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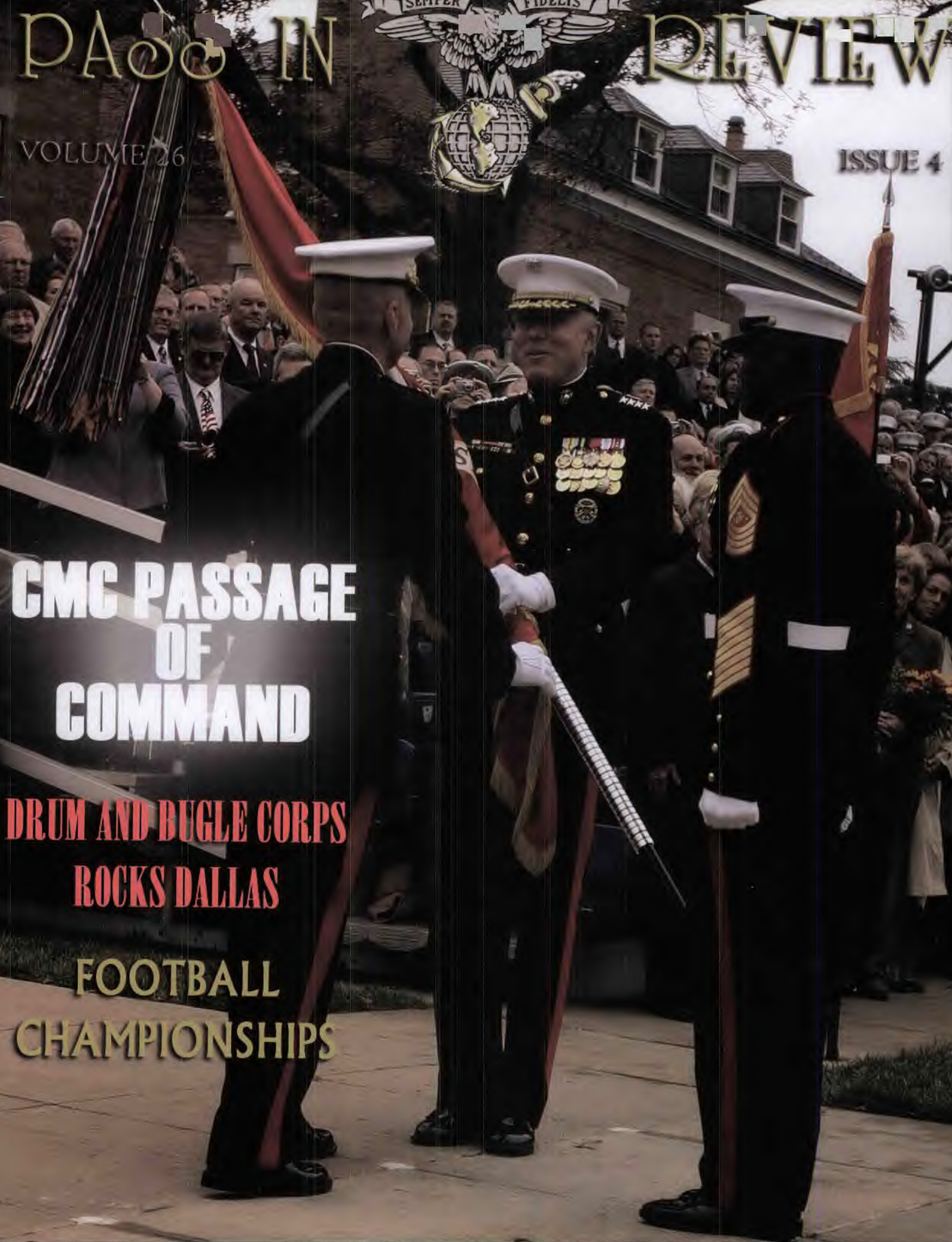
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Once again, another successful year at the “Oldest Post of the Corps” has come to a close. The Marines and Sailors of Marine Barracks Washington have successfully accomplished their mission for the year 2006 and I could not be prouder of what you have done for the Marine Corps. We are all too familiar with the saying, “A first impression is a lasting impression.” It is the image and character depicted by all the Marines at 8th and I who continue to redefine the Marine Corps’ reputation as the nation’s 911 force in readiness.

The west coast tour season took the Battle Color Detachment to Arizona and California where they emphasized our Espirt de Corps to thousands of Marines, Sailors and their families.

The parade season was a resounding success with more than 75,000 spectators and guests enjoying the best show in the national capital region. Then, with a short lull, we regrouped, planned and supported the Marine Corps Birthday season, which consumed the entire month of November.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps Passage of Command was an event to remember. The Marines and Sailors of the Barracks sent the 33rd Commandant off with a magnificent farewell and introduced the 34th Commandant with an impressive welcome aboard. No other unit in the Marine Corps could have made a better first impression than our Marine Barracks!

What I am equally proud of is the rapid reaction time by the Barracks, during our nation’s time of mourning for the late, former President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford. The Marines truly epitomized the slogan of being a ‘Force in Readiness.’ All personnel played a vital role for the Marine Corps and the American people. That role was exemplified by our participation in Operation Golden Eagle. Time and time again spectators and guests thank us for our service to our country. You all represent the Marine Corps well and I am proud of each and every one of you for doing so.

I strongly encourage you all to keep up the good work. Let’s keep our goals in sight and strive for another impeccable year.

T.M. Lockard
Colonel, USMC



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On the cover: Gen. Michael W. Hagee passes the official battle colors of the Marine Corps to Gen. James T. Conway during the passage of command ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington, Nov. 13. Gen. Conway was appointed the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps the same day Gen. Hagee retired after 42 years of distinguished military service. Photo by Sgt. Clinton F. Firstbrook

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Honoring



Marines from 8th and I recognized the Corps' heroes for the 231st birthday of the Marine Corps Birthday season, by conducting a series of wreath-laying and cake-cutting ceremonies.

The National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., held a cake-cutting ceremony, Nov. 8, for wounded Sailors and Marines injured during Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Following tradition, the first piece of cake was given to the oldest Marine present who then handed a peice to the youngest Marine.

