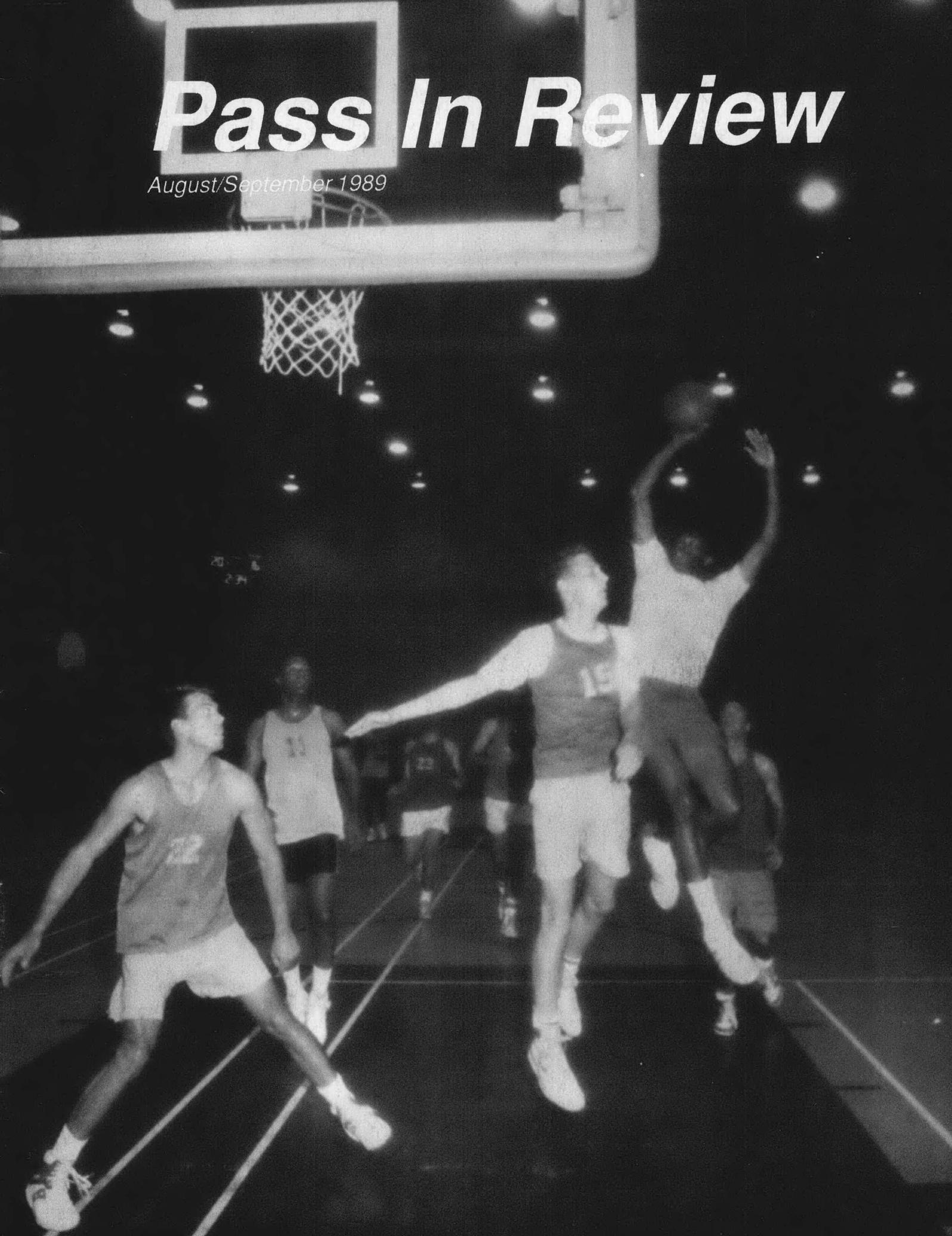


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## **On the cover...**

SSgt. Joe Moore, D&B Co., puts his best moves on Fort Henry Guards' round ball players. Marine Barracks won the game 49-42 played during the Marine visit to the historic Canadian fort. For the complete game story see page 14.

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## **Boom!**

Artillerymen of the Fort Henry Guard fire a 24 pound, smoothbore, muzzleloading shotgun at the end of an evening performance at the historic fort in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Marines from 8th & 1 visited the fort Aug. 26-30 for several joint shows. For more on the 8th & 1 visit to old Fort Henry see the October Pass In Review.

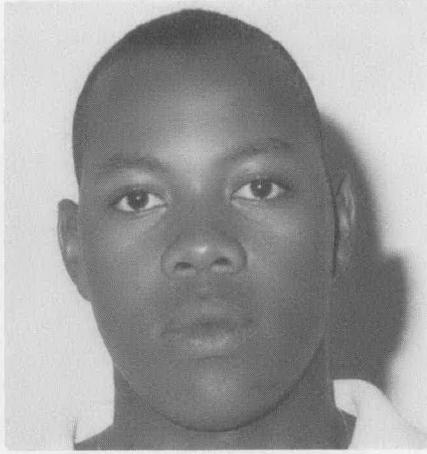


# **Should burning the American flag be illegal?**



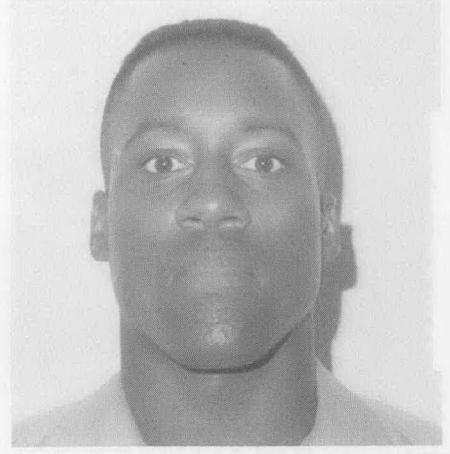
**Josephine Green,  
Personnel Management**

"I think burning the flag should be illegal. We owe patriotism to our country."



**LCpl. Steven Palmer,  
B Co.**

"Yes. It would show that the people who went to war fought for something worthwhile."



