the Barracks.

Since 1984, the Commandant of the Marine Corps has been in attendance, along with members of the FBI who live and work in the Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Richmond and Quantico areas.



Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

Stouffer marches on Annapolis, assumes USNA Company command



Captain Dean T. Stouffer, seen during a parade last season, steps down as commander of 1st Platoon, "B" Company, and moves on to United States Naval Academy Company.

*by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble
Staff Writer*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The platoon commander from the "Fighting First", 1st platoon, "B" Company, Marine Barracks, Washington for the past eight months, took command of the United States Naval Academy Company, in a change of command ceremony at the barracks here Oct. 3.

Captain Dean T. Stouffer succeeds Capt. Jarrod W. Stoutenborough, who is going to the Advanced Artillery School in Fort Sill, Okla., where upon completion of the course, Stoutenborough will be awaiting orders to a Fleet Marine Force unit.

Stouffer previously served at Marine Corps Institute and 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he was platoon commander and Support Company executive officer. He also deployed to Alaska for four months on a joint operation.

He earned his bachelor's degree at the Naval Academy here in 1996, and went on to complete Officer Candidate School, The Basic School, Marine Corps Engineer School, and the Winter Mountain Leaders Course at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif.

During his six years of service, Stouffer has earned a Navy Achievement Medal.

The new commanding officer lives on post with his wife, Andrea H. Stouffer, and their Jack Russell Terrier, "Duke."

Here's lookin' at you kid ...

Jillian Zeiler, the daughter of Staff Sgt. Adam Zeiler, Drum & Bugle Corps, takes a closer look at Nolan Hall (tiger costume), the son of Staff Sgt. Chris Hall, Drum & Bugle Corps during the Annual Marine Barracks Halloween Party recently.

Costume contests, face painting, hay rides, pumpkin decorating, candy and free food and drinks kept trick-or-treaters of all ages in the holiday spirit.

"It's really a lot of fun watching the kids on parade and guessing who they were supposed to be and who their parents were," said Master Sgt. Milo P. Lucio, Protocol.



Pfc. Elizabeth A. Thomas



Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers

Making a difference

(left) Corporal Jennifer Avery, cook, Headquarters and Service Company, helps two-year-old Antonio Dixon make an original beadwork design, while Sgt. Andrew Dwyer (right), training NCO, H&S Company, hands a hotdog to eight-year-old Shalika Holt, at the Capper Recreation Center, Oct. 31. They volunteered to help make the center's Halloween Party a success.



Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers

Marine Corps Institute's Corbin honored for superior service

story and photo by Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer

In the Marine Corps, time management, leadership skills and mission accomplishment are very important, not only for Marines, but for civilian employees who are an integral part of the Marine Corps team.

The Customer Service Management Association gives out a Winner's Circle of Superior Service Award to those who promote excellence and innovation in customer service worldwide. The recipient of September's award was Patricia H. Corbin, registrar, student services support division at the Marine Corps Institute.

David Garnett, the director for the support division, thought Corbin deserved the award for her outstanding work ethic and management skills, so he decided to nomi-



Patricia H. Corbin tackles customer service issues as registrar, student service support division, MCI.

nate her. Garnett's belief was substantiated when CSM announced Corbin as their award recipient.

"She is the perfect example of a civil servant," said Garnett. "She is loyal, consistent and has an attitude of constant service to the Marines."

In the student services division where she works, Corbin is basically in charge of all the day-to-day customer service issues for MCI. Her division monitors enrollments, exam completions, MCI's information system operations, mail processing and problem solving.

Corbin has several Marines working within her section and successfully bridges the gap between civilian management and a military staff.

"Pat has a lot of responsibilities, but I've known her for 20 years, and I know she is a hard worker and highly competent," said Garnett.

"This association (CSM) awards people worldwide for excellence in customer service," said Corbin. "People all over can see this, so I had people who I worked with years ago, calling and congratulating me for

the award."

Corbin has set a good example for the Marines who work with her to follow. This award shows them that even though it may not seem like it, the hard work and dedication that they put forth every day really does get noticed.

Messin' with the best ...

