

“The Oldest Post of the Corps”



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

To the Marines, Sailors and civilians of Marine Barracks Washington,

I am truly honored to join the 'Oldest Post of the Corps' and am humbled to serve alongside the talented men and women of this command. It is a privilege for Jill, me, and our four sons to join the tight-knit Barracks family and we look forward to sharing in the camaraderie of this historic post. Marine Barracks Washington enjoys an incredible legacy and a well-earned reputation for excellence. As members of the Barracks, you each are a part of the heart and soul of the Marine Corps, so I ask that you embrace that and enjoy your time assigned here - respect those who have served here and those who come to enjoy the legacy. I am proud to be amongst your ranks!

Semper Fidelis,

Colonel Tyler J. Zagurski

DID YOU KNOW?



Pfc. Harold Schultz

Iwo Jima—Flag Raising

The U.S. Marine Corps has concluded that a previously unknown Marine is in the iconic flag raising image taken atop Mt. Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima in 1945.

M <http://www.marines.mil/News/News-Display/Article/810457/usmc-statement-on-iwo-jima-flagraisers/>

HIGHLIGHTS



Parade Season 2016



As the parade season continues, it has been an honor to support the Commandant and other distinguished guests as they hosted the Honorable Ray Mabus, secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Angus S. King Jr., United States Senator of Maine, General Mark A. Welsh III, chief of staff of the United States Air Force, the Honorable Maize Hirono, United States Senator of Hawaii, the Honorable Jeh Charles Johnson, secretary of Homeland Security, Mr. David A. Brandon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Toys “R” Us and Dr. Rory Cooper, director of Human Engineering Research Laboratories during both the Sunset and Evening Parades.

NCO Sunset Parade

This summer’s traditional NCO Sunset Parade was led by Sgt. Nicholas Smith, parade commander, on the hallowed Marine Corps War Memorial grounds Jun. 28, 2016. Sgt. Maj. Joseph Gray, battalion sergeant major, described the historical significance of this parade, “ as the backbone of the Corps...this parade is important because the NCOs are highlighted and put on the front line... there is so much history and tradition represented here so we want to show the ‘Oldest Post’ through the youngest eyes.” Over the weeks leading up to the parade, the Marines marching in this parade rehearsed with pride and discipline, as they understood the responsibilities that came with their roles. In Smith’s words, “we had pride in representing the Barracks and the Marine Corps. We understood before we stepped onto the parade deck what we were doing , why we were doing it, and who we were doing it for, representation of the NCO Corps was a must!”




HITT Challenge

During this year's MBW's Tactical Athlete Competition, Marines across the command competed in high intensity tactical training events, June 22, 2016. The competition illustrates the advanced dynamics of the HITT training program and recognizes Marines that encompass all facets of a tactical athlete. MBW's winners, Gunnery Sgt. Zoraida Rodriguez-Keeton, United States Marine Band, and Cpl. Christopher Weddington, A Co., will represent the Barracks during the Marine Corps-wide HITT Competition taking place at MCAS Miramar in August. Earning second place was Cpl. Brian Evans, A Co., and placing third was Lance Cpl. Jarris Wade, A Co.



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

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

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

MBW Change of Command

The Marines and Sailors of the Corps' Oldest Post recently bid their farewell to Col. Benjamin T. Watson as he relinquished command to Col. Tyler J. Zagurski during a change of command ceremony, Jun. 29, 2016. After two dedicated years of serving as the Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. Commanding Officer, Col. Watson will be moving on to serve as 2nd Marine Division's Chief of Staff. We welcome Col. Zagurski and his family to the Marine Barracks Washington team!

If you missed the ceremony you can watch it below:

[Change of Command](#)

Photos for the event can be found [HERE](#).



FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS



Marines pose for a photo during the June Farewell social.

Marines are 'played off' during a ceremony for outgoing officers and SNCOs.



WELCOME ABOARD

Pfc. Troy Martin
Pfc. Kevin Fretwell
Pfc. Tyler Blattler
Gy. Sgt. Erwin Jumawan
Master Sgt. Robert Antczak
Capt. James Purtell
Capt. Francisco Vega
Lt. Col. Rafford Coleman
Col. Tyler Zagurski

SPOTLIGHT

Company A

Lance Cpl. Gibran G. Leon is currently serving as a ceremonial rifleman with 1st Squad, Color Guard Platoon. In six short months, Lance Cpl. Leon participated in upwards of 100 high-profile ceremonial commitments across the National Capitol Region. He has also demonstrated above average physical fitness, achieving a 288 on this year's physical fitness test. Based on his current performance, Lance Cpl. Leon will likely assume the responsibility of Fire Team Leader where his budding leadership skills will be best utilized.

H&S

Lance Cpl. Steven Dilone distinguished himself while serving as the Grounds Combat Element squad leader for the Commandant of the Marine Corps garden during the onset of the 2016 Parade Season. Since being assigned as squad leader, SNM has performed beyond expectations of a T/O NCO billet. Lance Cpl. Dilone was entrusted with the most high visibility area of the Barracks due to his initiative, aggressiveness, and attention to detail. SNM has immaculately prepared the CMC Garden for the Barracks most distinguished visitors seven times and has prepared the Garden 10 additional times for ceremonies and tours held inside of CMC's house. His efforts have been instrumental in the success of the Grounds Combat Element throughout the 2016 Marine Barracks Parade Season.

D&B

Corporal Pierson Brannan distinguished himself while serving in the Marketing & Public Relations section for the D&B as the Graphics NCO. He created dozens of projects in support of recruiting efforts and for major performance venues for the D&B and the Battle Color Detachment. Projects created by Cpl. Brannan were seen by thousands of people on social media during Fleet Week in New York, NY and will be seen by thousands more during performances over the summer months. His efforts have been instrumental in the success of the D&B and Battle Color Detachment's marketing presence.

Congrats to our Promoted Marines

PFC

JACOB WALTON

LANCE CORPORAL

LUCIANO ABBATE
DONOVAN CHAPPELL
DEVIN CRARY
JACOB CROWTHER
ROBERTO DEPAZ JR
KHOLTEN EGGLE
DANIEL GROCE JR
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GIBRAN LEON
JOSHUA NEWTON
WESLEY POWER
ADWAIT RANA
CODY SMITH

DEVON SWINNEY

JOSHUA THEEL
CHRISTIAN WAITERS
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ESTEVAN IBARRA
SETH LEITHEISER
GERALD TREDO

SGT

JACOB FIELDS
ANGEL ACOSTA
CASEY ALVORD
COREY STULCE

SSGT

JOSEPH BRICKEY

MGYSGT

RAFEK EDWARDS

MAJ

JASON CIARCIA
MATTHEW LAMPERT