**1stLt. Michael Langley,  
MCI Co.**

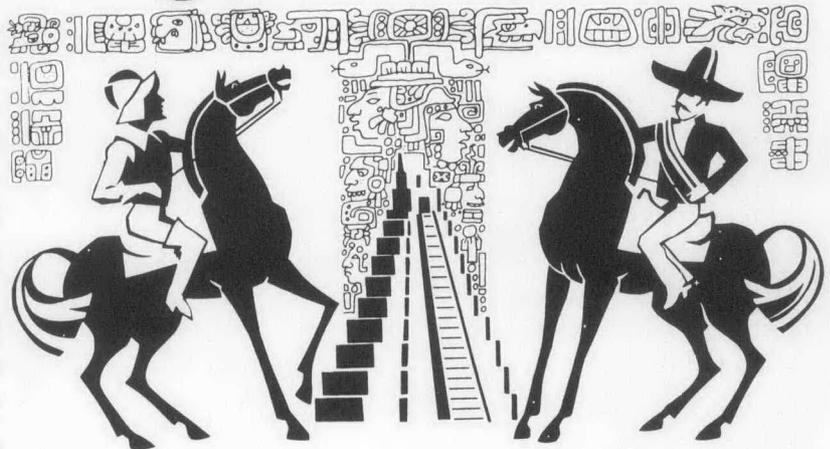
"Desecration of our national symbol should be considered a federal offense"

## **Command Information**

# **Hispanic Heritage Month 1989**

September 15 to October 15 has been designated as "National Hispanic Heritage Month, 1989." The theme this year is "500 Years of Hispanic Heritage...The Continuing Adventure." This observance is significant as it expanded Hispanic Heritage Week into a month-long observance.

Hispanic Americans play a vital role in the defense of our nation. They have served and will continue to serve the United States Marine Corps in the bravest and most admirable fashion. Thirteen hispanic Marines have received the



Honor (Boxer Rebellion 1, WWII 1, Korea 5, Vietnam 6).  
**HQMC**

## Defense Hot Line:

# Ten Years of Success

Telephone hot lines serve many needs. Poison-control hot lines save numerous lives each year. Suicide hot lines are often the last and best hope to prevent a useless death. And the Washington-Moscow hot line stays poised for the countries to contact each other in a crisis.

The Department of Defense also has a hot line that has worked well through the years. Since its inception in 1979 to report instances of fraud, waste and mismanagement, the Defense Hot Line has received more than 75,000 contacts; more than 14,500 of them have resulted in corrective actions.

In the last four years, information provided by the hot line resulted in documented savings of more than \$88 million.

In a memorandum to all DoD personnel, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney emphasized his commitment to the reduction of fraud, waste and mismanagement in defense programs. "The Defense Hot Line is one method that has been employed to bring about improvements in Defense operations," Cheney wrote.

"The DoD Hot Line has identified instances of product substitution, falsified test records and defective materiel that could have endangered the lives of our military personnel had the problem remained undetected," his memorandum continued. "However, continued effort is required if we are to minimize the effect of fraudulent and wasteful practices that threaten the safety of DoD personnel or that eat away at the tax dollars provided for national defense."

Fraud, waste and mismanagement hot lines are most effective in matters of overpricing, misusing authority and government property, and falsifying official documents and records, according to Benjamin Simon, chief of the Defense Hot Line program.

But Simon stressed that military people and civilians should try first to resolve fraud, waste or mismanagement matters by reporting them to

their superiors, local law enforcement officials or inspectors general. "They should exhaust every remedy available at the local level," he said.

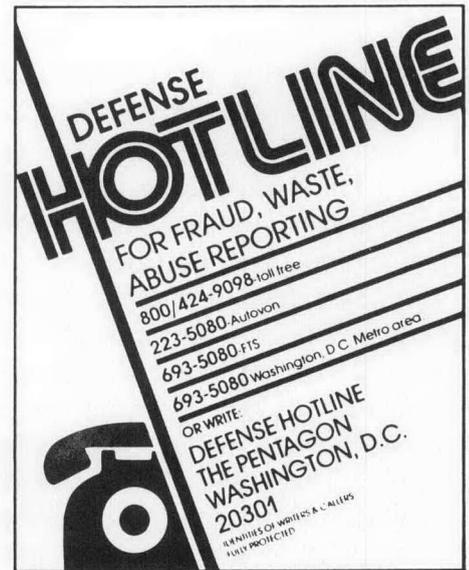
"Experience has shown that people generally get faster action when such matters are brought

to the attention of local authorities and that in most cases the problem would eventually be handled at the local level anyway," said Simon. "The Defense Hot Line should be used when all known channels have been exhausted of where the person is concerned that the problem might not receive fair and objective examination."

Cheney's memorandum also addressed the protection of those who use the Hot Line. "The effectiveness of the Hot Line is dependent on information from those who witness or are aware of actions that are detrimental to efficient and economical Government operations. The protection of those personnel who call or write the Hot Line against identification and/or retaliation is, therefore, a cornerstone of the program." Reprisals violate the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978.

The Hot Line telephone numbers are: 800-424-9098 (toll free), 693-5080 (National Capital Region) and AUTOVON 223-5080. Address mail to: Defense Hot Line, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1900.

**by Tom Joyce**  
**AFIS**



# Zero defects -- Listen before it's too late

*Editor's note -- The following article appeared in the August 1989 issue of Marine Corps Gazette. It is reprinted here with their permission.*

The Commandant has tried to foment a quiet revolution within our Corps by telling us to eliminate the zero defects mentality. But at times, I despair that not all Marines are listening. The zero defects state of mind, while certainly not crippling our organization, has dealt it a hard blow. I did not realize how insidious and pervasive the disease of zero defects was until I began to examine it carefully, especially as it affects the 4th Marine Division. I suspect all parts of the Corps are experiencing the same symptoms.

The 4th Division is probably the best Reserve division in the world -- well equipped, fairly well trained, and comprised of talented, motivated people. So what's the problem? The problem is

that we are not close to realizing our potential, and one of the primary reasons is the mindset that has quietly crept into our consciousness in the past decade and a half. We have become more interested in form

*"We have become more interested in form than substance, statistics than truth, fear than trust, inspection grades than true capability..."*

than substance, statistics than truth, fear than trust, inspection grades than true capability, and burdened with "CYA" paperwork that is "strangling" commanding officers at every level. I believe all of this is related to zero defects.

