June 2015 Retrospect

Marine Barracks Washington, D.C.

From the Command Deck

Marines, sailors, and civilians of the Oldest Post,

Sergeant Major Gray and I continue to be impressed by the dedication and professionalism you have displayed during this Parade Season. You have now passed the halfway mark on both the Tuesday Sunset and Friday Evening Parades, and you continue to improve each week in the drive towards ceremonial perfection.

Additionally, you conducted an exceptional retirement parade in the rain in support of Sergeant Major James Booker, and the closing ceremony for the Wounded Warrior Games. All of this, of course, was on top of the daily funerals, joint ceremonies, color guard events and concerts.

Many former Barracks Marines (such as Mike Boffo), as well as countless veterans and tourists, have visited here to be impressed and inspired. They get to see you represent all that is traditional and best about the United States Marine Corps. You tell the Marine Corps story and you make them truly proud of their Corps and their Country. Don't think for a minute that the impact you have on both our civilian guests and veterans goes unnoticed.

We welcome all of our new Marines and bid fair winds and following seas to those departing the Barracks.

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

Semper Fidelis,
Col Ben Watson and SgtMaj Joe Gray

June In Numbers

Joint and Marine Corps Color Guard Shots: 77
Funeral Support: 51
Honors Cordons: 7
Silent Drill Platoon Shots: 5
Tuesday and Friday Parades: 10

Did you Know?

The Marine Corps emblem to the left of the flag pole (when facing the flag pole) is the original design of the Eagle, Globe and Anchor. It was placed there in 1908 upon completion of the reconstruction of the Barracks. Brig. Gen. Jacob Zeilen made the Eagle, Globe and Anchor the official emblem of the Marine Corps in 1868.

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Spotlight

Guard Company – While standing duty at Post 1 on Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., Lance Cpl. Walter Omans Jr. assisted the Washington D.C. Metro Police Department in the arrest of a suspect who, while fleeing pursuing officers, attempted to hide in the turn-style at the main gain. Omans demonstrated sound judgment and an unhesitating bias for action as he expertly performed the appropriate compliance techniques to subdue the suspect. Omans has since been promoted to the billet of squad leader and continues to perform his duties above and beyond what is expected of a Marine of his rank, grade, and experience.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Pappas, a hospital corpsman, Medical Department, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement award during a battalion formation at the Barracks, June 26. Pappas and Petty Officer 1st Class Sergio Rivassorto were selected as the 2014 Marine Corps' Junior and Senior Sailors of the Year. **Find out more at:** http://www.barracks.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/4206/Article/558530/barracks-sailors-recognized-for-outstanding-performance.aspx

S-4/Maintenance – Lance Cpl. John Heinlein is a plumber in the public works section. Due to the aging infrastructure at the Barracks, the plumbing section receives more service requests than any other section, many of which are emergencies requiring immediate response. Heinlein's technical skill and work ethic have made him the "go-to" Marine in his section and enabled him to complete over 100 work requests totaling more than 200 man hours. In addition, he vigilantly serves as the duty maintenance Marine every five days and ensures that all mechanical systems are operating properly. During Friday Evening Parades, Heinlein is the primary operator for the ramparts lights; a role vital to the success of these time honored events. Heinlein is a true professional and a great example of the hard working attitude which keeps the "Oldest Post" standing after all these years.

Robert Green, Chris Baker and William Taylor, public works section, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., stand with their service certificates during a ceremony at the bell, June 25. Col. Benjamin Watson presented Green and Baker with 30-year service certificates and Taylor with a 20-year service certificate. These men not only provide essential support within the public works section but their enduring commitment to the Barracks and expertise enable the Barracks' mission.

Drum and Bugle Corps – Cpl. Keven W. Kraus is a baritone bugler, and, in conjunction with performing in weekly commitments, Kraus is an assistant and stand-in for the D&B audio and visual recording engineer (a SNCO billet). He is accountable for all A/V equipment, ensuring it is operational and recording and

editing all of the products for internal and external use and historical documentation. Kraus has taken the initiative to educate himself on the various photographic equipment, computer programs, data storage and inventory practices to become self-sufficient in working the strenuous needs of A/V. He stepped up while the primary engineer was out on unplanned medical absence and due to his self-instructed expertise, needed very little SNCO guidance.

