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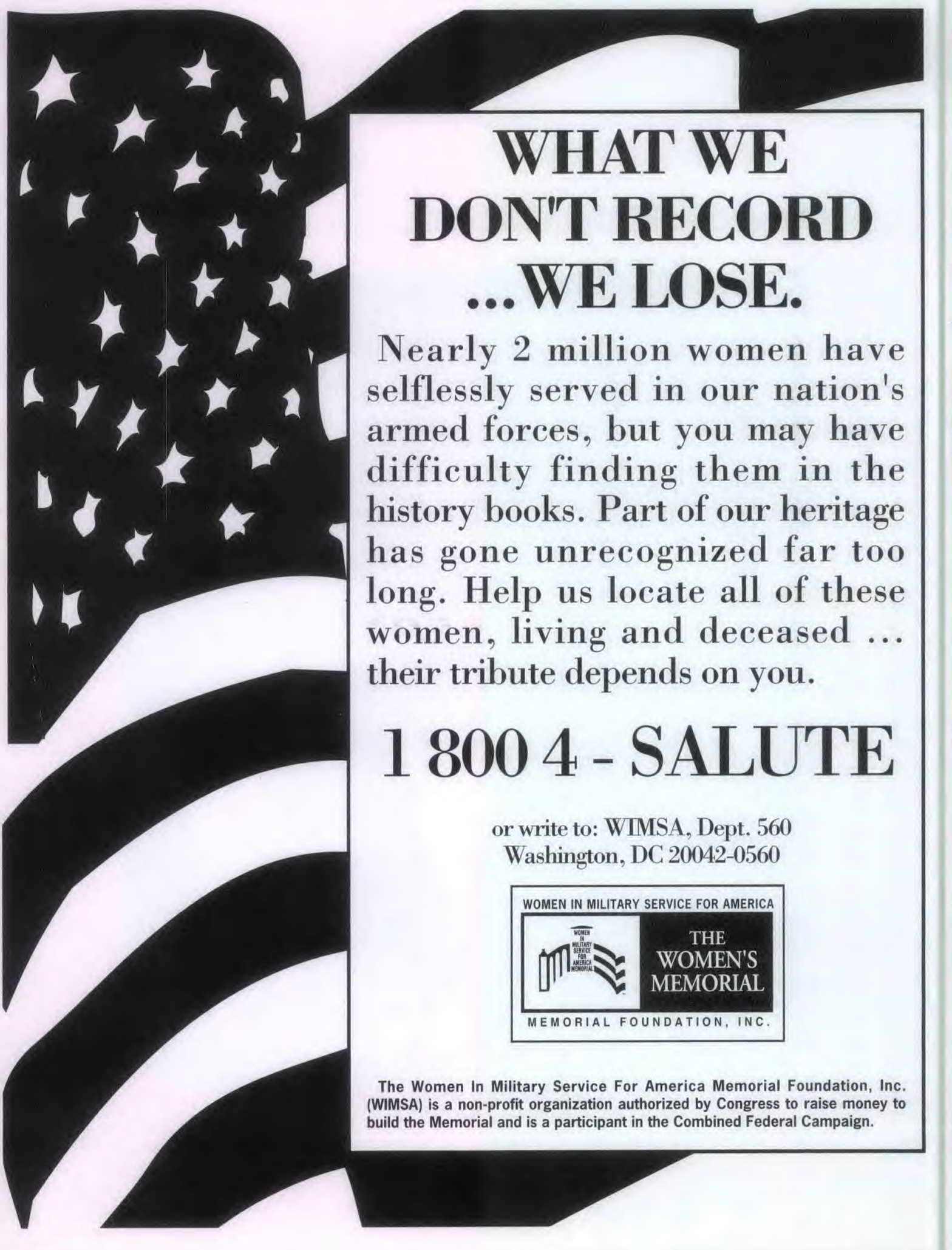
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'First round fired...'

President Bill Clinton receives a memento of the first round fired on behalf of all Marines during his 21-gun salute from Col. John B. Sollis, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., after reviewing the Evening Parade at the Barracks May 7. (Official U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Amy Alger)

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On the Cover: President Bill Clinton, accompanied by Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps (center), and Col. John B. Sollis, Barracks Commanding Officer, reviews the May 7 Evening Parade.

Inside Back Cover: Another look at the Commandant's Core Values.

Back Cover: This historical photo depicts officer students and instructors at the School of Application taught here in 1894.

Bolling Graphics Shop offers services

The Bolling Arts and Crafts Center announces the opening of a new graphics shop. Services include the design and production of business cards, flyers, newsletters, resumes, invitations, letterhead, stationery and more. DoD military and civilian identification card holders are eligible to use the facility. For details and prices call (202) 404-8123.

Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a Marine Corps program which assists family members who have special needs. An Exceptional Family Member is a bona fide dependent with one or more handicapping conditions or special needs requiring special medical, medically related, educational or therapeutic services. Applications for enrollment are available at Henderson Hall in the Relocation Office, room S-123 in Keith Hall.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Saucier or Marcia Hagood at (703) 746-8208 or 8209.

Naval Academy ticket drive

Navy football excitement kicked off with the Naval Academy Athletic Association's annual season ticket drive which began May 3. Season tickets are available for \$82. New for the 1993 football season is the NAAA's Senior Citizen Plan. These tickets are available in Lower Blue Section 2 for \$60. Other ticket plans include a special \$74 ticket for NAAA members, End Zone Reserved Tickets for \$40, and the Family Plan (one adult and one child in Upper Blue Section 102) for \$82.

To order tickets or for more information, call the Navy Ticket Office at (410) 268-6060 or (800) US4-NAVY.

VA publishes 1993 veterans benefits handbook

The 1993 edition of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) publication entitled, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents," is now available from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

To order the handbook, request GPO stock number 051-000-00-200-8 from the superintendent of documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, and enclose a check or money order for \$3.25 per copy. To order with VISA or Mastercard, phone (202) 783-3238.

Tell it to a Marine...

"I think that the Marine Corps has its objective of leadership backwards. If we take care of our Marines, we will accomplish the mission."

—Maj. John D. Foldberg, Chief, Occupational Specialty Dept., MCI, on the importance of taking care of one's Marines.

"It's not just the job you do—it's how you do the job."

—SSgt. J.J. Rudd, Chief Analyst, Student Operations Department, MCI, on being a professional.

Navy summer pageant begins at Navy Yard

NDW — The 1993 U.S. Navy summer pageant, entitled "From the Sea," will be presented at the Washington Navy Yard at 9 p.m. Wednesdays from May 26 to Aug. 25, except July 21. The Navy Yard is located at Ninth and M Streets, SE, Washington, D.C.

The pageant captures the colorful and exciting story of the U.S. Navy and its special relation to the history of America.

The pageant is produced and directed by the United States Navy Band and features stirring narrative and musical performances by costumed characters, as well as dramatic visual effects. The outdoor performance is free of charge and lasts approximately one hour. There is ample free parking at the Navy Yard.

The evening of free entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to visit the Navy Museum, Navy Art Gallery, and display ship Barry (DD-933), which will be open for public visitation. The Navy Chapel will present a short evening prayer service at 8 p.m. which resembles evening prayers at sea. Food and drink will be available, at a nominal cost, on the waterfront at Willard Park.

All military and civilian members of the military community in the national capital region are encouraged to participate and enjoy a summer's evening of food, music and naval history.

Reservations in open seating are strongly encouraged. Please call Naval District Washington Public Affairs Office at (202) 433-2218 for further information. Contact the Summer Pageant Officer, Commander Pam Nichols at DSN 288-7527/7594.

Barracks commander stresses safety

Cautions against unsafe practices during 'PT-OUT'

Editor's note: The following policy letter issued by Col. John B. Sollis, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., is published here to further call attention to the issue of exercising personal safety while performing physical training in the local community.

Physical conditioning is a mission-essential requirement for Marines everywhere, regardless of mission or duty assignment. Physical fitness is a hallmark of the Marine Corps; we approach Physical Training as an essential ingredient of our way of life. Under most circumstances, PT is good for you; it provides for the upkeep and improvement of body and the spirit.

PT Operations in Urban Terrain (PT-OUT) are another matter altogether. As most of us have discovered, when Marines PT-OUT on the streets of Washington, D.C., physical conditioning is potentially hazardous to your health. It's a "jungle" out there.

In recent months, two of our Marines were seriously injured—hospitalized—as a result of run-ins with vehicles. In both instances, the injured parties assumed that, according to the "civilized rules of engagement" observed elsewhere, vehicular traffic would yield the

right of way to pedestrians. They both learned a painful lesson; they were both (nearly) dead wrong.

This Policy Letter is published in accordance with the thoughtful recommendation of Captain M.D. Lloyd, who investigated the latest, near-fatal accident. To those of us who are new, and even not so new, to the Barracks, a few words



of caution are in order.

Be smart. Be careful. Exercise common sense and live to PT-OUT another day.

Streets are for cars; sidewalks are for pedestrians. Unless you think you are a Chevrolet in disguise, stick to the sidewalk and use the crosswalks.

Formation running and cadence call-

ing, though military, motivational and fun, are distracting to drivers in the inner city. Drivers find themselves compelled to watch your precision PT and subsequently do not pay attention to the 3,000 pound weapon they are handling. If you feel the uncontrollable desire to run in formation, do so south of the Anacostia River; just exercise caution while running the "freight train gauntlet".

Traffic signals are there to protect you and motor vehicle operators. Adhere to them, but don't depend on drivers to do the same.

Using stereo/radio earphones while exercising is dumb. Not only will you not be able to hear the movement of traffic, but you'll miss all the whistles and cat calls from enthusiastic passersby.

Skateboarding and rollerblading/skating can be excellent forms of PT, particularly when done in front of a chrome bumper doing 35 miles per hour. Limit these forms of recreation to areas specifically designed for their use.

Continue to stress rigorous physical training, but always remember the importance of coupling good situational awareness with a proper dose of caution.

Col. John B. Sollis
Marine Barracks,
Commanding Officer

NMCRS fund drive underway

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive ends June 3. The society annually supports Marines and sailors in emergency situations with millions of dollars in no-interest loans and grants. Support your fellow Ma-

rines and sailors by contributing generously. For more information about the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and how you can participate, contact your unit representative or call Sgt. Schnoor, at 433-4377.



LOCAL NEWS

Red Cross needs volunteers

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteer drivers to transport cancer patients to and from treatments; phone clerks for community ministry programs; and retired nurses and health care professionals to assist with blood-pressure screenings.

Volunteer hours are flexible. For more information call (301) 779-9444.

Tax refund late? Call IRS for update

If it's been more than eight weeks since you mailed your federal income tax return and you're expecting a refund, the IRS's Tele-Tax system can help, said IRS officials. To check the status, you'll need your Social Security number, filing status and the exact amount of the refund due.

