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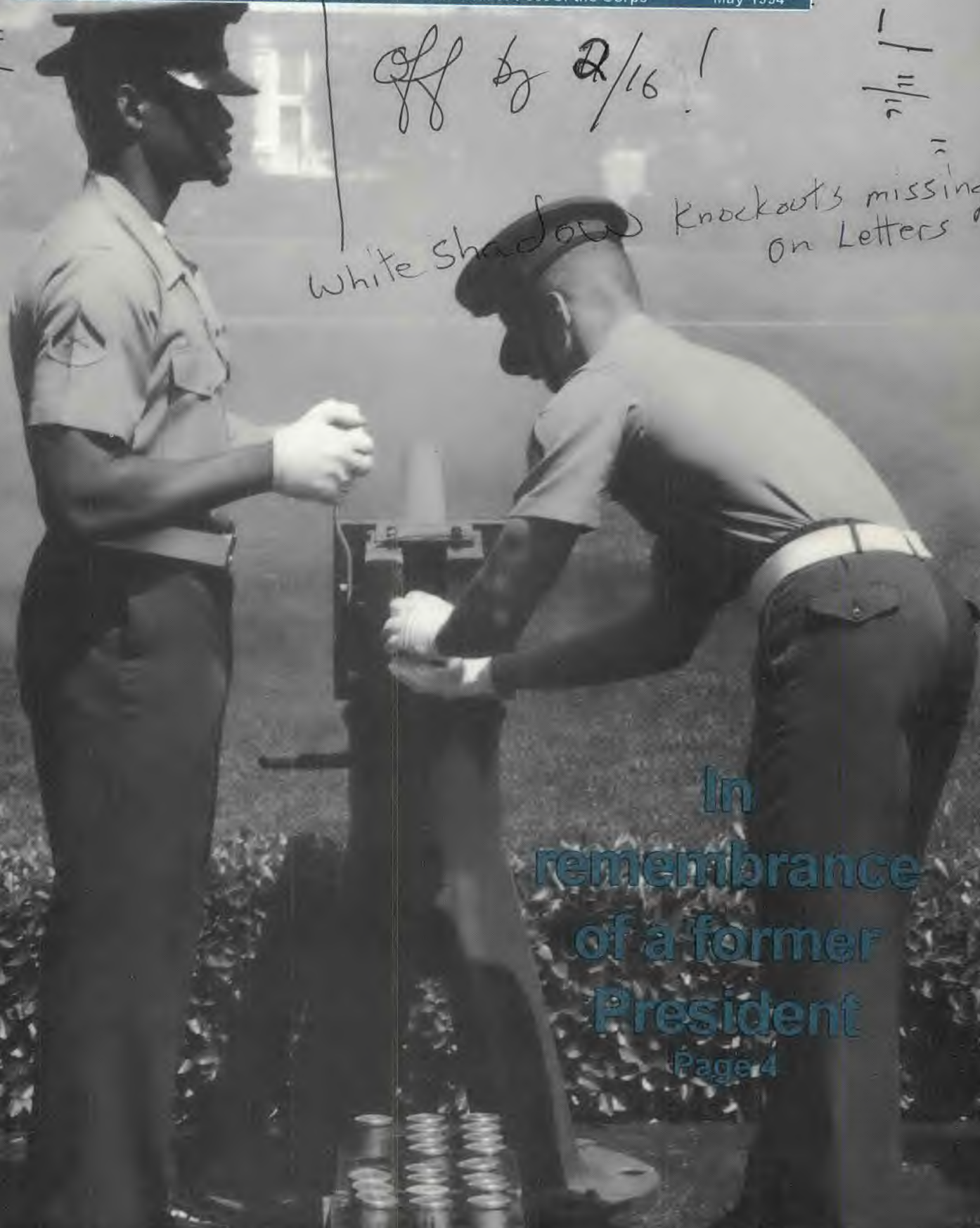
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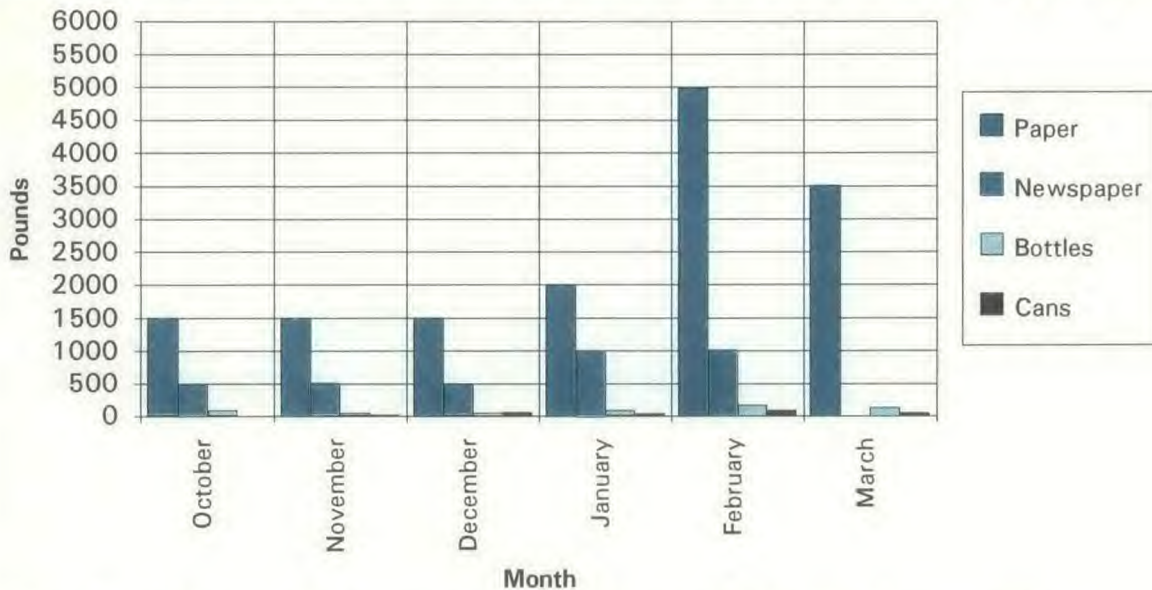
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Marines from the Company B's Body Bearer Section render honors to the late Richard M. Nixon, 37th President of the United States. (Photo by LCpl. Dave Johnson)

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Former Commander in Chief laid to rest

Barracks Marines support Nixon funeral

Barracks Marines recently joined their service counterparts to bury Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th President, at his home state of Calif. He died April 22 after suffering a massive stroke on April 18.

Military District Washington (MDW) planned the two-stage funeral. Marines from Company B's Body Bearer Section, Company A's Color Guard Section and 1st Platoon, Company B, separated into two groups to support the funeral.

The first group, led by Sgt. Sylvester R. Mora, 1st Platoon, Company B, escorted Nixon from New York City, where he passed away, to Stewart Air National Guard Facility in Newburgh, N.Y. He was placed aboard an Air Force VC-137 aircraft from the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., the aircraft that served as Air Force One during part of Nixon's administration.

The entourage flew to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro where it received presidential honors from Marines of I MEF, the 3rd MAW Band and was met by a second group of Barracks Marines, led by 1stLt. Bradley D. Baxter, Platoon Commander, 1st Platoon, Company B.

Baxter and the Yorba Linda Task Force escorted Nixon to his final resting place at the Richard M. Nixon Memorial Library.

"We all felt it was a great honor to lay to rest a former president," said

Baxter. "It was nothing anyone hoped for, but when the time came it was a great honor for all of us who took part."

"Being part of this funeral is the highlight of my career," said Cpl. Michael P. Carlson, with Company B's Body Bearer Section. "This is the biggest thing I've ever done, obviously the most honorable, to carry the casket of a former president to its final resting place," said Carlson.

Nixon's career in public service spanned more than half of this century. A naval officer during World War II, he served in the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and as Vice President in the Eisenhower administration. He lost the presidential election to John F. Kennedy in 1960 by the narrowest margin ever. He returned to win the office of the President in 1968



Then-President Richard M. Nixon prepares to board Marine 1, the presidential helicopter from HMX 1. (Official Marine Corps photo)

and was reelected in 1972 by a landslide margin. Nixon became the first president to ever resign the office, leaving in 1974 during the Watergate scandal. As the first U.S. president to visit the former Soviet Union and being credited with opening U.S. relations with China, Nixon continued his career as a statesman, writer on political issues and counsellor to presidents until his death.



The Joint Service Honor Guard at Stewart Air National Guard Facility in Newburgh, N.Y. prepares to escort the casket with Nixon's body to the U.S. Air Force VC-137 Aircraft. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

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Former Marine Lewis Puller Jr. dead at 48

Pulitzer prize winning author of 'Fortunate Son'

Lewis B. Puller Jr. died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his home near Mt. Vernon, Va. on May 11.



