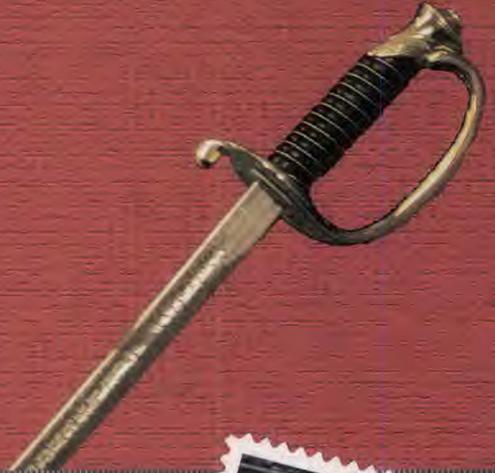


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A HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE



SERVING MARINES, SAILORS, AND THE FAMILIES OF THE OLDEST POST OF THE CORPS

Sgt. Major's Scoop

As "8th and I" Marines, we are always looking for new sources of motivation, without often realizing that it's around us every day. Motivation pushes us to be the best at whatever we do. It's that little pinch of motivation that emboldens our courageousness, sustains our honor, and focuses our commitment to excellence. Knowing that we are the keepers of excellence here at the "Oldest Post of the Corps" motivates us daily to do the right thing.

So where does this motivation towards excellence drive us? It drives us straight toward accomplishing our mission. Striving for excellence in everything that we do, from the smallest of commitments to the largest, allows us to accomplish our mission.

Some may think that excellence seems unobtainable here, but it isn't. It takes hard work and values just like anything else that you've worked hard for. So often we think excellence is just achieved by the lucky people such as Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone, Sergeant Major Daniel J. Daly, Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune and Lieutenant General Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller. What some call luck is simply a passion that is so strong that it will enable us to not stop until we reach our goal. Basilone, Daly, Lejeune, and Puller are great because they reached for and achieved excellence.

The goals that you set for yourself can make a difference to our Barracks. In other words, the contribution you make to the mission of excellence matters.

At "8th and I" our contributions towards excellence in achieving our goals make lasting impressions on the Corps and the nation; it is the "stuff" that allowed the leaders honored recently on the new Marine postage stamps strive for excellence in everything they did.

Every contribution we make here at the Barracks can be of great importance - from hosting the elderly during an Evening or Sunset Parade to putting your heart and soul into performing a dignified transfer at Dover Air Force Base in 15-degree winter-weather, the things we do are important in ways that we may never understand. What we do here as Marines can change one person, then another person, and maybe a whole nation.

Excellence is achieving a goal that causes you to be remembered not only when you leave, but also while you're here at the Barracks—right now—just as those Marines who have served here before us have done. Excellence isn't just obtained by the older generation or those who have acquired wisdom during their years; it starts in the heart of every young Marine.

As we celebrate this past year of excellence at Marine Barracks Washington, continue to ask, "What can I do this upcoming year to continue our history of excellence?" Find your passion—make it happen—be motivated to achieve! Your job may be standing a post at Camp David, a ceremonial marcher, a host, or working the lights in the tower during an Evening Pa-

rade. Everyone is a player when it comes to achieving excellence.

Never forget—whatever your job may be, do it to the best of your ability. The Marines before us and the Marines of tomorrow are counting on us to keep the standard of excellence in all that we do here aboard the "Oldest Post of the Corps."

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that your New Year's resolution is to make 2006 a year of excellence that will go down in 8th & I history. Marines of the "Oldest Post of the Corps," I'm looking forward to working with you in 2006 as we achieve excellence in all that we do. Keep the flame burning!

