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President nominates 31st Commandant: Lieutenant General Charles C. Krulak

MCNEWS — The presidential nomination of LtGen. Charles C. Krulak, U.S. Marine Corps, for appointment to the grade of general and as Commandant of the Marine Corps was announced by Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton during ceremonies on Iwo Jima island, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the battle for the island



LtGen. Charles C. Krulak.
(Official U.S. Marine Corps photo)

during World War II.

LtGen. Krulak was cited by President Bill Clinton for his "dynamic vision of the Marine Corps' future, a wealth of experience, and a highly effective leadership and managerial style."

"LtGen. Krulak assumes the post of Commandant of the Marine Corps at an important time in the U.S.

Marine Corps' history. I will depend on him to continue Gen. Mundy's superb efforts in ensuring that the Marine Corps remains fully ready and able in carrying out its important responsibilities under our national security strategy," Clinton said.

LtGen. Krulak currently serves as Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific.

LtGen. Krulak will succeed Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr., who is retiring this summer.

SecDef announces BRAC '95 report

146 military installations to be closed or realigned

MCNEWS — Secretary of Defense William Perry announced Feb. 28 he intends to recommend the closure or realignment of 146 military installations in the United States to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. No Marine Corps installation or facility is included for closure or disestablishment but four installations will be impacted by recommended changes to earlier BRAC decisions.

These recommendations will be reviewed by the Commission, the Congress and the President and may be revised or completely rejected.

The most significant impact for the Marine Corps comes from recommended changes to the 1993 BRAC decision to close MCAS El Toro, Calif., and MCAS Tustin, Calif.

The proposed changes include

moving Marine Helicopter Training Squadron (HMT)-302 and its 700 members from MCAS Tustin to MCAS New River, N.C. vice NAS Miramar, Calif. Additionally, MCAF Kaneohe, Hawaii, will receive approximately 128 Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH)-363 which was also slated to relocate to NAS Miramar.

BRAC '95 recommends that assets from NAS Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla., which is closing in accordance with BRAC '93, be moved to three other Naval Air Stations instead of MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.

MCAS Beaufort, S.C., slated during BRAC '93 to receive both a Marine Corps and Navy Reserve F/A-18 squadron with approximately 110 members, will instead see their population increase by 540 military and five civilians from two active squadrons. Plans call for the Marine Reserve and Navy squadron, originally planned for

Beaufort, to relocate to NAS Atlanta. While Cherry Point will not realize an increase in personnel due to BRAC '95 recommendations, the Naval Aviation Depot there put 900 civilians on the payroll during the past year and is expected to hire 300 more. Perry said that he had approved the recommendations made by the military departments without exception.

"These actions are necessary so that we can carefully shape our armed forces to support the National Military Strategy and the Bottom Up Review," Perry said. He also announced his intentions to recommend that the BRAC authority be extended to permit another base closure round in three to four years to "absorb the closure of over a hundred major bases while continuing to refine our forces structure and our mission."



Future Nimitz-class carriers USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) and USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) will, like the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, with a ship's company of 3,022, be able to carry more than 90 aircraft and 2,279 air wing personnel into combat from the sea. (Official US Navy photograph)

President names new aircraft carriers

NNS — Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton announced Feb. 2 that President Bill Clinton has approved a recommendation to name two Nimitz-class aircraft carriers currently authorized for construction (CVN-75 and CVN-76) as USS HARRY S. TRUMAN and USS RONALD REAGAN.

"The nuclear-powered USS HARRY S. TRUMAN and USS

RONALD REAGAN, which will replace two conventionally-powered carriers that are reaching the end of their 40-year life-spans, represent prudent improvements in our military capabilities," Secretary Dalton said in a released statement. "Aircraft carriers remain central to U.S. joint military planning far into the future—both for peacetime forward presence missions and in response to crises."

Camp Pendleton's staff NCO club robbed by lone gunman

MCNEWS — A lone gunman robbed the South Mesa Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Club at MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 14, at 11:40 p.m. The suspect, described as wearing a ski mask and green jacket and carrying a

hand gun approached two club managers after the club closed. He tied up the managers, cut the phone lines and left with approximately \$10,000. No one was injured during the incident. The incident is under investigation.

Tell it to a Marine...

"The determination to be different has manifested itself in many ways over the years — from military appearance, to strict obedience to orders, to disciplined behavior, to adherence to traditional standards and most of all, to an unyielding conviction that we exist to fight."

— *General Carl E. Mundy, Jr., 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps, describing the characteristics that make Marines unique, in the chapter "Ethos," from Fleet Marine Force Manual 1-0, "Leading Marines," being released to the Fleet in June 1995.*

Florida may suspend some drivers licenses

NNS — Servicemembers who are legal residents of Florida but live outside the state may be in danger of having their Florida license and registration suspended. Florida automobile statute Sec. 627.733[3] requires residents to have automobile insurance "delivered or issued for delivery" in Florida, even if the insurance they purchase meets or exceeds Florida's insurance minimums. Several service members have had their licenses and auto registrations suspended in Florida for failing to comply with this provision.

The Navy Judge Advocate General advises all service members who are Florida-licensed, or who have automobiles registered in Florida, insure their insurance policy complies with Florida's requirements. The insurance company must electronically report the coverage, or any loss, to Florida department of highway safety and motor vehicles.

For more information about registration, licensing or insurance, contact the Bureau of Customer Services of the FDHS & MV at (904) 488-7135.

April Corrections

In the March issue of the "Pass In Review" we incorrectly identified Mississippi Representative Sonny Montgomery. Also SSgt. Clay U. Parikh, Jr. is on Maj. Chris O'Connor's Parade Staff and SSgt. Thomas A. Delaney, Jr. is on Maj. G.P. Fontaine's Parade Staff. — The Editor

1995 Tax Update

IRS office cuts red tape, offers assistance

AFIS — If you have a tax problem that you just can't seem to straighten out with the Internal Revenue Service, the IRS' Problem Resolution Office may be the answer.

The service established the office to help deal with taxpayers' problems other IRS workers cannot handle or correct.

A taxpayer who has repeatedly tried to solve a tax problem through normal channels and has run up against the proverbial "stone wall" should contact the Problem Resolution Office. In many cases, said IRS officials, the problem solvers, who are tax experts, can straighten out the problem or complaint in just a few days.

Areas that the Problem Resolution Office's tax experts handle include:

- *Tax assistance and information, if 45 days have passed since you originally asked for help;

- *Incorrect IRS actions;

- *Your refund status, if more than 90 days have passed since you filed your return and you previously contacted IRS;

- *Improper dunning notices;

- *Suspension of agency actions under certain circumstances; and

- *Problems remaining after discussing an IRS employee's actions or recommendations with his supervisor.

The Problem Resolution Office can't handle every problem, said IRS

officials. Certain cases outside the office's jurisdiction include Freedom of Information Act requests, criminal investigations, appeals of technical determinations in audits, hiring practice complaints and Privacy Act inquiries.

Specific information on the Problem Resolution Office is available in IRS Publication 1546, "How to Use the Problem Resolution Program of the IRS." For a free copy of this publication call toll-free **1-800-829-3676** or write to:

IRS, Forms Distribution Center, PO Box 25866, Richmond, VA 23289.

For help, call toll-free **1-800-829-1040** and ask for the Problem Resolution Office.

Is your withholding correct? Check your form W-4

AFIS — When you complete and mail your 1994 tax forms, you may want to reevaluate your withholding.

If you feel you owed too much when you filed your federal taxes or maybe your refund check was too large and you'd rather have some of the money during the year, you can file a new Form W-4.

For each allowance you claim on the Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," less tax is taken out, said Internal Revenue Service officials. You may claim up to 10 allowances. Employers will report anything over 10 allowances to the IRS, and you must then tell the IRS how you arrived at the number.

The number of allowances you claim doesn't have to equal the num-

ber of exemptions you claim on your federal tax return. For example, if you are married, you may decide to have your taxes withheld at the higher single rate.

Also, you must file a new Form W-4 within 10 days of any event that causes you to lose an allowance, said IRS officials. You may want to fill out a new Form W-4 for the 1995 tax year if you can answer yes to any of these questions:

- *Got married or divorced?

- *Gained or lost a dependent?

- *Had large medical expenses?

- *Had an increase or decrease in the family's earned income or nonwage income?

- *Bought a house?

- *Paid more in 1994 federal taxes than in 1993?

For information on withholding,

call the IRS TeleTax line toll-free at **1-800-829-4477**. Another option, is to contact the local IRS office and ask the taxpayer education coordinator for information on W-4s.

