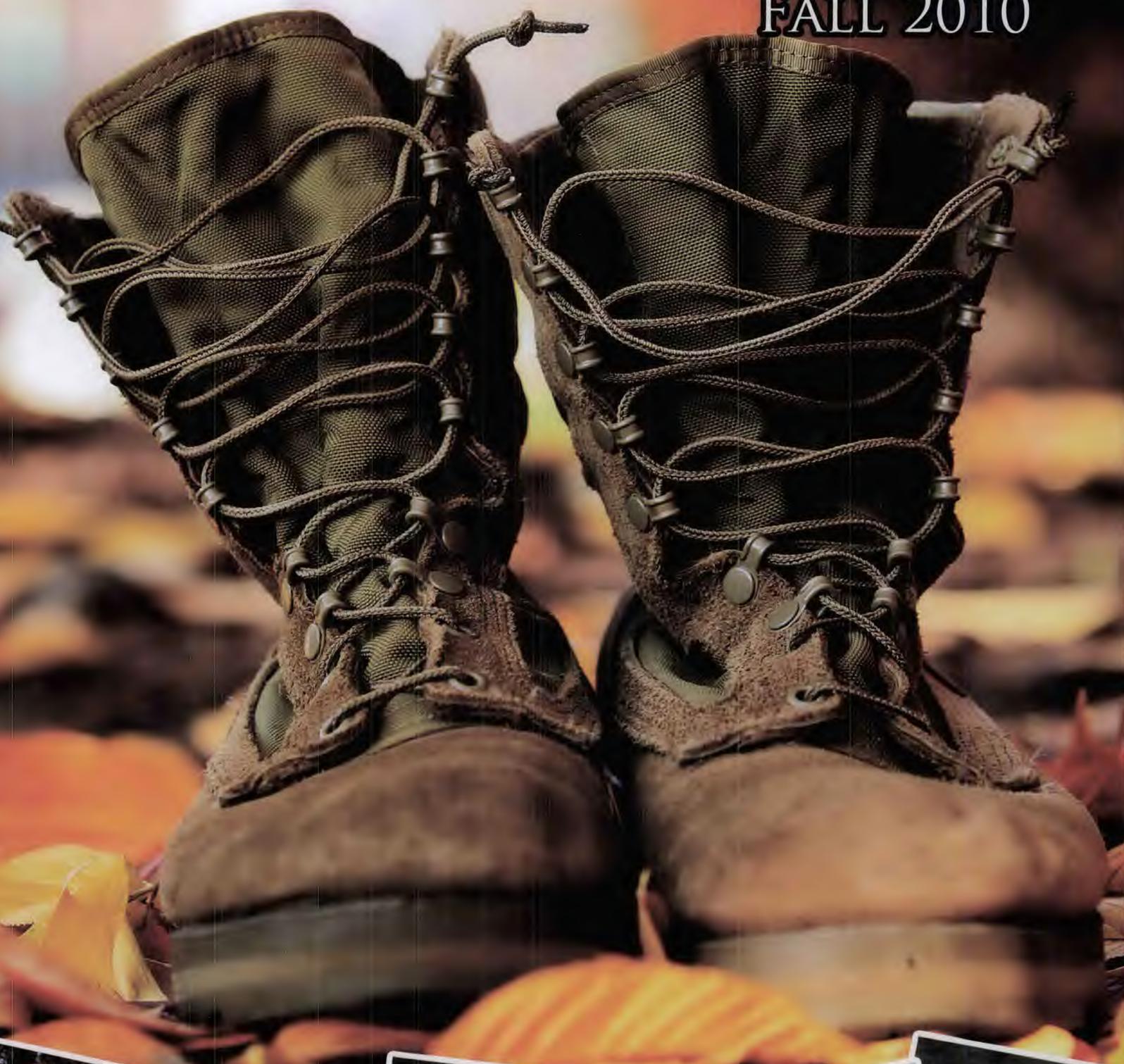


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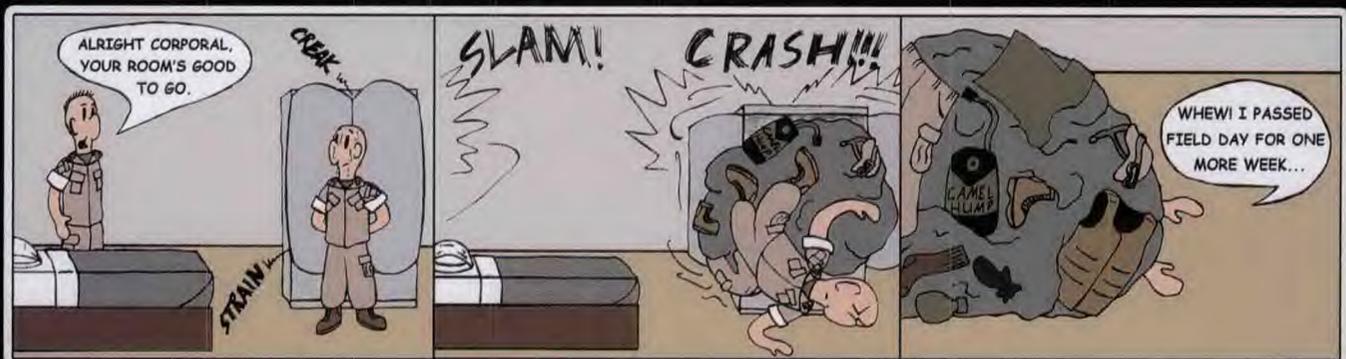
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COMMANDING THE CORPS

GEN. AMOS REPLACES GEN. CONWAY AS COMMANDANT

STORY BY CPL. BOBBY J. YARBROUGH



Gen. James T. Conway relinquished his post as commandant of the United States Marine Corps to Gen. James F. Amos during a change of command ceremony held at Marine Barracks Washington Oct. 22.

Amos becomes the first career aviator in the Corps' 235-year history to be appointed commandant and only the second assistant commandant in almost 30 years to be promoted to the Corps' top post.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen were in attendance alongside family and friends as Conway passed the Marine Corps Colors to Amos, marking the end of Conway's 40-year military career.

During his speech, Gates praised Conway's achievements as commandant, including establishing the Wounded Warrior Regiment and increasing the size of the Marine Corps to 202,000.

"As commandant, [Conway] made the health of the force a top priority, ensuring his Marines had the right tools for the job and new Marines were of the highest quality," Gates said.

Gates awarded Conway with the Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding service to the Corps.

Gates reiterated his trust in Amos as commandant and challenged him to think about the future of the Corps.

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AFTER SERVING FOUR YEARS AS COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, GEN. JAMES T. CONWAY RELINQUISHED COMMAND OF THE MARINE CORPS TO GEN. JAMES AMOS DURING A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON, OCT. 22. CONWAY RETIRES FROM THE MARINE CORPS AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE. (PHOTOS BY CPL. BOBBY J. YARBROUGH)

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JAMES AMOS



FIVE THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT GEN. AMOS

GEN. AMOS WAS BORN IN WENDALL, IDAHO IN 1947. HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO IN 1970.

