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Body Bearers prepare to march away from a casket during a recent burial ceremony.

Marines in the Body Bearer Section perform hundreds of these ceremonies annually. See story and photos on page 12.



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SNCO/NCO PARADES

Staff NCOs marched in officer billets during the July 26 Sunset Parade and Aug. 2 Friday Night Parade, and NCOs marched the Aug. 13 Sunset Parade.

LEFT: Led by Sgt. Michael G. Branch, the NCO Parade Staff, consisting of (from front to rear) Cpl. Clay C. Draud, Cpl. Haven E. Smith, Cpl. William O. Thomas and Cpl. Gregory L. Henderson, passes in review, Aug 13. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

BOTTOM LEFT: Cpl. Robert D. Lyman, 2nd Platoon, Company A, marches as platoon commander. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

BELOW: (left to right) GySgt. Daniel L. Hall, 1sgt. Dennis L. Smith, LCpl. Terrance B. Watson, Sgt. Michael G. Branch, SSgt. Steve D. Smith, SSgt. Carl R. Fowler, Sgt. Luis H. Hernandez, Sgt. David Williams and SSgt. William D. Archer present arms during the Friday Night SNCO Parade. (Photo by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)

BACK COVER: The SNCO Parade Staff, (left to right) SSgt. Victor M. Reyes, GySgt. Garry G. Gibson, MSgt. David L. Lawson, GySgt. David W. Phillips and GySgt. Gilberto Torres, awaits the next command on Center Walk. (Photo by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)

INSIDE BACK COVER: A firing party from Company B fires a volley during a funeral ceremony. (Photo by LCpl. Valerie Stroschein)



NEWSBRIEFS

FAMILY ENRICHMENT FILMS OFFERED

Films and discussion on how to build a healthy and harmonious family will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday at the Henderson Hall Family Services Center.

Sponsored by the Henderson Hall Chaplain's Office, the films will be followed by a discussion featuring Dr. Bradshaw. For information, contact the Henderson Hall Chaplain's Office at (703) 746-3690

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	<i>The Compulsive Family</i>
Sept. 12	<i>The Persecuted Family</i>
Sept. 19	<i>The Bad Child</i>
Sept. 26	<i>Common Illnesses</i>
Oct. 3	<i>Help for the Family</i>
Oct. 10	<i>Healing the Family</i>
Oct. 17	<i>Hope for the Family</i>

MARINE CORPS MARATHON

MCCDC, QUANTICO, Va. -- Applications are now available for the 16th Annual Marine Corps Marathon, which is scheduled for Nov. 3, in Washington, D.C.

Entries will be limited to the first 13,000 paid applicants. The entry fee is \$20.

For applications and information, write to **Marine Corps Marathon; P.O. Box 188; Quantico, Va. 22134;** or call (703) 640-2225.

RUNNING CLINICS

Free running clinics are offered for those planning to run this year's Marine Corps Marathon.

The clinics are scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 20 and Oct. 18. They will be conducted by Dr. M. Broody in Room 101 of Ross Hall, in the George Washington University Medical Center, located at 2300 I St., in Northwest. Interested parties need only show up to attend.

GULF VETERANS RATE INSURANCE DIVIDENDS

HQMC -- In December 1990, Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO) declared a 25 percent Operation Desert Shield Dividend. The dividend was payable to all GEICO automobile policyholders on active duty who had been deployed for 30 continuous days to the Middle East from Aug. 1, 1990, to Dec. 31, 1990.

To date, GEICO has received very few inquiries.

Once again, GEICO has declared a 25 percent dividend, this time for all automobile policyholders on active duty who were in the Middle East for 30 continuous days between Jan. 1, 1991, and June 30, 1991, in support of Operation Desert Storm.

To apply for the dividend, an eligible Marine can call (800) 841-3000 and ask for a Desert Storm dividend package. Or, Marines near one of the more than 100 GEICO field offices can pick up the package in person.

FREE GUIDES AVAILABLE

The Henderson Hall Family Service Center has free information for you! Metrorail maps, sightseeing information, addresses and phone numbers to area military housing offices, housing offices, temporary lodging facilities, family employment centers, as well as child care centers and medical facilities are available.

Anyone is welcome to this information when they pick up the FREE book, "Guide to Washington". Maps of D.C., Maryland and Virginia are also available.

BRIEF DEADLINE

Newsbrief information for "Pass in Review" should be submitted to the Public Affairs Office by the 10th, for publication the same month.

CHAMPUS News Update

Several benefit and policy items established regarding claims

COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

CHAMPUS cost-shares cochlear implants. These are electronic instruments, parts of which are surgically implanted to stimulate auditory nerve fibers, and parts of which are carried or worn by a person to capture and amplify sound.

Cochlear implants approved by the Food and Drug Administration are covered for services obtained on or after March 2, 1988, by adults aged 18 and older who suffer from a profound deafness which occurred after they learned to speak, and who wouldn't benefit from the use of normal hearing aids.

When CHAMPUS contractors have made the necessary administrative adjustments to their systems, the implants may also be covered (effective June 27, 1990) for

children 2 through 17 who are profoundly deaf in both ears, and who don't benefit from standard hearing aids. However, even though a child may have deafness in both ears, the cochlear implant would only be recommended for one ear.

There are other guidelines to meet as well, for CHAMPUS to cover the implants. Check with your Health Benefits Advisor for details.

