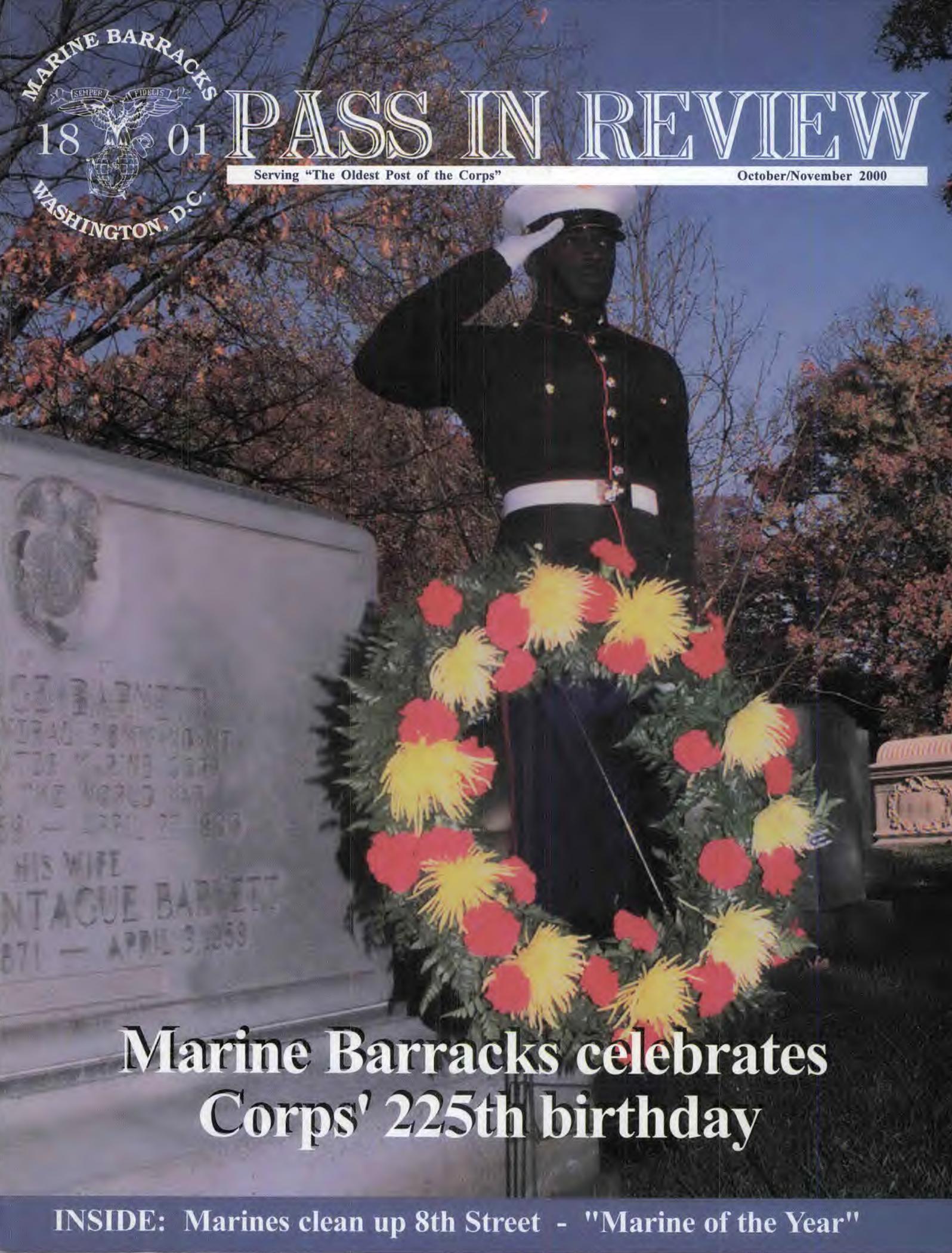


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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Today, around the world, in gatherings large and small, Marines will assemble, as they have for two hundred and twenty-five years, to honor both our history and the memory of those who have preceded us. It is fitting that we do so, for it is our profound respect for our traditions and reverence of our heritage that distinguishes us as a Corps of Marines. This year is especially meaningful. Fifty years ago, the free nations of the world united to stem aggression in Korea; twenty-five years ago, the long war in Vietnam drew to a close; and a short decade ago, America and her allies liberated Kuwait. The thread linking these disparate conflicts is the Corps itself, and our performance on these distant battlefields added new definition to our character while cementing our privileged place in the hearts of our countrymen.

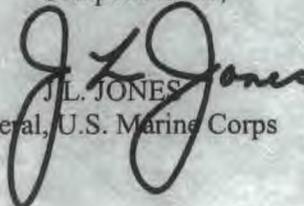
Just as the valor of Marines on the battlefields of Korea, Vietnam, and Kuwait contributed uniquely to our legacy, so, too, do our actions today. We continue to write our history, whether conducting critical operations in the international spotlight or diligently attending to the equally important, but unheralded work of taking care of Marines and their families. We are, in fact, stewards of past, present, and future. We, therefore, must remain mindful that our actions today—guided by the lessons of yesterday—will determine the fate of the Corps tomorrow.