There's a lot cookin' behind the scenes at barracks messhall



Lance Cpl. Ryan A. Roque, cook, serves Lance Cpl. James A. Carroll, marcher, "A" Company, during the noon meal.

*story and photos by Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer*

Marines work long hours, have extra duties, and sacrifice some of their social lives for their Corps.

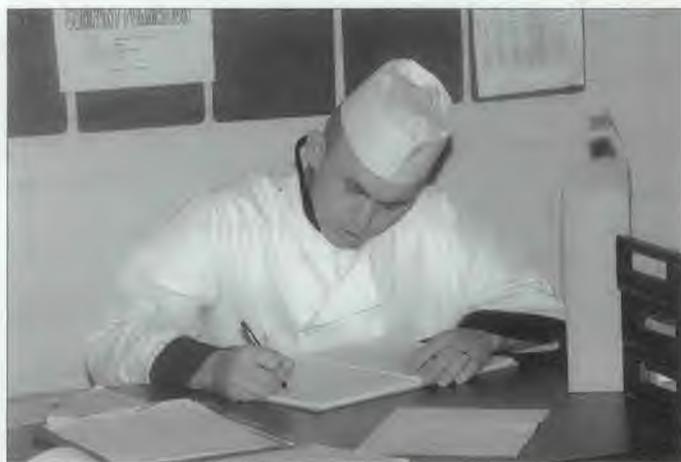
Here, food service Marines not only accept the 'leatherneck life,' they add their own unique spices to it ... and crank up the heat.

"The messhall is a section with a lot of complex moving parts and people don't get to see that, so they don't realize all the hard work we put in," said Gunnery Sgt. Marco Barnes, Messhall Manager.

The messhall consists of more than just a few cooks making food. There are staff non-commissioned officers making sure operations go as planned, food management clerks who have to keep track of inventory, and the cooks and messmen who prepare each meal. All of the different parts have to work together to ensure that everything goes

as planned.

"A lot of people don't realize all that we do and don't seem to appreciate it until they see it first hand or experience mess duty," said Cpl. Yvette Vargas, food manage-



ment information systems clerk.

Operations have to run under a certain schedule and all plans must be calculated carefully and planned far in advance. The barracks messhall gets funds directly through Headquarters Marine Corps so they need to know exact amounts of money being spent, food being prepared and served, and numbers of customers eating at the messhall.

"Food served is based on a 28-day forecast menu. During that time we have to see how many Marines eat here and the amount of food eaten," said Barnes. "That helps us to adjust our menu, and then if Marines suggest something they want to eat at the chow hall, we can try and add it to the menu."

Food service operations is a little more complex than just coming in and throwing some food on a plate. Everyone must work hard and do their part to make sure operations run smoothly.

"Cooking takes a lot of speed and time management," said Lance Cpl. Joseph Scheller, cook. "Our school was about two months long so we learned the basics, but it wasn't until I got here that I really learned how to do my job."

Once a young Marine arrives here after school, there's plenty of time for on-the-job training.

"There are two alternating watches that are in place here," said Sgt. Christof Coleman, chief cook. "Each watch will work 12 days on and then two off."

Because the messhall stays open year round, some cooks work holidays and weekends.

"If there is a group going to the range or the marchers are going to the field, then we have to open early or make them box

lunches," said Coleman. "Everybody at '8th and I' works hard, I just think that maybe the work we do sometimes goes unnoticed."

For most patrons of the messhall, not a lot of thought is given to the time and dedication these Marines bring to the table.

"When people notice the good job we do and the food we cook, it makes us feel like we are really doing our job," said Scheller. "There was this time when the first sergeant ate the ribs I cooked. When he was done, he came back and asked who made them and then told me I did a great job. That was a real bonus."



(right) Corporal Shannon A. Miller, cook, helps with preparations for noon chow. Cooks spend several hours in the galley every day preparing different types of food for every meal. The cooks work in different shifts and each day are given a menu of foods that they must prepare before the morning, noon and evening meals.

(left) Sergeant Christof Coleman, chief cook, does paperwork in order to keep track of the meals prepared by the cooks working under him. Record keeping incorporates a large amount of the day-to-day operations of the messhall.