GEN. AMOS BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE MARINE CORPS AS AN F-4 PHANTOM FIGHTER PILOT. HIS CALLSIGN IS TAMER.

GEN. AMOS COMMANDED THE 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM IN 2003 AND 2004.

BEFORE BECOMING THE ASSISTANT COMMANDANT, AMOS SERVED AS THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. THERE, AMOS ESTABLISHED THE FIRST WOUNDED WARRIOR BARRACKS ABOARD CAMP LEJEUNE IN 2005.

GEN. AMOS IS THE FIRST ASSISTANT COMMANDANT TO BECOME COMMANDANT SINCE GEN. PAUL KELLY IN 1983.



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GEN. JAMES AMOS RECEIVES THE MARINE CORPS COLORS FROM GEN. JAMES CONWAY DURING THE CEREMONY. AMOS IS THE FIRST COMMANDANT IN THE MARINE CORPS' 235-YEAR HISTORY TO BE A CAREER AVIATOR.

"As the Marines look to the future, I've challenged them to think hard about their role," Gates said. "They have spent the past eight years fighting as a so-called second land Army. They need to preserve both their maritime soul and the hard-won counterinsurgency skills they've developed during this past decade."

After receiving the Marine Corps colors, Amos, who became the 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, said "he was about to jump out of his skin."

During his remarks, Amos reminded those in attendance of what the Marine Corps has achieved as an amphibious force over the last year, including humanitarian operations in Haiti and the capture of pirates off the coast of Somalia.

Ending the ceremony, Amos expressed his goal for the future of the Corps.

"We've always said we'd be most ready when the nation is least ready," Amos said. "Our nation still needs that force. That will be my focus as commandant for the next four years."







NOT THE SPICE OF LIFE

DOD **BANS** SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS FOR ALL SERVICE MEMBERS

STORY BY CPL. JOSEPH CABRERA

In response to a growing trend of Marines abusing a legally obtained substance known as Spice, Marine Corps Base Quantico Order 5800.7 was implemented July 30, 2010. The order also prohibits Marines with Marine Barracks Washington from using, possessing and distributing Spice and Salvia Divinorum (Salvia).