**From your Battalion
Sergeant Major,**

SgtMaj. M. J. Watkins





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Distinguished Marines Stamp Dedication

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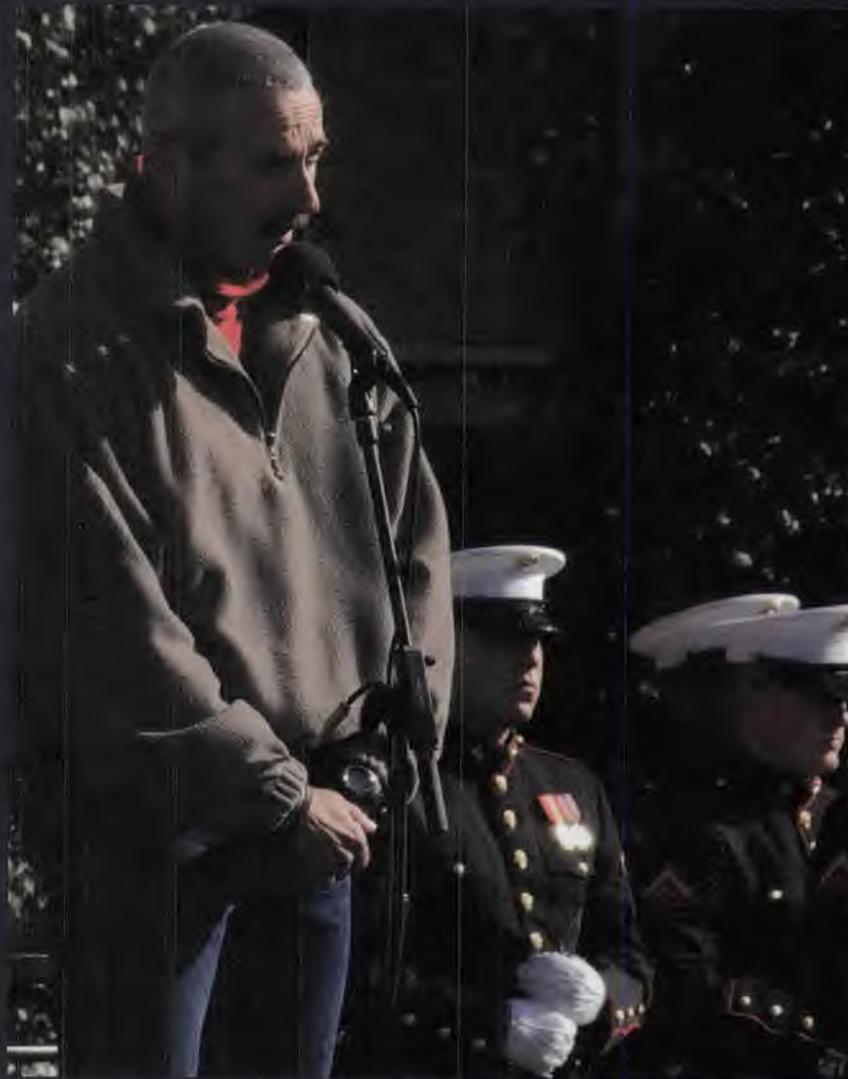
Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and John E. Potter, Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service, unveiled the Distinguished Marines commemorative 37-cent U.S. Postage stamps at Marine Barracks Washington on the 230th Birthday of the Marine Corps, Nov. 10. The stamps depict legendary Marines, Daniel J. Daly, John Basilone, John A. Lejeune and Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller.

Other participants included the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps performing elements of the Barracks' Friday Evening Parade, and Aaron Tippin, country music recording artist.

"The United States Postal Service is proud to honor the Marine Corps' 230-year tradition of excellence in military service to our nation," said Potter. "These four legendary Marines are inspirational examples of the Marine Corps' devotion to their proud motto, *Semper Fidelis*."

Joining Hagee and Potter at the ceremony were some of the relatives of the Marines depicted on the stamps.