LASER SURGERY

CHAMPUS cost-shares laser surgery for certain surgical procedures. The surgery must be medically necessary, considered acceptable medical practice for the condition and otherwise covered under CHAMPUS. The laser must be FDA-approved, and merely used as a substitute for the scalpel.

Laser may be covered for head and neck surgery and for some types of eye and gynecological surgery. Check with your Health Benefits Advisor for details on other covered laser surgery procedures. Some types of laser surgery are NOT covered by CHAMPUS.

EMERGENCY ROOM CHARGES

CHAMPUS has acted to reduce financial hardship on some service families by cost-sharing emergency room charges on an INPATIENT basis when the intent was to admit the patient to the hospital once his or her condition was stabilized in the emergency room, but the patient died before being formally admitted.

The change from outpatient to inpatient cost-sharing in this situation means CHAMPUS begins cost-sharing with the first dollar of medical bills, instead of waiting until the family has satisfied the annual outpatient deductible.

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TOUR SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

United States Marine Band

"The President's Own," United States Marine Band, will bring America's music to the southeastern portion of the United States during its annual Fall Concert tour.

The band is scheduled to depart Oct. 1, for concerts in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. Forty-six concerts will be performed during the course of the 50-day tour.

For more information, call the band's 24-hour concert information line, at (202) 433-4011.

Battle Color Detachment

The Battle Color Detachment, featuring the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Team and the U.S. Marine Corps Color Guard, will begin its East Coast tour Sep 7. The Detachment will perform in the following locations:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Sept. 7	7 p.m.	Boston, Mass.
Sept. 9	12 noon 8 p.m.	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. Havelock, N.C.
Sept. 10	10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. Camp Lejeune, N.C.
Sept. 11	3 p.m.	The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
Sept. 12	10 a.m. 6 p.m.	Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.
Sept. 13	10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, GA Pascagoula, Miss.

NMCRS Begins Education Assistance Program

Grants, loans available for children

The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, in conjunction with the United Student Aids Funds, Inc., announces two new programs providing grants and interest-free loans for undergraduate education of children of active duty Marines and sailors.

USA Funds, a nationwide financial services corporation specializing in education credit, will administer the program under its "Help America Learn" program. The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society will provide funds for the program.

The NMCRS believes the new programs will help fill the gap that often results when service families apply for assistance under federal programs but do not qualify because of the government's mandated needs test. Although awards under the society's program will be determined on the basis of need, the society will use a modified form of expected family contribution. Many families are expected to qualify for grants and/or loans.

Under the NMCRS education grant program, a grant of \$2,000 per academic year will be awarded to qualifying sons and daughters of active duty service members. Under the parent education loan program, service members may qualify for a loan of up to \$3,000 per academic year (for their children's education). Loans will be repaid by allotment. Both programs will be available for the 1992-1993 school year.

In response for the donor requests to designate contributions solely for educational assistance, the

society has established an "Education Fund." Donations will be accepted and qualify as non-taxable donations under section 170(B)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions from individuals are tax deductible.

Other education programs sponsored by NMCRS include:

- **Stafford Student Loan (SSL)** - Federal programs for students; sponsored and processed by NMCRS.
- **Parents Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)** - Federal program to assist parents; sponsored and processed by NMCRS.
- **Children of Deceased Active Duty (CDAD)** - Grants and interest-free loans for post-secondary educations or training.
- **Children of Deceased, Retired Servicemembers (CDR)** - Grants and interest-free loans of up to \$1,000 for post-secondary education or training.
- **Active Duty Commissioning Programs (ADCP)** - Grants and interest-free loans for undergraduate studies for those enrolled in commissioning programs.
- **Special Programs** - Battleship Iowa Fund, USS Stark Fund and USS Tennessee Fund.

For information or applications, contact **Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society Headquarters, Education Department; 801 North Randolph Street; Suite 1228; Arlington, Va. 22203-1989.**

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The policy on cost-sharing of emergency room services under the above circumstances is effective for services received on or after May 23, 1988.

Patients who receive emergency room treatment and who are released without being formally admitted to the hospital will still have their emergency room charges cost-shared by CHAMPUS on an outpatient basis.

CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

CHAMPUS does not cover treatment for chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) AS A DEFINED ILLNESS, as there are no generally accepted standards for treatment of CFS, and since existing treatments haven't been consistently proven effective. Treatment for CFS is limited to relieving individual symptoms, such as prescribing medications for headaches or muscle pains.

COUNSELING SERVICES, SELF-HELP COURSES AND RELAXATION

CHAMPUS does not cover nutritional counseling, self-help counseling, diabetic self-education programs, stress management, lifestyle modification and other

related programs.

Also not cost-shared by CHAMPUS are self-help courses or items or charges related to exercising or relaxation, such as spas, whirlpools, hot tubs or swimming pools. Even though these items may have some therapeutic value, they're not medical in nature and aren't intended to be included within the scope of CHAMPUS medical benefits.

LICENSURE GRACE PERIOD FOR COUNSELORS ENDS

CHAMPUS' year-long grace period, during which counselors in states which offered optional licensure or certification were not required to obtain that optional license or certification in order to provide treatment under CHAMPUS, ended Aug. 1.

CHAMPUS requires that all providers of care be licensed or certified by the state or locality in which they practice. This is true even if the licensure or certification is optional. If it's offered, providers must obtain it. If a state doesn't offer licensure or certification, providers must be eligible for full certified (not just associate, provisional or student) membership in the appropriate national or professional association that sets standards for the profession of which the provider is a member.

