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(PHOTO BY LANCE CPL, JEREMY WARE)**





# CHANGE OF COMMAND

## MBW GETS NEW COMMANDING OFFICER

STORY BY CPL. BOBBY J. YARBROUGH

Col. Paul D. Montanus assumed command of Marine Barracks Washington during a change of command ceremony here, July 7.

Montanus relieved Col. Andrew H. Smith, who will go on to serve as the Chief of Staff for 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The ceremony included the ceremonial passing of the colors, as well as remarks from the incoming and outgoing commanding officers and a special performance by the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps.

During his remarks, Smith recalled his time here at the barracks and thanked everyone for his successful tour.

"This has been a unique and fulfilling duty station," Smith said. "The Marines here at the barracks demonstrate their commitment to the Corps everyday. It has been my pleasure to march alongside each and every one of them."

During his speech, Montanus shifted the focus to the Marines and sailors who will serve under his charge.

"The Marines here at the barracks are truly magnificent," said Montanus. "I look forward to my time here and working with each of you."

Following the ceremony, Smith was awarded the Legion of Merit for his dedication to duty by Gen. James Conway, the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Previous to assuming command, Montanus was the Branch Head, Special Operations Directorate at Headquarters Marine Corps.

After graduating from United States Naval Academy in May of 1989, Montanus received his commission in the Marine Corps. Following completion of the Basic School and Infantry Officers Course, he reported to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines and served as a Rifle Platoon Commander and Company Commander.

Montanus's other notable duties include Military Aide to the President of the United States and Commanding Officer of 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, Marine Special Operations Battalion.

Montanus has participated in Operation's Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom.

Montanus's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star with Combat 'V', the Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, and the Combat Action Ribbon with one Gold Star.







## *Relief and Appointment*

### **SGT. MAJ. STOCKTON REPLACES SGT. MAJ. DANIELS AS THE NEW BARRACKS SERGEANT MAJOR.**



**S**gt. Maj. Eric J. Stockton relieved Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels of his post to become the 26th sergeant major of Marine Barracks Washington during a relief and appointment ceremony here, April 14.

Stockton, a Boston native, who transferred from Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, explained how being selected to come to Marine Barracks 8th and I was an honor and a privilege.

"To the Marines and sailors that work at this illustrious post, I am honored to serve along side you," Stockton said. "I will give you everything I have, that is the least I can do."

Stockton went on to give thanks to his friends and family, as well as the Marines who had been forward deployed and now serve as the face of the Marine Corps.

For Daniels, a Jackson, Tenn. native, his dedication to duty while serving at MBW was acknowledged with a Legion of Merit presented to him by Col. Andrew H. Smith, the Barracks Commander.

"Sgt. Maj. Daniels, you are one of the finest Marines I've ever served with," Smith said. "I know you're going down to MCRD San Diego to do great things."

Marine Barracks Washington has benefited from the 28 years of Marine Corps experience Daniels brought to the barracks Smith said.

"When you think of the qualities a sergeant major should have, you think of mental and physical toughness, the ability to handle multiple tasks, and the ability to advise all ranks," Smith said. "Those traits and many more are the traits of Sgt. Maj. Daniels who exceeded every one of those attributes."

The ceremony included a concert by the United States Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps as well as ceremonial marchers from Companies A and B.

With Stockton in place as the new Marine Barracks Washington senior enlisted advisor, the ceremony concluded with the Commandant's Own leading the pass and review by both of these exceptional sergeants major.

"I am truly honored to have been selected as the sergeant major of the 'Oldest Post' in the Corps," Stockton said. 



# ON GUARD

MARINE FINDS CALLING IN THE CORPS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. JOESPH CABRERA

Every Marine has a story about why they enlisted or sought a commission in the Marine Corps. Some Marines chased after the dream of becoming a Marine, some saw the Corps as a way to earn money for college, some saw the Corps as a career opportunity in a struggling economy and for some Marines like Lance Cpl. Bryan A. Melius, they saw their peers go off to war and they wanted to do their part too.

Young men and women join the Marine Corps everyday for the opportunity to do their part, what is unique about Melius, a guard Marine with Guard Company, Marine Barracks Washington, is that he chose to quit college and his job to become an infantryman.

Melius, 22, and a Palm Bay, Fla. native, was attending Valencia University and managing a nightclub where he would hear war stories from his friend, a green beret in the U.S. Army, who was serving in a combat zone at the time.