When smoked or ingested, these substances can produce effects similar to marijuana or lysergic acid diethylamide, commonly known as LSD.

Salvia is a perennial herb that resembles sage and is known to cause hallucinations, changes of perception, body or object distor-

tion, loss of coordination, dizziness and other psychological and physical effects.

Spice is a mixture of natural substances such as herbs laced with synthetic cannabinoids or cannabinoid mimicking compounds known to decrease motor function, loss of concentration and impairment of short-term memory.

Salvia and Spice typically appeal to people who are subjected to drug testing and believe they will not get caught by standard drug tests. In lieu of this common misconception, there are tests which can detect the presence of these substances in users.

Marines should be aware that using any legally obtained substance to get "high" was already prohibited by the Navy for Marines and

sailors and the new Marine Corps order only tightened the reigns.

The new order supplements Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5300.28D, which prohibits abusing lawful substances, such as cough syrup, edge dressing and keyboard cleaner to produce “intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system.”

Both MCBQO 5800.7 and SECNAVINST 5300.28D are lawful general orders punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Violators can be subject to administrative action, court martial or both.

The maximum punishment for violating either order is a dishonorable discharge, confinement for two years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction to E-1. Violators can also be processed for administrative separation and receive an other than honorable discharge.

The Marine Corps is taking a zero-tolerance stance on the use and possession of these substances since they are potentially dangerous and prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Non-military personnel and contractors supporting MCB Quantico are also bound by the order. Personnel, other than Marines, who violate the order while aboard MCBQ may be subject to trial in the Federal courts for violation of the Federal Assimilative Crimes Act and face possible debarment.

The driving force behind the new order is to eliminate any uncertainty whether substances used to get “high” are prohibited. Enforcement of this new order will help to maintain a positive, disciplined atmosphere. The prohibited substances create a detrimental impact on the Marine Corps’ mission and could adversely affect the Corps’ relationship with the local community, in addition to being physically harmful to users.

Not only has the Corps banned these substances, but lawmakers have been pushing to have them outlawed in the U.S. just like several other countries throughout the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE NAVY HAS ISSUED REGULATION SECNAVINST 5300.28D PROHIBITING SAILORS AND MARINES FROM THE USE OF DESIGNER DRUGS, NATURAL SUBSTANCES AND/OR OTHER CHEMICALS WITH THE INTENT TO INDUCE INTOXICATION, EXCITEMENT OR STUPEFACTION OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM.

SERVICE MEMBERS WHO VIOLATE THE ORDER ARE SUBJECT TO THE UNIFORMED CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE UNDER ARTICLE 92.





EARLY OUT

PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR OUTBOUND MARINES

STORY BY LANCE CPL. JEREMY WARE

For the second year in a row, the Marine Corps has announced they are accepting applications from Marines for the Voluntary Early Release Program (VEERP).

According to Marine Administrative Message 577/10, the VEERP is a cost saving initiative for Fiscal Year 2011 to shape and sustain the Marine Corps at a force of 202,000 Marines.

The program offers an estimated 30,000 eligible Marines the opportunity to end their active service up to 90 days before their official end of active service (EAS) date, said Maj. Shawn Haney, the public affairs officer for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

“The Corps estimates 2,000 Marines will participate in VEERP,” Haney said. “The program could save the Marine Corps approximately \$14 million.”

According to the announcement, Marines who apply for the program must meet several requirements. They must have an EAS date between Oct. 2, 2010 and

Sept. 30, 2011 and submit the early release request forms 30 days prior to the requested separation date.

Marines must have completed the Transitional Assistance Program (TAPS), as well as all other pre-separation counseling. They must also qualify for an honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge.

The Corps will not allow Marines to separate early if there are eligible for retirement, owe the Corps leave days, or have already planned on early separation through another program.

Commanders are encouraged to approve early release requests by Marines. If a commander denies a Marine's request, a specific written justification is required to bar the Marine from participating in the program, according to the MARADMIN.

For more information contact Gunnery Sgt. Tonya Hill, the career retention specialist with Marine Barracks Washington at (202) 433-5404.

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STORY BY LANCE CPL. JEREMY WARE

GAS! GAS! GAS!

MARINES COMPLETE ANNUAL TRAINING

Marines with Marine Barracks Washington completed their annual gas chamber training aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Sept. 29, to maintain their combat readiness.

The purpose of Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) training is to ensure Marines are confident in their gear and ultimately know how to function and survive in a CBRN environment.

“By training our Marines to quickly react to CBRN attacks, they retain the knowledge to survive in a CBRN environment and carry out their mission,” said GySgt. John Mundy, a CBRN Marine with MBW.