The service's toll-free telephone number is 1-800-829-4477. Call Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. EST.

GI Bill Benefits Increase

Effective April 1, benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill Reserve program were increased from \$170 to \$190 per month. The new rates apply to VA-approved, full-time post secondary education school attendance. Part-time attendance will be prorated by the VA. For more information, call MSgt. Toney at (703) 614-1950/48 or DSN 224-1950/48

Counseling available for Gulf War vets, families

A recent report submitted to Congress confirms veterans of Operation Desert Storm and their families are still experiencing the expected readjustment difficulties with employment, relationships, parenting, and alcohol/drug use, as well as experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In response, Public Law 102-405 authorized the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide marriage and family counseling for veterans who received a campaign medal and their spouses and children. These services are available through all VA Medical Centers and are coordinated by their Social Work Services.

The staff at the Henderson Hall Family Service Center has a listing of addresses and telephone numbers for the chiefs of the Veterans Affairs and the chiefs of Social Work Services to facilitate referrals. To obtain this information, call the Family Service Center at (703) 692-6350.

Veterinary services offered

The Fort Myer Veterinary Treatment Facility offers vaccinations, heartworm, feline leukemia testing and limited sick call for pets of servicemembers and retirees. The facility normally schedules clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays during duty hours, and has an evening clinic from 3 to 7 p.m. once a month.

Proper military identification and payment for services are required. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (703) 696-3604. Children under 12 are not permitted in the clinic for safety reasons.

Celebrate Flag Day June 14

Information workshops offered by NDW Family Services

Naval District Washington Family Services Center offers the following consumer and relocation workshops:

Smooth Move Workshop - Have you just received your Permanent Change of Station orders for your next duty station? If so, you may want to attend the smooth move workshop. This workshop is designed for experienced as well as inexperienced military members on permanent change of station orders. Information will be provided on how to deal with moves and personal property entitlements; travel pay and allowances; budgeting for your PCS move; and employment strategies for relocating spouses. The workshop is offered June 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Home Financing Workshop - June 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This workshop is designed to provide information on financing options when purchasing a home with a VA, conventional or FHA loan.

All workshops will be held at the Naval Reserve Center, Bldg. 351, Room 212, Naval Station Anacostia

To register for any of the programs, phone (202) 433-6150.

Recycling emphasized

In accordance with new Washington, D.C. and Naval District of Washington regulations, the Barracks is stepping up its emphasis on the command-wide recycling program.

Recycling bins for white paper, newspaper, glass and aluminum are in the Upper Parking Level near the ramp.

For more information, contact Sgt. Wardlaw, at 433-4430.

Barracks Marine selected for MECEP

A Marine from Company B was recently selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP).

Corporal Kevin G. Collins will receive full pay and benefits while he completes a bachelor's degree at Miami University in Ohio. He will be commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation.

MECEP is one of three programs in the Marine Corps through which enlisted Marines may earn a commission as a Marine officer. The other two are the Enlisted Commissioning Program and the Meritorious Commissioning Program.

The 23-year-old meritorious corporal from South Lyon, Mich., joined the

Marine Corps in 1990 with the intention of becoming an officer.

Collins, who attended college for three years prior to enlisting, balanced classes at the University of Maryland's University College with ceremonial commitments as a squad leader here for an additional 15 credits.

"Collins' acceptance into MECEP reflects his achievements since joining the Marine Corps. He is ideally suited and well prepared for the challenges that face him as a future Marine officer," said Capt. Kirk D. Schlotzhauer, Company B commanding officer.

Collins, who is married with no children, said he intends to spend 20 years or

more in the Marine Corps, with the ultimate goal of commanding an infantry battalion someday.

"I was elated when I found out I was selected," said Collins.

"The officers here have been very positive role models. I consider myself fortunate because of all the help and encouragement they gave me every step of the way."

Collins is currently attending a 10-week MECEP preparation class in San Diego prior to checking into school in August.

*Story by
Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe*

MCCDC research center opens



Gen. Carl E. Mundy, Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps, addresses an audience at the May 6 opening of the new Marine Corps Research Center at MCCDC, Quantico, Va. Barracks Marines played an integral role at the ceremony.

Marine Band releases summer schedule

Summer Concert Series

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band will conduct its annual Summer Concert Series from June 2 to Aug. 29. Free concerts by the Marine Concert Band, Dixieland Band or Jazz Combo will be held Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on the East Plaza of the U.S. Capitol Building and every Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds, weather permitting.

Independence Day Concert

The Marine Band will celebrate Independence Day with a concert at Wolf Trap's Feline Center, July 4, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The program will feature the music of American composers, including marches by the band's 17th director, John Philip Sousa. The concerts are free and no reservations are required. Picnics are allowed and parking is free.

Barracks Marine takes the heat

Earns recognition for volunteer fire, rescue work

A Barracks Marine was recently named first runner-up in a Department of Defense competition for volunteerism.

Lance Corporal Gregory Jasinkas was the Marine Corps' nominee for the C. Haskell Small Award for his volunteer fire-fighting services to local Maryland fire and rescue squads, as well as for his work with the Young Marines program here.

As an associate rider on evenings and weekends, Jasinkas works with the Volunteer Fire Departments at Laurel (Prince George's Fire Department Co. 49), and Silver Hill (PGFD Co. 29). He serves on their Fire-fighting Apparatus, Ambulance and Paramedic Units, and is qualified to serve in any capacity on any other apparatus.

The 20-year-old native of Abington, Mass., who is assigned to the Barracks Motor Transport Section, began his volunteer work even before he graduated from high school. It was active participation in such organizations as the Boy Scouts and Explorers, as well as his hometown fire departments, that formed the basis for later volunteer service in both lifesaving and fire fighting, said Jasinkas.

"It's just something I've always liked



LCpl. Gregory Jasinkas, Barracks Motor Transport Section, H&S Company, was the runner-up for the C. Haskell Small Award for Volunteerism. (Photo courtesy of LCpl. Jasinkas)

to do," says Jasinkas of the activity that takes more than 40 hours of his spare time per week.

"It's not like a regular job. Firemen are firemen all the time."

Throughout his volunteer work with these two organizations, Jasinkas has seen his share of action. He has helped extract victims from gnarled car wrecks on local roads and highways. He and his team have been responsible for reviving

several victims through the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. He has responded to scenes which have included multiple gun-shot wound victims, and has successfully kept these victims alive until helicopters arrived to transport them to hospitals. Perhaps his most noteworthy feat was the time when he dashed in to rescue a suspected remaining occupant of a burning house, without his oxygen tank, putting himself directly in harm's way.

In addition to his fire and rescue squad endeavors, he is a platoon commander in the Young Marines program here, helping local youths to gain valuable discipline.

In addition to all of his volunteer work, Jasinkas temporarily held the highly visible job of driving the Barracks Commanding Officer.

"He would ride and drive all night with a rescue unit and work a full day after that," said Sgt. Dale D. Schnoor, Adjutant Section, who supervised Jasinkas during the six months he drove for the Barracks Commanding Officer.

"He was a good Marine doing a highly exposed job and he did it well."

*Story by
LCpl. Dave Johnson*

Voter slogan contest announced

AFIS — Entry deadline is July 16 for a slogan contest sponsored by the Federal Voting Assistance Program Office.

The winning slogan will be featured in the 1993-1994 voting season posters, voter manuals, publications, and other material. The winner will receive a certificate of recognition from Secretary of

Defense Les Aspin; the second place winner and honorable mentions will also receive special recognition.

Submit entries on letter-size paper. Each page must include your full name, branch of service, mailing address and daytime telephone number. Enter as many times as you want. In addition, there is no limit to the number of slogans that

can be put on a page. "Democracy Counts...On Your Vote" was the winning slogan from more than 7,000 entries in the 1992 contest. Other top entries included "Take a Stand — Vote!" "You Count — Vote" and "Vote to Choose — Choose to Vote."

To submit entries or for more information, write to : **Federal Voting Assistance Program; Room 1B457; The Pentagon; Washington, D.C. 20301-1155.**

Simple measures deter thieves

'Operation Identification' takes a 'bite out of crime'

Operation Identification is a valuable program that helps reduce larcenies and burglaries, and support the overall the reduction of crime.

This program will help units and sections "Take a bite out of crime" upon its inception. Operation Identification discourages burglaries and thefts through the marking of personal property.

The Guard Detachment will provide guidance and assistance in establishing and maintaining a program, upon request.

This program also aids in the recovery of stolen property. This effort by the Guard Detachment and the community serves as a direct deterrent to theft because stolen property bearing etched identification numbers is more difficult to sell and more readily recovered.

It only takes an experienced thief a few seconds to steal valuables when left



unsecured or unattended.

Fact: More than 75 percent of all reported larcenies are a result of unsecured/unattended valuables; 50 percent of the stolen property is unmarked or the owner failed to record the serial numbers.

If you live in the Barracks or if you reside in base housing following these

few easy steps can protect your valuables.

1. Obtain an electric engraver from your unit Police Sergeant or from the Guard Detachment Office.

2. Engrave your identification number on your valuables. (Use your social security number)

3. Photograph valuables that you choose not to mark with the engraver.

4. Compile an itemized list of all valuables (both photographed and engraved). Keep the list in a secure place and provide a copy to be retained at the Police Sergeants Office.

For more information contract the Guard Detachment at 433-2258/59.

*Story by
Capt. Michael Thomas,
Barracks Guard Officer*



Barracks Ambassadors

LCpl. Gregory T. Hood, Guard Det., PFC Edivaldo N. Anjos Jr., Co. B and PFC Bobby C. Reed, MCI, plant trees along 8th Street in support of the community. (Photo by Cpl. Scott T. Balliet)

New SecNav nominated

MCNEWS — The President announced Apr. 21 that he intends to nominate John Dalton, an Annapolis graduate and former Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, to be Secretary of the Navy.

Dalton graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1964, having served as Deputy Brigade Commander, the Academy's number two ranking position. During his services in the Navy, he graduated from two Navy nuclear schools, was assigned duty on two submarines, and held various managerial posts in engineering, operations and supply. Dalton has been an active member of the business community and currently represents a firm in Little Rock, Ark.

Marine wins safety award

Gunnery Sergeant Robert E. Williams, Ground Safety Manager for Marine Aircraft Group 26, MCAS New River, N.C., has been named the Marine Corps recipient of the 1992 Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO) Military Service Award.

Williams was chosen from among three Marine Corps nominations for the award. Marines who are corporals or higher are eligible for the annual award, given for achievements in the fields of drug and alcohol prevention, fire prevention and fire safety, and traffic safety and accident prevention. Applicants are also judged on contributions to the public good in their roles as citizens and service members. One award is given to an enlisted winner from each branch of the Armed Forces.

Williams contributed to traffic safety and accident prevention at MCAS, New River through the Marine Corps' Drivesafe Program. He created a safety belt survey system which produces statistical data for tracking the use of passenger restraints. Gathered through direct observation, and published and discussed at unit and group level safety council meetings, these statistics result in greater awareness of the benefit of safety belt use among squadron members.