Lewis B. Puller Jr.

The son of Lewis "Chesty" Puller, the Marine Corps' most highly decorated hero, Puller was the guest of honor at the 8th & I Family Parade here on April 29, 1993.

Puller rose to national prominence with the publication of his Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Fortunate Son,"

which told of his life in the shadows of the legendary general.

Puller himself was awarded the Silver Star Medal after action in 1968 in South Vietnam.

Injuries he suffered as the platoon leader with 3d platoon, Company G, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, left him a double amputee. After recuperating from his wounds, he was medically retired from the Marine Corps. His other awards included two Purple Hearts, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

He graduated from Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary in 1973. He served as an attorney with the Veter-

ans Administration and on President Ford's Clemency Board for Vietnam War military deserters and civilian draft evaders, as the national service director for the Paralyzed Veterans of America and as a senior attorney with the General Counsel at the Department of Defense.

Puller was a Writer-in-Residence at George Mason University and was working on a second book at the time of his death.

Puller is survived by his wife, Virginia General Assemblywoman Toddy Puller, son Lewis B. Puller, III, daughter Margaret and twin sister Martha Downs.

Story by GySgt. Cynthia Atwood

Four Marines aid in woodland search

Volunteers search for boy lost in West Virginia hills

Four Company A Marines assisted West Virginia State police and hundreds of volunteers in a search for a 5-year-old Leesburg boy who disappeared May 1 while playing near Short Mountain.

Victor Dewight Shoemaker Jr.'s, disappearance spurred volunteers from around the area to join in the search.

Corporal James I. Hartung, and LCpls. Christian K. Hanson, Joel V. Sloan and Bert W. McKinstry petitioned their chain of command to join the search for the lost boy.

"Within a few hours after we asked to go, we were cut orders and supplied for the three or four days we expected to be searching for the boy," said Hartung.

Patrolling skills normally used to

search for an enemy were used now to search for a young boy, and the leadership skills of the Marines were im-

"We were placed as team leaders for the search and out of 354 volunteers, we participated in about 25 percent of the search missions."

— LCpl. Cristian Hanson

diately recognized by the State police in charge of the overall search.

"We were placed as team leaders

for the search and out of 354 volunteers, we participated in about 25 percent of the search missions," said Hanson, a 23-year-old native of South Dakota.

After five days of searching for the missing boy the initial effort was suspended. Searchers had focused on a four square-mile wooded area surrounding the family home. After repeated sweeps, authorities said they were all but certain the boy is not there.

Sergeant Roger Hefner of the State Police said they will now have to focus on other causes for Shoemaker's disappearance.

Compiled by Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister

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Guard Marine receives NROTC Scholarship

Jason Tanner knew he wanted to be a Marine.

There was no question of that, ever. As a senior at Lakeview/Ft. Oglethorpe High



LCpl. Tanner

School near his hometown of Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., his thoughts were riveted on June 2, 1993, the day he would graduate, so that on June 4, his recruiter would whisk him away in the pre-dawn light to start him on his way to MCRD Parris Island and the world that was waiting for him.

One other thought was in the back of Tanner's mind, though: the seed of an idea he picked up in the Delayed Entry Program. He learned about the Marine Corps-Option Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship. He filled out the application and waited somewhat impatiently for the results. On April 5, 1994, the Barracks Guard

Detachment, H&S Co. Marine got his answer - he was one of 15 Marines selected to receive the scholarship for this year.

"I knew I'd get it," Tanner said. "I was nearly always sure. This is very, very important to me."

On May 5, 1993, just about a month before he shipped to recruit training, he got the call from the scholarship office that he was considered board-eligible for the award. The final month at home, and the months since his Feb. 3 arrival here at the Barracks, turned into a flurry of phone calls, paperwork and physicals.

"I kept calling them asking 'Now, is there anything else you need, anything else I need to do' just to get this right," the 19-year-old Tanner said determinedly. "I didn't want anything to go wrong.

"My mom really helped out alot," he said. "My parents, they're excited about this, extremely excited.

"Mom might just want this more than I do," he concluded.

LCpl. Tanner is planning to pursue a degree in Business with a minor in Spanish or another foreign language. Hopefully, he'll be accepted at his first choice of schools, the University of South Carolina

"This is great. I can't wait to get started."

Marines may apply for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship by seeing a local recruiter.

The scholarship pays for full tuition, books and boarding at a college or university featuring a NROTC program. Additionally, students receive a \$100 per month allowance and are commissioned as Regular officers upon graduation, according to SSgt. Rick Cunningham, Hyattsville, Md., recruiter.

Story by GySgt. Cynthia Atwood

Marines take a hike for charity

From Cumberland to Georgetown for a good cause

Charity knew wider bounds than some thought possible recently. Barracks Marines, sailors and family members followed a 184-mile path down the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to raise money for the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club.

The Barracks effort was headed by GySgt. Ronnie Taylor, U.S. Naval Academy Company Gunnery Sergeant, who said the walk was "horrendous - the hardest thing I've ever done." The trekkers began their march at Cumberland, Md., through depths of Devil's Alley, historic areas like Antietam and Harper's Ferry, ending at Georgetown, the Canal's end.

"After the second day, it was no longer simply a charity hike," said LCpl. Sergio Bostick, legal clerk, H&S Co. "It turned into a Marine hump. It was simply determination to finish."

The Marine hikers were sponsored by the Hotel Security Association of Washington, D.C.

Story by GySgt. Cynthia Atwood



Give back to your community

Volunteer opportunities open around the District

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Here are groups in the Marine Barracks area in need of volunteer help for a day, a week or on a regular basis. This column is published every other month.

Be a Big Brother or Big Sister

The Big Brothers of the National Capital area and the Washington Metropolitan area Big Sisters organization needs volunteers to be Big Brothers and Sisters to area youths. Volunteers are needed to help provide positive role models for boys and girls.

For more information about these programs call the Big Brothers of the National Capital Area at (301) 587-0021 of the Big Sisters of the Metropolitan Washington Area at (202)244-1012.

Hot Line Listeners

Volunteer counselors are needed to staff a 24-hour crisis intervention telephone hot line operated by My Sisters Place, a nonprofit shelter for battered women and their children. In addition to the hot line, the shelter provides services such as support

groups, transitional housing, career counseling and day care.

Hot line volunteers are needed for evening and weekend shifts. Training is provided. Call (202) 529-5991.

Rehabilitation volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed in the Dupont Circle area by the Green Door, a social rehabilitation program for adults with mental illness.

Volunteers design and conduct workshops or outings geared towards improving the social skills of clients who are making the transition from mental institutions to civilian life.

Examples of current or past workshops include arts and crafts play theater; suggested outings include bowling, attending athletic events or shows or taking trips to museums.

Volunteers should be 19 or older and able to work weekend and evening hours. For more information call Jennifer Miller at (202) 462-4092.

Tutor Children

Project Northstar, a nonprofit tutorial project, needs volunteers to tutor homeless and formerly homeless chil-

dren in the District. Tutorial sessions take place on Monday and Tuesday nights at Francis Junior High School, 23rd and N streets NW, and Monday nights at St. Phillip the Evangelist Church, 14th and V streets SE. Parking is available.

A commitment of 1½ hours per week is expected. Training is provided. Call (202) 223-0144.

Tutors and Mentors needed

The Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association is in need of tutor/mentors for its Extended Educational Enrichment tutorial program.

Volunteers tutor elementary, junior high and high school students in reading, writing and math.

Volunteers also discuss such topics as positive thinking, prevention of teen pregnancy, and the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

Tutoring takes place on Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. at 901 Rhode Island Ave. NW. Students come from schools throughout the District. Call Leolis Walker at (202) 667-9100.

Additional volunteer opportunities in your area

Children and Youth

Boy Scouts, National Capital Area Council, 9190 Wisconsin (Bethesda), (301) 530-9360. Programs throughout the city.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington, includes ten group homes and shelters in the area, 1320 Fenwick Lane, #800 (Silver Spring) (301) 587-4315. Programs throughout the city.

Crime Prevention

Crime Stoppers Club, Inc. (202) 547-STOP (7867).

D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, (202) 662-9666.

D.C. Rape Crisis Center, (202) 232-0789.

Emergency Domestic Relations Project, 393-6290.

DCPD Crime Solvers, (202) 393-2222

Disabilities

Best Buddies, 1315 New York NW #500, (202) 347-7265

Coates & Lane Foundation, 220 I St. NE #110, (202) 546-8660

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind, 1421 P St. NW, (202) 462-2900 x3045

D.C. Center for Independent Living, 1400 Florida St. NE, (202) 388-0033

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Earning the title of Young Marine:

Local youths graduate from 'Boot Camp'

Story and photos by
Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister

Approximately 30 local young men and women officially earned the title of "Young Marine" in a graduation ceremony for Young Marines Platoon 1-94 held here April 21 in the Sousa Band Hall.

