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THE HEAT IS ON!

by *Dorothea Bates*
Off Duty Safety

We couldn't wait for the nice weather, and now we find that the heat is becoming a little warmer than we expected. With the hot days of summer upon us, we all tend to spend more time outdoors, exposing ourselves to some major hot weather hazards. Here are some problems you should be aware of:

Sunburn

The sun is a potent source of ultraviolet radiation, especially when the sun is straight overhead. While moderate doses of the sun's ultraviolet light give you a deep, dark tan, overdoses cause sunburn. Knowing the effects of sunlight will help you protect yourself from the pain of sunburn. These factors fall into three main groups:

1. Individual susceptibility
2. Degree of sun exposure
3. Time length of sun exposure

Sunstroke

This is a very dangerous condition caused by over exposure to sun or heat and can result in death. People who are unaccustomed to the heat are the most susceptible. The symptoms of sunstroke:



1. Headache
2. Visual disturbances and dizziness
3. Feeling of oppression
4. Flushed face
5. High temperature
6. Rapid and full pulse
7. Hot and dry skin

Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is not quite as life threatening as a sunstroke, but it's still very important to begin first aid right away. Heat exhaustion is a result of excessive sweating and a loss of fluids and salts from the body. The symptoms of heat exhaustion are:

1. Muscular cramps, aching limbs and joints
2. Dizziness, nausea and staggering
3. Frequent vomiting
4. Profuse sweating
5. Dry mouth
6. Weak pulse and shallow breathing
7. Possible unconsciousness for short periods

Since heat exhaustion results from dehydration of body fluids and salts, it's important to rehydrate the person. Take these following steps:

1. Move the person to circulating air.
2. Keep the person warm and administer stimulants, like coffee or caffeinated soft drinks. (Only give stimulants if you are sure that the person is not suffering from sunstroke.)
3. Get the person to drink water, slightly salted if at all possible.
4. Place the person's head level or lower than his/her body.

Heat Cramps

Heat cramps also result from excessive sweating and loss of bodily salts, and will be quickly relieved by replacing these lost salts. Salted water or solutions should be administered promptly.

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A graphic design featuring Frank Schoonover's haunting depiction of the Battle of Belleau Wood as a background to the Battle Color Detachment's performance at the 85th anniversary ceremony of the battle. (photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell, graphics by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble)

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Site grading conducted to ensure safety throughout construction process

by Public Affairs Office

Contractors are grading the site of the future "Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility" at 7th and "K" Streets Southeast.

The grading process tests the area in which the foundation will be constructed to ensure the safety, integrity and longevity of all structures. The facility was designed by BBGM/Architects & Interiors together with Coakley & Williams Construction, and contracted through Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C.

The building complex will include office spaces and a rehearsal hall for the United States Marine Band, living quarters for 322 enlisted Marines, a parking garage and outdoor recreational area. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 2003.



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

A recent view of the Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility site, taken from the 6th and "L" Streets, with Interstate-395 (and Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.) in the background.

"Rolling Thunder"



Sgt. Adam M. Wohlever

Barracks Marines salute members of Rolling Thunder as they ride past the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va. Rolling Thunder is a group of several thousand military veterans who ride from all over the country to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor prisoners of war, missing in action from our nations' past wars.

Each year during the Memorial Day weekend, Marine Corps veterans make visits to the Marine Corps War Memorial, while many attend an Evening Parade at the Barracks.

Community Partnership

Barracks Marines help clean up 8th Street



Marines meet up on 8th Street after picking up trash and sweeping the sidewalks.

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

Marines from “8th & I” and volunteers from the local neighborhood came out to lend a hand in the Earth Day Spring Sweep along 8th street here recently.

The Earth Day Spring Sweep is part of a Capitol hill community partnership to spruce up 8th Street and the Eastern Market Metro plaza.

“I and a few of my neighbors started the program so we could clean up part of our community,” said Christine McCoy, president of the Earth Day Partnership. “It gives us a chance to get out in the community and meet people again, plus it gives the locals a chance to meet our other neighbors, the Marines.”

The cleanup began at the base of operations, the World Cuisine at 523 8th St. S.E. Barracks Marines loaded up on coffee and a light breakfast before taking to the streets for the next three hours to rid the sidewalks of “anything the doesn’t grow,” and placing fresh mulch around trees and flowerbeds.

“The Marines help out so much,” said McCoy. “I love that they brought their families, everyone seems to be having a lot of fun out there.”

Barracks Marines and their neighbors picked up trash and swept sidewalks from one end of 8th street to the other; some Marines brought friends, and others brought their families.

“Earth Day is an extension of the Barracks mission to

give back to the community,” said Gunnery Sgt. Gregg M. White, tech writer, Distance Learning & Technologies Department, Marine Corps Institute. “It was also a wonderful opportunity for me to spend the day with one of my sons.”