Adm. Kelso announces environmental awards

The Acting Secretary of the Navy, Adm. Frank B. Kelso II, announced the 1993 Secretary of the Navy Environmental Award winners April 12. Both individual and installation awards were presented in three separate categories for the Navy and Marine Corps.

MCRD, Parris Island, S.C., won the Team Award for the Pollution Prevention and Recycling Award category. Mr. Dean Bradley, MCRD, Parris Island, won the individual award in this category.

In the Environmental Quality Award category, MCLB, Albany, Ga., won the Industrial Installation Award while Mr. Jack Stormo of MCLB, Barstow, Calif., won the individual award on this category.

The Natural Resources Conservation Award category winner for installations was presented to MCAS, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. There was no individual award for the Marine Corps in this category.

Marines acquitted of assault charges

MCNEWS — Following six days of testimony and deliberation before a North Carolina judge Apr. 13, three Marines from Camp Lejeune were found not guilty of assaulting patrons of a gay bar in Wilmington, N.C.

The trial was a result of charges filed by three men and one woman injured in a Jan. 30 brawl at the local establishment. LCpls. Patric Cardone, Colin Hunt and Walter Watkins, along with family, friends and supporters, cheered when District Court Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson pronounced the defendants not guilty on three counts each of simple assault.

The trial and incident came to the forefront of national media attention when one of the men pressing charges, Mr. Crae Pridgen, referred to the incident as a "gay bashing." The brawl came on the heels of an announcement by President Bill Clinton that he intended to end the ban on gays in the military. Subsequent appearances on national television and newspaper interviews by Mr. Pridgen heightened interest in the trial.

Defense attorneys for the three Marines argued that the Marines had acted in self-defense against threatening gestures and comments from the bar patrons. Prosecutors contended that the Marines, angered by the President's announcement of lifting the gay ban, were venting their frustrations by fighting with gay patrons.

For the defendants to be found guilty, Judge Goodson said the prosecution would have had to prove the assault was intentional and without justification. She stated that prosecutors failed to prove that the Marines used excessive force and were not acting in self defense.

The incident is still under investigation by authorities at Camp Lejeune. The Marines could still face disciplinary actions from their commands.

Think Green...RECYCLE

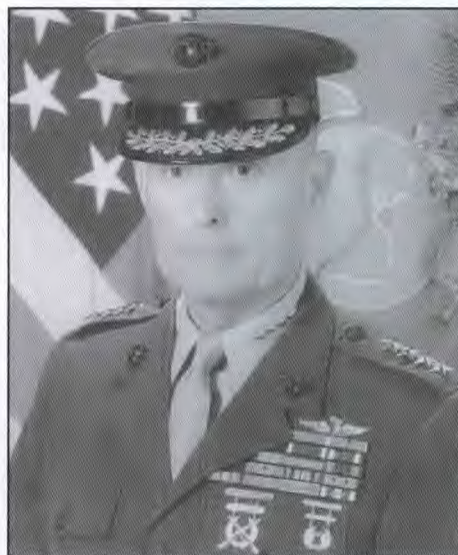
CMC responds to 'Tailhook' report

Emphasizes 'resolution of allegations' as next step

MCNEWS — After the Secretary of Defense's release of the Tailhook investigation results by the Defense Department Inspector General's Office, April 23, the Commandant released the following statement:

"The environment and incidents of alcohol abuse and indecent conduct which evolved over a period of several years leading up to the 1991 Tailhook Symposium, together with the physical assaults that are alleged by the report to have taken place, reflect a disregard on the part of some for the most basic fundamentals of professional conduct, human dignity and respect for others. They are contrary to what the nation has a right to expect of Marines.

"These reported incidents are not epidemic. They do not reflect the collective attitudes or behavior of Marines, of Marine aviators as a group, or of many of those who attended the symposium. But the occurrences were clear signals to us that we need to sharpen our focus on proper personal and professional conduct, and on our awareness of and sensitivity



Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps

to respect towards others, whether they be Marines, fellow service members, or civilians. We've heightened long-standing training at every echelon to ensure increased awareness of and emphasis on the core values of our Corps, with particular focus on respect for others -- particularly those of different gender. That

emphasis will be maintained.

"Having the report at last in hand, we will now turn toward resolution of the allegations of misconduct against the few who have been implicated in improper conduct or offenses. These proceedings will be conducted with the goals of fairness and justice. The commanding general of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico, Va., Lieutenant General Charles C. Krulak, will serve as the disposition authority in the cases of alleged misconduct by Marines.

"For the vast remainder, it is time to get on with the issues at hand, and to apply the lessons learned from this unacceptable occurrence that will prevent incidents and behavior like this from occurring again.

"For 82 years, Marines and sailors have worn the wing of gold that distinguish them as naval aviators. Collectively, they have in the past, and they do today, represent some of America's very finest men and women. They will continue to do so in the future."

Okinawa Marine charged with murder

MCNEWS — A Marine private first class with 7th Communication Battalion, 3rd Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Intelligence Group, Okinawa, Japan, has been charged with the weekend murder of an Okinawan man outside a Kin bar where the two were reported to be drinking together.

Ishikawa police issued an arrest warrant for the 18-year-old Marine in April. He is being held in the Camp Hansen brig in connection with the murder.

Witnesses state that they saw the two men drinking together in a bar next to the alley where the Okinawan man's body was found. He had died of a fractured skull. Police found traces of the Marine's hair and his fingerprints on a potted plant used to strike the man in the head.

The Marine subsequently confessed the crime to Naval Investigative Service agents. He claimed that the Okinawan man attacked him when they went outside following an argument in the bar. If indicted, the Marine will be turned over to Japanese authorities to be tried under their judicial system.

Sailors, Marines lend a helping hand in Korea

MCNEWS — Sailors and Marines from USS Dubuque (LPD 8) recently participated in Project Handclasp, a humanitarian aid and assistance program, while visiting Pohang, Korea.

Led by the ship's chaplain, Lt. Gerald Gonzalez, a group of 11 crew members and 13 embarked Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit off-loaded 1,000 English text books from Dubuque and delivered them to Pohang Shullin Junior College. The books will be used by volunteer student teachers to teach English to children at nearby orphanages.

Combat restrictions lifted for women

SecDef announces policy change which opens billets

MCNEWS — The Secretary of Defense announced a revised policy on the assignment of women in the armed forces April 28, directing the military services to open more specialties and assignments to women.

The policy change includes the following three categories:

a. The services shall permit women to compete for assignments in all aircraft, including aircraft engaged in combat missions.

b. The Navy will open additional ships to women, as is practicable within current law. Additionally, the Navy will develop a legislative proposal to be forwarded to Congress repealing the existing combat exclusion law, thereby permitting the assignment of women to ships engaged in combat missions.

c. The Army and Marine Corps will study additional opportunities for women to serve in positions with a low probability of engagement in close combat on the ground, including, but not limited to, field artillery and air defense artillery.

The placement of women into operational aircraft will take time to implement. Currently, there are no female aviators in the Marine Corps. Therefore, consistent with current

training cycles, the Marine Corps expects it will be approximately 18-20 months before the first woman Marine could be assigned to a flying squadron.

"The Marine Corps has had women in its ranks for some 50 years now. They perform splendidly, including the 1,000 that went to war in Southwest Asia," said Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps.

"We're proud of them and we look forward to participating in expanding

their roles consistent with our operational effectiveness and our capabilities in the Marine Corps," said the Commandant, noting he feels, "direct combat...is a role and a function that we should [restrict] to men."

There are approximately 8,000 women in the Marine Corps today — just under 4.5 percent of the total Corps.

More information may be found in ALMAR 130-93 (291630Z Apr 93), which outlines the policy on expansion of roles for women in the Marine Corps.

Milestones of women in the Marine Corps

Nov. 1942 - Formation of Marine Corps Women's Reserve approved

July 1943 - Camp Lejeune, NC becomes home to Women's Reserve training

Vietnam War - 2,700 women Marines on active duty.

Early 1960s - Marine Corps expands formal training programs to women Marines.

1966 - first woman Marine officer assigned to AWS.

1968 - first woman Marine officer assigned to C&SC.

1970 - first woman Marine officer assigned to AFSC.

1978 - first woman Marine officer assigned to NWC.

1976 - 75 percent of women recruits admitted to advanced formal schools in 17 different occupational fields.

1977 - Beginning of consolidation of officer training.

1978 - Col Margaret A. Brewer appointed to rank of brigadier general.

1981 - Women Marine officers compete directly with male contemporaries for promotion.

1985 - Col Gail M. Reals selected by promotion board for brigadier general.

1988 - First women assigned to guard embassies.

1992 - Full implementation of coed training at The Basic School.

Marine base wins excellence award

MCNEWS — The Department of Defense has announced the winners of the Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence. This year's winner for the Marine Corps is MCAS, Beaufort, S.C.

The Commander-in-Chief's Annual

Award for Installation Excellence recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations. The recipients of this highly competitive award were selected for outstanding and innovative support of the DoD mission.

Each winning installation succeeded in providing excellent working, housing, and recreation conditions. Excellent Installations enable better mission performance and enhance the quality of life for military men and women.

The awards ceremony was held in the Pentagon Court Center May 21.

U.N. assumes command in Somalia

SecDef says operation 'is a real success story'

MCNEWS — The Unified Task Force (UNITAF) Somalia has completed Operation Restore Hope and turned over peacekeeping responsibilities to the United Nations Organization Somalia (UNOSOM) II May 4 in a ceremony at the UNITAF Headquarters in Mogadishu. During the ceremony, UNITAF Commander, LtGen. Robert B. Johnston, handed over responsibility for all operations to Turkish Army LtGen. Cevik Bir, UNOSOM II Force Commander.

"Operation Restore Hope is a real success story," said Secretary of Defense Les Aspin. "Five months ago, hundreds of people were starving each day while food rotted in warehouses. Chaos reigned. We went to Somalia to establish a secure environment so starvation could be stopped. And we did just that. Today, food is reaching those who need it, schools have reopened, hope has been restored. U.S. forces, working with our coalition partners, made possible this dramatic improvement."

U.S. forces first landed on the beach of Mogadishu on Dec. 9, 1992, and after taking control of the city, U.S. and coalition troops moved to the outlying areas to begin the task of restoring order to the country. Three weeks after landing in Mogadishu, UNITAF secured every objective in the famine belt of central and southern Somalia.

Besides weapons sweeps, security patrols and convoy escorts, UNITAF forces pursued civic action projects in all sectors of their operations. U.S. Navy Seabees and Army engineers built or repaired more than 1,200 miles of road, in addition to drilling dozens of wells, and building and repairing orphanages, hospitals and schools. Through Medical Civic Action Programs (MEDCAPS), medical

personnel from the U.S. military, coalition and non-governmental organizations, treated thousands of Somalis for maladies ranging from anemia to infected bullet wounds. Additionally, coalition forces assisted a newly formed Somali Auxiliary Security Force in the vital and chal-

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lenging task of restoring law and order to Somalia.

