

Pass in Review

Serving Marines at the oldest post of the Corps

May 1985

*Those who fought
and died should
never be forgotten*

Memorial Day

May 27





About the Covers

Front and Back

The front and back cover may depict the fallen veterans of Vietnam, but we must also remember our brothers and sisters that fought and died serving their country during all previous wars and conflicts. War is not pleasant, but in order to remain a free society we must defend our beliefs. John Stuart Mill said it best: "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest thing. The degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks nothing worth a war is worse...A man who has nothing which he cares about more than his personal safety is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

Inside

Ten Marines from the barracks and ten sailors participated in a mass casualty drill conducted by the Naval Medical Center, Washington Navy Yard, April 10. The corpsmen treated everything from dead on arrivals to burns and multiple trauma injuries. The exercise is run twice a year. This was the biggest yet.

"The Marines did an excellent job in playing injured," said Ensign Stephen Hasting, director of clinic administration. "I thank the Marines for a job well done."

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Commander's View

Steroids

The United States Olympic Committee, the International Olympic Committee, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and professional sports leagues all ban the use of drugs by their athletes on both medical and ethical grounds. Medically, the premise is that any substance (such as anabolic steroids) powerful enough to alter the body's system can have harmful effects.

The most commonly documented side effects to taking anabolic steroids are changes in liver function, to include the risk of liver tumors. Other possible harmful effects are: impotence, bone fusion in adolescents, and cardiovascular disease.

Any Marine taking a controlled body building substance such as Methandrostrenolone or Testosterone without a doctor's prescription is in Violation of the UCMJ, Article 134, and is chargeable under Federal Assimulative Crimes Act. Possession, use or selling of controlled body building steroids will not be tolerated at

Marine Barracks. Unequiyocally, everyone now has the word.

Navy Relief Society

Since its founding in 1904, the Navy Relief Society has been the principal source of emergency assistance to members of the Navy and Marine Corps, both active and retired, as well as their dependents and survivors. Whenever sailors and Marines are in need, the Navy Relief Society responds with aid in the form of interest-free loans, grants or gratuitous services.

The Washington Navy Yard (WNY) Branch Office of the Navy Relief Society supports Marines from the Barracks who are in need. The following statistics reflect the assistance Navy Relief provided Barrack's Marines last year: 196 cases with \$39,531.35 in loans and \$859.43 in grants. During last year's Navy Relief Fund Drive, the Barracks collected \$12,907. Thus, last year we received over three times as much support as we donated.

The Navy Relief Society's annual call for

The Sergeant Major



Sgt. Maj. J.W. Winborn Jr.

Military courtesy is the life and discipline of the Marine Corps. I've observed professional military courtesies in all ranks here at the barracks. Seldom do I see a Marine counseled on military courtesies.

However, we've started Phase I & II rehearsals this month and will continue them through to the last parade in September. Rendering honors will be repeatedly practiced and rehearsed. If you are in the area of the parade deck, certain military courtesies must be rendered; even though it's just a rehearsal for the evening parade.

Here are a few reminders when you are on or near the parade deck during Phase I & II rehearsals:

1. When you hear the Marines' Hymn, stand at attention and face the music.

contributions is underway. You will be contacted by a designated keyperson and offered the opportunity to make a voluntary cash or allotment contribution. In your decision making process, remember in the past four and one half years over 1,200 Marines from the Barracks have received help from the WNY Navy Relief Branch Office.

Your support of this campaign will be greatly appreciated.



R. D. WEEDE
COLONEL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING



2. During the National Anthem, lowering of colors, and to the colors, render the proper salute as you would morning colors.

3. During honors, ruffles and flourishes, render the proper courtesy. Stand at attention and salute.

4. When the colors pass you, remember that you are to salute all colors and standards not cased.

Another courtesy that you need to observe is Parade Atmosphere. I won't go into detail, but if you're in doubt, find out.

One other courtesy we will be rendering is to our civilian and military guests during Friday Evening and Sunset Parades. It goes without saying, treat them with the utmost courtesy. Remember, this impression of our conduct before, during and after a performance is a lasting one.

Viewpoint

FIRST CHANCE, LAST CHANCE

You only go around once in life so catch all the gusto you can. A familiar phrase from a beer commercial, and a fitting statement regarding my participation in the Eastern Division Matches

If you have ever been in a “big game” or competed in a serious tournament then you know of what I speak. If you haven’t then you have no idea of how it feels to have “veterans” of the game shooting on both sides of you; cool calm and totally prepared, many with years of experience, while you stand there wondering if you have the right dope on your weapon; even though you know you can shoot as well or better than most of them, you

still feel uneasy.

Picture if you will, a man standing at the 200 yard line getting ready to fire his first string of the National Match Course, the 200 yard line slow fire, standing, 20 rounds in 20 minutes. He shoots a very respectable 284 on the first day of the Individual Matches and has moved up to the first relay with all of the experienced shooters. There he stands looking at the shooters to his left and right with all their “Command” sponsored equipment, as well as all of their own personal “must have” items, chafing amongst themselves about how they did in the regionals, the intramurals and last year’s Marine Corps Matches.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

It has been quite obvious lately of the lack of interest in the E-Club. I believe one of the biggest problems is the fluctuation of the cooks. They never seem to show up on time, or show up at all. A lot of Marines depend on getting chow there in the evenings. When parade season rolls around, working hours are sporadically different than the mess hall and it would be nice to know that there is one place you can count on to get a good meal. I’m not criticizing the club system, everything there is alright. But maybe hiring people who really “need a job” would alleviate the problem.

Hungry

Dear Hungry

Your complaint is noted, but it’s not unique. Command Clubs is well aware of the discrepancy and assures us they are working towards an acceptable solution.

Dear Hungry

Dear Editor

I was recently denied my privilege of going into the barracks PX to shop. Granted, I did have PT gear on, and yes, there is a barracks order prohibiting the wear of PT gear in the PX. What I want to know is what gives the civilian cashiers the authority to deny me, a Marine, access to the PX?

Outsider

Dear Outsider

You hit the nail right on the head. There is a barracks order prohibiting the wearing of PT gear in the PX. You’re absolutely correct. The exchange cashiers are not responsible for enforcing barracks regulations. You know it was wrong in the first place, so why did you try it? I agree the civilian cashiers should not be doing the kicking out, but when you think about it, you should be doing your part to ensure they don’t have to.

Editor

The targets came up, he put the rifle in his shoulder, and it didn't feel the same as it did yesterday when he fired a 94 out of a 100 without even thinking about it. Not today, he can't seem to even pull the trigger and send the first round down range. "Pull the damn trigger," he says to himself. "That's all you have to do." But the trigger won't move. Two and a half minutes passed before the first round hit the target...two and a half minutes. You only get one minute per round. The second round was a little easier but none of them were as easy as the day before. Twenty minutes later he stood there on the 200 yard line with no time left and three rounds still in his pocket. He had blown his first, and probably his last chance to win a medal while in the Marine Corps. He went to the Division Matches for one reason: he wanted to win a medal. He had an excellent chance. After shooting the 284 the first day he was solidly in the Silver Medal category.