In addition, the IRS offers two free pamphlets that explain the federal withholding program and Form W-4. These are IRS publications 505, "Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax," and 919, "Is My Withholding Correct for 1995?" Copies of these publications may be available at the installation tax assistance office or library, or call the toll-free at **1-800-829-3676**. Or write to: **IRS, Forms Distribution Center, PO Box 25866, Richmond, VA 23289.**

New W-4s may be completed in the Barracks administration office.

Defense dollars focused on Quality of Life in '96 budget proposal

AFIS — A 2.4 percent military pay raise in 1996, continued commissary benefits and increased allowances highlight quality of life incentives proposed in DoD's fiscal 1996 budget.

Continuing his commitment to "people first," Defense Secretary William Perry dedicated \$7.7 billion to pay raises over the next five years. In addition, \$3.2 billion will go to quality of life issues. The Department of Defense released its proposal Feb. 6 as part of President Bill Clinton's budget plan submitted to Congress.

The fiscal 1996 pay raise is part of a five-year plan designed to gradually increase basic military pay. DoD plans a 3.1 percent pay increase in fiscal 1997 and continued annual pay raises through 1999.

"This was a big decision that the secretary made to help service members," said Fred Pang, assistant defense secretary for force management. "The commitment to a pay raise through 1999 and to the full amount authorized by law is unprecedented."

Pang also emphasized Perry's firm commitment to maintaining commissary benefits for all service members. DoD's budget request for nearly \$880 million for commissary operations is comparable to fiscal 1995 funding.

Other proposals designed to help service members and their families are in the budget plans. One is to increase quarters allowance payments to service members living in offbase housing. At a cost of \$272 million over five years, the program gradu-

ally increases the quarters allowance to reduce member out-of-pocket costs. This directly helps nearly 700,000 people living off-base.

Nearly \$17 million supports a new allowance for military families residing in high-cost stateside areas. Perry announced the stateside cost-of-living allowance, known as CONUS COLA, last November. It will help 30,000 military families defray costs of duty in expensive locations.

Another proposal would continue subsistence allowance payments to service members serving on overseas deployment. This change allows married enlisted service members to keep their \$200 monthly allowance in their family budget.

Previously, enlisted service members lost their monthly allowances once they deployed. Last year, service members assigned to Kuwait initially lost the allowance, but regained it by executive order.

Military housing also plays big in the defense budget. Over the next six years DoD will construct or renovate 49,000 billet spaces for single servicemembers and 28,000 family quarters. DoD is investing \$4 billion in new construction projects and another \$2 billion in renovations.

There is also a 23 percent increase planned for child care spaces by

fiscal 1997. For next year DoD plans to construct 20 child care centers at a cost of \$56 million.

There are 18 planned construction projects ranging from chapels to fitness and recreation centers at a cost of \$108 million.

Finally, enlisted service members hoping to improve their education will have \$120 million in tuition assistance funds available in fiscal 1996. Pang said fewer troops are applying for aid than last year, so there's a better chance of getting more assistance in 1996.

He said DoD doesn't control how each service manages its assistance programs, but priority should go to enlisted service members pursuing degrees.



Marine Band Spring Concert Series begins

The "President's Own" U. S. Marine Band continues its series of free Sunday concerts, May 7, 14 and 21 at the Center for the Arts at George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. Tickets are required. Either call (703) 993-8888 or request in writing to :



Public Affairs Office, United States Marine Band, 8th and I Sts, SE, Washington, DC, 20390-5000.

Public service scholarships available

AFIS—The Public Employees Roundtable is accepting applications for its 1995 Public Service Scholarship Program.

Applicants must be enrolled either full time in a four-year undergraduate program or a full-time or part-time graduate or postgraduate program. A 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale in their current degree program is required.

An essay on "How I plan to improve the quality of life in America through my chosen public service career," is required.

To receive applications, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to:

**PER Scholarship Program
PO Box 14270**

Washington, DC 20044-4270

Applications must be in by May 10. For more information, call (202) 927-5000.

United Concordia Companies, Inc. takes over dental plan

CHAMPUS—The Defense Department has chosen a Pennsylvania firm to operate its Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan for the next five years.

The firm will take over operation of the program from the current contractor, Delta Dental, Aug. 1.

Dental services under the Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan are offered in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Enrolled family members receive basic preventive, diagnostic and restorative services. Covered diagnostic and preventive services are fully paid;

the plan shares 80 percent of the cost of a variety of restorative and repair services.

Monthly premiums are currently \$10 for one enrolled family member, \$20 for two or more enrolled family members. Barracks Marines may enroll their families in the plan at the S-1 office.

Once enrolled, family members stay in the program for at least two years, unless the family moves to a base where the local military treatment facility offers dental care to dependents, or unless the enrolled family members become entitled to other dental coverage, or are transferred overseas.

U.S. Naval Academy celebrates 150 years of distinguished service, history

NNS—The U.S. Naval Academy will celebrate its 150th anniversary throughout 1995. The academy was founded in 1845 by then Secretary of the Navy George Bancroft.

A 90-minute documentary, "U.S. Naval Academy — 150 Years in Annapolis," aired April 8, on the Arts and Entertainment Channel as part of the celebration. The film explored the academy's contributions to America, using historical photographs, archival footage and interviews with staff members, graduates and midshipmen.

"While this year offers ample time for reflection on the many achievements of this institution, those of us responsible for carrying out the mission of the Naval Academy must remain true to our course as we guide the academy into the future," said ADM Charles R. Larson, Naval Academy superintendent.

The academy will host museum exhibits, music and theater performances, speeches and sporting events—all of which illuminate the strong tradition and mission fulfillment of the academy.

Former Barracks mascot laid to rest

Bodacious Little Marine, a pedigreed English bulldog who served as Chesty VII for five years, was laid to rest with honors by Centerwalk March 13.

Chesty VII joined the Marine Corps in February 1980 and was assigned Mascot, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tenn.

In June 1981, Chesty VII transferred to the Barracks to serve as mascot and rose to the rank of sergeant before retiring in 1986.

Chesty VII received many awards including a meritorious mast and a good conduct medal for his devotion to duty and pro-



Bodacious Little Marine as Chesty VII, Barracks mascot. (Official USMC photo)

fessional attitude.

"Chesty was a very good dog and my family loved him," said MGySgt. Gene G. Grafenstein (Ret.), former Barracks operations chief and custodian of Chesty

from 1984 until 1986.

"I never regretted becoming his custodian and enjoyed taking care of him," he said.

Chesty began to suffer from many ailments, including arthritis, blindness and an intestinal infection. Chesty VII was put to sleep and cremated in July 1992.

Grafenstein became aware of the Barracks burial ceremony available to Chesty after speaking with Capt. Robin R. Knepp, assistant S-4 officer.

"It's very fitting for the mascots to be able to rest where they served."

By

Cpl. Mary L. Ford

Barracks medical relocated until 1996

The Barracks medical section moved to Bldg. 200, fourth floor, March 31. The move is effective until April 1996.

Sick call is conducted 7:30-9:00 a.m., Monday-Friday. Check-ins and outs are conducted 1:00-2:00 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information, contact Barracks medical at (202) 433-5929.

1995 voter slogan contest

HQMC—The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) announces the start of its 1995 voter slogan contest to increase voter awareness by service members, their families and all U.S. citizens overseas. Anyone may submit an entry.

Enter as many slogans and as many times as you wish.

The winning slogan will be an integral part of the 1996-97 media campaign to increase voter awareness among U.S. citizens. The slogan will appear on posters, voter manuals and other media materials.

The winning slogan will be selected by a panel of judges based on originality and motivational value. The winner re-

ceives a Certificate of Recognition from the Secretary of Defense and second through fifth place, Honorable Mentions.

Slogans must be submitted on letter size, 8 & 1/2 x 11 paper and each page must include your full name, (service if military), mailing address, FAX number and/or E-Mail (if available) and daytime phone number. Send slogans to:

The Federal Voting Assistance Program, Room 1B457, The Pentagon, Washington D.C. 20301.

Slogans must be received by July 14.

“Gung Ho” Marines earn coveted award

8th and I well represented at leadership schools

Marines attending leadership schools, such as Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Academy courses and local Corporals Courses can strive for various honors for one's individual efforts as judged by staff and faculty.

To be “Gung Ho” is to be considered the best by your peers.

Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., is honored to have at least six Marines who have displayed the leadership, motivation, and esprit de corps to be chosen to receive the Gung Ho award.

“It's not an award that you strive to get, it's something that comes from within,” said Cpl. Michael K. Noble, Adjutant section, Headquarters and Service Company, who received a Gung Ho award from his peers while attending Corporals Course here.

The Gung Ho award, also given to Marines attending Quantico's SNCO Academy, was named for Marines who achieved honor in World War II.