From their peak strength of more than 25,800 on Jan. 16, 1993, U.S. forces have gradually reduced as more coalition forces arrived. Even after the successful completion of Operation Restore Hope, U.S. troops will remain with UNOSOM

II, including a battalion-size Quick Reaction Force and the Joint Logistics Support Force. All U.S. forces in Somalia will be under command of U.S. Army MajGen. Thomas Montgomery, who is both the Deputy Commander, UNOSOM II and Commander, U.S. Forces Somalia.

UNITAF divided Somalia into nine humanitarian relief sectors (HRS), with different countries exercising control over the various sectors. Currently, HRS assignments have the Belgians in Kismayo, Canadians in Belet Huen, Italians in Gialalassi, Australians in Baidoa, Botswanans in Bardera, French in Oddur, Pakistanis in Mogadishu, and the Moroccans in Baledogle. The final HRS turnover was in Marka on Apr. 28, with the Pakistani Army taking over from U.S. Army forces.

The 23 countries participating in this operation were Australia, Belgium, Botswana, Canada, Egypt, France, Greece, India, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States and Zimbabwe.

"Today, a United Nations organization is fully prepared to take the lead in the operation," Aspin said. "The United States will support the continued effort to rebuild Somalia with both logistics support forces and a quick reaction force. There is still a long way to go, but we can be proud that the U.S. and coalition forces, through their outstanding efforts in an extremely difficult environment, did indeed 'Restore Hope' to Somalia."

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No-fly zone in Bosnia established

NATO officials launch 'Operation Deny Flight'

MCNEWS — "Operation Deny Flight," the enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina was launched by NATO officials in conjunction with the United Nations last month.

The U.S. is currently participating in a no-fly zone (over the former Yugoslavia). Through NATO, the military is engaged as part of the endeavor to ensure there will be no flights in violation of the U.N. resolutions, said U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Assets from the United States, France and the Netherlands are involved in the initial phase of the operation.

Twelve F/A-18 aircraft from Carrier Air Wing Eight, embarked in USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), have been transferred to NATO in support of the operation. Other aircraft and ships from the battle group will continue to provide surveillance, Tactical Rescue of Aircraft and Personnel (TRAP) and Search and

Rescue (SAR) alert support. They are also maintaining "Detect-to-Engage" Anti-Air Warfare (AAW). The USS Saipan Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group (MARG) is also assuming SAR/TRAP duties.

In addition to twelve U.S. Air Force F-15 fighter aircraft, the U.S. are providing five DC-135 tankers from the 100th Air Refueling Wing at RAF Mildenhall in the U.K. The tankers are operating from Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy.

The country of Yugoslavia was split March 3, 1992, when the Bosnian Muslims and Croats of Bosnia and Herzegovina attempted to separate from their Serbian Neighbors. Serbs outnumber the Muslims and Croats in the country, and they didn't agree to the split. This dissension resulted in an attempt by the Serbs to dominate the entire country. So far, the Serbs have succeeded in occupying more than 70 percent of Bosnia and

Herzegovina, while maintaining control of the rest of the former nation. The Serbs have begun a sweep of ethnic cleansing that has killed hundreds of thousands of Muslims and Croats.

In an announcement to his crew Capt. S.W. Bryant, Commanding Officer of USS Theodore Roosevelt, said the carrier will play an important role in the operation. "Roosevelt will be doing its part while the air forces of the other nations get in to place and up to speed. Roosevelt is going to control 25 percent of the Combat Air Patrol (CAP) over Bosnia and Herzegovina," said Capt. Bryant.

On board USS Theodore Roosevelt, the announcement came as no surprise. "We have on board Roosevelt 40 fighter-type aircraft, 30 F/A-18's and 10 F-14's, that are available. All of those aircraft and all of the air crew that fly them are prepared to do the mission. It's one of the 'bread and butter' missions of a Navy carrier air wing," explained Capt. Charles W. Moore, Jr., Commander, Air Group Eight.

"We'll be there to go out and locate, identify and report aircraft that are flying over Bosnia and Herzegovina. Then the chain of command above us will, in accordance with the rules of engagement, communicate back down to the air crew the actions they want the aircraft to take," said Capt. Moore.

Adm. Mike Boorda, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, and Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, is responsible for the overall conduct of the operation. Adm. Boorda commands the naval forces in the European theater and exercises operational control of the NATO forces from his headquarters in Naples, Italy.

Joint forces conduct Ocean Venture '93

MCNEWS — More than 20,500 service members from the U.S. Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, along with forces from the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands, participated in the joint/combined exercise "Ocean Venture 93" from April 20 through May 25. Conducted by the U.S. Atlantic Command, headquartered in Norfolk, Va., most of the exercise will take place in Puerto Rico and its adjacent waters and airspace.

Ocean Venture '93 is designed to demonstrate the ability of continental United States-based forces to operate in a joint/combined environment with

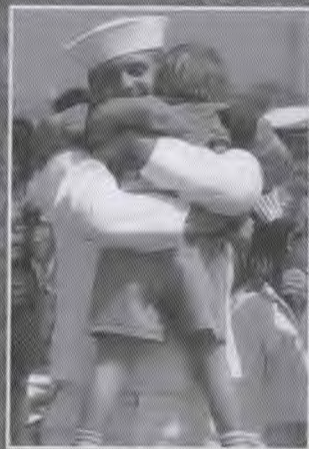
little or no preparation. In doing so, the ability to provide rapid military support to neighbors and allies of the United States will also be demonstrated. Additionally, this year's exercise will test the capabilities of the Joint Task Force Commander and Joint Force Air Component Commander to operate from ships at sea.

Major U.S. units participating include the Second Marine Expeditionary Force, the Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, of the U.S. Second Fleet, components of the Air Force's 8th, 9th, and 12th Air Forces, U.S. Coast Guard assets and forces from the U.S. Transportation Command.



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DoD outlines 15-year retirement

Option available to certain grades, specialties

AFIS — DoD will offer selected active duty military members the chance to retire with as few as 15 years of service.

The option will be available to service members in specific grades and skills, said DoD personnel officials. Each service is developing its own program, basing criteria on its short- and long-term needs. Currently, about 225,000 military members have between 15 and 20 years of active duty service.

Those accepting early retirement will receive retired pay based on DoD's formula of 2.5 percent times years of service times basic pay minus one percent for each year of service pay less than 20,

the officials said. For example, an E-6 retiring after 20 years receives \$922 per month. That same E-6 retiring after 18 would receive \$813.40. With 15, it's \$627.

The fiscal 1993 defense authorization act provides DoD the temporary early retirement authority and requires those who accept the offer to register in a public and community service personnel registry. DoD and federal agencies are now working on the details for this program, such as what jobs qualify and how the personnel registry will work.

Generally, DoD personnel officials said, early retirees who then go into certain public or community service jobs

will earn military retirement credits. Members who acquire additional credit in this way will see their retired pay increase up to a maximum of the full 20-year level upon reaching 62, the officials said. Until reaching 62, members will be paid at the rate they retired at.

Qualifying critical job fields might include elementary and secondary education, law enforcement, public health, social services, human resources and environmental and conservation projects. Although the law requires registration, accepting a public or community service job is optional.

Service members who take advantage of early retirement are also eligible for all retirement including commissary and exchange privileges, medical care and the use of installation morale and welfare facilities. In addition, retirees under this program are subject to recall to active duty when authorized, the same as those who retire with 20 or more years' service.

The temporary early retirement authority is not an entitlement, DoD officials said. Another force management tool to draw down the services voluntarily, the program expires Oct. 1, 1995.

The special separation benefit and voluntary separation incentive, two programs in effect for a little over a year, offer targeted individuals a chance to leave the military early with financial compensation. According to DoD personnel officials, the programs are popular with service members with six to 15 years of service, but not with those who have served longer.

With the drawdown, DoD still has more people with 15 to 20 years of service than it needs, especially in certain grades, officials noted.

Department of Defense Early Retirement Monthly Pay

Pay Grade	Years of Service					
	15	16	17	18	19	20
Commissioned Officers						
0-5	1363.25	1579.20	1695.56	1916.88	2044.35	2240.00
0-4	1287.25	1448.64	1554.91	1709.12	1822.59	1938.00
0-3	1194.15	1287.36	1382.25	1478.82	1576.08	1676.00
Commissioned Officers with over 4 years active service as enlisted members						
0-3E	1212.20	1306.56	1402.62	1500.38	1599.84	1701.00
0-2E	1026.00	1105.92	1187.28	1270.08	1354.32	1440.00
0-1E	868.30	936.00	1003.95	1074.08	1145.43	1218.00
Warrant Officers						
W-4	1045.00	1166.40	1251.30	1374.94	1466.19	1609.00
W-3	913.90	1014.72	1089.31	1201.48	1281.06	1416.00
W-2	820.80	915.84	982.61	1085.84	1158.30	1270.00
W-1	755.25	844.80	906.95	1003.52	1070.19	1179.00
Enlisted Members						
E-9	909.15	1003.20	1076.70	1177.96	1255.32	1361.00
E-8	790.40	874.56	937.99	1027.04	1094.94	1193.00
E-7	700.15	776.64	833.23	916.30	977.13	1053.00
E-6	627.00	696.96	748.84	813.40	867.24	922.00
E-5	557.65	600.96	645.05	689.92	735.57	782.00
E-4	448.40	483.84	519.92	555.66	593.01	630.00

Retired pay = 2.5 percent X years of service X basic pay X reduction factor

Source: OASD (Public Affairs)

Government ups per diem rates

Raises amounts in some locales, lowers in others

AFIS -- Government travelers will have the same amount of money to spend in most U.S. Cities, more in some, and less in 86 localities under per diem rates that took effect March 12. The rates, published in the March 5 Federal Register, are available in DoD travel offices.

The lodging-plus system reimburses travelers for actual lodging expenses up to a daily maximum, plus a fixed amount for meals and incidentals. For most destinations, the government reimburses travelers up to \$40 for lodging and \$26 for meals and incidentals. The government sets special rates for 595 designated high-cost cities.

This year, lodging rates decreased in 86 localities including Las Vegas, N.M.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Hilton Head, S.C.; and Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Lodging allowances for 224 cities increased slightly — no more than \$5. The government added 19 new locations to the special rates list. Among them are Fort Davis, Texas; Decatur, Ill.; Parkersburg, W. Va.; and Provo and Moab, Utah.