"Seeing the emotion in the face of the oldest Marine, even during a simple act such as passing the cake, is what makes the importance of these events self evident," said Lance Cpl. Drew N. Conklin, Headquarter & Service Company, administration clerk and member of the 8th and I cake-cutting team. "Just being chosen to help carry on such a rich tradition makes me feel very proud."

Gen. Michael W. Hagee, 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, assisted by Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, officiated the ceremony.

Another time honored tradition echoed across a sacred landscape of the Corp's fallen heroes.

On the Marine Corps birthday, Marines of the "Oldest Post" made an annual trip to Oak Hill, Congressional and Arlington National cemeteries, where they honored every past commandant laid to rest.

Barracks officers placed wreaths at the gravestones with the assistance of Body Bearers from B Company, while buglers from the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps played taps.

Shortly after taking over as Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James T.



Corps' oldest traditions

Story by Cpl. Jordan M. Welner



Conway, officiated cake cutting-ceremonies Nov. 15 and 16, for the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively, augmented by Marines from the "Oldest Post."

"Not many Marines get an opportunity to take part in such an honor," said Cpl. Ryan D. Johnson, B Company, Body Bearer. "These are the leaders of the Corps that got us to where we are today."


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.

"The Marine Corps is centered on traditions and to keep them alive, we must honor events like the wreath-laying ceremony every year," said 1st Lt. Kendrick Gaines, A Company, 1st platoon, platoon commander. "It makes me proud to know that our platoon was part of a ceremony that

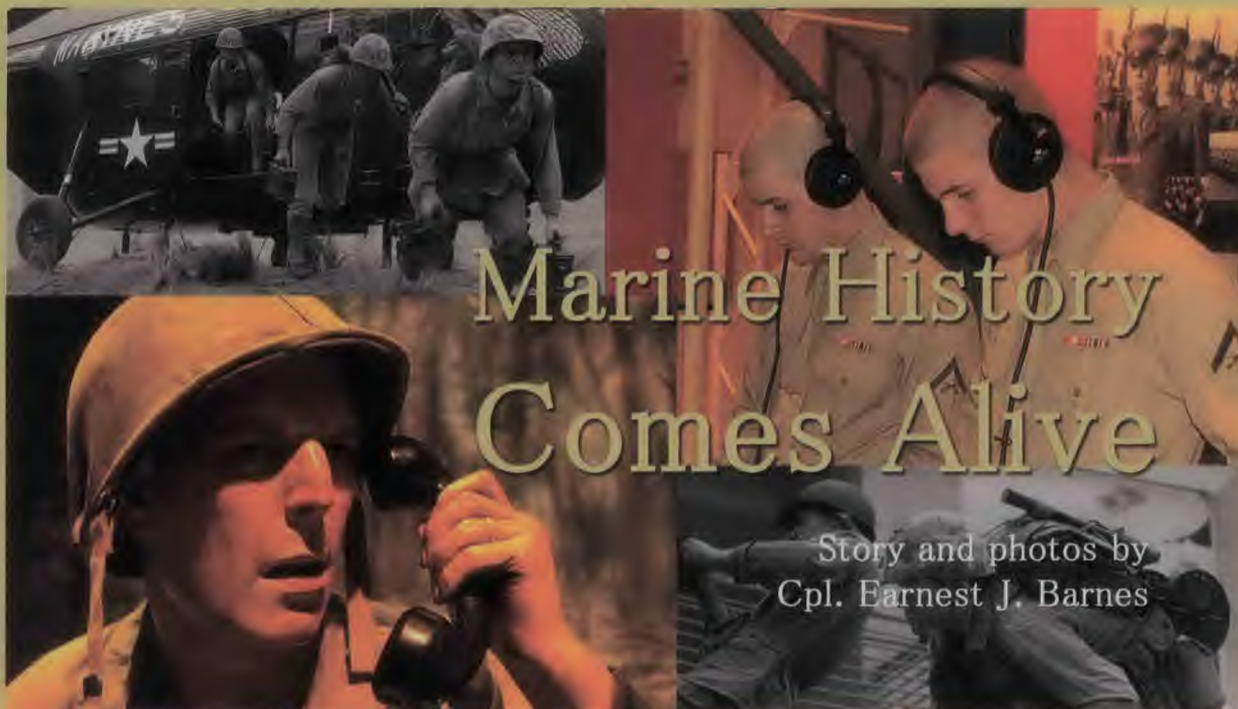


will continue for years after we're gone."

Although members of the "Oldest Post" are accustomed to executing commemorative events on a regular basis, these leathernecks understood these ceremonies are special and the Marines they honor are anything but average because of their willingness to have served their country.

"The Marine Corps takes its history very seriously. It's where we got our most deeply rooted customs and traditions," said Sgt. Kent Laukhuf, A Company, supply sergeant. Laukhuf marched as an acting squad leader in the wreath laying ceremony. "These birthday ceremonies are just a few ways to honor and thank the Marines who helped build our Corps." 





Marine History Comes Alive

Story and photos by
Cpl. Earnest J. Barnes

Marines of B Company received an inter-active lesson in USMC history when they visited the recently dedicated National Museum of the Marine Corps on Nov. 29.

As the Leathernecks made their approach, they couldn't miss the sight of a 210-foot spire designed to evoke the image of the flag raising on Iwo Jima during WWII.

Upon entering the museum, the Marines encountered a 1920's era Curtiss JN-4

aircraft, two WWII Corsair fighter planes and an AV-8B Harrier

Jet hanging just above

scenes from the battle of Tarawa

and the Korean War.

The 118,000 square-foot

m u s e u m ,

filled with Marine history, features exhibits on Parris Island, S.C., Vietnam, Korea and WWII. With each step, the devil dogs traveled through time and Marine Corps history.

One section focuses on something every Marine can relate to — boot camp. When the Marines entered the room, the sight of an all-too-familiar white government bus, parked alongside several sets of yellow footprints put them right back on the depot.

Headphones gave the visitors an unexpected blast from the past: The sound of Drill Instructors dressing down new recruits.

"It was very realistic," said Pfc. Keith Dewey, 2nd platoon, ceremonial marcher. "I felt like I was back on the Island in my 'go fasters' and reflective belt."

The next exhibit depicted a timeline spanning more than 200 years of Marine Corps history, with displays of weapons, uniform items and other military memorabilia.

