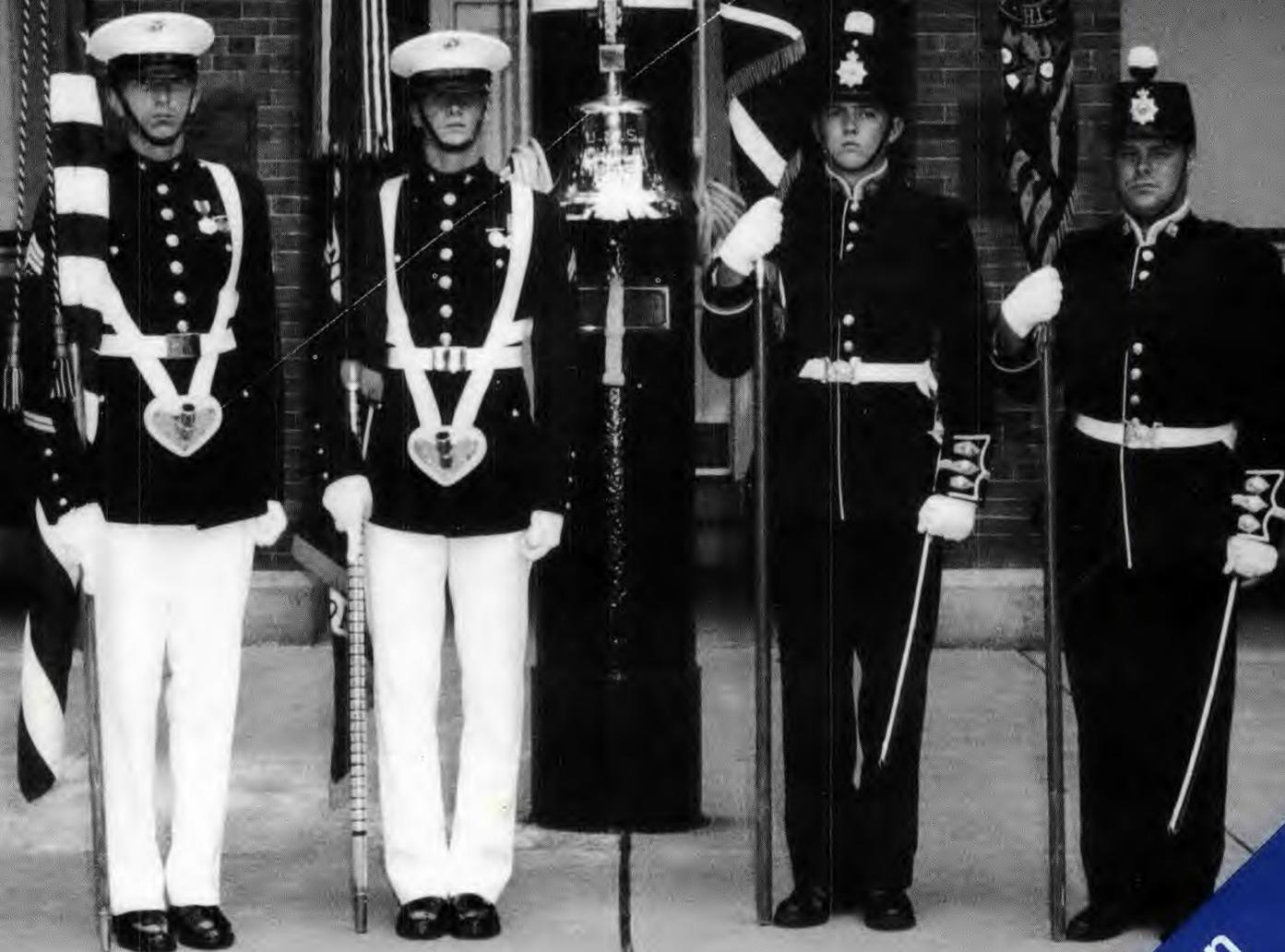


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A letter to Barracks Marines...

17 August 1992

Dear Colonel Flynn,

As the newest residents at the Barracks, we would like to say thanks for the professional and personal assistance in guiding us through our hosting of the Parade on 31 July.

The thorough briefings and constant reassurances helped make it a very special and enjoyable evening for all of us. It is an honor to serve with such a fine group of Marines.

Semper Fi,

N. E. EHLERT
Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps
Deputy Chief of Staff for
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On the cover: Barracks Marines and Fort Henry Guardsmen joined to carry on an international tradition. See stories beginning page 14. (Photo by HQMC Photo Lab)

Inside Back Cover: Bob Hope, final parade Guest of Honor, shakes hands with Cpl. Brian J. Dix, NCO Director of the Drum and Bugle Corps.

Back Cover: POW/MIA's are remembered in September.

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From the Commanding Officer...



Col. J.C. Flynn, Marine Barracks Commanding Officer

Despite our occasional problems with "Mother Nature," the 1992 Parade Season was an overwhelming success. I can't say it better than the Commandant did in his letter to me which is on page 5. I received a steady flow of letters during the course of the season, all praising the performance of Barracks Marines, marchers and non-marchers alike. It was truly a Barracks-wide effort throughout the summer and your professionalism and hard work were deeply appreciated. You can be proud of all you accomplished - WELL DONE!

The remainder of 1992 will pass quickly. We now refocus our efforts, with the Barracks Field Exercise (FEX) at Fort A.P. Hill serving as final preparation for

Marines heading for the FMF, and to Ceremonial Drill School for the new Marines who will be joining beginning this month. We have several ceremonial commitments leading up to and including celebrating the 217th Birthday of the Corps at which General Mundy has agreed to be our Guest of Honor. Put this on your schedules as it should prove to be one of the best Balls ever.

For those leaving the Barracks this Fall, you have my respect and gratitude for all you have done for our Corps while assigned to the "Oldest Post of the Corps." I think you will gain a greater appreciation of your achievements here once you check aboard at your new duty stations, and I know you will be ready for the challenge.

A recent policy change is worthy of your note. Effective 1 September 1992, Marines of any rank caught using or in possession of drugs, will be discharged. In the past, first term Marines could get waivers and a second chance, but not anymore. A smaller Corps demands tightened standards — remember our "ZERO TOLERANCE" policy on drugs and this new requirement or prepare to leave.

It's been a great season — let's stay focused in the months ahead and get the mission accomplished with the same spirit and enthusiasm reflected throughout the summer.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.C. Flynn".

J. C. Flynn
United States Marine Corps
Commanding

From the Sergeant Major:

Recent incidents involving alcohol have resulted in numerous manhours wasted in legal proceedings and counseling sessions. This is waste, fraud and abuse of the tax payers' money and time, and we are also taxpayers! What makes Marines so different that they feel that they are immune to the physical and monetary effects of this? What is it they really want? Attention? A high? Or is it they think if they drink, then they're the best butt-kickers in the world? All of us have to realize that the old days are going away very quickly. Drinkers will soon be considered low-class, and society will not put up with alcohol abusers.

We Marines need to get smart and ask ourselves the following questions before we pick up that next drink:

Is this going to cost me a lawyer and how much money do I have saved to pay for the fine I'm going to get?

What am I going to do with this new car now that I lost my license?

What about the insurance company? How much more will my insurance be, and will I even be able to get coverage? Will I ever drive again?

What happens with my promotion or my reenlistment?

Will my peers and subordinates lose the respect they had for me?

Will my Commanding Officer trust my judgement now?

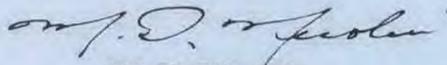
How can I ever repay for the life I may take from someone?

What happens when I seriously hurt someone during a drunken fight, and can I afford their hospital bill?

Can I handle prison?

These are just a few things that might affect you if you are trying to be a hard-a__ Marine. The Corps doesn't need this kind of Marine these days. So think very hard before you take one to many. You're the one who has to live with your actions. We are supposed to be the best in our profession, so let's prove it and start taking care of ourselves and our fellow Marines.