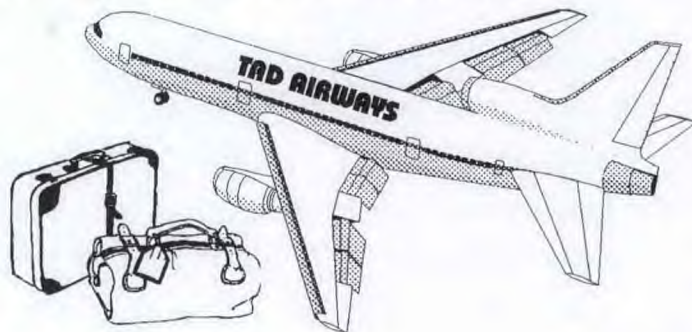
The government sets the per diem rates based on an annual cost survey conducted by an independent travel consulting firm. The firm generally analyzes trends in typical posted "rack" rates or government rates, but the General Services Administration this year asked the firm to factor in the average corporate rate to ensure government rates were not set higher.

In another change, the government now has a four-tier structure for meal rates. Travelers will receive \$26, \$30, \$34 or \$38, depending on the location. The standard rate — \$40 for lodging, plus \$26 for meals and incidentals — is the same as in 1992. Meal rates increased in 270 destinations, but fell in four — Andover, Mass.; Cloudcroft, N.M.; Monticello, N.Y., and Hilton Head, S.C.

Federal employees with business in Vail, Colo., can be reimbursed up to \$174 per day, but if they go to Denver, they shouldn't spend more than \$115. The government will shell out up to \$134 per day for travel to San Francisco and up to \$140 for Los Angeles. The 1992 rate for San Francisco was \$126, while the rate for Los Angeles was \$134.

Travelers to Fort Walton Beach, Fla., will be reimbursed \$92 per day, while travelers to Orlando get \$94. The 1992 rates were \$88 and \$89, respectively. Travelers to Washington, D.C., will get \$4 more per day in 1993 than last year. The rate increased to \$148.

The highest stateside travel allowance is for New York City. Travelers there can be reimbursed up to \$178 per day —



\$140 for lodging and \$38 for meals and incidentals.

In New York City and some other high-cost towns, room tax is a significant chunk of change. Room tax is reimbursed provided the total doesn't exceed the authorized lodging allowance. Government civilian and military travelers carrying valid orders aren't supposed to pay room tax, but a DoD resource manager said many hotels ignore that agreement. He suggested travelers check the hotel's tax policy when making reservations.

GSA officials said the government pays official travelers about \$1.5 billion a year for subsistence expenses. They estimate the new rates will increase the annual cost by \$47 million, or 3.1 percent.

DoD sets rates separately for U.S. cities outside the continental United States. It updates rates for areas such as Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico "as-needed" instead of once a year. Currently, those with business in Hawaii can receive up to \$160 a day on Oahu and \$140 on Maui. On the smaller islands, travelers get only \$106.

NNOA conference announced

The National Naval Officers Association's 21st Annual Conference is in Memphis, Tenn., from July 21 to 25. The conference theme this year is, 'Enhancing a Legacy of Leadership, Excellence and Professionalism Through our Diversity.'

Founded in 1972, the NNOA is a sea service association whose goal is to support the missions of the sea services by assisting in the recruitment and retention of minority officers and the career development of these officers. Membership is open to all regular, reserve and retired Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers.

For more information call LtCol. W.C. Johnson, at (619) 725-9234 or DSN 365-9234.

Memorial Day Messages

From the President...

Each Memorial Day we pause to remember that our freedom has been secured by the blood of patriots. On Lexington Green and in battles around the world, Americans gave their lives in service to their country. Today we honor them for that sacrifice.

We must all rededicate ourselves to upholding the freedom such a sacrifice has earned us. The men and women of today's armed forces have a special role in protecting the liberty our forefathers worked so hard to preserve. You stand in the first line of

America's defense, and your daily efforts help promote the peace and stability that allow freedom to endure.

The tradition of placing flags and flowers on graves across the world illustrates that the deeds of Americans buried there are still fresh in our memory. Inspired by those brave men and women we honor on this occasion, let us all renew our commitment to protecting the ideals for which they gave their lives.

—President Bill Clinton

From the Secretary of Defense...

On Memorial Day we gather across the length and breadth of our great country and around the world to commemorate those Americans



who have died in service to their country. It is a time to remember that freedom and the way of life it affords do not come without sacrifice.

Since the dawn of our nation, many from our ranks have made the ulti-

mate sacrifice to defend our birthright. The echo of taps this Memorial Day reminds us that we enjoy freedom and opportunity today because of what they did in the past. We owe it to them not to let the memory of their deeds fade. They have set an example of courage and patriotism for all of us.

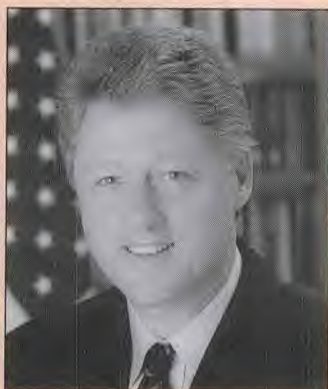
I join all Americans in thanking you for your service to America and in commemorating those who have given their lives for our nation.

—Secretary of Defense Les Aspin

Armed Forces Day Messages

From the President...

Armed Forces Day is a time to celebrate the special bond between this nation and its men and women in uniform. That bond was formed when the first patriots left their homes to fight for independence and was strengthened in the years that followed during America's battles to preserve that freedom. The bond remains strong today and reaches to each service member deployed around the world.



America and the world have changed, but your mission has not. You are asked to defend

this nation and its values. Your role is vital in protecting American interests and in creating a world environment in which freedom and democracy can endure.

Americans look to today's armed forces and see an institution that performs its duty successfully. They see dedicated men and women training hard. They see Americans in uniform helping others when disaster strikes at home and providing humanitarian relief in all parts of the world. They see what is best in America.

You can be proud of your vigilance in defense of our country's freedom, and you can count on the support of the American people. On behalf of your fellow citizens, I thank you for your valuable service to our nation.

—President Bill Clinton

From the Commandant...

Once again, we are afforded the opportunity to honor a group of cherished men and women; proud Americans who stand the watch to protect our great nation; who unselfishly serve for the ideals upon which our nation was founded; and who remain ever vigilant and ready to respond to crises throughout the globe when the call is sounded.

"Proud...Professional...Prepared" — a phrase used this year to symbolize the United States armed forces, but also words that continually epitomize the more than 1.7 million men and women who choose to wear their country's uniform, clothed in selfless determination and undaunted devotion.

It's significant that we celebrate Armed Forces Day this year on the heels of the successful humanitarian mission in the Horn of Africa called "Restore Hope." The significance lies in the fact that our armed forces are not

only prepared to mobilize and deploy to face aggression at its most potent, but can also join together in a moment of compassion for our fellow man. Such compassion was manifested in Somalia where "hope" was restored for thousands of men, women and children facing the devastation which famine brings. Whether on a battlefield with arms at the ready, or on another field extending a compassionate, caring hand -- the U.S. armed forces personify America at its finest.

I am proud to stand alongside you on this Armed Forces Day. Your pride, professionalism and preparedness are self-evident in the very manner which you uphold your uncompromising standards. To each Marine, sailor and airman, I salute you and extend a heartfelt congratulations. Semper Fidelis!

—Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr.

Retying the ties that bind

Barracks Marine reunites with mother after 12 years



LCpl. Robert B. Sholtis, H&S Grounds Maintenance Section, McFarland (right). Ruth Ann (left) helped bring about the reunion after their reunion April 21 with his mother, Deborah.

An article in a Florida newspaper about a Marine recruit attending boot camp prompts an estranged mother to start the wheels rolling for a reunion with a son who hardly knew her...

When 39-year-old Deborah McFarland of Fort Meyers, Fla., stepped off the plane at Washington National Airport April 21, there were tears in her eyes.

After a 12-year separation, she was about to be reunited with her Marine son, who is assigned to the Grounds Maintenance Section here.

As she walked up the ramp to the passenger waiting area, Dover Drummond, a steward with USAir, recorded each moment with Debbie's video camera.

She trembled as she stepped through the entry. Her eyes darted about, hunting for the son she had waited to see for so long.

He wasn't there.

Her face filled with hurt and disappointment, Debbie fell into a chair, barely hearing the murmured encouragement from her fellow passengers now debarking.

"Oh, I'm sure he'll be here soon," said one.

"He's probably stuck in traffic," said another.

These passengers all knew why McFarland had come to Washington, D.C. Upon landing, the captain of USAir flight #1284 out of Charlotte, N. C. explained the importance of her visit and asked the passengers to remain seated until Debbie exited the plane.

"She was excited and crying during the flight," said Nell Wood, an account executive based in Washington, D.C.



6-year-old Robert D. Sholtis celebrates Christmas in 1978 with his mother, Debbie McFarland, and Frank Stephanic, McFarland's stepfather. (Photo courtesy of Debbie McFarland.)

The other passengers were also moved by the upcoming reunion and applauded Debbie as she departed the aircraft.

"We were all smiling or crying," said Wood.

Suddenly someone spotted a young man with a military haircut hurrying towards the waiting area.

"Here he comes," he yelled.

Debbie's head snapped up, saw the grinning face of her son and flew to his arms.

"Bobby!" she cried, as she embraced her son, LCpl. Robert D. Sholtis.

The next few minutes were filled with the happy confusion of a long-awaited reunion — mother, son and daughter-in-law were caught up in a rough and tumble scrimmage of hugs and kisses punctuated with happy cries, laughing and shouting.

"Aren't they a wonderful couple?" Debbie proudly asked the debarking passengers. "My daughter-in-law and son, Robert and Ruth Ann Sholtis!"

Settling down into some nearby seats, Debbie turned to her son, Robert, or Bob as he prefers to be called. "They let me off first...and then you weren't there!" she said with a smile.

"I'm never late — I was still on time," Sholtis replied.

"You were early," said Ruth Ann, Bob's wife of six weeks.

The truth was, whether through the silent urging of an impatient mother or the help of a friendly tailwind, the flight was a full five minutes early.

Just then, a woman departing the plane hugged McFarland and handed her a business card, then hurried off. There was writing on the back of the card.

Debbie read it aloud: "You gave me

hope today. I've been separated from my kids for many years and, like you, I look for our reunion."

"Every time I tell the story," said McFarland, "somebody, whether they're the parent or child, knows somebody they're separated from."

The story of this mother and son reunion began when Debbie married Robert Snyder at the tender age of 17. After having Robert, the couple divorced in 1974. Later, Debbie married Mark Sholtis. They had a daughter, Becky, but that marriage also ended in divorce in 1978. Mark was awarded custody of the two kids because he was about to remarry. He later adopted Bob, who was raised believing Mark Sholtis was his biological father, not his stepfather.

"He told me a few months ago that he had adopted me. I always asked him, 'Why is your hair curly and not mine?'" Bob said with a chuckle.

Debbie was discouraged by family members from seeing her children and, after a while, she lost touch with them.