The ceremony honored the young men and women ages 8 to 18 from Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., who underwent a closely supervised 13-week "bootcamp" conducted by Barracks Marines.

The graduation began with a drill exhibition by a Young Marines platoon and included comments by Frank G. Wisner, Undersecretary of Defense.

During his speech to the graduating Young Marines and guests, Mr. Wisner said that the young men and women in the program are helping to make a difference in their communities.

Other Department of Defense officials attending the ceremony included Brian Sheridan, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support and Frederick Pang, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for

Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

LtCol. John T. Boggs, Assistant Director, Marine Corps Institute, also addressed the Young

To graduate from "boot camp," the Young Marines candidates receive 26 hours of training including drill, military history, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, and drug abuse awareness.

Sgt. Lafonzo C. Prince, one of two Drill Instructors for Platoon 1-94, started working as a Young Marines instructor in February 1989.

Prince says working with the young men and women is one the best things he could be doing with his free time.

"Knowing that the kids are with the program and off the street and out of trouble allows me to give something back to the community," Prince said.

Platoon Honor Graduate Aaron N. Stewart, from Southville, Md., said the training was not as difficult as he had imagined and really enjoyed parts of the

training.

"I liked the the drill the most. I had no experience in marching and enjoyed learning to drill," said the 12 year-old student. As the Honor Graduate, Stewart was meritori-



Undersecretary of Defense Frank G. Wisner speaks to a group of Young Marines after their drill exhibition.

Marines and encouraged them to continue on their "road to success."

"Today you're doing something that most boys and girls your age wouldn't think about doing. Today you have realized a dream," said Boggs.



The Young Marines render honors to Undersecretary of Defense Frank G. Wisner during their drill exhibition.

ously promoted to the rank of Private First Class.

“Anyone can make it through the training as long as they work hard and listen to their drill instructor,” Stewart added.

After graduation, the new Young Marines are assigned to one

of five “regular” Young Marines platoons here that meet weekly for training and participation in other events. The Young Marines Program encourages respect for authority and discipline, completion of education, physical and mental fitness, and development of

a drug-and alcohol-free lifestyle.

The Marine Corps has officially recognized the Young Marines program as the focal organization for its drug reduction effort and supports the Young Marines to the maximum extent possible.

The Young Marines are looking for a few good volunteers

The Young Marines Program is looking for qualified Marines to serve as Young Marines instructors.

Nearly 600 youths make up the local Regiment of Young Marines Chapters.

The seven local chapters of Young Marines are always seeking motivated male and

female Marines interested in serving as role models to the young men and women who make up the the Young Marines chapters.

Eligible Marines must have at least three to five months time on station before becoming an instructor and have letters of recommendation from their chain of command. There are no rank

requirements to serve as a Young Marines instructor.

For more information about the 8th & I Chapter, contact GySgt Robert A. Payson at (202) 433-4686. For information about the Montford Point Chapter of the Young Marines contact GySgt. Rudolph A. Gatling at (202) 433-2784.

9th Marines deactivate

MCNEWS — The Marine Corps will stand down the headquarters element of the 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, based on Okinawa in July as part of a Marine Corps-wide plan to streamline and consolidate its headquarters to meet global requirements.

As part of this plan, the regiment's two battalions, serving on Okinawa under the unit deployment program, will transfer to the 4th Marines, also located on Okinawa.

The resulting structure will enable the Marine Corps to maintain its forward-deployed forces in the Western Pacific for the defense of Japan, and to maintain regional peace and stability. The presence of the Marine forces in Japan exemplifies the U.S. commitment to carry out its obligation under the treaty of mutual cooperation and security between the United States and Japan.

One of the two battalions to be consolidated with the 4th Marines will continue its assignment as the ground combat element of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

During World War II, the 9th Marines distinguished itself in battles at Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. One of its battalions was the first American unit sent to Vietnam in 1965. During the regiment's four-year service in Vietnam, it earned special honors in combat operations near the DMZ. Since Vietnam, the regiment has participated in scores of bilateral exercises throughout Asia and the Western Pacific. The deactivation will mark the fourth time the 9th Marines has been deactivated in its 77-year history.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii forms

MCNEWS — Marine Corps Base Hawaii was established April 15 as part of a Marine Corps-wide plan to streamline its headquarters.

The Base command combines Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, with Camp H. M. Smith; Molokai Training Support Facility; Puuloa Training Facility; Manana Family Housing Area; and the Pearl City Warehouse Annex. MCB Hawaii is expected to operate more efficiently and better support its tenant units, under the fiscal environment in which Department of Defense installations are now operating.

Additionally, the activation of MCB Hawaii will more accurately reflect the large presence of ground combat forces stationed at Kaneohe Bay.

The activation of MCB Hawaii will enable Marine Forces, Pacific, headquartered at Camp H. M. Smith, to more rapidly deploy as the Marine component command of the U.S. Pacific Command, the U.S. Central Command, and/or U.S. Forces Korea in the event of a crisis. MCB Hawaii will be commanded by BGen. C. D. Kuhn, Jr., who will also continue to serve as the Deputy Commanding General, Marine Forces Pacific.

Capture your day in pictures for 'Marines'

MCNEWS — "Marines" magazine is looking for a few good photos for its first photo essay issue.

The November photo issue will be dedicated to events happening in the Marine Corps during the week of June 13-19. All Marines are encouraged to take part by taking photos of anything and everything that happens aboard their installation during that week.

"Marines" will use the best vertical shot as the cover photo for the month and the winning photographer will receive a framed copy of the November cover.

Photos must be shot during the week of June 13-19. Submit processed color slides, color prints (no smaller than 5 x 7) or black and white prints (no smaller than 5 X 7).

All submissions must include full credit and caption information including: full name, rank and duty station of photographer, names of identifiable people in the photos, details of what's going on in the photo and where the photo was taken. Captions must be attached to each image.

All submissions must arrive at HQMC no later than Sept. 15. Mail them to: Marines Magazine Photo Essay, Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code PAM), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, 2 Navy Annex, Washington D.C. 20374-1775.

If you have any questions about the "Marines" magazine photo essay issue, call Meredith Hartley or SSgt. Craig Larson at DSN 224-1492 or commercial (703) 614-1492.

Tell it to a Marine...

"The greatest challenge America faces in the era beyond peace is to learn the art of national unity in the absence of war or some other explicit external threat.

If we fail to meet that challenge,

our diversity, long a source of strength, will become a destructive force."

— former President Richard M. Nixon in his recent book "Beyond Peace."

SecDef requests tax break for military

Revenue Act of 1993 taxes moving allowances

MCNEWS — Secretary of Defense William Perry has sent a letter to Congress requesting legislative relief from a tax law change that makes Temporary Living Allowances (TLA), Temporary Living Expenses (TLE) and Dislocation Living Allowances (DLA) taxable.

Secretary Perry writes, "An unintended consequence of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 changed the tax rules on moving expenses, reimbursement and allowances which will severely and disproportionately affect members of the uniformed services. The people most affected are the people who can least afford the impact, the junior soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen assigned overseas in defense of our nation."

More than 800,000 military members and their families move every year. About 200,000 moves are to and from

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— William Perry
Secretary of Defense

overseas locations and almost 90 percent of the overseas moves are by enlisted servicemembers.

Allowances for these moves are designed to meet the actual expenses of permanent change of station moves.

Temporary expenses while overseas waiting for permanent housing may be particularly high. Taxing these allowances and withholding those taxes may leave the servicemember with insufficient funds to defray these temporary, extraordinary expenses. For instance, a servicemember and his family awaiting housing in Naples might receive up to \$11,000 in TLA. Of that, more than \$1,500 would become taxes and be withheld. This is money a servicemember must have to support his family.

Some servicemembers' taxable income would nearly double under the new plan.

Americans evacuate from African nation

USS PELELIU Marines assist in Rwanda effort

MCNEWS — The drastic escalation of violence in the African country of Rwanda that left many thousands Rwandans dead recently spurred the evacuation of American citizens from that nation.

Approximately 330 U.S. Marines of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Navy medical personnel from amphibious assault ship USS PELELIU flew ashore to Burundi, Africa, April 9, in support of the non-combatant evacuation operation in Rwanda.