As the Corps—a family in the truest sense of the word—pauses to celebrate our two hundred and twenty-fifth birthday, it is proper that we take great pride in who we are and the work we do. We are United States Marines and for two and a quarter centuries we have defined the standards of courage, esprit, and military prowess. On this occasion, we should also remember that a grateful Nation cherishes our service and joins us in celebration.

The spirit of the Marines of Korea, Vietnam, and Kuwait still animates those who wear the eagle, globe, and anchor today. Their voices and those of all our predecessors join in a familiar chorus and exhort us to uphold our standards and honor our legacy. This we will do, for we have learned well the lessons of our past and know that there is no substitute for vigilance, strength, and resolve. Our Nation and the Marines of tomorrow can depend on that commitment.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,


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Corporal Reginald Daniels pays tribute to a former commandant at Arlington National Cemetery.
(photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

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(left) A wreath is laid at the foot of the Marine Corps War Memorial by Gen. Robert H. Barrow, 27th commandant of the Marine Corps; Gen. James L. Jones, commandant of the Marine Corps; and Col. Richard T. Tryon, barracks commanding officer. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

(right) Marines present the ceremonial Marine Corps birthday cake at the Marine Barracks Birthday Ball, November 3. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

(below) A wreath is laid at the grave of a former commandant. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)



(far left) Marines march past the reviewing area during the wreath laying ceremony, November 10. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)



(left) Colonel R.T. Tryon, barracks Commanding Officer, takes part in the annual cake cutting ceremony. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

celebrations for the Corps' 225th birthday y, Marines!!!



(above) The Marine Band performs in front of the Iwo Jima War Memorial. (photo by Sgt. Sara Storey)



(right) The United States Marine Corps Color Guard moves into place at the wreath laying ceremony, held at the Iwo Jima War Memorial each year on the Corps' birthday. (photo by Sgt. Sara Storey)



(left) Lance Corporal Timothy D. Judy plays "Taps," honoring a fallen Marine. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

(below) Part of Marine Barracks tradition, wreaths are laid at former commandant's gravesites on the Corps' birthday each year. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)





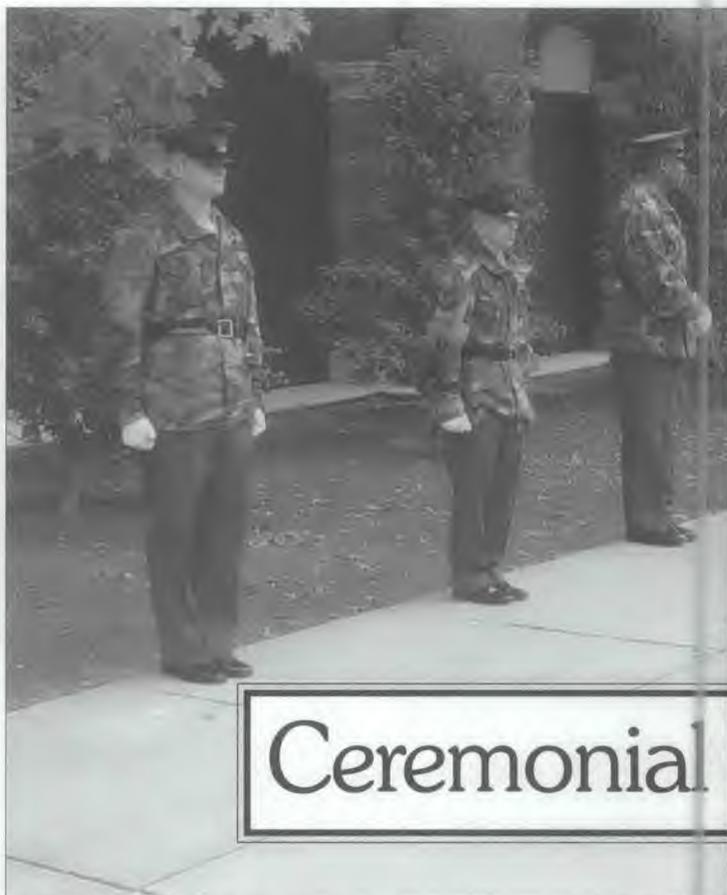
(above) Officers learn the proper way to execute barracks ceremonial drill from an experienced platoon commander. (photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell)



(above) The barracks drill master helps a Marine perfect his sword manual on Center Walk. (photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell)



(left) In February, all recent and former graduates of Ceremonial Drill School will compete for a position on one of the two parade staffs. (photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell)



Ceremonial

Staff NCOs line up on Troop Walk for Ceremonial Drill School and members of the parade staff. (photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell)

by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell
Public Affairs Chief

Thirty-six officers and staff NCOs of the barracks graduated from Ceremonial Drill School, October 20.

