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2002 Edinburgh Military Tattoo



BCD performs for Queen Elizabeth II at Edinburgh Castle

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FROM THE BARRACKS COMMANDER...

Another parade season has come and gone. The parade deck did not remain empty for very long however, as we continued with a series of ceremonies to include the frocking of the new Assistant Commandant, two General Officer retirements, the 9-11 memorial ceremony, preparation for the Norway Tattoo, the Modern Day Marine Exposition at Quantico, the Barracks Change of Command, and the Texas State Fair - all during September!

This past parade season was yet another tremendous success. Once again, you distinguished yourselves and further enhanced the image and reputation of 8th & I. During the Sunset Parades at the Marine Corps War Memorial, the Barracks performed before over 24,000 spectators. Here at the Oldest Post of the Corps, the Friday Evening Parades entertained in excess of 54,000 guests. Protocol received more than 65,000 requests for reservations from individuals and groups to attend the Friday evening performances. This does not include the weekly Marine Band concerts, the Battle Color Detachment performances across the country, the frequent funerals, the numerous Silent Drill Platoon commitments or the countless color guard "patriotic openers." The pride and professionalism evident in the pageantry and military precision of our parades and ceremonies continues to be a source of inspiration for our fellow Americans in a turbulent time.

This was - and still is - an important year for the Barracks and our country. In the wake of the tragic attacks of 9-11 and with the ongoing war on terrorism, our country looked for reassurance and solidarity. The Marines of this Barracks offered the kind of symbolism needed to reassure the nation that its Marines were ready. Just as Marines were among the first to carry the fight to the terrorists in Afghanistan, Barracks Marines were front and center as the symbol of our nation's strength and resolve. Your efforts - the early mornings, the late nights, the long rehearsals, the countless bus trips, the oppressive heat and humidity and the occasional rain-soaked ceremony - have made a difference. You have touched countless audiences and succeeded in your mission.

As I prepare to depart the Barracks for my next assignment, I do so with the knowledge that the Barracks is prepared to carry on the legacy and will continue to make our Corps proud. Thank you and congratulations to each of you for preserving the time-honored traditions, esprit de corps, and high professional standards for which the Barracks is famous. I look forward to serving with you in the future and wish you all the very best.

Semper Fidelis,

R. T. TRYON
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A graphic design featuring the United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle during the celebration of the 2002 Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (photography/graphics by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble)

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“A” Company passes guidon, changes command

*story and photos by Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Media Chief*

The platoon commander of the Silent Drill Platoon took over as “A” Company commanding officer here in a brief ceremony on the parade deck July 29.

Captain Graham R. Grafton succeeded Capt. Christian F. Johnson, who was reassigned to the Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, Va.

After receiving his commission in 1995 and graduating from The Basic School in 1996, Johnson attended the Infantry Officers Course and Light Armored Vehicle Leaders Course.

Following his formal schools, he served as Platoon Commander for “C” Company, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, completed one combined arms exercise and also assumed the duties of Company Executive Officer. While serving as executive officer, Johnson deployed to Panama for a three-month security mission in 1997 and returned in 1998 for a second three-month tour. When Johnson returned, he received orders to Marine Forces Unitas as the LAR Detachment Commander. With Unitas he deployed to South America as well as Western Africa from July 1999 to December 1999.

In January 2000, Johnson was ordered to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. Upon arrival to the “Oldest Post of the Corps,” he was assigned to the Marine Corps Institute as an Assistant Operations Officer. In October 2000 he was assigned to “A” Company as Commanding



Captain Christian F. Johnson and Captain Graham R. Grafton stand on centerwalk for the change of command ceremony.



Captain Christian F. Johnson receives the “A” Company guidon from First Sgt. William A. Winters during the change of command ceremony on the parade deck.

Officer.

Captain Grafton received his commission in 1997 upon graduation from The Citadel.

After completion of The Basic School, Armor Officers and Scout Platoon Leaders Course, Grafton reported to 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., for duty as Tank Platoon Commander. In 1999, he was made Tank Platoon Commander for Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines. Grafton deployed with the landing team as part of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) in February 2000. He also led the first Marine tanks into Kosovo during Operation Dynamic Response.