A few years ago, Debbie saw her son's picture in Fort Meyers' newspaper, the Herald Standard. The article said Bob was attending Recruit Training at MCRD, Parris Island, S.C.

She immediately wrote Sholtis a

"That letter was hard to write. I thought, 'Am I saying the right things?' I just wanted him to know I loved him."

10-page letter.

"That letter was hard to write," admitted Debbie. "I thought, 'Am I saying the right things?' I just wanted him to know I loved him."

But Sholtis wasn't ready for the reunion yet. He had more than he could handle just trying to make it through boot camp. He never replied to Debbie's letter...but he never forgot it, either.

Bob came to the Marine Barracks in September 1991. He was originally assigned to the Guard Detachment and was eventually transferred to H&S Company in the Grounds Maintenance Section.

In March 1992, he met the woman who would later become his wife: Ruth Ann Haffner. The 27-year-old patent agent from Kalamazoo, Mich., got Bob interested in seeing his mother again.

"Bob and I wanted kids and I thought they should have grandparents," she said.

"Even if Debbie didn't want a relationship with us, we wouldn't have anything to lose because we didn't have anything to begin with."

Sholtis finally gave Ruth Ann

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Debbie McFarland steps back to look at her son, LCpl Robert D. Sholtis, after embracing during their reunion at Washington National Airport.

permission to start the search for his mother. More than 30 phone calls later, she reached Patricia Stephanie, Bob's maternal grandmother, in Uniontown, Penn. Ruth Ann started crying.

"Oh, honey, is Bobby ok?" Stephanie asked anxiously.

"Oh yes," she replied through her tears, "I'm just so relieved I finally found you."

Ruth Ann got Debbie's phone number and called her immediately. Debbie's husband, John McFarland, who owns a business that sells advertising on 35-foot hot air balloons, answered. He told Ruth Ann his wife was at work and told her to call back when she returned.

"My husband called me up at work and he said, 'If you're not sitting down, you had better. I just got a call from your daughter-in-law,'" Debbie recalls.

"That one phone call changed my life," McFarland said tearfully.

"It answered all my prayers."

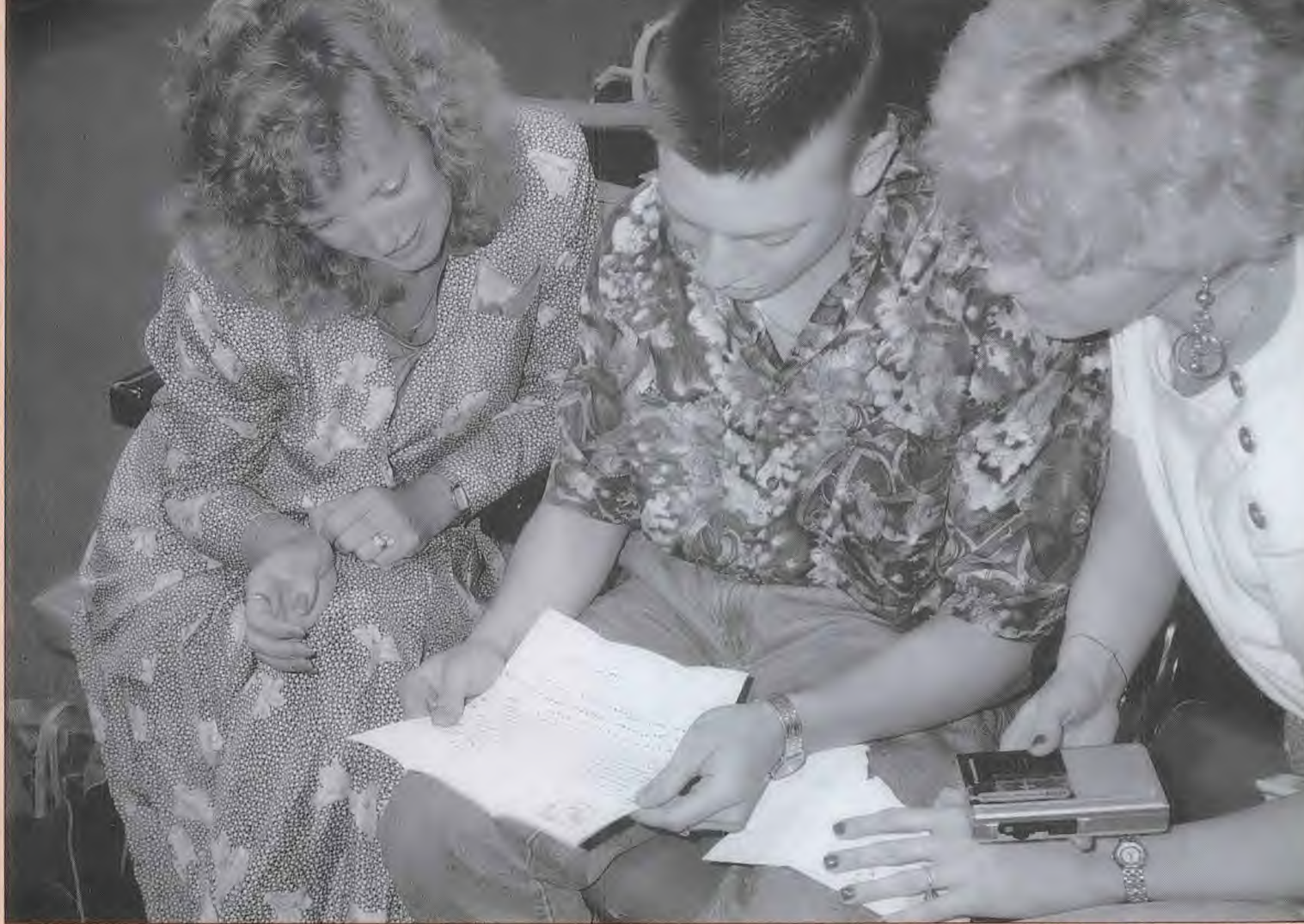
Over the next few weeks, the Sholtises and McFarland caught up on what they had been doing over the years, exchanging photos and videotape.

To tell her story to Bob, McFarland once worked until 3 a.m. editing 60 hours of videotape of her and husband John down to a mere five hours so she could send it to Bob and Ruth Ann. One shot showed one of John's hot air balloons floating over Fort Meyers. Emblazoned across it were the words, "Welcome to the family, Bob and Ruth Ann."

The date for McFarland's and Sholtis' reunion was set for April 21 for a very special reason. It was the young Marine's 21st birthday.

"This is the first April 21st in 13 years I've cried good tears," said McFarland. "You're talking to one happy woman."

On the evening of their reunion, Sholtis, his wife and mother celebrated the happy event with strawberry cake



LCpl Robert D. Sholtis reads a letter from his new stepfather, Debbie McFarland, look on. The letter, which was written in the John McFarland, as his wife, Ruth Ann (right), and mother, form of a poem, wished them a happy reunion.

and champagne. Sholtis said he wanted his favorite cake, strawberry and banana cake, but he only knew of one place in Pennsylvania where he could get it.

Following their time together in Washington, D.C., the three traveled to a family reunion at Uniontown, Penn. that weekend. When they arrived, they were greeted by a yard festooned with yellow ribbons and "Welcome Home!" banners in honor of the occasion.

McFarland's sister and Sholtis' aunt, Pattie Joe Hickel, bought the cake for the celebration. It was quite a coincidence when Sholtis discovered it was — as one would guess — strawberry and banana cake.

The newly reunited family spent the weekend looking through the family photo albums, playing cards and touring the homes Sholtis had spent his early years in.

Despite his happiness, there is still a small cloud hanging over Sholtis. His half-sister Becky, a high school senior, doesn't know that Sholtis and McFarland have been reunited. The two of them have decided to wait until Becky graduates to tell her.

Sholtis is already making plans for his future after he leaves the Corps in January 1995. The 21-year-old

infantryman intends to start a video arcade in Florida, near his mother.

His future business will include handing out flyers promoting John's business, McFarland Enterprises. His mother and new stepfather, in turn, will advertise Sholtis' arcade on — naturally — their hot air balloons.

*Story and photos
by SSgt. Hal Freeman*

Editor's note:

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Why 8th & I?

Why does the Marine Corps have a Marine Barracks, 8th & I? I suppose there are a multitude of reasons, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. Why? Because the Navy evicted us from the Washington Navy Yard in 1800... Why? Because Thomas Jefferson was confused back in 1801 and didn't realize he and his Commandant were househunting in Southeast D.C.... Why? Because someone has to be here to police up the underpass... Why? Because even Marines need *somebody* to envy, even if it's only another bunch of Marines.

But seriously, folks... why *do* we have an 8th & I? In this day and age of cold-blooded budgetary decisions, of *massive* reductions in defense appropriations and resulting force structure cuts, how in the world does the Marine Corps justify the luxury of maintaining this proud, but anachronistic, duty station? Wouldn't the American taxpayer be better served if we "axed" the supplemental Blues issue, pulled the plug on "The Commandant's Own," and allowed all these picture-perfect men and women to be more gainfully employed somewhere else—say, in the FMF?

The question, "Why 8th & I?," is a good one. And for anyone seeking an answer, you'll do no better than to consult LtGen. Victor H. Krulak's book, *First to Fight*—one of the most instructive and enlightening books about the Marine Corps you'll ever read—absolute *must* reading for all Marines. In the preface to his book, LtGen. Krulak recounts having been tasked by the Commandant in 1957 to answer a similar question, "Why does the U.S. need a Marine Corps?" Let me paraphrase his longer, more thoughtful answer by borrowing the author's own words:

[The simple answer is, the United States probably *doesn't* need a Marine Corps.] We exist today—we flourish today—not because of what *we* know we are, or what *we* know we can do, but because of what the grassroots of our country *believes* we are and *believes* we can do...

Essentially, as a result of the unfailing conduct of our Corps over the years [the Ameri-

can people have come to] believe three things about the Marines. First, they believe that when trouble comes to our country there will be Marines—somewhere—who, through hard work, have made and kept themselves ready to do something useful about it, and do it *at once*. They picture these Marines as men—individual components of a lean, serious professional outfit...