Ceremonial Drill School is a mandatory two-week course for all officers and staff NCOs assigned to the barracks, where they learn the finer points of the barracks' ceremonial drill for positions on the two parade staffs.

Ceremonial drill differs from fleet drill in many aspects, including facing movements and sword manual.

"The drill at the barracks is much smoother, with less 'snap and pop' than fleet drill," said Gunnery Sgt. Julien C. Duncan, CDS instructor.

Because of the significant amount of drill foundation that is poured into the officers and staff NCOs, it makes the barracks ceremonial drill somewhat difficult to learn, said Duncan.

Duncan said the drill is intense and the students must have extreme focus in order to be successful during the class.



Drill School

The course is taught each year by the barracks drill master (well)

Ceremonial Drill School stresses every aspect of ceremonial composure. The instructors examine every little detail, including facial expressions and excessive movement.

One of the reasons Ceremonial Drill School has had so much success is the amount of peer pressure during performances. Sometimes, Marines joke about the course, however, every Marine takes it seriously.

"The Marines may joke with one another about their performances, however, no one wants to go onto the parade deck without knowing what to do," said Duncan.

Ceremonial Drill School concludes with every Marine performing either the "Parade Commander" or the "Adjutant's Sequence" before their peers, instructors and the Commanding Officer.

Marines receive their diplomas from the commanding officer immediately after performing the various sequences.

In February, all recent and former graduates of CDS will edge dress their shoes, don swords and uniforms, and compete for a position on one of the two parade staffs.



(above) Ceremonial Drill School is a mandatory two-week course for officers and staff NCOs assigned to the barracks and is designed to teach the finer points of the barracks' ceremonial drill. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)



(left) Instructors stress every aspect of ceremonial composure, from facial expressions to excessive movement. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)



(below) As these Marines are learning, ceremonial drill differs from "fleet drill" in many ways, including facing movements and sword manual. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

Barracks Marines clean up D.C. streets

by *Cpl. Chad C. Adams*
Staff Writer

Heels struck the deck in a booming, rhythmic wave as people stared with wonder at the formation rumbling down the street. All eyes were on the mass of wood, plastic and steel carried by the Marines in green.

However, this time, rifles weren't carried.

More than 40 Marines teamed up with 30 civilians from local businesses and the surrounding residential area for the annual 8th Street Cleanup recently. This fall's Earth Day Partnership effort brought the military and local communities together to clean up 8th Street, Eastern Market Metro plaza and the surrounding side streets.

"We are out here to beautify the streetscape, pick up litter and help out the small businesses," said Christine McCoy, event coordinator.

Marines traded their M-1 Garand rifles, along with a Saturday morning, for shovels, brooms, rakes and spades. All of the volunteers got their hands dirty pulling weeds, picking up trash, sweeping streets and laying mulch in tree boxes during the one-day event.

Although Marines gave up part of their hard-earned weekend, many left the streets with a good feeling and a sense of accomplishment at doing something positive for the local community, an act that helps to bring a sense of belonging to both sides of the historic walls.



Several piles of garbage and debris were collected during the event. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)



Lance Corporal Peter Q. Gary, Headquarters & Service Company, Grounds Combat Element, loads a trailer with mulch. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

"It shows that we're willing to help the community," said Lance Cpl. Peter Q. Gary, Headquarters & Service Company, Grounds Combat Element. "We care about the neighborhood."

This year's participation marked the second consecutive year that Marine Barracks personnel have participated in the event, part of a continual effort of cooperation and participation with many different facets of the local community.

"Many of the Marines here try to get out and help the local community as much as they can," said Cpl. Daniel S. Steakin, H&S Company, administration clerk. "It makes you feel good when you see a kid's face or talk with the adults; it's all worthwhile when people know you're helping them."

These efforts aren't going unnoticed as many members of this community understand and appreciate the commitment made by their Marine Corps neighbors.

"I think it's important to help develop a sense of community," McCoy said. "It's important that the Marines understand that the community appreciates their support."

To learn precision and accuracy ...

Eagles Elite takes a lesson from the best

by Sgt. Sara Storey
Editor

Six of the 13-member Eagles Elite, a drill team from Granite City, Ill., spent time on the parade deck with members of the Silent Drill Platoon, November 6.

The Eagles Elite, whose members range in age from 14 to 20, is the youngest all-female drill team to compete in the Illinois State Fair, and is the defending champion.

Shannon Beasley, who has been with the Eagles Elite since it was formed, started with baton twirling when she was five, and is still an avid drill member today.

"Barbara Brandt taught my baton twirling group when I was a little girl, and now she's the director of our drill team," said Beasley.

About two years ago, 13 girls interested in twirling formed the Eagles Elite. They choreographed a drill sequence by watching performances from various units, and eventually received in-depth training on military drill from



One of 13 from the Eagles Elite takes a lesson from Sgt. Ryan L. Blaine, Silent Drill Platoon, drill master. Six members of the all-female drill team from Granite City, Ill., spent time learning tricks of the trade from SDP Marines. (photo by Sgt. Sara Storey)

an ROTC unit in Illinois.