Semper Fidelis,



M. D. Nicolia

Marine Barracks Sergeant Major



SgtMaj. M.D. Nicolia

CMC praises Barracks Marines



1 September 1992

Dear Colonel Flynn,

I want to take this opportunity, through you, to convey my congratulations, appreciation, and most of all, my admiration, to you and every member of your Barracks for another magnificent parade season. Having watched quite a few now, I would be hard pressed to say anything other than that this has to be the most flawless I have yet observed. Across the board, and without exception, your troops were spectacular on every occasion.

I also hope you'll let those behind the scenes -- the "Green Team," and many others who are not so obvious under the spotlights, but without whose efforts throughout the season and throughout each performance the parade couldn't go on -- know how much their contributions are also noted and appreciated.

I have said before, but would like all of you to know, that while the reason our Nation has a Marine Corps is to do those things around the world that Marines do every day in defense of our interests, the Nation would likely not have a Marine Corps were it not for the image of professionalism, dedication, perfection and the highest in soldierly bearing that is conveyed by the Marines of 8th and I. You, and they, represent all the qualities the people of our Nation, and of the nations of the world believe to be what our Corps is all about. Were it not for the image you convey in every quarter, to include the very highest levels of our government, the magnificent reputation our Corps enjoys could easily slip from the awareness of our citizens. In that regard, what our Corps is, and what it brings to the Nation is represented every bit as much by a red tunic or a blue blouse here in Washington as it is by a camouflaged utility uniform in the Persian Gulf or jungles of South America. I am prouder of no part of our Corps anywhere than I am of those who conduct the daily operations of our Corps from its oldest post.

Again, my congratulations to you and each Marine, Sailor and civilian in your command for another magnificent season. Mrs. Mundy and I continue to count it the highlight of my 36 years as a Marine to be associated with, and to consider ourselves very much a part of, Marine Barracks, Washington.

Sincerely,

C. E. MUNDY, JR.
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

LOCAL NEWS

Uniform prices to change Oct. 1

NNS — Prices of government-issue uniform items, set by Defense Logistics Agency annually, will change Oct. 1.

This means Marines and sailors can save money on certain items by purchasing them prior to Oct. 1, and save on other uniform items by purchasing them after that date.

Veterans Day ceremony planned

Thousands of Marine Corps and Navy Vietnam veterans and their families are expected in Washington, D.C., Nov. 7-11, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, organized by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

The five-day celebration begins Nov. 7, and will include the reading of all 58,000 names listed on "The Wall," religious activities, veterans reunions, a concert of "Music of the 1960s" and the opening of an exhibition of art by Vietnam veterans. Events will climax Nov. 11, Veterans Day, with ceremonies at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

More information may be obtained from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., 815 15th St NW, Suite 601, Washington, DC, 20005; telephone (202) 393-0090.

Voter registration

Marines are encouraged to register to vote in the general election this fall. Your vote counts. Registering is as easy as seeing your unit voting officer and filling out a Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) to obtain an absentee ballot. Your unit voting officer can assist you in filling it out. Please don't forget your spouse and dependents — they can fill out a FPCA to vote absentee. Questions contact the Barracks Voting Officer — Capt. P.M. Phelps, at 433-4492/3.

Ronald McDonald House needs volunteers

Become a volunteer and share your time and talent with the children and their families at the Ronald McDonald House in Washington, D.C. The house needs volunteers to work four-hour shifts on weekdays, evenings and weekends. Free parking is available, transportation can be arranged for groups of volunteers and the Brookland-CUA Metro stop is only five blocks away.

Ronald McDonald House offers clean, private rooms, community kitchen and dining room, no cost laundry facilities, recreation rooms and TV, spacious deck, playground and many other amenities. All of this is surrounded by the warmth and love of a genuine home-away-from-home.

If you are interested in helping with office work, gardening, data input, stocking supplies, cleaning, baking birthday cakes, etc., call Ellen Ordren, house operations manager, at 202-529-8204.

Barracks Birthday Ball scheduled

The annual Barracks Birthday Ball will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel on Nov. 6, beginning at 6 p.m. The guest of honor will be General C.E. Mundy, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps. Attire for the evening will be Evening Dress and Blue Dress "A.". Tickets are on sale in the MWR office, and will be sold entirely on a first come, first serve basis. The hotel is offering special rates for the ball, but hotel reservations must be made in advance by calling (202) 582-1234 and specifying that they are for the Marine Barracks Birthday Ball.

Insurance benefits extended

Eligible U.S. military personnel departing from active service now have insurance coverage available for up to one year for pre-existing medical conditions under a contract recently negotiated between the Department of Defense and the Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company.

For more information, call (402) 978-2119.

USO job fair planned for October

The USO of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. will be holding a USO/ Joint Military Services Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 23, at the SOSA Recreation Center at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The full-service fair will bring together area employees under one roof. More than 40 Washington area employers representing businesses industry, government, associations and the non-profit sector will participate.

Transition and Family Member Employment assistance specialists will be available to answer specific questions. A personal review of resumes and SF-171's, advice on interview preparation and a chance to participate in a mock interview session will also be offered at the fair.

This USO/ Joint Services Job Fair is the first in a quarterly series to be held at military installations throughout the metro area. Other fairs are planned for January, next spring and fall.

Coordination of the fairs is under the auspices of the USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Joint Employment Transition Services (JETS). The newly-formed JETS is an attempt by the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force to combine resources and provide current employment information to transitioning servicemembers and military family members.

Area shuttle transportation to and from the fair and designated base installations concerning transportation and other details about the job fair, contact Dale Jovero, USO-Metro Program Coordinator, at (703) 696-3729.

**Story by
USO-Metro**

Barracks stands-down for 'Core Values'

"Honor, Courage, and Conviction."

According to the Commandant of the Marine Corps General C.E. Mundy Jr. in his recent video highlighting basic core values of leadership and ethics, these three qualities combined should be the hallmark of every Marine.

"To possess any less—is to be less than a Marine," the Commandant said.

Barracks Marines, Sailors and civilians recently heard the Commandant's message and other related key topics during a one-day mandatory Core Values Training package presented by LtCol. James Sfayer, Capt. Joshua Collins, Terry Franus, and GySgt. David Rollins of the Marine Corps Institute.

The Core Value Training conducted locally Aug 26-27 was intended to enhance Barracks personnel's ability to recognize a number of delicate issues in

the Marine Corps, said Collins.

After opening remarks by Col. James Flynn, Barracks Commanding Officer, the four-part training included discussion on respect for human dignity, alcohol abuse and prevention, standards of personal conduct and elimination of sexual harassment.

According to Sgt. Dale Schnoor, Adjutants Section, H&S Company, the training brought up important issues a lot of individuals take for granted.

"Basic values and respect should always be extended to others," Schnoor said.

Many of those attending the mandatory training said that through the use of humor, the instructors kept the training lively.

Through evaluations filled out by randomly selected students, the instruc-

tors found that approximately 80 percent of the Marines felt their behavior would become more positive in the future as a result of this training.

"I felt the training helped Marines improve their attitudes and behavior when dealing with others," said Cpl. Michael P. Stitzel, Color Guard, Company "A".

Using a silver coin as an analogy to what makes up the standards of personal conduct expected of all Marines, GySgt. Rollins perhaps said it best.

"Your standards of personal conduct have two sides, like the silver coin. On one side are core values, on the other side are personal ethics."

"Cut this coin in half, it means nothing."

**Story by
WO Virginia Bueno and
Cpl. Valerie A. Stroschein**

MCI Graduate of the Year Honored here

A 29-year-old administrative clerk was honored as the Marine Corps Institute Graduate of the Year for fiscal year 1991 during a special ceremony here, Aug. 28.

For her achievement, Cpl. Lena S. Wall, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif., was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal, a plaque and received special recognition from the National Home Study Council, which accredits MCI.

Wall completed 18 of the institute's correspondence courses during the designated one-year period. The courses were either directly related to her job or enhanced her professional knowledge of the Marine Corps. Topics of the courses included Nuclear Warfare Defense, Chemical Warfare Defense, and a variety of other courses about other Marine Corps occupations.