Was! He could've, he should've, he would've, but he didn't. Never have more embarrassing and humiliating words ever been uttered. It was bad enough to have

screwed up and had three saved rounds, but then to find out that if those three rounds had been fired and had only been 4s, not bullseyes but just 4s, that he would have still won a Bronze Medal really destroyed his day. And if that wasn't bad enough, one of his own teammates was pulling butts on his target and telling everyone in the butts what an idiot this guy was on his target that saved three rounds in the 200 yard slow fire.

Idiot that I was, I would not hesitate to go back next year and do it all over again. But this time I would not worry about how many competitions everyone else had been in, or whether or not that first round down range was a bullseye, only that when it was all over I had fired all my rounds and they were the best well aimed shots I could put down range.

You only get the opportunity to do something you really enjoy and are good at once in a great while. Sometimes you never get the opportunity, you only dream about it. I had that "first chance" and blew it. I may never get a second, or "last chance," but if I do, I will bring home a medal...a Gold Medal!

by GySgt. Gene Polhamus

Why do we have the Friday Evening Parade?

Barracks Talk



The parades offer the opportunity to show what esprit de corps is all about.

DT3 E. Stinnett
Bks Dental



I think the reason we hold the parades here is to honor dignitaries and establish good public relations.

SSgt. Rogelio Dick
D&B Company



To me, it gives the honored guests perspective of the Marines and the Marine Corps traditions.

LCpl. Anthony Cross
B Company

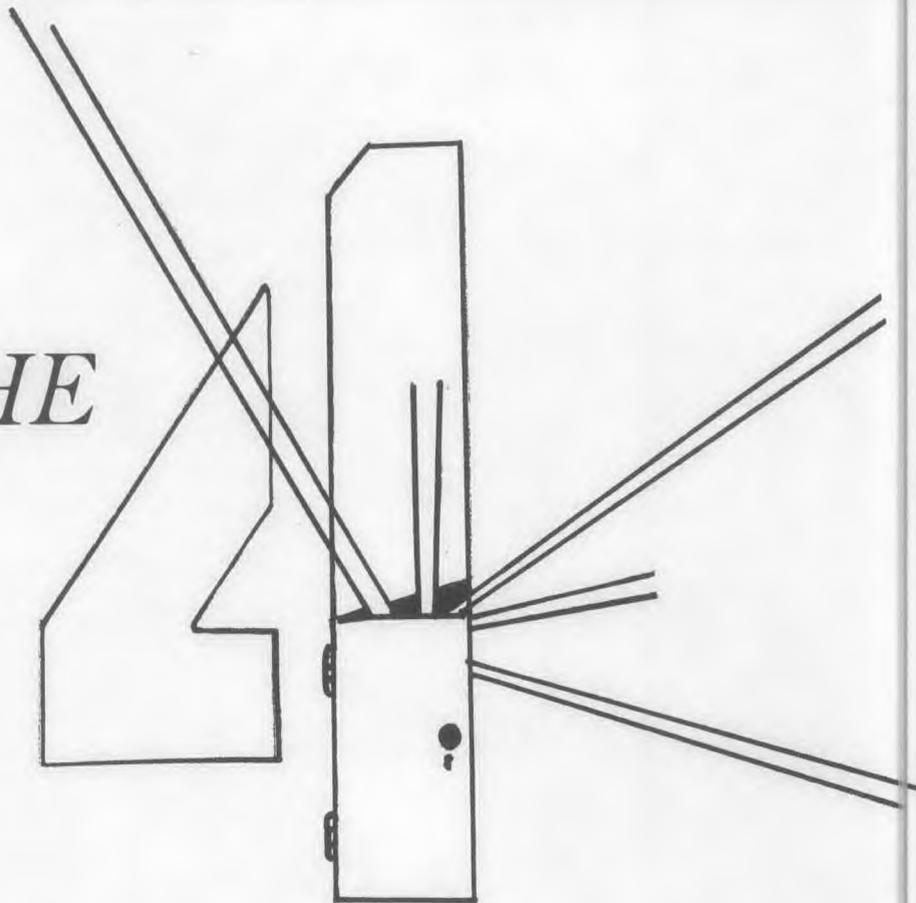


The parades are conducted to establish good relations between the Marine Corps and the public.

LCpl. Russell Simonis
S-1 Office

INSIDE THE

by Sgt. C.D. Chambers



Who feeds 190,000 Marines and transports thousands of them 270,000 miles each year? Who supplies and equips hundreds for arduous summer tasks, fixes what needs to be fixed, arms 1,000 Marines and participates in anything else that comes up?

Yes, it's awesome to think the S-4 office here and S-4s throughout the Corps take care of all these chores and responsibilities and even more. You name it, the barracks "4" shop has it, does it, gets it, and pays for it. From the putting on of cleats, to the purchase of grass seed that makes the parade deck green, to the very typewriter with which this story was typed, the S-4 is involved.

"Everything starts and ends in the S-4," said Capt. C. J. Jeck, assistant S-4 officer. "There's nothing that goes on in the barracks that the S-4 isn't involved with. If we were to shut down for four days, a 96, the other companies couldn't operate."

According to Jeck, the supply section is where most of the action takes place. It's the section that all Marines here rely upon the most.

"Our basic function is to supply and support the companies in whatever they need for their mission," said GySgt. Charlie

“ Everything starts and ends in the S-4. There's nothing that goes on in the barracks that the S-4 isn't involved with. ”

Romeo. "And if we can't get it through the military supply system, or get it in time, the procurement section can."

Unlike any other section or office here, the "4" is self-supporting. For example, the supply section supports the battalion armory with rifle parts, acquires needed equipment and parts for the maintenance section and maybe supplies their own desks with a pen or two.

Whatever one section within S-4 can't get, another one can. Procurement is a good example of that. The procurement section handles anything that can't be acquired through the military supply system. Doe-skin, white gloves are needed for ceremonial Marines. That's not an item that is carried through the normal supply system, so Procurement purchases them from a civilian source. According to GySgt. Christopher Hochreiter, procurement chief, about 75 percent of the supply money spent is spent through the procurement system, mainly because of the difference in the mission of the barracks and the special items needed for our special mission. The bleachers are another good example of items that are not available through the military supply system. They are also purchased from an outside source.

"There's a lot of repetitive purchasing in this job," said Hochreiter. "But when something new needs to be found the legal



Sgt. Harvey Marshall, NCOIC
of the armory, inspects a weapon.

photo by SSgt. J.W. Jordan

ramifications must be considered. Everything has to be legally purchased," he added.

The Fiscal section is where the money's at. It is the battalion checkbook. "We obligate, expend and account for all money the barracks spends," said SSgt. Kevin McMahan.

"We're kind of like a comptroller in the FMF, but we also account for the spending. That's kind of unusual because the two are so different."