“The name was derived from terms used during the era of Carlson's Raiders who fought at Midway, Guadalcanal and the Northern Solomon Islands,” said



Barracks recipients of the Gung Ho award include (from left) SSgt. Darryl K. Self, SSgt. Luis H. Hernandez, GySgt. Chandler V. Coleman and Cpl. Michael K. Noble. Not pictured, GySgt. Jimmie A. Blair and Sgt. Odell D. Benton (Photo by Cpl. Matthew H. Gray)

Col. John J. Grace (Ret.), Commandant, Capitol Marines of the Greater Washington D.C. area.

Over the years, the term “Gung Ho” has come to present motivation and pride of being a Marine.

“Then-Brig. Gen. James R. Davis, President, Marine Corps University and myself thought it was a great idea to sponsor the award through the Corps' academy,” he added.

The Capitol Marines and Marine Corps University have been sponsoring the awards at the SNCO Academy since

1992.

The award's recipient is selected by his or her peers in the course, based upon demonstration of attitude, not by who has the highest grade-point average or Physical Fitness Test score.

The combination of many factors is what makes the award so unique.

The selection process of the award leaves the recipient totally unaware of the class's decisions until the award is actually presented.

“I was shocked and very proud to be chosen for the award by my peers,” said Noble, a Cleveland, Ohio native. “I

had no idea that I had influenced my fellow Marines that much. I was just trying to be the best Marine that I could be.”

“The award inspires you to become even more motivated about the Marine Corps, as well as yourself,” Noble said. “It shows that the Marines you deal with on a regular basis are benefiting from your motivation and leadership.”

By
Cpl. Mary L. Ford



Cpl. Stanley D. Ford Jr. scans Consolidated Memorandum Receipts while Cpl. Toni A. Posey, Mechanized Allowance List Clerk, handles a phonecall in the Post Supply Office. (Photo by Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister)

Barracks Supply Office passes 1995 FSMAO with flying colors

Two years of rebuilding pay off in good grade

For supply Marines, one of the most unsavory words spoken can often be "FSMAO," short for the Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office. Preparation for a FSMAO inspection often means long work hours, less time with families, and a great deal of hard work preparing for the week-long analysis which all Marine Corps' consumer-level supply accounts

must undergo.

The Barracks' Supply Office recently distinguished itself with the 1995 FSMAO visit conducted by the Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps FSMAO field agency, based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. With each FSMAO visit, a team of experienced Marine officers and staff NCOs analyzes a supply section's operational

effectiveness and its compliance with Marine Corps Orders.

The team focuses on the quality of support the section offers its parent command and whether the support being provided is accomplished properly.

Nearly two years of efforts rebuilding the Barracks account, the hard work and long hours of Post Supply Marines resulted in all functional areas passing

Supply Marines pass FSMAO

this year's inspection: the Supply section received a hard-earned grade of "no formal findings."

According to CWO-3 Michael T. Brletich, who assumed the position of Post Supply Officer after a previously unsuccessful FSMAO analysis in 1993, rebuilding the section was a difficult process.

"We had to essentially start at ground zero," said the 18-year veteran of Marine Corps Supply. "The FSMAO

team looks at about 15 separate functional areas during their analysis. In 1993, the section failed in every one of those areas."

Changing the way the section did business following the 1993 FSMAO visit first fell to then-Supply Chief, MSgt. Laurence J. Smith, who served as the acting supply officer for nearly four months following the 1993 analysis.

"A large part of reincarnating the supply account is directly attributable to

the efforts of MSgt. Smith," said Brletich. "He took what was left of the Post Supply Account and built the foundation on which we supply Marines now stand."

With less than one year-and-a-half until the next FSMAO, the Marines of Post Supply began the difficult process of preparing for their next analysis.

"We moved to an automated supply system, 'ATLASS,' that has since become the standard throughout the Marine Corps. Once the conversion process began, it took about six months to get the Marines up to speed on the new system. We began full-blown

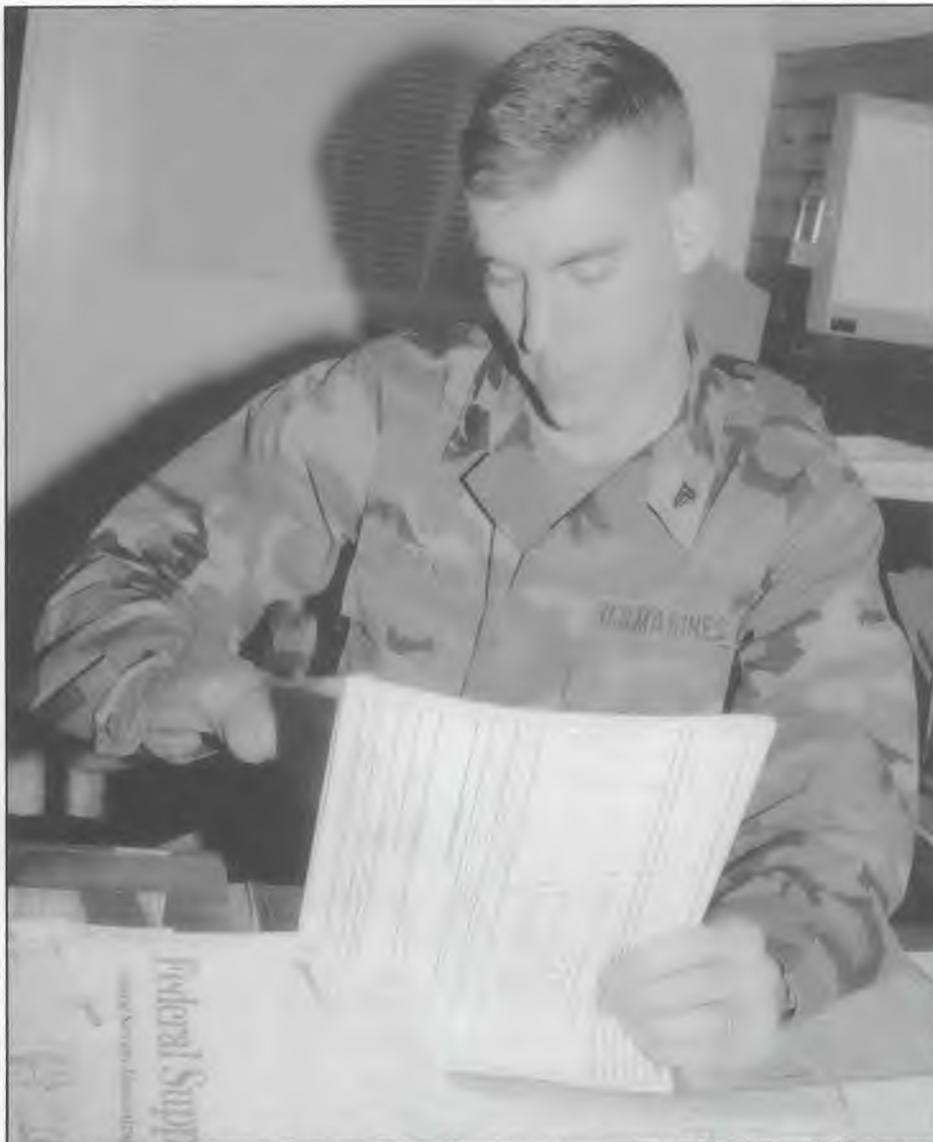
"I would short change our Supply Marines if I didn't say that the section's accomplishments were only possible because everyone did the job right from the beginning."

—CWO-3 Michael T. Brletich

FSMAO analysis prep last June, meaning 12-hour days for almost everyone in the section," said Brletich. "As the 1995 FSMAO analysis moved closer, the Marines of this section were often here about 14 hours a day and many weekends; in fact, none of the Marines in the supply section took any leave during the holidays because we knew that the FSMAO team would be on deck the first week in January."

Despite the memory of a previously-failed analysis, Brletich was confident that the Marines of the section had done their very best and given 125 percent to accomplish their goals.

"I would short change our supply Marines if I didn't say that the section's accomplishments were only possible



Sgt. Newt A. Sanson, Sr. checks purchase order requests for errors in the Post Supply Office. (Photo by Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister)



LCpl. Stephen C. Maynard checks a Marine's file before issuing gear in the post supply warehouse. (Photo by Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister)

because everyone applied their day to day training and did the job right from the beginning while working as a team.”