The effect of the disease is reflected in the training schedules of the 4th Marine Division. They are the only pieces of paper that no one seems interested in, despite the fact that they reflect the heart and soul of the division. In many of the schedules you find things such as a weekend devoted to a mobilization exercise. This doesn't look so bad until you understand what it means. It is a practice for an inspection. It reflects inspection paranoia. Mobilization and Readiness Deployment Tests (MORDTs) are no-notice inspections in the Selected Marine Corps Reserve that examine, among other things, personnel recall and administrative and logistical readiness to deploy. In some cases the unit is loaded aboard aircraft and flown to a training site. The fear of not being perfect on these inspections had been so inculcated into the psyche of the division that it wasn't uncommon to find one or more precious drill weekends -- we only have 12 plus a 2-week training period, usually in the summer -- wasted on practicing for the inspection. Before the inspector general's inspection was incorporated into the division's inspection program, it too gobbled up at least two weekends when units should have been in the field. Now the commanding general's inspection is combined with the no-notice MORDT and practices for it are not allowed.

What's the result? Well, all our units are not perfect, but they never were, even when they practiced for the inspection. I am not concerned that a unit has weaknesses, as long as the commanding officer knows, cares, and is trying to correct them. Striving for excellence is what we

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correct them. Striving for excellence is what we should be doing. Demanding perfection is foolish. But the zero defects sickness caused this inspection paranoia.

Despite the fact that today's young Marines -- by anyone's standards -- are damned good, many of us are still treating them like children, instead of expecting great things from them.

This, too, is caused by the disease. Much to my chagrin, I discovered the 782 gear of the division locked up in supply spaces and issued to Marines piece by piece when they came to weekend training. I call it "canteen cup mentality." The problem with such a procedure is it takes two or three hours to issue 782 gear out and the same amount of time to turn it in -- precious training time! When I directed units to issue it permanently to their Marines and let them

*"Despite the fact that today's Marines ...are damned good, many of us are still treating them like children..."*

take it home, the hue and cry was surprising. The sorry excuses I heard as to why it shouldn't be done from some of our leaders was disheartening. We are going to have a few individuals who walk away with their 782 gear, and we will not recover it. But is that any reason to treat an entire division like recruits instead of Marines? The minuscule loss is the cost of doing business. It is not lack of concern over supply matters. We must instill a sense of responsibility in our Marines. A "canteen cup mentality" subconsciously erodes their belief in themselves. There probably was a time during the late sixties and seventies when we needed to lock up everything we owned, but those days are over and our thinking must change.

The intelligence of young Marines is unsurpassed in my experience, yet they continue to tell

me they are not solicited for ideas and thoughts by their leaders, nor are they really turned loose to do anything. I realize this isn't true in every unit, but I know we have not made enough progress in this area. In combat, corporals and sergeants do the fighting and carry the battle. Make no mistake about that. They are begging to be loaded with commensurate responsibility

in peacetime, and we had better give it to them if we expect them to perform in war. If we allow young Marines to do what they should be doing, are they going to make mistakes? Of course! But that is the only way they will learn. We have a moral obligation to let them try. If your unit is still afflicted with the zero defects disease however, there is little hope. Officers are going to continue to do staff noncommissioned officers' work, and they in turn, are going to do the corporal's job.

The mind-numbing flood of absolutely useless paperwork that is drowning the Marine Corps is another symptom. If you examine it closely, the majority is simply CYA garbage. Often, we don't have the courage to give someone a mission and let them get on with it. We feel

better when we have a piece of paper from them in our files telling us they did what we told them to do. It's crazy, and we are all guilty. We have eliminated 22 4th Marine Division reports. More will go. These useless reports exist in your unit, too. Attack them as an enemy, and we will make progress; unless of course, you don't trust your Marines and are afraid some inspector will want to see that piece of paper that will certify you didn't (heaven forbid) make a mistake.

The Commandant has done all he can. The rest is up to us. We can eradicate the zero defects disease. I suggest we get on with the job before it's too late and we become a corps of sheep, afraid to let our subordinates do anything and afraid to trust each other.

**Maj. Gen. Walter E. Boomer**  
**CG 4th Marine Division**

# "Tell it to the Marines"

"Tell it to the Marines" was once used as a Marine Corps recruiting slogan. The phrase traditionally meant that if there was a tough job that needed to be done one should "Tell it to the Marines" because they could handle it.

When Sam Tramel needed help cleaning up a local youth center he took the words of that slogan to heart and called on the Marines of 8th & I.

"I needed volunteers and I knew the Marines are men of action," said Tramel, executive director of the Center for Youth Services.

The non-profit organization runs the youth center on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and 9th St. and provides educational, employment training, day care, medical and substance abuse counseling programs for the area's high risk youth. According to Tramel, 80 percent of the



**Marines cleared the overgrown fence surrounding the center.**

youth who visit the center are high school drop-outs and 40 percent are substance abusers. But because of the overgrown and unkempt appearance of the building and its grounds many of the children who might take advantage of the programs were fearful of entering.

Answering Tramel's call for help was 8th & I's B Co.

"Mr. Tramel told me he has called for volunteers in the neighborhood before," said Capt.

David Close, B Company's commanding officer. "But he never received the manpower support he needed. Many neighbors have donated their money, and others donated their time to work with the children at the center, but no one wanted to donate their sweat. That's where we came in."

At 7 a.m. August 3rd B Co. ran in formation up to the youth center. The scene that greeted them looked like the set of the old "Adams Family" television show. The 123 year-old victorian mansion was overgrown with vines. Scars of previous burglaries, several broken windows had been boarded up to deter future break-ins. In the rear of the property was a vine-choked horse stable filled with empty alcohol containers, rags, drug paraphernalia and two sleeping homeless men. Under the front steps were more empty liquor bottles, more drug paraphernalia and human feces and urine; the area below the steps was used as an open toilet by the addicts and drifters who stay here illegally. Surrounding the building was a yard of knee-high weeds and grass littered with garbage. A few spots in the thick grass yielded vials of crack, stashed by dealers or users. The grounds were enclosed by a high wrought iron fence which was almost completely hidden by vines and bushes that have grown wild for years.