"The Puller family is truly honored and pleased with this recognition. He was a revered Marine as well as a magnificent father," said Martha Puller Downs, one of Chesty Puller's two daughters. "The light of his life was mother, us, and the United States Marine Corps, and each of his three children have sons named for him," she added. "Father was



Country music recording artist Aaron Tippin performs patriotic songs during the stamp dedication ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington, Nov. 10.

there for us and showed us much affection. We did not want to let him down, and I do not think the Marines he served with did either. He was the constant encourager and had much faith in mankind. He would never give up on anyone."



Marine Corps Wreath-Laying Ceremonies

Photos by Public Affairs Staff

Marines from 8th and 1, the Corps' "Oldest Post" recognized their heroes for the 230th birthday of the Marine Corps, Nov. 10.

The day's events began by honoring every past commandant laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery as well as those at Oak Hill and Congressional cemeteries. Marine Barracks officers placed wreaths over the gravestones with the assistance of Bravo Company Body Bearers while buglers from the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps played "Taps."

The commemoration and remembrance continued with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial honoring more than two centuries of war-fighting valor. Current construction on the monument did not dampen spirits as Gen. Charles C. Krulak (Ret.), a former commandant, addressed a packed viewing box. "On this day, our hearts should soar to be Marines," said Krulak, who laid a wreath at the foot of the monument along with Gen. Michael W. Hagee, current commandant.

While the ceremonial mission of Marine Barracks Washington means commemorative performances are just an average day on the job, these leathernecks understand the Marines they honor are anything but average.

"Our heroes are one of the hallmarks of our Marine Corps," said Pfc. Nicholas Tandy, a United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps soprano bugler. "We'll always be fighting, and we'll continue to make legends."

As long as Marines keep pushing forward with uncommon valor to fight this nation's battles, legends will continue to be born, said Capt. John V. Price-Van Cleave, who marched during the Marine Corps wreath-laying ceremony as 1st platoon commander, Bravo Co.

"There were a lot of events going on in the world during the time of men like Chesty Puller and John Basilone," said Price-Van Cleave. "We are in another era of conflict, and Marines will continue to rise up."





Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremonies

Photos by
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Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate recently shared in honoring the 230th birthday of the United States Marine Corps in separate cake cutting ceremonies featuring Marines from the “Oldest Post” at the House, Nov. 2, and the Senate, Nov. 3. The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, officiated both ceremonies.

The National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. held a ceremony for the wounded sailors and Marines injured during Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Gen. Robert Magnus, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, officiated the ceremony Nov. 9.



Gen. Magnus talked about the Global War on Terrorism, and how he was very proud of every Marine and Sailor at the Naval Medical Center.

“Cake cuttings are one of the ways we come together and celebrate our rich heritage as Marines, and it is an honor to be with these Marines,” said Magnus.

Besides the standard Birthday celebrations that take place anywhere there are Marines, other traditions are followed as well around the Marine Corps Birthday.

These traditions include the reading of Gen. John A. Lejeune’s message to the Marine Corps, which is read to Marines on every Marine Corps Birthday, and a cake cutting ceremony where the first piece is given to the oldest Marine present, who then passes it to the youngest Marine present, symbolizing the passing of traditions and heritage from one generation of Marines to the next.

Battalion Run

Photos by Sgt. Stephen L. Traynham



MCW Birthlay Ball

Photos by Sgt. Stephen L. Traynham

On Nov. 17, the Marines of the “Oldest Post” started the day with a run through the National Mall. Beginning at the reflecting pool, the Marines ran to the Lincoln Memorial and back through the chilly November air.

After the run, Marines were given time to prepare for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball that evening.

Held at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Robert Magnus, was the Guest of Honor and spoke on the unique role that Marine Barracks Washington plays in the nation’s capital.

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball takes place to honor the history and heritage of the Marine Corps and to come together as a unit to celebrate “being a Marine.”



New Year's Day Serenade

Photos by Cpl. Aaron K. Clark

As the oldest active post in service in the Marine Corps, Marine Barracks Washington has been building traditions and heritage for over two-hundred years.