Training keeps “B” Company sharp for civil scenarios

by *Cpl. Leah A. Cobble*
Staff Writer

QUANTICO, Va.— The long, green line of Marines stood firm like an impenetrable wall, through the haze of yellow smoke, as commands were shouted to direct the unit forward.

This was the scene recently when “B” Company convened on “Combat Town” here for Civil Disturbance Training.

The one-day training evolution gave each platoon the chance

to review vehicle and personnel searches and civil disturbance line of defense techniques.

“The company does civil distur-

bance training in order to keep the Marines sharp and ready for any situation if we are ever called into Washington D.C.,” said Gunnery Sgt. Cecil W. Goodloe, company gunnery sergeant, “B” Company.

A small cast of roll-playing aggressors, angry and taunting, looked for ways to aggravate the defense line, while Marines tried to keep their cool and concentrate on their platoon commander’s orders and unit communication.

“Marines held their ground well with the aggress-

sors,” said Goodloe. “Maintaining bearing with CS gas and smoke all around you while you try to control angry people is hard to do.”

“Giving commands and watching Marines respond to them, moving the line myself- that was a great feeling.”

Corporal Jeremiah B. Johnson
squad leader, 3rd Squad, 2nd
Platoon, “B” Company



Marines in the front line wait anxiously for orders from their squad leader.

The training scenario played out for 90 minutes for each platoon, giving them all the chance to move on to more realistic situations.

Although these devil dogs conduct civil disturbance training in the barracks’ parking garage, the time in “Combat Town” helps them work together under more realistic circumstances.

“The civil disturbance training did a lot of good, because it got the Marines in the mind-set that training is not just fun and games. They actually see for themselves what it is like when adrenaline is flowing and there is confusion everywhere,” said Cpl. Ray S. Esquibel, platoon guide, 1st platoon, “B” Company.

Civil disturbance isn’t just another issue on the backburner with which these Marines are expected to be knowledgeable. Marines must be prepared.

“In my opinion, “B” Company has completed their primary mission, which



Major Scott R. Sizemore, chief information officer, Marine Corps Institute, plays his role as an aggressor to the hilt, in an attempt to break the defense line.



Through the CS gas and smoke, "B" Company Marines stay focused on safety and mission accomplishment.



Lance Cpl. Edwin Bonayon, 2nd platoon, "B" Company, is detained by a snatch team.

is ceremonial drill, but their secondary mission should be a large focus considering the terrorist acts in the city," said Esquibel.

Corporal Jeremiah B. Johnson, squad leader, 3rd squad, 2nd platoon, "B" Company, agrees that the civil disturbance was timely.

"Within the wake of the nation's tragedy, there is much more incentive to train hard and take things more seriously," said Johnson.

Hard work is routine for these leathernecks, and training can become mundane. This training, however, gave some junior Marines the opportunity to lead and involve themselves in the decision-making process that goes along with being a platoon commander.

"Going out there as platoon com-

mander was awesome," said Johnson. "Giving commands and watching Marines respond to them, moving the line myself — that was a great feeling. The intensity and motivation was there."

Orders could be heard in between the cracks of simulated M-16A2 fire throughout Combat Town. Amid chaos, the aggressors moved closer, and decisions were vital to the company's success.

"Taking hold of the reins, planning, training, and getting squad leaders up to speed keeps me motivated and makes me a stronger Marine," said Esquibel.

When the smoke finally cleared and the training was done, the Marines of "B" Company left with the confidence to complete any mission.

Holiday food baskets - one way of "taking care of our own"

story and photos by Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer

Navy Lt. Gregory C. Cathcart, barracks chaplain, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Nancy A. Blaylock, barracks religious programmer, with help from Henderson Hall Personal Services, Marine Corps Community Services and individual Marines, were able to organize a Thanksgiving food drive.

For about a month leading up to Thanksgiving, receptacles throughout the barracks and Henderson Hall filled up with nonperishable food items.

"We received a lot of the big items from Henderson Hall, and MCCS gave us the bags to put the food in," said Blaylock. "All the rest that we got from the Marines were separated into the Thanksgiving baskets."

This year, there was enough food collected to make 40 Thanksgiving food baskets. Each basket has enough food to make a Thanksgiving dinner for a family of approximately four to five people.

