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Eyes Right

Parade staff chosen for 2002

INSIDE: Barracks breaks new ground, Marines mentor children

One death too many ...

Soaring off-duty casualties demand every Marine's attention

by *George M. Stark*

Headquarters Marine Corps

Fifty-one Marines have already died this fiscal year in on-duty and off-duty mishaps.

Currently, the Corps is losing nine Marines a month to accidents and mishaps.

These losses are so staggering that the Commandant issued All Marine Message 013/02 in effort to stem this deadly tidal wave of death. The All Marine Message mandated an operational pause for all Marine Corps organizations in order to assess causes and devise strategies to prevent avoidable losses of life and property.

As individual Marines and leaders, what can you do to stop this carnage?

The answer lies in Operational Risk Management or ORM.

Although ORM is a military doctrine, it can be applied to off-duty situations. Since over 50 percent of the ground mishap fatalities and over 45 percent of the ground mishap injuries in the Marine Corps occur when Marines are off-duty, the need for ORM in off-duty applications is very clear.

Here is how ORM can be applied to the typical off-duty situation involving a long motor vehicle trip.

The Five Steps of ORM

1. Identify Hazards
2. Assess Hazards
3. Make Risk Decisions
4. Implement Controls
5. Supervise

Step 1: Identifying Hazards

- Long-distance driving on crowded highways
- Night driving under reduced visibility conditions
- Bad weather and hazardous road conditions
- Malfunctioning or poorly operating vehicle
- Drunk, drugged or aggressive drivers

Step 2: Assessing Hazards

- Long-distance nonstop driving can be risky
- Daylight driving is safer than driving at night
- Bad weather and hazardous road conditions can cause unexpected mishaps
- A poorly operating vehicle can be deadly
- Careless drivers increase during holidays

Step 3: Making Risk Decisions

- Break up trips into segments
- Perform a pre-trip safety check to ensure it is fully operational
- Minimize nighttime driving
- Prepare a time schedule for the trip so that the entire trip is not conducted in a rush
- Avoiding confrontations with aggressive drivers

Step 4: Implementing Controls

- Use seat belts and child car seats properly
- Obey speed limits and traffic regulations
- No drinking and driving at anytime
- Make children act and behave appropriately
- Don't retaliate against an aggressive driver
- Don't perform any actions while driving that could result in the lost of focus on the road

Step 5: Supervising

- Make everyone buckle-up
- Remember to watch speed limits
- Remind children to behave appropriately

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Major Ryan P. Heritage, executive officer, Marine Corps Institute, executes eyes right. (photo by Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett; graphic manipulation as a watercolor by Cpl. Leah A. Cobble)

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Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

Gen. Michael J. Williams, ACMC, and Ward Six Councilmember, Sharon Ambrose, cut the cake to celebrate the future Barracks Annex.



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Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Commandant of the Marine Corps General James L. Jones, and Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton break ground for the new Barracks Annex. The event marks a new chapter in the 200-year relationship between the Marine Corps and the citizens of Washington D.C.

by **Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers**
Public Affairs Officer

WASHINGTON — Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams broke ground for the future Marine Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility during an onsite ceremony Feb. 28, at 7th and “K” Streets Southeast.

“Today is indeed an occasion for celebration,” Gen. Jones said to the crowd of more than 300 Marines, Sailors and community members. “This annex is an example of the Navy-Marine Corps team at its finest.”

The future building, designed by BBGM/Architects &

Interiors together with Coakley & Williams Construction, and contracted through Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, D.C., will contribute to the community’s revitalization.

The Commandant touched upon what the project means to the local area. “This illustrates our commitment to this community and our dedication to be a good neighbor,” the General said.

The complex will contain office spaces and a rehearsal hall for the United States Marine Band, in addition to living quarters for 322 enlisted Marines, a parking garage, and an outdoor recreational area.



painting courtesy of BBGM/Architects and Interiors

The new barracks, scheduled to be completed by December 2003, will provide housing for 322 enlisted Marines.

The site is located within walking distance of the 200-year-old quadrangle at “8th & I” and the Historic Washington Navy Yard. The project is scheduled for completion by December 2003.

H&S Company gets new Commanding Officer

by Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas
Staff Writer

The commanding officer of Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) for the past fifteen months took command of Headquarters & Service Company here Jan. 24 in a brief change-of-command ceremony in the Band Hall.

Captain Todd E. Perry succeeded Capt. Frederick J. Catchpole, who assumed duties as the executive officer for H&S Company.

Perry reported to the 2nd Marine Division in March of 1994 for assignment to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, as a forward observer. His other assignments while serving with 1/10 were assistant executive officer for Battery B, Headquarters Battery executive officer, and fire direction officer for Battery C. In December 1995 he was ordered to the 24th MEU (SOC) for duty as target information officer. He deployed with the 24th MEU to the Mediterranean in June 1996 and then returned back to Camp Lejeune, N.C., in December 1996. In January 1997 he became the fire support officer for the 24th MEU. He deployed again to the Mediterranean in October 1997 and returned to Camp Lejeune in April 1998.

