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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

COL. W. BLAKE CROWE

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Col. Terry Lockard, his lovely lady, Ms. Pauline, and the entire Barracks family for the warm welcome you provided to my family and I when we reported in at the “Oldest Post of the Corps.”

I am honored and privileged to serve as the Commander of Marine Barracks Washington. This command plays an irreplaceable and vital role instilling our institutional ethos not only in the heart of every Marine, but also introducing it to the American public as well. We are “America’s Marines.” We are the face of the Corps. We represent the countless number of Marines of yesterday who set the standards by which we still live by today. We represent the Marines now in harms way who are hunting our nation’s enemies across the “zone of instability.” I cannot think of a greater honor.

I know a lot of you yearn for action and combat. You will have your opportunity, for this conflict will last a generation or two. Until then, your duty is here. Do it honorably as those before us have done so magnificently.

The strength of the Corps has always been the individual Marine. The success our Corps has earned as an elite fighting force is the direct result of the emphasis that we place on the individual Marine and training. No organization conducts or manages training better than the Marine Corps. Additionally, no military organization performs and executes its soldierly duties with more precision and discipline than MBW. As the Corps’ most visible Marines, we exemplify the esprit de corps, professionalism, pride, discipline and traditions of our Corps in order to ensure the enduring respect, admiration and affection of our nation. To attain this level of excellence requires a TEAM EFFORT by all members of the organization. As such, all Marines, sailors, and civilian Marines of MBW are highly valued members of the command and should take pride in all that they do as we set the foundation for our future successes.

We have just completed another successful and inspiring Parade season. Week in and week out, rain or shine, the leadership and professionalism displayed by our Marines was second to none. I stand in awe of their precision and selfless devotion to mission. Looking ahead, Ceremonial Drill School and the Marine Corps Birthday are just around the corner. I ask that our experienced Marines and officers welcome all new Marines to the Barracks with the same professionalism they demonstrated each Tuesday and Friday during Parade season. The reputation of MBW belongs to each of you. The competence, good name and the esprit of the command are in your hands. Each of you individually and collectively can make it or mar it. Welcome our new joins and together, as a team, we will continue to advance the reputation of not only the “Oldest Post,” but also the Marine Corps worldwide.

Semper Fidelis,
W. Blake Crowe
USMC Colonel

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Col. W. Blake Crowe takes the guidon from Col. Terry Lockard during a change of command ceremony, July 12. (Photo by Cpl. Earnest J. Barnes)



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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

The Silent Drill Platoon executes its crowd-pleasing "Thunder Dome" formation at the NCAA men's basketball championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, April 2. Their performance, which was nationally televised, brought most of the audience to their feet, roaring with patriotic pride.

Photo by Cpl. John J. Parry

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BROTHERS IN ARMS

The French Army and United States Marine Corps come together, May 27, to commemorate the 89th anniversary of the defeat of the Germans at Belleau Wood. The battle was critical in halting the German forces, who were within 50 miles of taking Paris.

Photo by Cpl. Earnest J. Barnes



The Flag Raising at Harpers Ferry

Story and photos by

Lance Cpl. Jacob H. Harrer



Marines of Marine Barracks Washington's Bravo Company, paid tribute to a detachment of Civil War Barracks Marines by raising a flag over the historic grounds of the master armorer's house at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., May 16.

Marines from MBW have long fought and died in combat, but one of their finest moments came during a bloody skirmish that was, arguably, the first military conflict in the American Civil War.

In the mid-19th century, Harpers Ferry was an internationally-known industrial center, and its armory manufactured hundreds of thousands of weapons for the U.S. government. The armory's stockpile of more than 100,000 rifles made it a prime target for zealous abolitionist John Brown.

Brown was part of a growing and increasingly mili-

tant movement to abolish slavery. During his time, Congress fiercely debated the issue as rumors of war and secession spread across the nation like wildfire. The uncertain atmosphere created an opportune moment for Brown to make a move.

It was an autumn Sunday evening on Oct. 16, 1859, when Brown, along with 18 accomplices, seized the armory in Harpers Ferry, attempting to incite a slave rebellion. The weapons caché would be used to sustain a guerilla fighting force in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

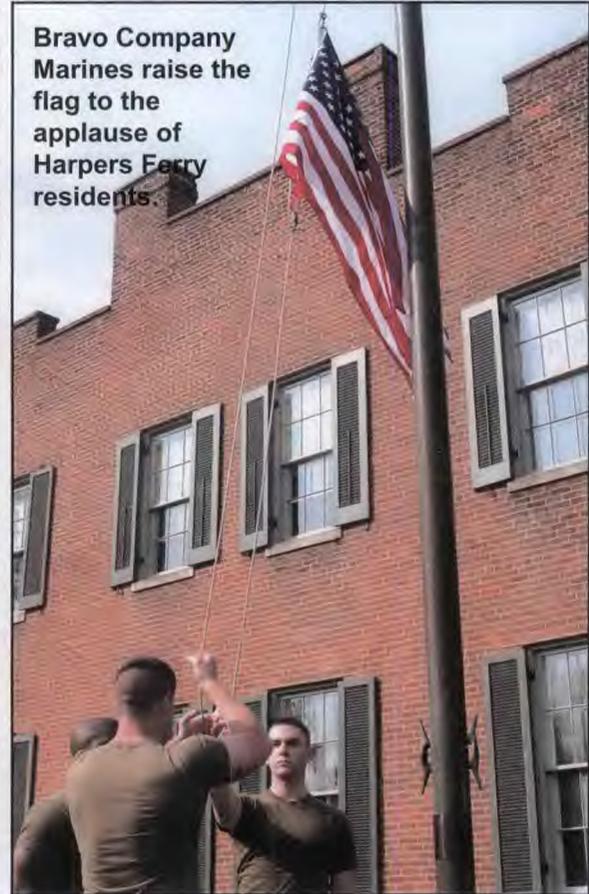
After word of the rebellion reached Washington, D.C., the government deployed a detachment of 90 Marines from 8th and I, commanded by Army Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee. The detachment marched 65 miles through dense woodlands to storm the besieged armory. Using a nearby ladder, ten Marines battered open the door, and 1st Lt. Israel Greene led the assault.

Greene soon learned why the dress sword is not fit for combat — when he thrust his officer's sword at Brown, the blade bent in half! Adapting to the situation, Greene subdued Brown using the sword's metal handle.

The fight lasted less than five minutes, and the rest of the rebels were either captured or killed. Pvt. Luke Quinn, a young Marine from the Barracks, was killed during the chaos after being shot through the abdomen. Though the Civil War did not officially begin until 1861, Quinn was the first service member



Capt. Kyle Aldrich, Bravo Company commander, forms his Marines in front of the Master Armorer's House.



Bravo Company Marines raise the flag to the applause of Harpers Ferry residents.