A native of Ruston, La., she was judged the winner based on a point system against nominees from all the



Cpl. Lena S. Wall, MCI Graduate of the Year.

major commands in the Marine Corps, according to Capt. D.C. Kirby, Assistant Chief of Special Programs, MCI.

Though the number of courses a student completes during a one-year

period is a factor in the judging, how the Marine implements their knowledge and their command recommendation are also considered, according to Kirby.

Wall wrote in her essay that her courses "conveyed ways of being a better NCO by giving me different methods of approach to numerous situations."

"The competition was close, but what set her apart was her essay," said Kirby.

"I took the courses to get a broader understanding of what other Marines do in the Corps," said Wall, who works in the Station Adjutant's Office as the Directives noncommissioned officer.

"I was shocked to find out I was selected. I feel pretty proud to be singled out of all the Marines in the Corps," she said.

**Story by
Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe**

Marine families need assistance

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps has been flooded with requests for information on how to assist those Marines affected by Hurricane Andrew.

According to HQMC, an estimated 40 Marine families urgently need help to get back on their feet from losses caused by the recent disaster.

For those desiring to help these families, the United States Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Greater Atlanta, Inc. is collecting donations. Checks can be made out to the Marine Corps Coordinating Council, and may be sent to the organization in care of Hugh Mason, Georgia Federal Bank, 20 Marietta Street, Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

Training restrictions lifted for women officers

Training restrictions have been lifted for women lieutenants attending The Basic School.

Marine Corps Order 1500.24E, which formerly imposed the restrictions, stated that women would not actively participate in many offensive training exercises. This included pugil sticks, offensive combat formations, offensive techniques of fire, ship-to-shore movement, day or night offensive operations, patrols, ambushes and raiding craft training, except when it related to security patrols or similar defensive operations.

On recommendation from TBS, LtGen. Walter E. Boomer, former Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, lifted the training restrictions.

Separation policy for drug abusers announced

Effective Sept. 1, all Marines, regardless of pay grade, confirmed as having used or possessed illegal drugs, will be processed for administrative separation for misconduct, by reason of drug abuse.

Self-referral for drug use constitutes confirmation of illegal drug abuse and requires a Marine to be processed for administrative separation. Under this new policy, the Voluntary Drug Exemption program is no longer applicable.

These Marines will be screened for drug dependency at a substance abuse counseling center (SACC) and, if diagnosed as drug or alcohol dependent, will be referred to the veterans administration at the time of separation.

This new policy applies to illegal drug abuse incidents identified and confirmed after the effective date, Sept. 1, 1992, and is also applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

Blue Dress Sweater approved for wear

According to ALMAR 241-92, the 100 percent wool, dark navy blue sweater with v-neck, shoulder straps and elbow patches that Barracks Marines tested has been adopted for optional wear with the Dress Blue "C" uniform. The sweater will be available through post exchanges and commercial vendors shortly, but will not be available through the Marine Corps supply system.

Most regulations governing the use of the green service sweater apply to the blue dress sweater, except wearing of rank insignia.

Officers will be required to wear their rank insignia on both the collar of the khaki shirt and the shoulder straps of the sweater. Enlisted Marines will be required to wear gold plated metal rank insignia on the shoulder straps and not on the khaki shirt. Insignia will be centered on the shoulder strap 3/4 of an inch from the arm seam.

For more information on the blue dress sweater, consult ALMAR 241-92.

Crashes claim four Marines

MCNEWS — Two Harrier pilots and two Cobra helicopter crewmembers were killed recently in separate crashes.

Both helicopter pilots aboard an unarmed AH-1W Super Cobra were killed Aug. 9, when their helicopter crashed approximately 50 miles northwest of Kuwait City near the Kuwait/Iraq border. One crewman died at the scene, and the other died enroute to Al Jahra Hospital. The helicopter, which was assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, was participating in Exercise Eager Mace 92-3.

The exercise was part of the continued training Marines and other U.S. forces have been conducting with Kuwaiti forces since the end of the Gulf War as part of the American commitment in the region.

Thirty-one-year-old Capt. Michael R. Vansicle, also participating in Eager Mace 92-3, was killed Aug. 16, when his AV-8B Harrier crashed in the Kuwaiti desert 50 miles north of Kuwait City during a scheduled night training mission. The Omaha, Neb., native who was assigned to Marine Attack Squadron 211, was deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

First Lieutenant George M. Acosta, of Arlington, Va., was killed Aug. 19, when his aircraft crashed into the water near Pamlico Point, Pamlico County, N.C. A The 27-year-old Harrier pilot was assigned to Marine Attack Squadron 231, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.

The accidents are under investigation.

**Time is
running out...
Register to**

Vote

Marines lend aid in Andrew's wake

Florida residents express gratitude for assistance

Homestead, Fla., — In the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, Marines of the special purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force landed at Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., Aug. 30 and 31 to provide relief to Dade County's hurricane victims.

Camp Lejeune Marines were deployed to Homestead, a city where 90 percent of its residents were left homeless overnight.

"The losses suffered by our community are astronomical. We will never be able to replace the loss of life. We estimate that the damage is in excess of \$1.3 billion. We have to start from scratch to rebuild our city," said J. W. Demilly III, Homestead's Mayor.

Stepping onto the runway illuminated only by generator-powered flood



lights, the Marines were awed by the destruction wrought by the hurricane's fury. They stood in formation awaiting orders a cross from a caved-in

building, where a "caution wet floor" sign appeared to be the only thing left.

"I imagine it's hard for the Marines because they just got off the plane and hit the ground running," said Capt. Dan Elzie, Co. B Commander, 8th Engineer Support Bn, 2nd FSSG, whose Marines worked through the night.

Daniel Joiner, a 20-year-old Homestead resident who has been living at a playground since the hurricane rendered him homeless, looks forward to moving into the tent city.

"It's nice to know the Marines are doing something to protect us," Joiner said. "Even though they aren't fighting a war, they're battling an enemy — Hurricane Andrew."

Story by
LCpl. Rosemary Palfy

Gulf Vets' health problems investigated

President Bush establishes task force to investigate

AFIS - President Bush announced that he has established the White House Health Task Force to explore complaints about care for veterans with war-related illnesses in his address to the Disabled American Veterans Aug. 5.

The panel was created in Washington to "guarantee that the leadership of the veterans' groups would be involved on the question of how best to provide for the health care of veterans," said Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Pete Williams.

Another program is also being proposed to Congress by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which would establish a Persian Gulf registry to note individuals who served in the Persian Gulf region and track the health of those veterans.

DoD stated health problems have

"The health of our personnel is a high priority."

- Pete Williams

been reported from Gulf War veterans, which they're investigating, but so far little evidence has been found to link those problems to their service in the Gulf.

Recently, reports related some Gulf veterans' symptoms to petroleum poisoning, which DoD is investigating. Veterans were concerned about having breathed smoke from oil fires in Kuwait, and some have been treated

for respiratory conditions, according to a VA release.

"The analysis to date suggests that those exposed to smoke would not likely develop health effects from their exposure," said Col. Frederick Erdtmann, chairman of the Tri-Service Working Group on Kuwait Oil Fires and Health Effects.

"We haven't ruled out any potential cause for ailments experienced by veterans of the Gulf conflict. Petroleum poisoning is an area that has been seriously examined by doctors," Williams said. "The health of our personnel is a high priority."

"Our purpose is to reassure veterans that VA will remain committed to long-term monitoring through a tracking program," said VA Secretary Edward J. Derwinski.

Protect yourself!

Useful tips can help prevent violent crimes

The best defense against being the victim of a violent crime is not putting yourself in a compromising situation. Dark alleys, poorly lighted streets, areas away from general public view, and unfamiliar neighborhoods should be avoided if at all possible. Being alone or under the influence of intoxicates also increases the chances a becoming an easy target of a criminal.

A few simple steps will reduce the chances of being a victim of a violent crime.

1. Never go into town alone. Travel in pairs or groups.
2. Avoid public intoxication. When drinking in a public establishment, always have a designated driver/sober escort.
3. Do not go into places that have a history of criminal activity. Avoid unfamiliar or poorly lighted areas, or areas away from the general public view.