He was then selected to attend the Field Artillery Officer Advance Course and received orders to report to 2nd Marine Division for assignment to Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, where he was assigned duties as the Battalion S-4 Officer. In August 2000 he was assigned duties as the commanding officer for Battery E



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

Captain Todd E. Perry receives the Headquarters & Service Company guidon from Capt. Fred J. Catchpole.

and deployed with the 24th MEU to the Mediterranean from April to October 2001.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science at Texas A&M University in May 1992. He entered the Marine Corps through the Platoon Leaders Course and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve upon graduation from college in May 1992. In October 1992 he reported to Quantico, Va. and attended The Basic School until the spring of 1993. His military education includes the Field Artillery Basic and Advance Officer Course.

During his ten years of service, Perry has earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



Cpl. Leah A. Cobble

MCI turns 82!

Lieutenant Col. Glenn E. Gearhard, commanding officer, Marine Corps Institute, and Mr. Terry M. Franus, executive director, Marine Corps Institute, share the honor of cutting the birthday cake celebrating the Marine Corps Institute's 82nd birthday. Founded Feb. 2, 1920 at Quantico, Va., by Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, the first classes available were Auto Mechanics, Music, Typewriting and Shorthand. Marine Corps Institute became an attraction for recruiting and retention, and in May 1920, the Institute's courses were tested in a deployed situation when they were provided aboard USS Henderson. Soon after, course enrollment was opened to all other duty stations.

Three companies post new first sergeants

by Public Affairs Office

Forbes hits deck running at MCI

The company first sergeant for Headquarters & Service Company, Provost Marshal's Office, Security Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., assumed duties as company first sergeant for the Marine Corps Institute in December.

First Sgt. John F. Forbes succeeds 1st Sgt. Leon S. Thornton, who transferred to "B" Company to assume duties as company first sergeant.

In September 2000, Forbes received orders to report to Security Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va. Forbes was selected to his present rank and reassigned to Officer Candidate School as company first sergeant for "E" Company. He then received orders to Security Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

First Sgt. John F. Forbes takes the sword from Lt. Col. Glenn E. Gearhard, commanding officer, Marine Corps Institute.



Thornton steps off to "B" Company

The former company first sergeant for the Marine Corps Institute assumed duties as "B" Company First Sergeant Feb. 21.

First Sgt. Leon S. Thornton succeeded 1st Sgt. Roland J. Daniel, who assumed duties as Headquarters & Service Company First Sergeant.

Thornton served as a wire chief, with 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Division and 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. He also completed a tour on the drill field as a Senior Drill Instructor at Parris Island, S.C.

Thornton is currently working on his bachelor's degree in Psychology at Campbell University.

Daniel returns to H&S Company

The former company first sergeant from "B" Company assumed duties as Headquarters & Service Company First Sergeant Feb. 2.

First Sgt. Roland J. Daniel succeeds Gunnery Sgt. Allen C. Benjamin, who retains his former position as company gunnery sergeant.

Daniel returns after serving as H&S Company First Sergeant from

Aug. 28, 1998 until June 1999, when he took over as company first sergeant for "B" Company.

Daniel is the recipient of a Joint Services Army Commendation award, the Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Daniel resides with his wife Sharon E. Daniel and their two sons.



Marines support “Read Across America”

by Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas
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Volunteers from “8th & I” ventured a few city blocks away into the world of Saint Peter’s Interparish school March 1, to read to the students in Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade.

The Marines were there in support of a national program called “Read Across America,” which is sponsored by the National Education Association. Now in its fifth year, the program was designed to encourage children of all ages to read.

At St. Peter’s School, a number of activities were planned throughout the day, which began with the volun-



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Sergeant Michael O. Wilkis, Battle Color Detachment scheduling NCO, S-3, Headquarters & Service Company, reads a story to the fifth-grade class while the students listen attentively.

teers from Marine Barracks reading to students at the school.

“This is truly a reading extravaganza,” said Barbara Ochmanek, the school librarian and organizer of the event. “Reading is the cornerstone of a child’s education and having the Marines here to read to them helps the children to enjoy reading that much more.”

At first the Marines went two-by-two to read to a class and answer questions from the eager young students.

“Reading to the kids was a lot of fun,” said Cpl. Wayne D. Frinkle, clerk, Protocol, Headquarters & Service Company. “It started bringing back memories of when I was in second or third grade.”

The paired Marines then split up and each took a class alone.

