

"The Oldest Post of the Corps"



DID YOU KNOW?



Arcade

The arcade pillars make a great staging area for the Marines before they march out during parades, but that wasn't their original purpose.

When the Barracks was rebuilt in 1908, the architect constructed these pillars to be exactly the right size for one Marine to stand behind and defend the Barracks from invaders.

OCTOBER IN NUMBERS

Joint and Marine Corps Color Guard
Shots: 68

Funeral Support: 60

Honors Cordons: 7

Silent Drill Platoon Shots: 3

Battle Color Detachment: 4

USMB Public Concerts: 14



SPOTLIGHT

GRADUATES

Sergeant's Course

Sgt. Allen Banks Jr. (Gung Ho Award)

Sgt. Kevin Boblits

Sgt. Eric Burchfield

Sgt. Jonathan Patrick (ranked 2nd)

Sgt. Kelsey Rainville



USMB

Cpl. Jessica Martinez is the USMB supply clerk and proved to be invaluable during the FY15 close out . She plays an integral role in the USMB supply office and sets an example for all junior Marines to emulate. In addition to her primary duties, she is the NCOIC for the company's field day, president of the SMP, company representative for the NCO guild, docent and an active volunteer.

Company B

Lance Cpl. Anthony Huffman, Body Bearer, recently took 3rd place overall at the Teambix "Thriller Throwdown 2" Strongman competition, including first place in the 645 pound frame carry. His dedication to training for the event, on top of the demanding schedule endured by all Body Bearers, represented the Barracks in the best possible way.

Company A

Lance Cpl. Christopher Weddington was selected as the Silent Drill Platoon's assistant drill master out of a class of 17 Marines. He will be the primary instructor for the upcoming Silent Drill School, the platoon's Landing Party Manual for SDP's training trip to MCAS Yuma and the main "critiquer" for the 2016 Parade Season. Next fall, he will become SDP's Drill Master. Weddington was chosen because of his work ethic, mental toughness and ability to maintain and enforce the high standards displayed by the SDP.

Guard Company

Cpl. Jasper Moore served as a squad leader and single-handedly managed the most challenging portion of the platoon's marksmanship program for more than six months. Moore's service epitomized Marine Corps values and consistently set the example for peers and subordinates to emulate. Moore will be leaving the Barracks to serve at the White House Communications Agency beginning in November.

HIGHLIGHTS

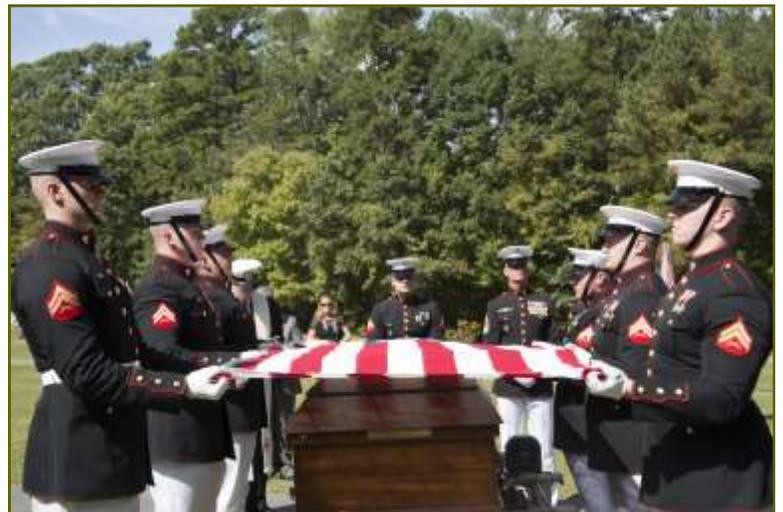


Laying our own to rest

Body Bearers from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., conduct the flag folding during the service of Cpl. William Ferrell at Cross Hill Cemetery, Carthage, NC, Oct. 8, 2015.