CHANGES OF COMMAND

Col. Flynn takes Barracks' helm

Colonel Peter Pace relinquished command of the Barracks to Col. James C. Flynn, during a morning parade and



Col. J. C. Flynn accepts the Barracks Colors from Barracks SgtMaj. W. Smothers during the Change of Command Ceremony, July 22. (Photo by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)

ceremony, July 22. Colonel Pace commanded the Barracks since August 1988.

Colonel Flynn was born on June 18, 1947 in Portsmouth, Va. He entered the Marine Corps through the Platoon Leader's Class Program and was commissioned a second lieutenant in June 1969, upon graduating from the University of San Diego.

Once he completed The Basic School and the Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course in 1970, he served as a Forward Observer with Battery "C," 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Camp Pendleton, Calif. In November that same year, he reported to the Republic of Vietnam, where he served as a rifle platoon commander and company executive officer with 2/1.

Returning to Camp

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MARINE CORPS INSTITUTE

Lieutenant Col. Thomas E. Sheets relinquished command of Marine Corps Institute Company to LtCol. James S. Sfayer during a June 24 change of command ceremony. Lieutenant Col. Sheets commanded the company since July 1989.

Lieutenant Col. Sfayer is a 1972 graduate of St. Francis College in Brooklyn, N.Y. He completed Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in November 1973.

He has served as a platoon commander with 3d Battalion, 4th Marines; 3rd Reconnaissance Bat-

talion; and at Marine Barracks NWS Earle, in Colts Neck, N.J. He has also served as a company commander with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, Marine Corps representative at the United States Military Academy, and as Assistant Chief of Staff for Marine Corps Matters in South Korea.

Before assuming command of MCI, LtCol Sfayer was assigned to the Plans, Policies and Operations Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

COMPANY A

Captain B. P. McCoy relinquished command of Company A to Capt. S. R. Dinauer during a change of command ceremony, July 29. McCoy commanded the company since November 1989.

A native of Verona, Wisc., Dinauer graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison

in 1986. He attended Officer Candidate School and the Basic School from June 1986 to February 1987, and was subsequently assigned to 3d Battalion, 2d Marines, where he served as Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Battalion Training Officer.

After reporting to the Barracks in March 1990, he served as a Platoon Leader with Company B and deployed with Company A to Southwest Asia.

Dinauer's personal decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V".

SEPARATION

Provisions in 1991 National Defense Authorization Act to aid separating servicemembers with pay, added benefits, additional perks

Voluntary Separation Incentive Proposed by Defense Secretary

HQMC -- Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney has asked Congress to approve a voluntary separation incentive to assist the Department of Defense in meeting its fiscal year 1992-1995 end-strength goals.

The proposal would reduce the number of involuntary separations that will otherwise be required during the next four years to reach personnel targets.

The proposal would authorize the DoD to offer financial incentives to enlisted personnel with more than six years but less than 20 years of military service who volunteer to separate from active duty.

Because it would be based on length of service and pay grade at time of separation, the annual amount of the incentive would differ from member to member. The annual payment would be equal to 2.5 percent of annual base pay multiplied by the member's years of service. Incentive payments would be made in equal annual installments for a period equal to twice the number of years of service of the member.

Under the proposal, the payments are transferrable, and the member could direct the payments to another person or could bequeath them to his or her heirs. Members also have the option of selling to a private party the right

to receive annual payments in exchange for a lump sum.

The incentive would be offered to members in duty skills, grades and length of service where existing personnel significantly exceed future requirements. Members in critical or shortage skills are not likely to be offered this as an incentive to voluntarily separate.

Over the next four years, the DoD services will shrink from just over 2 million to 1.65 million members at the end of FY 1995. A large portion of the 400,000 decrease can be accomplished by normal attrition and through reductions in the number of recruits each year, but some of the reductions will have to be made through voluntary separations. And this proposal would offer a financial incentive to induce mid-career members to separate voluntarily and reduce the number of members who would have to be involuntarily separated.

The voluntary separation of mid-career members will improve career opportunities for those staying in the military service and would make room for junior grade members.

Cheney is asking Congress for temporary authority to offer the incentive. The authority would expire at the end of the drawdown in 1995.

Involuntary Separation Pay

Requisites:

- More than six, but less than 20 years of active duty service.
- Serve in ready reserve for three years after separation.
- Rate an honorable discharge.
- Marine must be qualified for, but denied reenlistment or retention.

Scale:

- Full separation can be computed by multiplying 10 percent of 12 times the amount of monthly base pay earned at time of separation, by the total number of years of active service.
- For instance, a Marine with 10 years of service earning \$2,000 per month base pay, would receive \$24,000

See ALMAR 191/91 for full details and requisites.

PACKAGES

Those Separating Involuntarily Entitled to Special Benefits

AFIS -- Servicemembers facing involuntary separation are being offered additional benefits to help their move to civilian life. All separatees get certain benefits, said Christopher Jehn, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Personnel. Pre-separation counseling and employment and relocation assistance are just a few ways DoD helps those leaving the service - voluntarily or

Jehn said the additional benefits, authorized by the fiscal 1991 National Defense Authorization Act, will help servicemembers who find their careers cut short because of DoD's planned drawdown. Benefits are retroactive to Nov. 5, 1990, when President George Bush signed the law, he said.

