

“The Oldest Post of the Corps”



Marines, sailors, and civilians of the Oldest Post,

Sergeant Major Gray and I would like to congratulate you on an outstanding and memorable 2015 parade season.

You have consistently represented the very best qualities of United States Marines in front of our Corps' most senior leaders and their guests, to include the Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; Members of Congress; Cabinet Secretaries; Service Chiefs and Secretaries; the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans; and foreign military leaders, among hundreds of other distinguished visitors.

Your individual work ethic and dedication to accomplishing the mission is what makes Marine Barracks Washington the epitome of excellence and the standard bearer for all of those qualities that make Marines unique. You are the connecting files between today's Marines and the history and traditions of our Corps, and you are the standard bearers for those customs and courtesies and standards of conduct that showcase the discipline, morale and esprit de corps of our United States Marines. You have ensured that the legacy of those who have gone before us endures on the historic parade grounds of 8th & I and the Marine Corps War Memorial.

As we move into September, you will have the opportunity to enjoy some well-deserved time off. During that time, remember always who you are and what you represent. While parade season is behind us, we have a busy fall season coming up, beginning with our Fire Team Leaders Course. All of the Marines of the Barracks will once again be front and center during the Commandant's Passage of Command, and many of you will have the privilege of playing a role in laying Tarawa Medal of Honor Recipient, 1stLt Alexander Bonnyman, to rest in Knoxville, TN.

We will soon bid fair winds and following seas to scores of Marines who are departing the Barracks, and we will welcome in a new generation of Barracks Marines. Nothing says more about the quality of a unit than the way they welcome new Marines and the way they say farewell to those departing. Let's ensure we do it right.

Continue to challenge yourself every day and keep your honor clean. We are proud to serve alongside you.

Semper Fidelis,
Col Ben Watson and SgtMaj Joe Gray

DID YOU KNOW?



AUGUST IN NUMBERS

Joint and Marine Corps Color Guard Shots: 35

Funeral Support: 36

Honors Cordons: 2

Silent Drill Platoon Shots: 3

Tuesday and Friday Parades: 6

CORPORAL'S COURSE GRADUATES



Cpl. Kyle Delehanty

Cpl. David Worrell

Cpl. Reid Ohala

Cpl. Karson Smith

Cpl. Jonathan Hernandez

Cpl. Matthew Sann

Cpl. Chad Mikolas

Cpl. Nicholas Adams

Cpl. Zachary McPherson

Cpl. Alexander Findura

Cpl. Johnathon Gilyard

A Brief History of Center House

In 1829 a fire destroyed the original Center House (located on the spot currently occupied by quarters III), and it was rebuilt that same year. In 1902, along with all the other Barracks buildings, Center House was demolished. Five years later it was rebuilt in its current location. Center House is the only closed officer's mess in the Marine Corps and it is a symbol of cherished MC traditions and history.

SPOTLIGHT

COMPANY A

As a first year marcher, Lance Cpl. Connor Dickson has distinguished himself from his peers due to his maturity and ability to accomplish the mission. He recently scored 6 out of 6 during a challenging land navigation exercise, and is known for consistently performing well in the field. Even though he is a rifleman by billet, he is constantly holding his peers accountable and leading by example. In addition to his solid performance as a Marine, he spends his liberty volunteering time at 'So Others May Eat.' Dickson is an outstanding Marine with strong leadership potential.

COMPANY B

Lance Cpl. Hopkins-Taylor has completed two marching seasons, one of which, as Company guidon bearer. In that capacity he advised company grade, field grade, and general officers in the execution of drill and ceremonies. Currently as a fire team leader, he regularly demonstrates above average leadership and competency with regard to tactical instruction and field craftsmanship. Hopkins-Taylor will soon pin on corporal and is a shoe-in for a Fire Team Leader position in the FMF.

HIGHLIGHTS



NCO Sunset Parade, Leading from the Front

Throughout the summers, Marines with the “Corps Oldest Post” perform during the Tuesday Sunset Parades which are regularly staffed with officers and staff non-commissioned officers from the Barracks. However, during the final parade on Aug. 11 that wrapped up the 2015 Tuesday parade season, NCOs held all the key billets.

Want to know more? Click [HERE](#).