If confronted by a individual who is armed, remember that anything taken from you can be replaced, except your life. There is plenty of room in the graveyard for heroes. Give the individual whatever he or she wants as quickly as possible. Follow the individual's commands to the best of your ability. Note as many of the following, about your attacker, as possible:

1. Height and Weight
2. Clothing
3. Hair style and color



Take proper safety precautions to protect yourself. (Photo by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)

4. Unusual scars, marks or other identifiable features
5. Type of weapon used and a general description
6. Direction the person fled in
7. Accomplices
8. Vehicle used; make, model, color, and tag number

Remain as calm as possible. Do not make any sudden moves and avoid getting close to the individual. Being passive and submissive will "speed" the

attack along and give the individual little reason to become violent.

Remember, it takes a desperate person to commit a violent crime. The person may be under the influence of drugs or mentally unstable, and is probably more afraid than you are. Play it smart. Live to testify against the offender in court.

Story by
Cpl. Shawn E. Clark
Barracks Provost Sergeant

DoD encourages election participation

However, personnel are warned of restrictions

MCNEWS — With numerous elections, both state and federal, scheduled this year, Marines and civilian employees are encouraged to get out and exercise their right to vote.

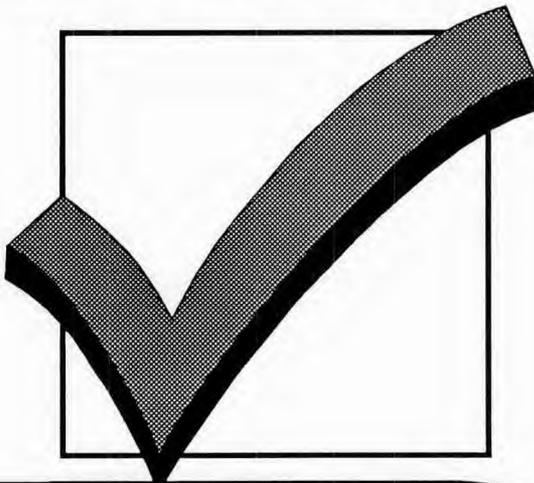
But, when it comes to other activities involved with political parties and election campaigns, Marines and government employ-

ees are limited in what actions can be taken.

Marines with questions on issues dealing with political campaigns or activities should call HQMC (JAR) at DSN 224-1513 or COMM (703) 614-1513. Civilians should contact HQMC (CL) at DSN 2 2150 or COMM (703) 614-2150.

Marines and civilians are permitted to:

- ☑ Register, vote and express a personal opinion on political candidates and issues;
- ☑ Encourage other military personnel to vote, but not for one specific candidate;
- ☑ Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform;
- ☑ Serve as an election official (check DoD Directive 1344.10 of 15 June 90);
- ☑ Sign petitions for specific legislative actions or to place a candidate's name on an official ballot;
- ☑ Write a letter to the editor, provided the letter does not promote a partisan political cause;
- ☑ Write a personal letter, not for publication or as part of a letter writing campaign, promoting a political candidate or cause;
- ☑ Make monetary contributions to a political party or political committee favoring a particular candidate or slate of candidates (check DoD directive 1344.10);
- ☑ Display a political sticker on his or her private automobile;
- ☑ Run as a candidate for a military base's school board.



However, military personnel and government employees are prohibited from:

- * Using official authority to influence an election, solicit votes or contributions;
- * Being a candidate for civil office, Federal, state or local government;
- * Engaging in public or organized soliciting of others to become partisan candidates for nomination/ election to civil offices;
- * Participating in partisan political management or campaigns, including making speeches;
- * Making a campaign contribution to another member of the armed forces or to a civilian officer or employee of the United States for promoting a political objective or cause;
- * Allowing or causing to be published partisan political articles signed or authored by the member soliciting votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate;
- * Serving in any official capacity or being listed as a sponsor of a partisan political club;
- * Participating in any radio, television or other program or group discussion as an advocate of a partisan political candidate or party;
- * Using contemptuous words against certain officeholders (SEE ARTICLE 88, UCMJ);
- * Performing clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during a campaign or election day;
- * Soliciting or otherwise engaging in fund-raising activities in federal offices of facilities, including military reservations, for a partisan political cause or candidate;
- * Marching or riding in a partisan political parade;
- * Displaying a large sign, banner or poster on top of or on the side of his or her private automobile;
- * Participating in any organized effort to provide voters with transportation to the polls if the effort is organized by, or associated with, a partisan political party or candidate;
- * Selling tickets for or otherwise actively promoting political dinners and other such fund-raising events;
- * Attending, as an official representative of the armed forces, partisan political events.

1992 Season end on a high note

Barracks hosts Bob Hope for final Evening Parade



Above: (left to right) Bob Hope, Gen. C.E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps Dean R. Keck, await the "Pass in Review" during the final Evening Parade, Aug. 28.

Right: The Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Harold G. Overstreet escort Bob Hope, driven by Sgt. Pamela Moore, MCI, onto the parade deck for the parade.



The final parade of the 1992 Evening Parade Season was highlighted by awards presentations to Bob Hope and the Marine Corps' Super Squads, Aug. 28.

General C.E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, hosted the parade. Joining the Commandant and guest of honor in the reviewing area for his final parade as Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps was Sgt. Dean R. Keck.

In addition, this was the first time in several years in which noncommissioned officers marched in officer and staff noncommissioned officer positions. Sergeant Clay C. Draud, Headquarters and Service Company Grounds and Maintenance Section noncommissioned officer-in-charge, marched as Parade Commander.

Immediately prior to the parade, the top Super Squad, from the 1st, 2d, and 3d Marine Divisions marched onto the field to receive awards from the Commandant.

Bob Hope was introduced after the Super Squads



Top: Capt. Kevin M. Trepa, MCI, looks on as Bob Hope signs the Parade Book.

Above, Cpls. Michael P. Stitzel, Color Guard, Company A, and David R. Ellingson, Company A, meet Bob Hope following the parade.

double-timed off the field. He was rolled onto the parade deck in a golf cart adorned with a Marine Corps flag flying from a radio antenna and a large Marine Corps patch on the front.

When introducing Bob Hope, Gen. Mundy referred to him as "a man who...means more perhaps to America, more to what this nation stands for and certainly more to these armed services of the U.S. Armed Forces than any general or admiral I've ever known."

During the ceremony, Gen. Mundy presented Hope and his wife, Delores, with the first two Civilian Desert Shield/Desert Storm Service Medals for their service during the Gulf War. General Mundy also presented Hope with the South West Asia Service Medal and a Certificate of Commendation.

"I've had a lot of fun traveling around with the armed forces for years and years, starting in 1941," said Hope.

"...This is one of the great thrills in my life, just getting this award from the Marines - and you can't do better than that."

*Story by
Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe
Photos by
LCpl. Amy B. Alger*



An international



tradition continues...



Above: A Guard drummer performs during the Evening Parade.

Right: Barracks officers flank Capt. R.A. Anderson, Fort Henry Guard Captain, for "Officers Center."

Preceding Page: Barracks Marines and Fort Henry Guardsmen during the 1992 visit.





Above: LCpl. Timothy Wheeler, D&B, presents a trophy to Fort Henry Guardsmen for their victory in the athletic competition. (Photo by Cpl. Joey D. Benford)

Left: Fort Henry Guard Drum Major R.B. Murray salutes Maj. J.J. DeFranco, Barracks Executive Officer, during the joint Evening Parade with the Fort Henry Guard, Aug. 28.

This year's exchange marks 31st since 1954

A tradition which began nearly 40 years ago continued this year with the annual joint performance with the Fort Henry Guard.

Thirty-two members of the guard visited the Barracks from Aug. 10 to 15 to participate in two scheduled international ceremonies and compete in athletic events.

The Aug. 11 Sunset Parade and the field meet two days later were canceled by rain, but the Friday Evening Parade was a success, said 1stLt. Christopher S. Dowling, 1st Platoon Commander, Company A, and coordinating officer for the visit.