Although they've seen many different performances and learned from many different units, the Silent Drill Platoon remains their biggest inspiration.

The Eagles Elite are a favorite at military reunions around the mid-east because of their military style. They perform their seven-minute drill show within a 300-mile radius of Granite City, Ill., and have performed for groups with as many as 1,500 spectators.

Through the donations they've received from performances, the group has raised more than \$1,000 for the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Because of their significant contribution, six members of the Eagles Elite, along with several chaperones and their director, Barbara Brandt, took an eight-day tour of the nation's capital, attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the World War II Memorial.

It was during this trip to Washington, D.C., that the girls stopped at the "Oldest Post" for some training with their mentors – the Silent Drill Platoon.

The visit to Marine Barracks came as a complete surprise to the Eagles Elite. Brandt spent weeks coordinating with Capt. Todd M. Boeding, SDP, platoon commander, before the girls actually made the trip. She told the all-female drill team about the special visit only minutes before their arrival.

"At first, the girls were really nervous and scared," said Brandt. "But, that quickly turned to excitement when they saw how nice the Marines are."

Trying to mimic their technique, the Eagles Elite has literally worn out two SDP tapes, according to Brandt.

"We're here to learn everything we can from the real, live members of [the SDP]. We've seen their videos so many times, we feel like we actually know them," said Beasley.

Beasley said she hopes to learn a few secrets from the SDP. She and the five other girls plan to take back tips on synchronization, precision, and hopefully teach the rest of the Eagles Elite some of the new spins they've learned here.

"These [Marines] don't realize that they are our heroes," she added. "These guys are who we want to be."

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Shannon Beasley



(above) With grit and determination in his eyes, this Marine struggled to the top of the wall with the help of his teammates.

(right) The wall is a rock climbing simulator, but there's nothing simulated about the adrenaline rush Marines got from the four-story climb.



Marines make it in West Virginia

story and photos by Cpl. Chad C. Adams
Staff Writer

The raft cut through the churning water quickly, gliding with the cadence-like rhythm of the paddles. As the team rounded the bend, a distant roar could faintly be heard rumbling up the canyon – white water ahead.

Then the river came alive.

Marines from the barracks left the hustle and bustle of the district for three days of West Virginia mountain air. The trip provided an amphibious assault on the senses during this getaway aimed at showing devil dogs the benefits of natural highs as alternatives to drugs and alcohol.

The trip was made possible, in part, due to the immense efforts of Marine Corps Community Services and the Marines who serve there. Instead of paying \$145 per person, MCCS picked up the majority of the tab, leaving river runners only a \$25 charge for their white water adventure -- which included camping, rafting, a climbing wall, a giant swing and a Crucible-style ropes course.

“The team-oriented ropes course was truly an eye-opener,” said Sgt. Rasheem M. Brown, Headquarters & Service Company, S-1, unit diary chief. “It was beneficial, due to the fact that everyone was unconsciously forced to work together to complete the task.”

However, the highlight of the trip was the world-class rapids. Although this served as the maiden whitewater voyage for the majority of the Marines, they attacked the river the only way they knew how, in typical Corps fashion – extreme.

Taking on West Virginia’s Gauley River, considered one of the top ten whitewater rivers in the world by paddling enthusiasts, these warriors of the sea traded their rifles for rubber rafts to tackle this “Beast of the East.”

Each fall, Summersville Dam opens their floodgates for 22 days, unleashing thousands of gallons of water per second into the Gauley River. From there, the Gauley descends 650 feet over 26 miles. The trek required eight-man teams to paddle their way through more than 100

“The rafting was highly challenging, but always good and wonderful. Close to the end of the trip, Sgt. Rasheem M. Brown said, ‘It was truly an eye-opener.’”

Sgt. Rasheem M. Brown



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major rapids (56 of them Class III-V+) along the Upper and Lower Gauley.

"It was exciting," said Cpl. Shawn Kolego, H&S Company, Facilities/Maintenance Section. "The rush, knowing that if you fall in, you're in trouble, hoping your team pulls you back; that was outstanding."

"The rafting trip was highly challenging, and it is always good to see God's wonderful works up close," Brown added.

Not for the faint-hearted, the teams attacked (or got really wet in the attempt), such aptly named obstacles as "Upper" and "Lower Mash," "Koontz's Flume" and "Pure Screamin' Hell" on the Lower Gauley.

For those lucky enough to tackle the Upper Gauley, teams hit the best and toughest whitewater in the east, taking on "Insignificant" (don't believe it!), "Pillow Rock," "Iron Ring," "Sweet's Falls" and "Lost Paddle."

Losing paddles, along with losing a seat in the raft, was a common theme during this adrenaline pumping run down



(above) Marines battled their way down the Gauley River in West Virginia during their day-long rafting excursion.



(left) Teamwork aided Marines as they worked together to overcome obstacles.

the legendary Gauley River; however, the purpose of the trip was not lost on wet heads.