Each FSMAO analysis team looks at a supply account as a whole and then inspects each functional area that falls within the account, covering everything that Post Supply handles on a daily basis, including collection and storage of personal effects, accounting for Barracks weapons, the issue and retrieval of ceremonial and 782 gear and a property account valued in excess of 10 million dollars. Brletich said that probably the most scrutinized area of any consumer-level supply account is the property control and accountability, or the Barracks more-than 35 Consolidated Memorandum Receipt sub-accounts, assigned to various section OICs and

SNCOICs. According to Brletich, the team does not have time to examine each property account.

“The team will randomly sample each of the functional areas and analyze the sample population from beginning to end,” said the Cincinnati, Ohio native. He added that discrepancies from a previous inspection will often mean a more detailed follow-up inspection.

“Repeat discrepancies often indicate more than simple procedural problems,” he said. “After 18 years in the Marine Corps, I can say without a doubt this was the most concentrated FSMAO analysis I’ve ever stood.”

“I knew I could count on our supply Marines to do what had to be done, and they did,” Brletich stated.

Eight of the Marines were formally recognized by the Officer-In-Charge of the Field Supply and Maintenance Analysis Office for proficiency and excellence in their area of responsibility. Cpl. Newt A. Sanson, Jr., NCOIC, Requisition Management, said he believed the end result justified the effort put forth.

“I knew that the long hours, and all the hard work everyone was doing would pay off in the end, and it did!”

By
Cpl. Marcus D. McAllister



Mrs. Vivian Martin issues a cash disbursement to one of the many vendors who have sought her assistance during the past 29 years. (Photo by SSgt. Stephen M. Williams)

Three decades of service at the Barracks comes to an end

By
SSgt. Stephen M. Williams

historian of sorts. For instance, she recalls that the Barracks chow hall used to be located on the first floor of other sections were temporarily located at the Washington Navy Yard. Still another change is that the Navy Yard Valet, which is a civilian dry cleaning business perched at the opposite corner of 8th and I Sts from the Barracks used to be located on I St. in the place where the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters are now.

Mostly, she remembers the Marines with whom she has served over the years. Some of those Marines, such as MSgt. Alfred F. Hickmott,

Vivian Martin would like to retire. With 29 years of service at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., and more than 43 years of total federal civil service, the 71-year-old Altoona, Pa., native thinks that she deserves to take a break.

On the other hand, she still

likes to work.

“Work keeps me young,” the spry and petite Imprest Funds Custodian in the Procurement Section of the Barracks says.

Recalling eight different Commandants who have led the Corps during her tenure at the Barracks, she is a Marine

the Barracks Logistics Chief, she remembers from their first tours at the Barracks years ago. She still corresponds with other Marines who have finished their tours at the Barracks and gone on to other posts in the Corps. Many Marines and civilians still make it a point to stop by her tiny office when they visit Washington.

"I feel like a legend," the 1942 graduate of Altoona High School says. "Everyone speaks to me, and I remember their faces but I don't know any of their names.

"Working with the Marines is fantastic. Marines are always very polite and respectful." As a long-time attendee of Friday Evening Parades, she adds, "the parades are very impressive."

Many Marines, especially those who work closely with her, are equally impressed with Martin.

"It's hard to be her boss," GySgt. Debra L. Hallmark, Barracks Procurement Chief, says. "She's been in the Imprest Fund business longer than I've been in the Corps.

"We have inspections in the office and she never gets any 'hits' in her reimbursements. She has only had one discrepancy in all of those years."

A divorcee with a grown son who lives in the West Falls Church, Va., area, Martin still logs many hours



Mrs. Vivian Martin counts money from the Barracks Imprest Funds account. (Photo by SSgt. Stephen M. Williams)

in the office tracking all the Barracks purchases that require cash and keeping exact count of the \$10,000 Imprest Fund that the Barracks has. She often works until 7 p.m., only to face a two hour bus and train ride to the Alexandria, Va., apartment complex where she has lived for 33 years.

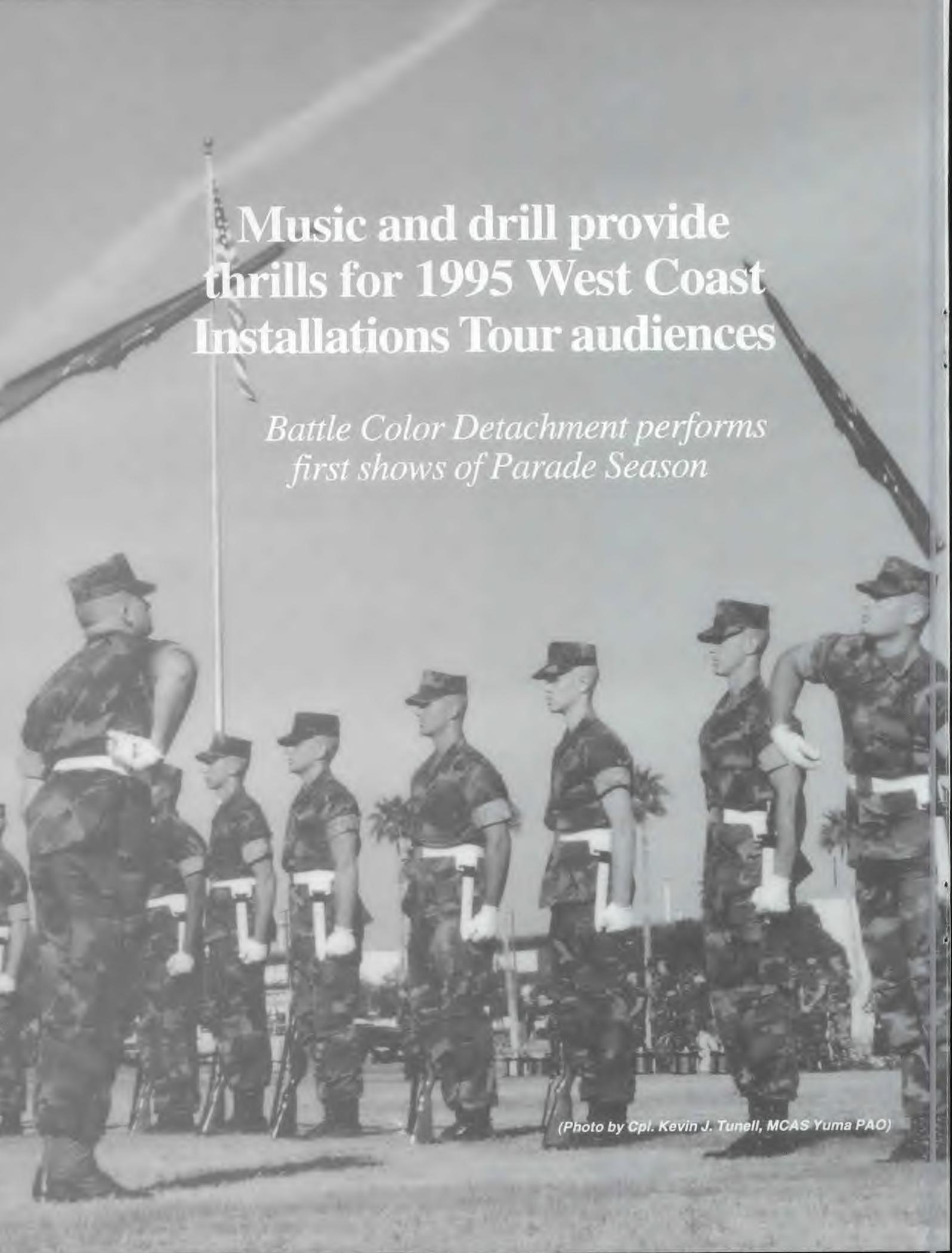
"I have aches and pains, but I just let it go," she says. "I enjoy working."

However, she thinks that she may finally retire in June or July this year.

After more than four decades of employment behind her, she may become a volunteer at a local hospital. After all, working keeps her young.

Recalling eight different Commandants who have led the Corps during her tenure at the Barracks, she is a Marine historian of sorts ...

"I feel like a legend," the 1942 graduate of Altoona High School says.



Music and drill provide thrills for 1995 West Coast Installations Tour audiences

*Battle Color Detachment performs
first shows of Parade Season*

(Photo by Cpl. Kevin J. Tunell, MCAS Yuma PAO)

Standing amidst an anxious crowd under the heat of the Arizona sun, you can hear the faint melody of the Marines' Hymn in the distance. The music grows louder, accompanied by a low rumbling of drums, until an undistinguishable guidon marches into view across the field, led by a Marine officer in a blue blouse and bright, white trousers. Following the guidon is the source of the music, a columned unit in red blouses carrying an assortment of instruments, from bass drums to contrabass bugles. Rising above the Marines, the national flag, escorted by the streamer-laden Marine Corps colors and two riflemen, proudly waves in the soft wind. Clicking its cleats close behind, a platoon of Marines bearing early model rifles smoothly glides into position just paces from the colors.