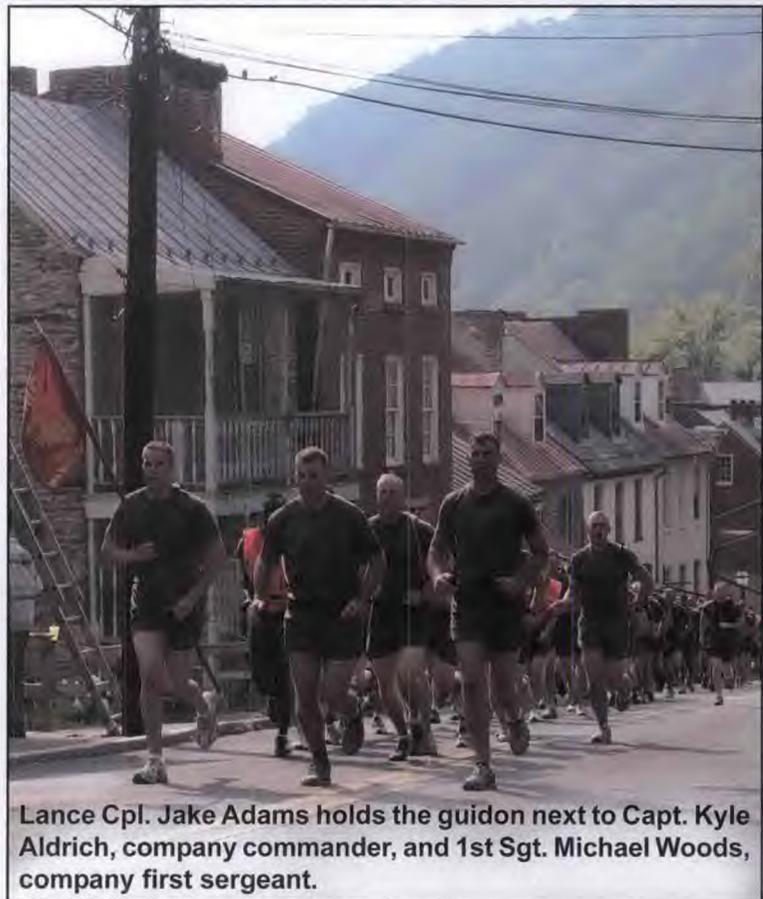
killed in what would become the bloodiest war in American history.

Nestled against the breathtaking scenery of the Appalachians lies the quiet village that was once the center of this national tribulation. Arriving a couple of miles away from town, the Marines of Bravo Company started the morning with a company formation run.

Leading Bravo Company through the wooded roads were Capt. Kyle Aldrich, company commander, and 1st Sgt. Michael Woods, company first sergeant. The red and scarlet of the company guide-on swept through Harpers Ferry in the hands of Lance Cpl. Jake Adams, 1st platoon., 2nd squad leader.

Halfway into the run, with local residents watching, the Marines arrived at the Master Armorer's House, where they raised morning colors. Bravo Company then charged the hill with the same vigor of the Marines of 1859.

With each day of intense training and flag raising — symbols of the time-honored traditions of combat readiness and patriotism of the Corps — Bravo Company continues to demonstrate that modern Marines are still cut from the same cloth as their heroic predecessors. 🇺🇸



Lance Cpl. Jake Adams holds the guidon next to Capt. Kyle Aldrich, company commander, and 1st Sgt. Michael Woods, company first sergeant.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIDAY EVENING PARADE

STORY BY LANCE CPL. ERIC N. CARRANZA

PHOTOS BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF

Marines of the “Oldest Post of the Corps” celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Friday Evening Parade, July 6, the best way they know how—with a parade.

More than 4,000 friends, family members and distinguished guests gathered at Marine Barracks Washington to pay homage to Marines past and present, who have exemplified the Corps’ values of honor, courage and commitment.

“The Oldest Post of the Corps” has performed these parades for a half century and the people still love it,” said Gunnery Sgt. Michael McNeal, a ceremonial marcher on the parade staff and a Marine Corps Institute Distance Learning Instructor. “The show has become one of the must-see sites and shows within the National Capital Region.”

In the early 1900s, Marines from MBW would perform in Presidential parades and ceremonies for foreign dignitaries visiting the Barracks. In 1934, the first scheduled season of parades was initiated by 16th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Maj. Gen. John H. Russell, Jr. These “Sunset Parades” were usually conducted on Mondays and Thursdays in the late afternoon.

According to former Barracks Ceremonial Parade Commander Maj. Gen. John H. Admire, Col. Emile P. Moses, MBW commanding officer and Maj. Lemuel C. Sheppard, MBW executive officer, were inspired by the design of the parade deck, balanced by the bordering shrubs and Maple trees in front of the Officer’s Quarters and arcade. Thus, they envisioned, designed and implemented the basic format for the Evening Parade.



Sgt. Clint Owens, Drum and Bugle Corps soprano bugler, plays a solo during the 50th Anniversary Evening Parade, July 6. Owens would bring the Evening Parade to a close from the ramparts high above the parade deck by playing Taps.

Sheppard, who would later become the 20th Commandant of the Marine Corps, described the arcade of the surrounding Barracks “as wings to a stage, a runway from which Marines would march to their places on the parade deck.”



Col. Leonard Chapman, Jr., was the MBW commanding officer instrumental in creating the first Evening Parades at the Barracks.

Based on his inspiration from the Searchlight Tattoo, Chapman began developing his own idea of conducting the Barracks parades in the evening. After months of precision drill mixed with blood, sweat, and tears, the first Friday Evening Parade was held July 5, 1957.

According to former Barracks Officer, 1st Lt. Stephen A. Tremble, the Navy Photographic Center filmed a special “dress rehearsal” one week before the first Evening Parade. Word was passed that any Marine caught making eye-contact with the cam-

In the fall of 1956, Col. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., the Barracks commanding officer, and General Randolph McCall Pate, 21st Commandant of the Marine Corps, received an invitation from the British Royal Marines to watch the acclaimed Searchlight Tattoo in Bermuda. Performed after sunset, the Searchlight Tattoo used an intricate lighting system to highlight the various musical units of the British Empire.

eras would be denied liberty for 90 days. More than likely, many young Barracks Marines breathed a sigh of relief when, tragically, the master copy of the video was lost in a fire at the photo lab, never to be viewed.

Col. Roy Batterton, first Evening Parade Commander and former MBW executive officer, attended the 50th anniversary and sat alongside many of his Marines, who made



At 89, Col. Roy Batterton, a former MBW executive officer, recalled the first evening parade with fond memories as he was its first parade commander.

Evening Parades the legacy it is today.

The Marines who performed in the first Evening Parades joked and told stories about how it was “back then.” They remembered how the crowds were smaller

back then, but the responses were the same. They laughed about having to not just march in the parades, but setup and break down all the lights and chairs before and after each parade. Most of all, they continued to speak of all the great

“You would see no more than 15 to 75 guests at an average parade until we brought in the lights. Now what it has become is much more spectacular, much more of a show, it’s wonderful.”

—Col. Roy Batterton,
First Evening Parade Commander
Former Executive Officer



The Body Bearers from Bravo Company fire the Naval cannons during the grand finale of the Drum and Bugle Corps’ rendition of “Ode to Joy.” The piece is based off of the fourth movement of Ludwig van Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony.



1958

Marines of the first evening parades performed all functions of the Barracks, including silent drill, funeral duties, and setting up and breaking down chairs and lights for each parade. This photo was taken during the 1958 parade season.