This year's visit was the 31st time Barracks Marines performed with the Guard since the tradition began Aug. 17, 1954, with a visit to Fort Henry. In recent years, the Guard and the U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment (comprised of the Silent Drill Team, Color Guard and Drum and Bugle Corps) have alternated visits to each other's post. The exchange continues with permission of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In 1955, Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., 20th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was named Honorary Commander of the Fort Henry Guard, a title he held until his death in 1990.

The Fort Henry Guard is comprised of university students who dress and perform like British Infantry Regiments of the line of 1867.

In past years, the entire Fort Henry Guard has traveled here for the parades. However, only the staff and "Drums" (the Guard's fife and drum unit) took part in the exchange to shorten the parades, said Dowling.

"There's an excellent relationship between the Barracks Marines and the Fort Henry Guard. The level of camaraderie, respect and admiration between the two units is superb," Dowling said.

*Story by
Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe
Photos by
Cpl. Michael J. Little*

‘March on the Colors’

Marines, Guardsmen team up for joint color presentation

When the flag of any country is carried into battle, it must be protected...that is the job of the color guard, an elite group of men who have sworn to give their lives in defense of their flag, or color. Although most countries today no longer take their national colors onto the battlefield, the tradition of maintaining a ceremonial color guard lives on.

At the Barracks, this tradition is carried on by the 16 members of the Marine Corps Color Guard, led by Sgt. Dean R. Keck, Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps. Broken down into four color guard teams, members perform in ceremonies at the Barracks, the White House, the Pentagon and tour the country and abroad as a part of the Battle Color Detachment.

Often, the Color Guard is required to march in joint color guards with the other armed services. During a recent visit by the Fort Henry Guard from Kingston, Ontario, Canada, the Barracks Color Guard had the chance to work with a color unit not only from a different country, but a different era as well.

The Fort Henry Guard is comprised of college and university students from across Canada who perform the drill and wear the uniforms of the British infantry Regiments of the Line who garrisoned the fort in 1867. Like the Barracks, the Fort

Henry Guard holds ceremonies twice a week during the summer.

Their infantry demonstrates authentic marching techniques and musket, bayonet and cannon drills of the 19th century; the Drums — a fife, drum and bugle corps — performs regimental music of the period; and the Color Guard carries the Queen’s Color and that of the Fort Henry Guard.

The color guards spent many hours drilling in order to meld their two distinctive styles of marching together in preparation for the ceremonies held here.

Sergeant Keck’s counterpart in the Fort Henry Guard, Color Ensign Ryan J. L’Abbe, observed that Barracks Marines are professionals.

“When we work with them, they bring our standards up; we do better, try harder.”

The traditions the two color guards were trying to blend were very different, and yet similar.

The members of the Marine Corps Color Guard are selected from the enlisted ranks throughout the Marine Corps, regardless of their job skill. They must be 6’3”-6’4” tall. The four-man color guard team consists of two riflemen who serve as escorts and two color bearers who carry the National Color and the Marine Corps Battle Color.

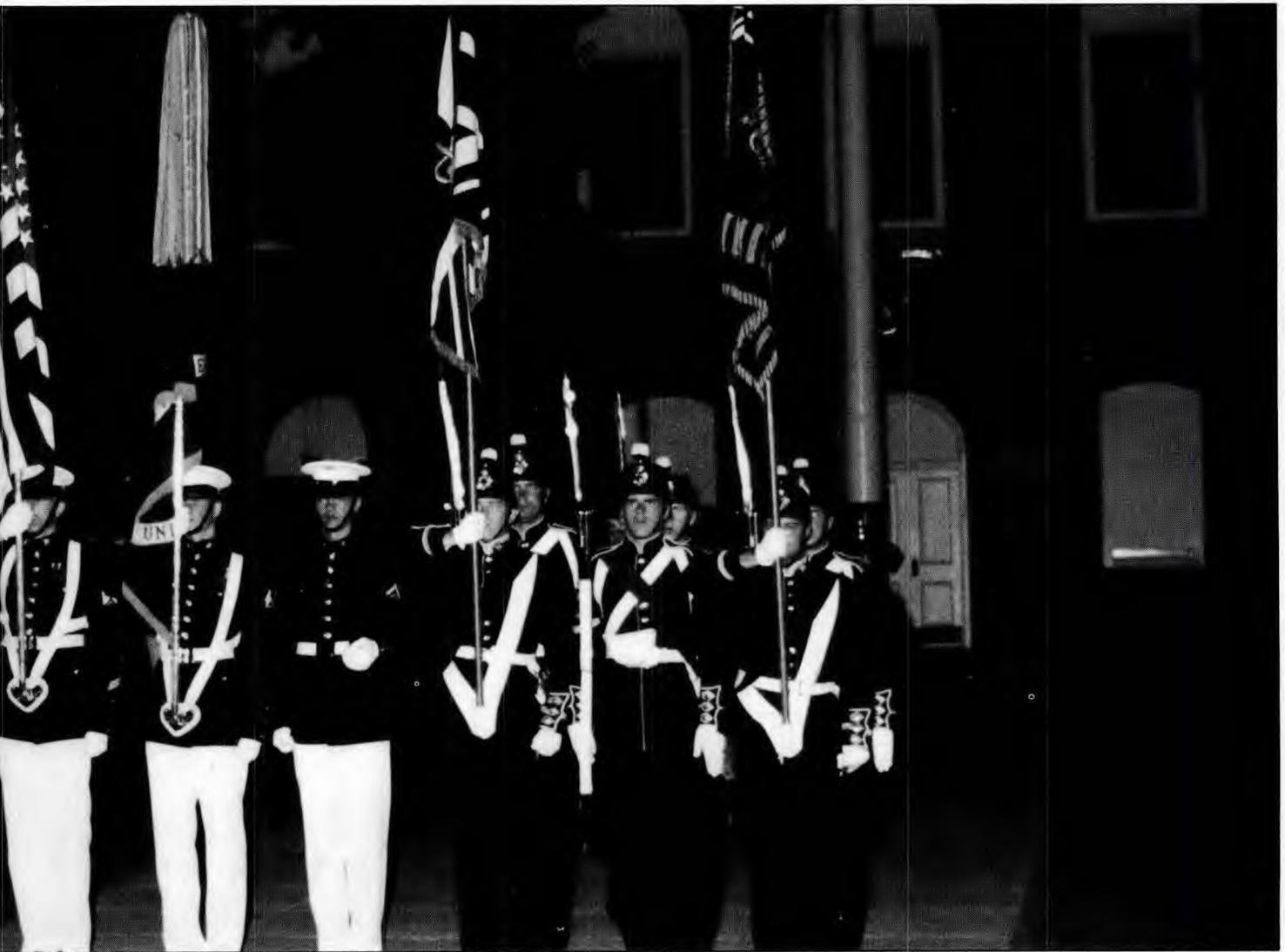
The Fort Henry Guard has both enlisted and officers in its



color guard.

“In the British Army of the 1860’s, common soldiers were not considered worthy of carrying colors into battle,” said L’Abbe.

The color bearers are normally the senior and junior ensigns of the regiment; the senior carrying the Queen’s Color and the junior carrying the Fort Henry Guard Regimental Color, which bears the names of all the units that garrisoned the fort while it was still active. There is no height requirement.



Barracks Color Guard members carry their colors on 9-foot staffs; made of wood for the National Colors, and metal for the Battle Color. The 49 streamers and silver bands on the Battle Color represent the campaigns that Marines have participated in since the founding of the country. The staffs are carried in a specially designed brass holder, mounted on a custom-made, heart-shaped brass plate with the words, "United States Marine Corps" etched onto it, which is

attached to the bearers' white, patent-leather harnesses. Brass buckles on the shoulder straps of the harness enable the wearer to adjust it for a snug, comfortable fit.

The harness used by the Canadians is a custom made, single-strap harness made by a leather worker on the staff, who also makes the waistbelts used by the other soldiers of the Guard. The harness has no brass ornaments and the flag is carried in a cup-like depression formed in

Color Guards of different countries – and eras – join together for the annual international exchange, which took place here in August. (Photo by LCpl. Amy Algers)

the leather itself. Although the gear for the two units differs, the traditional mission of both color guard units is the same; to protect the colors of their country at all costs. They still do that today; ceremonially.