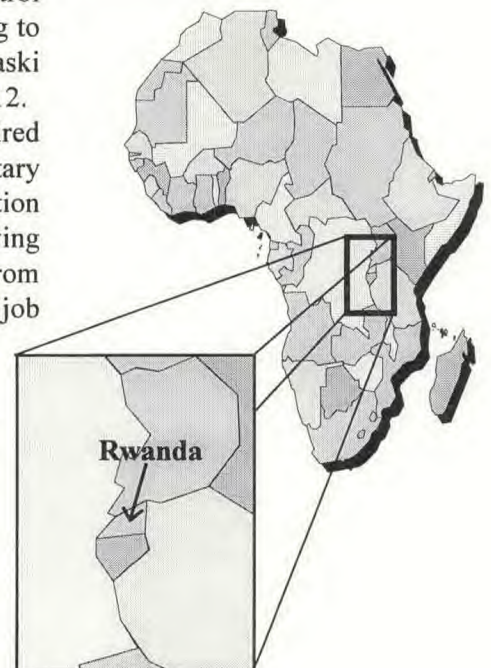
The Marines deployed from the sea to Bujumbura, Burundi, so that a force would be immediately available in the event they were needed for support.

Once in Burundi, the Marines and sailors provided assistance to embassy personnel and bolstered the U.S. Euro-

pean Command's command, control and medical capabilities, according to DoD spokeswoman Kathleen Delaski at a Pentagon press briefing April 12.

"This was a situation that required a great deal of effort to get the military forces and equipment into a position where they could help those leaving that troubled part of Africa, and from all reports, our people did a superb job in accomplishing this mission," said Delaski.

The force of Marines was accompanied by two Navy doctors and 14 Navy corpsmen, and returned to USS PELELIU April 12, after assisting in the transportation of Americans by U.S. Air Force C-141 aircraft to Nairobi, Kenya.



Marine awarded Bronze Star with combat 'V'

MCNEWS — SSgt. Darrin Nicholson, 11th Counter Intelligence Team, was recently presented the Bronze Star with combat "V" by LtGen. Henry C. Stackpole III, Commander, Marine Forces Pacific, for his actions in Somalia.

Nicholson, CWO-2 Bob F. McKinney, Sgt. Brian Vig and an American interpreter, Mohammed Ali Gal, were traveling from one side of Mogadishu to the other by HMMWV early on Oct. 3, 1993.

The team detoured around the city instead going through it, said Nicholson. At the end of the detour, a land mine exploded underneath the vehicle.

Both Nicholson and Vig were thrown from the vehicle but McKinney was trapped with one of his legs under the engine. The two Marines attempted, unsuccessfully, to remove the hot engine from McKinney's leg. Rounds impacted around the three Marines but Nicholson and Vig stayed by their trapped comrade.

A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter flying over head spotted the Marines and landed despite the ground fire.

The pilot ordered the two Marines aboard and they would have to come back for McKinney. Nicholson and Vig refused, saying they would wait for the helicopter to return with help.

After 45 minutes two Black Hawks returned. While one provided cover, the other landed and the crew helped free McKinney.

"I don't feel I did anything different than what any other Marine would have done," Nicholson said.

Marines take part in exercise Cobra Gold 94'

OASD PUBLIC AFFAIRS — Approximately 13,000 American and 11,000 Thai servicemembers completed the 13th Exercise Cobra Gold in Thailand this month.

Cobra Gold is one of the largest annual exercises involving U.S. Pacific Command Forces. It is the latest in the continuing series of U.S./Thai military exercises designed to maintain regional peace through the U.S. strategy of cooperative engagement and strengthen the ability of the Royal Thai Armed Forces to defend Thailand.

The exercise includes joint/combined land and air operations, and combined naval, amphibious and special operations.

Cobra Gold also provides constructive benefits to the people of Thailand through combined U.S./Thai medical and civil affairs projects in the kingdom.

U.S. forces included elements of Fleet Marine Forces Pacific, U.S. Army Pacific, U.S. Pacific Air Forces and the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Other U.S. Forces represented were the Special Operations Command Pacific, Forces Command, Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command and elements of the U.S. Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Thai forces include elements of the Royal Thai Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

Recruiting Service needs Recruiting Assistants

MCNEWS — The Marine Corps Recruiting Service is looking for Marines in the ranks of private through sergeant interested in finding eligible young men and women for the Marine Corps through the Command Recruiting Program.

Marine Corps Recruiting Stations New Orleans, La., Albany, N.Y., Eastern New England and Richmond, Va., are looking for Marines from these areas who would like to come home to

work as Recruiters Assistants.

Marines volunteering for the program can work up to 30 days in their home state while helping recruiters find quality applicants for the Marine Corps.

Lance corporals and corporals can receive promotion points towards their composite scores and sergeants can receive special fitness reports.

Marines interested in the program can contact their First Sergeant for more information.

Space 'A' offers 'in-transit' status for passengers

AMC — Passengers traveling Space "A" aboard military and charter aircraft now can retain their initial date/time of sign-up when transiting more than one location to reach their final destination.

The new procedure is the result of a recommendation made by Air Mobility Command (AMC) officials and approved by the Assistant Undersecretary of Defense.

In the past, travelers received a new sign-up date at each stop on their way to their destination, which caused some

to say that those stationed at the en route location had an unfair advantage.

Under the new rules, passengers are still required to sign up at all stops, but they keep their date and time of sign-up from their originating location.

Terminals will stamp orders of those traveling in a Space "A" status with an "in-transit" stamp to show their time and date of entry into the system.

Passengers that stop at any en route location for leave receive a new date and time at that location for any further Space "A" travel.

VMFA(AW)-224 supports U.N. Operations

MCAS BEAUFORT, S.C. — An F/A-18D Marine Fighter Attack Squadron departed this week to join the international force helping to keep peace in the skies over Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Nearly 200 Marines assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) All Weather 224 joined the 5th Allied Tactical Air Force (ATAF) at Aviano Air Base, Italy, helping to enforcing the no-fly zone. The 5th ATAF is supporting the United Nations Operations Deny Flight and Provide Promise. Commanded by LtCol. Daniel J. Kemen, the "Bengals" replace leathernecks from VMFA-251, who have worked alongside Dutch, British, French, Turkish and other United Nations aviation assets since January. The deployment and retrograde of the two squadrons and support personnel began April 14.

VMFA(AW)-224 will deploy eight F/A-18D "Hornets" and transit the Atlantic Ocean, supported by KC-130 aerial refuelers from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron-252, out

of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. Pilots will refuel their F/A-18s an estimated seven times during the flight.

According to Maj. David Heinz, VMFA(AW)-224 operations officer, the squadron has been conducting specialized training to prepare for this deployment.

"Training was spent planning around all possibilities we might encounter over Bosnia-Herzegovina."

—Maj. David Heinz

"The opportunity of going on a real-world contingency, as opposed to training exercises, is high on everyone's mind. In the months before the deployment, training was spent planning around all possibilities we might encounter over Bosnia-Herzegovina," Heinz said.

VMFA (AW)-224 was formed eight months ago. Though it is still considered a new squadron, Heinz said it is a credit to the Marines of the squadron that in those few months, the squadron went from stand-up to operating in a real-world contingency.

With the exception of some modifications, including the addition of external fuel tanks and electronic countermeasures equipment, the continuously high maintenance level meant no added preparation was needed for the deployed aircraft before departure, said Maj. Michael McBride, maintenance officer for VMFA(AW)-224.

The modifications make the aircraft "more survivable" should the pilots be fired on during their peace-keeping sorties according to McBride.

The squadron is supported by detachments of Marines and sailors from Marine Wing Support Squadron-273 and Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-31.

Story by Cpl. K.P. Laborde

Marines participate in Native Fury 94'

Largest naval exercise ever held in Kuwait

MANAMA, Bahrain — More than 2,500 Marines and sailors teamed up with Kuwaiti and British military members for Exercise Native Fury 94, the largest naval exercise ever conducted in Kuwait. The exercise, conducted April 4-25, demonstrated U.S. resolve to support the peace in the Gulf region after ousting Iraq from Kuwait just three years ago.

Native Fury comprises several exercises under one umbrella. In the namesake exercises, two Maritime Prepositioning Ships sailed from their homeport of Diego Garcia and dis-

charged more than 1,000 tanks, artillery pieces and vehicles at the port of Shuaibah, starting April 5.

Approximately 2,000 Marines and sailors from I Marine Expeditionary Force, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Force Service Support Group and Naval Beach Group One arrived by air, off-loaded and convoyed the equipment to a training range north of Kuwait City. There, they trained with the Kuwaiti Army and British Royal Marines, perfecting tactics which would delay, and perhaps turn back, any repeat of the invasion of Kuwait.

Other elements of Native Fury involve USS OLDENDORF (DD 972) participating in the surface exercise Eager Sentry, F/A-18's and KC-130's from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing working with the Kuwaiti Air Force in Eager Archer, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Five Det (Bahrain), training on the southern Kuwaiti beaches with their host country counterparts in Eager Express.

*Story by
JO1 Tom Wiseman*



LCpl. Jim A. Quetel prepares for another string of fire. Quetel received a bronze medal in the rifle competition.