The Drum and Bugle Corps plays "Rooftop Fanfare" to signal the beginning of the Friday Evening Parade.

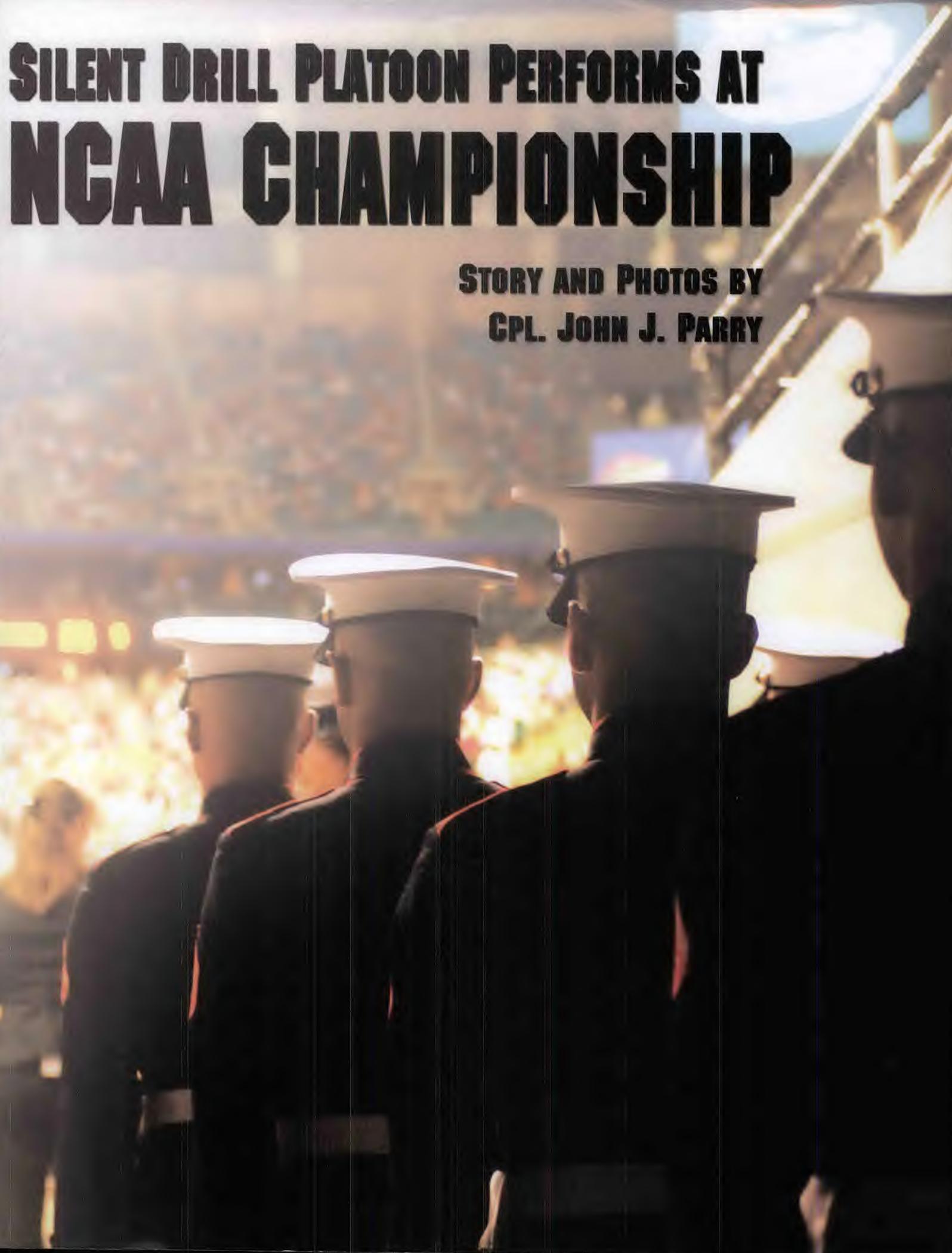
values they learned while serving as Barracks' Marines.

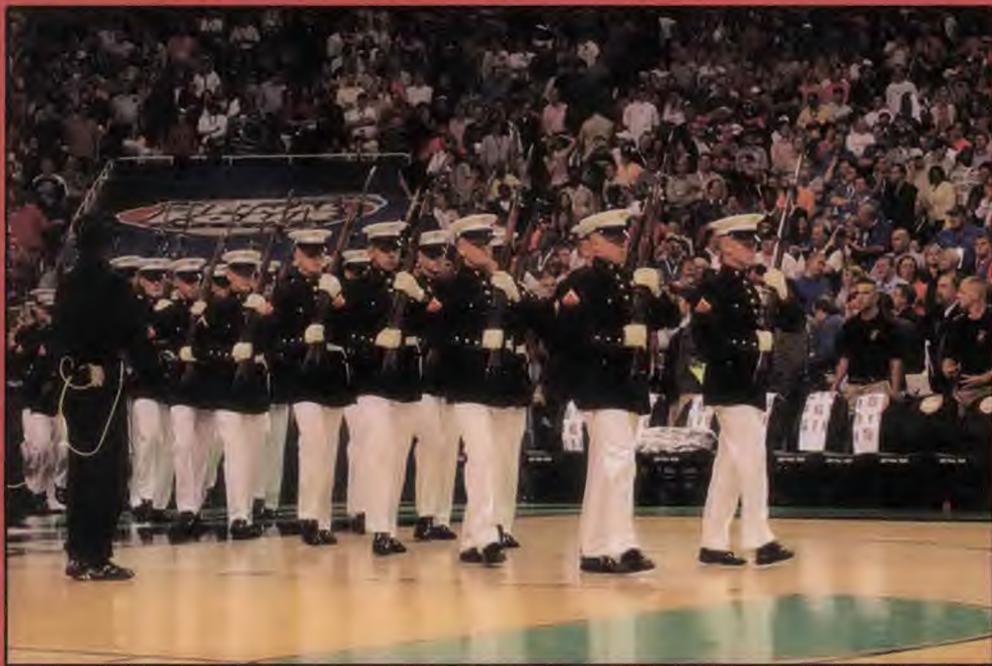
The current Friday Evening Parades continue to reflect the same dedication, as the people now pour in, filling the Barracks to capacity.

While it has been 50 years since its inception, Friday Evening Parade has aged well. Although Chapman and Sheppard had never worked together, their ideas came into fruition in a dazzling parade that keeps marching on. Not much has changed in the last 50 years, but the Leathernecks of MBW, past and present, know that when you do it right, you do not have to change at all. 🦋

SILENT DRILL PLATOON PERFORMS AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
CPL. JOHN J. PARRY**





The Silent Drill Platoon marches onto the court at halftime for the NCAA men's basketball championship game. Many in the crowd who were leaving their seats for refreshments, promptly sat back down to watch the performance.

**“EVERYBODY
PULLING FOR
THE SAME
TEAM—THE**

**STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER D. THOMAS,
MBW, COMPANY A, 2ND PLATOON**



The U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon performed during the halftime show at the 2007 NCAA men's basketball championship game in Atlanta's Georgia Dome, April 2. More than 20,000 fans watched the group take center court for a 10-minute performance after the Florida Gators and Ohio State Buckeyes had left for the locker rooms, with Florida leading 40-29.