**Story by
SSgt. Hal Freeman and
SSgt. Stephen Williams**

Hispanic Heritage Month

500 Years of Honor, Courage, and Distinction

Hispanic-Americans have served and continue to serve the United States and the Department of Defense with courage and distinction, said Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

The role Hispanic heritage plays in the United States wasn't officially recognized until 1968, when President Lyndon B. Johnson and Congress proclaimed Hispanic Heritage Week. Since 1989, Hispanic Heritage has been a month-long observance.

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15. The theme is "500 Years of Hispanic Heritage, 1492-1992 — Contributing to America's Progress." It continues to build on the themes for the last few years. "500 years of Hispanic Heritage" has started each theme and focused of different aspects of Hispanic culture. In 1990, the other part of the theme was "Education Excellence, Key to Our Future," while last year's was "A Cultural Mosaic."

When thinking of their contributions to the country's defense, said Cheney, remember that 37 Hispanic-Americans received the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration. The medal was first awarded during the Civil War — two Hispanic-Americans were among the first to receive it. Hispanics received the Medal of

Honor for actions during the Boxer Rebellion, World War I and II, Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

Cheney said their actions have been a credit to themselves, to the United States and to their ancestry.

Two Hispanic-Americans were among the first to receive the Medal of Honor

"Many of these valiant Hispanics made the ultimate sacrifice and received recognition posthumously," he said.

Those who received the nation's highest recognition include:

Marine Pvt. France Silva. He aided in the defense of Western legations in China for two months during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900.

Marine PFC. Harold Gonsalves. He took part in action on the Okinawan island of Ie Shima in 1945, when a grenade

landed within a group of Marines, he dived on it, absorbing the explosion with his own body.

Marine PFC. Ralph Dias. Though severely wounded by snipers in Vietnam in 1969, he crawled to a location near the enemy. He unsuccessfully threw several grenades at the enemy location. He then moved into the open, and as he threw a grenade that destroyed the enemy's gun emplacement, he was killed.

Throughout the history of the United States, hundreds of thousands of Hispanic-Americans have responded to the country's defense. They are the unsung heroes, men and women who did what was asked of them in the defense of their country.

These include Marine Sgt. James M. Lopez and Cpl. William A. Gallegos, taken hostage when the U.S. Embassy in Iran was overrun in 1979; Air Force Maj. Fernando Ribas-Dominicci, killed in a combat mission over Libya in 1986; Marine PFC Guy Gabaldon, who singlehandedly captured more than 1,000 Japanese soldiers on Saipan in 1944; and Air Force Capt. Manuel Fernandez Jr., who, with 14 air victories, was the third ranking fighter pilot in the Korean War.

**Story by
MSgt. Linda Lee, USA**

On Centerwalk

Honoring excellence among Barracks Marines

Cpl. Jeffrey D. Shelver

Unit Company A
Hometown Rugby, N.D.
Entered Service March 26, 1990
Occupation 0331; Machine Gunner
Billet Company Admin Chief
On Centerwalk for Battalion "NCO of the
Quarter"

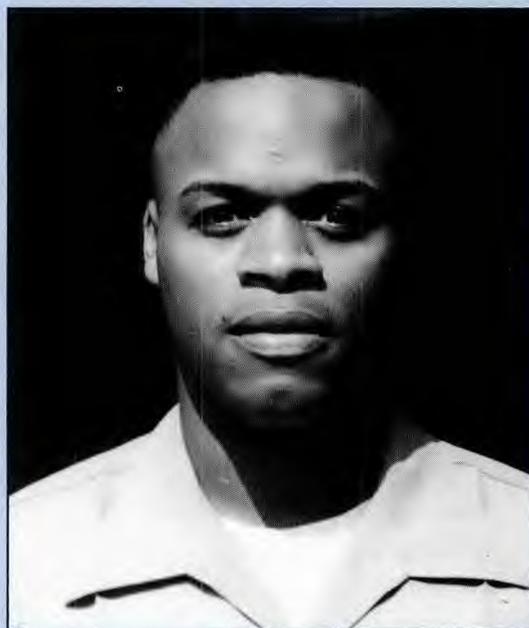
Cpl. Shelver is very excited about his PCS to the Fleet Marine Force in December. He feels it will help him make a decision about a career in the Marine Corps.



LCpl. Troy T. Hurt

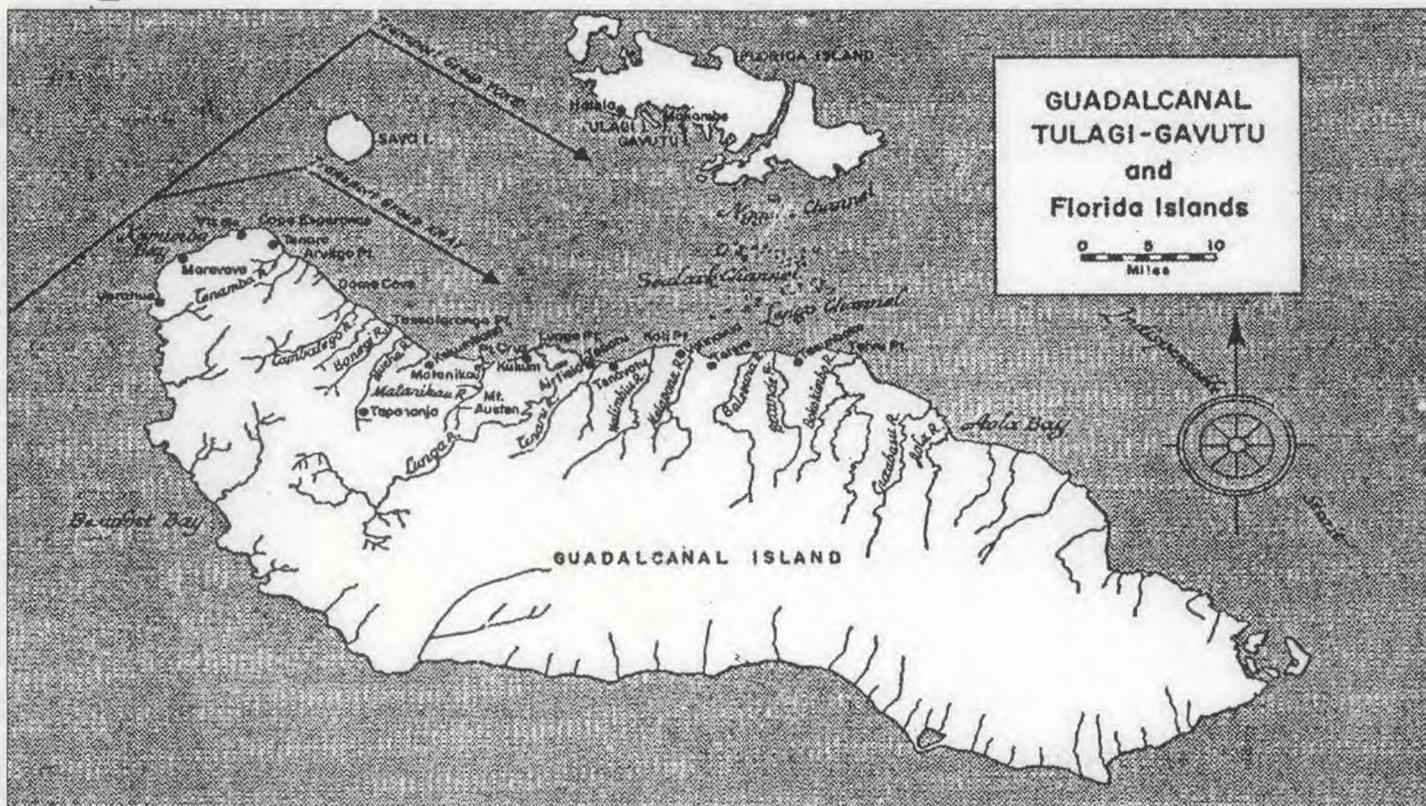
Unit Guard Detachment
Hometown College Park, GA
Entered Service Jan. 20, 1990
Occupation 0311; Rifleman
Billet Marine Security Guard;
(White House Communications Agency)
On Centerwalk for Sustained Superior
Performance

LCpl. Hurt enjoys traveling with WHCA, and after his tour in the Marine Corps, plans to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.