McMahan said that since this is such a small command, dollar wise, his section must account for money spent much faster. Instead of the normal 30 days you have in the fleet, accounting has to take care of it in five. "That's why we have a separate

section assigned to account for the battalion's money," he added.

The mess hall is another department of the "4" that Marines here come into contact with often. Preparing meals for almost 190,000 Marines annually can be quite a task.

According to GySgt. Ricardo Johnson, NCOIC of the mess hall, a

"4"

master menu is prepared every six months and then reviewed by a board. Figuring out what to serve is a tough job, but figuring out how much food to order for those meals is even tougher. Every week, or two weeks depending on the food items, orders are made for upcoming meals. "Every week I have to pull out my crystal ball," said Johnson. "It's a big guessing game and you have to guess right most of the time." That means besides keeping the food on the table, mess hall Marines must keep accurate statistics. "Christmas and Thanksgiving is when we really run into problems," added Johnson. "That's when we pull the stats from two and three years back."

Running a mess hall is a job where you can't please everybody, but running a motor transport section is. A ride is always better than a walk.

Last year the barracks motor transport section transported Marines more than 270,000 miles. That's like driving to California and back 45 times. That's a lot of miles. And those miles require preventive maintenance. "We use to send the vehicles out for maintenance," said MSgt. Ernest Colley, NCOIC of the motor transport section. "Now, with the addition of a Maintenance Chief,



photo by SSgt. J.W. Jordan

The Motor Transport section of the S-4 now does its own first and second echelon maintenance.

SSgt. Richard Kidd, we can do first and second echelon maintenance right here. And that's a big improvement," Colley added.

Speaking of maintenance, hidden below deck is the maintenance section, the best kept secret of the barracks. Broken items seem to get fixed overnight. The bleachers just popped up in a day or so. It's hard to tell when maintenance has been around until you notice something that was broken is fixed.

Also down in the basement and hardly ever seen are the barracks Armorers. "Mainly our job is to issue weapons to range personnel and maintain the guard's rifles," said Sgt.

Harvey Marshall, NCOIC of the armory. "When we have a range detail going out, we usually come in about 0445. Sometimes we don't leave until 1700. A lot of this job is paperwork and just being here to issue Marines their rifles to clean."

The "4" has many functions. A look around the barracks reveals just how much they're involved in. "Besides just doing our job, we also participate in Friday Evening Parades," said MSgt. Frank Krutzky Jr., S-4 chief. "I think that the biggest difference between this S-4 and others in the Marine Corps is the ceremonial aspects of our unique mission."

DIRECT DEPOSIT

a safe, reliable way to get paid

by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

Direct Deposit is a safe, reliable and convenient method for Navy and Marine personnel to receive pay. The Secretary of the Navy urges all Marines to participate in the Direct Deposit program, especially those Marines not residing in the barracks.

The use of Direct Deposit eliminates the hardship and cost associated with lost, stolen, forged, and misplaced checks. It reduces lost time for individual check distribution and it provides automatic access of funds to Marines and their families on payday whether on leave, TAD or PCS.

"The system is almost flawless," said Cpl. Jeff Woepfel, pay NCO for the battalion. "Since December of

1983, when I took over battalion pay, I can only remember four Marines that had pay problems dealing with Direct Deposit. And those problems were with the bank not the Direct Deposit System."

According to Woepfel, Direct Deposit is very simple to set up. The first step in setting up Direct Deposit is selecting the "right" financial institution, preferably one that has a reliable automatic teller machine (ATM). Most banks or savings & loans institutions in the area already have the Direct Deposit forms and will offer assistance in filling them out. If the financial institution doesn't have the forms, they can easily be obtained from the battalion S-1 office.

The Marine must fill out the top portion of the form. The S-1 office

can also assist in completing the form. The bank takes care of the bottom half and keeps a copy. Next, the Marine takes the original form to the battalion S-1 office and his part of the process is over.

The original forms are then sent to the Marine Corps Finance Center in Kansas City.

According to Woepfel, it normally takes one or two paydays for the Direct Deposit to kick in, depending on the time of the month the Finance Center receives the form.

Woepfel said there are two ways in which a Marine will know that his Direct Deposit has been started. On the first payday of the month, when a Marine receives his Leave and Earning Statement, it will list the name and address of the bank in the remarks section. If started on the second payday of the month, the Marine will receive a self-carbon envelope from Kansas City indicating it's been started.

On the first payday the amount that reads on the Marine's LES, when on Direct Deposit, is what is credited to his account on payday. Woepfel said it's very seldom on the second payday that the amount posted and the amount on the LES won't match up. And if it doesn't the Marine will receive a notice five days before hand. Direct Deposit is not mandatory, but sometime in the near future, Marines who live out in town will have their checks mailed to them.

"I'm not cutting down the mail system, but a lot of things can happen with a check in the mail. Direct Deposit is all done by computer," said Woepfel.

"If you have Direct Deposit, you can always be assured of getting paid. The horror stories you hear from the past don't happen anymore. The bugs have all been worked out of the system. If you're on Direct Deposit, you'll get your money," he added.

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- A separate form must be completed for each type of payment to be sent by Direct Deposit.
- The claim number and type of payment are printed on Government checks. (See the sample check on the back of this form.) This information is also stated on beneficiary/nonbeneficiary award letters and other documents from the Government agency.
- Payees must keep the Government agency informed of any address changes in order to receive important information about benefits and to remain qualified for payments.

SECTION 1 (TO BE COMPLETED BY PAYEE)