The sight was not an encouraging one, but armed with rakes, shovel axes and lawn mowers B Co. went to work.

"I think the Marines were apprehensive at first," said Close. "Many of them worked on the old "Trash-Ex" clean-ups and remembered how the streets were filled with garbage the day after they cleaned the whole neighborhood. But here was a place that would help people. By cleaning this center we could reach out to the local kids and help pull them off the streets."





story by  
Cpl. J.D. Moore  
photos by  
Sgt. D.L. Hayes

### ***B Co. Marines attack the old horse stable.***

This was one way to help the war on drugs. They could see they were definitely helping the community out."

With the grounds divided into separate "areas of operation", each platoon raced against the others to see who would complete their clean-up first. The leathernecks mowed grass, cleared the building and the fence of excess bushes and vines. They also re-landscaped part of the yard and cleaned the stable and below the steps.

By 11:30 a.m. the Marines were done and the youth center once again looked welcome and ready to serve the local youth.

"It only took them four hours to do what it would have taken us two weeks to do if we had the equipment manpower. I was thoroughly impressed," Tramel said.

"It's no longer an eyesore," he continued. "By improving the building's looks it enhances the community. If the building looks clean and safe it will encourage more people to take advantage of our services."

B Company's Marines were also optimistic about the effect their efforts would have.

"I'd like to think it looks more welcome than an overgrown haunted mansion," said LCpl. Marvin Richards, 1st Plt. "Hopefully, the center will give the kids a better environment to play in and help get them off the streets and away from drugs."

"I think it was worth it for the community," added LCpl. Jim Kennedy. "It will also give people a better impression of what 8th & I's Marines are all about. We don't just drink and raise Hell all; we care about the community and our neighborhood. We live here too."



*LCpls. Robert Rubio (left) and John Kennedy assist in exchanging CH-53E tires with smaller F-4 tires to reduce the overall height of the helicopter so it will fit easily in the C-5.*

# CH-53Es deploy to "Oki" for first time

story and photos  
by  
Sgt. Denise J. Roca

MCAS El Toro, Calif. -- As the final C-5 Galaxy transport involved in the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 462 (HMH-462) load exercise left here for Okinawa, Japan, July 7, it carried with it a part of Marine Corps History.

Three cargo planes took off in two-day intervals starting July 3, marking the culmination of a year's work. A combination of equipment and people from HMH-465 and HMH-466 formed the first composite squadron HMH-462(C) in the

Corps to have both CH-53A/D and CH-53E Super Stallion.

It is also the first time that CH-53Es are being sent to Okinawa to be permanently stationed in support of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

"Last July we loaded two CH-53A/D Sea Stallions in a C-5 and took them to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash.," said 1stLt. George Brounty, officer-in-charge of the Naval Maintenance Training Detachment School. "While we were there we trained the Marines to tear down and put together the aircraft. It was a great success, the aircraft tested perfectly and three days later we flew them back non-stop."

Five CH-53Es flew to El Toro June 23 for the teardown phase of this mission. Three days later, 44 Marines from squadron '462(C) began the hands-on work that was explained to them in great detail during their briefing.

"These Marines caught on quickly and pulled together as a giant family," said Brounty. "After 14 hours of work the first day we had to order them to go home."

Even though teamwork was a key factor during the two days it took to tear down all five helicopters, organization and planning also played a critical role.

For a Super Stallion to fit inside of a C-5, all of the protruding parts have to be either taken off or folded in. To make it easier on all the Marines involved, all of the components taken off of the

helicopters were put inside the aircraft from which they came.

The reason for this is not only to make reassembly easier, but because it is critical for every part to go back on the proper aircraft. According to Brounty, if specific parts are switched there could be problems with the aircraft.

"I was reluctant to be involved in a C-5 breakdown vice going over on a ship because of the multitude of problems that could arise," said GySgt. Richard VanGee, quality assurance. "But I feel great about it now because everything went perfectly."

Once in Okinawa, the estimated time it would take to get the aircraft ready to fly would be less than five days, according to Brounty.

"I'm looking forward to getting overseas so we can put the aircraft back together," said Cpl. Matt Sebastino, support equipment. "It's a great boost to know we're the first to take the 'Echos' to Okinawa. It's something that will be remembered for years to come."



**LCpl. Steve Stubia attaches control rods to a new main gear box.**

*"It's a real boost to know we're the first to take the 'Echos' to Okinawa..."*  
*--Cpl. Matt Sebastino*

# "Chesty

## Burgers" anyone?

At the end of the parade season my normal reaction is, "Well, great, we can all take a break from ceremonial traditions for a while." The bleachers come down, the line at the press shop dwindles and suddenly I have a social life on Friday nights again. But, as the saying goes, the job isn't done until the paperwork is

finished. Here at the Barracks the last ceremonial act of the parade season is the Post Parade Season Conference.

Essentially the Post Parade Season Conference is a one day meeting of all the section heads, company commanders and other key players in the parades. They try to make suggestions on how to improve the parade se-

quence or most often, improve the atmosphere elements like parking or parade seating.

The suggestions they



**"Get  
'em  
while  
they're  
hot!"**

bring with them are one submitted from all levels in the chain of command. The Commanding Officer heads the conference and makes the final decision to approve or disapprove the changes.

Before I go to the conference, I try to look up some of the past suggestions that have been made. It's a good starting point for thinking about the task at hand. More importantly, at least looking at the suggestions that have been disapproved is a good laugh.

**Item # 1:** Addition of a lighted stadium scoreboard.

**Discussion:** A lighted stadium scoreboard could be added to the south end of the Parade Deck above the Band Hall.

Instant replays of key elements of the parade like "sound off" and the manual of arms could be shown for instant replay to the audiences. One of those computerized message boards could be used to spell out such things as, "Go A Company!", or, "Welcome, Great White Beaver Lodge # 254." The board could also inspire the crowd to applaud or stand when required, and perhaps even initiate "the wave."