The “8th & I” Young Marines also came out for the 8th Street cleanup. The aspiring leathernecks pitched in and helped rid the sidewalks of litter and weeds.

“We came out here to help clean up,” said 8th & I Young Marine Antwon B. Jackson. “It’s really fun out here, I like it.”

By the end of the morning the street began to show the results of the hard work put forth by the volunteers.

“Personally I hate litter,” said Lance Cpl. Tara E. Clark, supply clerk, post supply, Headquarters & Service Company. “Plus you should always volunteer to help out others because you never know when you are going to need help.”



Captain Fred J. Catchpole, executive officer, Headquarters & Service Company, totes a bag of fresh mulch during the cleanup.

Barracks Marines share 'Sunset' spotlight

by Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer

ARLINGTON, Va. – Hundreds of men, women and children fell silent when the music started, signifying the beginning of another Sunset Parade here June 18. They waited for the first glimpse of a bright red blouse, or the tip of a shiny horn or white cover rounding the base of the statue. This time, however, the first thing the crowd saw was a foreign military unit dressed in blue with plumed bowler hats.

In a rare occurrence, the Marines of Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., shared the hallowed grounds of the Marine Corps War Memorial with the Norwegian Royal Guards. This marked the first time since Aug. 11, 1992 that a foreign military unit entertained the crowd during a Sunset Parade.

His Majesty the King's Guards, Band and Drill Platoon, performed their unique style of drill alongside the "Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and

the marching platoons of "8th & I." Performing quick, flashy rifle manual and executing drill with high leg kicks and extended arm swing, the Royal Guards represent the highest standards of Norwegian military drill and musical performance.

"They do a lot of traditional military music, and I could tell that they were very well rehearsed," said Lance Cpl. James R. Wiley, lead soprano, United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. "I was really impressed with their performance."

"Our drill is different every year, because our soldiers are conscripts (serve only one year)," said Capt. Olav Melan, officer in command for guard and ceremonies, Norwegian Royal Guards. "We always have our new soldiers watch tapes of the Silent Drill Platoon, because they give us many ideas for our own drill."

Like Barracks Marines, the Royal Guards have a long-standing history of honorable distinction and tradition. The Royal Guard was created in 1856, by King Oscar I of Sweden and Nor-



Members of the Norwegian Royal Guards perform at the Sunset Parade.

way, as security for the royal family.

Along with their ceremonial duties, that security mission remains the same nearly 150 years later.

No strangers to performing before large crowds, the drill platoon has appeared numerous times at the prestigious, Edinburgh Military Tattoo as well as outside Napoleon's Tomb at Les Invalides in Paris. The group was also given the honor of being featured prominently during the opening ceremonies of the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer.

While in the past it has been rare for other units to join the Marines during the Sunset Parade, the Norwegians proved their worth as they put on an outstanding performance alongside the Marines of the "oldest post."



Both Color Guard units stand perched on the top steps of the Marine Corps War Memorial during a Sunset Parade June 18.

NCOs brainstorm for Corps improvements

*story and photos by Sgt. Daryl G. Sanford
Marine Corps Base Quantico*

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — The Corps' best noncommissioned officers gathered at Quantico recently and decided on 18 ways to improve the Corps.

Units from around the world chose their best Marines to decide on these issues. Many won their unit's noncommissioned officer of the year or quarter boards before their selection to this Noncommissioned Officer Symposium.

Prior to their arrival, the NCOs gathered more than 90 topics of concern at their units and submitted them to the office of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

At the start of the symposium, the Marines were given classes on major topics affecting the Corps.

"We had the subject matter experts come down to give briefs on the topics submitted," said SSgt. Darby Carter, executive assistant to the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. The purpose of the briefs, said Carter, was to inform the Marines on the topics they would discuss.

"The classes gave me a broader view of the Marine Corps," said Sgt. Russ Gordon. "There is a lot of opportunity out there. If you look at all the benefits, there is no other company out there that will give you as much as the Corps gives you."

The final classes the Marines were given were not to impart knowledge to them, but to help them think of imaginative and creative ways to help solve the issues.

After each group was completed, Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited the symposium to praise the Marines.

"The reason you are here is not for you to hear from me, but for me to hear from you," he said. "You are here representing a very important part of the Corps. You are representing your NCOs, your peers and your subordinate Marines. You will know that when you are speaking, you represent not only NCOs, but the lance corporals, privates first class and privates. It doesn't end here with the symposium."

Jones also informed the Marines that Headquarters Marine Corps would keep in touch with those who attended, and over the next year they may be contacted for their point of view on general subjects that affect the Corps.

When the final list was completed, the NCOs briefed



Lance Cpl. Joseph Price
Several noncommissioned officers throughout the Marine Corps came to a "meeting of the minds" during an NCO Symposium recently, in Quantico, Va.

their findings to Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

"During the group discussion, there were some wild hair ideas that came up, and everyone had a different idea," said Sgt. Michael Almendarez, Quantico Food Service Branch. "But at the conclusion, we all came together."