After receiving instructions on the proper way to don and clear their M40A1 Field Protective Mask, Marines donned

their masks and entered a gas chamber filled with OrthoChlorobenzylidene Malonitrile, more commonly known as CS or tear gas.

Inside the chamber, the Marines were required to perform several exercises designed to raise their heart rate and build trust in their masks. Marines then broke the seal of their masks, allowing the gas to seep in. After several seconds, the Marines resealed their masks and cleared out the gas.

Annual gas chamber training allows Marines to have hands-on training with their CBRN equipment and gain confidence in their ability to don gear when the CBRN alarm is sounded.

“By wearing their individual protective equipment in a simulated environment such as the gas chamber,

Marines understand their gear will protect them,” Mundy said. “By correctly and consistently donning and clearing the field protective mask, if a CBRN alarm should sound, the Marine will instinctively follow the correct steps to ensure that they don’t inhale or ingest chemical or biological agents or radiological particles.”

A Marine’s familiarization with CBRN equipment is instrumental to their survival in a contaminated area. Mundy believes Marines should implement CBRN training into their training evolutions.

“Apply CBRN training to your duties before you are in a real CBRN environment,” Mundy said. “This will alleviate any problems that definitely will occur.”



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MARINE BAND
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MASTERY OF MARCH

U.S. MARINE BAND HONORS JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

In honor of John Philip Sousa, Marines with the “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band held a ceremony Nov. 6 at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

The annual tribute, which the band has performed since 1966, was conducted by by Capt Michelle A. Rakers, assistant director of the band. The ceremony marked the 156th anniversary of Sousa’s birth.

“Sousa is one of our country’s most important composers,” said Master Gunnery Sgt. Michael Ressler, the historian for the U.S. Marine band. “His music helped create a truly American voice for later composers to follow.”

During the ceremony, the band performed Sousa’s march “Semper Fidelis,”

“The Star-Spangled Banner” and Sousa’s “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

John Philip Sousa was born on November 6, 1854. Born in Washington, D.C., Sousa studied violin and learned band instruments as an apprentice in the U.S. Marine Band, of which his father was a member.

Sousa would go on to be the director of the U.S. Marine Band from 1880 until 1892. With the band, he composed more than 100 marches, many of which became immensely popular, including “Semper Fidelis” and “The Washington Post March.”

Sousa’s influence on American culture still rings true today. His march, “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” was designated as the National March of the United States on Dec. 11, 1987.



The 60th Anniversary of the Chosin Reservoir

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. BOBBY J. YARBROUGH

Marines with the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon performed at the commemoration ceremony marking the 60th anniversary of the Chosin Reservoir battle at the War Memorial of Korea in Seoul, Republic of Korea Nov. 10.

Alongside the ROK Ministry of National Defense Honor Guard, the Marines performed for approximately 3,500 guests, including Korean War veterans and active duty U.S. and Korean service members.

Honorary guests for the event included U.S. Army Gen. Walter L. Sharp, the commander of the



Lance Cpl. Lucas D. Fassari practices before the start of the ceremony in Seoul, Republic of Korea Nov. 10.

United Nations Command, and the ROK Minister of National Defense Kim Tae-young.

Veterans from eight nations, including Turkey, Britain and Luxembourg, were present for the commemoration ceremony, held to honor the sacrifices made by those who fought at the Chosin Reservoir battle.