**Item # 2:** Sale of pennants and memorabilia.

**Discussion:** Pennants with the names of the various companies (i.e.; "Drum & Bugle Corps" or "B Co.") could be manufactured and sold. This would encourage the audience to identify with the various performing elements and cheer for them. Other items with the names of the various companies or parade scenes could be sold as well. Place mats with the Silent Drill Team on them or bleacher cushions with Chesty's image on it would be good sellers. A gift stand could be erected across from the post to sell these items.

**Item # 3:** Music video for distribution to MTV or VH-1.

**Discussion:** Prior to the start of the next parade season the Barracks should capitalize on the music video boom by making a music video for distribution to the music video channels. Music from the Marine Band and D&B could be used for the audio, and scenes of the parades would be used for the visuals. Perhaps a break-dancing adaptation of the SDT routine could be worked out using a layer of linoleum on centerwalk. The "Voice of the Barracks" could rap out a narration for the video.

**Item # 4:** Guest musicians for the pre-parade concert.

**Discussion:** Various music groups could be booked as "Guest Musicians" for the Friday pre-parade concerts. Such groups as "The Fat Boys", "Megadeath" or "Lawrence Welk" would probably draw

***"I wonder what they'll think about my idea for an Astroturf parade deck..."***

large crowds from more varied backgrounds.

**Item # 5:** Refreshment Stand.

**Discussion:** A refreshment stand would give people waiting to see the parade a chance for a snack and could probably be profitable. The menu could include specialty items like "The Adjutant's Burger", "Chesty's Chili Dog" or "Guidon's Grinder."

The paperwork on another ceremonial summer of parades will be finished when this year's Post Parade Season Conference concludes. There may be some additions to the "disapproved" list when the conference is over, but I suppose tradition has to be maintained in the face of commercial advances. Which reminds me, I wonder what they'll think of my idea for an Astroturf parade deck...

**story by  
Capt. M.D. Visconage**

## 8th & I over Fort Henry Guard 49-42

After a see-saw first half, 8th & I's Marines pulled ahead to defeat Fort Henry Guard 49-42 in basketball at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

On their home turf, the Canadian Guardsmen led during most of the first half of the game, with the Marines trailing behind by a few baskets.

The Guard's Chris Nash and Ron Peters led the Canadian offense with 10 points each, followed by Jamie Paulson with 6. Moe Foster put up 4 more for the FHG team who led until the half. After forcing the Marines to play "catch-up" for most of the first half, the two teams were tied 22-22 at the half.

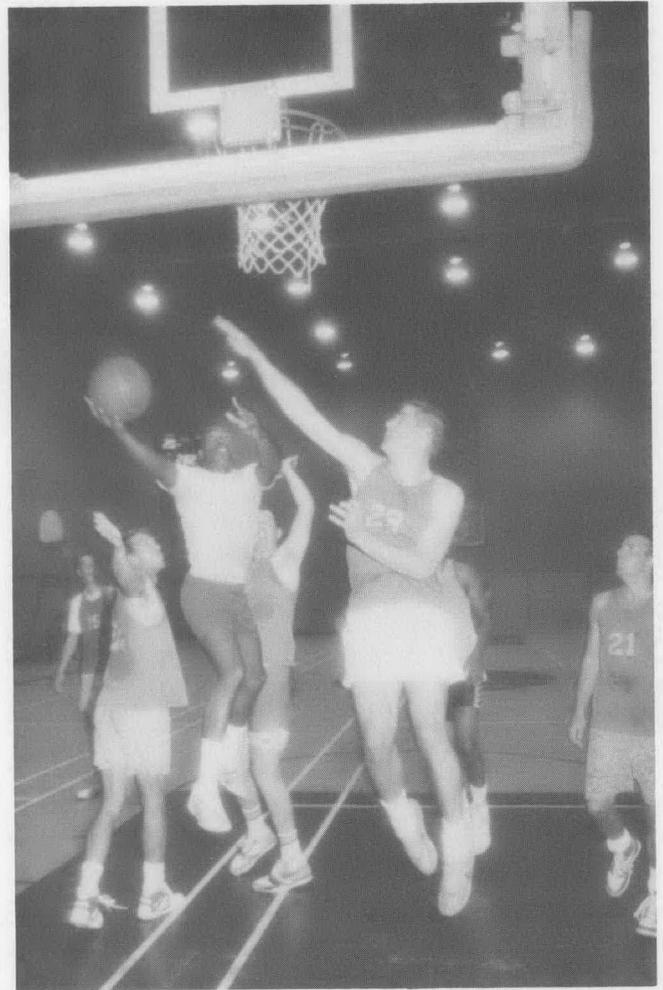
The Barracks' deficit was evened up in part by LCpl. Rick Davis put up 9 points for 8th & I, and Sgt. D'-Juan Boyd with 8, who led the Marine Bar-

racks team in scoring. SSgt. Bernard Bowden added 6 more, along with Sgt. Steve Samuels and LCpl. Kevin Buckles who each contributed 4 points for the Barracks team.

Both teams' intense, aggressive play resulted in numerous fouls on both ends of the court. Fort Henry's Guardsmen had 12 team fouls, and Nash and Peters each made 5 personal fouls causing half of FHG's 20 personal fouls. The Guard's fouling resulted in 7 points from the charity line for the Marines.

The Marines played just as rough; 12 team fouls and 18 personal fouls. Davis fouled 5 times, followed by Samuels and Boyd who each had 4 personal fouls. The Marines aggressiveness gave FHG 6 free throw points.