Many of the questions were removed from the list because of propriety, such as those that need to be addressed at the unit level. Others were combined, modified and presented to McMichael during an out brief May 24 at Liversedge Hall.

"I was very impressed with the out brief," said McMichael. "I thought their recommendations were within our vision. Their desire for change is for the better, not just a selfish goal."

McMichael further added that although some of the topics were already at the attention of Headquarters, it was good to hear them again.

"It shows that the Corps is still looking at these things that need to be changed and implemented," he said.

After the close of the symposium, McMichael presented the concerns to Gen. Jones, who will make the final decision on each topic.

Marines, civilians work together during regional exercise



A Hubert, N.C., firefighter hoses down a local Marine acting as a casualty during a mock sarin gas attack. The Hubert Volunteer Fire Department made up a small percentage of the participants during exercise "Regional Response 2002."

story and photos by Cpl. Zachary Crawford
MCB Camp Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (June 4, 2000) — A Southwest Asia country known to be a state supporter of international terrorist groups received convincing intelligence in February that the United States began preparations to launch a major attack against it. In May, the stage was set for retaliation and a third wave of attacks against local Eastern North Carolina schools, post offices and other key infrastruc-

ture involving various weapons of mass destruction was launched.

This scenario set the stage for this year's Domestic Preparedness Training Exercise — 'Regional Response 2002.'

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune hosted the three-day event that began Friday with sponsorship and coordination from Onslow County's Military-Civilian Task Force for Emergency Response and Coastal Carolina Community College here.

According to Lori Brill, the county's special project officer, Onslow joined nine others in Eastern North

Carolina for the exercise aimed at fostering coordination and domestic preparedness among rural counties to improve a regional disaster joint response.

Nearly 1,000 emergency service responders and than 75 different military and civilian agencies from within the ten counties participated in the exercise.

The majority of the exercise was held and performed at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain facility here. In addition to possible terrorist attacks, the training exercises at the MOUT included a post office bio-terrorism event, a water rescue and various fire-



A mass casualty drill was one training aspect covered during the exercise. Here, a casualty is dragged to safety after being involved in a mock sarin gas attack.

training drills. Nearly 200 role-players, mostly Marines, tested the response capabilities and acted out being decontaminated, triaged, counseled and contained.

Brill said there are many reasons the counties and military organizations practiced these types of things.

“The best thing about this kind of training is that we can get all of these different organizations together in one place. We can then learn from each other’s abilities and specialties, and build that level of trust that we would need if we had to do this in a real-world situation,” she said. “Another good reason for doing this training is because these organizations can fulfill most of their annual training requirements. We have estimated these groups save at least \$93,000 in training costs while participating in this exercise.”

Other local participating officials said this type of training benefits them as well.

Doug Bass of Onslow County Emergency Services said the events allow people to learn from their mistakes.

“Even though we are emphasizing the importance of having these military and civilian emergency responders, hospitals and public safety workers work together under a controlled environment, we want them to know that it’s alright if they make mistakes,” Bass said. “We want them to be able to make mistakes while participating in operations so they can learn ... and give us guidance on our future planning and procedures.”

According to Brill, the exercise wouldn’t have been the same without the military resources.

“The military’s involvement in this

exercise is extremely important and we couldn’t have done it without their help,” she said. “They have some of the best resources that the civilian sector doesn’t. There have been several real-world situations in which the military has helped the community out when they needed it.”

One Marine Corps representative said the training should be an eye opener for civilians and military members.

“A lot of people don’t realize that at least 70 percent of the married Marines live in the counties, cities and small towns around Camp Lejeune. The commanding general of this base has the responsibility of ensuring the safety, health and well-being of the Marines, their

families and the civilian employees of the base and their families,” said Col. Mark Goodman, the assistant chief of staff for the base’s Installation Safety and Security Department.

“By working with the surrounding communities to create a regional response capability for man made or natural disasters, we can enhance survivability and improve the force protection of these individuals. We have to make this a ‘seamless’ system so when something really does happen, you can work with either civilian or military organizations to get the job done and complete the mission. Those military commanders that don’t see the importance of working together with the community have no idea about the changing demographics of the area. We can no longer consider Camp Lejeune as an island. We are part of a greater community.”

Belleau Wood

Marine Barracks pays battlefield tribute



Sgt. Marshall A. Paul

*by Sgt. Jamie Bennett
Drum & Bugle Corps*

CHATEAU-THIERRY, France – The first exchange of fire between Germans and the U.S. Marines was heard here on June 3, 1918, in a game preserve known as “Belleau Wood.” Little did those Marines know that they would be a part of the bloodiest battle in the Corps’ history at that time. It is for this reason that the Marines from “8th & I” were sent here to support the 85th anniversary ceremony of the Battle of Belleau Wood.