About 50,000 to 60,000 individuals are involuntarily separated every year under normal

separated who meet certain prerequisites. Personnel officials said the package includes:

- Commissary and exchange privileges for two years after separation;

- Continued use of government family quarters for a reasonable rent for up to 180 days;

- Up to 120 days of medical coverage in the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) or in-house care, depending on the member's length of active service, for one year of active service; and one year of coverage for pre-existing conditions if enrolled in a DoD-approved conversion health insurance plan;

- Priority placement in the National Guard or Reserve on applications made within one year of separation;

- One-time employment preference in non-appropriated fund positions for separating members and their family members;

- The option for students to spend their senior year in the DoD Dependents Schools system if they have completed the 11th grade when their sponsor is separated;

- The option to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill or convert to it from the Veterans Educational Assistance Program before separation;

- Up to 10 days of permissive TAD or 30 days of excess leave for job or house hunting or other relocation activities, mission permitting; and

- Shipment of household goods to any stateside destination within a year of separation or up to a year's storage at government expense.

"Address questions concerning eligibility and specific benefits to local personnel and finance offices," Jehn said.

Editor's note: additional details may be found in ALMAR 192-91.



involuntarily.

"Then, there are more generous benefits, such as extended post exchange and commissary privileges, medical care and access to military housing," Jehn said. "These things, in addition to separation pay, will be available to individuals involuntarily separated."

circumstances. Over the next four years, an extra 20,000 to 30,000 people a year will face involuntary separation because of the force drawdown. Rather than sort members by drawdown and business-as-usual separations, said Jehn, DoD will give the extra benefits to all those being involuntarily

Story by

Sgt 1st Class Linda Lee, USA

DIRECTOR,

U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps

LtCol. Crawford has been with D&B for a quarter of a century



Then and now - LtCol. Truman W. Crawford at left as a warrant officer in the early '70s, and this year greeting Vice President Dan Quayle (right photo) after the Commandant's Change of Command ceremony in July. (Photo at right by Cpl. Brian T. Thompson)



Fo-o-oward - March! the sound of drums suddenly fills the air, and a spotlight hits one Marine as he marches from behind the brick archway of the arcade. Medals glimmer off his impeccable red and white dress uniform. Without missing a step, the Marine salutes the colors and continues down the center of the parade deck. He stops in front of the parade commander, nods slightly, and turns around to face the Marines who have formed up behind him.

With a wave of his arms, the Marines bring their instruments up and begin to play, watching his gestures and facial expressions with which he controls their intonations. He is LtCol. Truman Crawford, Director of the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., a position he has held since 1973.

Crawford's interest in music began at the age of eight when he played a fife in a colonial fife and drum corps. Later years found him studying all of the brass and percussion instruments while studying privately with noted music educators. While in high school he was first introduced to the music of drum and bugle corps.

"There was an American Legion Drum Corps at home. My music teacher taught them on the side and invited me to come watch. I ended up joining them and stayed with it through high school till the U.S. Air Force Drum and Bugle Corps came to town," said Crawford, a native of Endicott, N.Y. "I saw them and was awestruck. I wrote a letter to request an audition, which I got. I was accepted, so in 1953 I joined and came to Washington, D.C."

Crawford was stationed at Bolling Air Force Base with the Drum and Bugle Corps there for ten years. In 1963, he got out of the Air Force to open a music store specifically catering to drum

corps and marching bands.

"I became interested in civilian drum corps as an arranger, instructor, and competition judge. I spent my free time writing music or teaching and got my roots in the activity," he said.

Three years later, Crawford was faced with another opportunity in the Armed Forces - this time with the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps.

"I was given an interview with Gen. Wallace Greene (the 23d Commandant of the Marine Corps) and was selected to be the Drum Corps' Arranger and Instructor," he said.

Crawford has been with "The Commandant's Own" ever since, and has worked his way through the enlisted and officer ranks to a position as its Director.

The U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, with its 85 Marines, is the only drum corps in military service today, according to Crawford. It tours the East and West Coasts annually and gives numerous performances



ABOVE LEFT: Then-MSgt. Crawford, who was NCOIC of the USAF Drum and Bugle Corps at the time the photo was taken around 1959.
ABOVE RIGHT: The beginning of Crawford's military career - he was an Airman 3rd Class trombonist.

throughout the United States and abroad. In the summer months, this musical unit performs for thousands of spectators each Tuesday during the Sunset Parades at the Marine Corps War Memorial and during the Friday Evening Parades at the Barracks.

"I think the most exciting performance we've done was at Camp David for former President Jimmy Carter, Anwar Sadat (Egypt) and Menachim Begin (Israel). It was a unique, historical moment," said Crawford, who has performed for every president since Dwight D. Eisenhower. "Many reports from the news journals had questioned whether having a military musical unit perform was somehow a show of military might. But when Sadat shook my hand after the performance he said, 'What a marvelous art form.' He recognized it for what it is. Many people don't see it that way."

Crawford's career has literally spanned the globe, with performances on the parade ground of

Buckingham Palace for the Queen of England, to the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan for the Emperor - from the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium to the land down under while touring Australia as our country's musical ambassadors to their 1988 bicentennial celebration. Network television has found him featured on Ed Sullivan's "Toast of the Town", Dave Garroway's "Wide Wide World" during the earlier years of television. Recent appearances include the NBC "Today Show" and the "Grand Old

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Numerous specials have found him sharing the television screen with such stars as Bob Hope, Louis Armstrong, Barbara Mandrell, Doc Sevrenson and Pearl Bailey, just to mention a few.

But the highlights in Crawford's career have more

often come from the Marines he teaches.