The baskets were filled with all the traditional Thanksgiving goodies. There were cans of corn, yams, cranberry sauce and green beans. The baskets also came with boxes

of macaroni and cheese, stuffing and cake mix. There was even gravy mix and a roasting pan for the turkey — but no turkey.

"We used to buy about 55 turkeys and give them out, but it was a hassle to keep that many birds frozen, so now we are giving each Marine a \$20 gift card to buy a turkey," said Cathcart.



Forty bags of food were collected by the Chaplain's office and distributed to the companies for their Marines.

The baskets and gift cards go to Marines who have families and need some help during the holidays.

"We've all been there before — where the bills are adding up or there is a newborn baby in the family and we could use a little help," said Cathcart.

The first sergeants from the different companies were in charge of de-

termining which Marines would benefit the most from the Thanksgiving food baskets.

The Thanksgiving food drive took a lot of preparation, organization and selflessness to carry out. However, Cathcart and Blaylock didn't stop there. They wanted to do something for single Marines. For those who didn't have anywhere to go for the holiday, Cathcart and Blaylock found Marines living outside the barracks who were willing to have guests come into their homes for Thanksgiving dinner with their families.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, it's time to help again. Baskets will be made again for Christmas, and Cathcart said he will also find out what families have children and make sure they have some stocking stuffers in the baskets as well.

It is said that the Marine Corps is a "brotherhood," which becomes evident during the holiday season when Marines do what they can to help a "brother" in need.



Lance Cpl. Edwin Bonayon, marcher, 2nd Platoon, "B" Company, and several other Marines collected the food for distribution.

Paintball Wars: MCI puts a little color into field training

by *Cpl. Leah A. Cobble*
Staff Writer

BOWIE, Md. — Twenty-seven members of Marine Corps Institute took off for a morning paintball at Outdoor Adventures here Nov. 15.

Organized by the noncommissioned officers and the training NCO, these leathernecks came up with the idea to motivate the Marines at MCI.

“The reason I organized this event was to boost morale,” said Lance Cpl. Robert A. Rodriguez, training noncommissioned officer, MCI.

And they’ll soon need it. Now that the delayed bundles of mail are beginning to pour into MCI again, the Marines are putting in a tremendous amount of hours to support the Corps’ distance education needs.

So for these devil dogs, it was time to hit the field.

Starting off in the woods, the Marines were divided up into two teams, green and orange. Boundaries were marked, and the game began. The Ma-



Lance Cpl. Matthew D. Morisette, student service representative, Marine Corps Institute, paints his target, an opposing team player during MCI's paintball excursion in Bowie, Md., Nov. 15.

ines played on three courses, two games each. The first four games lasted between ten and twenty minutes. Once a Marine was shot, they had to leave the playing area until the next round.

“It’s a great way to practice the tactical skills we have learned,” said Lance Cpl. Doug Allsop, student service representative, MCI. “It also promotes teamwork and unity within our shop, from officer to private.”

The last game was inside a closed-in area with black netting that covered all sides. Each team rushed forward in order to retrieve the flag posted in the center of the field.

A much faster game, lasting about four to six minutes, the Marines had to move quickly and be more aware of their position and surroundings.

“We wanted to do something that would make Marines use their tactical skills and promote a good physical training session,” said Rodriguez.

The Marines from MCI had the opportunity to get away from work,

and into something that resembled a field environment.

In the end, the green team came out on top, dominating the wars, but the Marines on both teams left with something even better - camaraderie.



Major Ryan P. Heritage, executive officer, works his way through the course.



A Marine from MCI jumps up to capture the flag for his team.

Challenge Day - SDP Marines compete for inspection team spots

by *Cpl. Leah A. Cobble*
Staff Writer

The leaves are falling and a chill is in the air, The Silent Drill Platoon is still out spinning in preparation for the next parade season.

The Silent Drill Platoon held their annual Challenge Day on the parade deck here October 24, in order to pick the next two inspection teams for the new parade season.

Once a year, the SDP Marines who have been polishing their craft finally get to come out and compete against each other for a place on the team. Although more challenge days will come throughout the year, this is the only shot Marines have at making the inspection team.