“This was the first time we've worked a college basketball game, let alone a national championship,” said Cpl. Michael T. Morales, SDP, inspection team. “Everything went smoothly, and it was great how we grabbed the crowd's attention right away. That was probably the largest event we've ever worked.”

It was the platoon's job to keep the audience entertained while the teams rested before the beginning of the second half. From the moment the announcer introduced the Silent Drill Platoon, the audience cheered the Marines' performance.

Part of the platoon's drill sequence is a maneuver called the “Thunder Dome,” a circular formation with rifle and fixed bayonets facing the crowd.

“When we formed the Thunder Dome, the crowd went nuts,” Morales said. “Normally during halftime, the crowd goes to get snacks, but that day, it seemed like no one left the stands. They were all cheering for the Marines!”

At the climax of the performance, the platoon completed its inspection sequence flawlessly, and the audience rose to their feet and let out a deafening roar.

“It let the Marines know how much they're appreciated,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Thomas, MBW, Company A, 2nd platoon, platoon sergeant. “The crowd came here to root for the Gators or the Buckeyes, but when the Silent Drill platoon came out, everybody was pulling for the same team — the Marines.”

The Marines left the court to chants of “U. S. A.” booming through out the stadium, and after the performance, the Florida Gators showed their “Esprit de Corps” by winning their second consecutive NCAA men's basketball championship, 84-75. The Gators won the trophy, but the Marines of the Silent Drill Platoon won the crowd's hearts. 

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ATOON, PLATOON SGT.**



Cpl. James J. Sinovich, SDP rifle inspector, snatches an M-1 Garand out of the air at the NCAA men's basketball championship on the court of Atlanta's Georgia Dome.



At the end of the inspection sequence, the Marines participating in the inspection throw the rifles back to their original owners. The crowd showed their overwhelming support and satisfaction with SDP's performance with chants of "U.S.A.!"



The Marine Corps Color Guard honors the Republic of Korea Marine Corps by carrying the Korean colors in the middle of the formation during an award ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington, June 11.

The Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps awarded the Legion of Merit to the Commandant of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps during a pass in review ceremony, June 11.

Gen. James T. Conway presented the medal to Lt. Gen. Sang-Ro Lee, who was awarded for providing the direction and leadership necessary for the ROK Marines to enlarge and modernize their force while conducting aggressive, defensive military operations in Korea.



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Commandant Hon



Korean veterans and families came to Marine Barracks Washington, June 11, to watch Gen. James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps, award Lt. Gen. Sang-Ro Lee, Commandant of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, with the Legion of Merit for outstanding leadership during a critical growth period for the ROK Marine Corps.

Lee also helped organize both the Combined Defense Improvement Program and the Wartime Host Nation Support Program, two plans for integrating U.S. and Korean Marine and naval forces during hostilities.

The plans are a result of more than 50 years of combined operations between the two Corps, including the amphibious assault against North Korean forces at Inchon, September 15, 1950 by the 1st Marine Division along with 3,000 ROK Marines. The landing, widely hailed as one of the largest and most successful amphibious operations of all time, effectively split the North Korean forces in two.

As the combined Marine forces captured Seoul, the capital of South Korea, Col. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller noted the advantage of having ROK Marines attached to the division, especially when clearing North Koreans from urban areas. The North Koreans would blend in with the civilians, but the



Republic of Korea Marine Corps Commandant



Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl. Jacob H. Herrer



Above: Gen. James T. Conway congratulates Lt. Gen. Sang-Ro Lee upon earning the Legion of Merit. The ROK Marine Corps emblem was based off of the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor design, with a star in place of the globe.

Top-Right: Gen. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, awards Lt. Gen. Lee, Commandant of the ROK Marine Corps, before an audience of high-ranking U.S. and ROK military officers.



South Koreans could identify them. “They’re the only ones who can tell the cowboys from the Indians,” said Puller.

In addition to supporting U.S. Marine units, ROK Marines defeated Communist forces in stunning victories, often with a kill ratio exceeding 10:1. Their valor inspired Syngman Rhee, the South Korean President, to nickname the warriors “The Invincible Marines.”

More than 50 years later, dozens of the Invincible Marines continue to display the same “esprit de corps” as the United States Marines they fought with.

Wearing the red hat that is the trademark of Marine veterans worldwide, the Marines of yesterday stood at attention alongside the Marines of today while the United States Marine Band played both national anthems.

The camaraderie between the two Corps is evident, and will continue to flourish as Marines worldwide continue to prove themselves to be the world’s most effective force in readiness.

On June 6, 1918, U.S. Marines of the 5th and 6th Marine regiments were warned to retreat by defeated French soldiers — instead of falling back, they took up positions to force the Germans from Belleau Wood.

Taking heavy casualties, the Marines forged their way through the German lines in a 20-day campaign, eventually driving the Germans from the battlefield. On June 26, Maj. Maurice Sheerer, commanding officer, 3rd battalion, 5th Marine regiment, famously reported: “Woods now U.S. Marine Corps – Entirely.”

Just 90 kilometers northeast of Paris, and close to the town of Château Thierry, is a plot of land where Marne Aisne Cemetery’s Memorial chapel casts a shadow over 2,289 crosses and Stars of David, which mark the final resting place of the U.S. servicemen who fell in the Battle of Belleau Wood.

To commemorate their heroic actions, the U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment — comprised of “The Commandants Own,” the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Color Guard — performed on the sacred ground, along with a French honor guard comprised of a platoon of French soldiers and a French band. The event, held May 27, was seen by more than 2,000 spectators.

First came a wreath-laying ceremony at the Marine Memorial, also known as the Iron Mike Statue, located in the heart of the forest of Belleau Wood. Lt. Gen. Ronald S. Coleman, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Gen. Bernard Thorette, French Chief of the Army General Staff, laid wreaths representing their respective countries.

As the BCD and the French honor guard took their positions and the official party took their seats in front of the steps of Memorial Chapel, Navy Lt. John Logan, Marine Barracks Washington Chaplain, together with the