Setting sights on excellence

Barracks shooters take Wirgman trophy

MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C. — Approximately 50 Marines stand, kneel, sit and lie on line in eerie silence until a sharp command barks from a mobile shed setting them in motion.

Adjusting positions, the silence is broken by a single deafening “crack,” followed by more and more, until the clamor comes to a climax and quickly dies off. A quick survey of the range reveals tanned faces exposed to long hours in the sun, practicing for the Eastern Division Rifle/Pistol Matches.

Barracks Marines participated in the Eastern Division Matches

March 21 through April 8 for the first time since 1990. Under the leadership of Capt. Roger M. Strauss, team captain and the training of MSgt. Daniel E. Burke, team coach, both of the Occupa-

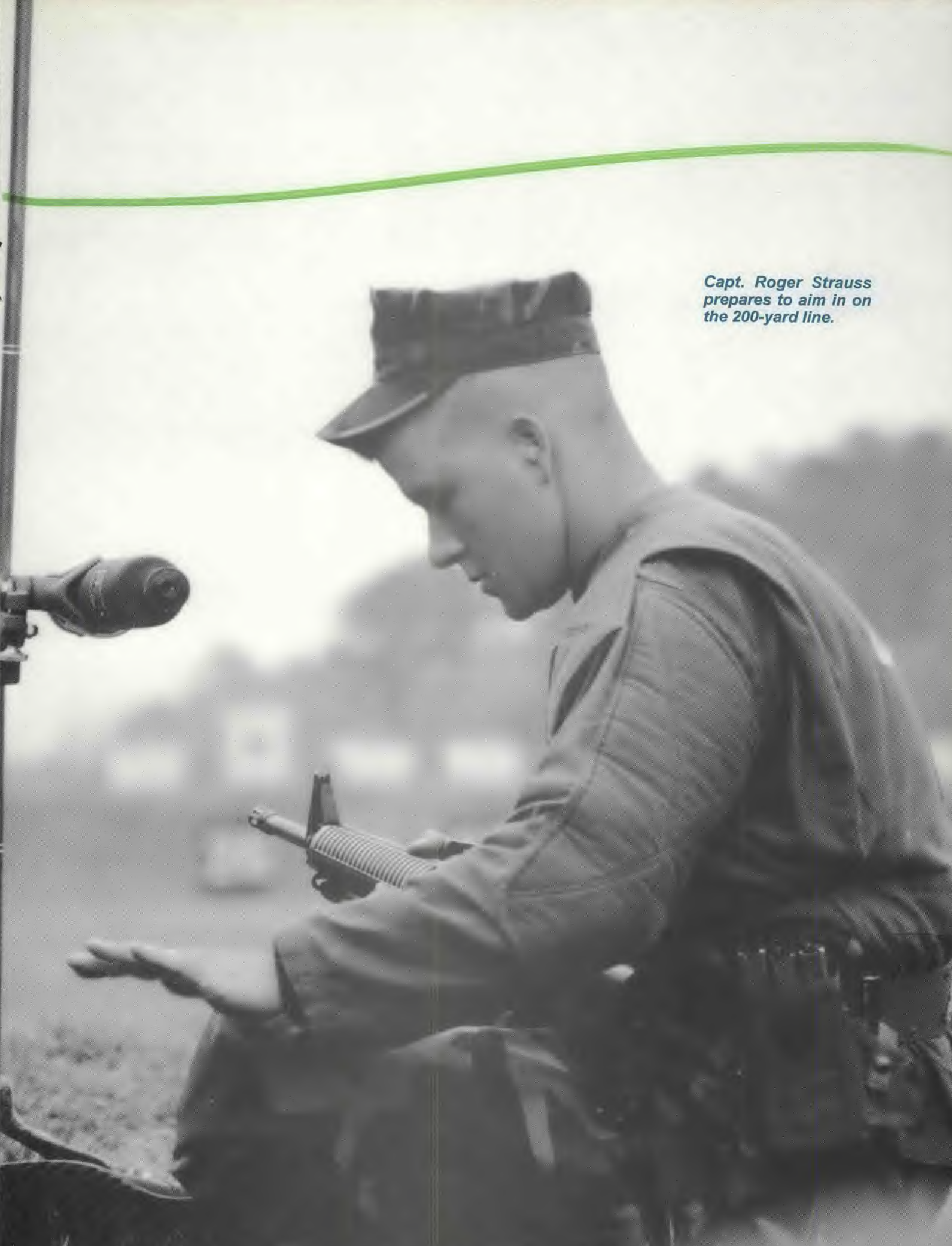
*Story and photos
by LCpl. Dave Johnson*

tional Specialty Department at MCI, 13 Barracks Marines traveled to Stone Bay Rifle Range here and returned as champions with the Wirgman Trophy awarded for the small team competition, as well as three individual medals.

“We went down with one goal in mind and that was to win the

Wirgman,” said Burke.

Burke, who first competed with the MCRD Parris Island team in 1982, won one gold, two silver and two bronze medals in matches ranging from the division to the national level before becoming a distinguished shooter with the rifle in August of 1983. He earned a spot on the Marine Corps’ Summer Team in 1982 and ’83 and became a permanent member in September 1983. In 1989, he tied the national record at the 300 yard line rapid fire. His coaching experience has ranged from coaching the Thai Royal Marines, to known distance training for the 2nd FSSG, to



*Capt. Roger Strauss
prepares to aim in on
the 200-yard line.*

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coaching the Marine Corps Summer Team in 1989.

This year's rifle/pistol team began as a list of names of the highest scoring shooters in the Barracks, as provided by the Barracks' S-1 section. Those Marines were interviewed by Strauss and Burke, and the list was pared down to 11 Marines who were available to be on the team, according to Strauss. Of the 13 Marines who made up the Barracks' rifle/pistol team, only two, Burke and GySgt. Frank J. Balduck of MWR, H&S Company, had competed before.

The team competed in individual matches against Marines from several installations on the East Coast. Of a field of 322 competitors, Sgt. Michael L.

Marine Barracks' 1994 Rifle/Pistol Team

Capt. Roger M. Strauss, Team Captain, OSD, MCI Co.

MSgt. Daniel E. Burke, Team Coach, OSD, MCI Co.

GySgt. Frank J. Balduck, MWR, H&S Co.

GySgt. Joseph A. Meehan, , MCI Co.

Sgt. Michael J. Valenti, Guard Det., H&S Co.

Sgt. Joseph A. Negron, S-3, H&S Co.

Sgt. Wayne J. Komsi III, Maintenance, H&S Co.

LCpl. Jim A. Quetel, Print Shop, MCI Co.

LCpl. Scott C. Hower, Guard Det., H&S Co.

LCpl. Charles W. Moralez, Guard Det., H&S Co.

LCpl. David H. Kervin, Headquarters Section, Co. A

LCpl. Brian T. Kenney, Headquarters Section, Co. B

LCpl. Timothy W. Collett, 2nd Plt., Co. B



The Marine Barracks 1994 Rifle/Pistol team proudly display the Wirgman trophy.

Valenti, Guard Section, H&S Company and LCpl. Jim A. Quetel of Production at MCI received silver and bronze medals, respectively, in the rifle competition.

Valenti, who is one of three Marines who hold the rifle range record at Quantico with a score of 249 out of 250, also received a bronze medal in the pistol competition.

Out of the 13 Marines who individually competed, four Marines were assembled to compete in the small team competition. According to competition guidelines, the four-man team had to consist of one officer, one sergeant or below and one first-time competitor, or "tyro."

The Barracks' small team, which consisted of Strauss, Burke, Valenti and Quetel, took first place and brought home the Wirgman Trophy.

This year marked the first time since 1990 that the Barracks sent Marines to compete in the matches, and its first victory since 1979.

"Our goal was to win the Wirgman Trophy for the Barracks. Each one of those 13 Marines was hungry—they all wanted to be in the four-man team match," said Strauss.

The team started training on Feb. 28 at the Marine Corps Institute.

"We had fantastic support from the command, and with that, we

started with the basics, the fundamentals, in the classroom" said Strauss.

After these classes, given by team coach Burke and GySgt. Donald Rosche, of Logistics at MCI, the team went to MCCDC, Quantico, Va.

There, the team was able to practice the competition course of fire, which varies slightly from the known-distance course with which most Marines are familiar.

The competition course of fire includes 20 rounds in the off-hand, or standing, and 10 rounds of rapid fire in the sitting position at the 200-yard line; 10 rounds rapid fire in the prone position at the 300-yard line;

and 20 rounds in the prone position at the 500-yard line.

Reporting to Stone Bay on March 21, the team put in 17-hour days for the entire three weeks it spent on the range. Members spent their mornings and afternoons practicing the course of fire on the range with the other teams.

After completion of the day's course, most teams cleaned their weapons and headed in, but the Barracks' team persisted in "snapping-in" until 7 p.m. every day. This helped them practice techniques and positions that they did not have time to perfect on the firing line.