United States Marine Band – Cpl. Travis Newman is the property supply representative and main credit card holder for the United States Marine Band. In the month of June he completed $17k in purchases and successfully executed 20 CMR reconciliations. Throughout his time with the band, Newman has demonstrated outstanding dedication and initiative in assisting the Band supply office fulfill its mission. He continues to make a significant contribution to the unit's effectiveness and moral beyond the framework of his job responsibilities.

Company A- On June 1, Cpl. Kyle Delehanty, 1st squad leader, 1st platoon, marched as the platoon sergeant in a wreath laying ceremony at The Tomb of the Unknown Solider for the King and Queen of the Netherlands. Later that week he was the NCOIC for the Battle of Midway ceremony at the US Navy Memorial. His leadership and high standards as a squad leader were apparent during the annual PFT when 100 percent of his squad had scores of 250 or higher. Additionally this month he played a substantial part in critiquing drill in preparation for the Sunset Parades.

Company B – Cpl. Stephen Hardcastle is the Body Bearer NCOIC. During the month of June, Hardcastle participated in, or supervised the execution of, over 50 funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. As the senior Body Bearer, he ensured that each shot was executed flawlessly. Additionally, his dedication to training and developing the Body Bearer candidates at Ceremonial Drill School resulted in two candidates graduating in the past month and becoming Body Bearers.

June Promotions

Congratulations to Cpl. Aaron Becker, Cpl. Eduardo Torres and Lance Cpl. Casey Black for meritorious promotions!

Sergeant:
Blakely, Joseph D.
Long, Steven T.
Mckinney, Nicholas J.
Nugent, Trisha M.
Ochoa, Marco
Oliver III, Michael A.
Smith, Steven J.

Corporal:
Becker, Aaron L.
Torres, Eduardo
Coleman, Ryan C.
Coverley Jr, Alten D.
Cruz, Jose L.
Downs, Joseph W.
Gateward, Nickishia C.
Hernandez, Jonathan M.
Langille, Brennan A.
Ohala, Reid H.
Pride, Jordan M.
Rautenkranz, Ryan A.
Rodriguez, Daryl
Sann, Matthew L.
Stansberry, Matthew A.
Tauke, Jacob W.
Tuten, Clifford S.
Weekly, Benjamin E.
Whitehead, Jacob R.

Lance Corporal:
Black, Casey J.
Ballou III, Timothy G.
Baunchalk, Aaron M.
Bragg II, Gary L.
Champany, Liam Q.
Dickson, Connor P.
Ducote II, John G.
Duran Jr, Dennis R.
Escamilla, Emmanuel
Holden, Joshua A.
Long, Matthew J.
Marden, Devon M.
Miller, Kassandra M.
Nascembeni, Carlo A.
Petersen, Jacob T.
Rousseau, Wyatt P.
Santiago,Kimberly
Smith, Deion E.
Taylor, Maxwell H.
Vest, Austin T.
Ward, Christopher J.

June Highlights

During the month of June it has been an honor for Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. to support Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr., Gen. John Paxton, Lt. Gen. Jon Davis, Lt. Gen. James Laster, Lt. Gen. William Faulkner, Lt. Gen. Richard Mills, Lt. Gen. Thomas Waldhauser and Lt. Gen Glenn Walters as they hosted the Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, Mr. Bob Simmons, Mr. Paul Arcangeli, Sen. Patrick Leahy, Medal of Honor Recipient Harvey Barnum, Mr. John Fales, Congressman Mac Thornberry, Congressman Stephen Womack, Lt. Gen. (ret.) Robert Shea, Mrs. Nicole Spaid, Congressman Pete Visclosky and Congressmen Rodney Frelinghuysen, during Tuesday Sunset and Friday Evening Parades.