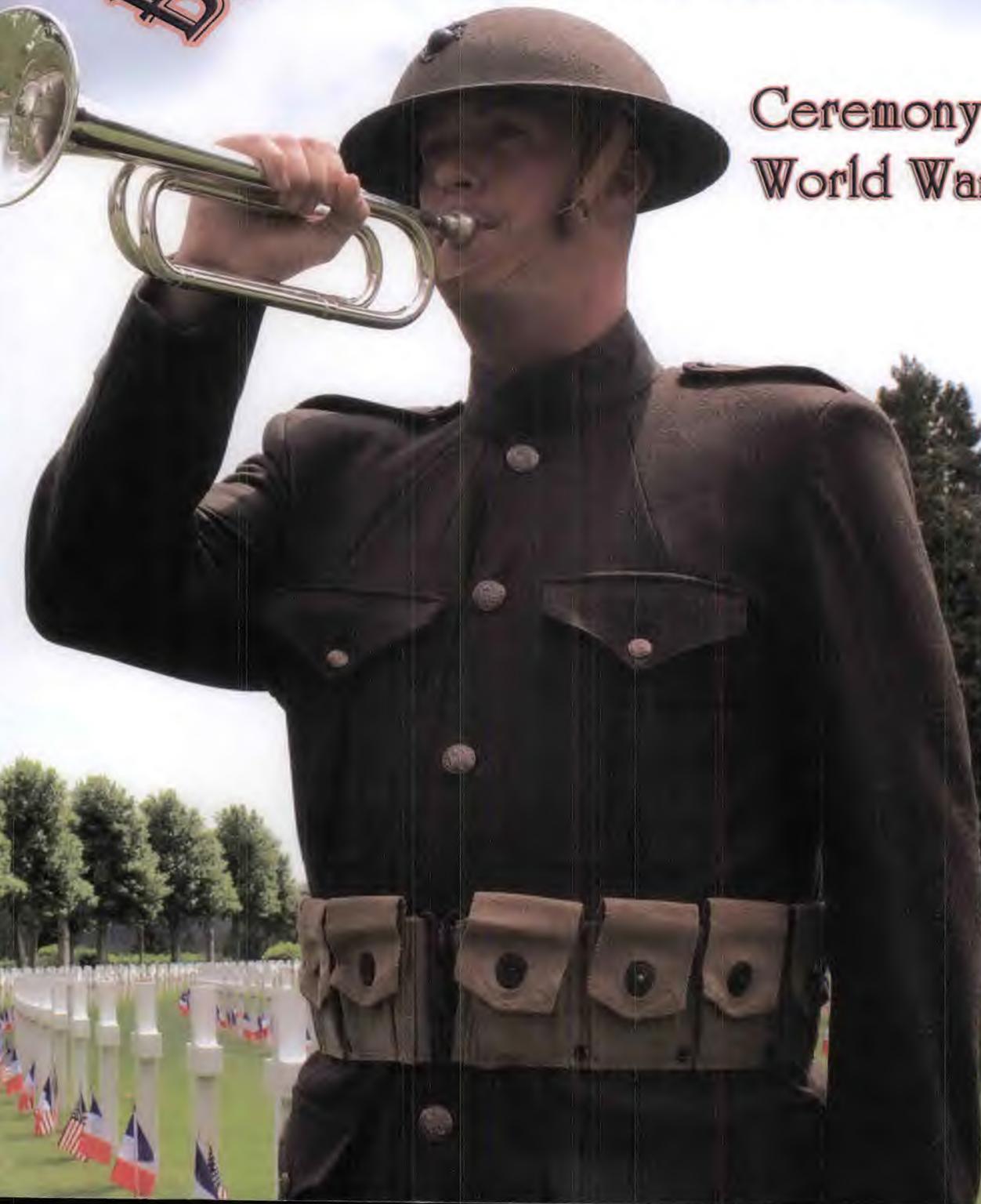




BELLEAU WOOD REVISITED

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Ceremony honors
World War I Marines



French Chaplain, delivered opening prayers in English and French.

“When I made the invocation, I asked God to remember those who fought in that battle at Belleau, and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the fruits of liberty,” said Logan. “This is why I was also able to meet with the French chaplain and exchange shared experiences. I enjoyed the camaraderie with my French counterpart.”

Shortly after the chaplains stepped off stage, the solemn crowd’s attention was drawn to the sky as four U.S. jets flew overhead in a missing man formation.

The jets roared over the green treetops of Belleau Wood as the ceremony continued with remarks by Generals Coleman and Thorette. Both generals spoke of the selfless service of the men who fought on the former battlefield that surrounded them.

Another wreath laying ceremony took place at the steps of the Memorial Chapel. Each wreath was presented by the French soldiers and the Marines.

Next, the Drum and Bugle Corps’ played “Eternal Father,” and moments after the song’s completion, a firing party from Company B, 2nd Platoon, rendered a 21-gun salute to honor the fallen. Following this, Sgt. Clint Owens, Drum and Bugle Corps’ ceremonial bugler, donned a WWI era Marine Corps uniform and played “taps” from the rooftop of the 80ft. Memorial Chapel.

At the conclusion of this part of the ceremony, the BCD marched off the parade field, leaving the French band to play various numbers, including Aretha Franklin’s “Respect.”

As the band marched off, the Drum and Bugle Corps took center stage. “The Commandant’s Own” dazzled the crowd as they played John Phillip Sousa’s “Stars and Strips Forever,” “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

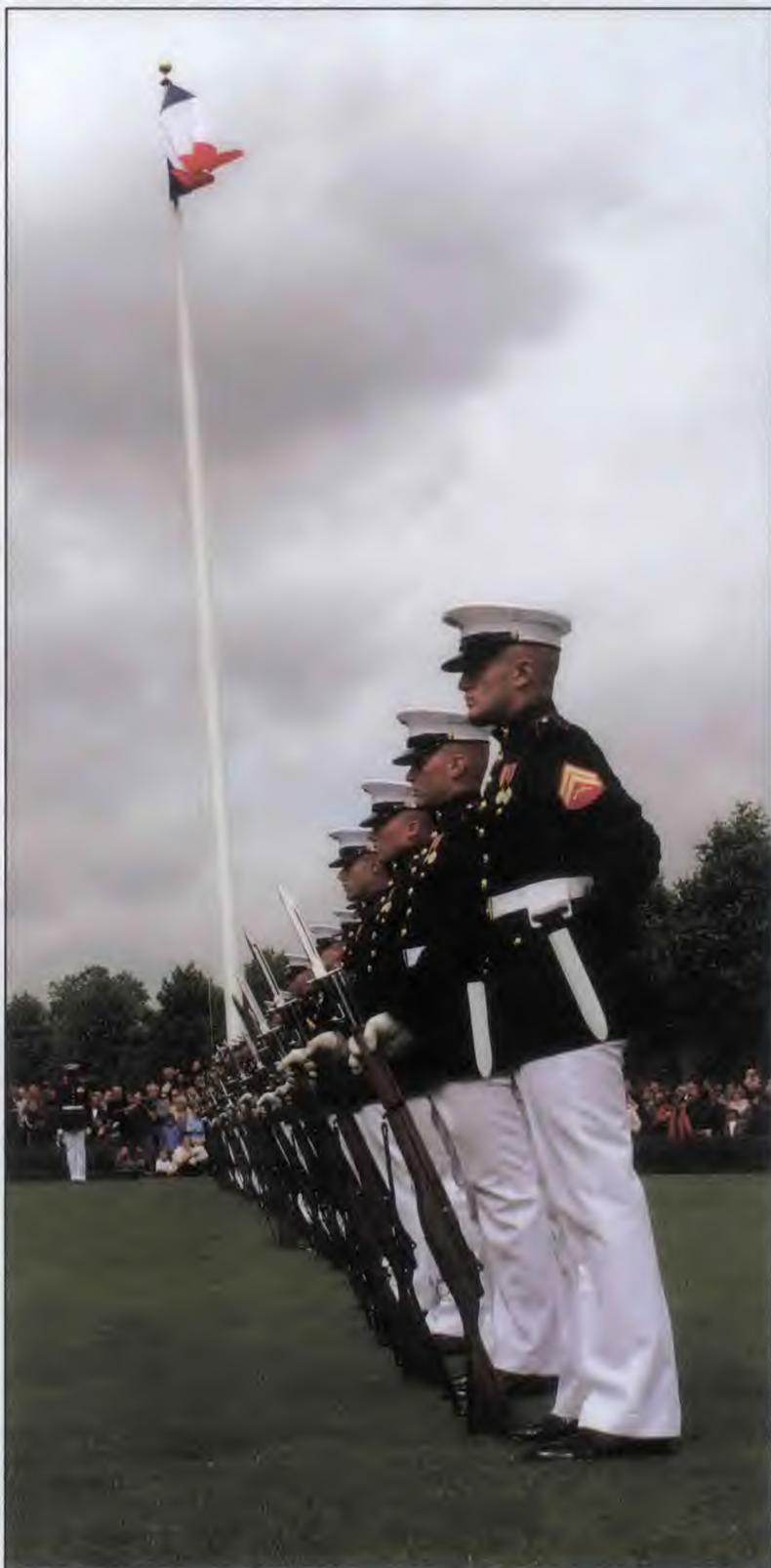
“The American style of drum and bugle corps is different,” said Lance Cpl. Mason Petty, Drum and Bugle Corps, Soprano bugler. “The French were not accustomed to seeing that kind of instrumentation. They were very moved by the power and energy of the performance.”