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Mil. Retiree	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Retirement (OPM)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mil. Survivor	
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B. NAME OF PERSON(S) ENTITLED TO PAYMENT		G. THIS BOX FOR ALLOTMENT OF PAYMENT ONLY (if applicable)	
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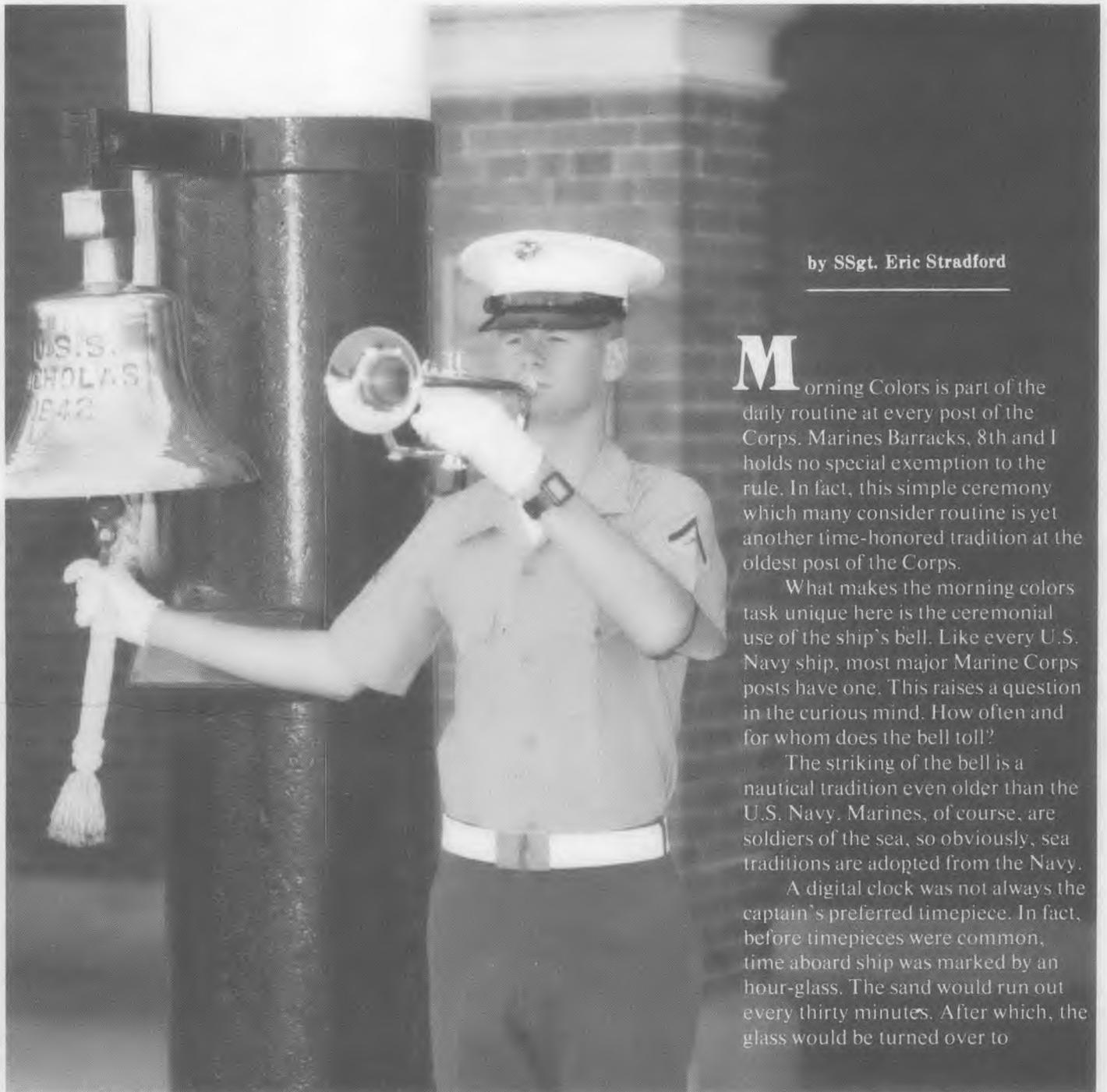
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STRIKING THE BELL



by SSgt. Eric Stradford

Morning Colors is part of the daily routine at every post of the Corps. Marines Barracks, 8th and I holds no special exemption to the rule. In fact, this simple ceremony which many consider routine is yet another time-honored tradition at the oldest post of the Corps.

What makes the morning colors task unique here is the ceremonial use of the ship's bell. Like every U.S. Navy ship, most major Marine Corps posts have one. This raises a question in the curious mind. How often and for whom does the bell toll?

The striking of the bell is a nautical tradition even older than the U.S. Navy. Marines, of course, are soldiers of the sea, so obviously, sea traditions are adopted from the Navy.

A digital clock was not always the captain's preferred timepiece. In fact, before timepieces were common, time aboard ship was marked by an hour-glass. The sand would run out every thirty minutes. After which, the glass would be turned over to

L Cpl Joe T. Haddakin, Drum and Bugle Corps, sounds Morning Colors.

photo by SSgt. J.W. Jordan

Midwatch	Morning Watch	Forenoon Watch	Afternoon Watch	Evening Watch	Night Watch
<i>time bells</i>					
0030 1	0430 1	0830 1	1230 1	1630 1	2030 1
0100 2	0500 2	0900 2	1300 2	1700 2	2100 2
0130 3	0530 3	0930 3	1330 3	1730 3	2130 3
0200 4	0600 4	1000 4	1400 4	1800 4	2200 4
0230 5	0630 5	1030 5	1430 5	1830 5	2230 5
0300 6	0700 6	1100 6	1500 6	1900 6	2300 6
0330 7	0730 7	1130 7	1530 7	1930 7	2330 7
0400 8	0800 8	1200 8	1600 8	2000 8	2400 8

measure another thirty minutes.

Of course, not every man could watch the hour-glass. Nor did every crew member have a quartz-digital on his wrist. This did simplify synchronization, but a signal was necessary to inform the crew when the half-hour had passed. Thus, the ship's bell was struck once at the end of the first half-hour and eight times at the end of the fourth hour: The process repeated every four hours. An odd number of bells marks a half-hour, and an even number marks an hour.

The evolution of time, as well as timepieces have all but eliminated the necessity for such a chore. The striking of the bell is more a ceremonial tradition than a vital function. It is no longer needed to synchronize today's modern timepieces.

Time around the world is maintained by what is known as Universal Time Clock (UTC). For access to UTC in Washington, D.C., one simply picks up the telephone and dials 844-1111. The exact time is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tradition, however is routine at 8th and I. No day passes here without some reflection on the past. The Friday Evening Parades are filled with the stuff we call tradition. At 2000 or 8 p.m., eight bells are struck to mark the hour. A carefully timed Marine Band concert and ceremonial chair-removal leads to the sounding of another two bells, struck at exactly 2100. Here at the Barracks a time orderly has been selected to perform this historically nautical task.

No one needs ask for whom the bell tolls at Marine Barracks. A closer look reveals the inscription, "USS Nicholas 1942." The bell is from the destroyer USS Nicholas, the oldest active destroyer in the U.S. Navy at the time of her decommissioning in January of 1970. She was the second U.S. warship named in honor of Maj. Samuel Nicholas, the first commissioned officer of the Marine Corps and the first Naval officer commissioned by the Continental Congress of the United States.

The Duty Musics and Marine guards who perform the daily tasks of striking the bell and raising the colors possess a special sense of pride. For them, it's a time to reflect on the evolution of time and the evolution of a great nation. Daily routines continue here as well as around the Corps. Each day at 8th and I, however, at precisely 0800, tradition prevails with the Sergeant of the Guard's command, "Color detail, strike eight bells. Sound and raise the morning colors."



The bell from the destroyer USS Nicholas.

photo by SSgt. J.W. Jordan

Bandsman performing to the beat of a different drum

Allentown, Pa. native GySgt. Matthew Becker, principal percussionist of the United States Marine Band, was a featured soloist in the Marine Band's recent gala concert at the John F. Kennedy Center.

Becker's performance of the technically demanding marimba solo, Dinicu and Heifetz's "Hora Staccato," delighted the capacity audience, which included his Allentown parents, Raymond and Myrtle Becker. Joined by five other Marine Band percussionists, he played the spirited lead in Joe Green's "Xylophonia" as an encore.