Grafton reported to Marine Barracks in October 2000, where he has served as “A” Company, 1st Platoon Commander, a White House Social Aide and the Silent Drill Platoon Commander.

“I have the fullest confidence that this team will step off smartly and Capt. Grafton will continue to lead “A” Company with the same kind of precision that we have seen in the past 21 months under Capt. Johnson,” said Col. Richard T. Tryon, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

"Molly" gets sergeant stripes, set for retirement



Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

Colonel Richard T. Tryon, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, and Sgt. Maj. Ronnie L. Edwards, sergeant major, Marine Barracks, promote "Chesty XI" to the rank of sergeant before she marches her last Evening Parade, Aug. 23.

*story by Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas
Staff Writer*

Sergeant "Chesty XI," the official mascot of Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., recently submitted a request to retire from active duty to make room for her apprentice, Lance Cpl. "Chesty XII."

The canine leatherneck who is affectionately called "Molly" by her fellow Barracks Marines, has faithfully performed her duties as Barracks mascot since joining the Corps in August 1995.

"Molly" made history as the first female mascot to ever serve at the Barracks.

The duties of the spirited English bulldog have included public appearances at military related events and earning the adoration of every crowd that has visited the Barracks during the renowned Friday Evening Parades held here in the summer months.

The tradition of Barracks mascots began when the first mascot, "Chesty I" (named after the most decorated Marine in history, Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller) marched in the first-ever Friday Evening Parade on July 5, 1957. The mascots have been strutting their stuff down centerwalk at Evening Parades ever since.

Molly will retire to a lap of luxury while doing part-time home security at the residence of her caregiver, Chief Warrant Officer Joseph M. Hurley. Asked how more than seven years of ceremonial commitments have affected her life, Molly simply replied, "... Rough."



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"Molly" (Chesty XI) stands tall during her final Evening Parade.

New buses provide comfort, promote Corps



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A C.P. Spangler & Associates worker adds the final touches to one of the newly "shrink-wrapped" buses at the Motor Pool.

by **Cpl. Leah A. Cobble**
Editor

"Comfort" and the "Marine Corps" are words rarely seen or heard in the same sentence, so for good reason, there has been unanimous praise for the new buses that are replacing the outdated ones at the Barracks motor pool aboard Anacostia Naval Station.

Eight of the 17 new buses are now used for all missions utilizing road transportation. The other buses will be distributed Corpwide for use by the base bands. The buses, made by Blue Bird Corporation, are equipped with features such as electronic gear shift-

ing, sun visors, as well as new safety measures.

"I wish the Marine Corps had these buses two years ago," said Cpl. Daniel L. Catlett, driver, motor transportation, Headquarters and Service Company. "These buses maneuver a lot better and are much more comfortable to drive."

But before they "hit the road" the large white buses must go through their own transformation. This process, called "shrink wrapping," done by C.P. Spangler & Associates, takes 75 to 80 man hours per bus, and costs an average of \$10,000 each. This may seem extravagant, but the time and expenses are paid for by the multitude of overall benefits.

Shrink wrapping is the term used for a graphics application, on an automobile or machinery to publicly display a particular company, sponsorship, or mission statement.

This sort of application is used worldwide for advertisement, and public support, and has already been implemented by companies such as McDonald's and Exxon. There is no question as to why the Marine Corps is next in line for this practice. It provides constant exposure for the Marine Corps each time Marines travel on the road. An advertising expense that is only paid once and used for years to come.

The graphics chosen for the buses are the Mamaluke Sword on one side,

and a picture of five Marines in their Dress Blue Uniform on the other.

The buses were measured, and divided up into 56 specific sections where each part of the large graphic design is placed. After the layout was completed the actual graphic, is then

placed on the bus, like a massive piece of tape.

"If any of the graphics are damaged, we can easily replace them by ordering the panel to replace the damaged one," said Gunnery Sgt. Bradford J. Merrill, operations chief, motor transport, Headquarters & Service Company. "This easy process will keep the buses looking good year-round."