The Marine Band helped ring in the new year with one of those traditions; a New Year's Day Serenade to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The Serenade is a "surprise" concert that happens every year on Jan. 1.

"For those of you who might not know, the first recorded instance of this Marine Band Serenade was on 1 January 1865, the last New Year's day of the Civil War," explained Gen. Hagee in his speech.

Besides the Marine Band, other Marines from the Barracks served in various other hosting positions.

"Your marvelous skill and talent are a constant source of wonder and pride to me," he said in closing.

As always, after the ceremony Gen. Hagee invited the Marine Band to join his family for brunch.

The ceremony included performances of the "Marines Hymn," "The Stars and Stripes Forever," "Bless this Home," and closed with the John Philip Sousa march, "Semper Fidelis."



The Marines said...

Marines around the battalion were asked, "Will there be another Legendary Marine?" They answered...

"With the sacrifices we are making right now in Iraq, how could there not be?"

Cpl. Jordan D. Cable
B Company

"Every day in Iraq and Afghanistan, Marines are doing great things worthy of recognition but they do it because it's their job not for the fame or glory. That's the spirit that makes the Marine legacy what it is."

Master Sgt. Phillip D. Niskanen
Headquarters and Service Company

"Who knows what the future holds? Some people call this the 'new Marine Corps.'"

Lance Cpl. Jesse R. Enriquez
United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps

"A lot of Marines take our values to heart so seriously and apply them to combat situations. Because of this I'm sure there will be many more legendary Marines."

Lance Cpl. Dan G. Preder
A Company

"Not a chance. The reason you have a hero is to inspire others, but right now the Marine Corps is inspired enough."

Lance Cpl. Dennis L. Shetler Jr.
Headquarters and Service Company

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Lance Cpl. R.E. Fouch
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SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE

What character trait sets you apart from other Marines? While there can be many answers to this question, my answer is "excellence." Excellence in war fighting. Excellence in drill. Excellence in bearing and leadership. Excellence in MOS proficiency. No matter which task you are given, you do it to the best of your ability. Why? Because that is what the Marine Corps has ingrained in you from the time you first time you stood on the "yellow footprints." Your best was expected, all the time . . . every time.

In order to achieve excellence, you know you must pay special attention to the details. This is why you rehearse time and time again, so that your performance becomes muscle memory. This is why you spend extra time squaring away your uniform and your cover. This is why you push yourself when you P.T., because you know that extra pull-up or knocking off 30 seconds on your run time will give you an excellent score. Good is not good enough.

As you think about what goals you will set for yourself this new year, I challenge you to the goal of spiritual excellence. As a warrior, you are 3-dimensional: You have a physical dimension (your physical body), an emotional/mental dimension (your will, emotions, personality, etc.), and a spiritual dimension.