"The Marines that tried out, started spinning in May — almost six months ago," said Cpl. David K. Binkley Jr., rifle inspector.

Each inspection team consists of one rifle inspector, a "single," a "double," and a "throw-out" Marine.

During an inspection, the rifle inspector begins the routine with the single and then moves on to the throw-out and the double.

"The cadence, or rhythm of the movements, is set by the rifle inspector. He is in charge of his inspection team and will be graded on consistency and execution," said Sgt. Richard T. Jordan, SDP drill master.

The throw-out Marine starts the second portion of the inspection by performing a rifle toss to the inspector as he walks by, followed by a captivating mirror sequence between the rifle inspector and the double.

"The throw-out must concentrate on timing and watch for the inspector as he walks by," said Jordan. "The double's job is to mimic the move-



Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

Lance Cpls. Mark Hamsford and Alderbert Witherhill compete for a spot.

ments of the rifle inspector and stay with his cadence."

The rifle inspectors from the latest parade season grade each Marine twice. They evaluate movements, uniforms, bearing, weapons and cadence. The scores from each inspector are then averaged together for the final results.

Graded on 57 movements, plus their walk and control, the prospective rifle inspectors must devote much of their free time perfecting the movements. They set the pace for the movements executed and are judged accordingly.

The single, the first Marine to begin inspection with the rifle inspector, has 18 movements he must execute. The throw-out has 14 movements, and the double performs 27 movements.

However, there are some regulations for trying out on Challenge Day. Not just any SDP Marine can try out for a position on the inspection team. If a Marine wishes to be a rifle inspector, he must be a prior inspection team member. For the double, throw out, and single spots, Marines are required

to have been marchers for a year.

With over 100 performances each year, Marines on the inspection team must work well under pressure.

"There are only two teams for the whole year," said Binkley. "They can't go out on the parade deck and be lazy."

Although parade season has ended, SDP's work continues. Due to their strenuous schedule and expected excellence from the public, SDP cannot slow their pace. The Inspection teams are fundamental to the success of each performance. So while Mother Nature takes on a cold, gray form, SDP must focus on the season to come.

"This is probably the most important challenge day for next year," said Binkley. "The inspection teams have to carry the weight of SDP for the whole year. Drill is good, but people always remember inspection."

Regardless of how cold the winter chill might become, SDP Marines will still be out there spinning, because that's the kind of commitment it takes to be one of "the best of the few."

226 Years -

"8th & T" Marines shine with pride during Birthday celebrations



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With veterans looking on, members of "B" Company's Firing Team pay tribute during the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va.

Gunnery Sgt. Tommy J. Jimmerson, subsistence chief, messhall, Headquarters & Service Company, marches as part of the parade staff at the Marine Corps War Memorial.



Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James L. Jones (left) and Marine Barracks Commanding Officer Col. Richard T. Tryon escort Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England during the Wreath Laying Ceremony.



Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett

Corporal Agron Dika, body bearer, "B" Company, places a wreath at the grave of Archibald Henderson - the Corps' fifth Commandant.

8th & Iron: Barracks Marines PUSH themselves to limit during MCCS Powerlifting Meet; Melrose stands tallest

story and photos by Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
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Barracks Marines put everything else aside to see who was the strongest when Marine Corps Community Service held a powerlifting meet in the gym here Nov. 15.

The competition was broken down into six weight classes for males, and a separate class for females.

During the meet, lifters competed to see who could push the most weight in the bench press and the deadlift. The bench press is a lift where a competitor lays on their back and uses arm and chest muscles to lower weight down to their chest and then back up until their arms are straight. In the deadlift, a bar with weights is placed parallel in front of the lifter's feet. The lifter then bends at the knees, grasps the bar and attempts to stand straight up while holding the weight.

Even though the whole event was a competition and awards were given out, this powerlifting meet was more about every Marine giving their best, having a good time, and promoting physical fitness.

"It's pretty much everything I thought it would be," said Capt. Melvin Ferdinand, 205-219.9 pound class. "Every Marine came out and did their best to give 100 percent, and that's very motivating."