With new equipment there is always new training that must coincide. The motor transportation division has implemented specific qualification

guidelines that their Marines must follow.

"Training takes 30 hours, and tests each driver's parking and driving skills," said Merrill. "Divided into three sections, 10 hours each, the Marines begin with parallel parking, right and left turns, and alley docking. Then they move on to 10 hours of base driving and 10 hours of city driving."

Overall, there is a magnitude of praise for the new buses. The Marines riding in them feel safer and more comfortable, the drivers have an easier drive, and the visual symbols of the Marine Corps are clearly displayed.

But as the writing on the "shrink wrap" says, the title of Marine and the privilege to ride these new buses is "earned, never given."



Corporal Daniel L. Catlett, driver, Motor Transportation, H&S Company, demonstrates how to use the new electronic devices in the new buses. (photo by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble)

"Baby Boot Camp"

The babies might not have been real, but the concerns and nervous anxieties of the soon-to-be parents were real as they settled into the Recreation Center here recently for "Baby Boot Camp."

"I'm just nervous about raising her right," said Lance Cpl. Michael J. Jaramillo, A Company. "But rest assured, once she gets here I'm going to spoil her rotten."

The expecting parents were of all ages; and some were even working on a second child.

"Whether your having your first, second, or third child you can benefit from this class," said Gunnery Sgt. Cecil A. Goodloe, company gunnery sergeant, "B" Company. "The information they give in this class helps in so many ways I think all new parent should be required to attend."

The class provided information on infant nutrition, growth and development, parenting techniques, and some of the surprises to expect when raising a child.

"I'm not really nervous about the baby," added Goodloe, "I'm more worried about the things going on in our world today and what kind of world she will grow up in -- that is my main concern."

The classes continued with lessons in diaper-changing drills and practical application baby-bathing stations. Through it all, the anxious, soon-to-be parents soaked up all the knowledge they could and left with a little bit more baby know-how.

(Pictured) Lance Corporal William T. Talley of "B" Company, 2nd Platoon, gets some practical application changing a diaper, as his wife Tabitha watches with ardent eyes.



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

Annex Update

'7th & K' Barracks Annex building progress booms skyward

by *Public Affairs Office*
Marine Barracks

The future is becoming a reality at the corner of 7th and "K" Streets Southeast, as contractors make progress on the foundation of the new "Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility."

After several weeks of site grading, the contractors from Coakley & Williams have begun to set the foundation for the Band Support Facility structure.

The blockwide complex will include office spaces and a rehearsal hall for the United States Marine Band, as well as living quarters for 322 enlisted Barracks Marines. The project is slated to be completed by December 2003.



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(Looking south from "K" Street) Contractors make progress on the Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility's foundation.

Eagle, Globe and Anchor ...



Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers

Marine Barracks Engineering Technician, Fred E. O'Neal, and Rick Hahn of Hahn Masonry, place a three and one-half-foot square bronze plate featuring a finely crafted Marine Corps emblem, in the Marine Family Garden between the parade deck and the Sun Porch of the Home of the Commandants here, Aug. 5.

The fitting memento for the Home of the Commandants was contracted by Creative Signage Systems of College Park, Md.

"The eagle, globe and anchor fits perfectly -- it is as if the spot where it was chosen to be placed was designed for the emblem," said Barracks Commanding Officer, Col. Richard T. Tryon.

Savvy NCOs close out 2002 Sunset Season in style



Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett

Corporal James M. Britton, Silent Drill Platoon, "A" Company, marches as platoon commander for the Silent Drill Platoon.



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The Noncommissioned Officers Parade staff executes "Eyes Right" during the last Sunset Parade of the season, Aug. 20, at the Marine Corps War Memorial.



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Sergeant Jamie Bennett leads the Drum and Bugle Corps as drum major for the Noncommissioned Officers Parade for the second consecutive year.



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Sergeant Paul W. Sandy, guide, 1st platoon, "A" Company, marches as the company commander.



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Corporal Kevin J. Cintorino, weapons custodian, "A" Company, marches as a platoon commander.



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Members of the Noncommissioned Officers Parade staff march on the parade deck at the Marine Corps War Memorial.