After the Evening Parade on May

Members of the Silent Drill Platoon, “A” Company, perform during the memorial ceremonies honoring Marines who fought and died during the battle at Belleau Wood.

25, Marines from the Barracks including “The Commandant’s Own” United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon, The Color

Guard of the Marine Corps, a firing party and other support personnel loaded their gear and headed for Paris. After a short break, the Marines trav-



Sgt. Marshall A. Paul



Sgt. Marshall A. Paull

(above) Members of the Marine Corps Color Guard, present the colors during memorial ceremonies honoring Marines who fought at Belleau Wood.

(left) Elements of the Battle Color Detachment march on during the honors ceremony for World War I veterans killed in France.

eled to the ceremony at the base of the woods known as “Bois de Belleau.” The American-French ceremony was held at the cemetery where American Marines, soldiers and sailors who fought during this battle of WWI are buried.

“Being at the cemetery made me realize the sacrifices the Marines that came before us made,” said Cpl. Paul Croom, mellophone bugler, United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps. “I realize that now we are part of that.”

The Marines performed ceremonial duties, including honors to the Colors and the Commandant of the Ma-

Barracks Marines participate in a wreath-laying ceremony to honor those killed fighting at Belleau Wood.

rine Corps, as well as the playing of both national anthems. The Commandant spoke to the crowd in fluent French, and wreaths were laid at the base of the chapel.

“It was an outstanding experience and an honor to wear that uniform and play taps at such a historic place,” said Sgt. Timothy Judy, ceremonial bugler, United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. Judy wore an authentic WWI uniform while performing at the ceremony.

After the ceremony was complete, the Marines did what they do best – put on a spectacular show. The performance began with the Silent Drill Platoon and concluded with a concert by “The Commandants Own.”

The next day, the Marines traveled into Paris to the American Embassy. At the embassy, the “Commandant’s Own” performed at the Ambassador’s residence to welcome the arrival of President Bush. After playing for the crowd and getting their pictures taken with the president, the Marines had the rest of the

day to see “The City of Lights.”

On their last day, the detachment took a tour of the Battle of Belleau Wood. Trudging through the rain and mud, the Marines learned what their predecessors went through 85 years ago. Ending their trip at “Devil Dog” Fountain, the Marines felt immense pride as they had just walked on the ground where U.S. Marines earned their famous nickname.

“It was a good experience to work with our French counterparts, and the tour of the battlefield gave me a lot of knowledge and some great stories to tell back at the Barracks,” said Cpl. Alex Guajardo, Organizational Color Bearer, Color Guard, “A” Company.

The experience of being in another country, coupled with the thrill of being on such hallowed ground was a great honor for the Marines of “8th & I.” The ceremony to pay tribute to the heroes of the Marine Corps and to perform for the President of the United States was a true testament of what the Marine Corps can do no matter where they are in the world.



Sgt. Marshall A. Paull

Corrado gives decades of dedication to the Corps



Photo courtesy of Marine Corps Band Public Affairs Office

Master Gunnery Sgt. Charles V. Corrado in 1962 after joining the U. S. Marine Band to play the accordion.



Photo courtesy of Marine Corps Band Public Affairs Office

Master Gunnery Sgt. Charles V. Corrado today after serving 44 years as a United States Marine.

by Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer

Marines like to use the phrase, “Once a Marine, always a Marine,” to describe the bond they have with the Corps. Master Gunnery Sgt. Charles V. Corrado, combo section commander, United States Marine Band, seems to be taking the phrase literally.

Corrado, who is the oldest Marine in the Corps and also the senior enlisted master gunnery sergeant, had the opportunity to retire 24 years ago but has decided that he loves the Marine Corps too much to leave it.

Corrado started playing the keyboard at the age of 11, but nearly missed the opportunity to make that his career in the Marine Corps. He completed recruit training at Parris Island, S.C., in 1958 and was chosen for the motor transportation field. Corrado requested to try out for the Parris Island Marine Band instead, and the rest, as they say, is history.

He spent the next six months playing for the Parris Island band and from there played for bands in Okinawa, Japan and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

“I had three months left and was preparing to get out when they asked me to join the U.S. Marine Band because President Kennedy wanted someone who could play the accordion,” said Corrado.

Corrado fulfilled the commander in chief’s wishes and joined “The President’s Own” in April 1962.

In his time here, the 62-year-old, Massachusetts native has performed for nine presidents, served under 10 Commandants of the Marine Corps and witnessed 22 Marine Barracks Commanding Officers come and go.

Being in the Corps 44 years has given the musician a rare opportunity to experience events and changes that other Marines have only read about.