On Sept. 29, 2015 Cpl. William Ferrell was struck by a vehicle and killed in Thurmont, Md. "The command is heartbroken by the loss of one of our own, and our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Cpl. William Ferrell," said Col. Benjamin Watson.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



A Co. MOUT training

On Oct. 15, 2015, Company A, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., conducted military operations in urban terrain on Range UTC-B MOUT Town, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The training was intended to increase fire team and squad level proficiency.

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





Lending a helping hand

There are many volunteers and caring individuals aboard Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., who bring smiles to the faces of many people. RP2 Jacob Birtola, Religious Practitioner, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., is one of those individuals.

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

MBW prepares for the MCM

Whether a first time runner or a veteran of the MCM, Marines from the “Corps Oldest Post” all have their own unique way of readying themselves for the course’s demanding 26.2 miles.

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



VIDEO: Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon - Cpl. Jonathan Hernandez

They’re called the Marching Twenty Four and they are the precision drilling team of the U.S. Marine Corps. Cpl. Jonathan Hernandez is a squad leader on the 24-man platoon. His motivation comes from his family, who immigrated to Texas from Mexico several generations ago.



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

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

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

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS



Top: Col. Benjamin Watson speaks to a group of Marines at the Staff NCO Club during a farewell social, Oct. 28.

Bottom: Marines walk across the parade deck during a Playoff ceremony, Oct. 29.



PROMOTIONS

1st Sgt. Jimmy Richard Jr.

Gunnery Sergeant:
Joshua Danne Miller

Sergeant:
Eugene Adams IV
Alexis Lindsey

Corporal:
Zachary Arneson
Andrew Cochran
Derrick Cronsell
Brian Deal

Michael Fowler
Anthony Hicks
Jeremiah Kuntz
Andrew Snipes

Lance Corporal:
Hayden Stringer
Timothy Taylor
Marcelle Wilson
Christian Lynette
Robert Morris
Andrew Mudlock III
Daniel Queathem

Brandon Johnson
Kyle Freer
Marcos Garcia
Daniel Bennett
Wilson Brown
Jerry Cervantes
Adysen Clark
Daniel Aldaco

Private First Class:
Luciano Abbate
Cody Smith

Joshua Theel
Adwait Rana

WELCOME ABOARD

Pvt:
Devin Crary
Xavier Olivero

Nicolas Firman
Christopher Ochoa
Joselito Payero
Arnaldo Rodriguez

Pfc:
David Estes
Timothy Weiland
Kyle Kotasenski
Luciano Abbate
Cody Smith
Luke Evans
Logan Cradic
Clauvis Chishibanji
Robert Delaune
Xavier Whitaker

Adwait Rana
Joshua Theel
Braxten Chadwell
Tyler Robinson
William Blythe

Cpl:
Reinhard Bustillos
Johnathon Markworth

Gy. Sgt. Jeffrey Wirges

240th Marine Corps Birthday Message



THE LEGACY WITHIN

240th MBW Birthday Ball Info

**Nov. 21, cocktails at 1800, ceremony at 1900
Washington Hilton**

Guest of Honor: Gen. Joseph Dunford

Last day of ticket sales: Friday, Nov. 13

Transportation: MBW will provide a vehicle for any Marines requiring round trip transportation from MBW to the hotel.

Daycare: Daycare is NOT provided by MBW or the hotel. The Marine will be reimbursed after they've submitted a receipt for child care to their 1stSgt. All that is needed is a receipt.

For more information contact your company leadership.

EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

Wreath Laying Ceremony	Nov. 10	1000	Marine Corps War Memorial
Sousa Birthday Celebration	Nov. 6	1100	Congressional Cemetery
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11	—	Leave Day
D&B Show	Nov. 11	1030	American Legion Post
Oyster Bowl	Nov. 24	1000	Annex
Thanksgiving Leave	Nov. 26-30	—	Check with your company for details