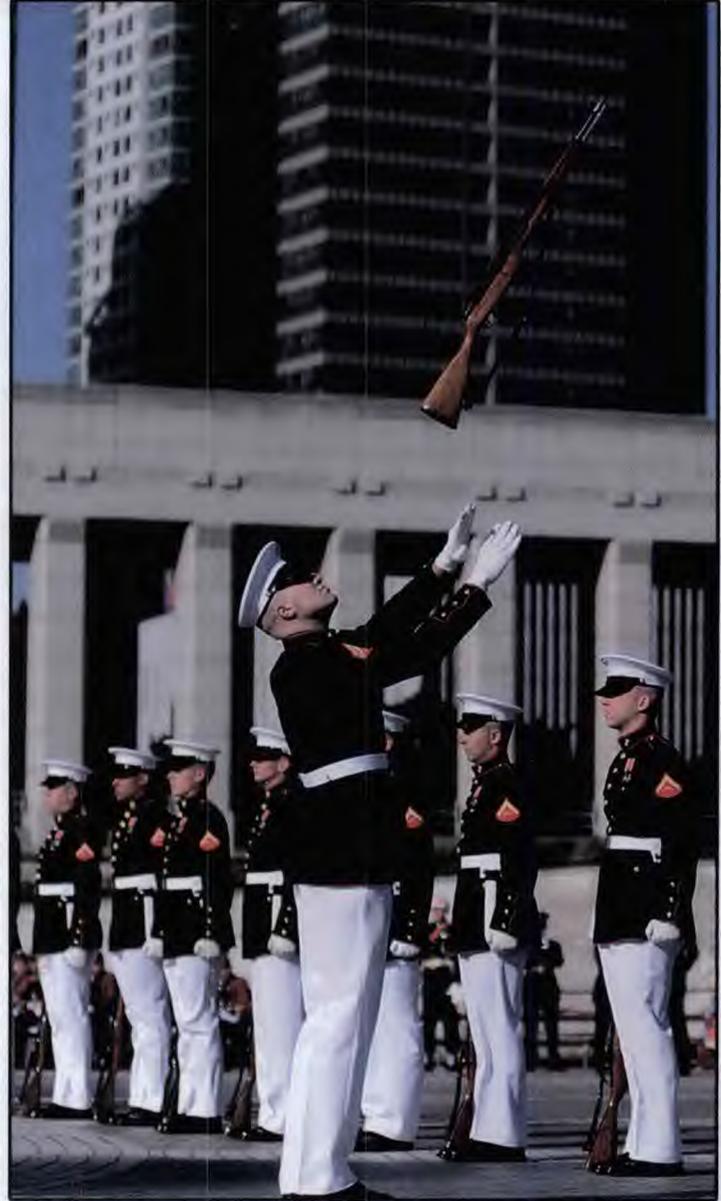
The Chosin Reservoir, or the Battle of Jangjin, was one of the harshest battles of the Korean War. Battling the frigid cold and eight Chinese divisions, U.N. troops broke through the Chinese lines and made their way to the North Korean port of Hamhung. There they evacuated more than 100,000 North Korean refugees to the south.

During the ceremony, Sharp reminded the veterans that due to their actions, the Republic of Korea is one of the greatest nations in the world.

“The sacrifices that you made and the helping hand that you lent helped create a remarkably generous, prosperous and free Republic of Korea,” said Sharp. “Today, Korea is your legacy.”

ROK Minister of National Defense Kim thanked the veterans for defending the Republic of Korea.

“Today, we have the great honor to be in the presence of the heroes of this battle,” said Kim. “The Republic of Korea will always remember you and the sacrifices you made.”



Cpl. Joshua Burke tosses a rifle during a performance outside the War Memorial of Korea in Seoul, Republic of Korea Nov. 10.





THERE FINISH

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CP

**IT MAY SEEM LIKE A SIMPLE PHILOSOPHY
TATTOOED ON HIS THIGH, BUT FOR LANCE CPL.
DANIEL CORRIGAN, IT'S MORE THAN JUST
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BOBBY J. YARBROUGH