"I lift a lot to stay in shape, but I wouldn't call myself a powerlifter," said Lance Cpl. Ray I. Ross, 205 - 219 pound class. "But I wanted to see how I could do against some of these other guys out here."

After all the grunting, sweating and screaming was over, scores were added up and winners were announced.

First and second-place were up for grabs in each weight



Gunnery Sgt. Carl W. Melrose won his division, along with the pound for pound, heaviest deadlift and bench press.

class. There were also trophies given out for overall heaviest bench and deadlift. To make it fair, awards in those two categories were determined on a pound-for-pound basis. This means that someone could lift less weight and still be the winner if they lifted a higher percentage of their body weight.

Winner of the heaviest bench press was Gunnery Sgt. Carl W. Melrose, 144.9-below. Second went to Chief Warrant Officer Michael A. Ladd, 205-219.9 pound class.

Winner of the heaviest deadlift was Melrose. Second place was Cpl. David K. Binkley, 205 - 219 pound class.

"I started lifting two years ago, and I just got first place in the World Powerlifting Meet held in Greenville, S.C.," said Melrose. "There is more camaraderie in this sport than any other sport that I know of. In powerlifting, the competitors are cheering for each other and trying to give each other advice to help them with their next lift."

After the meet was over, everyone was talking, shaking hands, and congratulating one another. And even though all the lifters wanted to win, there were no losers, because they all gave it everything they had and did their best.

Overall Standings

Weight Class	1st Place	2nd Place
Female	Cpl. Elvira F. Lombardo, H&S	Sgt. Jerilyn L. Hicks, H&S
220-Above	Sgt. James D. Reed, "B"	Cpl. Matthew J. Jannings, "B"
205-219.9	CWO Michael A. Ladd, MCI	Lance Cpl. Benjamin J. Watrous, "B"
185-204.9	Cpl. John W. O'Donnell, H&S	SSgt Anthony D. Moore, H&S
165-184.9	Cpl. Jesse T. Price, "A"	SSgt Donovan S. Davis, H&S
145-164.9	Cpl. Juan C. Llanos, H&S	
144.9-Below	Gunnery Sgt. Carl W. Melrose, MCI	
Heaviest Bench Press		
	1st Gunnery Sgt. Carl W. Melrose, MCI	
	2nd CWO Michael A. Ladd, MCI	
Heaviest Deadlift		
	1st Gunnery Sgt. Melrose, MCI	
	2nd Cpl. David K. Binkley, "A"	

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

H&S Company

October

- Staff Sgt. Daniel G. Bostick
- Staff Sgt. Rasheem M. Brown
- Staff Sgt. M L. Buchanan III
- Staff Sgt. Anthony D. Parks
- Sgt. Dennis L. Bearden
- Cpl. Shawn M. Beckwith
- Cpl. Daniel L. Catlett Jr.
- Cpl. Leah A. Cobble
- Cpl. Deshaun W. Hagen
- Cpl. Lori C. Jaime
- Cpl. Wayne P. Lacy
- Cpl. Shannon A. Miller
- Cpl. Walter H. Paz
- Cpl. Jorge I. Ulloa
- Lance Cpl. Adam B. Craig
- Lance Cpl. Brian D. Franks
- Lance Cpl. Christopher S. Warp

November

- Gunnery Sgt. Tommy Jimmerson
- Gunnery Sgt. Stanton B. Pittman
- Gunnery Sgt. Michael D. Wilson
- Staff Sgt. William J. Allison Jr.
- Staff Sgt. Kevin D. Anderson
- Staff Sgt. Brian L. Sutton
- Sgt. Aledandro Duran
- Sgt. Sammy M. Roberts
- Cpl. Ludlow G. Drummond
- Cpl. Marion P. Gadsden
- Cpl. Adam D. Gleave
- Cpl. William G. Keebler
- Cpl. James S. Mayhew
- Cpl. Jeremy L. Smith
- Lance Cpl. Matthew C. Klouda
- Pfc. Charles H. Moricle

MCI Company

October

- Sgt. Danyel D. Heard
- Cpl. Luis G. Quetell
- Cpl. Dany G. Rodriguezpadilla
- Lance Cpl. Douglas B. Allsop
- Lance Cpl. Donald C. Todd