BCD performs for

by Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers
Public Affairs Chief

EDINBURGH, Scotland — The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment performed for Queen Elizabeth II here, Aug. 5, in celebration of “Her Majesty The Queen’s Golden Jubilee” during the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The Jubilee celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Queen’s coronation.

The 2002 Edinburgh Military Tattoo opened Aug. 2, and concluded Aug. 24. Considered to be the most prestigious evening military celebration in the world, the annual tattoo draws approximately 800 performers, 250,000 visitors and 100 million television viewers worldwide. It is conducted on the Esplanade of historic Edinburgh Castle, the second most visited monument in Britain after the Tower of London.

“The Commandant’s Own” performed as evening fell Aug. 5 on the hauntingly lit Castle Esplanade for the guest of honor, Queen Elizabeth II. Special guests in the audience also included the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, and the 30th Commandant, Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr.

The Drum and Bugle Corps’ musical program included “Berlioz’s Fanfare” by Hector Berlioz, “Stars and Stripes Forever” by John Philip Sousa, “New York, New York” by John Kander and Fred Ebb, and concluded with the Marines’ Hymn. The crisp acoustics of the Castle Espla-

nade accentuated not only the precision of the musical group as a whole, but also the featured soloists within the group of Marines in red coats.

The crowd’s ovation crested and subsided, and served as the transition from brilliant musical sounds to the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon’s “silent thunder.” The platoon emerged on the esplanade with its exhibition of disciplined and precise drill movements, equipped with glistening M-1 Garand rifles, bayonets fixed.

The Battle Color Detachment’s performance was an expressive display of the traditional sights and sounds associated with the esprit de corps of the United States Marine Corps.

The detachment was not the only Marine Corps unit invited to perform during the Edinburgh Tattoo. The Albany Marine Band from Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia, also deployed to Scotland. The Albany Marine Band delivered the traditional sounds of the U.S. Marine Corps to the masses gathered in Edinburgh for the entire duration of the tattoo.

The Battle Color Detachment returned to “8th and I” Aug. 8, to resume their scheduled weekly summer performances for the Evening Parade (every Friday) at Marine Barracks, and the Sunset Parade (every Tuesday) at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va.



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The “Commandant’s Own” United States Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps plays for Queen Elizabeth II on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle, Aug. 5. It marked the unit’s first Edinburgh Military Tattoo performance since 1958.

The United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon performs “Meat Grinders” on the

Military Tattoo

Queen Elizabeth II

FEATURES



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The Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon prepares to execute the movement known as the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle during the 2002 Edinburgh Military Tattoo.



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Queen Elizabeth II makes her way to her seat in the reviewing stands Aug. 5.



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The Silent Drill Platoon dazzles an awe-struck audience with their second performance Aug. 6.



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The "Commandant's Own" concludes its final Edinburgh performance Aug. 7.

'O Canada!

BCD Inserted north of border for joint ceremonial operation

by Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas
Staff Writer

KINGSTON, Ontario— The evening sun fell behind the skyline of mixed castle-like towers and modern buildings as the United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment performed during the 48th annual "Joint Evening Tattoo and Changing of the Guard Ceremony" at Fort Henry here Aug. 18.

The Fort Henry Guard amazed the audience with their stunning marching and fighting demonstrations, and also dazzled spectators with their musical performance that contained many classical favorites.

The Battle Color Detachment followed, receiving a standing ovation for their immaculate performances. The Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps played "Proud to be an American" and "Fire Dance," and The Silent Drill Platoon proved once again what the definition of discipline means.

The reviewing officer for the ceremony, Lt. Gen. Robert Magnus,



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Both U.S. and Canadian national colors are presented at Fort Henry.

Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, made his way around the parade deck from the Battle Color Detachment to the Fort Henry Old Guard, pausing occasionally to get an extra good look at each unit's uniforms and weapons.

Aside from the obvious dedications to the parades, the performers took time off to battle it out on the

soccer field and baseball diamond for the winner's trophy.

On the soccer field, the Canadians walked away with the trophy after a battle of skill and brutality that rivaled any World Cup competition.