"We took the time to snap-in and that did it for us," said Strauss.

Mission accomplished, victory achieved, the team headed home April 8, after an awards ceremony.

All but two Marines, that is.

Valenti and Quetel stayed on for the Marine Corps Matches in which the individual winners of the Eastern Division, Overseas and Western Division matches compete for awards at the Corps-wide level.

"Competing in the Division matches was a great learning experience for everyone that participated, and the bottom line is that we are better marksmen and better Marines," said Strauss.



Sgt. Wayne Komsi III hurries to insert his second magazine during the 200-yard line string of rapid fire.

Dinner is served!

Dining Facility operates dawn to dusk to satisfy command's hefty appetite

*I*t starts at 3:30 a.m., with a sound that splits the stillness of the early morning and a smell that makes the mouth water. Breaking eggs and sizzling bacon for the breakfast meal starts another 18-hour day for the cooks of the Barracks Dining Facility.

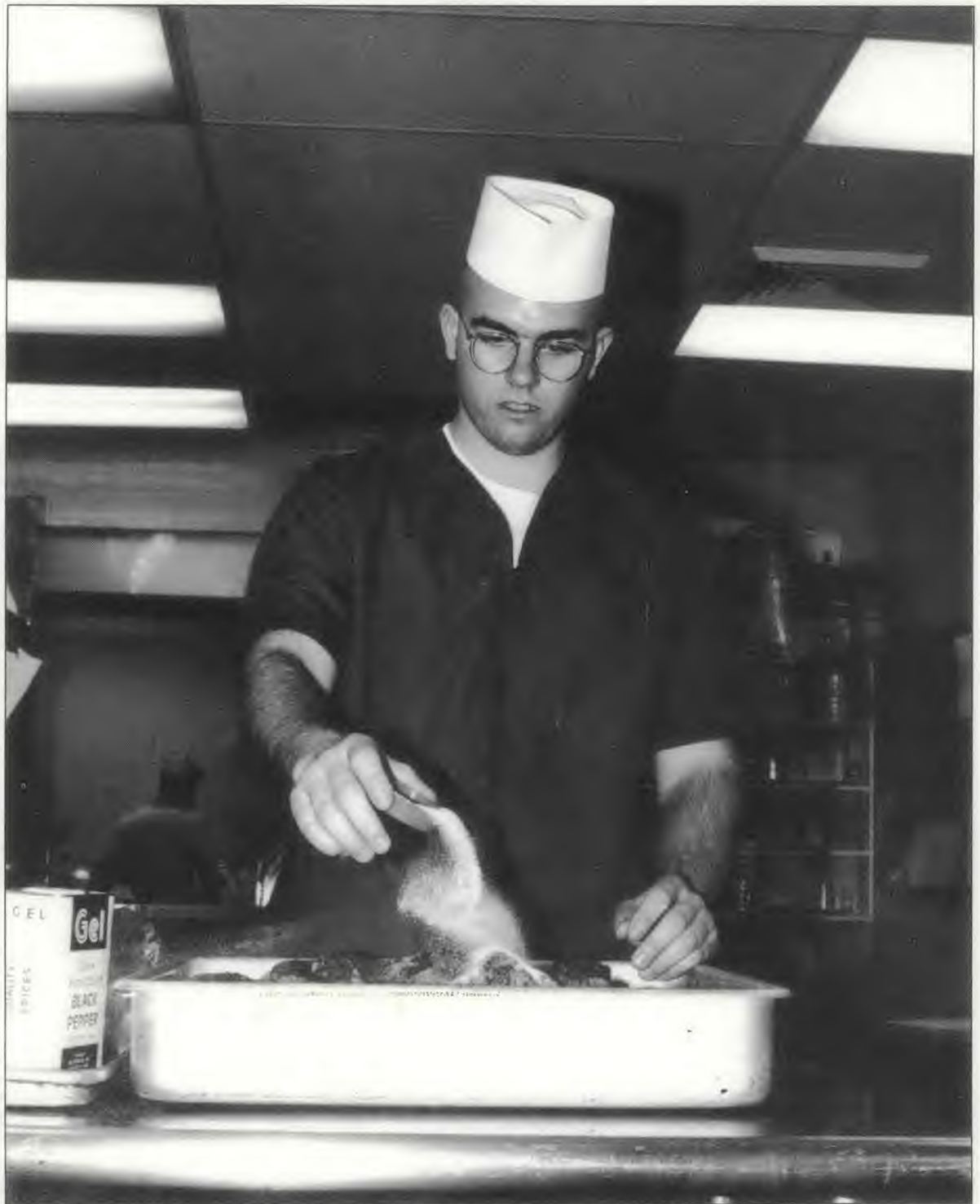
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SSgt. Stephen M. Williams*

While the rest of Washington, D.C. sleeps, the cooks begin an endless cycle of planning, cooking and cleaning that culminates with steaming chow for hungry Barracks Marines.

“When they come through the line, it’s the little things you notice...the thank-you’s and the look on the faces of the hungry ones...that make it worthwhile. It’s all for the Marines. If I can make one Marine forget about that inspection on deck for a

LCpl. Micheal J. Dunn, cook, serves Barracks Marines from the Dining Facility's fast food line.





PFC Robert E. Jeffers, cook, adds salt to a pan of meatloaf. Dining Facility Marines begin preparing the day's meals by 4 a.m.

few minutes, then I've done my job," said LCpl. Micheal J. Dunn, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., one of six cooks on port-side watch.

According to Dunn, whose grandfather was a cook in the Navy and whose father was a cook in the Marine Corps, military cooking is a matter of pride and tradition. For Dunn that tradition starts at 3:30

a.m. and typically doesn't end until 7:30 p.m., when the preparations for the next day's meals are through and the last pan is scrubbed spotlessly clean and put away.

"The heat keeps you working. It's always summer here," said Dunn, leaning over the four-foot grill on the snackline, on which he

cooks rows of hamburgers in three minutes.

The best part of his job, he says with a smile, is "when we serve our Marines hot chow in the field, they just go nuts." And his favorite food to cook? "Pizza ... because the Marines can't get enough."

To ensure that Marines here get enough to eat, 18 cooks are



LCpl. Micheal J. Dunn serves a hamburger to an eager customer.

assigned to the Dining Facility. After filling vital administrative roles, such as storeroom man and pastry cook, 12 cooks remain to stand two watches. The cooks on watch work a day-on, day-off schedule that includes working every other weekend.

Time off is subject to company formations, company PT and twice-monthly classes on food service subjects, according to Dining Facility Manager MSgt. Antonio D. Robinson, a Washington, D.C., native on his second tour as a cook at the "Oldest Post of the Corps."

He recalls that on his first tour here as a sergeant, from 1979 to 1981, "there was no TV in the Dining Facility, and we had to buff wax the mess deck every night. On Friday nights we had the buffet right on the mess deck." Then, as

now, the constant challenge for the cooks is knowing how many portions to prepare at a given meal.

"You have to look at the training schedule and estimate," he said. "You have to plan in "comp"

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—MSgt. Antonio D. Robinson
Dining Facility Manager

time (compensation time Marines are given to prepare for ceremonial commitments). But, you have to order all your supplies weeks out."

The major difference between this Dining Facility and other Dining Facilities is size, Robinson

explained. "A division Dining Facility feeds hundreds of people per meal. Here we might feed 150 - 200 per meal."

"Here, the hardest meal is Friday night," he continued. "That's because of the extra variety of food that we try to put out, plus the extra garnish (to add eye appeal) and the extended meal hours."

To accommodate the schedule of the Barracks and ensure everyone is properly fed prior to the Evening Parades, a light lunch is served on Fridays, but a candle-light dinner is served to the accompaniment of jazz music from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For Robinson, and the rest of the cooks, motivation is the key to culinary success.

"We try to make it fun. We do a good job and have a good time at

work,” said Cpl. Kevin J. Delph, of Petoskey, Mich., chief cook of port-side watch.

Delph feels that chow here may be better than at other Marine Corps chow halls because, “we have more time to make things better. Plus, we are always getting new equipment in. We are daily improving things.”

One of those improvements includes a recently-installed pastry bar. An outdoor dining area between the dining facility and the Post Exchange is scheduled to open by the end of May. Other planned improvements include a new coffee maker and a new grill.

“The number one thing is support. This command really supports the Dining Facility,” Robinson said. “The maintenance section has put a lot of work into the Mess Hall. If we need any kind of support, we get it.”

Other improvements include new computer software, a cold bar, a pasta and a salad bar, as well as renovations on the building itself.

“We are always asking Marines questions on what they want, and making those improvements,” Robinson said.