It was these stories that inspired Melius to drop everything and join the Marine Corps.

"I had a lot of friends that were putting their lives on the line. I felt bad because I was back home going to college and working at a night club living the good life, so I kind of felt obligated to serve my country," Melius said.

Melius wanted to be a medic, but after discovering the Marine Corps does not have their own medics he quickly changed his mind.

He enlisted in the Corps as an infantryman and during basic training he was selected to come to MBW, an opportunity he did not want to pass up.

In his thirteen months at Marine Barracks Washington he has distinguished himself as a profes-

sional who can be trusted and relied upon by his leaders.

"For a relatively young Marine, he shows a great deal of maturity, leadership potential, and he is very capable," said Capt. Dan J. Meyers, 27, a Gainesville, Fla. native and the Guard Co. operations officer.

Melius began his tenure at MBW as a Marine who would stand post and he quickly progressed through the ranks to become a corporal of the guard, a billet typically reserved for a non-commissioned officer.

"I feel like you have to raise the bar," Melius said. "You can't just make excuses. You have to act on a higher level, the highest level of what a corporal is accountable for.

In addition to climbing through the ranks within Guard Co., Melius recently won a meritorious company board at the company level and he is slated to face-off against other lance corporals at the battalion level with the hopes of becoming a corporal.

His on the job performance and maturity are the primary reasons his senior leaders feel he is a good candidate for the board.

"I think he is a good candidate because he already has all of the responsibilities of a non-commissioned officer as a corporal of the guard and he would be another asset to the non-commissioned officer field," Meyers said. "He already has all of the leadership capabilities, his professionalism and his performance speaks for itself."

For Melius, perhaps his biggest takeaway from MBW and the Marine Corps will be the experience he gained while serving.

"If you get out of the Marine Corps there is no excuse on why you shouldn't be a few steps ahead of just the normal college student," Melius said. "You hold so much responsibility and love it or hate it, you are held accountable for your actions and college kids can't relate to that." 🦅



Lance Cpl. Bryan Melius talks with Pfc. Alexander Allen outside the Home of the Commandants May 25. Melius serves as the corporal of the guard at Marine Barracks Washington.





# SGT. MAJ. STOCKTON'S STANCE

## Q & A

### WITH THE BARRACKS SERGEANT MAJOR

**Question:** How do you feel about being selected as the sergeant major of the Marine Corps' oldest post?

**Stockton:** It was a great honor being selected as the 26th sergeant major of the barracks. Since I first enlisted, I knew Marine Barracks Washington had an illustrious history that was synonymous with the Marine Corps. Just being able to be part of the barracks history will be a rewarding experience.

**Question:** What do you hope to change at Marine Barracks Washington?

**Stockton:** As the battalion sergeant major, I don't expect to change anything. I want to continue the traditions that have been set as the precedent for the barracks. We are and will continue to be the premiere unit of the Marine Corps.

**Question:** Earlier in your career you were a drill instructor. Which do you prefer, making Marines or leading them?

**Stockton:** I believe each job is unique in its own way. As a drill instructor, you are responsible for molding and shaping the future generation of Marines. It was a job I took great pride in doing. As a sergeant major, I am responsible for overseeing the personal and professional development of all Marines. Being able to professionally guide Marines of all ranks is a rewarding experience.

**Question:** How hard has it been for you to adapt to the ceremonial drill used here at the barracks?

**Stockton:** It has certainly been a challenge. The drill is different than what is taught at boot camp, however, the discipline is the same. I have had to practice extensively, but I also have enjoyed learning.

**Question:** Do you have any sea stories to share?

**Stockton:** (Laughing) Too many to tell! 





# FIELD OPERATIONS

ALPHA COMPANY SHARPENS INFANTRY SKILLS, IMPROVES CAMARADERIE WITH FIELD EXERCISE

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. JEREMY WARE



**B**efore earning the title of Marine, recruits in basic training are taught the importance of working together as a team to endure the hardships of the training and build camaraderie.

These lessons transcend and follow Marines throughout their careers whether they are in combat, garrison or on a field exercise.

Marines with Company A, Marine Barracks Washington, took part in a live-fire field exercise, May 18-19, aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., to sharpen their infantry skills and build camaraderie.