"This museum represents every generation of Marines." —Lance Cpl. Chad J. Johnson



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“The timeline shows what we were then and what we are now,” said Lance Cpl. Chad J. Johnston, 1st platoon, ceremonial marcher. “It gave us a glimpse of the events that made us the war-fighting machine we are today.”

Patrolling through the Korean War section of the museum, the Marines came to a set of glass doors that led into a dark room. Anxious to proceed, the infantrymen entered the room, realizing they were stepping into the early 1950’s, to the bitterly, cold world of the Korean War.

The room temperature dropped a crisp 20 degrees with gusts of wind blowing from above.

The frigid atmosphere transported the Marines of B Company to the Chosin Reservoir fighting alongside the Leathernecks of the 1st Marine Division. Scenes from the battle are displayed among the rock and snow, which gave a sobering view of those who fought this epic battle, known as the “Frozen Chosin.”

“It gives you the feeling that you are there,” Johnston stated. “And to see a Korean War veteran, who was in the room with me at the time, start to cry, I knew he was taken back to a time where he helped make this part of Marine Corps history.”

Next, the Marines traveled more than 2,500 miles southwest and 15 years later in time to the rice paddies and jungles of Vietnam. This exhibit brings to life such battles as Howard’s Hill, Marble Mountain, Quang Nam

and Dong Ha. But the most detailed part of the exhibit was the emotional scene atop Hill 881 South near Khe Sanh.

Stepping off the back of a CH-46 helicopter, the men entered a “hot” landing zone where the Vietnam era Marines were trapped in a 77-day defensive position surrounded by the People’s Army of Vietnam. Each step led to a new combat scene in another weather-simulated room.

With heat lamps over head making the room a steaming 90 degrees, they came upon a Marine manning a machinegun nest

“The detail was amazing, from the rounds on the deck to the sweat on the Marines’ faces.” *-Pfc. Dewey*

defending his position, another helping his buddy who was wounded and

a U.S. Navy Chaplain reading a Marine his last rites.

“It was so hot in there, I thought I was really in Vietnam. The static displays had a way of pulling you into that exact moment. It made you feel the emotions the Marines felt,” Dewey said. “The detail was

amazing, from the rounds on the deck to the Marines’ faces. Everything helped create an unforgettable trip back in time.”

On the way out, all of the Marines of B Company took



one last look at what is rightfully called “their” history.

“This museum represents every generation of the Marines,” Johnston stated. “It gives the Corps an opportunity to forever be remembered for its selfless sacrifices, which helped to keep America free.”



A LOOK BACK...



MEDAL OF HONOR FLAG CEREMONY
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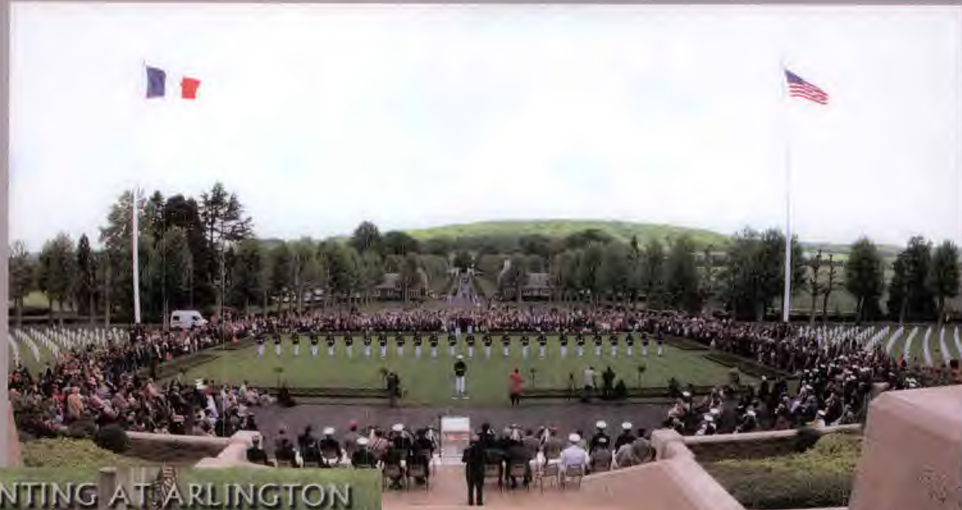


LT. COL. COPP PLAYOFF
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FOX AND FRIENDS, NEW YORK CITY
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FLAG PLANTING AT ARLINGTON
PHOTO BY CPL. JOHN J. PARRY

BELLEAU WOOD
PHOTO BY SSGT. WILL PRICE



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34th Commandant tak

Gen. James T. Conway became the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Nov. 13, after assuming command from Gen. Michael W. Hagee during a passage of command ceremony.

Hagee's retirement ceremony took place earlier that morning ending 42 years of distinguished military service.

"Throughout all the postings and assignments I have had, the one thing I am most proud of is that since 1968 I have been called a U.S. Marine," said Hagee.

Secretary of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld, was present for the retirement and the passage of command ceremony.

"(Hagee) left behind a Marine Corps, that under his watch has become the best-trained, the best-led and the best-equipped force in history," Rumsfeld said. He also noted Hagee has led the Marine Corps during some of the



Photo by Cpl. Earnest J. Barnes

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, speaks at the passage of command ceremony for Commandant of the Marine Corps at Marine Barracks Washington, Nov. 13.



Photo by Cpl. Earnest J. Barnes

Gen. Michael W. Hagee, 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, passes on the official battle colors to Gen. James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps, during a passage of command ceremony for Commandant of the Marine Corps at Marine Barracks Washington.

organization's most challenging times, citing the Marines' hard fighting in Fallujah, Ramadi and other parts of western Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Heroes are not in short supply," Rumsfeld said of today's Marines. "We can say with pride that many of this nation's



es battle colors

Story by Cpl. Aaron K. Clark



greatest young people are those who proudly wear the Eagle, the Globe and the Anchor.”

Conway, a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1970, where he held a variety of platoon and company commander billets. As a field grade officer, he taught tactics at The Basic School, served as operations officer for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit to include contingency operations in Beirut, Lebanon. He also commanded Battalion Landing Team 3/2 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and served as commanding officer of TBS.