The command support Robinson notes directly motivates the cooks, who in turn take more pride in their efforts to feed the hungry Barracks Marines. Such pride is evident in the work of cooks like PFC Robert E. Jeffers of Middlesboro, Ky.

Jeffers came into the Marine Corps after graduating from Bell County High School and wasn’t pleased when he was told that he



LCpl. Keith A. Marine, messman, cleans the pastry bar following a meal.

was going to be a cook.

“I thought, ‘I’ve got to feed all those people.’ But I’m glad that I’m a cook now. I take pride in my work. I get to meet a lot of people—people who want to eat in

the Mess Hall.”

So for 19-year-old Jeffers, and the other cooks on watch, there’s still more eggs and bacon to fry — while the rest of Washington, D.C. sleeps.



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A Marine Barracks' institution retires

Lee Hughes bids farewell after 30 years with MCI

There are two decorations hanging on the wall of Lee Hughes' office that represent his entire adult life: the Marine Corps Seal and Marine Corps Institute logo. Since 1952, the Marine Corps has been his life, and 30 of those years have been with the Institute.

Hughes, MCI's Director of Education and Operations, and the Barracks' senior civilian employee, retired this month. As he walked out the main gate for the last time, he left a legacy of service to the Institute and the Marine Corps that spans more than four decades and touched virtually every Marine in the Corps in one way or another.

"Being at the Institute has been a lot of fun. It has been the next best thing to a Marine Corps career," said Hughes, who will celebrate his 60th birthday, June 1.

Hughes joined the Marine Corps Reserve as a heavy equipment operator in 1952. In 1955, as a student at Towson State University in Towson, Md., he joined the Platoon Leaders Class. He received his commission, along with his bachelors degree, in 1959.

After his discharge from the reserves in 1963, Hughes taught high school math and coached wrestling at a Baltimore high school, before joining the "Oldest Post of the Corps" in December.

His first job at the Institute was as an education specialist in the Engineer/Motor Transport Section. In 1975, he assumed his current position as a civilian counterpart to



Mike Lambert, Executive Director of the Distance Training and Education Council presents the Man of the Year Award to Lee Hughes.

the deputy director of the Institute, and is responsible for overseeing many facets of the Institute's operation.

"I've known a lot of staff noncommissioned officers who became sergeants major and officers who became generals...on Nov. 10, I get calls from all around the Marine Corps wishing me happy birthday,"

— Lee Hughes

"Each section here is headed by an officer and a civilian," said Hughes, noting that the civilians help maintain continuity as Marines rotate in and out.

Hughes recalls that when he

first came to the Institute, things were a lot different than they are today.

"Company B was MCI Company. The Marines used to march down to Building 160 (on the Navy Yard) to manually grade all the exams each day," said Hughes. "All the records were kept on three-by-five cards."

He explained that today's modern system uses computerized optical scanning to grade and record Marines' scores.

One thing he feels has never changed is the quality of people here.

"The caliber of people is unmatched," said Hughes, who said that is what he will miss the most.

"I've known a lot of staff noncommissioned officers who



Retiring this month, Hughes has dedicated more than 40 years to both the Marine Corps and the Institute.

became sergeants major and officers who became generals. Each year on Nov. 10, I get calls from all around the Marine Corps wishing me happy birthday," he said.

His pride in his Marine Corps background reflected on the walls of his office. There, a photo of him as a first lieutenant on Okinawa in 1960 with his weapons platoon hangs near a certificate he received as Honor Man of his Officer Candidate School class in 1958 -- one of the proudest events in his life, said Hughes.

During his career at MCI, he continued his education, earning a master's degree in education administration from Loyola University in Baltimore in 1968. He took additional classes at Johns

Hopkins University in Baltimore, and was a doctoral candidate at Catholic University in the District.

Until this year, he refereed high school and college wrestling during his spare time.

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

Hughes' direct contributions to the education of Marines includes writing the original Essential Subjects Handbook in 1973 as well as writing the Math for Marines course and a slide rule course.

This month, he received the "Man of the Year" award from the National Home Study Counsel.

"20 years ago, when I was a platoon commander in MCI Company, Mr. Hughes was 'the man' at MCI. And for the many

generations of Marines and civilians privileged to have known him, he always will be," Said Col. John B. Sollis, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., and Director of the Marine Corps Institute. "When Lee Hughes hangs up his cleats at MCI, we'll retire his number and enshrine him in the '8th & I Hall of Fame.' Next to John A. Lejeune, no one has done more for the training and education of Marines than Lee Hughes--no one." While Hughes isn't sure what he will do during his retirement, he plans to spend the summer enjoying his condominium at Ocean City, Md., with his wife Vi, whom he met at age 15 and married at 19. They will celebrate 45 years of marriage this year.

‘Character is Destiny’

“Character is a man’s guiding destiny.” The poet/philosopher Heraclitus of Ephesus is credited with having left this little gem to posterity. He made this radical observation back in the Old Corps—about 480 B.C.

With the exception of an occasional Congrint, or a cryptic telephone message left on my desk by my friends in the Adjutant’s Shop, I don’t read Greek. So I don’t suppose I’ll ever know precisely what old ‘Clitus had in mind. But 1,514 years later, having closely observed mankind (make that “Marinekind”) myself, I agree wholeheartedly. I believe a Marine’s essential character *is* that Marine’s guiding destiny. I think Heraclitus hit the nail on the head.

In his own time, Heraclitus was a radical thinker. He was a Greek geek. The conventional belief in his day was that a divine being, or daemon, accompanies each of us through life, bringing us good fortune or bad. Accordingly, men of weak character have always had a convenient, built-in alibi: “It’s really not my fault, Gunny. *I’m* not responsible for this fiasco; my daemon made me do it!” While that’s ancient thinking, it certainly has a contemporary ring to it.

But Heraclitus didn’t buy that idea. He ascribed men’s fortunes (read: their *destiny*) largely to internal forces, to their willpower, to their capacity to make the right choices in life.

I agree. In my limited experience, Marines of

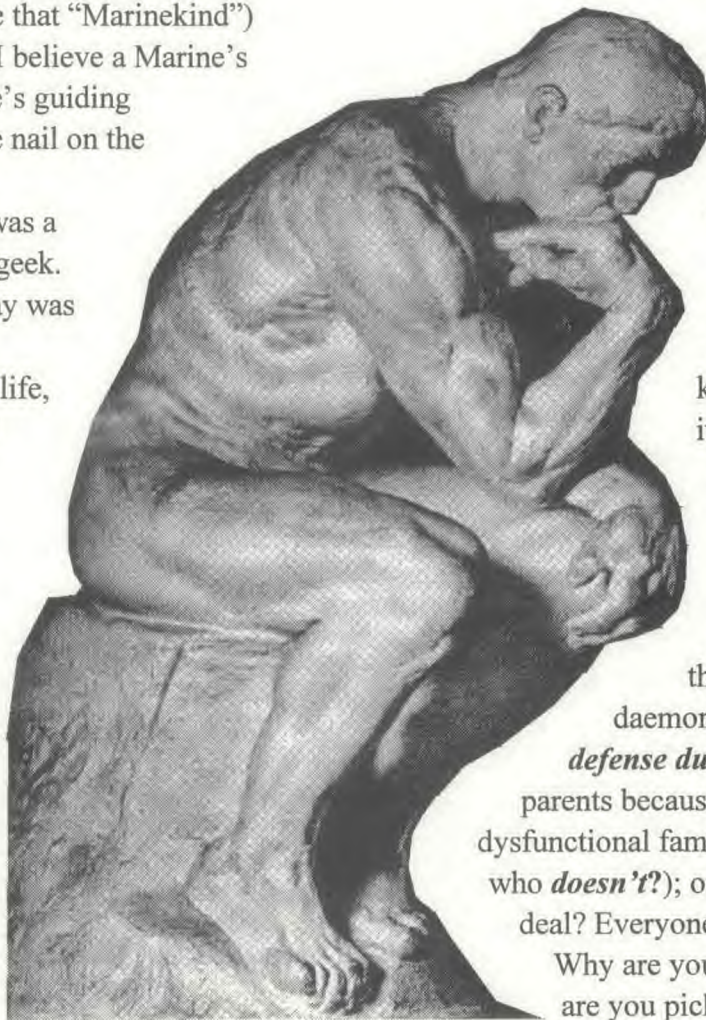
solid character generally tend to succeed; not always (life just ain’t that simple), but almost invariably. They succeed, by and large, by *virtue* of their inner strength, their “core values,” their constancy of purpose, their integrity, their “ethical compass,” their “essential self.”

Likewise, Marines of deficient or defective character, no matter how impressively they may come across, will sooner or later succumb to their “true self” and thereby fulfill *their* destiny. It’s always just a matter of time.