"It is the greatest thrill meeting former Drum and Bugle Corps Marines now. They come back older, and I've never met one who didn't learn something from his time here," he said. "It's really exhilarating when I hear that either something I said or something we did or experienced made them do something right later on."

Indeed, Crawford strives to teach his Marines not just about being a Marine and a musician, but about life. "We only have these Marines a short period, and we have the opportunity to mold them into successful citizens. It is important they realize what success is, how to reach it and what to be satisfied with," he said.

"I tell them 9,000 times a week, success is the realization of predetermined goals. You have to start out at the bottom and pay your dues, and you need attainable goals to reach on your way to success. Many of the Marines want instantaneous success. I had instantaneous failures over and over till I reached success."

And according to Crawford, the success of the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps comes from the equal

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BODY BEARERS

Ceremonial Marines ensure last respects for deceased are as smooth as possible

In the shadows of the setting sun stand six ceremonial Marines. These Marines aren't carrying colors, rifles or instruments like those found on the parade deck during Sunset and Evening Parades. They're carrying a casket, paying their last respects to a former Marine.

The Body Bearer section of Marine Barracks is a unique, 15

man unit, whose primary mission is to bury deceased Marines, senators or congressmen in Arlington Cemetery or cemeteries in the immediate area, and participate in cannon ceremonies here. They occasionally take part in joint service funerals in other states for high ranking officials.

Requests for services come in through the casualty section at the Pentagon, then they're forwarded to the Marine Barracks Operation Section.

"Funerals average out to one or two a day," said Cpl. Robert L. Haller. "We average between 250 to 300 funerals per year. And by the time a Bearer leaves 8th and I, he will have done approximately 275 funerals," said Cpl. Ron J. Bevens, Body Bearer platoon sergeant.

When they aren't at a funeral, the Body Bearers spend time in the Barracks' weight room lifting weights, and practicing drills in the upper parking level (UPL).

FEATURE

LEFT: During funeral ceremonies, Body Bearers fold the flag for presentation to next-of-kin. Body Bearers are especially sensitive to the feelings of those attending the funerals.

RIGHT: Body Bearers lead the procession to the gravesite.

BELOW: Body Bearers raise a casket, which can weigh more than 1,000 pounds, one last time.

The drills are performed with an actual casket filled with 250-300 pounds of weight inside. "When we drill, it's not only for our workout and practice, it's done for the families. The better we look in the UPL, the better we'll look for them," said LCpl. Robert B. Webb.

Just as certain standards are required for the marchers, the Body Bearers also have to meet height and size requirements as well as pass an initial strength test.

After completing Ceremonial Drill School (CDS), the Marine is moved to the Body Bearer section for more CDS.

"Body Bearer CDS is more strenuous than the other CDS.



It's more physically demanding and more discipline is required, because we perform more closely with the families," said LCpl. Maurice D. Haughton.

"Even after completing all of the CDS training and drills, these Marines aren't considered Body Bearers until they complete their first funeral," said Bevens.

All of the funerals performed are meaningful, especially for the families, but according to Haller, the younger the person is, the more emotional it is. "When we

perform a funeral for a child, infant, or young Marine, it's more touching," said LCpl. Marvin C. Moses.

Although each funeral they perform is touching, they all agree the one which touched most closely to home was a funeral performed for one of the first Marines killed during the air assault in Saudi Arabia.

"There's nothing to explain the feeling of presenting the American flag to the Marine's family after removing it from the casket and folding it," said Webb.

This occasion is one that is filled with much sorrow for the families of the deceased. But their services certainly do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

The Body Bearers often receive letters from family members. "We recently did a funeral for a veteran who received the Silver Star in Vietnam, and his daughter sent us a picture she drew of the funeral scene to thank us," said Bevens.

As the Marines lower the casket for the final time and pay their last respects, their motto continues to hold true: they are "The last to let you down".



**Story and photos by
LCpl. Valerie Stroschein**

SPIT AND POLISH GROUNDS

Landscape Supervisor ensures grounds look as groomed and immaculate as the Marines performing on them



Sandy L. Hinsley, Barracks Landscape Supervisor, checks the progress of the many flowers growing on post. She is responsible for all Barracks horticultural matters.

Barracks Marines are rumored to be some of the most spit and polished Marines in the Corps, and the grounds here are expected to look just as sharp as the Marines marching on them. Marine Barracks is one of the few places in D.C. where plants, trees and flowers can grow unhampered by human feet.

This doesn't happen by some miracle, but through the hard work of Sandy L. Hinsley, the Barracks Landscape Supervisor.

Hinsley works closely with Gysgt. Roger R. Scott, Grounds Maintenance Chief, and the Marines in his section, in the upkeep of the Barracks grounds on both a daily and long term basis. Once a week throughout the summer, Hinsley and Scott inspect the grounds for discrepancies and seek out possible areas for improvement.

Hinsley, who has been here for 5½ years, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant and Soil Science and is currently working on her Masters Degree in Applied Management.

During the summer

months, the Barracks is adorned with flowers that bloom in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and colors. According to Hinsley, the flowers displayed throughout the grounds help to bring out the historic flavor of the Barracks.

Hinsley makes sure the grounds have an overall prestige. "I want the public to go away with the feeling Marine Barracks is just as much, if not more squared-away than the entire Marine Corps," said Hinsley. "After all, Marines here are continuing a tradition that's almost two centuries old, and it's extremely impor-



tant the public enjoys visiting here."