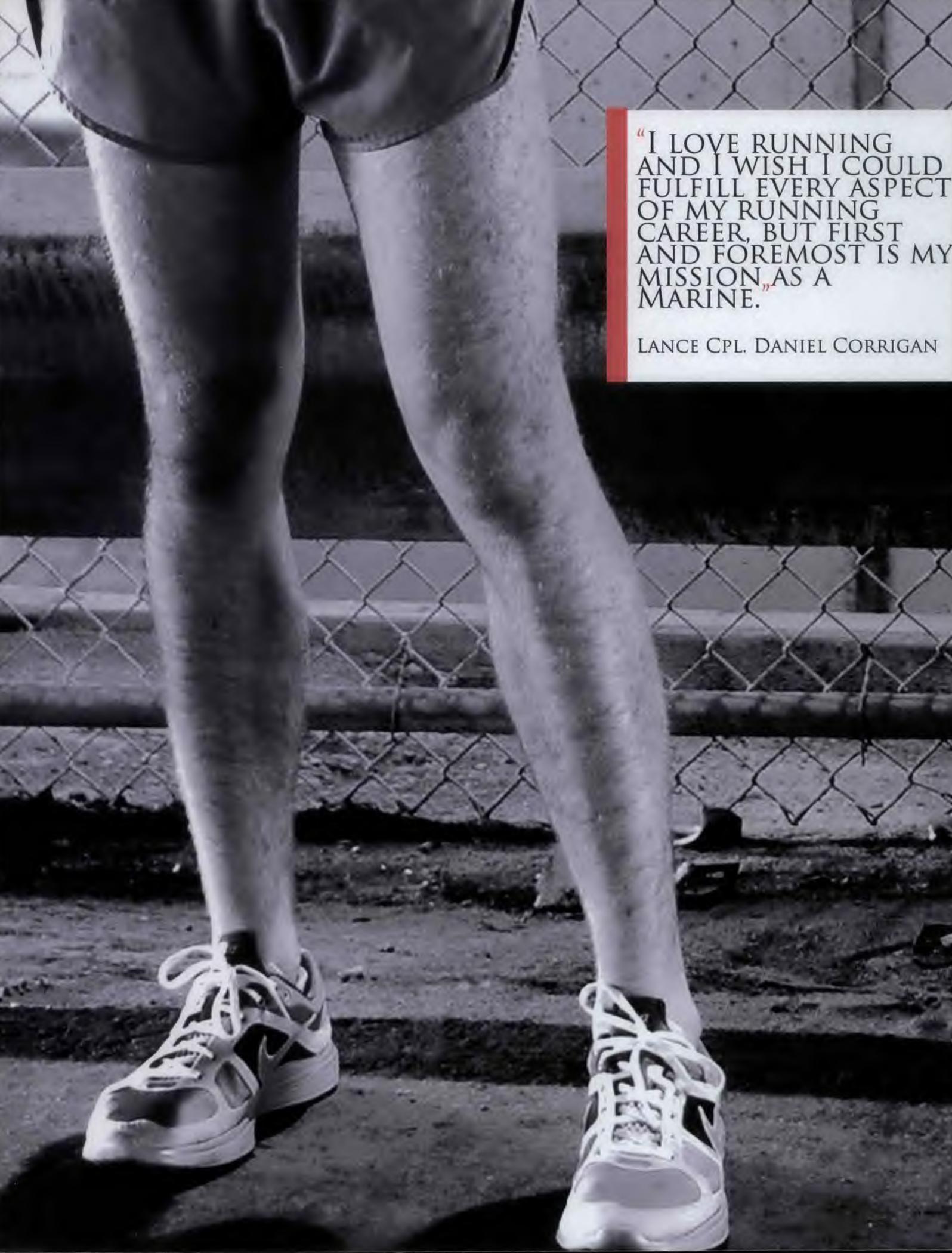
As the alarm clock echoes in the darkness, Corrigan reaches up to shut it off. The face on the clock reads 3:00 a.m. It's nearly three hours before work, but Corrigan knows he will have to start early if he wants to run before shift.

He gets out of bed and quietly makes his way across the room to his closet to get dressed. The apparel he puts on is unquestionably an eclectic mix: black shorts, a yellow running singlet and neon green shoes. He doesn't care though, because for him, it's not about looks.

Today is an easy run: a 12 miler that will take him to Georgetown and back. The distance is a good practice for the course he will run during the 35th Marine Corps Marathon. Although the race will mark only his second marathon, it's one he has been preparing for his entire life.

The Beginning

At 12 years old, Corrigan wanted to play football but instead took the advice of his mother and joined the junior high track team at Solon Junior High School in Solon, Ohio. It didn't take long for him to develop a passion for the sport.



"I LOVE RUNNING AND I WISH I COULD FULFILL EVERY ASPECT OF MY RUNNING CAREER, BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST IS MY MISSION," AS A MARINE.

LANCE CPL. DANIEL CORRIGAN

“When I first started running, my parents told me to just have fun,” Corrigan said. “My goal was always to make running enjoyable. Throughout school, I stuck to that principle and I grew to not only love the sport, but also the camaraderie of my teammates.”

For the next six years, Corrigan would leave his mark on the sport of running. When he graduated high school, he was a three-sport athlete competing in both indoor and outdoor track as well as cross country.

In the Corps

It was during his senior year when Corrigan decided to enlist in the Marine Corps. He said his decision to serve was due in part to his running.

“I was running almost 75 miles a week during my senior year,” Corrigan said. “It gave me a lot of time to think. My dad was a Marine, so serving was always in the back of mind. I talked with him about joining the Corps and I made the decision to enlist.”

After enlisting in the Marine Corps in August 2009, Corrigan was assigned to Guard Company, Marine Barracks Washington.

His schedule is demanding: he works 12-hour shifts, alternating between days and nights. Finding time to run isn’t easy. He acknowledges it is sometimes hard for him to balance being a Marine and a runner, but that being a Marine always comes first.

“I love running and I wish I could fulfill every aspect of my running career, but first and foremost is my mission as a Marine,” Corrigan said. “Sure, I can have success as a runner, but most importantly I want to have success in the Marine Corps.”

The Marathon

Corrigan’s first marathon came only one month ago. While spending the weekend in Virginia Beach, Virg., Corrigan was walking along the boardwalk when he saw a booth signing up people for a marathon that was to take place the next day.