Becker's musical career began at age 12 in his father's band, the Allentown Marine Band. He graduated from Northampton High School in 1976. During his high school years he participated in

numerous district, regional, state and national music festivals.

Following high school Becker attended Brooklyn College in New York. He studied with Morris Lang, co-principal percussionist with the New York Philharmonic. As a freshman, he was the soloist with the Brooklyn College Percussion Ensemble during its tour of Hungary and Romania in 1977. In August, 1978 Becker auditioned and was accepted into "The President's Own" Marine Band percussion section.

Since then he has performed solos on nationwide tours, local concerts in the Washington, D.C. area and at the White House for affairs of State. He was name principal percussionist in 1984.

Becker is married to the former Christine German, also of Allentown.



GySgt. Matthew Becker,
Band Percussionist

Courts-Martial

LCpl. Carl A. Carozza was convicted by a special court-martial of one violation of article 81, conspiracy, two violations of article 121, larceny, and four violations of article 134, communicating a threat. He was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for four months, forfeiture of \$412 pay per month for six months, reduced to pay grade E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

LCpl Jeffrey K. Turkovics was convicted by a special court-martial of two violations of article 81, conspiracy, one violation of article

121, larceny, three violations of article 134, communicating a threat, and three violations of article 123, forgery. He was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for five months, forfeiture of \$400 per month for five months, reduced to pay grade E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Pfc. Christopher P. Shannon was convicted by a summary court-martial of six violations of article 86, unauthorized absence. He was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for one month, forfeiture of \$400 pay for one month, and reduced to pay grade E-1.



Uniform Board announces changes

(HQMC) - Effective immediately, Marines will wear rank insignia on their camouflage utility covers and utility coats at all times, to include garrison, field and combat environments. That change, as well as others, is announced in Marine Corps Bulletin 1020, published by the Marine Corps Uniform Board on March 25.

Marine officers, and Navy officers serving with Marine Corps units, will wear the small insignia of grade on their utility covers. Marines will center their insignia directly below the stenciled Marine Corps emblem. Navy rank insignia will be centered below the miniature cape device worn in lieu of the Marine Corps emblem. Colonels and Navy captains will use the left collar insignia.

Enlisted Marines may wear either the metal or plastic rank insignia on their covers, centered directly below

the stenciled emblem. Enlisted Navy personnel serving with Marine Corps units are to wear their black miniature cap device/black rank insignia in the area where the Marine Corps emblem is normally stenciled. Other changes announced in the bulletin are:

Officer Insignia on Khaki Shirts with Service "A"

The wearing of officer's grade insignia on khaki shirts when the service coat is worn is now required at all times.

Women's Blue Dress "A/B" Uniforms

Women Marine officers will only wear grade insignia on the collars of the white shirt, worn with the blue dress "A/B" uniforms, when they anticipate removing the blue coat within office spaces.

Nametags on Blue Dress Uniforms

Local commanders may prescribe nametags on blue dress uniforms

when they are designated as the uniform of the day. However, only the standard Marine Corps nametag described in MCO P1020.34D will be used and it will be worn in the same manner as the nametag worn on the service coats and khaki shirts.

Officer's Sword Lengths

Approved swords of any length may be purchased and used by officers provided they meet the current regulation that "the tip of the sword, when at the carry position, falls not more than one inch above or below the eye level."

Green Undershirts with the Utility Uniforms

The mandatory possession date for the olive green undershirt is July 1, 1985. Effective that date, only the green undershirt will be worn with the utility uniform.

Marine Corps bulletin 1020 will be incorporated in MCO P1020.34D, Marine Corps Uniform Regulations.

CMC stresses energy conservation

(HQMC) - Current data on energy consumption raises concerns that the Marine Corps will not meet a 1985 reduction goal established by the president.

Executive Order 12003, issued in July 1977, established a federal goal for Fiscal Year 1985 of a 20 percent reduction in facilities energy use per square foot. At present, the Marine

Corps has achieved only a 12.94 percent reduction. In CMC White Letter 8-85, the Commandant stated that, "At current energy costs, each percentage point by which the goal is missed will cost about \$750,000. I am concerned that we do our best not only from a cost and readiness standpoint, but also to demonstrate to Congress and the public our efficient

use of limited resources."

Meeting that goal is important to Marines, who, in Gen. Kelley's words, "have always been looked upon as leaders in prudent, cost-effective resource management and in mission readiness."

The White Letter, published on March 22, calls upon all Marines to make significant progress toward the goal during the few months remaining in the fiscal year. "Our program continues to be one of achieving conservation through energy technology and awareness...I believe with continued leadership and command interest we can meet this challenge."

Military bases to comply with state drinking age laws

Starting June 1, Marines here, between the ages of 18-20, will be affected by a Department of Defense policy change to have military bases comply with state drinking age laws in which they are located.

A directive signed in March by Lawrence Korb, assistant secretary of defense, set the effective date while providing guidance to the services on how to implement the new policy. Korb's memo stated the military services can sanction only three exceptions, such as allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages at remote

bases.

The military has long followed state drinking laws towards the sale of hard liquor. Base commanders, however, were given the option in allowing the sale of beer to military personnel under the age of 21 even if state law forbid the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons under 21.

However, Congress passed a law last year that threatened states with the loss of federal highway funding unless they adopted a drinking age limit of 21 by 1986. Many states complained, saying that it was

"hypocritical" for the federal government to set a standard for the states and not the same for military bases located in that state.

The District of Columbia currently has a drinking age law of 18-20 for beer and light wine and 21 for hard liquor. Virginia is 19-20 for beer and light wine and 21 for hard liquor. Virginia has a plan to raise their drinking age to 21. Maryland's drinking age is 21.

Since Marine Barracks is located in the District of Columbia, the club system here must follow the District's laws, 18-20 for beer and light wine, and 21 for hard liquor.

The new policy will not effect active-duty personnel posted overseas. In those cases, the Pentagon expects base commanders to continue to abide by the terms of "host nation agreements" that spell out drinking ages.

Admin Clerks needed for duty

(HQMC) - Marine Security Guard Battalion has announced the following vacancies for administrative clerks (MOS 0151) during Calendar Years 1985-1986:

A Company, Frankfurt Germany

One corporal for 24-month tour beginning in April 1986

B Company, Casablanca, Morocco

One corporal for 18-month tour beginning in May 1985

C Company, Manila, Philippines

One corporal for 15-month tour beginning in January 1986

One corporal for 15-month tour beginning in May 1986

D Company, Panama City, Panama

One corporal for 24-month tour beginning in June 1985

F Company, Nairobi, Kenya

One corporal for 12-month tour beginning in October 1985. Marines volunteering for this duty must be U.S. citizens and meet requirements for the granting of a Top Secret security clearance. They must also be unmarried and agree to remain single during their tour.