The Marines seemed more organized



**SSgt. Joe Moore goes up for two more against FHG.**

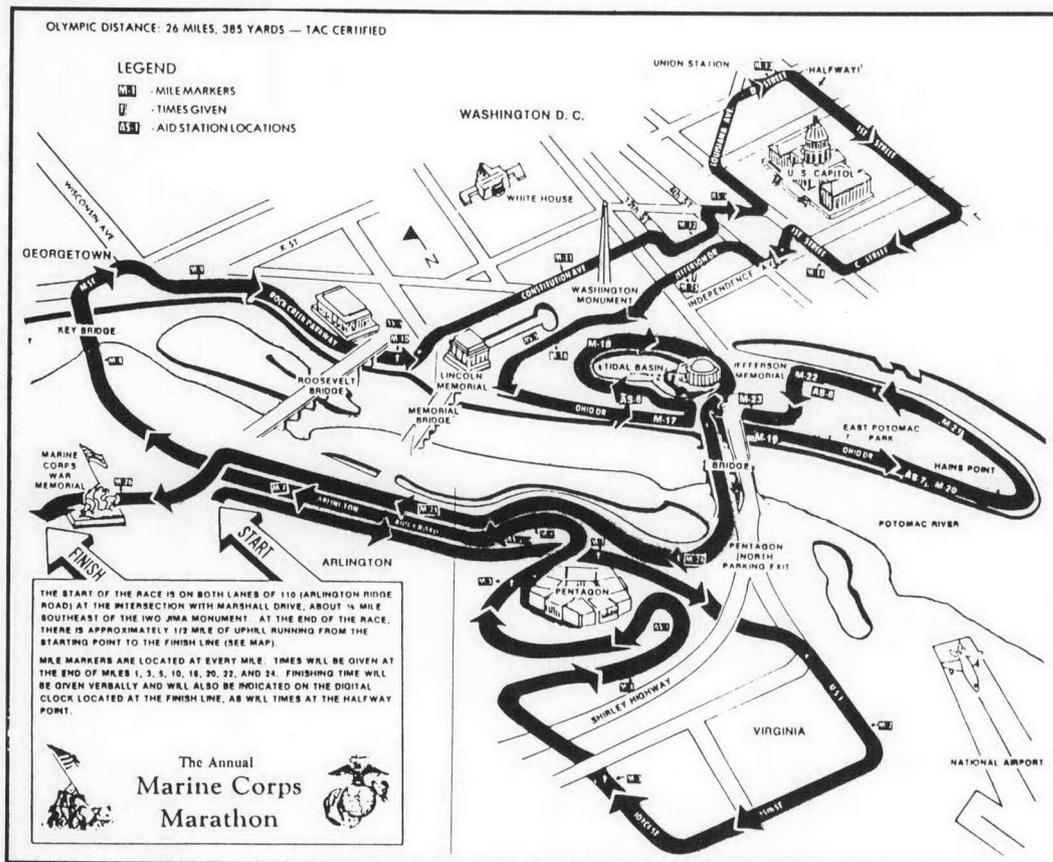
on the court in the second half, and their good passing and fast pressing gave them control of the half. The Americans pulled ahead slowly, but steadily and at 9:16 into the second half they had built up a 9 point lead.

The Guard proved they would not be easily defeated however. Their determination showed when the Canadians hit the Marines with two fast field goals back-to-back. With less than 10 minutes left in the

game Nash put two more points on the board for FHG. As the Marines took the ball back into play the Guard's Foster stole it in the key and quickly closed the gap by 2 more points.

Despite Fort Henry's efforts to chip away at their lead the Americans were able to stay ahead. With less than two minutes left Boyd sunk the last two points for 8th & I to cap the Marines' victory 49-42.

**story and photo by  
Cpl. J.D. Moore**



# Marine Corps Marathon

For the fourteenth consecutive year, the boom of a howitzer will sound the start of the annual Marine Corps Marathon on Nov. 5.

The race will start at 8:50 a.m. for wheelchair competitors and 9 a.m. for runners. Known as "The People's Race," the marathon is open to 13,000 runners, regardless of age or racing experience.

The race is also famous for its scenic route through the nation's capital. The 26 mile, 385 yard, TAC certified course will begin at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va. The runners will run south past the Pentagon towards National Airport, then loop back around

the Pentagon heading back past the Marine Corps War Memorial. After crossing the Key Bridge the field will run down Rock Creek Parkway passing the Kennedy Center. Turning left onto Constitution Ave. the runners will pass the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument and circle the U.S. Capitol. From the Capitol the runners will head to the edge of the Potomac River, then around the Tidal Basin and Jefferson Memorial and around Hains Point. After crossing back over to the Virginia side of the Potomac the competitors will turn north and head back to the Marine Corps

War Memorial where the race will end.

This year's entry fee is \$17, with the entry deadline on Oct. 13. Applications will be accepted after the deadline, however there will be an additional late entry fee of \$8 for those entrants. Runners will receive a T-shirt, commemorative patch, official race program, and all finishers will receive a completion certificate, finisher's medal and a complete listing of race results.

For more information contact Marine Barracks Special Services at 433-4295/96.

**compiled by  
 Cpl. J.D. Moore**

# Know Local Drinking Laws

Cpl. J.D. Moore  
Pass In Review

Contrary to popular belief, ignorance is not bliss. In fact, for a Marine who doesn't know or abide by the local drinking laws his or her ignorance may cost thousands of dollars.

Because of the Barracks' location in the District of Columbia, and close proximity to Maryland and Virginia, Marines stationed here should be familiar with all three governments' drinking laws.

In both Maryland and Virginia, the legal age for consuming any kind of alcoholic beverage is 21. In D.C. the age is also 21, with one exception. If you turned 18 years-old before Oct. 30, 1986, you may drink beer or light wine, such as wine coolers.

All three areas have laws against using fake or altered identification for acquiring alcohol. Although the laws differ, a \$1,000 fine and/or one year in jail is generally the maximum penalty for both states and the district.

For those Marines that are of age, here are a few hints that will help make your liberty fun, and safe:

- Don't drink and drive. Have a designated driver or take public transportation if you intend to drink.
- Know your limits and stick to them. Too much alcohol can make a good friend into an obnoxious fool who ruins the party for everyone.
- If you see another Marine who has had too much to drink, help him get home safely. He may not be in

One Way  
Or Another  
You'll End Up With  
A Designated  
Driver!



your platoon or company, but he is in your Corps. Look out for your fellow Marines.

- Know the drinking laws of the area you're in. Be aware of any changes in laws when you cross the state line.

**See "Know Laws", pg. 17**

## Uniform Regs Change

HQMC

Marine Corps Bulletin 1020 dated 14 June 89 outlines new uniform regulations.

Highlights of the bulletin include: male Marines are prohibited from wearing earrings under any circumstances; anodized medals

may be worn by Marines at their option, but anodized and non-anodized medals may not be worn together. Marines may wear anodized medals in formation with Marines wearing nonanodized medals.