“It was just a spontaneous decision,” Corrigan said. “I was only there for the weekend. I wasn’t fully prepared but I felt good, so I just decided to run. I ended up placing second for my age group.”

The race turned out to be a catalyst for Corrigan as he ran the 35th Marine Corps Marathon. Before the race, he set a goal for himself: finish the marathon in 2:45:00. It was a tough goal but Corrigan knew it was manageable.

He started the race off strong, keeping up with the main runners throughout the first half of the race. However, during the second half off the race Corrigan’s legs gave out. Although he had to stop several times in the race, he finished the race in 3:15:33.

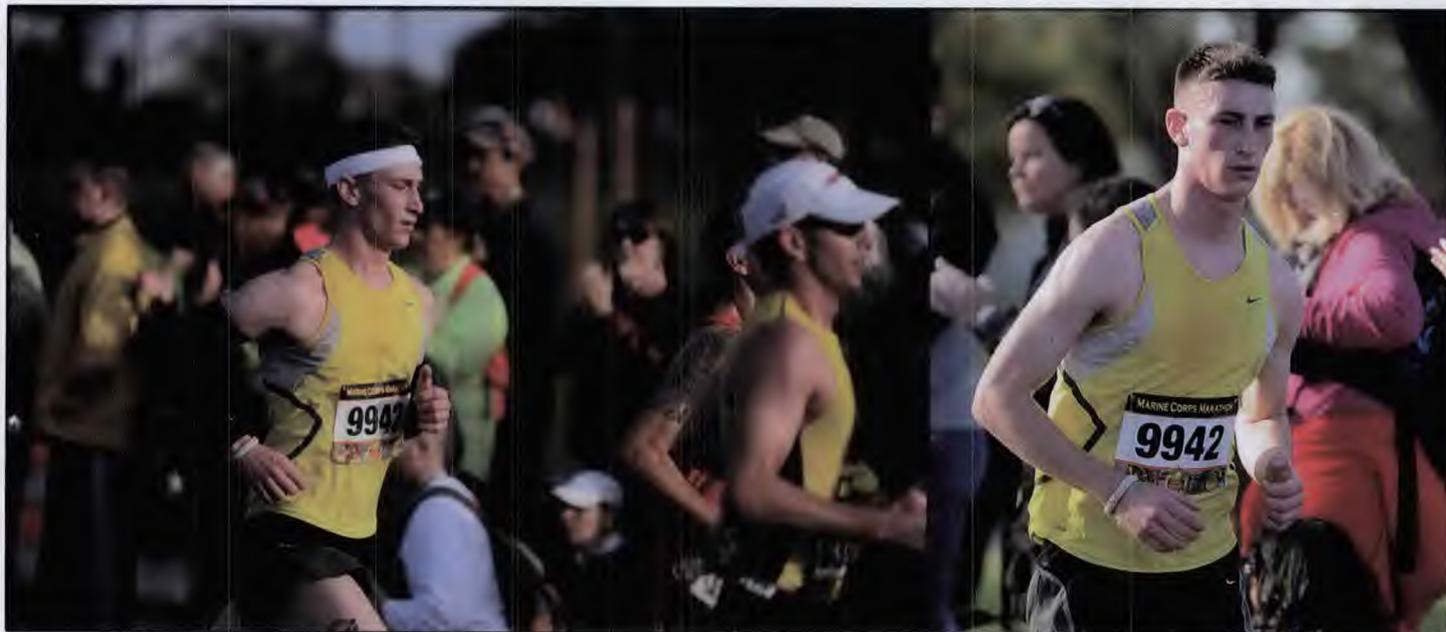
“My body just broke down during the second half of the race,” Corrigan said. “I felt good during the first half of the race. My legs just didn’t want to cooperate for the second half. Although I didn’t finish as good as wanted to, I was just happy to finish.”

The Next Chapter

Corrigan hopes to continue running for the rest of his life and achieve goals he has set for himself. He says he wants to run the major U.S. marathons, including the Boston and New York marathons. Corrigan also hopes to complete the Badwater Ultramarathon, a 135-mile race that runs through Death Valley, Calif., to Mount Whitney.