Information and photos compiled by Cpl. Joey D. Benford

September 1942: The Battle Continues



On Sept. 18, 1942 the long-awaited 7th Marines, reinforced by the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, and other division troops, arrived at Guadalcanal. As the men from Samoa landed they were greeted with friendly derision by Marines already on the island. The 7th had been the first regiment of the 1st Division to go overseas; its men, many thought then, were likely to be the first to see combat. The division had been careful to send some of its best men to Samoa and now had them back.

As the ships that brought the 7th Marines withdrew, they took with them the survivors of the 1st Parachute Battalion and

sickbays full of badly wounded men. General A. A. Vandegrift now had 10 infantry battalions ashore; the 3d Battalion, 2d Marines, had come over from Tulagi also.

He reorganized the defensive perimeter into 10 sectors for better control, giving the engineer, pioneer, and amphibian tractor battalions sectors along the beach. Infantry battalions manned the other sectors, including the inland perimeter. Each infantry regiment had two battalions on line and one in reserve.

He chose the fresh 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, to

move inland along the slopes of Mt. Austen and patrol north towards the coast and the Japanese-held area.

Puller's battalion ran into Japanese troops bivouaced on the slopes of Austen on the 24th, and in a sharp firefight had seven men killed and 25 wounded. Vandegrift sent the 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, forward to reinforce Puller and help provide the men needed to carry casualties out of the jungle. Now reinforced, Puller continued his advance, moving down the east bank of the Matanikau.

*Reprinted from
"First Offensive: The Marine
Campaign for Guadalcanal"*

Separation programs ease transition

Phase I of FY 93 VSI/SSB program gets underway

The Marine Corps recently detailed its plans for the Fiscal Year 1993 Variable Separation Incentive/Special Separations Benefit Program in AlMar 233/92.

According to the AlMar, which lists eligibility requirements, Marines qualified for the FY 93

exit bonuses must submit their requests for separation by Oct. 15.

The VSI/SSB program is just one action the Marine Corps is taking to reduce its ranks as mandated by Congress, and is intended to provide significant financial assistance for those

Marines who elect to be released from active duty under the program.

A ceiling of 265 officers and 1,300 enlisted Marines has been set as the number which may be approved for separation.

An annuity, VSI will pay a Marine 2.5 percent times his annual base pay times his number of years in service, and is payable annually for two times his years of service.

SSB is a lump sum payment equal to 15 percent of a Marine's pay times his annual base pay times his number of years of service.

Both VSI/SSB stay in effect until:

1. The Marine dies, in which case the payment will to a designated beneficiary;
2. The Marine becomes medically disqualified to fulfill his obligation with the Ready Reserve. The Marine will then be put standby or the retired reserve program.
3. The Marine receives basic pay or compensation for inactive duty for training. In that case the Marine will forfeit an equal portion of his VSI payment.

For more information on the FY 93 VSI/SSB program, contact SSgt. Darryl Stitt, Barracks Career Planner at 3-5404 and see AlMar 233/92 for more details.

*Compiled by
WO Virginia Bueno*

VSI/SSB eligibility criteria for fiscal year 1993

Officers:

Must be a **LtCol.** not eligible for retirement.

Majors must have one year in grade as of Dec. 31, 1992, and who are not serving in the following critical MOS: 0202, 0402, 2602, 4002, 4302, 5803, 7208, 7509, 7525, 7527, 7543, 7557, 7588.

Majors who have failed selection to LtCol. regardless of MOS.

Captains with the date of rank between Oct. 1, 1986 through Nov. 1, 1988 who have not previously been considered in the promotion zone for major.

Captains with the following MOS's are ineligible:

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|
| 0180 | 0202 | 0402 | 2602 | 4002 | 4302 | 4402 | 5803 | 7208 |
| 7509 | 7523 | 7525 | 7527 | 7543 | 7557 | 7588. | | |

Enlisted Marines:

Gunnery Sergeants in any MOS who were in the promotion zone and have failed selection to MSgt.

Staff Sergeants in any MOS who failed selection to GySgt. from the promotion zone.

Staff Sergeants in any MOS who have completed 15 or more years of service on or before Nov. 30, 1992, and who have not been in the promotion zone.

Sergeants in any MOS who have completed 11 or more years of service on or before Nov. 30, 1992, and who have not been considered for promotion.

Corporals through **Gunnery Sergeants** in the following MOSs:

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|------|------|--------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| 0481 | 0811 | (GySgt only) | 1169 | 1171 | 1811 | 2131 | 4034 | 5924 | 5927 |
| 5952 | 5953 | 5978 | 6013 | 6014 | 6018 | 6023 | 6025 | 6035 | 6054 |
| 6058 | 6084 | 6088 | 6094 | 6098 | 6313 | 6314 | 6315 | 6317 | 6318 |
| 6333 | 6353 | 6354 | 6363 | 6462 | 6463 | 6464 | 6465 | 6466 | 6467 |
| 6468 | 6474 | 6475 | 6476 | 6478 | 7222. | | | | |

Barracks Salutes

Awards

Company A

Navy Achievement Medal

Cpl. M. P. Stitzel

Meritorious Mast

Cpl. D. A. Kletz

Company B

Meritorious Mast

LCpl. R. A. Carlos

LCpl. L. T. Comptois

LCpl. R. A. Ricci

H&S Company

Navy Achievement Medal

Sgt. C. H. Coburn Jr.

Sgt. T. J. LaPointe

Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. W. Rodriguez

LCpl. K. M. Cox

Marine Corps Institute

Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. M. M. Duran

Cpl. G. L. Hanna

Guard Detachment

Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. R. E. Glover

Cpl. E. A. Myers Jr.

Cpl. M. J. Black

LCpl. B. J. Kane

Promotions

Maj. J. D. Foldberg

1st Sgt. M. B. Becker

MSgt. D. L. Wright

GySgt. M. W. Kane

GySgt. P. S. Kellner Jr.

Sgt. T. J. LaPointe

Cpl. M. S. Anthony

Cpl. C. E. Atkins II

Cpl. M. J. Black

Cpl. G. J. Brinkman

Cpl. S. C. Fesperman

Cpl. L. D. Garms Jr.

Cpl. D. R. Grimm

Cpl. B. P. Hollenbeck

Cpl. A. C. Horman

Cpl. M. J. Huber

Cpl. R. E. Jackson

Cpl. C. J. Kies

Cpl. C. C. King

Cpl. J. F. Lovett Jr.

Cpl. D. L. Mathews

Cpl. S. R. Morrissey

Cpl. E. A. Myers II

Cpl. B. R. Sherman Jr.

Cpl. T. Smith

Cpl. R. L. Walker III

Cpl. K. A. Ware

Cpl. D. R. White

Cpl. D. L. Wigersma

Cpl. M. A. York

LCpl. A. O. Alexander

LCpl. J. L. Cansler Jr.

LCpl. J. J. Dixon

LCpl. M. L. Godbout

LCpl. D. L. McBride Jr.

LCpl. D. J. Neilsen

LCpl. P. D. Osborne

LCpl. S. G. Phillips

LCpl. V. C. Pierro Jr.

LCpl. M. A. Putnam

LCpl. T. R. Sherer

LCpl. J. A. Talley

Welcome Aboard

GySgt. J. A. Meehan

SSgt. J. A. Blair

Sgt. M. D. Bledsoe

Cpl. D. J. Barker

LCpl. D. T. Crawford

LCpl. L. K. Dekie

LCpl. A. C. Ivkovic

LCpl. V. J. Keifer

LCpl. P. E. Loynes Jr.

PFC D. J. Carpenter

PFC S. N. Carr

PFC J. Carter Jr.