With a short introduction, the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps takes its position on MCAS Yuma's parade deck, poised to appease the crowd with its stirring performance before retiring from "center stage" to make way for the Silent Drill Platoon's dazzling display of precision rifle-handling.

And so with the blasting of horns, the beating of drums, and the flash of spinning bayonets, the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment kicked off the 1995 West Coast Installation Tour with their first performance at MCAS Yuma, Ariz., on March 2.

Trading in the scarlet and gold, black-on-black, or blue-on-blue PT



Drum Major Michael H. Gardner leads the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps through a number as the Color Guard and Silent Drill Platoon look on. (Photo by of Cpl. Kevin J. Tunell, MCAS Yuma PAO)

gear worn during practice and rehearsals for the past 20 days, the Detachment suited up in ceremonial blue and red/whites to begin

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—MGySgt. Michael H. Gardner,
Drum Major of the
Drum and Bugle Corps

the tour that marks the unofficial beginning of the 1995 parade season for this unit.

The tour was scheduled to include performances at six Marine Corps installations and Fontana High School in Southern California, MCAS Yuma and Kofa High School in Arizona and the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas. This year, however, rain forced the cancellation of three

performances — two in San Diego and at Fontana High School. These cancellations disappointed some Marines in the units.

"Last year we got to perform in front of a lot more people," said LCpl. William C. House, a baritone player with the Drum & Bugle Corps, or D&B as they are often referred to. "It was a little disappointing."

The tour served to bring the Marine Corps' best in musical and marching precision to Marines, family members and civilians on the West Coast.

Though the tour itself was approximately two weeks long, training began conducted in Yuma almost three weeks earlier. The D&B and the Silent Drill Platoon



SSgt. Daniel J. Charlier, Platoon Sgt., Silent Drill Platoon, guides the unit through their routine during practice for the West Coast Installations Tour. (Photo by of Cpl. Kevin J. Tunell, MCAS Yuma PAO)

conducted intense practices and rehearsals in the arid desert of southwest Arizona, getting ready for the upcoming string of performances.

“The weather in Yuma is perfect for our training,” said MGySgt. Michael H. Gardner, drum major of the Drum and Bugle Corps and first sergeant of the Battle Color Detachment. The low wind and warm, dry weather allows the detachment to practice around 12 hours a day, he added.

But the weather’s not the only reason the unit heads west.

“We go to Yuma to avoid

distractions,” said Sgt. Gregory S. Holder, a baritone player who

In January, the D&B Marines received five new selections from the director to be learned for the upcoming tour.

“wrote” or composed D&B’s drill for this year.

Distractions, too, are not an issue in Yuma, said Gardner,

“We tend to have a more captive audience (there).”

Yuma’s location, described as

“in the middle of nowhere” by many, affords fewer activities to the Marines on tour there, leaving them to drill and relax.

“The Marines are usually more focused on the drill because of the lack of activity,” said Holder, who has seen his seventh West Coast Installations Tour.

Before travelling to Yuma, D&B spent countless hours practicing the music for the upcoming season. Beginning in January, the D&B Marines received five selections to be learned for the upcoming tour. In addition, the percussionists must

learn two pieces in which only they perform. The Marines practiced in "sectionals," or small groups of the same instruments, to learn the music. Eventually, the unit practiced the music together shortly before leaving for Yuma.

Once in Yuma, the musician-Marines began practicing the drill aspect of the performance, putting the movement into "Music in Motion," the title of D&B's portion of the program.

The drill is composed of several "sets," or formations, into which the Marines move from the previous set. This year's drill was composed of 115 sets, in between which any number of steps may be required to get from one to the other.

Despite the awesome task of memorizing five to seven pieces of music and a drill sequence that is composed of innumerable steps, these alone are not a problem according to D&B.

"The music is not hard, and the drill is not hard," said Sgt. Adam L. Zeiler. However, he added, when you put the two together and add the fact that everywhere you go has a different marching surface with its own problems, you often run into quite a challenge.

The Silent Drill Platoon also prepared portions of its routine before going to Yuma. For months the new Marines were taught the basics of drilling with an M-1

"To see little kids and their parents looking up to me ... that makes me feel proud"

*—LCpl. Andre D. Boone,
Silent Drill Platoon*



Cpl. Michael G. Duncan (left) and SSgt. Carl P. Vermilyea, Jr. concentrate on their parts during rehearsals at MCAS Yuma. (Photo by Cpl. James D. Johnson)

Garand rifle. For many, this was their first experience handling this weapon, just a few short, intense months before dazzling audiences from Twentynine Palms to San Diego with their "effortless spins and tosses."

The months spent practicing in the underground parking garage at the Barracks in Washington prepared the new Drill Platoon Marines to drill with the entire

platoon, which would include members with a year's experience.

In January, the Drill Platoon started going to Naval Station Anacostia to practice in a large area where the entire platoon could work together. The majority of the drill sequence was taught there so that the time in Yuma could be dedicated to fine-tuning.

The long hours and aching muscles from drilling for hours



Cpl. Vernon Maher III, baritone, (left) and Sgt. Gregory P. Yoder, mellophone, perform new music during practice at MCAS Yuma. (Photo by Cpl. James D. Johnson)

with the ten and one-half pound weapons might have discouraged many from a tour that was still two months away. But the new Marines

‘Challenge day’ is the day in Yuma when each Marine goes through the drill, alone, being graded by the two rifle inspectors.

were told of a “light at the end of the tunnel,” the time when they

would have a chance to stand before a crowd of thousands and show what they had learned.

“We had a goal to reach,” said LCpl. Andre D. Boone, a first-year marcher with the Drill Platoon.

Boone described a “feeling of relief” upon arrival at Yuma, knowing that the tour, “the light,” was right around the corner.

Before the first appearance, the Marines had to prove, to themselves and to each other, who were to be the “marching 24,” the 24 Marines who march as the Silent Drill Platoon.

“Challenge day” is the day in Yuma when each Marine goes through the drill, alone, being graded by the two rifle inspectors. Once all have taken their turn the names of the “24” are read. The remaining Marines become supernumeraries, or “supers,” until the next challenge day, usually held soon after the detachment returns to Washington. The ‘supers’ continue to practice and are ready to step in if a Marine is unable to perform at any time.

For those who made the “24,” practice with the platoon continued

until they finally teamed up with the Drum and Bugle Corps and the Marine Corps Color Guard to begin the West Coast Installation Tour.

The Color Guard also required its share of preparation time for the upcoming tour. Although the color guard did not arrive until Feb. 21, the 24th and newest Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Thomas W. Rollison, headed out with the Drill Platoon and D&B. He spent his time going over his position with his predecessor, SSgt. Daniel J. Charlier, now the platoon sergeant for the Drill Platoon.

Selected only a month earlier, Rollison practiced 13 hours a day to familiarize himself with the marching sequence for the tour and the upcoming parade season.

Though Rollison was new, he knew he and the other Marines of the Color Guard would be ready for the tour.

"I was confident, as far as everyone knowing their positions," said Rollison, adding that he was not the only member of this year's "parade four" to be new to his position. The "parade four" is the premier color guard of the 17-Marine color guard section. The bearer of the Marine Corps Battle Color was also new to his spot.

LCpl. John J. Osborne, who served as the guidon bearer for the detachment last year, bears the color for which the detachment and the ceremony are named.

Rollison added that the support of his NCO's was invaluable to the training in Yuma.

"It's like going to a foreign country and not knowing the

NCO's a lot."

After all the preparation, March 2 came and went and the West Coast Installations Tour was underway. From Yuma, the Marines entertained audiences up and down the west coast of southern California.

Not only were the crowds invigorated, but many of the

Marines in the detachment drew motivation from the spectators who showed so much enthusiasm for the performances.

"I saw the way it motivated other Marines," said LCpl. Peter W. Marocco, on his second tour with D&B. "It was a motivational experience."

"To see little kids and their parents looking up to me ... that makes me feel proud," said Boone.

Gardner called this year's tour "an overwhelming success."

Noting outstanding support from the Barracks, as well as MCAS Yuma and all the other installations, Gardner said all aspects of the tour went well this year.

Having marched 14 tours, seven as drum major, Gardner said "both units produced one of the best shows that I've seen."