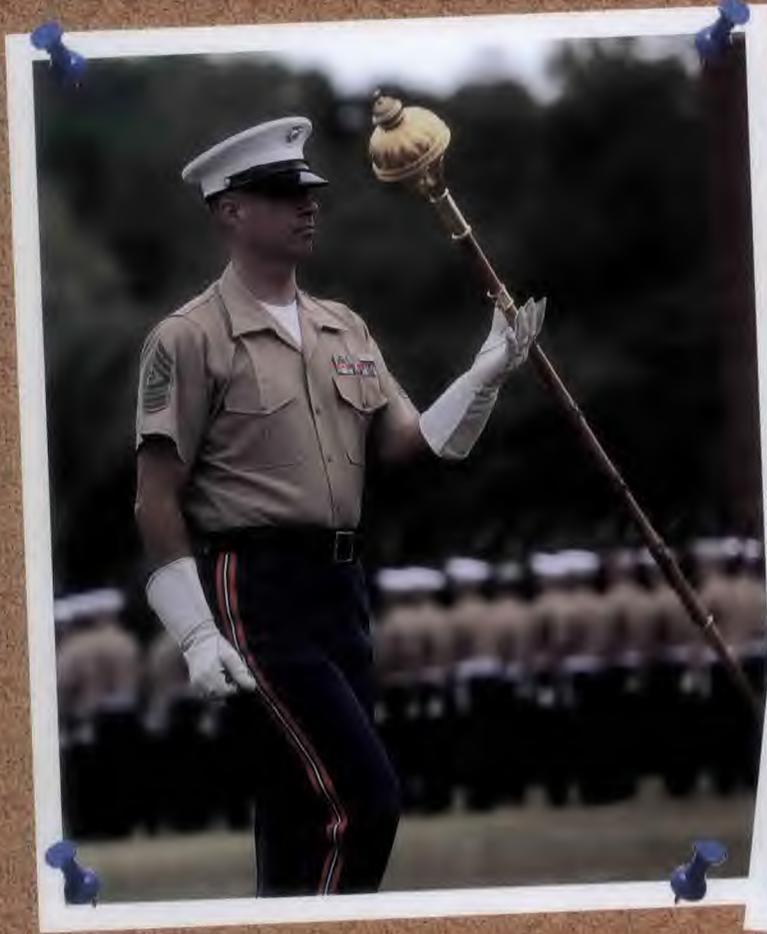
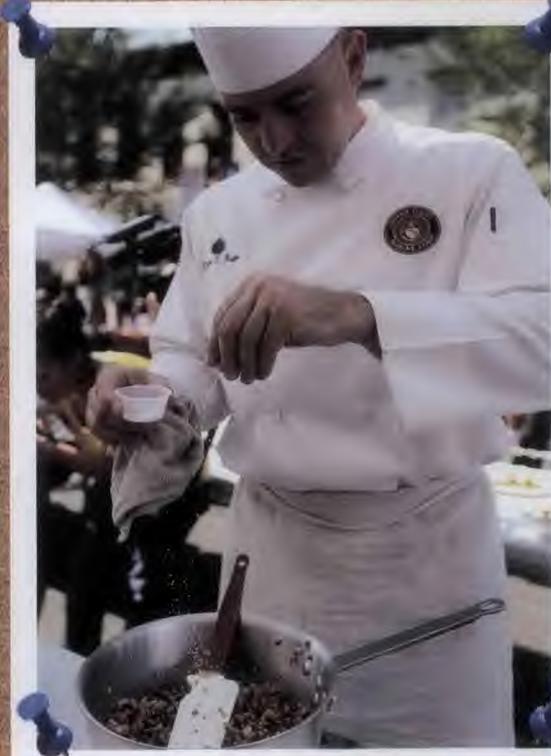
He understands his goals will be tough to attain, but he says he will stop at nothing to achieve them.

“My number one goal is to just keep running,” Corrigan said. “I have a lot of running goals I want to achieve. I know sooner or later the competitive aspect is going to go away for me. But even when I am no longer competitive, I still want to run. My goal is to keep running until the day I die.”



Lance Cpl. Daniel Corrigan runs during the 35th Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. Oct. 31. Although he has been running races for most of his life, the race marked only the second marathon Corrigan has ever completed. Corrigan finished the marathon in 3:15:33. (Photo by Cpl. Bobby J. Yarbrough)

Around the Barracks





Around the Barracks





MAJ. JEREMY GREENE SALUTES THE GRAVESITE OF GEN. JOHN A. LEJEUNE DURING A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY ON NOV. 10. EACH YEAR, MARINES FROM MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON HONOR THE PAST COMMANDANTS OF THE MARINE CORPS BY LAYING A WREATH ON THEIR GRAVESITE. (PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. JEREMY WARE)



CPL. CALEB STEEL COMPLETES THE AMMO CAN PORTION OF THE COMBAT FITNESS TEST AT MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON DEC. 2. STEEL, A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS, COMPLETED THE YEARLY TEST WHILE ENROLLED IN A BARRACKS-WIDE CORPORAL'S COURSE. (PHOTO BY BOBBY J. YARBROUGH)