Between running the rapids and sitting around the campfire, Marines sat down for a fireside counseling, where members of local law enforcement agencies spoke on the dangers and consequences of drug abuse.

"It just goes to show there is other stuff you can do," Kolego said. "You don't have to get drunk or use drugs to deal with the negative parts of life."

Ultimately, the white water adventure offered Marines a chance to get their feet wet while experiencing the natural highs of sports, teamwork and the great outdoors.

"The only example this trip sets for our junior and senior Marines is if you want and need a high, try activities like this," Brown said. "It will give you a long-lasting, all-natural high, not some temporary hit."

The trip hit the mark as these devil dogs, turned water dogs, paddled, bounced and swam their way through an electrifying run down West Virginia's legendary Gauley River.

It's a good thing Marines are amphibious.

Behind the scenes and after hours ...

Maintenance Marines keep "Oldest Post" looking new

by *Cpl. Chad C. Adams*
Staff Writer

Most of the time, these Marines perform their duties unseen.

Instead of the colors, they carry the screwdriver. While the musical units provide countless streams of beautiful music, they provide the flow of electricity. Rather than impressively spinning a rifle; behind the scenes, they strain under the deafening spin of the saw blade. Instead of performing under the lights, they put the spotlight in place.

Appropriately dressed in blue coveralls, these Marines do the blue-collar work that others may not be able to do. Their mission's importance is equal to any other here at Marine Barracks.

They are the Facilities/Maintenance Marines.

The Maintenance Section of Headquarters & Service Company is a multi-Military Occupational Specialty shop. Comprised of the carpenter, electric and paint shops, along



(above and right) Lance Corporal Dan B. McDevitt performs several of his daily duties in the Facilities/Maintenance Section. (photos by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)



Lance Corporal John J. Keelen touches up a door jamb -- just one part of his seemingly endless painting duties. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

with the Basic Enlisted Quarters boiler room and the air conditioner shop, these Marines are responsible for virtually every aspect pertaining to the functional abilities of Marine Barracks.

"Even though we have so many different MOSs down here, we can still pull together as a shop and get the job done," said Lance Cpl. Dan B. McDevitt, H&S Company, Facilities/Maintenance Section, carpenter shop.

Not only are they forced to overcome working with those who have been trained for different MOSs, they also work with civilians, creating a shop with an enormous variety of training and skill levels.

"Different" is the common theme for these Marines. While Marine Barracks may be unique to any other duty station in the Corps, so is the work that keeps the colors



USNA Company devil dog is “Marine of the Year”



by *Martha Thorn*
USNA Public Affairs

The Navy League of the United States, Annapolis Council recognized Cpl. Chris Anderson as the Marine of the Year during a ceremony at the Officers’ & Faculty Club.

Maj. Gen. Terrance P. Murray, assistant deputy chief of staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs director, Personnel Management Division, United States Marine Corps, made the presentation at a joint lunch between the Navy League of the United States, Annapolis Council and the Naval Academy Alumni Association, Annapolis

Chapter.

The groups met jointly to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday and remember Marines and former Marines.

Anderson was selected from the nearly 70 Marines in the United States Naval Academy Company, based on his superior performance throughout the past year.

“All the Marines in this unit are good,” says Capt. Jarrod Stoutenborough, USNA Company, commanding officer. “Cpl. Anderson stands out because he takes everything he does to a higher level. He has proven to be an inspiring leader and a well-rounded Marine.”

Maintenance continued ...

flying high.

“Here, it’s totally different,” said Lance Cpl. Kevin Garris, H&S Company, Facilities/Maintenance Section, electric shop. “We are electricians on more of a commercial level. We make sure people have electricity in their rooms and offices.”

This is a far cry from the work Garris did at his previous duty station, where he was primarily responsible for the operational readiness and upkeep of field generators. This transition from General-Purpose tents in the remote jungles of Okinawa to the tight office spaces of Marine Barracks is similar to the transition that all Maintenance Marines are familiar with.

Not only do they make the tough transition from differences with the fleet; some Marines must make an even bigger adjustment – one where they must learn as they go.

“There is no painting MOS in the Marine Corps,” McDevitt said.

So the paint shop is filled with Marines like Lance Cpl. John J. Keelen, H&S Company, formerly trained as an

“We paint everyday ... everything has to get touched up constantly to make sure the barracks looks good.”

Lance Cpl. John J. Keelen



Corporal John W. O'Donnell III, loads bleachers onto a truck during the annual clean-up of the parade deck, called “Bleacher Week.” (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

infantryman, and they must get their feet wet (literally sometimes) while the paint dries.

“We paint everyday,” said Lance Cpl. Keelen, paint shop, referring to the continuous mission his section faces. “Everything has to get touched up constantly to make sure the barracks looks good.”

Either behind the spotlight on parade nights, or in the hidden corridors down below; across the board, Maintenance Marines commit to that age-old adage, “adapt and overcome.” They rise above their challenging assignment and keep Marine Barracks in step.