When the concert was complete, the Drum and Bugle Corps marched off the field as Sgt. Jeffery Kopp, Silent Drill Platoon Drill Master, led the 24 marching Marines of SDP on the deck. The Marines marched out sharply, demanding the attention of all in attendance.

With the slaps, turns and spins of the M1 Garand rifles they carried, SDP closed its sequence with a flawless inspection which took the crowd’s breath away.

At the conclusion of the performance, the Marines and French soldiers took a short walk down to Devil Dog Fountain. As per tradition, all of the Marines that had not been

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Silent Drill Platoon Marines stand at parade rest during their long-line formation during their performance at Belleau Wood.

to Belleau Wood drank from the fountain before enjoying the reception following the ceremony — all making for a Memorial Day the Marines will never forget. 🇺🇸

DEVIL DOG FOUNTAIN

BELLEAU WOOD



Above:
This fountain, which is often confused for a bulldog, was built before the Battle of Belleau Wood. The sharp resemblance to the Marines mascot makes this fountain a popular photo opportunity for all visiting Leathernecks.

Despite the moss and the dirty appearance of the fountain, Marines reported the water to be extremely crisp and refreshing. The Marine Corps Color Guard stands next to the fountain.

Left to right: Lance Cpl. Mike Lesiewicz, Sgt. Scott Jewel, Lance Cpl. Dan Preder, Lance Cpl. Trae Shelton and Lance Cpl. Robert Clough.

Marines have several myths regarding the blessings of drinking from the fountain:

- Restored health
- Prosperous career
- Live an extra 20 years

The statue actually depicts a bull mastif, but is associated with Marines because the Germans nicknamed Marines "Teufel Hunden," or "Hounds from Hell," after our ferocious fighting at the Battle of Belleau Wood. It is considered a tradition for returning Marines to drink from "Devil Dog Fountain." LT. John R. Logan, Marine Barracks Washington chaplain, joins the Marines in this tradition.





The Newest Commander of the “Oldest Post”



Story by Cpl. John J. Parry

Following a change of command ceremony held on July 12, the “Oldest Post of the Corps” has a new commanding officer. Col. W. Blake Crowe took command of Marine Barracks Washington from Col. Terry M. Lockard, who is retiring after more than 30 years of service.

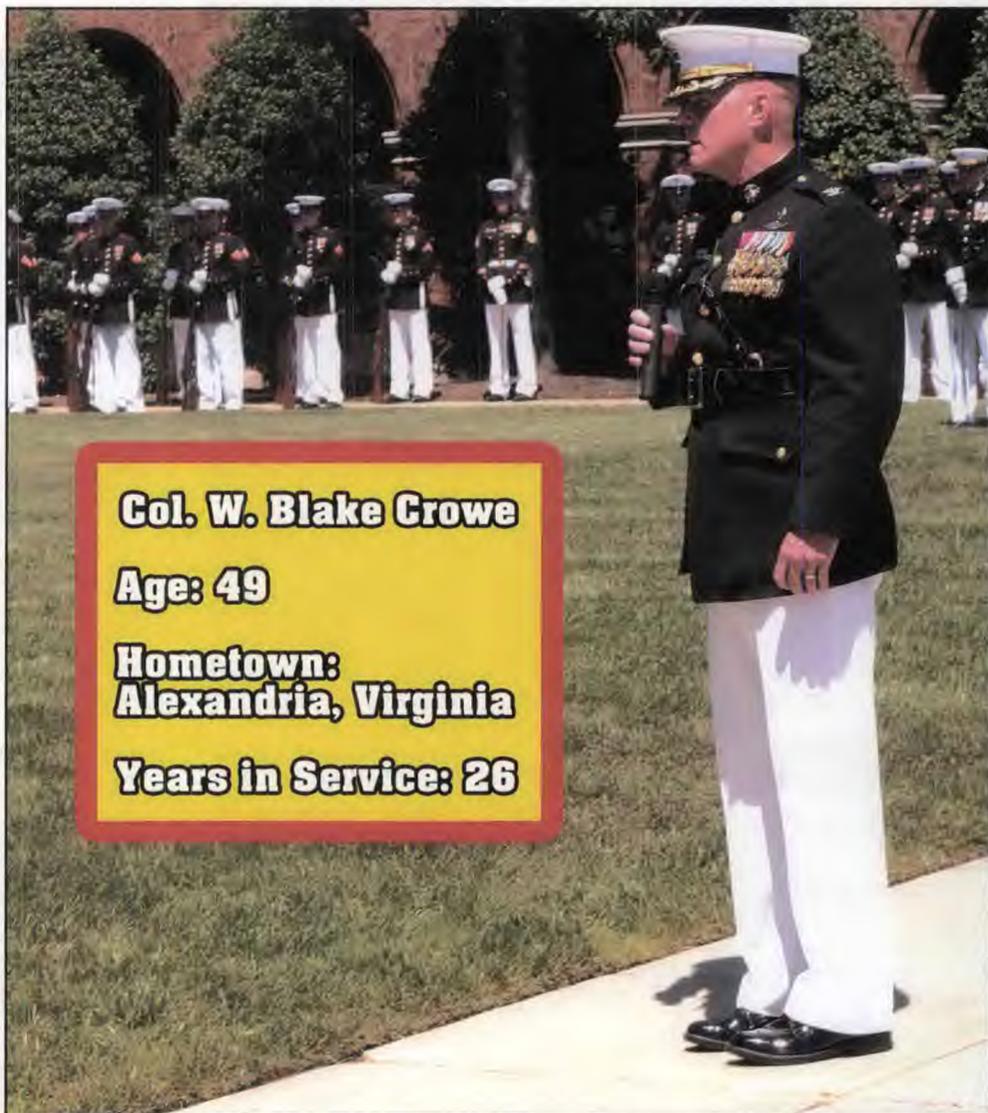
“Working at the Barracks has been a special experience,” recalled Lockard, who had been in command since September 24, 2004. “What makes each Barracks Marine special is what they’ve accomplished since they’ve been at ‘The Oldest Post.’”