November

- Gunnery Sgt. Antonio D. Steward
- Cpl. Adam M. Oneil

“A” Company

October

- Cpl. Christopher L. Adams
- Cpl David M. Grooms
- Cpl. Robert L. Hopkins
- Cpl. Anthony L. Ingram
- Cpl. Deshawn J. Johnson
- Cpl. Jesse T. Price
- Cpl. Christopher L. Romero
- Cpl. Gregory L. Serwo
- Cpl. James H. Walker
- Lance Cpl. James A Carroll

November

- Sgt. Bobby E. Jones
- Cpl. Andrew J. Buckley
- Cpl. Jon R. Hogan
- Cpl. James L. Rooks
- Cpl. William E. Sullivan
- Lance Cpl. Christopher E. Collins

“B” Company

October

- Cpl. Gabriel S. Demott
- Cpl. Levi A. Gray
- Cpl. Steven J. Metcalf
- Cpl. Jason A. Skelton

November

- Cpl. Christopher W. Black
- Cpl. Orlando G. Araina
- Cpl. Robert A. Davis
- Cpl. Eugene R. Meghee II

Security Company

October

- Sgt. Michael G. Green
- Cpl. Richard E. Giesemann
- Cpl. Lloyd C. Lewis

November

- Gunnery Sgt. John E. Sackett
- Sgt. James M. Townley
- Cpl. Adriel Cardona
- Cpl. Daniel N. Hutson
- Cpl. Sean R. Rogers

USNA Company

October

- Lance Cpl. Billy W. Hurst
- Lance Cpl. Everett E. Gray
- Lance Cpl. Eric C. Loggins

November

- Gunnery Sgt. Blair E. Greentaner
- Pfc. Tyrone M. Morris

D&B Company

October

- Staff Sgt. Michael J. Fulwood
- Staff Sgt. David E. Warner
- Sgt. Brett J. Garrett
- Cpl. Brian M. Crane
- Cpl. Jonas J. Mitchell
- Lance Cpl. Joseph M. Rivera
- Lance Cpl. James R. Wiley

November

- Gunnery Sgt. Kevin D. Buckles
- Gunnery Sgt. Mark E. Meir
- Staff Sgt. Nicole A. Eddy
- Cpl. Christopher E. Ricketts
- Cpl. David L. Toothman
- Cpl. John D. West

Band Company

November

- Gunnery Sgt. William L. Browne

Congratulate the following Marines on the awards they recently received.

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

- Staff Sgt. C. W. Holland
- Cpl. Mourad Baich
- Cpl. Ray S. Esquibel
- Cpl. Wayne D. Frinkle
- Cpl. Luis A. Gonzalez
- Cpl. Jessica M. Vasquez
- Lance Cpl. J. R. Hogan
- Lance Cpl. A. M. Mullen

Navy Commendation Medal

- Capt. Kirk A. Greiner

To announce a new birth in your family, e-mail your rank, full name, family information and work section to adamsc@mbw.usmc.mil.

Planning options available, timing critical for Career Marines

Gunnery Sgt. Stanton B. Pittman
*Career Planner,
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.*



Lateral moves

Marines desiring to make a lateral move need to see the Career Planner to find out what Military Occupational Specialties in which they qualify.

Marines requesting lateral moves may begin submitting requests on Dec. 1, 2001. MMEA-6 will start releasing lateral move requests beginning Jan. 2002.

All requests for lateral moves out of open MOSs (for example, 0311) will require an endorsement from the Commanding General.

Open status will be waived if the Marine is moving into MOS 0211, 0241, 2336 or 8421.

Lateral move requests must include three MOS choices, in which the Marine is qualified. Each lateral move MOS must be open.

Reenlistment Incentives

First term Marines authorized reenlistment in their primary MOS may request duty station assignments in conjunction with reenlistment requests. Duty station assignments will be based on needs of the Marine Corps, billet vacancies and Marine preference.

Money is also available for some First Term Marines. Fields 0311 and 4612 are eligible for Zone A, multiple of one. Field 4066 is eligible for a multiple of two. For a complete list of Selective Reenlistment Bonus Program eligibilities, contact the Career Planner.