Requests should be made via administrative actions forms submitted to Commandant of the Marine Corps, (Code MMEA-83A), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 20380-0001

For further information, contact MGySgt. Rossell, Marine Security Guard Battalion, at AUTOVON 278-3267/3268 or (703) 640-3267/3268.

Designated Driver Program begins in Marine Corps Clubs

(HQMC) - Saying "no thanks" can mean a lot — a free button, free coffee and soft drinks, a discount coupon and a safe trip home.

A new program at Marine Corps clubs is designed to keep intoxicated drivers from getting behind the wheel of a car. Instead, a designated driver, who has enjoyed an evening of unlimited nonalcoholic beverages on the house, will chauffeur your group home.

Who is that designated driver? Tonight, it may be your friend, your spouse or your date. Tomorrow, it might be you.

If you visit your Marine Corps club in groups of three or more, you can select one member of your group

to serve as the designated driver for the evening. That person simply tells the bartender or server "no thanks. No alcohol for me tonight."

A "no thanks" button will be presented to the designated driver, as well as a free, special nonalcoholic beverage. For the rest of the evening the designated driver can enjoy an unlimited supply of free coffee and soft drinks.

That's not all. The driver will receive a discount coupon which can be applied toward food purchases at the club during the next visit.

Taking turns saying "no thanks" can ensure that you and your friends won't be charged with DWI or DUI violations. Better yet, it means that



you will get home safely, with less risk of accidents or serious injury.

Your club wants to keep its patrons, and the rest of the community, safe from harm. Do your part by saying "no thanks" the next time you and your friends visit your club.

Commissaries show savings, according to recent survey

Shopping at the commissary can reduce your grocery bill by nearly 25 percent, according to a recently concluded independent survey. The savings, say officials, represent a valuable non-pay compensation for Marines and their families.

The study, conducted by an independent consulting firm, was carried out at the direction of Congress. Fifty military commissaries were involved in the project, including two Marine Corps facilities — Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Va., and Marine Corps Recruit Depot,

Parris Island, S.C. The survey revealed that patrons saved 24.8 percent by shopping at Marine commissaries.

Savings at other services' commissaries were found to be comparable.

Commissary program officials at Headquarters Marine Corps Facilities and Services Division say the reason for the substantial savings are easy to explain. By law, commissaries must sell products at cost, plus a surcharge.

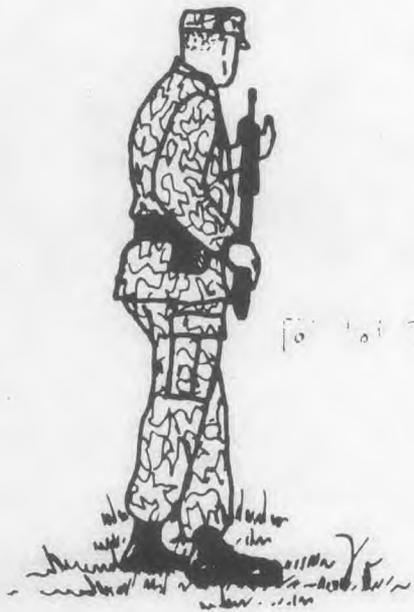
The surcharge, currently five percent of the total bill, is added at the register and pays for all operating supplies, equipment, and

construction projects. Employee salaries are paid with appropriated funds allocated yearly through the Department of Defense budget.

Supermarkets, on the other hand, must inflate prices to pay for their expenses and make a profit. To increase profits, they need a large volume of sales. One way to generate additional sales is to advertise popular items at a loss. In the retail industry, the product is known as a "loss leader," and is designed to attract additional customers. Loss leader products may cause some to believe that supermarkets offer better prices than commissaries. However, results of the independent survey reaffirm the degree of commissary savings. On the average, a \$100 grocery bill at the supermarket is reduced to \$75 at the commissary.

Sports

8th and I shooters capture fourth in Division Matches



by GySgt. Gene Polhamus

The Eastern Division Matches are no vacation, ask anyone whose been there. This year five Marines from Eighth & "I" had the opportunity to participate and spent three weeks at Camp Lejeune, N.C. shooting more than 600 rounds with the M16A2 and 400 rounds with the M1911A1 Match 45; that's a lot of shooting if you are not used to it. It's not hard to get burned out before the actual matches begin if you aren't

careful.

Getting burned out on shooting isn't the only thing you can get burned out on. You put a lot of long hours in, either shooting or waiting to shoot. A normal day begins at 4 a.m., earlier if you want to eat breakfast. You go to the armory, draw your rifle and then meet at range A where you get your range, target and relay assignment. You shoot and pull butts until about 11:30 a.m. You then have, usually, about one hour to turn in your rifle, put your rifle gear away, get your pistol and pistol gear, eat lunch and get to the pistol range where you once again get target and relay assignments. Depending on how many relays there are and which one you are on, you could be shooting until 5 or 6 p.m., that's Monday through Saturday.

The 1985 team from the Barracks consisted of four MCI Marines, Capt. Glen White, GySgt. Richard Abbott, LCpls Jeff Schultz and Kurt Swenson, and one HQSVC Co. Marine GySgt.

Volleyball, more than child's play

by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

Remember playing volleyball when you were a little kid. Maybe you and your sister or brother would go out and tap a rubber white ball back and forth across a sagging black and white net. Sometimes mom and dad would come out and join the action. That's when the game really got competitive. You'd slap that ball around until it fell in a open spot, or out of bounds. Sometimes dad would catch a ball just right in mid air and hit an impressive slam to mon. That's usually when the game ended. Mom would usually say a few choice words to dad and then quit.

Volleyball here is played pretty much the same, except with a little more intensity. No, a lot more intensity. Marines here get after it,

diving, setting and spiking is the way they play and the way it should be played.

The Marine Corps Institute and the Drum and Bugle Corps are the best at diving, spiking and setting. Both are 7-3 on the year. Going into the playoffs D&B is the number one seated team because they defeated MCI twice. Their only losses came from an inconsistent Headquarters and Service Company, who beat them twice, and the officers team. MCI's only other loss also came from H&S.

H&S looks to be the darkhorse going into the tourney. With a record of 6-4, they are seated third. H&S has proven they can beat anybody, but their inconsistent play has hurt their record. Company A is the fourth team

Gene Polhamus. All had fired expert on the KD Requalifications Course before and one, LCpl Schultz had been to the matches the previous year.

Firing expert on the KD Course does not prepare you for the National Match Course. You have to have fired expert several times and learned to make dope changes on your own if you want to be competitive at the Division Matches. Most of the teams participating had established teams that fired competitively during the year, or simply practiced two or three times a month to get good with their weapons. In the small unit category, in which the barracks competed, Marine Barracks Cuba won last year and placed second behind Marine Barracks Cecil Field this year. Marine Barracks Roosevelt Roads was third and 8th and I was fourth. The three teams that finished ahead of 8th and I all have teams that work out year round with match weapons. This is



not to say that 8th and I was not competitive, we came in fourth out of eight teams. We may even want to start a little competition with Annapolis which we did beat. It would be good for both teams.