These Marines are infantrymen who have the unique duty of being ceremonial marchers and organizational bearers for the Marine Corps. When their tours at MBW are complete, they will rotate back into the operational forces. It is important for them to sustain their combat skills through field exercises.

The two-day exercise focused on advanced shooting qualification which incorporated shooting while moving, to simulate a combat environment.

The leadership within the company expanded on the training criteria by creating an environment of uncertainty to keep the Marines on their toes, making it necessary for them to work together.

"The plan for this trip is based on uncertainty," said Staff Sgt. James Woolford, platoon sergeant, 1st Platoon, A Co., MBW. "It forces the Marines to come together, because you have to make it to the end together, there is no other option."

After setting up the range, the uncertainty began for the Marines.

Captain Brian Wilson, platoon commander, 1st platoon, A Co., MBW, told select Marines to grab their full packs and flack jackets. Not knowing what lay ahead of them, the Marines became uneasy.

The platoon commander and platoon sergeant designated a half-mile course that each Marine would run wearing a pack, while the rest of their squad performed various exercises, waiting for their turn to run.

"We had to run half a mile with the pack in hilly terrain," said Lance Cpl William Fuitt, a fire team leader with 1st platoon, A Co., MBW. "It was hard."

The Marines pushed through and completed the PT session, only to find out the session was far from over. They were instructed to grab their gear in preparation for a field march of an unknown distance.

Seeing that some of the Marines needed motivation, Woolford grabbed a large log and threw it on his shoulders to begin the march.

With the log on his shoulders, Woolford began walking to the front and rear of the formation seeking out junior Marines looking for a challenge. Under the weight of both the gear and the approximately 50-pound log, the Marines needed encouragement to continue on.

"The Marines around them had to talk them through the pain and that brings us together," said Lance Cpl Patrick Sheiffelé, a squad leader with 1st Plt., Co. A, MBW.

When a Marine became dehydrated the platoon commander seized the opportunity to let Lance Cpl. Jarrett Andrews, a combat life saver with Co. A, MBW, demonstrate the proper way to administer an intravenous (IV) drip during an impromptu period of military instruction.

"It helped me with my confidence and I got to share my knowledge with my platoon," Andrews said.

After the field march and training were completed for the day, the Marines continued to bond by building a fire, roasting hotdogs and trading stories.

"I love it out here," Andrews said. "I got to do a lot and I learned about how my fellow Marines react to adversity and can lean on each other to get through anything."

Clockwise: (Top Left) Marines with Alpha Company, Marine Barracks Washington, conduct live fire exercises at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., May 19. The exercise allowed Marines to complete annual training on Tables 3 and 4. (Bottom Right) Marines conducted an unknown distance field march during the training evolution. (Bottom Left) Lance Cpl. Jarrett Andrews, a combat lifesaver with Alpha Company, demonstrates the proper way to administer an intravenous (IV) drip during an impromptu period of military instruction. (Bottom Far Left) Lance Cpl. Connor R. Burks demonstrates the proper loading procedures for the M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) during the practical application portion of the training evolution. Burks is a rifleman with 1st Platoon, Alpha Company.



# BUILDING A FUTURE

## MARINES VOLUNTEER WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. JEREMY WARE

**A**s a young boy Cpl. Christopher Winkler took several mission trips to South America with his church's youth group, to help build houses for the less fortunate. Winkler's youth group aided the construction efforts of the local community, performing tasks ranging from hammering nails to testing plumbing.

Winkler, an office clerk with Guard Company, Marine Barracks Washington, continues to volunteer his time and give back to people less fortunate.

Winkler, along with six other Marines from Marine Barracks Washington, recently volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and worked to complete a project in southeast Washington D.C.

"Since being stationed in D.C., I haven't had a lot of opportunities to volunteer in the local area," Winkler said. "I was given the chance to come out and help, so I jumped on it."

Habitat for Humanity volunteers performs a variety of tasks on construction site with the exception of highly technical tasks and the Marines were no different. They were quickly split up and each Marine received a different task.

Two Marines, Pfc. Patrick Gabriel and Cpl. April McGuire, began the day cleaning up the build site.

"Volunteering is something I've always wanted to do," said McGuire, a supply clerk with MCI Company at MBW. "I came from poverty. The Marine Corps has given me the chance to give back and help someone else out."

One Marine received the task of painting the siding on the roof. LCpl Jamaica Peralta, graphic designer with MCI Company, happily accepted the job and was on the roof in no time.