Local commanders may authorize non-emergency stops by Marines wearing the utility uniform, but the utility uniform will not be worn for leave and liberty.

**See "New Regs", pg. 17**

## Early Out for SNCOs

HOMC

The Marine Corps is asking if there are any staff NCOs who want an early transfer to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve prior to their EAS. If there aren't enough volunteers the next round of early outs may not be voluntary. ALMAR 111-89 explains why.

The ALMAR says some eligibility requirements for early transfer

by Marines with more than 20 years of service will be waived in certain fields and grades, to open up promotions opportunities in lower ranks. Time in grade, obligated service and time on station requirements may all be waived in some cases. Rotation tour date is not waivable.

A complete listing of eligible MOSs is

**See "Early Outs", pg. 17**

## D.C. Guard Joins War On Drugs

Tom Joyce  
AFIS

The District of Columbia National Guard received \$2.6 million of \$40 million recently appropriated by Congress for use by guard units across the nation to help fight the war on drugs.

The D.C. National Guard received the third largest allocation to assist the Metropolitan Police Department in drug interdiction in the Nation's Capitol, where 75 percent of all murders are suspected of being drug-related.

According to Maj. Phyllis Phipps-Barnes of the D.C. National Guard, there is no provision in the D.C. National Guard's Drug Operation Support Plan for members to be placed on the streets arresting citizens or any face-to-face confrontation with drug dealers.

"However," she said, "the plan does include a wide range of missions, all in the category of assistance to local law enforcement agencies in the interdiction and eradication of illegal

drugs in the nation's capitol.

"The tasks and missions will include the use of specialized equipment such as night-vision devices, helicopters, special communications equipment, trained military personnel from both Army and Air Guard units and operations such as air-to-ground communications, processing illegal drug activity information and augmenting local law enforcement personnel."

## Courts-Martial

**PFC David Sumpman, B Co.**, was convicted at a summary court martial of two counts of Article 86, unauthorized absence, one count of Article 128, assault, and one count of Article 91, disobeying a staff NCO. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, \$100 forfeiture, and reduction to E-1.

**PFC Sheila Chavez, MCI Co.**, was convicted at a summary court martial of Article 86, unauthorized absence, and Article 92, violation of a Barracks order. She was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, forfeiture of \$400, and reduction to E-1.

**LCpl. Robert Goulding, B Co.**, was convicted at a special court martial of two counts of Article 123a., making and uttering bad checks totalling over \$19,000, and one count of Article 86, unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to confinement for six months, forfeiture of \$450 for six months, and reduction to E-1.

**LCpl. Michael Boyenga, H&S Co.**, was convicted at a summary court martial of Article 91, disobeying an NCO. He was sentenced to 30 days of restriction, forfeiture of \$300, and reduction to E-2.

### "Know Laws" from pg. 16

- Always carry change for phone calls and a list of phone numbers for your section's chain of command, and your company

gunny and first sergeant.

Ignorance is not bliss, and it can cost you a high price. Know the local drinking laws and your liberty will be fun, safe and very, very cheap.

### "Early Outs" from pg. 16

If there are not enough volunteers, Marines with more than 20 years of service and an EAS during FY90 may be restricted

from reenlisting next year as part of the career force controls.

For more information refer to the ALMAR, which lists complete program details.

### "New Regs" from pg. 16

Also, the external marking of the utility uniform has been approved. Details will be forthcoming.

Finally, the field jacket is no longer

authorized for wear with the service uniform. The bulletin also has information on the NCO sword, and additional information on uniforms.

## Chaplain's Column

"During my first year of teaching, two boys, each named Ted, were in my class. One was a happy child, an excellent student and a fine school citizen. The second Ted spent much of his time goofing off and making a nuisance of himself. I was convinced that he would be a problem all year.

Then, toward the end of September, the PTA held its first meeting, and a mother came up to me and asked, 'How is my son Ted getting along?'

For some reason I assumed she was the 'good Ted's' mother and exclaimed, 'I can't tell you how much I enjoy him. I'm so glad he's in my class!'

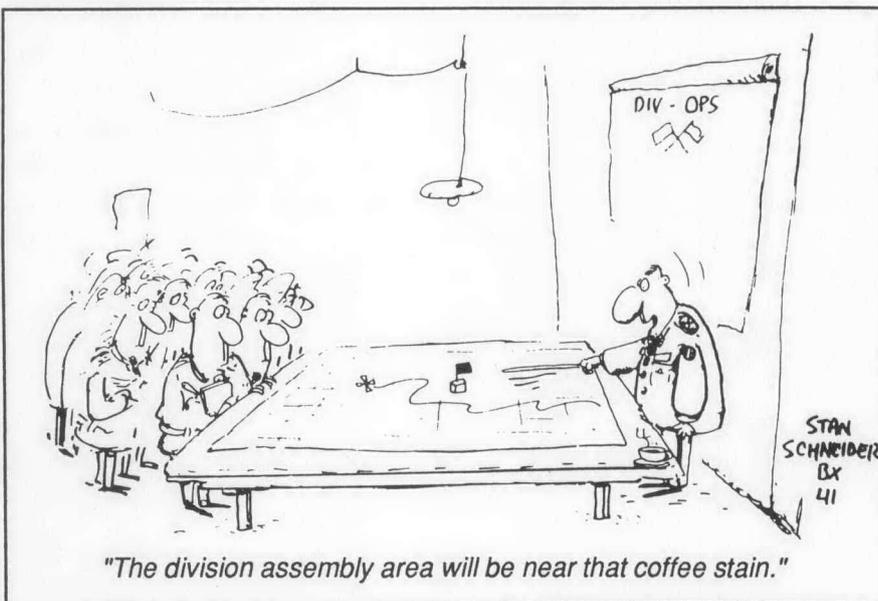
The following morning, Ted, my problem child, came up to me. 'Mom told me what you said last night. I don't think my teacher's ever wanted me before.'

That day Ted's work was done neatly and correctly. I had several opportunities to offer him sincere praise, and each time he glowed with pride. Before long my problem child became one of my best students.

I sometimes wonder if God didn't arrange that case of mistaken identity to teach an inexperienced teacher a valuable lesson: the investment of praise and trust can pay remarkable dividends. And by enriching the lives of others, we enrich our own as well.