PFC R. P. Chase

Correction

We regret misidentifying HM3 R. C. Koyné, who was printed as Cpl. R.C. Koyné, in the "Welcome Aboard" section of the August "Pass in Review."

Congratulations



Cpl. Jeffrey D. Shelver (above left), Company A Administrative Chief, from Rugby, N.D., and Cpl. Larry D. Garms, Color Guard, Company A, from Pinedale, Calif., are commended for earning NCO and Marine of the (2nd) Quarter, respectively.

MWR Activities Line

"Your ticket to entertainment"

At the Kennedy Center: Andrew Lloyd Webber's **"Aspects of Love"** is a sweepingly romantic musical set in the south of France. The show runs through Sept. 27. Also at the Kennedy Center, the hand-clapping, foot-stomping hit Broadway musical revue, **"Pump Boys and Dinettes"** continues. For tickets and information call (202) 467-4600.

At Ford's Theatre — The musical **Captains Courageous** will run through Nov. 22. Based on the motion picture of the same name, this play is as powerful as the raging sea. For tickets and information contact Ford's Theatre or call (202) 347-4833.

The 17th Annual **Marine Corps Marathon** will be held in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 25. The event has a field limit of 13,000 participants on a first come, first served basis. Contact MWR for more information.

MWR has tickets for the **Maryland Renaissance Festival**. Thrill to authentic full—armor combat jousting. View street theatre throughout the realm as Magicians, Jugglers, Mimes, Musicians, Singers, Village Characters, Fire Eaters, Stiltwalkers, and the Royal Court of King Henry VIII fill the village with entertainment for all ages. Shop from over 130 artisans from throughout the country at one of

the largest outdoor craft festivals. Feast on succulent foods in portions fit for a king. Purchase tickets in MWR - \$7.50 for adult and \$3.50 for children ages 5-11. The festival runs weekends through the middle of October.

Keep an eye out for information on the MWR lottery for **Bullets** tickets. MWR has purchased two season tickets to every home game this year. Also, MWR will be selling tickets to the games against the **Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers**. More information later!!

MWR is now selling tickets to Washington's best sightseeing tour, the **Old Town Trolley**. Colorful anecdotes, humorous stories & historical information are combined into a fast moving narrative that will both entertain and educate. Board and reboard as often as you like within one full loop. Purchase tickets at MWR - \$10 for adult and \$4 for children ages 5-12.

The 4th Annual **Norfolk Naval Shipyard All Military Bodybuilding Contest** will be held October 17, at the Drydock Club in Scott Center Annex, Portsmouth, Va. For information or entry forms, contact MWR.

For further information on these events contact MWR at 433-2112.

HARRY WHO by SSgt. E.A. Temple Jr.



1992 Parade Season is over!

Church in Sarajevo

What is the greatest challenge you face in keeping commitments to your religious faith? Apathy, fatigue, time constraints, or just perhaps too busy for your own good? The unfortunate phenomenon I have observed is that when times are good, people tend to forget God. The good news is that people turn to God in difficult or crisis situations.

Take Sarajevo, Bosnia, for example. On August 24, The Washington Post reported on St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. In order to get to mass on Sundays the worshipers must run to the church while dodging gunfire and



shrapnel from incoming mortar fire. During mass on the 23rd, 39 mortar rounds fell around the church. As they have done since the fighting began, they continued on with the mass. The fixtures inside the

church, including a crucifix, a picture of the Virgin Mary, and statues of saints, are chipped and punctured by mortar and sniper fire.

With God's help I hope to never offer a weak excuse for not attending the church of my choice without remembering the real live saints of Sarajevo. We could learn a lot from their example. "Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is." (*I Corinthians 3:13*)

For the church in Sarajevo, its test of fire came sooner, rather than later.

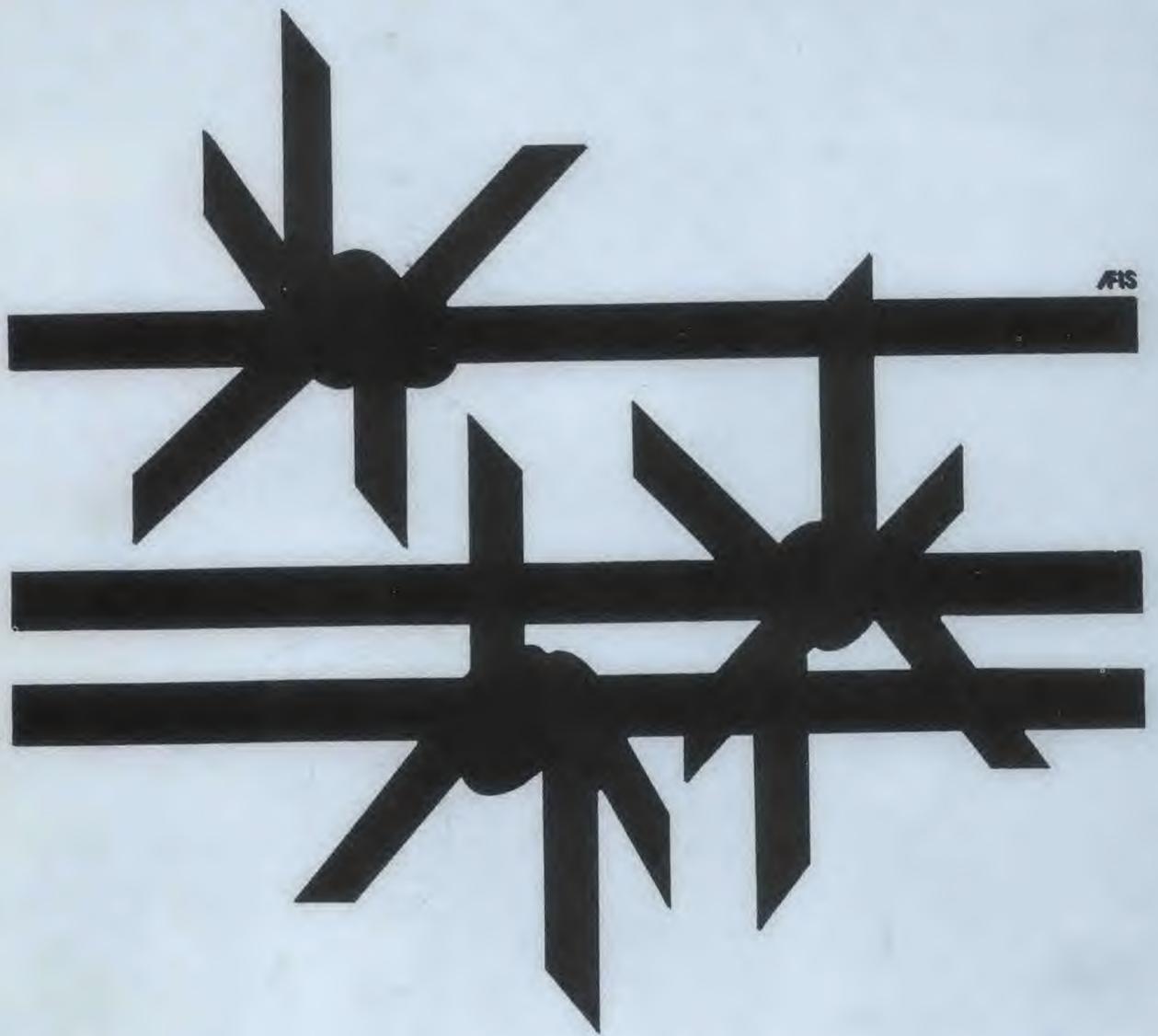
Lt. Paul R. Deaton, CHC, USN

Worship Opportunities

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|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 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 | Catholic Mass | 5 p.m. Saturdays |
| | | 9:30 a.m. Sundays |
| <i>Old Post Chapel</i> | | 12:30 p.m. Sundays |
| | Protestant Services | 10:30 a.m. Sundays |
| <i>Memorial Chapel</i> | | 11:30 a.m. Sundays |
| | Protestant Services | 8:15 a.m. Sundays |
| | | 11 a.m. Sundays |







**POW/MIA's
are remembered**

National POW/MIA Day Sept. 21