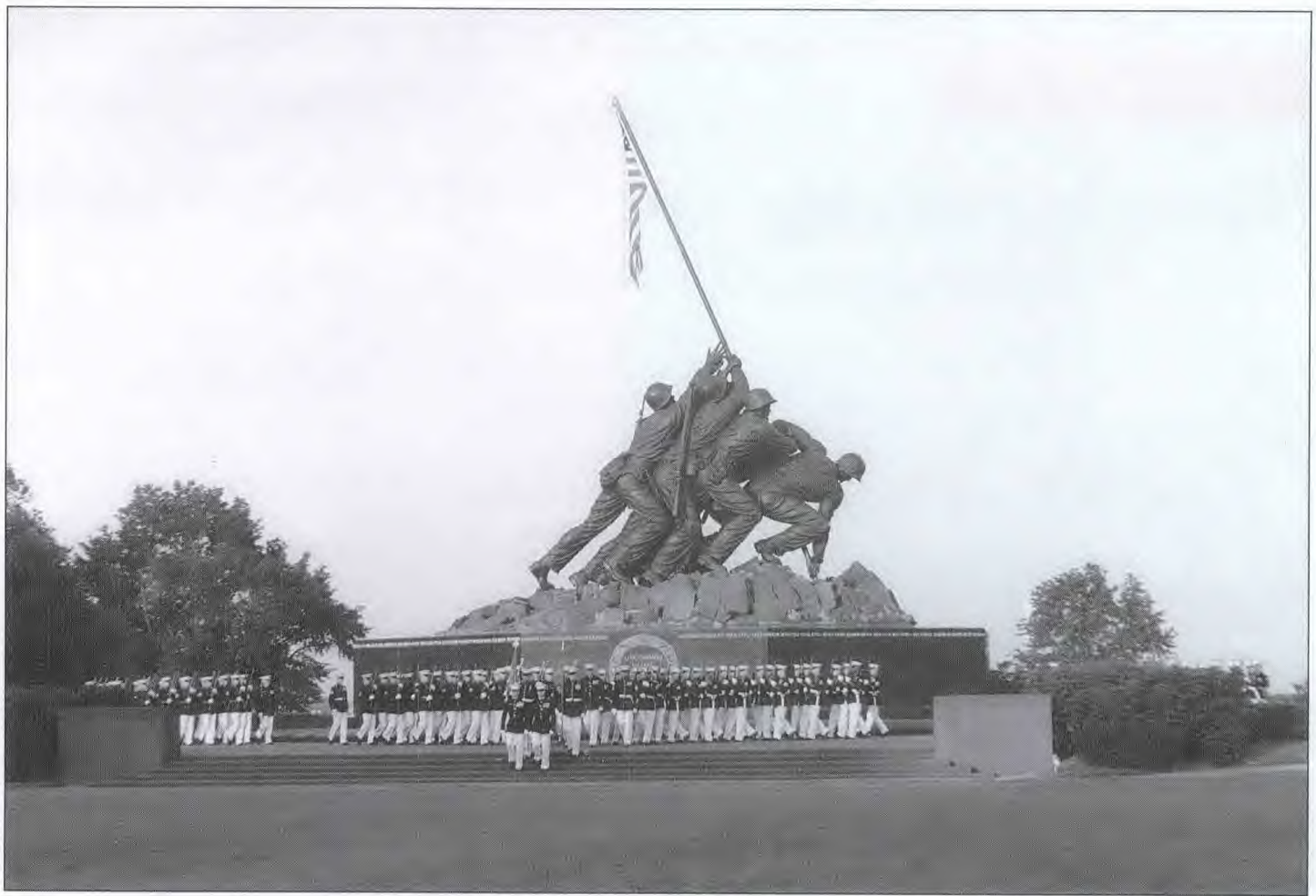
Second, they believe that when the Marines go to war they invariably turn in a performance that is dramatically and decisively successful—not most of the time, but always. Their faith and their convictions in this regard are almost mystical...

The third thing they believe about the Marines is that our Corps is downright good for the manhood of our country; that the Marines are masters of a form of unfailing alchemy which converts unoriented youths into proud, self-reliant stable citizens—citizens into whose hands the nation's affairs may safely be entrusted.

The American people believe these three things. They believe them deeply and honestly—to the extent that they want their Marines around—in either peace or war. They want them so much that they are ready to pay for them—and to fight for them too, if need be...

...So long as the people are convinced that we can really do the three things I have mentioned, we are going to *have* a Marine Corps... And, likewise, should the people ever lose that conviction—as a result of our failure to meet their high—almost spiritual—standards, the Marine Corps will then quickly disappear.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, a celebrated English poet of the late 18th/early 19th century, has written: "An idea, in the highest sense of that word, cannot be conveyed but by a symbol." The raising of the American flag atop Mount Suribachi in 1945 is said to have guaranteed a powerful idea: the existence of the Marine Corps "for the next five hundred years." Indeed, the Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) War Memorial at Arlington Cemetery is today among the most familiar and indelible American



symbols—the visualization of an *idea*, “in the highest sense of that word,” of what the Marine Corps *means*, of how invaluable our commitment and sacrifices have always been, will continue to be, and *are*, to the American people.

And so are we, the Marines of 8th & I, living symbols of the priceless virtues of the United States Marines—of the indomitable pride, professionalism, self-discipline and esprit de corps that animates 181,877 men and women, serving their country on active duty around the world, who are privileged to call themselves Marines. 8th & I Marines exist as living symbols to sustain the deepest, “mystical” convictions of the American people—and their elected officials and representatives here in Washington—that, while some might argue in 1993 we no longer *need* a Marine Corps, Americans in their heart of hearts firmly believe they can’t afford to be without us.

Recently we planted an indelible impression or two in the hearts and minds of our President and First Lady. In doing so, we “made money” for the entire Marine Corps; we certainly “earned *our* keep.” To borrow LtGen. Krulak’s words, we were “dramatically and

decisively successful.” As the second-senior 8th & I Marine² privileged to accompany the President that evening and to see and hear him marvel at his Marines—before, during, and after the parade—I want you all to know how very proud I was of *all* of you—all you magnificent “symbols” representing the very best of who we are and just how much we Marines are worth to the American people and the President to whom we belong.

That’s why you and I are stationed here. Whatever else Thomas Jefferson had in mind in 1801, *that’s* why we have an 8th & I today. Think about it. And while you’re at it, go stuff a few more bowling balls into your “8th & I seabag.” Go ahead. You can handle it.

*By Col. John B. Sollis
Commanding Officer*

¹LtGen. “Brute” Krulak, USMC (Ret.)—“Krulak the Elder”—father of LtGen. Chuck Krulak, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va.

²Gen. Mundy graciously allows me to think I call the shots around here. We both know better.

Time is running out...

MSG opportunities for FY93 coming to an end

Volunteers are still needed for Marine Security Guard (MSG) Duty. This may be the last retention opportunity for qualified FY93 First Term Marines.

The Marine Corps has a continuing requirement to provide qualified enlisted Marines as security guards at the Department of State's overseas installations. This duty involves protection of classified material and United States property and personnel.

Prior to assignment, Marines must successfully complete a course of instruction at the MSG School. The course is six weeks long for sergeants and below. Instruction in this school is presented jointly by the Marine Corps and the Department of State.

Selected Marines can be granted an extension to complete MSG School. Upon successful completion of the school Marines can also be granted a

23-month extension for the assignment.

Marines will normally be transferred to their assigned post immediately after graduation from the school. Therefore, delay enroute should be taken prior to reporting to MSG School.

The normal tour length on the program is 30 months for sergeants and below; 15 months at each of two different posts. Only mature and qualified Marines need apply.

Qualifications

- Be a volunteer.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be unmarried and agree to remain unmarried until completion of their tour on the program.
- Have a completed entrance national agency check (ENTNAC) or NAC.
- Must meet Marine Corps standards of personal appearance and have passed the most recent Physical Fitness Test.

- Corporals or lance corporals must have average conduct and proficiency marking of 4.2 and 4.2 respectively.

If you have answered yes to all of the above listed questions, chances are, you are qualified to submit for the MSG program.

Promotion Opportunity

- Commanding Officer, MSG Battalion is authorized to add a 100 points to the composite scores of MSG's upon completion of the MSG School. This 100-point bonus is valid for as long as the Marine successfully serves as an MSG.
- Corporals or lance corporals who have completed a successful tour of MSG duty are authorized to keep the added 100 points in effect for a period of one year after completion of MSG duty.
- Commanding Officer, MSG Battalion has the authority to meritoriously promote a select percentage of qualified Marines to the grades of corporal through gunnery sergeant on a quarterly basis.

If you would like to talk to a Marine who has already completed a successful tour on MSG duty, call SSgt. Hernandez (Co. A) at 433-2654. Hernandez was a corporal on MSG duty and was meritoriously promoted to sergeant. He wanted me to pass this on to all Marines here:

"If you want a challenge, MSG is the answer." You will have an opportunity to meet nice people and visit countries that you only see in magazines.

Time is running out fast for all FY93 First Term Marines. If you have any questions regarding MSG duty, call the Barracks Career Planner at 433-5404/5405. Semper Fi.

GySgt. Peter J. Reed
Barracks Career Planner

Special parade guests



The Young Marines view the April 30 Evening Parade. Family members of Barracks Marines, students from local schools, the Young Marines and community leaders were special guests of this parade. (Photo by Sgt. Thomas J. LaPointe)

On Centerwalk

Honoring excellence among Barracks Marines

Richard Kutzner

Unit MCI
Hometown San Diego, Ca.
Joined Barracks January 1991
Section Instructional &
Performance Technology Division
Billet Instructional Systems
Specialist
On Centerwalk for Meritorious Civilian
Service

Mr. Kutzner retired from the Army after 22 years and is working on his Master's Degree in Instructional and Performance Technology.



Chip McBride

Unit Post Maintenance
Hometown Newport News, Va.
Joined Barracks February 1988
Section Maintenance
Billet Carpenter
On Centerwalk for Sustained Superior
Performance

In his 23 years experience, Mr. McBride has worked at the Newport News Shipyard and at Headquarters Marine Corps/Henderson Hall before coming to Marine Barracks.



Information and photos compiled by LCpl. Dave Johnson

Awards

Company A

Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. R.D. Pitchford
Cpl. R.L. Balducci Jr.
Cpl. L.D. Garms Jr.