"I praise your holy name, Lord. I place you in my trust."  
-- Daily Guidepost, 1982

**LtCmdr. James Griffith**  
**Barracks Chaplain**



## Radon: The Hidden Danger

Radon recently came to national attention as a health hazard that could be hidden beneath our own homes. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 5,000 to 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year result from exposure to radon, and the Surgeon General declares radon to be a "major national health risk."

Radon is a colorless, odorless natural gas originating from soil or rock containing radioactive uranium, found throughout the United States. When the gas decays it releases radioactive particles which cling to smoke and dust. When that polluted air is inhaled, the particles lodge themselves in the lungs and damage body cells, which then destroy surrounding lung tissue.

Radon, the largest source of public radiation exposure, can enter homes through cracks in cement foundations and through plumbing entrances. Tightly sealed homes with basements (especially exposed earth) all risk high indoor radon levels.

The EPA has determined that the maximum safe level of exposure four picocuries. Exposure at this level for an extended length of time is equivalent to smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day. Exposure at higher levels and longer periods of time increase a person's chance of getting lung cancer.

The National Foundation For Cancer Research (NFCR) urges you to find out all you can about radon and to have your home tested. For more information about radon and cancer, call 1-800-321-CURE.

**NFCR**

# Ask the Gunny

Mark Twain once said that he sat in one place (probably Washington) and counted 136 kinds of weather inside of 24 hours. My tour here in D.C. tends to confirm that statement.

Although it has been hot here lately, it's nothing like the weather back home. Let me tell you about the weather in my home town.

Farmers have to feed their chickens cracked ice so they won't lay hard-boiled eggs. I recall once, during corn season, it got so hot the corn started popping right in the field. There was a herd of cows grazing next to the cornfield and saw this popcorn coming down. Cows are not very bright, so they thought it was snow. Every one of those cows stood right there and froze to death.

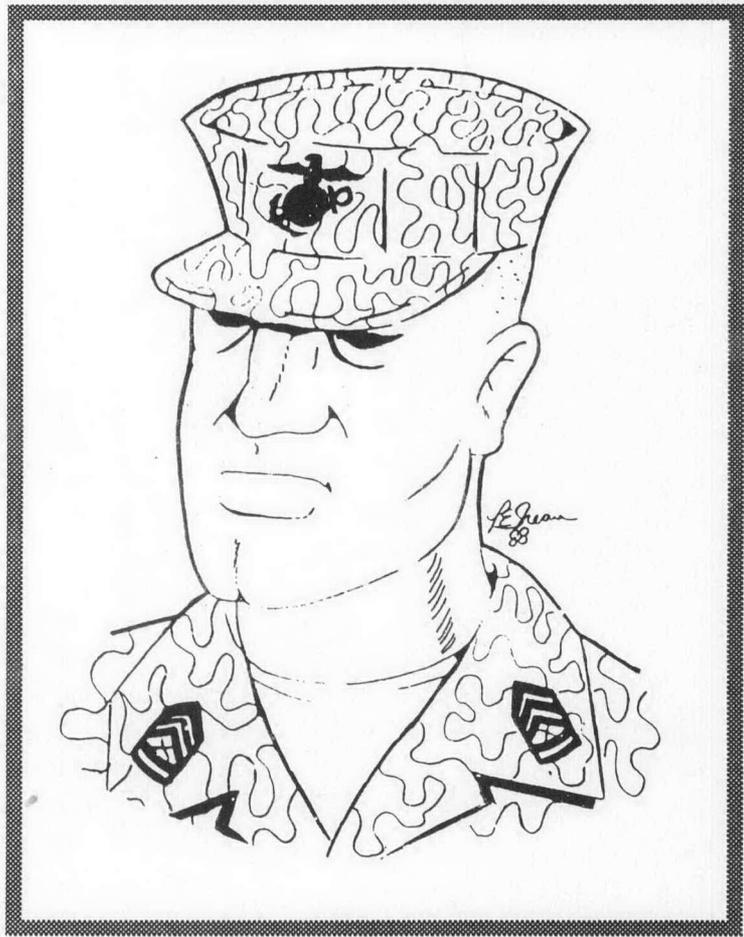
The farmers were not the only ones to have a hard time. My mama used to have to run dirt from the bottom of our well through a wringer to get enough water to cook.

The rivers also get dry. So dry, in fact, the catfish have to come up to the house to get a drink of water. Some of the frogs grow up to be three or four years-old without learning how to swim.

One particularly dry season was awful. My dad was out plowing when it started to rain. The first drops that hit him shocked him so bad that he passed out. In order to bring him to, the neighbors had to throw buckets of dust in his face.

And I can't forget the wind. The west wind blows so hard it causes the sun to set three hours later. No one has wind vanes on their barns. All they have to do is look outside to see which way the barn is leaning and that will tell you which way the wind is blowing.

The wind blows all the time. Why, I remember once the wind stopped blowing and everyone



fell down because they were so used to leaning into the wind.

It normally gets real hot when the "Dog Days" are upon us. "Dog Days," named for the Dog Star, Sirius, generally begins in early July when the weather is hot and sultry.

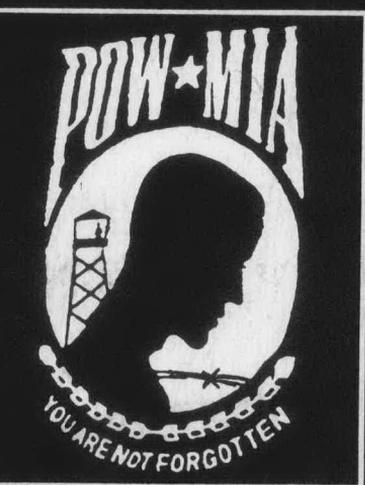
My favorite story is the one told by my dad. He was asked by a stranger, "Does it rain around here?"

"Do you remember the night it rained forty days and forty nights?," replied my father.

"Isn't that the story of Noah?," the stranger said. To which dad replied, "Yep, and that time we got about a half-inch."

Semper Fidelis,

Smedley D. Smutt  
GySgt USMC



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