Ghosts and goblins storm parade deck for barracks annual Halloween party

by Public Affairs Office

photos by Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Marines and family members from the barracks brought their young trick-or-treaters to the parade deck to celebrate the holiday at the annual Halloween party, on the sunny afternoon of October 28.

Little devils worked side-by-side with Marine volunteers, decorating trick-or-treat bags and painting spooky pumpkins.

Parents joined their young ones on a hay ride around the parade deck after bellies were swollen with candy and homemade goodies, and arms were heavy with treat-filled bags.

After the short break, ghosts and goblins were rested up enough to line up for the costume contest, just before storming the parade deck in search of sweets.



(above) Young princesses color spooky pumpkins at the barracks annual Halloween party. (below) A small pony gallops her way across the barracks parking lot in search of goodies to fill her bag and her tummy.



(above) Trick-or-treaters count and compare their loot after scouring the parade deck in search of candy.



(left) Marine volunteers take parents and their young ones on a hay ride around the barracks.

Together in childhood ...
 throughout recruit training ...
 and at the School of Infantry ...

Brothers find a home at “Oldest Post”

by *Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell*
Public Affairs Chief

The Marine Corps is known as a “band of brothers” – quite literally in this case.

Corporal Lance C. Esquibel, born Aug. 30, 1979.

Corporal Ray S. Esquibel, born Sept. 10, 1980.

Many Marines have siblings in the Corps, however, very few have taken the unique path that the Esquibel brothers have taken.

The brothers grew up in Durango, Colo., and although they are not twins, they have been treated as such for most of their lives.

“We’ve been treated like twins since we were kids,” said Lance. “Our

mom would always dress us in the same clothes and we were always mistaken for each other in school.”

Lance planned on pursuing a sporting career at the collegiate level until he was approached by a Marine Corps recruiter at a boxing tournament.

Ray, on the other hand, had always planned to join the Corps.

“I have wanted to join the Marine Corps since I was 10-years-old and I saw the commercial with the chess pieces,” said Ray.

The brothers enlisted in the Corps as part of the “buddy program,” and shipped off to MCRD San Diego together on July 26, 1998.

Many people think having a sibling in the same platoon in boot camp would provide extra support, but according to



The Esquibel brothers pose at MCRD San Diego, the day before their graduation from recruit training. (photo courtesy of Esquibel brothers)

Lance, that wasn’t the case for he and his brother.

“We were able to talk at night, but during the day we barely even saw each other,” said Lance.

During boot camp the brothers were interviewed by a barracks representative and were chosen to come to Marine Barracks upon completion of the School of Infantry, which they also completed together. They reported to Marine Barracks Dec. 18, 1998, where they began Ceremonial Drill School.

The Esquibel brothers are both enjoying their enlistments here at the barracks and continue to be as close as ever. According to Lance, they talk every night and watch football together each Sunday.

Currently, Lance is in Headquarters and Service Company, working in the mailroom. Ray is in “B” Company, 1st platoon.



(from left to right) Mike and Brenda Alcon, stepfather and mother; PFC Lance C. Esquibel; PFC Ray S. Esquibel Jr.; Ray Sr., and Christie Esquibel, father and stepmother, at MCRD San Diego, October 23, 1998, the day their sons graduated recruit training. (photo courtesy of Esquibel brothers)

Long lost piece of barracks history returns home

by Cpl. Chad C. Adams
Staff Writer

A piece of barracks history returned home after a mysterious, cross-country journey that ended in the hands of a World War II-era Marine couple.

Captain Clarence M. Nelson (retired), and his wife Vera, a former Marine tech sergeant during the war, happened upon a curious piece of Marine Corps history in California.

Through a friend, the couple found a small, wooden plaque at a flea market in San Diego. At first sight, the Nelsons knew they had been given something special – an exact replica of the bronze plaque on Center Walk bearing the phrase “Original Site Occupied Since 1801.”

Apparently an award that may never have been presented, the barracks plaque with no name created curiosity among the Nelsons.



Clarence and Vera Nelson, both former Marines, donate this small, wooden plaque, found at a flea market outside San Diego, to Col. R.T. Tryon, barracks Commanding Officer. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)



Captain Fred Catchpole, Headquarters and Service Company, public affairs officer, and Vera Nelson compare the donated, wooden plaque to the original bronze one, located on Center Walk. (photo by Cpl. Chad C. Adams)

“I’m delighted that somebody wanted [the plaque], that somebody will treasure it.”

Clarence M. Nelson

“It’s amazing that it ended up in a flea market in San Diego,” Clarence said. “Wouldn’t it be wonderful to know how it got there.”

But, instead of adding it to the “I-love-me wall” that some Marines have, the Nelsons knew this piece of Corps lore belonged somewhere special – namely, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

“It doesn’t hold nearly the meaning for us as it would for you folks,” said Clarence, who navigated through every enlisted rank from private to sergeant major, and then two warrant officer ranks before retiring as a captain.

Clarence, who was once stationed

at the Pentagon, understood the importance of the history inside the hallowed walls of 8th & I, a feeling his wife echoed.