# FOUNDATION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



“Being on the roof was dangerous, but rewarding,” said Peralta. “Helping out a family in need is a worthy cause.”

Habitat for Humanity came to Washington D.C. in 1988. Over the last 21 years, they have built homes in all four quadrants of the district, providing housing for over 300 district residents.

“Semper Fidelis means always faithful,” said Winkler. “We must be faithful to the community around us, and Habitat for Humanity allows us to do that.”

Marines also constructed a fence, swept and mopped floors, and prepared the houses for sale. As the end of the day drew closer, Winkler reflected on the importance of volunteering.

“It wasn’t until recently that I realized how much of an impact we have on the local community,” said Winkler. “We need to get out there and help more often; it’s a real sense of accomplishment to lend a helping hand.”



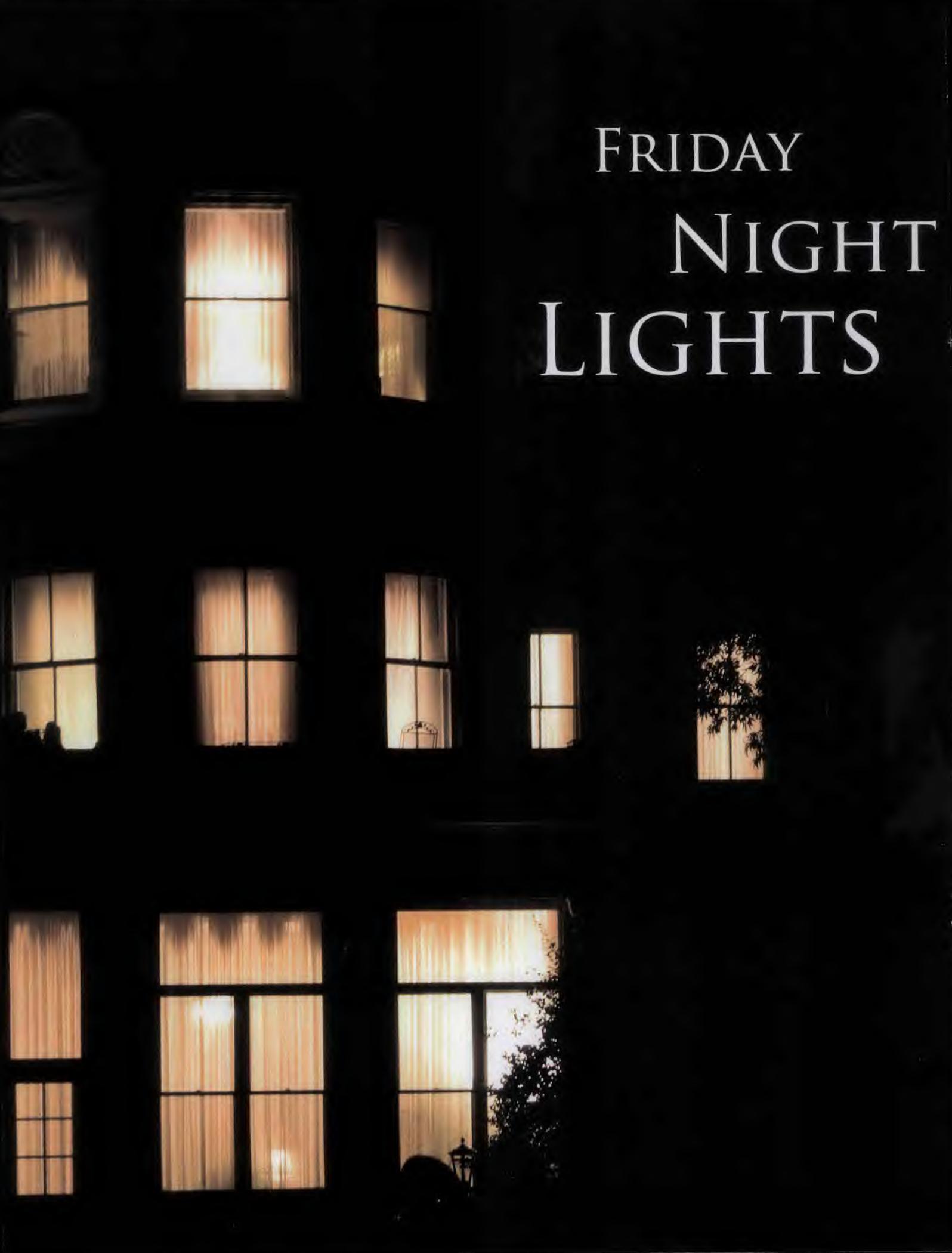
Above: Cpl. Chris Winkler, an office clerk with Guard Company, builds a fence at a Habitat for Humanity construction site May 7.