Cecil Field won the Rifle Team competition with a score of 1,076, 8th and I came in fourth with a score of 1,049. A total of 27 points between the first and fourth place teams. The large command teams were well above us in the 1,100s. They have

more people to draw from as well as facilities and equipment.

Competitive shooting was not 8th and I's forte with the pistol. There is a big difference between shooting the 45. with two hands on a equal course and shooting with one hand from 50 yards. This is something that definitely takes a lot of practice. To be competitive with the pistol you have to be able to keep "every" round inside the 7-ring, something not mastered in a couple weeks.

The Competition in Arms program is being pushed very strongly in the fleet commands. Even in the reserve units it's becoming a driving force. The pistol team matches were won at both the Eastern and Western Division Matches by the reserves. For a small unit to be competitive it must have an established team that practices year-round. The barracks has the facilities and the men that can bring home the gold next year; if we have the desire.

in the tourney. They finished up with a 3-7 record to edge out Company B with a 2-8 record.

At deadline, it looks to be an interesting tourney. D&B is a tough competitive team. They play good defense, despite the fact they don't have the big power players. MCI on the other hand, is a power type team. They have the best "net players" in the game and can look awesome at times. H&S is a "keep the ball in play" type team. They force the opposing team to make the errors. Company A has an outside shot, but the talent isn't there compared to the other teams.

It should be interesting, my bet is on...



Sgt. Ted Worley, assistant guard chief, goes up against an opposing Company A player and slows down a hard spike during regular season volleyball action.

photo by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

N.L. Predictions

by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

When I read last month's April 1 edition of "Sports Illustrated," and found that the New York Mets had a secret pitching prospect that could throw a baseball 168 mph, I thought my predictions of the National League would be easy to make. I would predict the Mets to go all the way. I later found out that the Met pitching prospect, Hayden "Sidd" Finch, was an April Fools joke. My job of making these picks are now very difficult. When I say difficult, I mean making a prediction and being fairly sure about it in my mind. Any team in the N.L. East has the potential to take the title. And four of the six teams in the West could very easily win that crown. One new face in

the lineup could make the difference for any of these teams. At the same time, an injury here and there, or an off year for one or two players can drop a team from the top to the cellar in no time.

I'm going to start with the N.L. East. It would be easier to just put the team names in a hat and draw them out, but I'll try to use a little "baseball" sense to make my picks.

The New York Mets surprised the league last season, finishing second behind the also surprising Chicago Cubs. The Mets made one of the biggest moves in the history of their franchise this winter by acquiring catcher Gary Carter from Montreal. Carter will not only direct a promising young pitching staff from behind the plate, he will also add some needed punch to the lineup.

With Carter, outfielders Darryl Strawberry, Mookie Wilson and

George Foster, and first baseman Keith Hernandez, the Mets are capable of scoring a ton of runs. With a talented young pitching corps including the likes of Dwight Gooden and Ron Darling, the Mets are capable of allowing very few runs.

Fireballers Jesse Orosco and Doug Sisk could be the best relief pitchers in the game and definitely secure the bullpen. The Mets have the speed, power, pitching and desire, even without "Sidd Finch," to win the Eastern flag.

If Chicago Cubs pitcher Rick Sutcliffe could've hung in there a couple more innings last year in the N.L. Playoffs against San Diego, the World Series might have been a different story. But, he didn't, and that could play on the minds of many Cubs this season.

The Cubs are definitely a powerhouse. But, their pitching staff is a question. Can Sutcliffe, Steve Trout and Dennis Eckersley perform as they did last season? And can players like Ron Cey, Leon Durham, and Gary Matthews stay healthy all season? The Cubs will be in the thick of the race, but there are too many "ifs" to pick them over the Mets.

The Pittsburgh Pirates had a

Let's get physical

by SSgt. Kent Ashcraft

This month we're going to talk about RICE. No, not the stuff you eat at Chinese restaurants (although a future column will undoubtedly deal with its nutritional virtues). What I'm referring to now is the basic routine for treating a sports injury: RICE = Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation.

For chronic injuries, the type that build up over a period of time like tennis elbow, only the first two elements apply - in addition, of course, to correcting whatever caused the problem. Acute injuries, such as

sprains, require all four elements for proper self-rehabilitation. I'll take them one at a time:

REST-Sounds simple, and for some people it is. Others of us, who see common sense as something that confuses the issue, can have a tough time with this one. The way to handle it is to ask yourself not whether you want to pursue your sport tomorrow, but whether you are interested in pursuing it next week or next year. Once you've answered affirmatively, you're in a better position to judge how much rest the painful part needs. Depending on the injury, it is generally not necessary to be flat on your back; in fact if you can find an alternate

horrible season last year. However, the Pirates have the nucleus to return strong. Their pitching staff is still intact and their daily lineup has the potential to score a lot of runs. Look for the Pirates to return strong, but not strong enough to keep up with the Mets and the Cubs.

Catcher Gary Carter is gone, but outfielders Tim Lincecum and Andre Dawson still live. Montreal has an above average pitching staff and a handful of new faces. It will be interesting to see what happens. The Expos are a dark horse, but most likely won't place above fourth in this division.

The Philadelphia Phillies always seem to stay competitive. Mostly because their pitching staff has always been consistent. However, age will take its toll on Phillies pitchers and their lineup isn't strong enough to make up for what their pitchers give up in runs. Philly will drop to fifth.

If I were to select a track team, I would definitely go to St. Louis. However, track teams don't win baseball games. Cardinal pitcher Joaquin Andujar is dynamite, but the rest of their pitching staff are duds. The Cardinals will finish dead last, but will still be running.

When predicting the N.L. West, it's really hard not to pick the San Diego Padres as the number one team. However, you can expect the Los Angeles Dodgers to come back strong this year. The Dodgers have the best starting rotation in baseball. And their bullpen could be just as tough if Steve Howe and Tom Niedenfuer return strong. Look for outfielder Mike Marshall to show what he's made of this season. Pedro Guerrero might not be the best third baseman, but the man can hit the ball. I'm playing a hunch, but if my hunch is right the Dodgers will win the N.L. West.

The San Diego Padres didn't look that good on paper last season, but on the field they looked tough. However, first baseman Steve Garvey and third baseman Graig Nettles, the team leaders, are reaching the age of no return. Even though outfielders Kevin McReynolds and Carmelo Martinez are promising young players, they won't be able to take up the slack if Garvey and Nettles go down or have a bad year. Outfielder Tony Gwynn might hit .350, but the Padres won't place first.

If Atlanta Braves third baseman Bob Horner doesn't return strong from his injury, the Braves won't finish above .500. Horner makes the Braves tick. Without him outfielder Dale Murphy isn't half the stick he could be. Bruce Sutter will shore up the bullpen, but he needs to with the kind of starters the Braves have. Atlanta will place third.