As a general officer, Conway has served as the commander of the First Marine Expeditionary Force during two combat tours in Iraq, the president of the Marine Corps University at Quantico, Va., and the Director of Operations, J-3, on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, where he served prior to becoming Commandant of the Marine Corps.

“The raw courage, the selflessness, the teamwork demonstrated by this young generation is absolutely unbelievable,” said Conway. “I would suggest that our services, our Corps and our nation are in great shape for a long time to come.”


Conway takes the helm as Marines continue to engage enemies on the frontlines of the Global War on Terrorism. 



Photo by Sgt. Clinton F. Firstbrook

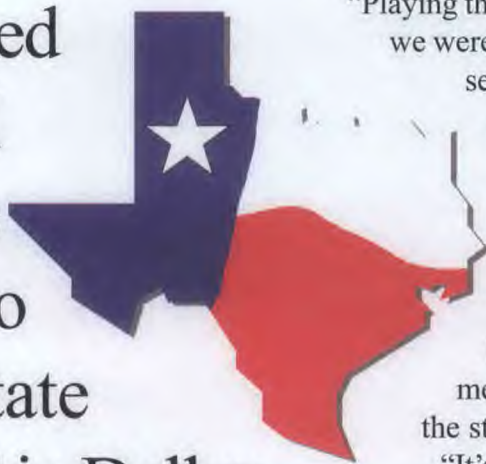
The 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James T. Conway and his wife Annette converse with Conway's predecessor, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, after an award ceremony, Nov. 13.



Drum and Bugle Corps rocks State Fair of Texas

Story and photos by Cpl. John J. Parry

The United States
Marine Drum and
Bugle Corps played
at what they call
“a little piece
of heaven,” also
known as the State
Fair of Texas held in Dallas,
Sept. 29 through Oct. 16.



“The Commandant’s Own” played several shows at the fair each day where the Marines of the musical unit have been bringing audiences to their feet for more than 45 years.

“Playing the fair was unique because after each show, we were able to meet with the people who came to see us,” said Cpl. Michael A. Acosta, drum and bugle corps, tenor drummer. “It really personalized the experience, where as many jobs don’t allow us the opportunity to interact with the crowd.”

Anticipation filled the air on opening day as the unit made its way into the city. Pedestrians stopped and pointed as members of the musical unit made its way to the starting point of the parade.

“It’s the Marines,” a mother told her excited son as they passed by.

The performance began with the drum and bugle corps marching at the front of the parade on Main Street.



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The sound of cymbals echoed through the streets of Dallas, as the crowd heard "The Marines' Hymn" led by Master Sgt. Mark S. Miller, drum and bugle corps, drum major.

The unit proudly marched down Main St. playing many different

selections and a special opportunity for the crowd to ask questions.

"What type of trumpet do you play in your band?" asked one member of the audience.

"First of all it's not a band," Dix said. "What is it ladies and gentlemen?"

"A DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS!" the audience replied.

"And do we play trumpets?" Dix asked.

"NO, BUGLES!" the crowd responded, laughing and applauding.

Those who attended and asked questions received a CD made by the "Commandants Own".

"It's great to see a professional military unit of musicians," said Michael Felan, who's been coming to the fair to watch the drum and bugle corps for the last eight years. "There's something

special about every Marine being a rifleman and still being able to carry out their job."

At the end of each day, the Marines of the drum and bugle corps led the Starlight Parade. As the sun set each evening, a caravan of lights and music moved across the grounds with the "Commandants Own" leading the way. It was a somber event with the purpose of closing each day's festivities.

The United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps played their final performance Oct. 16, but the people of Dallas need not worry. The drum

and bugle corps has visited Dallas for 41 years in a row and will return.

As Dix told the crowd during one of the performances at Marine Corps Square, "We love coming to Dallas. That and the people of the fair know how to fill out the paperwork to keep us coming back."

For Lt. Col. Brent A. Harrison, D&B, commanding officer, it's the warm welcome from the people of Texas, that has helped Marines make the annual trip to Dallas over the years.

"They enjoy what we do, we're something they don't see everyday," said Harrison. "When we make people feel proud to be Americans, we know we've done our job."



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Brian J. Dix interacts with the crowd during a performance at Marine Corps Square.

selections, as the colors of red, white and blue painted the streets as far as the eye could see.

According to Miller, it's the pride and professionalism of the Marines that people want to see.

"They come to see the D&B because they want to see what a Marine looks like," Miller said. "These people look up to us."

Every morning the Marines begin their daily routine by playing at the fair's Marine Corps Square. Directed by Chief Warrant Officer Brian Dix, drum and bugle corps, executive officer. The shows included several musical



The United States Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps performed for the opening ceremony of the State Fair of Texas at the Hall of State, Sept. 29.



"The Commandant's Own" played each day at the state fair's Marine Corps Square where thousands of patriotic fans watched.

A Parade to remember

Thousands of spectators come to the "The Oldest Post of the Corps" and the Marine Corps War Memorial each year to watch performances by the Barracks Marines. In a year where one special guest after another visited the Barracks, it was a parade season that has left a lasting impression on all who visited and took part in the events.

The 2006 parade season included several visiting heads of state and foreign nations beginning with a presidential visit by George W. Bush, May 5, and ending with Ralph D. Lerner, owner of the Cleveland Browns Aug. 25.

The Marines of MBW hosted more than 65,000 spectators in 2006 at the Evening Parades and more than 12,000

at the Sunset Parades held at the Marine Corps War Memorial.

The ceremonies have become an "Oldest Post" tradition since 1934 where the first Sunset Parade was held. The Sunset Parade was moved to the Marine Corps War Memorial in 1957 upon its completion, and the Evening Parade began at the Barracks the same year.



Despite the high profile of the guests at the parades this year, the level of excellence remained the same as any other year," said Maj. Bradley C. Weston, Headquarters and Service Company, commanding officer. "Visitors can expect no less."

Master Sgt. Allen C. Benjamin, Barracks drill master and operations chief, explained that the preparations for the parade season begins in January with the arrival of most of the infantry Marines who make up the two ceremonial marching companies. The Marines then begin practicing and executing the drill which is essential to parade season.