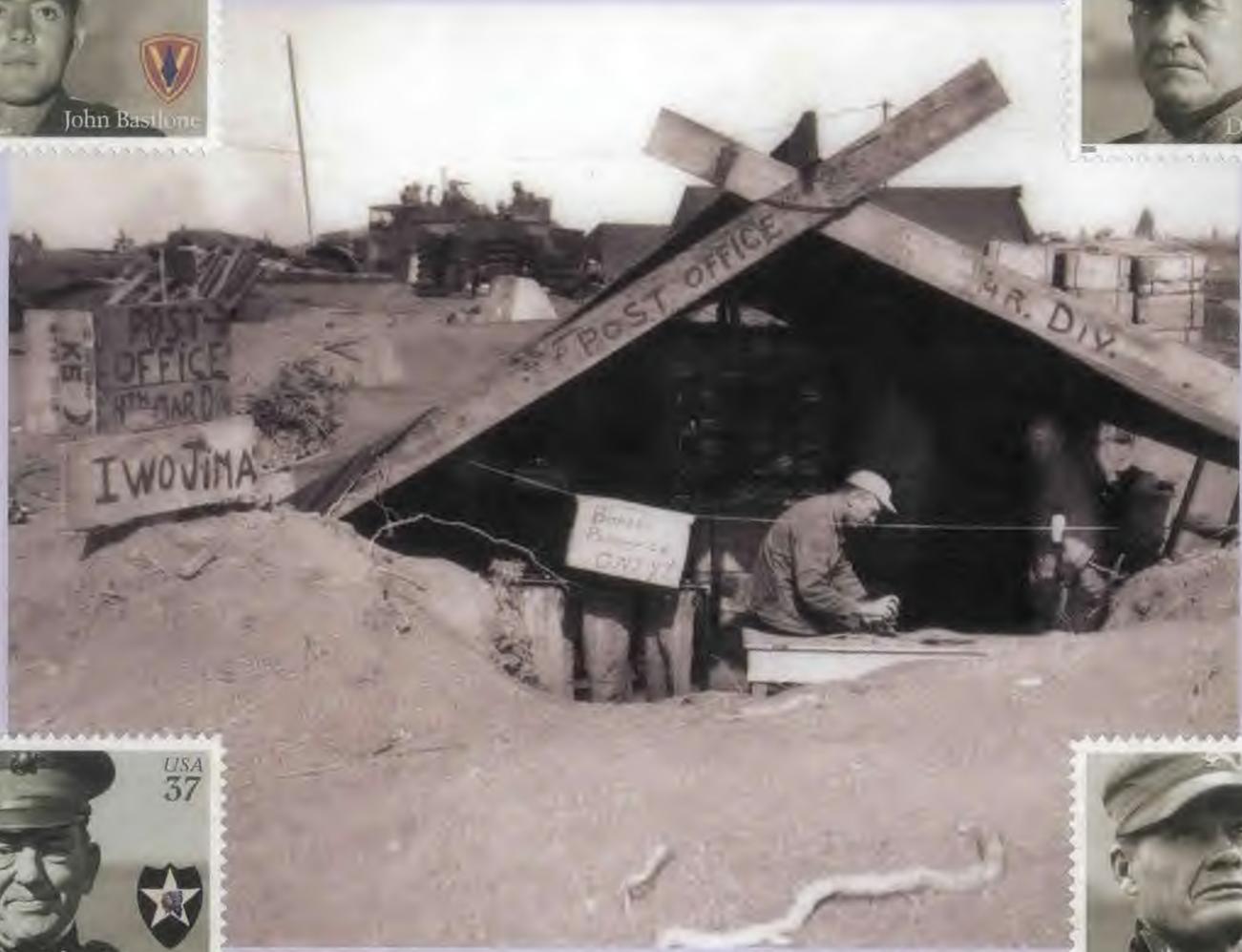
No doubt that you already have goals for striving for physical excellence: Maybe you used all your Christmas money to buy a lifetime supply of protein powder or state-of-the-art running shoes. You've probably already set goals for achieving mental excellence: Maybe you've recently enrolled in another MCI, or maybe you've signed up for on-line college courses.

Have you set any goals achieving spiritual excellence?

Like everything else, excellence comes by paying attention to the details. Take time everyday to get in touch with your God through prayer and reading your sacred scriptures. Take the initiative to find a local place of worship. If you need help with this, please come see me! If you are a Christian, attend the Thursday night Bible study (1830-1930) in my office. No matter what religious tradition you embrace, make a habit of asking yourself this question: "Does my attitude and behavior positively reflect on my faith and tradition?"

As a Marine, you have been given a legacy of excellence. As you strive to live up to this legacy of excellence in every area of your life, don't overlook the spiritual!

LT. Michael E. Foskett
Chaplain, Marine Barracks Washington



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The 4th Marine Division Post Office on the Island of Iwo Jima during WWII. The U.S. Postal Service and the Marine Corps held a ceremony at the Barracks Nov. 10, to honor four Marines with commemorative stamps.

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