However, in a triumphant comeback, the Marines won the softball game showing that Americans can't be beat at their nations favorite pastime.

The final competition was the "Gunner's Gun," a relay race in which one team from each side races to set up, load and fire their cannon first while performing all movements in the sequence under the watchful eye of the judges. In the closest call to date, the Fort Henry Guard took the win by two points.

By the end of the visit the BCD was ready to make the journey home, safe in the knowledge that in the following year they would return better equipped to beat the Fort Henry Guard in all of the competitions.



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Lieutenant Gen. Robert Magnus, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, inspects the Fort Henry Guard mascot, a goat named "David."

Out of office reply - Gone Fishin'!



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

Gunnery Sgt. James A. Pilot, former course writer, Marine Corps Institute, reels in his catch of the day, a 22-inch Rockfish.

*by Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas
Staff Writer*

"Sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip, that started from this tropic port aboard this tiny ship ..."

Well, it was slightly longer than "a three-hour tour." There weren't any boats being marooned on desert islands, no millionaire or his wife, no movie star, no professor or Mary Ann; but there was a skipper, a first mate and more than a dozen Marines.

The trip, organized by Marine Corps Community Services, began at 5 a.m., August 5 with a one-hour bus ride from Marine Barracks to the picturesque northern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The skies from the night before had shown a threat of nasty weather which could have ruined the trip; but day-break revealed a beautiful, sunny day for the Marines to venture out of their Barracks routine to jet out onto the open sea for a day of deep-sea fishing.

"At first I didn't really know what I was doing," said Lance Cpl. Gregory D. Abdullah, 2nd platoon, "A" Com-

pany. "I even got cut by a fish's fin once, but the guys showed me how to handle the fish right and from there it was easy."

And even though the name of the boat may have been "Killin' Time" the Marines certainly didn't waste any time catching fish. Most of the time, the eager fishermen had their lines in the water before the boat caught up to the fish.

"This was a great trip," said Kevin D. Paulk, recreation center coordinator, MCCS. "It's good for the marching companies to get out and just be able to enjoy each other's company."

Corporal Steven J. Metcalf, squad leader, 1st Platoon, "B" Company, was decked out like Crocodile Dundee complete with an assortment of pocket-knife tools and camouflage fisherman's hat, as he displayed his vast knowledge of the art of fishing, even though the first three fish he had caught "got away."

"It was such a beautiful day," said Gunnery Sgt. James Pilot, course writer, Marine Corps Institute. "It was perfect fishing weather and I was reelin' them in one after another."

As the morning passed, the group

headed out farther into the bay in hopes of catching some perch along the way.

And just as he had all morning long, Pilot was the first to cast his bait into the unsuspecting school of fish below.

Just as Pilot pulled up his first catch, all the other poles started to twitch as the fish below began to bite. Soon everyone with a pole was pulling fish out of the water one right after another.

"For a while there I was catching a fish before my line got two feet down," said Metcalf, "I was on a roll, we all were."

But as the saying goes, "All good things come to an end," and the luck of the day began to drift, and soon everyone found themselves taking a nap on the deck, eating food, or just relaxing with a cold soda and enjoying the view.

The trip closed with the traditional and timely, "gutting of the fish."

While they waited for all the fish to be cleaned, some of the Marines spent time catching crabs right off the dock. In the end, the bus pulled away from the dock of the bay, full of sleeping, suntanned Marines.

Byrd soars to silver -- pumped, ripped and drug-free

by Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas
Staff Writer

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.—Company “B” Marines from “8th & I” recently made the 160-mile road trip to the Pavilion Convention Center in support of one of their own, Sgt. Joseph M. Byrd, as he competed for the title of “Mr. Virginia State Champion” in the “Virginia-D.C. Drug Free State Bodybuilding and Fitness Championship.”

Byrd joined his muscle-bound competitors in the west wing of the Pavilion at 9:30 a.m., to begin the drug testing and pre-qualifications for the competition that would determine the champion later that evening.

“The competition in my weight class was pretty good,” said Byrd, platoon guide, body bearers, “B” Company. “I did a bodybuilding competition in Okinawa back in 1999, so I knew a little of what to expect.”