By slowly integrating all of the companies of 8th & I, the preparations for the parade come together. The Marines of A Company, B Company, the U.S.

Marine Band, the U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps, the Marine Corps Institute Company and H&S Company all participate in the ceremony. Non-commissioned officers and above, from all companies, try out for individual billets within the parades.

"The drill is continuous," Benjamin added. "Once the basics are down, it's about fine tuning and striving for excellence to create what the public expects from Marines—Perfection."

The Barracks began the 2006 parade season, April 28, honoring the friends and family of Marines as well as inviting neighbors from around the community to join in the season's festivities.

"It was great to have some of my family and friends watch me perform as a rifle inspector for the Silent Drill Platoon and see what I've worked to accomplish," said Sgt. Shawn M. Ballard, SDP, platoon sergeant, and one of two inspectors for SDP in 2006.

Soon after the parade was over, the Marines of the "Oldest Post" were already gearing up for President Bush.

In his first parade as a rifle inspector for SDP, Cpl. Garrett W. Andrews said when he went out, he had never experienced anything like it. With the president in attendance, there wasn't a doubt in his mind that he would do his best.

"Going out under the lights my first time was nuts. My heart was pounding, but I knew I had a job to do," Andrews said. "Performing in front of, and then

de Season member

Story by Cpl. John J. Parry

meeting the president was something I'll always remember."

Although the season hit an early peak with the presidential visit, the Marines of 8th & I forged on through the summer. The Marines still had dozens of parades ahead, with distinguished guests of honor such as the Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter, June 9, and Christopher F. Randolph, Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation president and chief executive officer, July 11.

What made each parade memorable was the same thing that made the first parade special—Marines.

"If there's one image people are going to remember, it will probably be the perfectly dressed Marines of 8th & I performing

flawlessly under pressure," retired Master Sgt. Phillip D. Niskanen said.

"Going out and performing in front of people, knowing the tradition set by the Marines before us, allows us to walk the same path as our predecessors," Ballard added. "The importance of precision in military drill, as well as customs and courtesies has hardly changed."

Whether it's the president, Marines wounded in Iraq, or the guest who enters through general admission, the Barracks Marines treat all visitors the same and leave an indelible impression on those who pass through the gates of the "Oldest Post."

"There's no satisfaction like seeing President Bush come to a parade and get excited by the performance of the Marines," Benjamin added. "It shows the esteem in how Marines are seen by all. It shows that no matter who comes to a parade, they'll take something away from it."

Reflecting upon the 2006 season, Weston, a parade commander, said his most memorable parade was on May 12, when eight wounded Marines

from combat in Iraq were the guests of honor.

"They represent everything we do this for," Weston said. "When they come to enjoy the ceremony, it allows the Marines of the Barracks to directly do something for them."

According to Sgt. Maj. Michael J. Watkins, Barracks sergeant major, the Marines of the Barracks came

together and carried out their mission to represent the Marine Corps with pride and professionalism to the public.

"Marine Barracks is a team effort like none other," Watkins said. "I could not be prouder."

With the close of the season, an impression has been made on those who came to watch, and for many it will be the only time they can watch and meet Marines on the job. From the recruits who marched on the grounds in the 19th century to the perfectly dressed marchers of today, the Barracks has left a lasting influence around the globe.

"These are fond memories for us now," Watkins said. "But we must focus on the hardball in front of us by building on our successes and keeping our commitment to excellence as only Marines of the 'Oldest Post' can do."





WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

*Story and photo illustrations by
Public Affairs Staff*

Throughout the year, Marine Barracks hosts a variety of events and ceremonies, in which guests are wowed by members of the Silent Drill Platoon or buglers from “The Commandant’s Own,” The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, but surely they will not forget the first and last smiling faces they see in dress blues—the Motor Transport Marines.

“We are the first Marines guests see, and it’s awesome to make a great first impression for the Marine Corps,” said Lance Cpl. Eric J. Owen. “We greet visitors when they get on the bus, and they’re always excited to see Marines.”

Parade season is the time of year when the motor vehicle operators drive buses packed to the limit with guests in route to the parades. Though their time with the guests is brief, these Marines have a unique opportunity to make their evening special.

These Marines do not need to be under the spotlight or to be the showcase rifle inspector to gain their glory. All it takes is a simple thank you from the



Cpl. Christopher M. Whicker, dispatcher, motor transport section, coordinates the tasks of the Marine Barracks Washington Motor Transport section.

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guests to know they've accomplished their mission.

"Almost every veteran I see thanks me for my service to the country," said Lance Cpl. Bradley A. McLain, a motor vehicle operator. "To me it's such honor to meet them because they are the ones who paved the road for us to uphold the Marine Corps legacy."

Beyond the stretch of road from a distant parking lot to Marine Barracks, the "Motor T." Marines are also responsible for driving Marines to and from various ceremonies, events and training evolutions.

While driving a 40-foot bus in the "stop and go" traffic of Washington, D.C., is certainly not as dangerous as combat duty, at times it can seem almost as challenging.

Preparing for the obstacles that lay in the road ahead is no challenge for the leathernecks of Motor Transport. All of the drivers are well trained before they are put on the road. During training the Marines drive around orange safety-cones in a parking lot, and then move on to driving around military installations until they are proficient with operating the buses. It's only after they are completely comfortable and confident with the vehicles that these road warriors take to the streets of D.C.

"We drive all over the Nation's Capital," Owen s added. "Through out



Lance Cpl. Eric J. Owen, motor vehicle operator, checks the tire pressure of a coach bus. The coach buses transport thousands of people a week to the sunset parades from the public parking lot at Arlington National Cemetery, and to the evening parades from the public parking area at Maritime Plaza during the summer months of parade season.



the year we drive Marines to Arlington National Cemetery for funeral support, or to other ceremonial events around the District."

Whether driving the general public to the Evening Parade, or transporting officers between the post and the Pentagon, the Devil Dogs of the motor transport section are proud to be giving something back to their country—one mile at a time. 

The Marines of the Motor Transport section, Marine Barracks Washington, pose in front of the motor pool with their section guidon, Dec 5.

A LOOK BACK...