Cpl. Thomas E. Moncrief practices his routine as one of this season's featured soloists. (Photo by Cpl. James D. Johnson)

language," said Rollison of his move from Food Service at Quantico to leading the color guard and marching with the Battle Color Detachment on the West Coast. "I've depended on my

*Story by
Cpl. James D. Johnson*



24th Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Thomas W. Rollinson. (Photo by Cpl. Matthew H. Gray)

Bring on the new Color Sergeant

Corps' senior sergeant anticipates tour at "Oldest Post"

Thomas Rollison isn't afraid to admit it. He's awe-struck. As the 24th Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps he is, by billet, the senior sergeant in the Marine Corps. The Color Sgt. carries the Presidential Colors during all White House state functions and is responsible for the care of the official Battle Color of the Marine Corps, its battle

streamers representing every battle of the Corps' history. He is the platoon sergeant and commander of the 17 Marines of the Color Guard section, Company A, at the "Oldest Post of the Corps," Marine Barracks,

Washington, D.C.

Rollison, a 6'3" sandy-blond haired Marine sergeant, was selected for the post in January. Within a month, Rollison was sent to MCAS Yuma, Ariz., where he learned his position and trained with his section during the Battle Color Detachment's "spring training." Rollison and the Color Guard appeared with the Silent

By
SSgt. Stephen M. Williams

Drill Platoon and the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps in front of thousands of spectators at a variety of military installations and civilian sites in California, Arizona and Texas.

It was an opportunity that he says he wouldn't trade for the world - the kind of opportunity he has longed for since joining the Corps in March 1986.

"I'm not used to exposure at this level," said the food service specialist whose last assignment was as Assistant Messhall Manager, Marine Corps Air Facility, Quantico, Va.

"We all start from scratch," the 1982 graduate of West Bloomfield High School, Orchard Lake, Mich., said. "To succeed you have to have ambition. You have to earn it. You have to put in the time and make it happen."

For Rollison, who is married and has two children, ambition and a drive to succeed have taken him far in the Corps. Coming into the Marine Corps on an open contract, he was assigned to the Basic Food Service School at Camp Lejeune, N.C., after recruit training. From there he went to

3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan, and one year later moved to Camp Lejeune. His tour at Camp Lejeune included assignments to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division,

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Headquarters and Service Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group and Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group-26. In July

1992, he was transferred to the air facility at Quantico.

His other training includes the Arctic Survival School, NCO School and the Food Service NCO School.

Rollison feels it was his leadership abilities and desire to succeed that were responsible for his selection over six other sergeants from around the Corps.

"I'm an individual that cares about training his Marines," said the Pontiac, Mich. native.

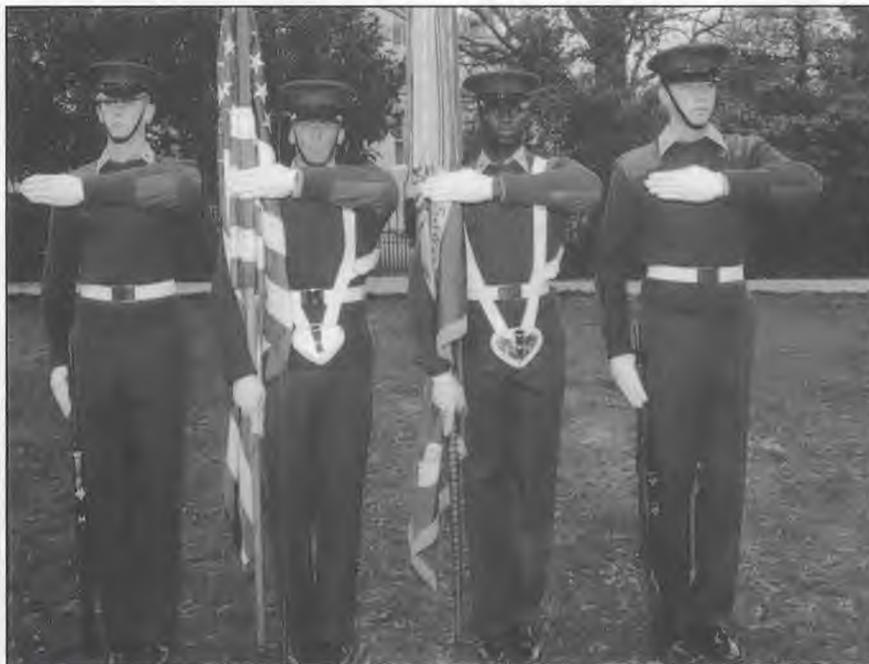
"My job is to make sure each of my Marines gets promoted, either meritoriously or through composite score."

Speaking of the young Marines entrusted to his care, Rollison said earnestly, "I have to earn their respect. As I learn my job, I have to take their knowledge and experience and put it to use. These are some

of the best Marines that I've ever served with. They are exemplary in everything from MCI's to physical fitness."

And how did it feel to be with those Marines in front of thousands of spectators just a few weeks after being selected?

"It was fulfilling to march the West Coast tour and represent the Marine Corps in front of all those people."



1995 Parade Four staff: LCpl. Kevin S. Wright, Sgt. Thomas W. Rollinson, LCpl. Jonathon J. Osborne, and LCpl. Robert N. Green. (Photo by Cpl. Matthew H. Gray)

Getting Things Done With a Sense of Urgency

“As a result of the unfailing conduct of our Corps, [the American people have come to] believe three things about their Marines. First, they believe that when trouble comes to our country, there will be Marines—some-where—who through hard work have made and kept themselves ready to do something useful about it, and to do it at once...”

—LtGen. Victor H. Krulak, USMC
First to Fight

One of the prime characteristics that immediately sets Marines apart from the rest of the world—aside from our striking good looks and our indomitable fighting spirit—is our no-nonsense commitment to accomplishing the mission. Marines are *results oriented*. Marines make things happen. Our proud history—indeed, our institutional survival—is predicated on our unfailing readiness “to do something useful”—not tomorrow, not next week, but *right now*.

When you are consecrated in law, as we are, as the Nation’s premier force in readiness; when you are *truly* expeditionary—ready to go *wherever* it is you’re needed at a moment’s notice, *-getting things done with a sense of urgency* becomes a necessary ingredient to being a Marine. It becomes second nature.



Then-Capt. John B. Sollis imparting a sense of urgency to his cannon-cocking Devildogs at Camp Lejeune, N.C., circa 1979. (Official U.S. Marine Corps photo)

Anyone who has ever been privileged to serve as a Marine artilleryman knows what it is to *attack* the mission with a sense of urgency. Whether responding to the call, “*Fire Mission!*” or awaiting the word to “*CSMO!*” (to pack your trash and displace *just as fast as you can* to your next firing position), Marine artillerymen are trained from Day One to always move out as if lives depended on it. And why is that? Because in combat—that God-awful experience Marines must be trained and ready for—they almost certainly do.

On Monday, Feb. 25, 1991, a battery of U.S. Marines from Richmond, Va., turned the tide of battle in Kuwait by attacking the mission, and the enemy, with a sense of urgency. When the emergency call for fire was received from the 1st Marine Division command post—well *behind* their position—the Marines of Hotel 3/14 responded as if the lives of their fellow Marines were hanging in the balance—and, by God, they were! Summoning the strength and determination that have characterized the performance of Marines throughout our nation’s history, they man-handled their gargantuan howitzers, shifting their 16,000-pound weapons in the direction of the enemy. And with enemy rounds exploding in their own position, these determined Devildogs

delivered a devastating hail of artillery fire that stopped the Iraqis dead in their tracks—literally. Moments later, they unflinchingly engaged and destroyed by direct fire an Iraqi multiple rocket launcher preparing—at that very instant—to engage the

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1st Marine Division C.P. With a

sense of urgency, these heroic young men made damn sure that wouldn’t happen.

Now, how do I know this? Because I was standing right there in the midst of all the smoke, all the noise, and all the terrifying chaos. And in that single, unforgettable moment of my life, I came to appreciate as never before the value of the way I had always been trained and had always trained my Marines to fight: as if lives depended on it. And at that moment they most certainly did.

And here’s my message, Marines: When it comes to taking care of business, taking care of each other, taking care of the mission, Marines don’t screw around. In or out of combat, they generally don’t have to “reenlist” in order to accomplish the job. They quickly size up the situation and see what has to be done; they hold themselves personally accountable for “making it happen,” and then they *attack* the mission, as they would the enemy, with intelligence, a sense of purpose, and a requisite sense of urgency. And when all is said and done, *that’s* what makes us different. *That’s* what makes us damn near invincible. *That’s* what makes us *Marines*.

By
Col. John B. Sollis

NAVY/MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY FUND DRIVE BEGINS MAY 4



Commanding Officer's Statement on Equal Opportunity

The leadership of Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. — from the Commanding Officer to the junior-most level of supervision — will ensure that all of its Marines, Sailors, and civilian employees receive fair and equal opportunity to succeed and excel without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age or national origin, consistent with requirements for physical and mental capabilities.