Below: Pfc. Patrick Gabriel, a fiscal clerk with H&S Company, uses a hammer to build a window frame for a Habitat for Humanity house.



Lance Cpl. Jamaica Peralta, graphic designer with MCI Company, Marine Barracks Washington, paints the siding of a house built by Habitat for Humanity





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# Remembering Belleau Wood

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. BOBBY J. YARBROUGH

**R**ows of white headstones stretch across the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery, curving and winding throughout the 42-acre plot. Each gravestone is marked with the name of a fallen service member who perished near these hallow grounds some 90 years ago.

It was here, in the fields and forests of Belleau, France, that 2,289 U.S. service members gave their lives during World War I. Today, these gravestones are the remaining image of the battle that raged here decades ago.

In honor of the 92nd anniversary of the Battle of Belleau Wood, approximately 2,500 American and French service members, their families, tourists and locals attended a ceremony honoring the sacrifices of each other's countryman.

Honorary guests for the event included Gen. James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, the Honorable Charles H. Rivkin, U.S. ambassador to France, and French military and political leaders.

Marines with the United States Marine Battle Color Detachment alongside Marines from the 5th and 6th Marine Regiments and Marines with the 2nd Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (FAST) Company from Rota, Spain, provided support for the ceremony. The ceremony marked the first time the 5th and 6th Marine Regiments had returned to France since 1918.

During his memorial address, Gen. Conway talked about the sacrifices made by Marines at Belleau Wood and the importance that the battle had on not only the history of our Corps, but also our nation.

The ceremony also featured remarks by French dignitaries including Mrs. Monique Benier, the mayor of Belleau.

“This site is a symbol of sacrifice,” Benier said. “Each cross in this cemetery represents the pursuit of liberty and freedom. We must always remember to honor these men who fought bravely here at Belleau.”

After the remarks, representatives the U.S. and France placed wreaths in memory of all those who lost their lives during the battle. The ceremony ended with performances by the French Army Band, the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, and the United States Marine Silent Drill Platoon.

Following the performances, members of the ceremony escorted the honorary guests downhill in Belleau to the famous Bulldog fountain, where it is customary for Marines to take a drink of water. The day ended with the American and French military enjoying food and laughs.

“Being able to experience Belleau Wood is unbelievable,” said Lance Cpl. Matthew Stevens, an infantryman with the 5th Marine Regiment. “There is so much history of our Corps herein France. It is great to be able to see it firsthand.”



Lance Cpl. Seth H. Capps, a member of the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon, drinks out of Devil Dog Fountain following the ceremony.



The United States Marine Corps Color Guard present the colors during the ceremony marking the 92nd anniversary of the Battle for Belleau Wood May 30.



Musicians with the French Army Band perform a three-song concert during the ceremony marking the 92nd anniversary of the Battle for Belleau Wood May 30.



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# THE GREEN

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Jake Oldham uses a pitching wedge to lob a ball up on the green during the MCCS Spring Golf Tournament aboard Andrews Air Base May 19. Oldham's team finished the tournament with an overall score of +5 over par. (Photo by Cpl. Joseph Cabrera).

**T**he Marine Corps Community Services 2010 Marine Barracks Washington Spring Golf Tournament tee'd off May 19 with eleven teams competing head-to-head for the lowest overall score, closest to the pin challenge and longest drive competition.

Team 2 consisting of Andrew H. Smith, Jason K. Fettig, John R. Barclay and William A. Perry carded a team score of -10 under-par to win the overall tournament.

The tournament was played in best ball format where each player on a team hits a ball. Whichever ball the team determines to be the best ball is the ball that is in play. All players then drop their ball at the location of the best ball and continue hitting until the hole is complete.

Team 2 started on Hole 2, a par 4, and walked away with a birdie. From there, the team never looked back making seven more birdies and an eagle.

Smith also won the closest to the pin competition on Hole 7. The winner for the longest drive competition was Derek H. Stewart who crushed a drive more than 275-yards on Hole 14.