8TH AND 1 205TH BIRTHDAY
PHOTO BY CPL. JORDAN M. WELNER



PRESIDENT BUSH AT THE EVENING PARADE
PHOTO BY CPL. DAVID REVERE



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
PHOTO BY CPL. JORDAN M. WELNER

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Supply issues defeated in second consecutive flag football



Lineman Eric Thomas kicks off the "Barracks" Super Bowl championship game, Dec. 14.

In a spectacular finish to the Barracks flag football playoffs, the tenacious Supply team defeated the Officers, 19-12, in the Barracks Super Bowl, Dec. 14, winning their second consecutive championship.

Despite entering the playoffs with the league's worst record of 2-8, Supply fought valiantly against the Officers, as well as any other team that stood in their way.

"Our hope of winning the championship again was slim, but we knew we would get it together in the playoffs," said Supply wide receiver Andrew Williams. "By keeping each other motivated—we knew we had a good chance to make it happen."

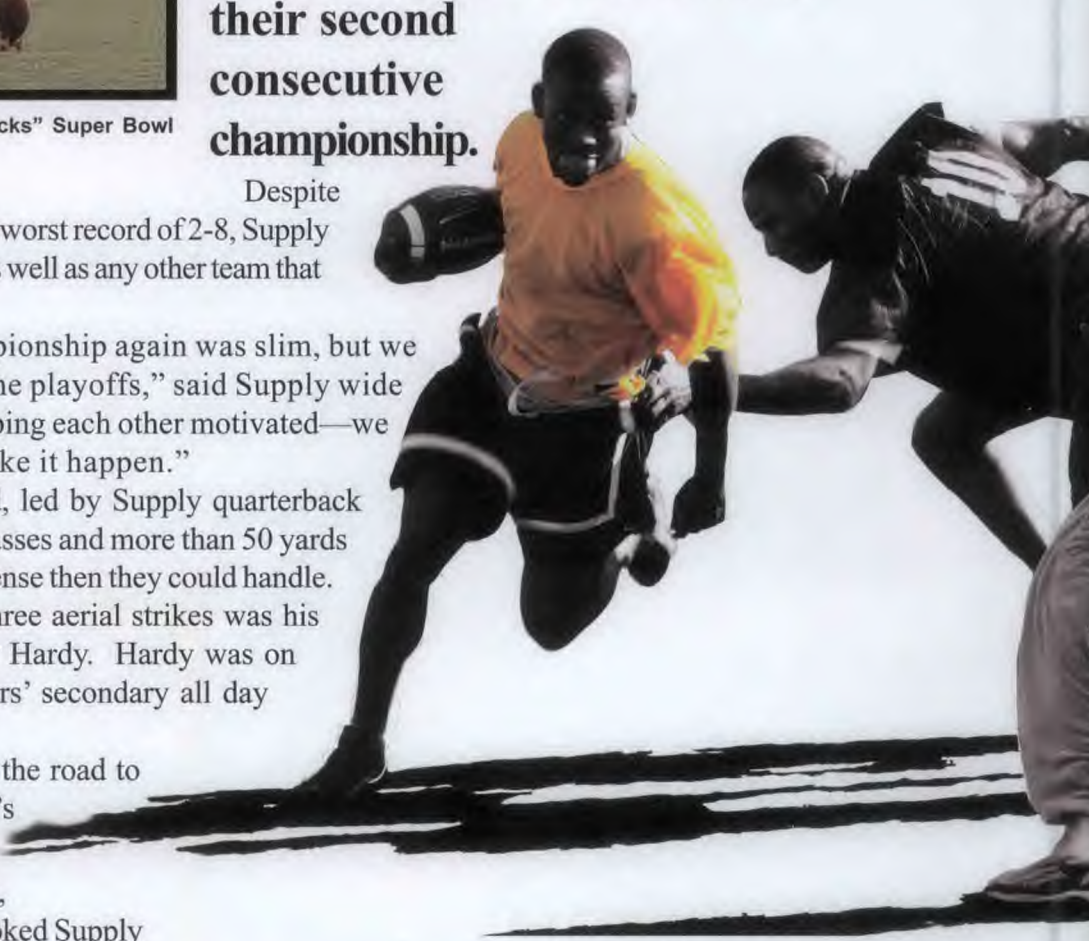
And make it happen they did, led by Supply quarterback Tyrone Edwards' three touchdown passes and more than 50 yards rushing, to give the Officers more offense than they could handle.

On the other end of Edwards' three aerial strikes was his prime target, wide receiver Gregory Hardy. Hardy was on top of his game, burning the Officers' secondary all day long.

Despite Team Supply's success, the road to victory did not come easy. On Supply's first possession of the game, Team Officers' free safety, Johnny Jones, intercepted an Edwards' pass and smoked Supply for a 70-yard touchdown.

After a failed extra point, the Officers took an early 6-0 lead.

Supply's championship hopes grew dimmer after Edwards threw another interception. Officers' quarterback Kendrick Gaines capitalized on the



at to Officers Football championship

Story and photos by Cpl. John J. Parry

turnover, with a touchdown pass to wide receiver Garland Gill. In spite of a second failed extra point, the Officers were enjoying a comfortable 12-0 advantage.

With the officers winning, Supply had to make something happen to stay in the game.

“At that point I felt like we were down and out, but my teammates rallied around me,” Edwards said. “They told me to keep my head up and get the victory!”

Quickly, Edwards and Team Supply went to work. On the final possession of the first half, he led his team on a 65-yard scoring drive, culminating with an 8-yard touchdown pass to Hardy. After a successful extra-point conversion, the Officers’ lead narrowed to 12-7.

On Supply’s opening drive of the second half, the seemingly unstoppable Edwards’ hit Hardy for another touchdown, giving Supply their first lead at 13-12.

The momentum had shifted and the Officers found themselves stymied by a ferocious Supply defense. The Officers didn’t make it past midfield in the second half of the game.

Late in the second half, Gaines’ threw a second interception that led to the nail in team Officers’ coffin. Another rocket pass from Edwards to Hardy brought the score to 19-12.

The Officers had one last chance when Supplies’ pass attempt for an extra point fell incomplete leaving them just a touchdown away from tying the game.


With the clock winding down at less than three minutes to play, the Officers and Gaines, sensed the urgency of the situation and made a last ditch effort to keep their championship hopes alive with an aggressive drive down a long field.