Discrimination of these sorts in *any* form cannot and will not be tolerated by the Marine Corps or any of us. The Marines, Sailors and civilians of the Oldest Post of the Corps have a unique and highly visible mission that demands the best performance of each of us at all times. As the Marine Corps' best advertisement this side of Mount Suribachi, we are all expected to represent and embody the very highest standards of military professionalism, and that begins with the way we respect and support each other as human beings.

It is the responsibility of every Marine, every Sailor, and every civilian of the Oldest Post to ensure that his or her performance, and the performance of those subordinate to them, is not hindered or inhibited in any way by unfairness or inequality. The fair treatment of all is an indispensable component of the leadership responsibility entrusted to each of us. Remember, *Semper Fidelis* means "*always faithful.*"

John B. Sollis
Colonel, United States Marine Corps
Commanding Officer
Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C./
Director, Marine Corps Institute

Warm weather is back!

Protecting yourself from sports injuries

Warm weather, sunshine and short sleeves, I have waited months for you to return! However, I wasn't looking forward to twisting my ankle while running around my neighborhood. "Sports" injuries make up the majority of patients seen at sick call in the warm months. There are many things we can do to assure we aren't sitting at sick call for three hours and waiting three months for an Orthopedics consult at Bethesda.

We have hard enough days without making them worse by getting hurt. To avoid injuries while running and exercising we need to follow some simple rules.

1. Stretch before and after exercising. Muscles are elastic, but in order to get them ready for the impact and stresses of running, we need to stretch our muscles out. Spend 10 minutes stretching your calves, quads, back and hamstrings. After exercising, spend five minutes stretching out the muscle groups used.

2. "Cool down." After a long run or swim, take five minutes to walk or keep moving. By stopping and not "cooling down," muscle groups can be traumatized.

3. Build work outs slowly. Don't try and run 10 miles without building up to it. Start slowly and add a little more to your work out each week or so. This causes less trauma to your body.

4. Wear good shoes and change them regularly. Good shoes support ankles, arches and feet in a comfortable enclosure. As shoes age, they don't support feet as well and can actually cause injury. If you run daily, you should change shoes every couple of months.

5. Weight lifters, support your

"More Marines injure themselves because they don't follow medical instructions."

—HM2 Ian Marks

back! By using a back support, you can decrease back injuries.

Should you get hurt while performing an athletic endeavor, follow some simple rules and heal before beginning your routine again.

1. ICE! Ice keeps down swelling, decreases pain, and allows faster healing.

2. Elevate injured limbs to help decrease swelling.

3. Have the injury checked at a clinic. If you wait to have a serious injury checked, you may be on your way to a medical discharge board.

4. Listen to medical advice. If you're put on a medication for 14 days, take it for 14 days. Just because it feels better now doesn't mean the injury is 100% healed. Many Marines re-injure themselves because they didn't follow medical

instructions, including medications, light duty, physical therapy and showing up for appointments at Bethesda.

In our warmer climate, along with injuries, we need to worry about dehydration, cramps and insect bites. Heavy traffic is also a health risk in D.C.

1. Drink lots of water. Dehydration makes us feel more "drained" than we are physically. It also can lead to heat injuries and cramps. If we don't drink enough water, our body won't have the proper material to protect against cramps and heat exhaustion.

2. Ticks. It's getting to be tick weather again. Those of you who live in the Quantico/ Woodbridge area are in one of the highest risk areas for Lyme disease in the country. Check yourself for ticks whenever you've been outdoors at home.

3. Watch for traffic when running in cities. The drivers of cars are not looking for a 160-pound Marine, they're looking for 1000-pound-plus motor vehicles. Be careful.

8th and I has a lot of Marines awaiting medical boards for injuries sustained while trying to keep fit. Train smart. We want you around for the long haul in the Corps.

***By
HM2 Ian Marks***

You can read more about All-Marine Women's basketball coach **SSgt. Vernon King** next month, but every coach needs a great team; **SSgt King** had one. Included on his roster were **SSgt. Cassandra Best**, Assistant Chow Hall Manager, H&S Co., **Cpl. Celeste H. Toglana**, Motor Pool, H&S Co. (as assistant coach), and **PFC Kristen J. Southard**, also of the Motor Pool, as the team trainer.

In the local, rock 'em-sock 'em world of 8th & I Basketball Intramurals, **H&S Co.** emerged the victors in the early lead for the Commander's Cup.

When you see him on Post next week, congratulate **Capt. Barry Neulen**, Guard Officer, H&S Co., upon his graduation from a police chiefs course at the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Va. Other recent Quantico graduates are **GySgts. Cynthia Atwood**, PAO, H&S Co., and **Jimmie A. Blair**, Company A, from the SNCO Advanced Course. **GySgt. Blair** was selected as the Gung Ho Marine for his class, bringing home a personalized K-bar along with his diploma.

GySgt. Jerald R. Taylor, Embark/Logistics Chief, MCI Co., is home from his advanced MOS school with a whopping 99.17 grade point average, number two in his class. Congratulations!

Soon to be joining other Barracks scholars will be **Cpl. Trent L. Bottin**, Company B, who has been accepted to the MECEP program.

Several Barracks Marines were cited formally for their outstanding service:

Security Co. Marines **Cpls. Matthew R. Kroczaleski** and **Scott C. Hower** and **LCpl. Victor C. Pierro** received Good Conduct Medals, as did **Cpl. DeMarcus T. Bryant** and **LCpl. Jason DuFour**

He isn't gone, just relocated. **1stSgt. Gene J. Eischeid** is now leading the Marines of Camp David. He's being replaced at Company B by **1stSgt. Glen T. Rypkowski**, joining the Barracks from Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Va. **1stSgt. Rypkowski** is anything but new to the Barracks; he's served as a marcher, a platoon sergeant and the platoon sergeant of the Silent Drill Platoon. Just coming home again.



Ciara Marie Godbout

A couple of new Barracks members didn't have orders - they just showed up! They weren't entirely unexpected, though. **Sergeants Lynn and Mike Godbout** welcomed **Ciara Marie** on March 6. She arrived almost ready for Phase I at 7 lbs., 15 oz. and started at 21" tall. **Griffin Kane Smith** joined the family just in time for parade preparations. He's the 8 lb. son of **Cpl. Stephen and Meagan Smith**, Company B.

The recent promotion board recognized outstanding leadership by selecting nine Barracks Marines for promotion to Master Sergeant. Bravo Zulu to **GySgts. Peggy J. Thompson**, MCI Co., **Barry C. Herneisey**, MCI



Co., **Donald E. Rosche**, MCI Co., **William E. Blair, Jr.**, MCI Co., **Toney M. Gates, Sr.**, MCI Co., **Arthur L. Taylor**, MCI Co., **Joe A. Moore, Jr.**, D&B Co., **Gregory C. Wilburn**, H&S Co. and **Steven D. Hubacher**, MCI Co.

Recent promotions include:

MCI Company

GySgt Karen F. Imhoff
LCpl. Michael E. Keegan

D&B Company

SSgt. Carlos I. Melendez
Sgt. Robert J. Boudreaux
Sgt. Bryan M. Knickerbocker
LCpl. Christopher G. Morris
LCpl. Antonio A. Perez
LCpl. William R. Rulapaugh

Company A

Cpl. Aaron R. Fulton
LCpl. Russell W. Brown
LCpl. Roman J. Conchola
LCpl. Walter R. Fasci
LCpl. John M. Fischer
LCpl. Derek J. Housouer
LCpl. Stephen R. Hurd
LCpl. Kenneth G. Morris
LCpl. Jackson L. Parker
LCpl. Robert R. Price
LCpl. Pedro A. Santos

Company B

Sgt. Dusty R. Garver
Cpl. Stephen D. Smith
LCpl. Larry H. Barkley, Jr.
LCpl. Lance Brockie
LCpl. Robbie J. Cecchini
LCpl. Chad E. Condreay
LCpl. Bryan J. Duerr
LCpl. Jason Dufour
LCpl. Gregory Herrera
LCpl. Royce D. Josey

LCpl. William M. Thompson
LCpl. Robert G. Trejo, Jr.