Knowing what to expect from the competition isn’t everything; training and dedication is what determines who

will win, according to Byrd.

“I didn’t change my normal workout routine too much,” said Byrd. “What I did do, was start taking about 400 grams of protein a day, and I drank about two gallons of water a day to keep my body cleaned out because all that protein can be hard on your kidneys. I’d also do an hour of cardio in the morning before I ate breakfast; that’s the best time to work out.”

However, preparing for a competition like this one can have its drawbacks. Time with loved ones and activities can be cut short by the long and rigorous hours spent in the gym.

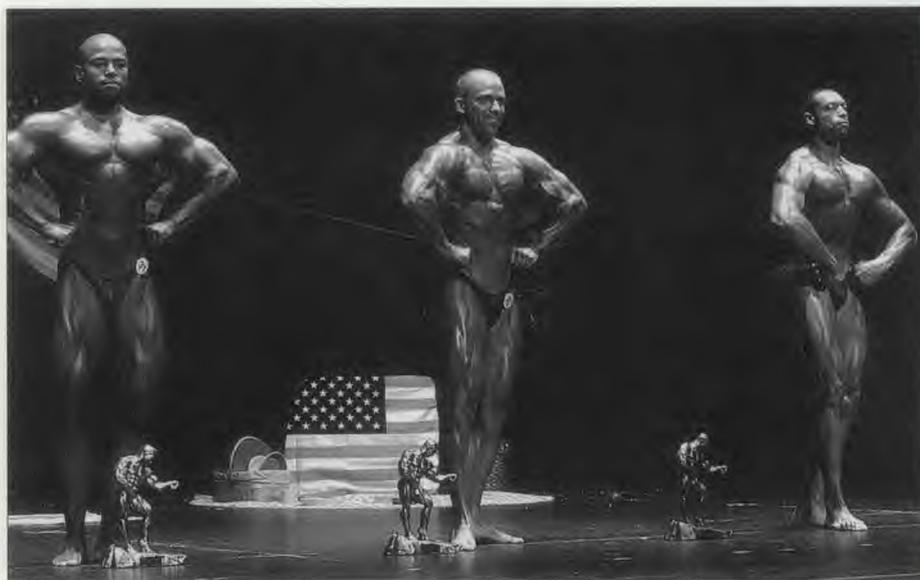
“My command was really supportive of me doing the competition even when I took two weeks off to get ready,” said Byrd. “My wife was also a big help; she put up with a lot. My time was really stretched between my normal working hours, night school, training and home, but she supported me a great deal.”

The support of family, friends, and fellow Marines paid off as Byrd strut-



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

Sergeant Joseph M. Byrd, body bearer, “B” Company, shows off the result of endless hours in the gym as he poses for the judges.



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The top three in the “Men’s Open Light-Heavy” from left: Tommy Jefferson, 1st place; MBW’s own Joseph Byrd, 2nd place; and James Fernandes, 3rd place.

ted his stuff on stage and took second place in his weight class.

“I’m proud of him for doing as well as he did,” said Gunnery Sgt. Cecil W. Goodloe, company gunnery sergeant, “B” Company. “He was very dedicated in his training and never once compromised his duties to the Corps. I’m really impressed at how hard he worked in such a short amount of time. We are all proud of him.”

'Put me in, Coach ... I'm ready to play!'



Jeffrey Chapman and Michael Stehle keep a watchful eye from the dugout as one of their teammates steps up to bat.

*story and photos by Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Media Chief*

A lot of Marines like to repeat the cliché, “work hard, play hard.” When Barracks Marines were given the chance to “play,” many jumped at the opportunity.

Since April, those Marines have been lacing up their rubber cleats and representing the Barracks on the softball field at Fort Meyer in Arlington, Va.

“We first started practicing in April, and I think a lot of us were pretty rusty,” said outfielder Brian “Bama” Franks. “But we’ve started to get it together, and I think by playoff time we’ll be a threat to a lot of those same teams who beat us this season.”