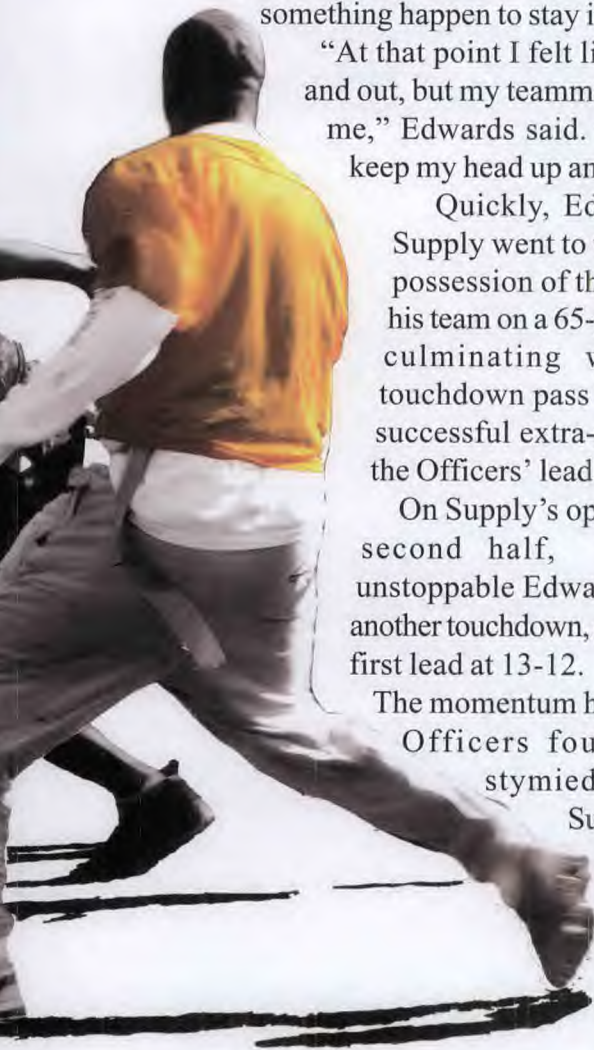
Unfortunately for the Officers, they were now limited to a one-dimensional game plan—passing the ball.

Supplies’ defense could smell blood and their coverage tightened and their pass rush was overwhelming. The Officers’ dreams of a championship, were crushed when their drive was stopped on downs.

Throughout the playoffs Supply beat Bravo Company and then Guard before the championship game.

“We came back,” Williams said. “We did not get discouraged, and we finished what we started.”

Despite a shaky season record, Team Supply managed to defend their championship title. The Marines of Supply can now rest easy for another year knowing their trophy is safe, while leaving many to wonder... Who can keep the Marines of Supply from a three-peat? 



TO THE VICTORS, GO THE SPOILS! After overcoming a shaky season record, Team Supply proved your only as good as your last game by sweeping through the playoffs.

Santa's Marine Corps helpers save Christmas

Story and photos by Cpl. John J. Perry

"Dear Santa, It's so hard out here. Please help us, in any kind of way you can," wrote 12-year-old Washington, D.C. native, Kimberly Brown, in a letter to Santa.

Kimberly's mother, Josephine, had given her daughter's letter to a Marine guard on post at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., and asked him to deliver it to Santa. Brown made her modest request to Santa in hopes of securing a better Christmas for herself and her family.

When the Marine shared the letter with his fellow guardsmen, the "Leathernecks" became instantly endeared to the little girl and her family.

"It's the Christmas spirit," said Lance Cpl. Nicholas Griffin, Headquarters & Support Company, guard section. "When somebody asks for help with Christmas, I enjoy helping them,



Marine Barracks, Washington Guard Marines Lance Cpl. Jonathon Dena, Sgt. David K. Sandifer, Cpl. Roger L. Ford and Lance Cpl. Nicholas Griffin shared some Christmas cheer with Kimberly Brown, Dec. 24. The Marines raised more than \$300 worth of gift certificates and toys for the Brown family.

especially when they deserve it. What matters most is how great their Christmas is."

Instead of heading to the North Pole, Kimberly's letter found its way into the hands of guard Marines from Headquarters and Support Company of the "Oldest Post of the Corps," who were touched by the young girl's words.

Working together to save the Brown family's Christmas, Santa's Marine Helpers quickly went to work raising more than \$300 for presents and coordinated donations with a local Washington, D.C. hotel and the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

The gifts were presented at the hotel on Christmas Eve to a surprised and extremely grateful family. "I love it!" Kimberly's mother Josephine Brown exclaimed. "I didn't have much money for Christmas gifts this year, so this is amazing!"



Kimberly Brown and her siblings open one of many presents given to them by the Guard Marines of "The Oldest Post."



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Presents included toys, a giant stuffed bear, and more than \$150 in various gift certificates. Toys for Tots also donated several toys, while the hotel hosted the gathering and provided a complimentary room for the Browns to stay in over Christmas Eve and Christmas.

The Brown's family received the gifts with open arms. Rounds of hugs and Christmas carols demonstrated their deep appreciation and that was all the thanks Santa's USMC helpers needed.

"I'm happy just seeing the look on their faces when the Brown's opened the gifts," said



Cpl. Roger L. Ford hands Kimberly Brown a present bought from the guards at Marine Barracks, Washington. The Marines and the Brown family met in a Capitol Hill hotel, where the Marines gave the Brown family presents.

Cpl. Roger L. Ford, H&S Co., guard section. "Seeing a kid smile can make anyone's day better."