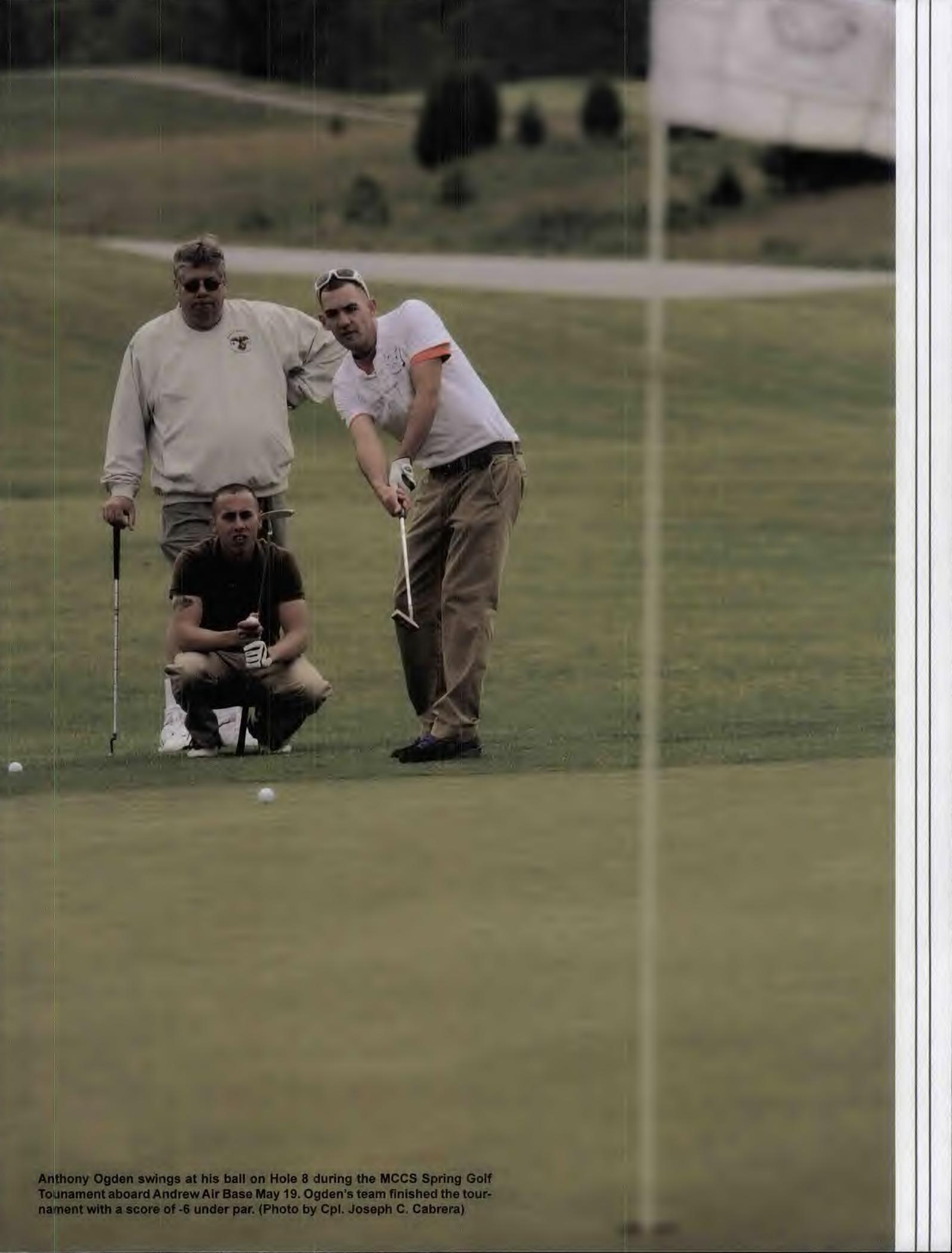
Despite their exploits on the course, for Team 2, the tournament was more about camaraderie and having fun than competition.

"This is a great event, it's a chance for us to get together and share some camaraderie doing something we all love to do which is playing golf," Fettig said.

MBW golf tournaments are typically held twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. According to MCCS, these events are a great opportunity for Marines.

"This event goes along with the MCCS mission to promote moral and welfare," said Curtis Fye, a MCCS Recreation Supervisor and Single Marine Program Coordinator. "During parade season it is work, work, work, and this gives Marines a chance to relax for a day and have some fun."