“We feel lucky even to have had that plaque for a little while,” Vera added.

Clarence made some calls to the barracks. By chance, the Nelsons had an unrelated trip scheduled to Washington, D.C., and everyone involved jumped at the chance to finally bring the plaque home. It was presented to Col. Richard T. Tryon, barracks Commanding Officer, at a small ceremony on Center Walk.

Everyone at the Corps’ “Oldest Post” is delighted to receive this piece of barracks history, an artifact that definitely will find a home here. It will hang on the walls of the staff noncommissioned officer conference room, according to Tryon.

“I’m delighted that somebody wanted it, that somebody will treasure it,” Clarence said.

When you see these Marines, congratulate them on their recent promotions.

H&S Company

October

- Lt. Col. M.F. Riccio
- Sgt. N.C. Erdhal
- Sgt. C.J. Pakney
- Sgt. G.M. Partee
- Sgt. R.G. Stalvey
- Cpl. K.C. Cole
- Cpl. J.W. Derry
- Cpl. N.L. Gilbert
- Cpl. D. Hadlich
- Cpl. J.T. Heuerman
- Cpl. J.W. O'Donnell III
- Cpl. A.V. Roberts
- Cpl. C.J. Schaaf
- Cpl. M.P. Smith
- Cpl. Y. Vargas
- Cpl. S.A. Yoder
- Lance Cpl. J.M. Frost
- Lance Cpl. J.M. Itkonon
- Lance Cpl. K.M. Longest
- Lance Cpl. G.T. Love III
- Lance Cpl. W.F. Rutherford
- Lance Cpl. T.G. Ware
- Lance Cpl. M.A. Wells
- Pfc. N.R. Hanson
- Pfc. A.A. Orellana

November

- Staff Sgt. W.D. Clare II
- Staff Sgt. S.C. Jones
- Sgt. B.J. Alberts
- Sgt. W.C. Kinard
- Sgt. E.A. Miner
- Sgt. J.F. Patrick
- Sgt. A.G. Seals
- Sgt. J.H. St. Charles
- Sgt. C.D. Weber
- Cpl. D.J. Allen
- Cpl. N.T. Baklund
- Cpl. J.E. Gosson
- Cpl. M.J. Higginbotham
- Cpl. D.D. Hunter
- Cpl. J.R. Morales

- Cpl. C.D. Ticknor
- Lance Cpl. J.M. Wheeler
- Lance Cpl. D.B. McCollister

MCI Company

October

- Master Sgt. C. Peterkin
- Sgt. K.L. McRae
- Cpl. J.R. Quiroz Jr.
- Lance Cpl. P.R. Carpenter
- Pfc. R.P. Munday

November

- Master Sgt. A. Goodwyn
- Sgt. J.D. Ayers
- Cpl. M.E. Cannedy
- Cpl. B.G. Eller
- Cpl. J.S. Hale
- Cpl. L.R. Parker II
- Cpl. I.W. Scott

"A" Company

October

- Sgt. S.A. Sherwood
- Cpl. J.V. Lippert

November

- Sgt. A.J. Lane
- Cpl. D.K. Binkley Jr.
- Cpl. A.G. Comstock
- Cpl. C.J. Davis
- Cpl. G.A. Guarjardo
- Cpl. N.W. Jenkins
- Cpl. B.A. Luschinski
- Cpl. J.O. McDonald
- Cpl. J.C. Monica
- Cpl. G. Utkin

"B" Company

October

- Sgt. J.S. Hopson
- Cpl. H.J. Angulo
- Cpl. W.C. Crawford II
- Cpl. J.H. Pratt
- Lance Cpl. G.D. Abdullah
- Lance Cpl. B.J. Bilbrey
- Lance Cpl. J.W. Meyer
- Lance Cpl. A.L. Neville
- Lance Cpl. G.D. Raden

- Lance Cpl. M.H. Roehler
- Lance Cpl. S.L. Steif
- Pfc. J.H. Market
- Pfc. K. Rios Jr.
- Pfc. I.S. Winsett

November

- Staff Sgt. C. Daunhauer
- Sgt. C.J. Sjostrom
- Sgt. J.S. Volgren
- Cpl. D.M. Carson
- Cpl. W.B. Ezell
- Cpl. D.E. Harvey
- Cpl. E.J. Pentek
- Cpl. J.G. Reid
- Pfc. J.J. Ceremuga
- Pfc. C. Katthage Jr.
- Pfc. R.D. Newkamp

Security Company

October

- Cpl. J.A. Kelley
- Cpl. J.C. Shepard
- Lance Cpl. J.E. Foskuhl

November

- Staff Sgt. P.T. Davis
- Sgt. B.J. Black
- Sgt. A.L. Ellison
- Sgt. J.C. Fielder
- Sgt. J.B. Harper III
- Sgt. D.J. Jehn
- Sgt. S.C. Miguez
- Sgt. R.S. Shockley
- Cpl. J.A. Aparicio
- Cpl. T.W. Dahmer
- Cpl. P.D. Dunphy
- Cpl. J.K. Emmert
- Cpl. M.A. Harmon
- Cpl. D.A. Langdon
- Cpl. R.S. Lesiotto
- Cpl. P.C. McMillin
- Cpl. J.W. Merriman
- Cpl. B.A. Nelson
- Cpl. K.P. Rafferty
- Cpl. J.W. Wright