LCpl. Jeremy M. Wilson
PFC Daniel T. Dorfer
PFC Sean T. McNeill

H&S Company

Sgt. Frederick L. Hunt
Sgt. Armand D. Klinger, Jr.
Cpl. William P. Bellerose
Cpl. Cristine M. Davidson
Cpl. Deshawn M. King
Cpl. David G. Ruble
Cpl. Paul D. Woskobunik, Jr.
LCpl. Yesenia E. Ariasramirez
LCpl. Morgan J. Dolan
LCpl. Benjamin R. Fetting
LCpl. Donald J. Henski
LCpl. Joshua M. Horton
LCpl. Jason R. Huber
LCpl. Ronald M. Jimenez
LCpl. Brett M. Miller
LCpl. Ignacio Rodriquez, II
LCpl. Philip T. Samuels
LCpl. Joshua S. Slater
LCpl. Raymundo J. Vazquez

USNA Company

LCpl. Lonnie E. Gall
LCpl. Rebecca D. Pauley

Security Company

LCpl. Keith A. Taylor

Marines executing their orders to "The Oldest Post" include:

1stLt. Douglas L. Cody
1stLt. Bradun Dunbar
1stLt. Mark N. Hosmer
Cpl. Joseph S. Hayes
Cpl. Thomas C. Millican
LCpl. Steven M. Dowling
LCpl. Joseph L. Fore
LCpl. Royce D. Josey
LCpl. Rebecca D. Pauley
PFC Daniel T. Dorfer
PFC David M. Hart, Jr.
PFC Christopher A. Hansen



Maj. Gary P. Fontaine, Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, awards Cpl. William P. Bellrose during company formation. (Photo by PFC James A. Lightsey)

PFC Matthew W. Johnson
PFC Sean T. McNiell
PFC Kelce A. Mosley
PFC Robert E. Ortega, Jr.
PFC Matthew T. Porter
PFC Brian D. Rice
PFC Nelson A. Rios
PFC Aaron J. Rodonis
PFC Victor L. Street II
PFC Marshall H. Talley
PFC Jimmey R. Thorne, Jr.
PFC Adam J. Varneke
PFC John E. Wickenheiser, Jr.
PFC Milissa J. Wright

Bricks and Mortar

"This is not the real Marine Corps. When I joined, I thought I would be living in the field, getting ready to go to war. All we do here is ceremonies."

Have you ever heard those words? I have. This is not your average duty station. It is a vastly different assignment than many of us ever expected to fill. For most, it's no easier than the fleet, just different. You are required to do two things at once, namely, carry out a peaceful mission that is unique to this unit and keep your skills sharpened as a warrior. At times, these two may seem as opposite as night and day. They are not.

Take, for example, a group of soldiers with a dual-mission centuries ago. Babylon was an ancient and powerful kingdom whose army attacked the city of Jerusalem and carried away survivors approximately 600 years BC. The Jewish captives were forced into slavery by the Babylonians. One particular man, Nehemiah, became the cup-bearer to the Babylonian king — a very trusted position. Nehemiah loved his homeland and received permission from the king to take a group of his countrymen back to Israel and rebuild Jerusalem.

Once in Jerusalem, Nehemiah and his expeditionary force found that the city was in near total ruins. As they began to rebuild the walls around the city, neighboring people ridiculed them and threatened to kill the work-

ers. This was Nehemiah's response:

"From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah who

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*were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked."**

That must have been some sight; bricks and mortar in one hand and a sword in the other. Because of their alertness and tenacity toward their mission, these workers were able to successfully finish the reconstruction. They were determined to have their freedom, were willing to work hard for it, and, when necessary, stood vigilant and ready to defend it.

Those soldiers, with their dual-mission, illustrate the same attitudes that we consider our core values: Courage—Honor—Commitment.

These attitudes are bigger than the Marine Corps and are necessary both to the future of the Corps and the strength of our nation.

We are selected to demonstrate these virtues here at 8th & I. We accept our mission as vital to our country, we conduct ourselves with dignity and integrity, and we determine to do it with pride even on the toughest days. How we do it varies. Instead of carrying bricks and mortar, we carry bugles and snare drums, or polished M1A1 rifles, or weed-eaters, or correspondence courses, or caskets, or open-purchase requisitions, or spark plug wrenches. But when our nation and freedom is threatened, we can pick up our weapons and "defend the city."

This may not be what you imagined when you joined. Now that you are here you can serve your country in a way few others have ever dreamed. You can keep "building the wall" around this nation. If needed, you will defend it as well.

This summer, as throngs of people from around the world arrive on Friday nights to see the "Oldest Post of the Corps" in the spotlight, that is what they will see. Bricks and mortar in one hand—weapons in the other.

Semper Fi, Marines.

*Nehemiah 4:16-18

*By
LT Doyle W. Dunn, USN*

From the Mailbox

January 26, 1995

Dear Sir,

I realize I am very late in sending this letter and hope it can still be passed on to the proper person.

I graduated from the FBI-National Academy in June 1994. My husband, ten-year-old son and seven-year-old daughter came for the graduation. We attended the Evening Parade on Friday, June 24, as part of our vacation.

I had attended the Evening Parade in 1983 when my husband graduated from the FBI-National Academy and we knew the children definitely had to see it. The children were as impressed and awed as we were and it was the highlight of our vacation.

My daughter, Vanessa, was thrilled beyond words when she was the one escorted to our seats, rather than me. She is at a very impressionable age and the picture taken with the staff sergeant is one of her prized possessions. Please convey our thanks and appreciation to him. He was wonderful with Vanessa.

The men and women who participated in the Parade were all very impressive and made us extremely proud of being Americans.

Again, thank the staff sergeant for Vanessa and if we are ever back in Washington, we will certainly return.

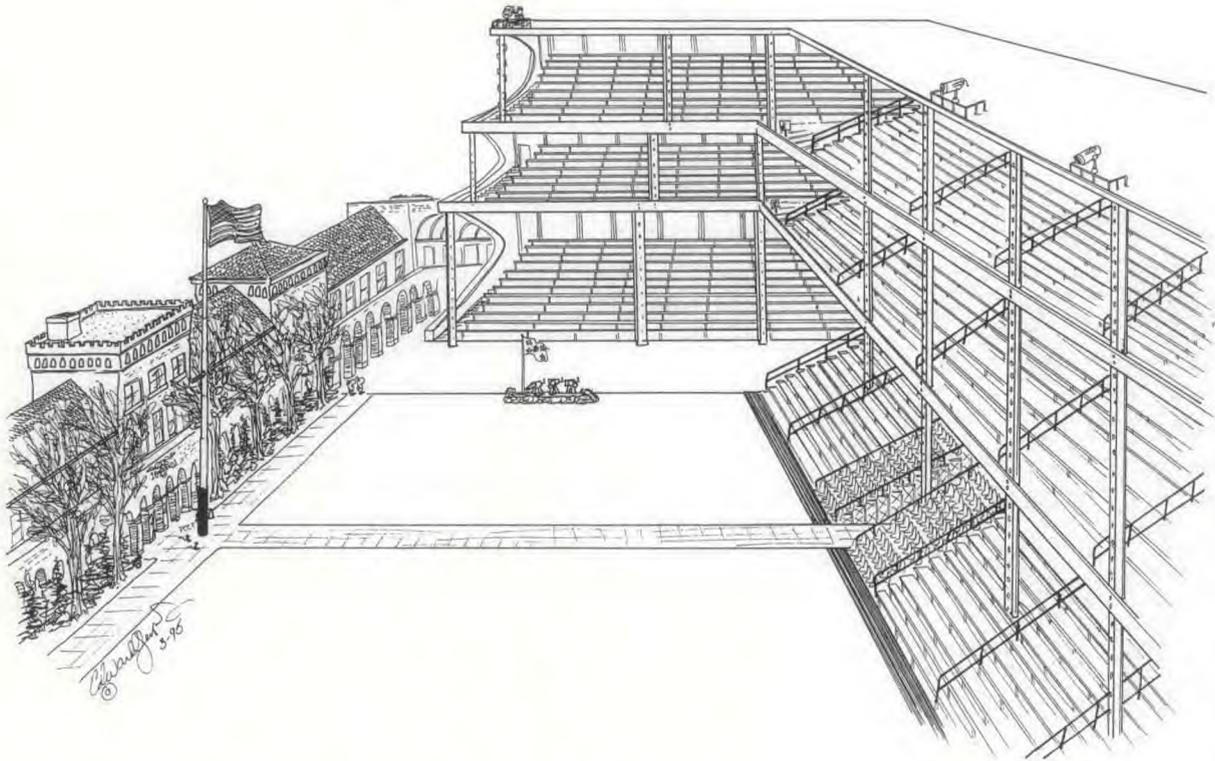
Sincerely,

Alma Berry
Birmingham, Alabama



Vanessa Berry, a first grader from Birmingham, Ala., stands with her escort, then-SSgt. Roy Clark, Jr., during a Friday Evening Parade last year. Vanessa and her family attended the June 24 Parade as the highlight of the family's visit to Washington, D.C.

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“Four-South is no longer referred to as the *cheap seats*.”

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