The team, which is composed of players from various companies that make up “8th & I,” plays against different squads from throughout the Military District of Washington. The league is made up of nine different military based teams and is organized by the Henderson Hall Marine Corps Community Services Recreation Department.

“I think it was a great idea for MCCS to start this league,” said outfielder Nick Hanson. “It gives us a chance to relax and have a little fun, especially since it is

during the most hectic time of the year for us here at the Barracks.”

Throughout the season, each team in the league played each other twice. Once the regular season was said and done, the Marine Barracks team finished with a record of 9-7, and had high hopes of making a strong showing in the league playoffs.

“I wish we would have won more games during the regular season, but that’s in the past and I think our players learned just as much from the losses as we did from our victories,” said Richard James, pitcher.

Regular season records determined where the teams were seeded to start the playoffs; and decided who they would play in the first round. Instead of playing a five- or seven-game series like the “Men of October” in Major League Baseball, the playoffs were set up as a double elimination bracket-style tournament. Although the “8th & I” team was eliminated from the tournament, they had a strong showing and lost their final game by only one run.

“I wish we would have done better, but we all had fun,” said Franks.

“We were definitely vindicated in the “8th & I” Intramural Softball Tournament,” Franks asserted. “We blew by all the other intramural teams and beat “B” Company in the final to capture the tournament trophy.”



Richard James pitches to an opposing player from the Commandant of the Marine Corps’ staff team.

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"Commanding General" includes a commanding officer exercising general court-martial convening authority. It also includes an officer serving in an acting capacity.

The immediate commanding general is normally the officer exercising general court martial authority over the Marine. Where the GCMA is not a Marine officer, the separation authority for administrative discharges will be the immediate commanding general for Request Mast purposes.

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The process does not include those outside the official chain of command, such as subordinate officers or SNCOs/NCOs. Request Mast is not intended to be used for the purpose of harassment, avoiding duty, or intentional interfering with the commander's ability to carry out the functions and mission of the command.

A commander may deny a Re-

quest Mast application if there is another specific avenue of redress available to the Marine. Commanders should carefully evaluate each Request Mast to determine if other peripheral issues should be addressed; accordingly, commanders may wish to hear the Marine's presentation of matters before making a decision to deny.

The commanding officer shall explain to the Marine why the Request Mast application was denied and, if appropriate, what procedure must be followed to resolve the issue. The authority to deny a Request Mast includes authority to refuse to further process the Request Mast.

If a commander denies a Request Mast under this authority, he or she shall, within a reasonable time, forward a report of such action and the basis to the immediate commanding general via the chain of command. In cases in which the officer denying a Request Mast is the commanding general, no such report need be made.

A Request Mast must be submitted in writing using NAVMC 11296, via the chain of command to the commander with whom Request Mast is desired. Enlisted Marines should first contact the sergeant major or administrative chief; officers should contact the executive officer or adjutant. Marines may do so without fear or prejudice to their interests.

It is not intended to be used for the purpose of harassment, avoiding duty, or intentionally interfering with the commander's ability to carry out the functions and mission of the command. An issue might not be resolved to the Marine's satisfaction, but he or she will be afforded the opportunity to address the issue with commanding officer.

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

H&S Company

July

- Cpl. Michael L. DeLong
- Cpl. Patrick A. Foster
- Cpl. Kellen D. McGee
- Cpl. Christopher M. Parker
- Cpl. Adam T. York
- Lance Cpl. Bret C. Ackerman
- Lance Cpl. Jonas J. Farley
- Lance Cpl. Rudolph V. Gary Jr.
- Lance Cpl. Jerry L. Maxie Jr.
- Lance Cpl. Eugene R. McGhee
- Lance Cpl. Charles H. Moricle
- Lance Cpl. Fred L. Ormsbee
- Lance Cpl. Andrew A. Quenga
- Lance Cpl. Greg A. Raney

MCI Company

July

- Lance Cpl. Ov Garner II
- Lance Cpl. Brian L. Hooley
- Lance Cpl. Jamal M. Massengale