“When I was at boot camp I qualified with the same M-1 rifles that the Silent Drill Platoon performs with; also, as a private I would stand in a line to get paid \$36 in cash every two weeks,” said Corrado. “And when I joined, the highest rank was E-7, there was no such thing as E-8 or E-9.”

When asked why he decided to stay in so long and how much longer he plans to make this his career, Corrado showed a true passion for his work and great pride in being a Marine.

“I thought I would just do 20 years, but I liked the job and liked playing at the White House; then when I hit 30, I realized that I love doing this and its not even a job to me anymore,” said Corrado. “I basically take it two years at a time.”

“From my experience, the self motivation and discipline from boot camp stays with you forever. Nothing has changed in regards to that,” he said. “If I had my life to do all over again, I would be a United States Marine.”

Start to finish, Melendez no stranger to spotlight

by *Sgt. Jamie Bennett*
Drum & Bugle Corps

He never thought that when he enlisted in the Marine Corps in February 1983, he would someday retire as a Marine Musician. After twenty years of faithful service, Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Melendez will step off for the final time here early next year, but he will leave a lasting impression with the hundreds of Marines who have known him along the way.

For Melendez, this long, strange trip began in a small village in Puerto Rico called Naguabo. Although it may seem like Melendez was born with a trumpet in his hands, it wasn't until the age of 14 in New York, when he began to take up the challenge of being a musician with a friend growing up in the Bronx.

In 1976, Melendez felt the thrill of playing in front of a live audience for his first salsa band. After attending music classes at Manhattan Community College, he made the decision to continue his musical career by becoming a United States Marine.

His first orders sent him to Twentynine Palms, Calif., to become a member of their Drum and Bugle Corps. After six years there, Melendez received orders to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., to play soprano bugle for "The Commandant's Own" United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, a transition he made smoothly.

"Performing with a bigger unit was one of the biggest adjustments I had to make," Melendez said. "I was no longer the big fish in a small pond."

Here, Melendez honed his skills as a musician and became a leader of Marines, holding positions as section leader, section head, financial planner, company gunnery sergeant and even "picnic guru."

After performing for audiences all over the world, Melendez recounts a performance in Colorado where he stood among more than 100 bagpipe bands that broke into "Amazing Grace."

"I thought I was in heaven," Melendez said of the performance he regards so highly.

The Marines of the oldest post won't soon forget Melendez as a powerful, featured soloist on Center Walk during the Evening Parades.

In his off-duty time, Melendez is also a member of Orquesta La Romana, the 2001 winner of Washington's best salsa band.

He plays trumpet and also arranges the brass charts for the band, which has performed at many venues, including The Kennedy Center, and was the featured band at the 2001 Mayor's Music Award.

While Melendez has made a lasting impression with the Drum and Bugle Corps, he'll be taking a lasting piece of them and the Marine Corps with him as well.

"My greatest memories will be of performing my solos, backed up by probably the best musicians imaginable," Melendez said. "If I had it to do all over again, I probably wouldn't change a thing. It's been a really good career. The Marine Corps has treated me well."



Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett

Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Meledez plays his soprano bugle solo during the Evening Parade on Center Walk.

Mr. PME

Garnett receives Meritorious Civilian Service Award



Commanding Officer, Col. Richard T. Tryon congratulates David Garnett, director, Student Services Support Department, MCI, after presenting him with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award here June 11 on Center Walk.

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

“He’s just Mr. PME.” That was the description given by Lt. Col. Glen E. Gearhard, deputy director, MCI, of David Garnett at his Meritorious Civilian Service Award ceremony conducted here July 11.

Garnett, who directs MCI’s Student Services Support Department, was cited for “outstanding professional achievement and performance of duties Garnett, who directs MCI’s Student Services Support Department, was cited for “outstanding professional achievement and performance of duties while assigned to the Marine Corps Institute from January 2000 to July 2001.”

Garnett’s commitment to excellence, foresight, and vital improvement initiatives to the Marine Corps Distance Learning Program resulted in

improved customer service, increased awareness and greater access to distance learning courses throughout the Marine Corps community.

“He is one of those people that is loyal and helpful,” said Terry M. Franus, executive director, MCI. “Any task you send his way is done quickly and correctly the first time. He is also one of the most professional workers I know.”

Garnett’s dedication to the Marine Corps shows up in his daily routine, as he arrives at work as early as 6 a.m., to be able to speak with the junior Marines that work in his section.

“It’s better to get there early in the morning and be able to talk to the junior Marines that work in my area,” said Garnett. “That way I can find out how things are going in their lives and understand the things that are important to them. If I came in at 10 a.m., I’d be interrupting their cycle of work.”

Garnett is also responsible for restructuring customer services in MCI’s warehouse operations, including the purchase of new equipment to make the warehouse more efficient.

His government service began in 1957 when he began working as a GS-2 at the Public Library here in Washington, D.C.