Contrary to popular belief, landscaping is not a seasonal job. Hinsley continues planning and planting all year round. Although the summer months are when most of the landscaping takes place, it also continues throughout the winter months. Bulbs are ordered and planted in September and October for the following spring.

Throughout the winter, the greenhouse is filled with plants and flowers to be planted after the winter frost.

During the fall, leaves require raking. The parade deck gets fertilized and re-sodded in high traffic areas, and air pockets are incorporated into the ground in October for better winter ventilation.

Winter is also the time for equipment maintenance, and planning for the following parade season.

During the warmer months the tempo of the work increases. The spring flowers are in full bloom about two weeks into parade season, and are immediately replaced with annual flowers, which stay in

Hinsley goes over some of the plants with GySgt. Roger R. Scott, Grounds Maintenance Chief. They team up to ensure an impeccable appearance.

bloom until the winter frost.

It's important to know all the mechanics of landscaping, including when to water the grounds, the appropriate time of year to plant certain flowers, and the type of flowers that can be planted for the type of soil and climate.

"Every year I like to try something new. I work with different combinations of plants and flowers to see what looks the best," said Hinsley. "Since I've been here, we've replaced the bushes by the cannon so the Marines in grounds

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can give (the plants) better 'high and tights'," she jokes. We planted a better type of grass seed for a fuller and greener look. One year, Hinsley planted flowers in the Commandant's back yard arranged in the shape of the American flag. "I tried something different the following year, but the Commandant wouldn't think of changing it," said Hinsley. That flag still graces the yard today.

Through Hinsley's landscaping expertise, she continues to enhance the historic beauty of Marine Barracks.

*Story and photos by
LCpl. Valerie Stroschein*



ABOVE: *A platoon of Riverine Assault Craft speed down the James River near Hopewell, Va., during a recent exercise.*

RIGHT: *LCpl. Michael Keller, of II MEF Riverine Assault Craft Platoon, mans an aft machine gun on one of the boats.*

RIVERINE ASSAULT CRAFT



New assault concept enables Marines to take the fight to enemies in an inland water environment

LFTC ATLANTIC, NORFOLK, Va. -- Fast and agile gunboats carrying platoons of combat-ready Marines to objectives against drug traffickers or insurgent guerrillas isn't as far from reality as some may think.

Upon acceptance of a sleek, 35-foot-long waterjet-propelled Riverine Assault Craft (RAC), currently in testing here, the Marine Corps will have this capability soon. And true to tradition, the leathernecks will be better able to respond to any threat in any clime and place; even areas inundated by waterways.

The RAC is a highly maneuverable, high speed boat (capable of 43 mph) with a crew of four, designed for multiple missions. These include armed escort; command, control and communications; armed reconnaissance; high-speed pursuit and intercept; signals intelligence and electronic warfare; and transport of combat-equipped Marines into low-intensity



Swift and agile, the Riverine Assault Craft can reach speeds of up to 43 mph. The boat is armed with a 50 cal. machine gun forward and a Mk-19 40mm grenade launcher aft.



conflicts in a riverine environment.

This concept is not new. These kinds of boats were used extensively during the Vietnam War to carry soldiers into the Mekong Delta.

What is new is that the Marine Corps has taken an active interest in redeveloping riverine warfare doctrine.

"The doctrine we're formulating is simply a matter of applying sound infantry tactics to water operations, but you have to consider the uniqueness of being on a river," said MSgt. William Dickerson, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the RAC Course here.

The renewed interest in riverine warfare comes as a response to a need foreseen by the Commander-in-Chief, Southern Command. Within the Southern Command Area are 65,000 miles of navigable waterways, according to Col. Jim Bathurst, LFTCLant Director of Training. And with congressional support of the military's involvement in stopping the flow of drugs into American communities, former Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. A. M. Gray, approved field testing of the RAC prototype.

The boat was basically bought "off-the-shelf". Following slight modifications and armament, including a .50 caliber machine gun forward and a 40mm Mk-19 grenade launcher aft, the purchase saved time and money, said Bathurst, who is also test director for the RAC Program and the force behind its development for Marines.

After the first seven RACs were received in August 1990 (the only ones presently in the Corps), Bathurst and his staff learned everything from the ground up about the 300-horsepower twin-engine diesel engine-powered aluminum boats. They virtually created operations plans, evaluated the craft for operational requirements and formulated a course, then trained the first tactical II Marine Expeditionary Force RAC platoon.

During a four-day training exercise on the James River near Hopewell, Va., the craft and their crews went through extensive testing of their tacti-

cal concepts and recently-added communications equipment.

During the exercise, the RAC Platoon conducted a series of drills, including high-speed pursuit, reconnaissance team inserts and extracts, island raids and board-and-search exercises.

"The way things are going now, as far as low-intensity conflicts are concerned, it's a very good idea for the Marine Corps to be involved in RACs," said Capt. Glen Cheatham, of 5th Platoon, FAST Company, Marine Corps Security Force Battalion, who commanded ground forces for the exercise. "These boats will provide very good support to cover the grunts in these areas and if there are rivers and waterways, we'll have a need to get in there. I think RACs will be very good for the Corps."

**Story and photos by
Sgt. Rodney Germain**

Company B Practices Helo Ops

Marines helocast, clear landing zones at Quantico

As a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter lands, Marines depart and swiftly form a hasty defense along the tree line in enemy territory. Their objective is to secure the landing zone.