“A” Company

July

- Sgt. Eric K. Stuart
- Cpl. Michael S. Knuth
- Cpl. Kenneth Rios Jr.
- Lance Cpl. Orlando G. Araiza
- Lance Cpl. Christopher E. Collins
- Lance Cpl. Robert A. Davis
- Lance Cpl. Jason R. Lindsey
- Lance Cpl. Kalin T. Martushev

“B” Company

July

- Cpl. Robert E. Giddens
- Cpl. Eric M. Ives
- Cpl. Troy A. Knoblauch
- Cpl. Adam M. Neville
- Lance Cpl. Carlos A. Carrillo

Security Company

July

- Cpl. Kenneth H. Fogleman
- Cpl. Johnathan M. Frost
- Cpl. Mark R. McHugh
- Cpl. Issac D. Robertson

- Cpl. Jason M. Watts
- Lance Cpl. Steven Keller

USNA Company

July

- Cpl. Anthony M. Giardino
- Lance Cpl. William H. Haught
- Lance Cpl. Tyrone M. Morris
- Lance Cpl. Walter J. Wooten III
- Lance Cpl. Robert J. Wilson

D&B Company

July

- Sgt. Timothy P. Egan
- Sgt. Antwuan M. Gibson
- Sgt. Robert W. Herron III
- Sgt. Yuk W. Kwan
- Sgt. Keith G. Martinez
- Sgt. Scott T. Patten
- Cpl. Charles B. Hardwick
- Cpl. Leland E. Jordan
- Cpl. Joseph M. Rivera

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Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

A PICTURE'S WORTH ...

The Pass In Review staff is proud to introduce the newest addition to our publication -- the "Caption Contest."

The new page highlights the "lighter" side of life at Marine Barracks "8th & I."

We not only offer a new page, but offer our readers the opportunity to give their feedback.

Readers may submit their caption to our photo editor via e-mail -- cobblela@mbw.usmc.mil or drop off printed captions in the "Caption Contest Box" located in the Public Affairs Office.

The winning caption will be printed with its corresponding photo in the next issue of Pass In Review.

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To clarify the caption writing and submission process the Pass in Review staff offers the photo and caption below as an example for readers to follow:



Cpl. Travis W. Shifflett

"EYES ... RIGHT!"

Frustrated with the legion of self-appointed deputy drill masters criticizing his command voice, Capt. James D. Keith throws caution to the wind as he belts out his trademark "intensified pseudo-macho yawn bark" from his genetically superior diaphragm, while at the same time contorting his face in hopes of causing nightmares for all small children in the audience.

Today -- seize it while you can

Lt. Ted L. Williams
 Chaplain
 Barracks Chaplain

By the time you read this article the 2002 Parade Season will have ended. You might begin to ask yourself, "What am I going to do now?"

For some, you might be thinking about the holidays already, after all there is only close to one hundred days left until Christmas! Others of you might be thinking of upcoming college classes or training opportunities.

Still others are already planning to use this time for preparation of the 2003 Parade Season! There are events to plan and opportunities to take advantage of in the days and weeks ahead. Just remember that whether you are planning for your next training event or deciding on what to do with your weekend that you have been granted a precious commodity from God that renews itself each day—Time. Realize that once it's gone it cannot be recovered. So use it wisely. This is especially relevant as we approach the anniversary of Sept. 11.

The following is a Poem that can provide some food for thought while you Warriors organize your time.

Today is here. I will start with a smile, and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time.

Today has one thing in which I know I am equal with others—time. All of us draw the same issue in seconds, minutes, and hours.

Today I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted yesterday are as lost as a vanished thought.

Today I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen. I am going to spend my time making things happen.

Today I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow I may be wanted, and must not be found lacking.

Today I am determined to do

things I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing the things I should not do.

Today I begin by doing, and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. I will succeed with the material I have been supplied with.

Today I will stop saying, "If I had time," for I never will "find time" for anything—if I want time I must take it up and use it.

Today I will act toward other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow might not be there to use.

Anonymous—

Start using time wisely today!

Semper Fi.

“The Castle Esplanade”



Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

The “Commandant’s Own” United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps prepares to leave the Castle Esplanade, as The Silent Drill Platoon waits to begin their first performance at the 2002 Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Aug. 5.

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