Occasionally, if only for the sake of “style points,” Marines in the self-destruct mode will begrudgingly acknowledge responsibility for their *misfortunes*. More often, though, they’ll protest that what’s happened *to* them isn’t fair; that it isn’t their fault; it’s their

daemon’s fault. Consider the *defense du jour*: “I murdered my parents because I come from a dysfunctional family.” (Now I ask you, who *doesn’t?*); or, “What’s the big deal? Everyone else was doing it. Why are you picking on me?/Why are you picking on my kid?” (That’s the old “peer-pressure”/

“class action”/“safety in numbers” evasion of personal accountability pitch. *Very* popular these



The “Thinker,” By Auguste Rodin

days.) Then there's the familiar rationalization: "Your Honor, my client hasn't failed society; society has failed my client!" (A variation on the "accused-as-victim"/"life's not fair" syndrome.) And finally, there's the best-selling, contemporary refrain: "It's not really me; it's all this stress that makes me misbehave." (This one dances along the periphery of the "daemonic possession"/"heavy baggage" rationale, falling just short of an outright admission: "That's right. When I experience a little discomfort or temptation, I can't cope. I collapse like a cheap suitcase!")

Because we tend to believe that one's character *is* indeed one's destiny, we pay Doc Finley, our beloved 8th & I "shrink" (clinical psychologist) "big bucks" (or whatever it is we pay him) to test and evaluate character. Because of the essential frailty of human nature and the uncertainty of predicting human behavior, we rely heavily upon Doctor Finley to render, at best, an educated "risk assessment." Psychology, after all, is an *inexact* science. But given what's at stake whenever we entrust the security of the President, for example, to a Marine's uncertain *character*, the good Doctor's "weird science"—his ability to poke and probe and appraise character and predict the likelihood of successful

performance (i.e., in the face of fear, fatigue, "stress," uncertainty, temptation, boredom, and peer pressure)—makes him worth his weight in gold, or molybdenum, or some such other strategic mineral.

I don't know what accounts for a person's character. I suspect it has a great deal to do with upbringing. And I would suppose that a person's character is shaped and molded fairly early in life—long before he or she ever hits the "yellow footprints." But like the ancient philosopher Heraclitus, I subscribe to the radical idea that each of us, by our capacity and freedom to make choices, can either master or succumb to our daemons. They're out there all right, but the choice of how we come to terms with them is entirely ours. Always.

The Marine Corps doesn't *build* character, it *tests* character. On that philosophical note, I salute you magnificent "laboratory specimens" out there—you proud and proficient Devildogs who continue to master *your* destiny and continue to "ace" every test that comes your way. Keep making the right choices. Keep slaying those daemons. On my most stressful days at the Oldest Post—this contemporary slice of classical antiquity—you motivate me more than I can possibly tell you!

By Col. John B. Sollis

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 LCpl. D.L. White

Navy Achievement Medal

LCpl. C.K. Hanson
 LCpl. M.C. Wherry

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Good Conduct Medal

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 Cpl. S.D. Michel

Meritorious Mast

Cpl. F.N. Fronzaglio
 Cpl. P.M. VanHorn
 LCpl. S.D. Mills

H & S Company

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LCpl. C.E. Redl

Good Conduct Medal

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 Cpl. D.J. Arsenault
 LCpl. F.C. Wilkinson

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 LCpl. A.L. Bernal
 LCpl. D.A. Flagg
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 LCpl. C. LeBlanc
 LCpl. P.R. Moralez
 LCpl. P.D. Woskobunik
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 Cpl. S.A. Brown
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 Cpl. R.L. Fuller
 Cpl. D.L. Guy

New addition...

Congratulations to GySgt. David Escalera and his wife Lori on the arrival of their son, Marqus. The seven pound, eight ounce addition to the 8th & I family arrived May 10, at 8:18 a.m.



'Your ticket to entertainment'

The Marines and civilians of MWR constantly work to provide top quality entertainment and recreational opportunities to members of the command. Here are a few items of interest this month:

- Friday night parties after the Evening Parade in the Enlisted Club featuring the sight and sound wizards of Advantage Audio Visual. Don't forget to bring your friends.
- The Eyes Right all-ranks restaurant continues "Lunch to March By." We offer a different and improved daily buffet geared to put a pep in everyone's stride.
- For the ultimate alternative workout, MWR presents Jazzercise Aerobics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.
- We offer movie passes to most major theaters for \$3.75 each.

- Four-day Disney passes good for all three parks (Disney World, Epcot Center and MGM Studios) are available for \$106.20 (adult) and \$82.80 (kids).
- Kings Dominion, featuring "Wayne's World," is currently open weekends. Tickets are \$17.95 (adults) and \$13.95 (kids).
- Adventure World (formerly Wild World) water park tickets are now available for \$14 each.
- Auto Enthusiasts: MWR Auto Hobby Shops are available for all your automotive needs.

Andrews AFB	Mon.-Fri.	1 - 8 p.m.
	Sat.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
	Sun.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Bolling AFB	Mon.-Wed.	2 - 9 p.m.
	Thur.-Fri.	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fort Myer	Wed.-Fri.	2 - 9 p.m.
	Mon.-Fri.	1 - 8:30 p.m.
Fort Belvoir	Mon.-Fri.	12 - 9 p.m.

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



"Meet LCpl. Quasi Moto, our new professional ceremonial bell ringer"

Married for Life

by Lt. Doyle W. Dunn, USN

I was at a church several years ago during a celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Foster and Betty Brown. Although you don't know this couple, you might be interested in hearing how they first met and decided to get married.

Foster had gone to a new friend's house one evening for a social "get-together." While there, he met an attractive young lady (Betty) who seemed to share many of his interests. As the evening developed, Foster realized that this was just the woman he had hoped to find. Evidently, Betty felt the same way. The next morning, Foster and Betty approached her pastor and asked to be married. The pastor agreed and performed the ceremony on the spot. In Foster's words, "We met on Saturday night and Monday morning we were keeping house. Now, it's been 50 years and I love her more than ever."

This is a rare success story. To recognize one's life-partner in only a few hours and make the decision to marry is questionable. To find a minister or other officiant to perform the wedding on such short notice is even more unusual. (You had better be more than just convincing if you ask me to do the same!) Staying alive and healthy that long is a challenge in a class by itself, but living with just one partner all those years is an incredibly great accomplishment. I've been an ordained minister for 15 years and that is one of only a handful of successful "quick marriages" that I have heard of.

The reason for telling this story is simple. **First**, nobody can tell you whom to marry or when to marry or

even at what age to marry. **Only you** know who your "right" partner is.

Of course, it's wise to pay attention to the fact that the younger the partners, the greater the chance it won't last. People who marry under the age of 25 have the highest divorce

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rate in America. Couples who most often succeed in marriage are those who live on their own - independently - for a year or two before getting married. It may surprise some that living together before marriage **does not lower the divorce rate!**

Second, when you decide to marry and have locked on the "right" person (and for those who have already "tied the knot"), there are a few things that will help increase your chances of a long and satisfying life together. To name a few:

- Decide from the start that you will always talk to each other with re-

spect - even when you are angry.

- Never use a threat of divorce or separation in anger or even as humor. If you don't want to divorce - don't discuss it as an option to your problems. This will force you to find a better way.
- Take advantage of the rich resources available to every Marine. Read books about couple communication, get in on marriage enrichment retreats, local workshops, marriage counselors, even use your own Chaplain! A wise couple will use these resources even when things are going well. (If you want more specific suggestions, come by my office or give me a quick call.)
- Remember that your commitment (in most traditional weddings) was to "have and to hold, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, in sickness and in health, to be united with you, and with you only, as long as we both shall live." That does not say anything about **feelings**. If you don't feel "in-love" anymore, that's temporarily okay. Your **commitment** is the real basis of love, not just feelings. Keep your commitment and the affection can soon be found again.

Calendar of Events

June 1994

7-14 Trinity Week Eastern Orthodox
11 Muharram Islamic New Year
14 Flag Day	
19 Father's Day	
20 Ashura Islamic Holy Day



From Now On, If You Get Caught Driving Drunk, Even Once, The Police Will Keep Something To Remember You By.

Whenever you meet someone new, you naturally try to leave a memorable impression. But if you happen to be driving drunk, and the person you meet is wearing a badge, you can count on leaving something more.

There's a new law in Maryland. From now on, if you get caught driving drunk, you'll lose your license

right there, on the spot. Even if it's your first time.

So next time you think you're O.K. to drive home, consider what it would be like not being able to get to work each day, or to the grocery store, or even to the movies. And when somebody asks you why you can't drive, think about what kind of impression you'll leave then.

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Two bells...



LCpl. Brian M. Rush, Marine Corps Institute, strikes two bells during tryouts for the Parade Time Orderly. Rush is one of four Marines to ring the bell for the 1994 Parade Season. (Photo by LCpl. Brandon K. Bradshaw)

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