Anthony Ogden swings at his ball on Hole 8 during the MCCA Spring Golf Tournament aboard Andrew Air Base May 19. Ogden's team finished the tournament with a score of -6 under par. (Photo by Cpl. Joseph C. Cabrera)



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

FINDING COURAGE IN COMBAT  
BY  
LT. PHILIP N. PARK

I was very comfortable where I was. Everyone got to know me after I reported to 5th Battalion 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, and I knew everyone in return. I had a good relationship with the commanding officer and the battery commanders as each battery rotated through six month deployments to Iraq.

My comfortable job lasted only one year until the division chaplain decided to pull me out and have me report to 3rd Battalion 1st Marines in Camp Horno. They were only six weeks away from another deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The division chaplain needed a new battalion chaplain who has not deployed yet and my name appeared to be at the top of the list.

I have to admit that I was reluctant to go when I received the order. My wife and I were expecting our first child, Naomi, at the time of the deployment. It turned out that I had to pack my gear and deploy four days after Naomi was born. I knew that this was nothing new to the Corps or the Navy. We all have experienced a deployment at one point or another, sometimes during the most inconvenient times in family life. I was reminded once again, this is what I volunteered to do, I couldn't really complain, it was my opportunity to serve my country.

As soon as I checked into the new battalion, I realized the caliber of Marines I was about to forge a relationship with. More than half of the battalion had been awarded the Purple Heart and a few of the Marines had been awarded multiple Purple Hearts.

How is it possible that a Marine could receive not one or two, but four Purple Hearts? The Marines of 3rd Bn., 1st Marines were men of valor. They were the warriors of warriors. They were experienced combat veterans and some of them were getting ready for their third and fourth deployments to Iraq.

My inexperience in combat ministry made me aware of my inadequacy of knowing how to care for warfighters. Some of these Marines had already pushed the envelope in combat and they knew their limits and capabilities as individuals and as Marines.

They had been tested in combat. I had not, but I knew I would find out what kind of man of faith and chaplain I was. Am I really ready to face the things that I don't want to see? What are my limits? Am I capable of performing the ministry in a combat setting? Only time would tell.

The Marines with 3rd Bn., 1st Marines were sent to the heart of the Haditha Dam in 2005 to counter the insurgency. My commanding officer directed me to go



around to all of the forward operating bases to provide religious services and counseling to the Marines.

I was on a convoy just about every two days. After a couple of convoy trips, I was overtaken by the fear of improvised explosive devices that could blast the HUMVEE like an empty tin can. I knew if I got hit I would no longer be able to see my wife or enjoy the newfound blessing of a child to return to. Fear gripped me. I asked myself, "Is it worth risking my life to do combat ministry?"

India Company was located just below the city of Haditha. One of the best highlights of working as a chaplain for the infantry battalion was talking to everyone and seeing how they were doing.

There was an instructional period with a group of junior Marines that particularly stood out to me. There they were, staring at me, particularly around my flak jacket and my waistline. They noticed something. One of the lance corporals asked me, "Chaplain, how come you don't carry a sidearm?" I explained to them that chaplains are non-combatants and we do not carry arms. That's why we have a religious program specialist whose responsibility is to be my bodyguard.

Another question rose out of this discussion. They asked me what if the enemy starts shooting at me. I replied back, "Well, if I get shot, I will bleed and die just like anyone else."

The junior Marines told me that I was crazy to be out and about in a combat environment where I can't defend myself. I told them, "I am here because you are here. I am here to support you."

There was a slight pause. Then, they said something remarkable and it has been etched in my memory for ever. One of the lance corporals said, "Chaplain, I will take your bullet anytime."

As soon as he said that, there was a domino effect. One by one, every private first class and lance corporal took an oath to take a bullet for me. I held my tears back when I heard it.

I was scared about getting blown up on the road, but here was a group of young Marines who were willing to die for a chaplain whom they barely knew. All they knew was I was their chaplain, and I was there for them.

What I realized from that point on was that I could hide in the Haditha Dam behind the concrete walls of a reservoir in my flak and kevlar throughout the entire deployment, but if God's will for me is to die in the most fortified base, then I will die while hiding cowardly at the dam. No one knows when my death will come except God alone. But what I do know is my mission. My mission is to obey the orders of the commanding officer, "Go to every base and provide religious services and counseling."