As the celebration continued, several guests reported glimpsing an unidentified flying object soaring high overhead. The pilot did not identify himself, but the Brown family and their Marine benefactors heard him exclaim, as he flew out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

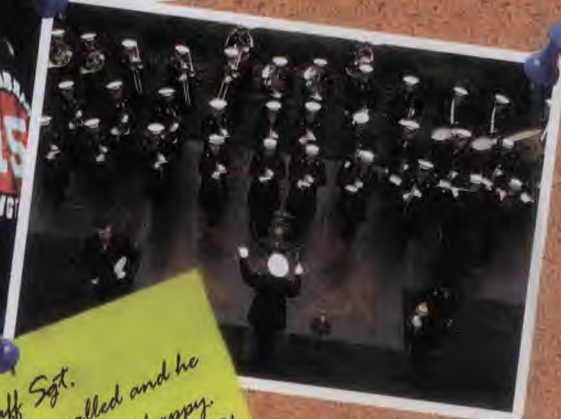
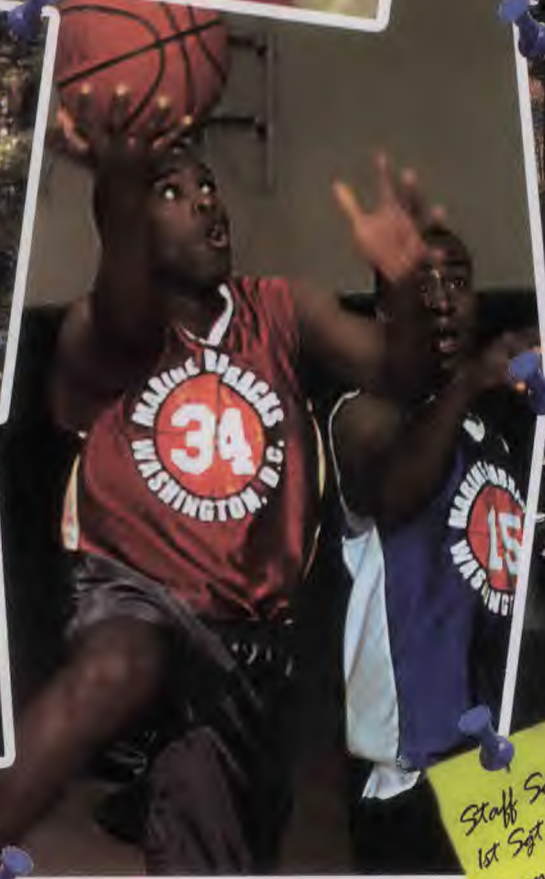


Lance Cpl. Jonathon Dena looks on as Kimberly Brown sings for the Marines to show appreciation for everything they did for her family this Christmas.





Around the Barracks

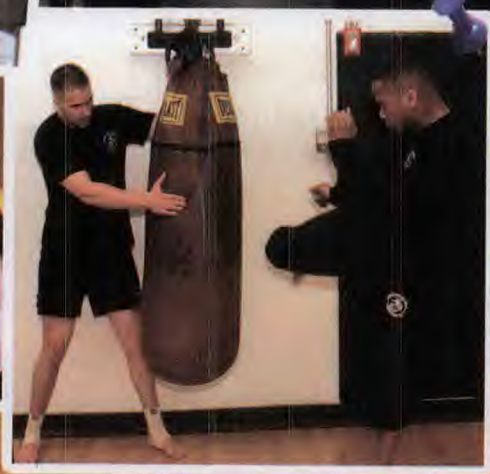


Staff Sgt.
1st Sgt. called and he
doesn't sound happy.
Call 'em back ASAP!
Cpl. B





Around the Barracks



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Lance Cpl. J. Macqueen
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Lance Cpl. C.D. Mason
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Lance Cpl. I.P. Granucci
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Pfc. A.W. Beaty
Pfc. M.A. Borjas
Pfc. J.U. Campbell
Pfc. A.R. Copelli
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Pfc. T.L. Gilson
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Lance Cpl. C.M. Morse
Lance Cpl. J.C. Perimon
Lance Cpl. R.A. Rogers
Lance Cpl. D.W. Sisco
Lance Cpl. C.A. Snyder
Lance Cpl. J.L. Spence
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Lance Cpl. N.J. Wilber

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Pfc. D.J. Christmann
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Pfc. J.M. Dillard
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Chaplain's Corner

“With God on your side...”

Assuming a new command can make anyone a bit anxious. However, in accepting such a sacred task, I am reminded of the words God spoke to Joshua when Joshua was first thrust into the role of “CO,” and charged with leading the Israelites across the Jordan River into the promised land.

The Lord told Joshua, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9). These words can be especially comforting when facing a grand task that requires getting out of your comfort zone and taking things to a level you thought you did not have the capability of achieving. Why limit yourself, when there is a Higher power, greater than yourself, who is willing and ready to work and intervene on your behalf?

After being stationed in San Diego’s heavenly weather for six years, my family and I came to Washington, D.C., several weeks ago to brave the winter and commence my new duties and responsibilities as Chaplain for Marine Barracks Washington. I used to live in Michigan prior to coming on active duty, so the cold is nothing new to me. My family and I are honored and truly delighted to be here, and I look forward to serving the fine men and women of this remarkable institution and command.

I have discovered that new duty stations in new geographical locations allow service members to make new friends, take advantage of unique opportunities that promote learning and personal growth, and test their leadership abilities in new settings.

I am a native of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and leaving the shores of the Caribbean for the continental U.S. and Washington D.C. brought to mind the life and legacy of Alexander Hamilton — the man on the Ten-Dollar bill, who was born on the island of Nevis in the West Indies. The first United States Secretary of Treasury, Hamilton was a former lieutenant colonel in the Continental Army, and also a lawyer and Statesman.

Hamilton’s input into the U.S. Constitution had great influence over the rest of the government, and the formation of foreign and military policy. He also convinced Congress to adopt an elastic interpretation of the Constitution so he could pass far-reaching laws which shaped the foundations of our government.

Hamilton spent most of his childhood and youthful years on the island of St. Croix. As an adolescent and young adult, he worked as an apprentice at a scale house by the docks before migrating to New York in 1772, where he began to make his mark in U.S. History.

Hamilton’s life and legacy remind me that no matter how small and humble our beginnings may be, there are no limits to what we can do when we put our minds to it. Efforts are even more surpassing when we seek the assistance of the good Lord to aid us in our life’s goals and accomplishments. Although challenges may arise, nothing is too small or big for God. Always stay encouraged, because with God on your side, all things are possible.



**God Bless,
John R. Logan, LT, CHC,USN**

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2006 JINGLE JOG!!!

The feel of the holiday season was in the air during the 2006 Marine Barracks Washington Jingle Jog, Dec. 15. The Marines of Headquarters and Service Company ran and sang cadence for more than 5.5 miles from Rock Creek Park in Northwest Washington, D.C., to the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va.

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