Gone But Never Forgotten, Honoring Mike Boffo

Marines from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. laid to rest one of their own at Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Va., Aug. 6, 2015.

Mike Boffo, a Marine veteran who served at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. from 2009 to 2012 succumbed to Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on Aug. 2, 2015.

Want to know more? Click [HERE](#).



The Marine Aides

The enlisted aides for the Commandant of the Marine Corps are there to help the commandant in all official manners. These Marines pass through the Barracks every day in black pants and polo-shirts and stealthily move about during official functions, but the majority of Barracks personnel and guests don't know who they are.

Want to know more? Click [HERE](#).

BCD to Canada

On August 15, 2015, the BCD, featuring the United States Drum and Bugle Corps, Marine Corps Color Guard and the Silent Drill Platoon, woke up before sunrise to travel to Kingston, Ontario, Canada to perform in joint ceremonies throughout the weekend with the Fort Henry Guard.

Want to know more? Click [HERE](#).



Farewell to the FRO

After two faithful years of service to Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., the Family Readiness Officer, Holly Lane, is leaving the Barracks.

Want to know more? Click [HERE](#).



Check out the Barracks' website and Facebook page for photos and information:

 <http://www.barracks.marines.mil/>

 <https://www.facebook.com/MarineBarracks>

PROMOTIONS

Gunnery Sgt. Steven Williams

Sergeant:

Quemaine Tolar
Devin Roseberry
John Green
Daniel Budner
Anthony Hofmeir
Jacob Deguire

Corporal:

James Campbell	Tyler Hendrix
Brandon Gauer	Daniel Schenk
Collin Shoffstall	Oscar Vanegas-
Michael Roberts	Gonzalez
Kirk Thao	Jacob East
Mitchell Garrison	Arkadi Sevyan
	Cody Hicks

Lance Corporal:

Kyle Gifford	Austin Gooch
Ty Petray	John Lyons
Montre Gaut	Steven May
Reagan Gray	Johnson Ngo
Wesley Daughtry	Dylan
Matthew	Wadsworth
McClellan	Hayden Cardwell
Alexander	Andrew Walton
Gillespie	Joseph Bolick
Evan Marchildon	Max Buffington
Matthew Shaw	Dalton Dwinell
Patryk Kostek	Tyler Kaiser
Justin Ayala	Lucas Petersen
Joseph Gates	Darion Sayles

FAREWELL AND FOLLOWING SEAS



This month we bid farewell to:

Maj. Donald Pritchard	Cpl. Henry Howard
Master Gy. Sgt. Thomas Franco	HM2 Michael Pappas
Staff Sgt. Andrew Crane	Lance Cpl. Zachary Jester
Sgt. Gabriela Garcia	Lance Cpl. Carl Roland
Sgt. Nicholas McKinney	Holly Lane
Cpl. Kevin Frazier	

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Sgt. Christopher Brandle
Cpl. Marquez Brown
Staff Sgt. Hiram Carrion-Rodriguez

Pfc. Tyler Griggs
Pfc. Nicholas Gutierrez
Sgt. Samuel Haggard
1st Lt. Charles McCartney
Pfc. Landon McGinnis

Lance Cpl. Ty Petray
1st Sgt. Jimmy Richard Jr.
Lance Cpl. Adam Rihacek
Pfc. Matthew Yeargin

NEWEST BARRACKS' RESIDENTS



Lt. Gen. Robert Neller

Confirmed as the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps



Lt. Gen. Michael Dana

Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics



EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

SMP Ocean City	Sept. 1	0800-2000	Sign up at MCCS Gear Issue Desk
SMP Sugarloaf Mountain Hike	Sept. 8	0900-1400	Sign up at MCCS Gear Issue Desk
Lt. Gen. Glueck Retirement	Sept. 17	1900-2030	Parade Deck
SDP Challenge Day	Sept. 22	0800-1100	Parade Deck
BCD Modern Day Marine	Sept. 23	0730-1030	Quantico, Va.
Passage of Command	Sept. 24	1000-1100	Parade Deck
Lt. Bonnyman's Funeral	Sept. 26	—	Knoxville, Tenn.
Barracks Row Fall Festival	Sept. 26	1100-1700	8th Street
MCI Sundown Ceremony	Sept. 30	—	—
MBW Oktoberfest	Oct. 1	1100-1400	Annex Field