Through Lockard’s tenure as the commanding officer, Barracks Marines have participated in more than 5,000 ceremonies throughout the nation. Many high-ranking officials have been his guests at “The Oldest Post,” including President George W. Bush, various U.S. senators and congressmen, and even World Wrestling Entertainment’s Mick Foley. Marines have also traveled to every climb and place around the world, including Canada, Cuba and France. Most importantly, according to Lockard, the Barracks Marines honored their fallen brethren, paying tribute to them at their final places of rest.

“Words can’t describe how much it means to me that these Marines receive the tribute they deserve,” Lockard added.

Before relinquishing command, Lockard was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, and the Marines of MBW received a Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation from Gen. James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Crowe recently relinquished command of 7th Marine Regiment, which deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Free-



Col. W. Blake Crowe

Age: 49

**Hometown:
Alexandria, Virginia**

Years in Service: 26

dom as Regimental Combat Team 7. During OIF, from 2005 to 2007, Crowe commanded more than 13 U.S. Marine and Army battalions, as well as two Iraqi Army Brigades.

Crowe was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant, August 14, 1981, and was designated an infantry officer. He served as a rifle platoon commander, an 81-mm mortar platoon commander, and an assistant operations officer with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, and as a platoon commander with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.

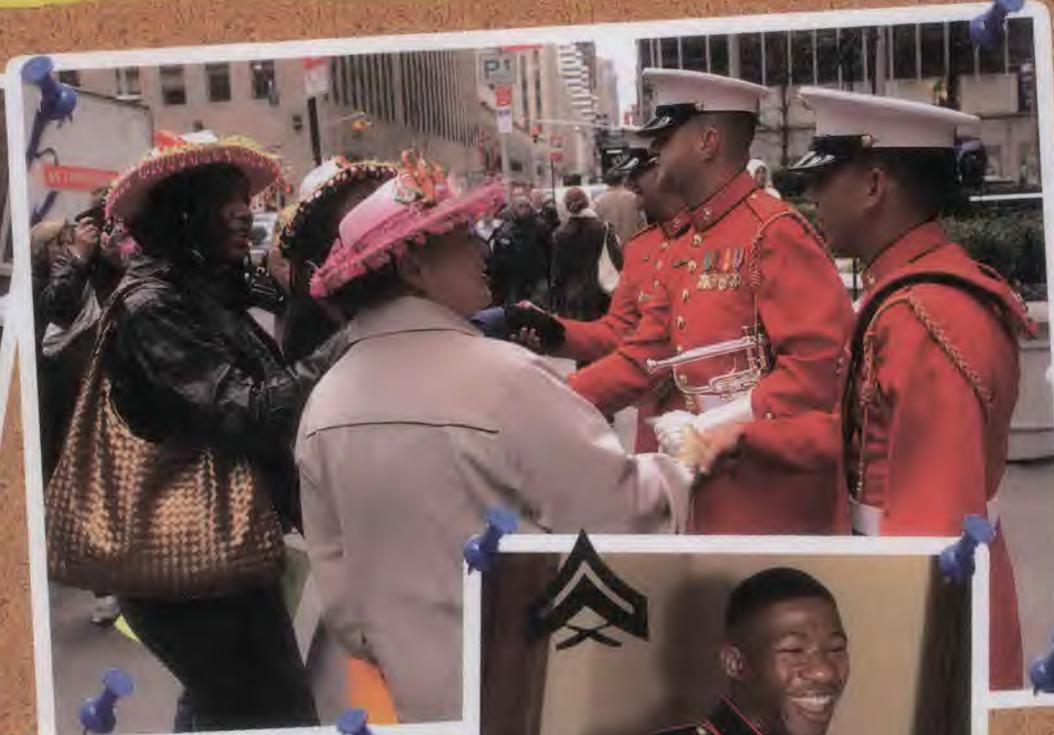
As a field grade officer, he served as a Combating Terrorism Officer and a Joint Training Officer of Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Command, before serving as the Head of Special Duty Assignment Unit and Head of Enlisted Retention and Counseling Section, at Headquarters Marine Corps. In May 2000, Crowe assumed command of 3rd

Battalion, 4th Marines until May 2002, when he reported to RAND Corporation as a Commandant of the Marine Corps Fellow. Following his academic year, he transferred to Training and Education Command, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., as the G3 Assistant Chief of Staff.