Garnett’s diverse interests and talents have called him to serve at Yellowstone National Park, the Fish and Wildlife Laboratory on the Chesapeake Bay, the Peace Corps, and National Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In 1974 he became the Education Services Officer with the U.S. Army Continuing Education System in Europe. The experienced journeyman came to MCI in 1981, to take on the role of Supervisory Instructional Systems Specialist, and methodically set up the PME department.

Now, he is in charge of the Student Services and Support Department.

“I appreciate this award more than they know,” said Garnett. “The Marine Corps has been a great supporter of the civilian works at MCI. The individual Marines we work with weave in and out of our lives; but without them, we wouldn’t be here.”

Garnett has personally authored three strategic documents that have served as the foundation for shaping the reorganization of MCI as the Distance Learning Center in the Marine Corps Learning System.

Even though he has accomplished much at MCI, Garnett believes improvements and changes are always necessary to improve customer service.

“I love my work, and the Marine Corps is the best of family,” said Garnett.

'Motorcycle Marines' make national debut

by Sgt. Jimmie Perkins
Marine Corps Recruiting
Command

WASHINGTON — In the jungles and rugged terrain of Nicaragua and Panama during the "Banana Wars" and on the scared landscape of France during World War I, the Marine Corps and Harley Davidson created a bond forged in combat.

This bond recently renewed when two Marines rounded the corner of Constitution Avenue on the Fourth of July in the National Independence Day Parade. Along ten city blocks through our nation's capital, in front of hundreds of thousands of parade goers, the "Motorcycle Marines" were re-born.

Starting this summer, hand picked Marine recruiters will begin appearing at parades and regional events aboard Harley Davidson motorcycles.

"Harley Davidson and the Marine Corps share a special place in the hearts of the American people," said Maj. Gen. Jerry D. Humble, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruiting Command. "With a shared pride of being known as the best, Harley Davidson and the United States Marine Corps represent ideals that have made our nation great."

The first two motorcycles made their debut on the Fourth of July. The "Fatboy" model motorcycles thundered down Constitution Avenue ridden by Maj. David Baldwin and Staff Sgt. David Saldivar of Marine Corps Recruiting Command. The motorcycles join the Marine Corps' other event-marketing vehicle, red Humvee's that debuted in 1996 in support of the Marine Corps recruiting mission.

"The motorcycles are a new and innovative tool to assist our recruit-



Major Dave Baldwin rides a custom Harley Davidson motorcycle emblazoned with Marine Corps colors and graphics in the first public appearance of the new "Motorcycle Marines" program at the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

ers," said Maj. Andrew Fortunato, Assistant Chief of Staff for Marketing and Public Affairs. "They do this by providing an interactive means to bring attention to the Marine Corps at the grass roots level."

Grass roots marketing which is aimed at Harley Davidson's primary market, have shown to be more influential on their sons and daughters decisions than Generation Xer's. The Millennial Generation, young adults graduating high school in this new century, also exhibit a fondness for history and traditions. A trend not lost upon the Marine Corps.

"Harley Davidson, the United States Marine Corps, and Ford Motor Company are all considered American icons, symbolizing toughness, heritage and American values," said Fortunato. "It is in this shared culture that these leaders have joined together in partnership for the Marine Corps new marketing campaign."

The program will eventually fea-

ture 16 motorcycles deployed in teams around the country for use in major parades and events. Ford Motor Company is providing trucks to pull custom-built motorcycle trailers. Team Rensi Motorsports, who also have a strong tie to the Marine Corps as owners of Team Marines Racing, provided the trailers and the first four motorcycles. The truck and trailer are painted to match the motorcycles, bright red and chrome, with the image of a Marine NCO sword on both sides.

The riders themselves will get a makeover with a specialized uniform; a custom leather jacket made to resemble traditional Marine 'Dress Blues,' riding pants, leather gloves, boots and goggles along with white helmets will ensure that these Marines stand out and get noticed.

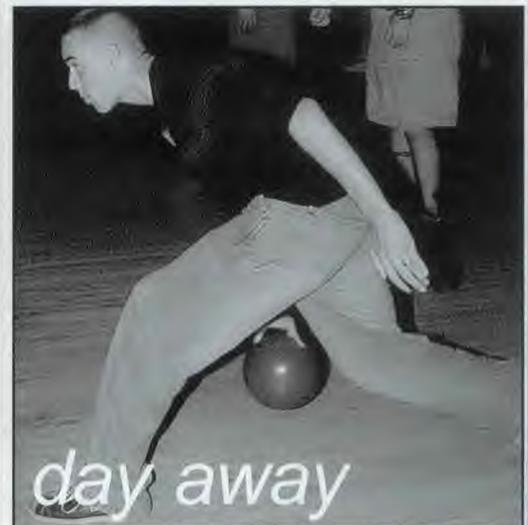
Along with Harley Davidson producing the finest motorcycles in the world, the Marine Corps continues to ride on as the nation's finest fighting force.