On a recent field exercise, Company B Marines practiced this by conducting landing zone (LZ) maneuvers at MCCDC, Quantico.

"A landing zone is a means of insertion for vertical assault in a combat situation," said 1stSgt. Dennis L. Smith, Company B first sergeant.

The procedures for completing a successful LZ maneuver are to radio a helicopter, direct it to the proper area and properly board the helo. Once the helo has landed, Marines must properly disembark, make a hasty defense, and ensure the safety of the zone.

According to Smith, landing zone preparation is very important. The area has to be big enough, depending on the mission and the size of the unit being inserted, to ensure good approach and departure. The helo has to be able to clear the trees or obstacles, and the boundaries should be easily recognizable.



Capt. Robert M. Heidenreich, Co. B 1st Platoon Commander, instructs LCpl. Anthony W. Nicholson on how to properly radio for a helicopter during LZ maneuvers at MCCDC, Quantico.

"Landing zones are a safer and more expeditious means of insertion than fast-roping or rappelling because the helicopter has a chance to land and the Marines can disembark more quickly," said Smith.

According to Smith, every Marine should be familiar with landing zone maneuvers.

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LCpl. Valerie Stroschein**

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Pendleton in 1971, he served as Commanding Officer, H&S Company, 2/1, and was subsequently reassigned to 11th Marines, where he served as Assistant Operations Officer and Operations Officer of 1/11, and later as the 3/11 Operations Officer.

In March 1973, he assumed duties as Assistant Inspector-Instructor, 2/14, Dallas, Texas. He then attended the Field Artillery Officer's Advanced Course at Fort Sill, Okla., graduating with honors in December 1976. Transferred to the 3d Marine Division, he served as Assistant Operations Officer for 12th Marines, and as Commanding Officer, Battery "F," 2/12.

He reported to The Basic School

in March 1978 and served as an instructor in the Combined Arms Group, and later as a Staff Platoon Commander and Student Company Executive Officer. In May 1979, he assumed duties as Aide to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, serving until July 1982. Following this assignment, he attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. After graduation in June 1983, he was assigned as a Company Commander at Officer Candidate School.

From August 1983 to June 1984, he attended the Foreign Service Institute and the Defense Intelligence College, Washington, D.C., in preparation for his assignment as Assistant Naval Attache at the American Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 1984 to 1987.

In September 1987, he was transferred to the 2d Marine Division, at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served as Logistics Officer with 10th Marines, and Commanding Officer, 1/10. He then served in Panama as Operations Officer, Deputy Directorate for Counterdrugs, U.S. Southern Command, until coming here.

Colonel Flynn's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and the Combat Action Ribbon.

He is married to the former JoAnne McElroy, of Shreveport, La. They have two children, Jimmy and Jennifer, ages 10 and 7.

SALUTES for the month of July

AWARDS

DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

MERITORIOUS MAST

Sgt. K. W. Fisher
Cpl. C. R. Bell
Cpl. K. D. Buckles
Cpl. W. A. Gregory
Cpl. C. R. McCarrick
LCpl. M. A. Young

H&S COMPANY

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

LCpl. C. D. Chambers
LCpl. A. D. Klinger

MERITORIOUS MAST

Sgt. C. H. Davis Jr.

MARINE CORPS INSTITUTE

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Maj. M. V. Trujillo

PROMOTIONS

Sgt. C. H. Davis Jr.
Sgt. J. R. Owens
Cpl. C. R. McCarrick Jr.
Cpl. M. E. Meier
LCpl. C. R. Ariak
LCpl. B. C. Bartlett
LCpl. B. G. Brewer
LCpl. D. E. Cunningham
LCpl. M. F. Devan
LCpl. E. R. Funk

LCpl. J. E. Marcano
LCpl. S. J. Pluta
LCpl. N. W. Rembert
LCpl. M. G. Savich
LCpl. S. A. Tucker

WELCOME ABOARD

Capt. K. D. Flower
Capt. R. M. Heidenreich
1stLt. K. D. Singleton
GySgt. W. E. Blair Jr.
SSgt. R. J. Rohrbach
LCpl. M. C. Coogan
LCpl. D. R. White
LCpl. B. S. Williams II
PFC M. W. Boelk
PFC E. R. Buentello
PFC O. D. Cosgrove
PFC F. D. Crumb
PFC R. W. Kovach
PFC L. W. Stepp



Col. Peter Pace looks on as Cpl. George T. Byrne III, Dog Handler, dresses newly promoted Cpl. Chesty IX in his "Charlie" uniform with corporal chevrons. (Photo by Cpl. Thomas J. LaPointe)

CAREER PLANNER'S CORNER

FY-92 is rapidly coming up on us. With all the MOS closures and restrictions forcing lateral moves, and warrant officer package submissions around the corner, many Marines will need to retake the ASVAB. Don't wait until the last minute to bring up your scores. It could cost you a school seat or warrant officer commission.

NOTES

- A first-term Marine must reenlist for at least three years to receive a reenlistment option.
- A Marine on his or her second contract must reenlist for at least four years for an option.
- All Marines reenlisting who rate a bonus must reenlist for at least four years.

GT Enhancement Classes offered by the Henderson Hall Education Center are scheduled for Sept. 9, through Oct. 4. The four-week course will be conducted at the center from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday. For information, call Mrs. "K", at (703) 614-8797.

LADY BEWARE!