Get your jump wings

Marines also have the opportunity to utilize Reenlistment School Seat Incentives.

School seat incentives are available to assist command-

ers with reenlistment of first term and Career Marines, to ensure the success of retention efforts.

Barracks Marines can compete for seats in the Airborne Course, SERE Course, Mountain Survival Course, Summer Mountain Leader Course and Cold Weather Survival Course.

Sergeants needed for MSG

If a Marine has more than 1 year on station, has been screened and found qualified by the command per Marine Corps Order 1326.6D, or has applied in the past and been disapproved, then it is strongly encouraged that they submit/resubmit ASAP.

Commands can submit request via naval message (recommended) or an Administrative Action form to Commandant of the Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. (MMEA-85). If you have any questions, contact Gunnery Sgt. Edgardo M. Guzman, MSG monitor, at DSN, 278-9263/64, or commercial, (703)784-9263/64. Completed Commanding Officer's checklists can be forwarded to MSG monitor at DSN, 278-9843.

Money for career Marines

The Subsequent Term Alignment Plan (STAP) is aimed at career Marines. A career Marine is defined as one who has reenlisted at least once in the Marine Corps. Specifically, STAP's focus is on the reenlistment of career force sergeants, staff sergeants, and gunnery sergeants who have EAS dates in FY02.

Increased SRB funds aimed at career Marines. In FY02, career Marines will receive 37 percent of the SRB budget.

Lump sum SRB payment and full 48 month SRB calculations for career Marines.

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a new installment for the Pass In Review, providing career information for Marines. Gunnery Sgt. Pittman can be reached at 202-433-5404.

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"The Marines are coming, and they are bringing hell with them"

by Lt. C. G. Cathcart
Barracks Chaplain

Marines, as you celebrate your 226th Birthday, may I congratulate you on your legacy which is second to none in military history. We all have listened to many famous and historical accounts of Marine Corps victories and the stoic personalities that accomplished things that Americans and others the world over have marveled at. As your Chaplain of the "Oldest Post in the Corps," let me say to you today

that it has been the single greatest honor of my life to serve you, The Marines, and to be here during this time in history.

The Marines have had a tremendous past and an exciting present; however, I believe that the Marines' greatest days of all still lay ahead in next few years. If God allows I hope to be there with the Marines when that time comes.

Until that time, here is the 226th Birthday Ball Prayer I have written for our beloved Corps.

Semper Fi and God Bless.

Almighty God,

Tonight we have gathered to celebrate the most renowned of all military milestones. A night in which we come together as a Corps to celebrate that in which we glory in, which is the Marine Corps, and the celebration of our Birthday.

It was a night such as this 226 years ago that a few warriors had a revelation to form the greatest fighting force the world has ever seen to form a corps of special Warriors who were gifted in the ability to emerge victorious against anyone, in any climate, at anywhere at anytime.

With that they charged their glasses and toasted to the birth of something greater than themselves to the genesis of the Corps. And from that toast wars have been won, enemies defeated, cultures preserved, and America protected. And tonight these Marines before me are the legacy of those Marines at Tun Tavern and every Marine since then who has fought, bleed, and died to protect this great country and serve among greatest warriors on the planet.

Tonight God we ask for your care and protection upon our brothers and sisters who are forward deployed, who are answering the call for the 5,000 voices who cannot answer for themselves any longer, as well as the Marines who stand before you now.

In particular we ask Your, blessing upon our families who make sacrifices along side of us. And pay their own special price in serving this country.

Tonight our fore fathers and all those who have gone before us for 226 years watch as we charge our glasses and toast those who gave birth to our Corps, the Marines that followed, the Marines here tonight, and the Marines yet to be.

And finally God tonight we say to those who would do harm to this great country and those in it. THE MARINES ARE COMING, AND THEY ARE BRINGING HELL WITH THEM. In Gods name we pray. Amen.

“Paying tribute”



Members of “B” Company’s Firing Team participated in the “Silent Salute,” following the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial Nov. 10. Each year, hundreds of Marine veterans from around the country converge at the memorial to pay tribute to those devil dogs who lost their lives in the line of duty. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

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