"KNOCKIN' 'EM DOWN!"



Single Marines bowl the day away

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Maener, marcher, 3rd platoon, "B" Company, focuses on his target point of impact.



(above) Marines take their turns shooting for the pins.

by Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer

For the Marines of the "Oldest Post," an average workday usually consists of long hours of preparation for an upcoming parade or ceremony.

So when the Single Marine Program at Marine Barracks offered a trip to the bowling alley, many Marines jumped at the opportunity. The invitation was extended to all the single Marines stationed at the Barracks, and when the time came, 39 Marines hopped on the buses and headed to the bowling alley at Bolling Air Force Base.

When they arrived, each Marine was given free ball and shoe rental and was allowed to bowl three games, for free. All the devil dogs laced up their multi-colored shoes, picked out the ball they wanted to use and attacked the lanes.

"I took a survey a while back to see what they wanted to do, and this is what we came up with," said Lance Cpl. Samuel L. Bass, SMP president, admin clerk,

"A" Company. "This is just something small for them to get a taste of the program, so that we can plan something big later on."

Bass said he heard about the program before, but knew it wasn't being used. He wanted the Marines to benefit from having something to do besides going to the NCO Lounge every night.

"It (bowling) was a good break from drill and it was nice to all get together, not only for the unity but for some friendly competition at the same time," said Lance Cpl. Matthew R. Hart, marcher, 3rd platoon, "B" Company.

"It gives some of the Marines who maybe don't get out as much, a chance to get away from work and spend some time together," said Lance Cpl. Jesse C. Enderle, marcher, 2nd platoon, "B" Company.

Bass also wanted to point out that the Single Marine Program is trying to plan a saltwater fishing trip, and will be scheduling other events in the future.

All single Marines who are interested in the program or events can find out more by contacting their SMP unit representative.

“Outstanding Volunteers!”

Commanding Officer, Col. Richard T. Tryon, presents the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal to Lance Cpl. Andrew Strohecker and Cpl. Daniel Alfred, during the “8th & I” Young Marines graduation ceremony in the Band Hall June 8. Strohecker and Alfred both served as drill instructors in the program for more than two years. Young Marine “boot camps” conducted here range in size from fifty to eighty local girls and boys, ages 8 through high school. All activities emphasize the importance of honesty, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability, and a sense of devotion to God, country, community, and family. The Young Marines’ motto is “Our Youth is Our Future.”



Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers

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

H&S Company

June

- Cpl. Benjamin A. Moore
- Lance Cpl. Dewaun R. Grant
- Lance Cpl. Scott A. Guttentag
- Lance Cpl. Phillip E. Masker
- Lance Cpl. Cory J. McTonic
- Lance Cpl. Eric S. Powers
- Lance Cpl. M. Salazar Menendez
- Lance Cpl. Chris D. Saunders
- Lance Cpl. Thomas R. Seagrove

MCI Company

June

- Lance Cpl. Jeffrey R. Deirling

“A” Company

June

- Lance Cpl James L. Rooks
- Lance Cpl. Timothy W. Lipscomb
- Lance Cpl. Dustin S. Allen
- Lance Cpl. Nicholas A. Duncan

“B” Company

June

- Lance Cpl. Patrick B. Leblanc

Security Company

June

- Sgt. Ryan P. Nouwens
- Cpl. Matthew J. Frame
- Cpl Richard A. Gray III
- Cpl. Raymond L. Lopez
- Cpl. Gilberto Mendoza
- Cpl. Christopher R. Pope
- Cpl. Brandon M. Rodriguez
- Cpl. Erick J. Taylor

USNA Company

June

- Lance Cpl. Adam D. Sauve

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Marine Corps Equal Opportunity Program

Marine Corps Order

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Policy: The Marine Corps will provide equal opportunity for all military members without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, or national origin, consistent with the law and regulation and the requirements for physical and mental abilities.

Background: As an organization comprised of persons drawn from varied backgrounds and all segments of American Society, the Marine Corps reflects attitudes found within that society. An individual does not automatically set aside those prejudices, biases, and erroneous perceptions upon joining the Marine Corps. Adverse discriminatory practices and biases with the Marine Corps whether expressed individually or institutionally, are counterproductive and unacceptable. Discrimination undermines and morale, reduces combat readiness and reduces maximum utilization and development of the Marine Corps most vital asset, people. Equality of treatment and the opportunity for all Marines to achieve their full potential based solely upon individual merit, fitness, and ability is the police of the Marine Corps.