USNA Company

October

Cpl. B.D. Spears
Pfc. R.J. Jimenez

November

Cpl. A.G. Collins
Cpl. A.R. Wallman
Pfc. A. Calderon
Pfc. J.L. Hancock Jr.
Pfc. O.S. Lewis
Pfc. E.C. Loggins

D&B Company

October

Gunnery Sgt. M.S. Miller
Cpl. W.D. Crawford
Cpl. B.J. Garrett
Cpl. C.M. Spencer

November

Gunnery Sgt. C.L. Arnold

Band Company

November

Cpl. E.M. White

Congratulate the following Marines on the awards they recently received.

Navy Commendation Medal

Master Sgt. D.T. Schelder Jr.
Gunnery Sgt. L.R. Nelson

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Sgt. J.B. Buchanan III
Sgt. K.R. Jolly Jr.
Sgt. D.E. Paige
Sgt. S.J. Storey
Cpl. M.K. Allen
Cpl. H.E. Becerra
Cpl. D.K. Binkley Jr.
Cpl. A.G. Comstock
Cpl. M.P. Higgins
Cpl. J.A. Hill
Cpl. D.A. Schay
Lance Cpl. L.C. Jamie
Lance Cpl. J.L. Laintz
Lance Cpl. M.L. Meeks
Lance Cpl. J.E. Puglise

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Sgt. J.P. Powers

Certificate of Commendation

Sgt. D.G. Dantin
Cpl. M.J. Cuomo
Lance Cpl. B.R. Endicott
Lance Cpl. R.J. Frank

Meritorious Mast

Cpl. J.M. Townley
Cpl. S.A. Yoder
Lance Cpl. R.C. Alsaker
Lance Cpl. S.P. Ashman
Lance Cpl. J.D. Denham
Lance Cpl. A.D. Gleave
Lance Cpl. C.A. Grover Jr.
Lance Cpl. M.E. Henrie
Lance Cpl. D.N. Hutson
Lance Cpl. B.S. Marshall
Lance Cpl. B.G. Martin
Lance Cpl. B.D. McCollister
Lance Cpl. M.S. Rahn
Lance Cpl. W.F. Rugherford
Lance Cpl. J.M. Wheeler

OUTSTANDING!

Sergeant William C. Kinard, Headquarters and Service Company, Adjutant Section, awards clerk, was promoted in a ceremony on Center Walk, November 1. (photo by Sgt. Justin C. Bakewell)



God loves Marines for their dedication and sacrifice

by Lt. Gregory C. Cathcart
Barracks chaplain

God loves Marines because he knows they are no stranger to sacrifice or pain.

Marines are accustomed to giving up the comforts in life to answer the call that most choose not to.

He knows theirs is a heart that perseveres and never quits until the job is done.

He knows theirs is a faith, believing without seeing, yet knowing that all things are possible.

He knows they are familiar with going the extra mile down dark lonely corridors that sometimes lead to death ... the same corridors his son had to walk many years ago.

He knows Marines are familiar with living in barren places, without knowing when they will return home. All

the while, they are surrounded by temptations of the world – yet they hold true to what they believe is right.

God loves the Marines because they are the ones called upon to stand

“... God loves Marines because they can manage to find humor in every situation.”

Chaplain G.C. Cathcart

up for what is noble and just, regardless of the popular opinion of the day.

A Marine in the trenches fights until his last breath is drawn. A Marine stops to help someone in need. A Marine will give his last bit of food for a friend. A Marine stands at attention for hours to honor another who has

fallen ... God loves them all.

God loves the Marines because they always make the best of a bad situation, and never ask for anything in return.

God loves them because they come in all colors, sizes, backgrounds and cultures; but somehow come together as one.

Indeed, God loves Marines because they can manage to find humor in every situation. They laugh at their pain and never ask for sympathy or comfort.

God loves Marines because they take him at his word with a simple, yet profound faith seeing them through.

With grit in their teeth, fire in their eyes, iron in their jaws, and gravel in their guts; God loves the Marines and you should too.

Semper Fi,
G.C. Cathcart

Donations make a difference during the holiday season

Marines and their families are known for coming together to help one another when help is needed.

Your help is needed for the annual distribution of “Christmas Baskets.”

All items donated stay within the barracks and are given to Marines and their families in need.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Chaplain’s Office.

For further information, call 202-433-6201.



Marine Barracks and Fort Henry Guard joint performance, 1970



The Marine Corps and Fort Henry Color Guards advance the colors at the Marine Corps War Memorial during a joint "Sunset Parade," held August 18, 1970.

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