I borrowed the courage that I needed from a group of junior Marines who were willing to die for me. How could I not be their chaplain? How could I deny them by not getting around to the forward operating bases? How could I not go the extra mile for them? How could I not dare to go behind enemy lines? If I perish, I perish. The mission must go forward. Every time I got in the HUMVEE, I prayed to the Lord that if I should die that day on my way to see the Marines, "Lord I pray that I might enter the kingdom of God triumphantly."

By the end of the deployment to my surprise, I completed 84 convoy trips to meet the spiritual needs of the Marines in combat. I don't know how many chaplains can make this claim, but I do know that I could not have done this without the brave souls of those junior Marines taking an oath to defend their chaplain.

To this day, I owe everything that I know about courage to them. I think of my debt to them as a 30 year fixed loan of courage. I am still on the repayment plan. The only way I can repay the loan that I borrowed from them is to care for warfighters in every way that I know how, and if necessary, put my life on the line in order to do what is right.

I had my wife Juliana proofread this article before submitting it and she said I owe the Marines more than a 30 year fixed "courage" loan. I think she's right. I am so eternally indebted to them. This article is dedicated to the bravest souls I ever met in my life, the junior Marines of 3rd Bn, 1st Marines that I had the distinct honor of serving with. Semper Fidelis! 

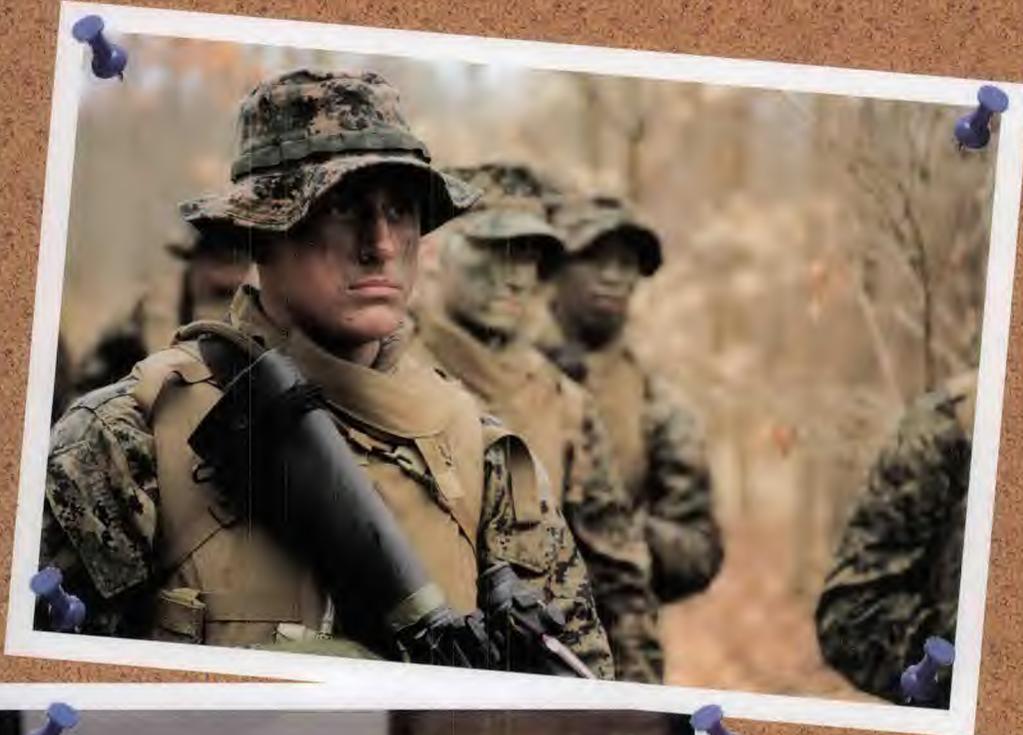


# Around the Barracks





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# Marine Barracks Washington



**MARINES**  
THE FEW. THE PROUD.



FROM THE MARINES AND SAILORS OF  
MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON

FAIRWINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS  
AT YOUR NEXT DUTY STATION

**AN ESTIMATED 12 000 PEOPLE DIE  
IN DRUNK DRIVING CRASHES  
EACH YEAR**



**DONT BECOME A STATISTIC**



**THINK  
BEFORE YOU DRINK**