Company B

Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. R.A. Alanis

Letter of Recognition

Cpl. S.H. Rice
LCpl. V.E. Walke
LCpl. S.D. Michel
LCpl. C.E. Bergman
LCpl. G.W. Jones

Meritorious Mast

LCpl. B.E. Holzemer

Drum & Bugle Corps

Meritorious Mast

Cpl. K.M. Armstrong

H&S Company

Good Conduct Medal

SSgt. T.J. Craddock
Sgt. W.J. Koms

Marine Corps Institute

Meritorious Mast

Sgt. D.J. Thomas
Cpl. M.P. Allen
LCpl. L.L. Dekie

Navy Achievement Medal

SSgt. E.M. Garrison
Cpl. A.. Bailey

Security Company

Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. G.B. Sauders
LCpl. E.R. Funk

Meritorious Mast

LCpl. P.N. Teague

U.S. Marine Band

Good Conduct Medal

MSgt. A.R. Linden

Promotions

Maj. F.R. Quigley
Sgt. T.L. Ellis
Cpl. R.A. Alanis
Cpl. B.D. Baker
Cpl. S.C. Benoit
Cpl. L.T. Bethards
Cpl. W.B. Bloom
Cpl. T.J. Bochancow
Cpl. M.W. Boelk
Cpl. M.P. Carlson
Cpl. D.E. Cunningham
Cpl. M.J. Fontenot
Cpl. J.A. Fuentes
Cpl. P.R. Garcia
Cpl. T.A. Geiger
Cpl. E.V. Hartman
Cpl. J.A. Hobson
Cpl. A. Jordan Jr.
Cpl. R.W. Kovach
Cpl. R.A. Kroliekiewicz
Cpl. J. Lawrence
Cpl. J.J. Mcateer
Cpl. S.B. Mullins
Cpl. J.M. Robinson
Cpl. J.L. Rogers
Cpl. J.C. Schaubroeck
Cpl. R.M. Secher
Cpl. T.W. Snook
Cpl. G.S. Stewart
Cpl. A.J. Stryker
Cpl. D.R. Studer
Cpl. G.J. Wolcott

Cpl. T.J. Zastrow
LCpl. A. Barroso
LCpl. M.P. Cohan
LCpl. M.J. Dunn
LCpl. L.G. Forcia
LCpl. A.T. Hayne
LCpl. T.L. Kennedy
LCpl. C.J. LeBlanc
LCpl. B.L. Martin
LCpl. K.E. Martin
LCpl. B.W. McKinstry
LCpl. B.M. Miller
LCpl. J.K. Reardon
LCpl. C.S. Tyler
LCpl. S.M. Wall
LCpl. B.D. Weber
LCpl. M.C. Wherry

Welcome Aboard

GySgt. W.F. Bebb
GySgt. T.A. Raymer
Sgt. R.A. Brown Jr.
Sgt. K.R. Mock
Sgt. M.L. Valenti
Cpl. G.K. Allard
Cpl. W.J. Parr
LCpl. W.P. Bellerose
LCpl. J.A. Coxen
LCpl. P.A. Dome
LCpl. S.R. Hamilton
LCpl. D.T. Hunt II
LCpl. J. Lawrence
PFC R.E. Arthur

PFC R.B. Beard
PFC A.L. Bernal
PFC J. Darin

Kudos

Congratulations to the following Marines for earning special mention during the recent visit of the Inspector General staff:

Administrative Excellence

Cpl. J.T. Szabo
LCpl. D.M. L'Hote

Physical Fitness Test

Maj. G.P. Fontaine 293
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LCpl. P.W. Gamble 288
LCpl. P.R. Garcia 300
LCpl. G.W. Jones 286
LCpl. D.L. McBride 291
LCpl. R.A. Watkins 300



In recognition

Capt. Benjamin P. Allegretti, H&S Co. Executive Officer, presents a Certificate of Commendation for her work in the Admin. Office to LCpl. Deanna M. L'Hote, Publications Clerk, Baracks Administrative Office, during a company formation. (Photo by Cpl. Joey D. Benford)

MWR Activities line

Paramount Kings Dominion - Come experience the "Days of Thunder" at the new Paramount's Kings Dominion. Season passes are available thru May 31 for only \$42.50. Regular tickets are only \$15.95 for adults and \$13.95 for children.

Busch Gardens, Williamsburg - Enjoy the magical wonders that await at Busch Gardens. Tickets are only \$21 for adults and \$17.50 for children.

Wild World Theme Park - Plenty of slides and lots of rides can be found at Wild World for only \$13.75, unless you are under 3, then it's free!

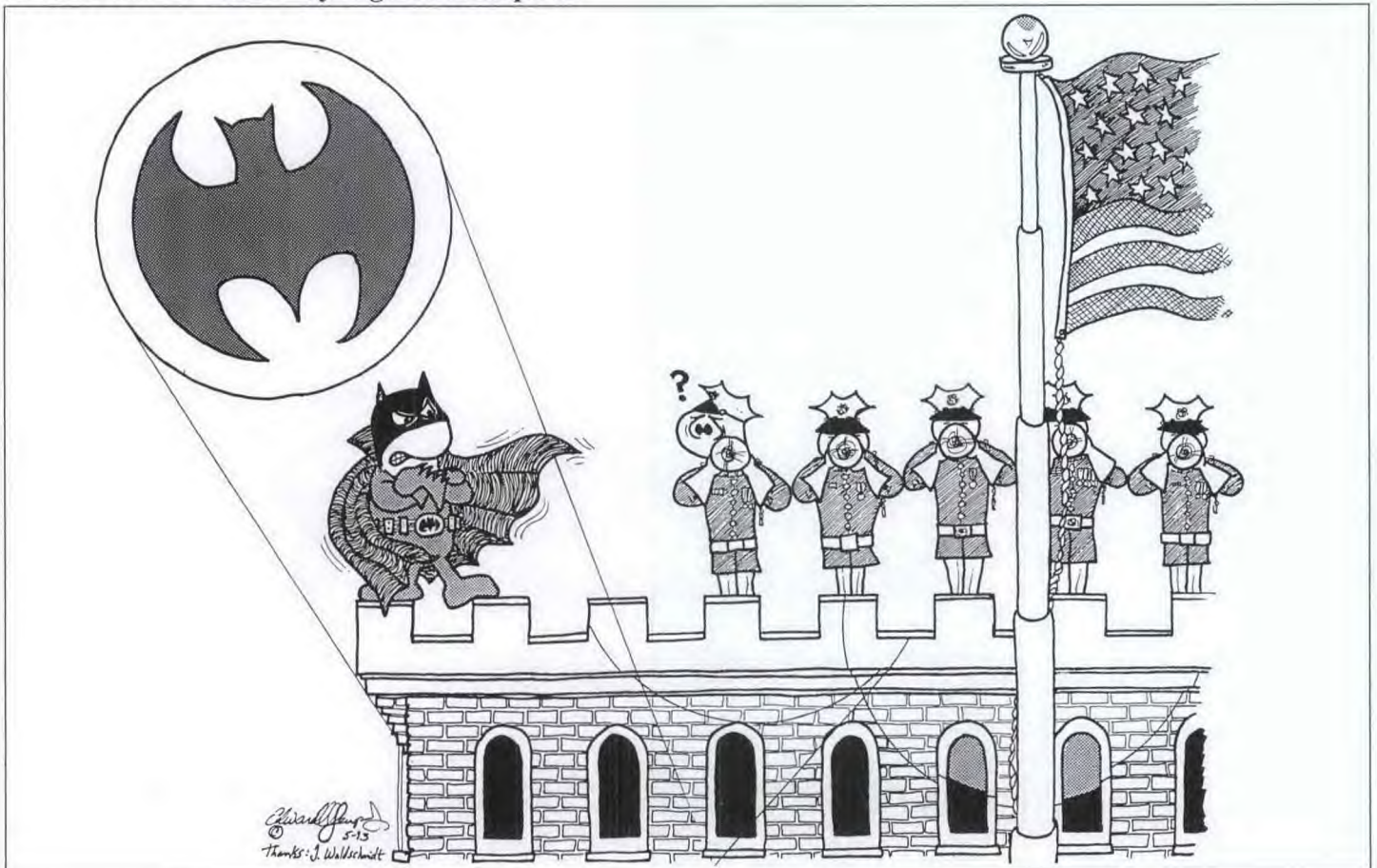
Sesame Place - Discover the "Twittlebugs", Big Bird and all those lovable characters of Sesame Street at Sesame Place. Tickets are \$16.25 per person.

For more information on any tickets, tours or activities around the D.C. area, contact Debbie at (202) 433-2112.

Upcoming Events in June

- 6 - **Scheibles Fishing Trip** - \$15
- 12 - **Chicago** at Merriweather - \$20
- 13 - **Trip to Water Country U.S.A.** - \$9.95
- 16 - **Lynyrd Skynyrd & Bad Company** at Merriweather \$20 per person
- 20 - **Jimmi Buffett** at Merriweather - \$20
- 27 - **Bull Run Country Jamboree** featuring Brooks & Dunn - \$19
- 29 - **Steve Miller** at Merriweather - \$20

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



No Greater Love

by Lt. Paul R. Deaton, Barracks Chaplain

Navy Lieutenant Vincent R. Capodanno was one of only two Chaplains to receive the highest military award offered for "conspicuous gallantry"—the Medal of Honor. The following is the text from his citation:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Chaplain of the 3rd Battalion [5th Marines] in connection with operations against enemy forces. In response to reports that the 2nd platoon of M Company was in danger of being overrun by a massed enemy assaulting force, Lt. Capodanno left the relative safety of the company command post and ran through an open area raked with fire, directly to the beleaguered platoon. Disregarding the intense enemy small-arms, automatic-weapons, and mortar fire, he moved about the battlefield administering last rites to the dying and giving medical aid to the wounded. When

an exploding mortar round inflicted painful multiple wounds to his arms and legs, and severed a portion of his right hand, he steadfastly refused all medical aid. Instead, he directed the corpsmen to help their wounded comrades and, with calm vigor, continued to move about the battlefield as he provided encouragement by voice and example to the valiant Marines. Upon encountering a wounded corpsman in the direct line of fire of an enemy machine gunner positioned approximately 15 yards away, Lt. Capodanno made a daring attempt to aid and assist the mortally wounded corpsman. At that instant, only inches from his goal, he was struck down by a burst of machinegun fire. By his heroic conduct on the battlefield, and his inspiring example, Lt. Capodanno upheld the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the cause of freedom."



Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno, Medal of Honor recipient

Biographical Data

Rank and Organization: Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, Chaplain Corps, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF.

Place and Date: Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam, September 4, 1967.

Entered Service at: Staten Island, N.Y.

Born: February 13, 1929, in Staten Island, N.Y.

Worship Opportunities

NAVY YARD	Catholic Mass	9 a.m. Sundays
	Protestant Service	10:30 a.m. Sundays
NAVAL ANNEX FORT MYER	Catholic Mass	7:30 a.m. Daily
Old Post Chapel	Catholic Mass	5 p.m. Saturdays
		9:30 a.m. Sundays
	Protestant Services	12:30 p.m. Sundays
		10:30 a.m. Sundays
Memorial Chapel	Protestant Services	11:30 a.m. Sundays
		8:15 a.m. Sundays
FORT BELVOIR		11 a.m. Sundays
	Jewish Services	Call (703) 806-3393/4316 (Chaplain Zisook)



Another look at Gen. Mundy's Core Values

"Marines are exposed to training throughout their careers which reflects the core values of the Corps. Discipline, respect, civility, and law-abiding behavior are just a few examples of the lessons taught Marines, whether it's in recruit training, leadership training, or unit training.

"The people of the United States expect from us prowess in combat; but equally so, they expect honor, integrity, dedication to ideals, respect for human dignity, and the highest standards in personal and institutional discipline. Any action to the contrary is detrimental to the very image conveyed by the title Marine.

"I want a renewed, sustained emphasis on ethics, conduct, and human dignity in our Corps. I intend and direct that all Marines focus their priorities on reaffirming and achieving expected standards of ethics, behavior and respect for each other and for those around us. To do any less is to be less than a Marine."