Program Objectives: The primary objective of the Marine Corps Equal Opportunity Program is to integrate equal opportunity into every aspect of Marine Corps life. EOP Objectives:

- To understand the effects of past discriminatory practices in order to formulate specific equal opportunity

objectives and to initiate affirmative actions to eliminate existing deficiencies

- To identify, eliminate, correct, or prevent adverse or illegal institutional and individual discriminatory practices

- To promote harmonious relationships among Marine through the elimination of prejudice and harassment

- To ensure the opportunity and encouragement for personal and professional advancement of individual Marines without regard to age, race, color, religion, gender, or national origin

Impact: The EOP, operates and impacts upon, all existing programs and actions within every aspect of the command. The Commander must ensure that equal opportunity is applied in every command policy, action, and program.

In keeping with the Marine Corps leadership philosophy, the responsibility for accomplishing equal opportunity goals is not dependent on authority and is the function of any special staff officer.

Rather, all Marines are expected to exert proper leadership by promoting harmonious interactions among individuals, regardless of age, race color, religion, gender, or national origin, by exemplifying fair treatment for all Marines, and identifying unfair practices to right authority via the chain of command.

If any Marines have any questions in reference to these issues please contact the Equal Opportunity Advisor, Master Sgt. Milo P. Lucio, at (202) 433-4074.



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

“Shazam!”

Marines gather around “Honorary Marine” Jim Nabors in the Battalion S-1 shop June 27.

Throughout the five years that “Gomer Pyle: U.S.M.C.” aired on NBC (1964-1969), Pyle always demonstrated the qualities that Marines today still live by.

“I’ve always been a fan of the show and I think that Marines today can still identify with it,” said Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, during Nabors’ honorary promotion to lance corporal last year at Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii.

The whole warrior

*Lt. Ted L. Williams
Chaplain
Barracks Chaplain*

A couple of weeks ago I was driving with my family to one of the Washington area commissaries. The end of the month was upon us and like a lot of other military families; all we had left in the house were saltine crackers, canned soup and cereal dust. It was time to make that big, end of the month, two shopping cart trip to stock back up.

While we were waiting in the long line-up to get on the base I was thinking about normal Chaplain stuff like, "I can't believe this line!" "I wonder if the communion wafers are stale?" and "Will my stole be ready by Sunday?" Finally it was my turn to roll down the window so that the guard could "touch" his 500th ID card of the day. As the very young E-3 handed my ID card back and I prepared to drive away he said something to me that rang in my ears, "Pray for war sir".

Pray for war? I thought. How did he know I was a chaplain? I had never seen him before in my life! Am I starting to look like a chaplain, I only turned thirty-one in February? I am wearing civilian clothes, is it that obvious? It was my wife that snapped me out of this line of thinking. She looked over at me and said, "What did he just ask you?" It stunned us. Pray for war. I began to turn these words over in my mind. Maybe he meant "pray for those at war, or those

in the war? No, we had heard right.

I did not know this young E-3, but it was obvious to me that perhaps the events of September 11 were still fresh on his mind as it was with the rest of us. Perhaps he knew someone in the Pentagon, or he had a family member in one of the Towers in New York. Maybe he had enlisted to seek the "glory" of war or to bring revenge upon those who caused this pain upon our country. Whatever his motivation, it was his connection to me as a fellow member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America which prompted him to make this remark.

As I drove off quietly to continue my day of shopping I could not shake his words. How do you respond to a statement such as this? To be sure, something must be done to bring about justice and to address the wrongs committed against our Country, but to "Pray for war"? As Memorial Day came and passed I began to reflect more upon this. History bears record that our country's heritage has been one of reluctance when it comes to war. Traditionally, our Nation views war as a last resort for when other venues are exhausted. From the American Revolution up to this latest War on Terrorism we do not go off to fight without working out the justification, or to right a wrong action against us.

In the midst of fighting for a just cause and bringing to justice those who have caused so much pain and

destruction in our Country, lets not loose our focus and become war-mongers or mercenaries looking for a fight. I am sure that this was not the E-3's intention; however, the potential exists. Remember that we are warriors, not mercenaries. A warrior does not rush off to find conflict, nor do they pray for the day when their country is enveloped in the folds of war. The warrior trains and practices the art of war while hoping that it does not have to be employed, or as the saying goes, "While no one likes to fight, somebody has to know how". A mercenary lusts after war while the Warrior views conflict as a necessary evil that when used properly and backed by a just cause is effective in bringing about change.

In final response to this request here are couple of thoughts to ponder over the days and weeks ahead as we continue the War on Terrorism. Let's honor the proud heritage and history of those who have fought before us and those who will learn to fight after us by training to be warriors, not mercenaries. Remember to develop the whole warrior: the spiritual side, the mental side, and the physical side, so that you are tactically prepared in all areas. Finally, pray that justice will be served, and mercy exercised so that we may enjoy peace.

Semper Fi

Chaplain Williams

“Sacred Ground”



Members of the “Commandant’s Own” United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps perform during a recent Battle Color Detachment performance at Belleau Wood, France. (photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell)

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