It's too bad the month of April exists, because if it didn't the Houston Astros probably would have won the West the last three years. Houston could be the surprise team of this division. If shortstop Dickie Thon returns to his old form, look out for the Astros. The Astros will be in the race, but the Dodgers, Padres and Braves have just a little more. Houston will place fourth.

One of these days the Cincinnati Reds are going to come out of nowhere. But it won't happen this year. The Reds have some good young talent, but they need just a little more seasoning. The Reds will improve, but finish fifth.

The San Francisco Giants are in trouble. They have no pitching and their offense will be hard pressed to score runs. The Giants are no doubt a season cellar dweller.

exercise, such as a stationary bike, that does not hurt it, more power to you.

ICE-Performs two basic functions; one immediate, reduced swelling, and one delayed: When tissue temperature is drastically lowered, the blood vessels constrict, and when it is allowed to gradually return to room temperature, they dilate, resulting in increased blood flow and faster healing. Heat should not be used in the early stages of rehabilitation since it will aggravate swelling, which may not necessarily be visible, so when in doubt, use ice.

COMPRESSION-Best combined with the ice treatment, again, to reduce swelling. The best piece of gear to have for both functions is a gel-pack called a Hydrocollator, available in many drugstores. You leave it in the freezer and it becomes cold as ice, yet still pliable. Strap it on with an ace bandage tightly enough so that it

molds to your body, and put a thin piece of cloth between it and the skin, so that you don't end up with a freeze-dried ankle

ELEVATION-This pertains mainly to leg injuries, especially below the knee. The effect of gravity on the circulatory system will cause these to swell like horned toads if you stay on your feet a lot. Keep the injury in the air, at least above body midpoint, as much as possible, whether propped on your desk, on pillows while watching TV, or whatever.

While healing, you should ice and compress the area several times a day (the more the better) for about 20 minutes a shot. Elevation and rest - the more the better. Also, it goes without saying, I hope, that a serious injury such as a broken bone, dislocation, or ligament tear must be treated by a physician.

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Promotions

HQSVC Company
Pfc. M. R. Percey

D&B Corps
SSgt. D. B. Duckenfield

MCI Company
GySgt. R. D. Sutliff
GySgt. J. W. Morgan
LCpl. R. N. Fiesler

Band
MSgt. R. W. Foster
MGySgt. T. F. Lee
GySgt. E. T. Hurrey

Joins

HQSVC Company
MSgt. K. L. Frattini
Sgt. B. S. Watts
LCpl. S. A. Ambrose
Pfc. J. C. Grigsby
Pfc. J. A. Joseph Jr.
Pfc. D. G. Smith
Pvt. T. W. Jones

D&B Corps
Pfc. M. A. Rizzi

MCI Company
GySgt. T. L. Blake

Awards

A Company

Meritorious Mast
LCpl. W. B. Pierce
Cpl. D. M. Koson
Sgt. K. P. Keller
LCpl. V. L. Jordan
Pfc. J. L. Munsey

Ltr of Appreciation
LCpl. P. A. Wise
Pfc. W. A. Lockman

HQSVC Company

Ltr of Appreciation
Cpl. R. J. Clement
Pfc. T. C. Blackwell
LCpl. D. C. Brock
LCpl. J. E. Walch
Cpl. R. C. Klinger
LCpl. R. L. Barnes

D&B Corps

Ltr of Appreciation
Cpl. J. C. Hayes
Sgt. P. Rizzuti

MCI Company

Meritorious Mast
Cpl. K. D. Harmon
Cpl. J. C. Hackett
Cpl. S. C. Miller

Ltr of Appreciation
Cpl. J. C. Hayes
Sgt. P. Rizzuti

CMC concerned about vehicle safety

(CMC White Letter 3-85) - During 1984, 104 Marines were killed in motor vehicle accidents; over 600 others were injured. A disproportionate number died riding motorcycles, and the majority of the vehicle related deaths were attributed to speeding. Unsafe operation of a vehicle is indiscipline. Each vehicle related death is all the more tragic because this form of indiscipline is entirely preventable.

Motor vehicle safety, to include motorcycles, compels the attention of all Marines and dependents. As the number of motorcycles increases on roadways aboard and around our installations, all of us — motorcycle operators, drivers of other vehicles, pedestrians, and in a preventative sense, unit leaders — must take appropriate action.

Particularly disturbing is the number of deaths and injuries involving government vehicles carrying numbers of Marines. Excessive speed contributed in nearly all cases. The senior Marines in a vehicle, as well as the Marine in charge of a movement, must clearly understand and accept the responsibility of the driver's actions and the passenger's safety.

Tighten up all activities related to motor vehicle safety. Review local licensing procedures and re-energize driver training and supervision programs. Raise the level of awareness of all persons aboard the base to traffic safety. Publicize a simple procedure for military and civilians to report hazardous operation of personal and government vehicles.

Motor vehicle safety is a vital matter; it affects each of us and it affects our families. Take action to prevent — and to cause to be reported — unsafe operation of motor vehicle.

P. X. Kelley
Commandant U.S. Marine Corps

Spring concerts slated

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band continues its annual Band Spring Concert series every Sunday in May at 3 p.m. The concerts are performed in historic Sousa Band Hall here.

Marine Band concerts are free and the public is cordially invited. No tickets are needed. Street parking is available or ride METRO to Eastern Market Station and walk three blocks south on 8th St. S.E. to Marine Barracks. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. For more information call the Marine Band Public Affairs Office at 433-4011.



GySgt. Schultz

at MCI Writer Section No. 3

433-3106

Sweaters available

The Barracks Officers Wives Club here just recently received a new order of Marine Sweaters. They are dark blue and bright red, sizes medium and small. Written on the left front is "I never promised you a rose garden" with a bull dog.

Please contact Mrs. Weede at Quarters 3 or call 433-2993 for more information. The cost is \$16.00.

Historical Highlights

May 1, 1891-The School of Application, the first Officers Basic School, was founded at Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, Washington D.C.

May 10, 1913-The open marksmanship rifle contest for North China was held at Tientsin. Marines won it for the third successive year. There were 94 entries from several countries. The United States Infantry had 30 entries and the Marine Corps 18. The Leathernecks took first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth places. The U.S. Army took second place.

May 15, 1862-Cpl. John Mackie, first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor, received his award for service on the USS Galena during actions against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond against United States forces.

May 23, 1912-The beginning of Marine Corps Aviation: On this date, 1st Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham became the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by the Maj. Gen. Commandant, when he reported for aviation training at Annapolis, Maryland.

May 25, 1775-The first recorded account of American Marines in the Revolution describes eight Connecticut Marines, the "Original Eight," who escorted a pay chest to Albany, N.Y., for further shipment to Fort Ticonderoga.

May 28, 1864-Marines on the USS Admiral assisted in the capture of the highly successful Confederate blockade runner, Isabel. It took two broadsides, and the Marines exercising their marksmanship in such a manner that not one Confederate could safely remain on deck, to force the ship to surrender.