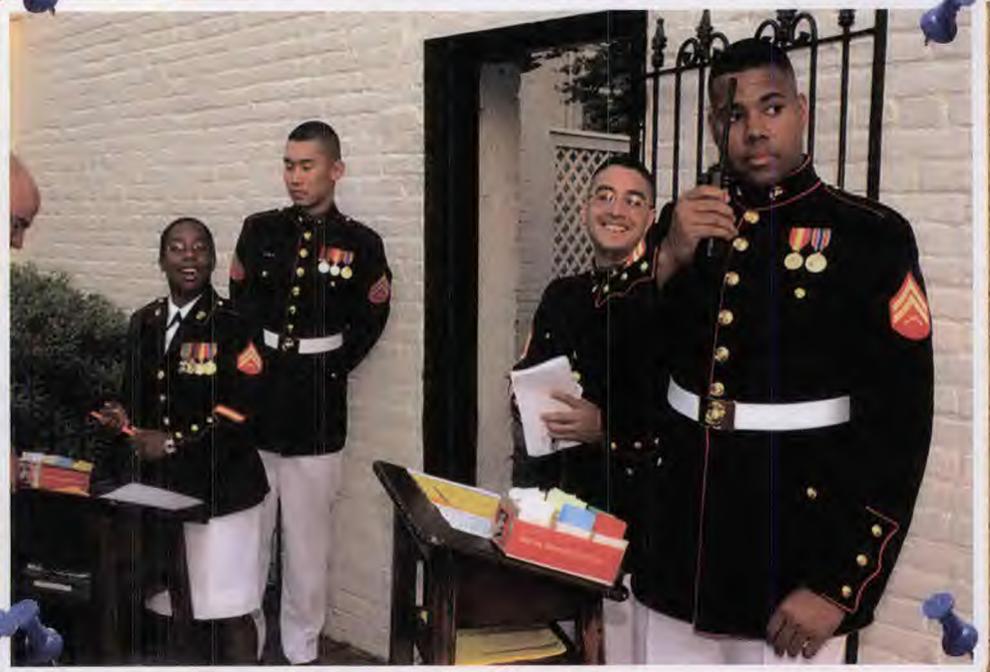
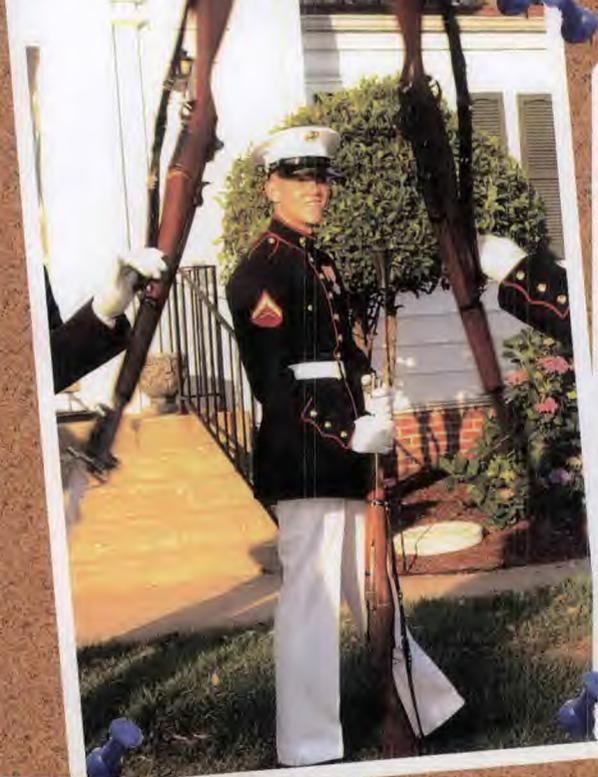
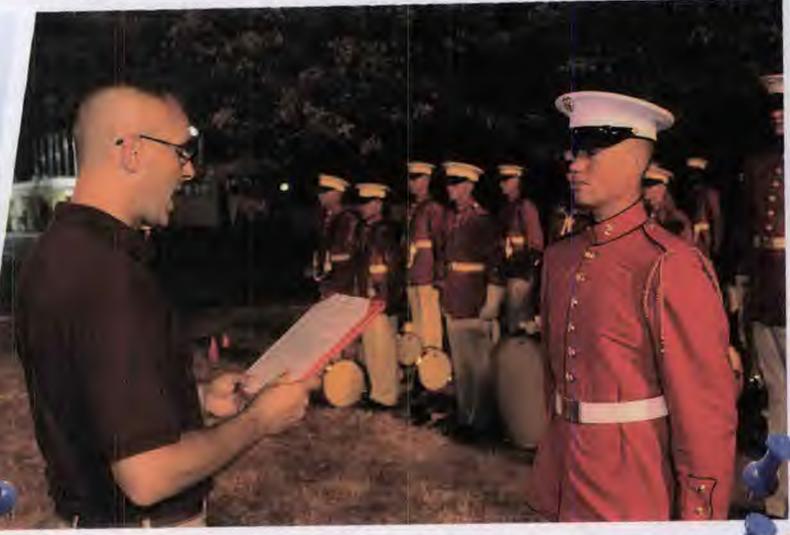
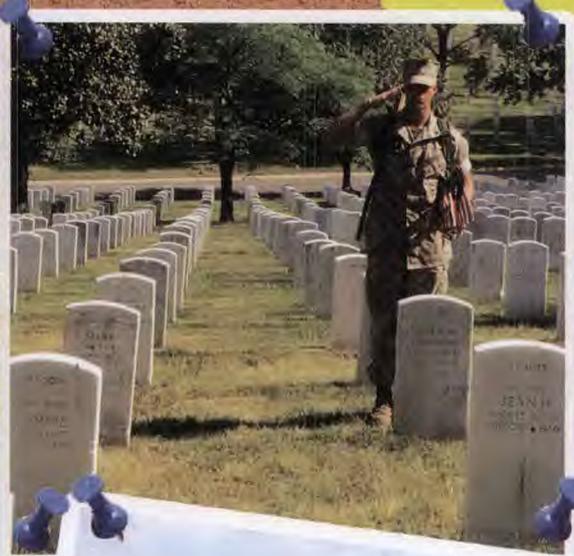
“Coming here to Marine Barracks Washington, I want to continue to uphold the high standards that have enabled ‘The Oldest Post’ to represent Marines around the globe,” Crowe said. “Our job is to share the Marine Corps image with those who might otherwise never get a chance to see Marines in action.”

With a new commanding officer at the helm, the Marines of “The Oldest Post of the Corps” continue to perform at thousands of ceremonies each year, proudly representing the finest fighting force ever assembled. 🦅

Around the Barracks



Around the Barracks



PROMOTIONS



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We have all heard that a dog is man's best friend. When I was a kid I wondered, "Why?" Back then, to me, a dog was only good for fetching and petting. It seemed that a dog was more or less a loafer and a mooch. I had to feed it, walk it, and give it a bath. Though I had to go to school and toil over homework and household chores, it seemed that my dogs had it pretty good.

As the years passed and my senses matured, I realized that a dog was also a good deterrent to intruders and predators. When I came home from school, he always greeted me with excitement and a wagging tail. Even when I had to scold him, minutes later, he'd still come around. I've come to realize there are a few lessons we can learn from man's trusted best friend. Before I came on active duty, I worked in community mental health in the city of Detroit as an out-patient therapist. Some of the clients I worked with referred to their friend by "that's my dawg," which translates to: "That's my good friend, my buddy, my pal. Here is the one that has my back." However, I found it rather strange to refer to someone as a dog. I wondered what is it about a dog that would prompt one to make such a reference?

However over years, life's experiences have keened me in on some things you can learn about life and people by observing "man's best friend."

1. Loyalty:

This is what separates the skillful from the most trusted. Be loyal to your friends, family, troops, and your leaders. In a generation that presents itself as me first, it's always good to know that there is loyalty to the team, organization and troops.

2. Keep it simple:

A dog's primary concerns are mostly eating, sleeping and playing. They also keep us safe and in good company. Make sure what you say is not so complex that others miss the point.

3. Be yourself:

That's how it is with most canines—what you see is what you get. You don't have to go out of your way to impress people. Always try to be genuine, sincere and personable.

4. Pat on the back:

Dogs enjoy physical contact and affirmation. "Good boy," is something we say when they heed our command. The same is with humans. We all like recognition and affirmation. A pat on the back, or to hear, "job well done," is something people like to be told from time-to-time. We need that affirmation.

5. Be a good listener vice talker:

When you talk to your dog, does he or she make eye contact and listen without barking? Part of being a good listener is knowing when to just listen and not say much. How-



ever the plus side of a human friend is you can receive and give verbal feed back.

6. Protect your most valuable assets (the people above and below you):

Dogs are known for defending and guarding those whom they love. It has been known if you love your dog, your dog will protect you. The same is with those who work for us. We must advocate for them and defend them when need be.

Above all, we must follow "The Golden Rule," also known as the *ethic of reciprocity*. It is a moral code exercised practically in all major religions and cultures. Simply put, "treat others as you would like to be treated." This is also mentioned four times in the Gospels: *Matthew 7:12, Matthew 22:39, Luke 6:31, Luke 10:27.*

As stewards in service to our country, it is essential that we practice this code and utilize it in our leadership. I have seen it time and time again, what goes around generally comes back around to bite you. 🐾

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The British Royal Marines held a reception
at Marine Barracks Washington, June 6.

“It’s an honor to have the British Royal
Marines perform on our parade deck,”
said Capt. Sean Cox, assistant logistics
officer. “Their service by our sides has
been an invaluable help to our nation.”

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