These colors don't run - The Marine Corps Color Guard represents the entire Corps during more than 1,200 events annually, averaging between 15 and 30 events per week. These events range from Joint, Sea Service and Marine Corps Color Guards.
Read More:
http://www.barracks.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/4206/Article/590433/these-colors-dont-run.aspx

A Co. prepares Marines for team leaders course-
Forty five Marines from Company A, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., conducted an M203 grenade launcher qualification course and M67 fragmentation grenade and AT-4 rocket launcher battle drills at range 8 Alpha, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., June 10, 2015.
Read more:
http://www.barracks.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/4206/Article/600091/a-co-prepares-marines-for-team-leaders-course.aspx

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MCI Sundown - The infamous red books of Marine Corps Institute that lined book shelves throughout the Marine Corps are no longer produced. After almost a century of service, Marine Corps Institute, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C. is closing shop this September and ending another chapter of history at the "Oldest Post of the Corps".
Read more:
http://www.barracks.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/4206/Article/588921/in-the-shadows-of-the-barracks.aspx

Crawl, Walk, Run: Guard Marines hone marksmanship skills - In the heart of the nation's capital, one group of Marines is specifically trained and equipped to analyze and address any potential threats that intend to cause harm to the Marine Barracks or its' visitors, they are the infantry Marines of Guard Company.
Read more:
http://www.barracks.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/4206/Article/600164/crawl-walk-run-guard-marines-hone-marksmanship-skills.aspx

Coach of the Winning Team, MBW Drill Master- Behind the action on center walk, observing every movement of the staff and marching platoons is the drill master, Gunnery Sgt. Cedric Smith.
Read more:
http://www.barracks.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/4206/Article/601936/coach-of-the-winning-team-mbw-drill-master.aspx

MOUT training, brilliance at the basics - Sprawled out in an open clearing bordered by a deciduous forest, stand the grey, cement buildings that make up Marine Corps Base Quantico's military operations in urban terrain, training facility. On June 17, 2015 more than 100 Marines from Company B, Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., traveled to the Quantico, Va. MOUT town to refine their individual actions in an urban environment.
Read more:
http://www.barracks.marines.mil/News/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/4206/Article/601000/mout-training-brilliance-at-the-basics.aspx

Farewell and Following Seas

Staff non-commissioned and commissioned officers bid farewell to their peers during a "play-off" at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., June 17. This month we bid farewell to: Lt. Cmdr. James Dewey, Capt. Carl Quist, Capt. John Auer, Gunnery Sgt. Bobby Robinson, Gunnery Sgt. Bradley Swank and Staff Sgt. Dean Edwards.

Sgt. Sherwin O. Charles and Sgt. Nathaniel R. Matteson were also bid farewell during a going away social at Center House.

Welcome Aboard

Lance Cpl. Robert W. Frank
Lance Cpl. Michael L. Fowler
Lance Cpl. Jorden A. Glasco
Lance Cpl. James R. Campbell
Lance Cpl. Timothy Q. Peltack
Lance Cpl. Kyle J. Gifford
Lance Cpl. Efren A. Martinez
Lance Cpl. John G. Ducote II
Capt. Timothy E. Vermeer
Pfc. Reagan M. Gray
Capt. Michael A. Mathews
Maj. Thomas J. Cunningham III
Gy. Sgt. Maria E. Zamora
Cpl. Nickishia C. Gateward
Pfc. Montre D. Gaut
Maj. John C. Morgan
Lance Cpl. Devon M. Marden
Lance Cpl. Deion E. Smith
Lance Cpl. Kevin A. Hidalgo
Lance Cpl. Paul M. Danko III
Lance Cpl. Kimberly Santiago

July Events for the Calendar

D&B Show/ Barracks Row Street Parade; July 4; 0900; POC: *PAO 433-6660*
D.C. Street Parade; July 4; 1130; *POC: PAO 433-6660*
Single Marine and Sailor Program; July 11; MMA Clinic at Post 8 - 1400-1600; MMA Viewing at Henderson Hall - 2030-000; POC: *MCCS 433-4296*
CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreat; July 10-12; Hilton Crystal City, Arlington, Va.; POC: *Chaplin 433-6201*
SDP Show – Washington Redskins, Military Appreciation; July 11; 1000; FedEx Field, MD; POC: *PAO 433-6660*
HITT Tactical Athlete Competition; Must pre-register; July 15; 0700-1200; POC: *MCCS 433-4296*
CREDO Personal Resiliency Retreat; July 24-26; Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD; POC: *Chaplin 433-6201*
SDP Show – Downington, PA; July 25; 1900; Downington, PA; POC: *PAO 433-6660*
Farewell Photos and Ice Cream Social; July 30; Center House; POC: *FRO 433-4881*
"President's Own" Summer Concert Series; http://www.marineband.marines.mil/Calendar.aspx
"Commandant's Own" Schedule of Events; http://www.drumcorps.marines.mil/