Sexual Assault Prevention Class

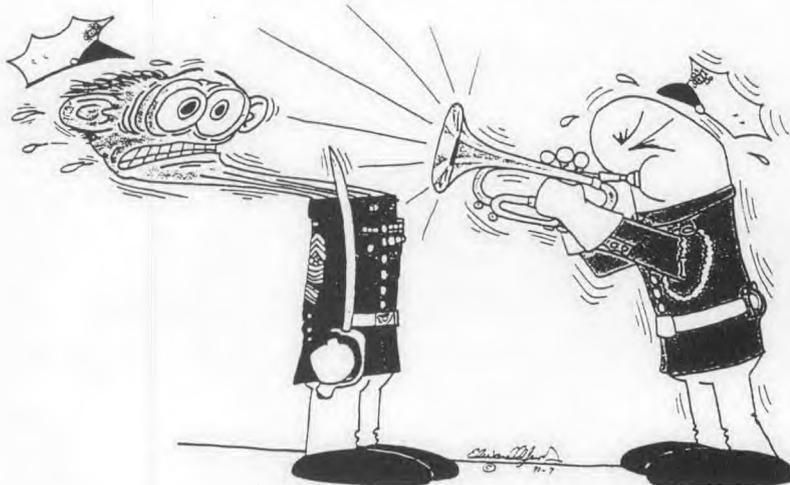
PROTECT YOURSELF!

The Henderson Hall Family Services Center, in conjunction with the Henderson Hall Provost Marshall's Office, will provide professional classroom and on-hands instruction to women interested in protecting themselves.

Preventive measures and counter-measures will be covered in the course, scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 4, in the FSC conference room and Terry L. Smith Gymnasium. Call (703) 614-5064 before class begins to register.

PROTECT YOURSELF!

HARRY WHO



"SOUND OFFICERS' CALL!"

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contributions of all the Marines in the unit.

"I teach 'we' instead of 'me'. 'I' haven't done anything; 'we' have done a myriad of things. We cause the applause and the standing ovations. I cannot garner any response by myself," he said.

Crawford's appreciation of the Marines of "The Commandant's

Own" extends to the unit's beginnings in 1934.

"It is important to understand the sacrifices that have been made so that we can be where we are today. You cannot appreciate what you have unless you understand what it took to get here."

So when the parade concerts end and the sole, spotlighted Marine marches off the parade deck, the applause are his reward for the sacrifices that have been

made and the dues that have been paid.

"There are those who are born, live and die who never experience the applause of an audience," said Crawford. "What we do brings warmth, love and understanding to those who watch us. I wouldn't trade that for anything."

*Story by
Capt. Cathy Engels
Photos courtesy of
LtCol. T. W. Crawford*

HOME AGAIN

August 11 was "Family Day". It's not a well known day, like Mothers' Day or Fathers' Day, which is best remembered with a card or by a church service. Family Day is a day set aside to remember that the family is the first and most important teacher of relationships, beliefs and values. Family is the place where each of us got our most basic introduction to life and formed our most basic certainties. It was there that we learned how to relate to other people and what to expect from them.

You have probably used the term "family" (or sometimes "dys-functional family") to describe the service, Washington, your home or current work situation. That's not just an expression. People are born into families and we know of no other way to structure organizations than the family model. All the work systems imitate families. The more emotionally interdependent a system is, the more it deals with real life issues, the more it functions like a family. The military service functions very much like a family.

The family is the most basic and the most important of all the

forces that shape society. Like the links of a chain or the bricks of a building, families form the foundation for our nation and the world. Married or not, we are all part of several families.

Of course all families, even the best, have some things that need correction. Problems in families are especially difficult to solve for at least three reasons.

First, problems don't usually reside in individuals, they live in the system; that is, in the interactions between individuals.

The second reason is summed up in the saying, "Problems are solutions that don't work." That means everybody in the family can take the best action they know to solve the discomfort and end up perpetuating the problem.

Third, many productive solutions make the problem feel worse before it feels better, so effective solutions are often sabotaged before they have a chance to work.

Still, there are qualities of a healthy family that can be imitated. For example, they communicate together. Thus, they spend time together and especially share a sense of humor. The

parents have a strong, equitable relationship.

The basic family mood is positive, affirming and loving. Each member learns a sense of responsibility to the family and service to others. Differences between members' points of view are heard and respected; there is no need to force agreement or cut anyone off.

The family is flexible, adapting and growing naturally, becoming different over the years as children grow and the society changes. Healthy families have a sense of family traditions, and a positive, meaningful, religious outlook.

Getting a healthier and happier family life is serious work, but there's no more important work you can do. A sound family life is a contribution to our society.

Families are our greatest natural resource, our strength, our hope and our future. Mrs. Barbara Bush put it best when she said: "Your success as a family, our success as a society, depends not on what happens in the White House, but what happens inside your house."

Cmdr. William R. Clough, CHC, USN
Henderson Hall

Worship Opportunities

BARRACKS	'Bible Study	11:30 a.m. Thursdays
NAVY YARD	Catholic Mass	9 a.m. Sundays
	Protestant Service	10:30 a.m. Sundays
NAVAL ANNEX	Catholic Mass	7:30 a.m. Daily
FORT MYER		
<i>Old Post Chapel</i>	Catholic Mass	5 p.m. Saturdays 9:30 a.m. Sundays 12:30 p.m. Sundays
	Protestant Services	10 a.m. Sundays 11:30 a.m. Sundays
<i>Memorial Chapel</i>	Protestant Services	8:15 a.m. Sundays 11 a.m. Sundays