“The fifth-graders were amazing,” said Sgt. Michael O. Wilkis, Battle Color Detachment scheduling noncommissioned officer, S-3. “They were more interested in asking questions about the Marine Corps than the stories I had to read.”

The Marines were hit with questions about Marine Corps life, work hours and uniforms. The big question was, “Why do Marines wear green all the time?”

“It was exciting to be there,” said Lance Cpl. Ray Ross, unit diary clerk, S-1. “I think I got just as much out of it as the kids did.”

The visit only lasted an hour, but the impression left by the Marines might last much longer.



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Corporal Wayne D. Frinkle, clerk, Protocol, Headquarters & Service Company answers questions for the eager students.

Smooth Operators - The driving force of Marine Barracks

Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas
Staff Writer

NAVAL STATION ANACOSTIA, Washington, D.C. – This might be one of the more demanding duties in the Marine Corps. The hours are long, the roads unforgiving and the passengers are often oblivious to the trials and tribulations required to complete the mission.

At the motor pool there is more to being a driver than most people think. Marines who attend the school for Motor Transport Operations at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., spend six weeks learning the various elements of military vehicles including the High Multi-purpose Mobility Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs), Logistical Vehicle Systems (LVS), and the MA-13 (5-ton). While at school, students were also trained on commercial vehicles such as commercial busses. Each student has to memorize the safety protocols, operating procedures and mechanics of each vehicle before graduating.

However, once these Marines arrive at the motor pool drivers switch to commercial vehicles exclusively.

“New Marines assigned to the motor pool are driven around little by little so they can become familiar with the area,” said Sgt. Giovanni Lobo, platoon sergeant, motor pool, Headquarters & Service Company. “Eventually we give them a driving test in which they are required to drive a noncommissioned officer to certain places the NCO designates, to make sure the driver is capable of doing their job and not getting lost.”

A map, cellular phone and written directions are given to all drivers before leaving the motor pool. However,



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Corporal Daniel L. Catlett, section leader, 1st squad, motor transportation, Headquarters & Service Company, does an inspection for safety checks.

Marines are also encouraged to scout their routes and destinations a day or two before their scheduled ride.

“Most people think that we don’t do a lot here, but this is one of the busiest commercial motor pools,” said Lobo. “We’re lucky because even though we are understaffed, the Marines pick up the slack. These guys work really hard. They don’t get holidays off, and every 96 while everyone else is out having fun, the motor pool is working.”

The Marines work long hours, sometimes from 4 a.m. to 11 p.m.

“But we take care of our Marines,” said Lobo. “We make sure everyone has enough time off and enough sleep, because the amount of sleep they get directly affects their job. We can’t have someone falling asleep at the wheel.”

And while parade season preparations are hectic for the Barracks; the motor pool also feels the pressure of additional duties.

“During the parade season the vehicles have to be in perfect condition, no exception,” said Gunnery Sgt. Mark Shuler, maintenance chief. “Every vehicle has to be detailed and cleaned before every use. We check the vehicles every day to make sure they are in perfect condition mechanically and cosmetically.”

The hard working devil dogs at the motor pool travel in a 300-mile radius of Washington D.C., from basketball team trips to Camp Lejeune, N.C., Drum and Bugle Corps performances, to escorting officers to the White House. The Marines of the motor pool here are the driving force of Marine Barracks.

WWII veteran tells the ‘real story’



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

Retired Master Sgt. Thomas W. Miller shares his knowledge with the young Marines.

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There is rarely a chance when a junior Marine gets to come face-to-face with a retired Marine who witnessed the flag raising at Iwo Jima and the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Master Sgt. Thomas W. Miller, is such a find.

Now, more than 60 years after he joined the Marine Corps, Miller is still telling the Marine Corps story, dedicating his time to dispelling the myths and rumors that have grown into Marine Corps lore.

After he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in April 1940, Miller went on active duty in November of the same year.

It was a time in the Marine Corps when the field uniform was Khaki, neckties were called “field ties,” a private made \$21 a month and Camp David was called “Shangri-La.”

“I was in the Marine Corps during a very important time; not many people can say they were at Iwo Jima and saw the flag being raised or at Pearl Harbor when Japan attacked,” said Miller. “This is why I think it’s important for the public to learn the truth about these events and other pieces of

our nation’s history, instead of relying on hearsay and myth.” Thus, “The Iwo Jima Memorial & The Myth of The 13th Hand,” Miller wrote dispelling such myths as the 13th hand on the Marine Corps War Memorial that is rumored to symbolize the hand of God. His booklet gives an extensive diagram of the statue, detailing foot and hand placement.

The booklet also covers the M-1 Garand Rifle controversy. According to Miller, when the artist was given guides to make the memorial, he was given M-2 carbines instead of M-1 carbines. The difference is the M-2’s bayonet lug, which the Iwo Jima-era carbines did not have.

“The Marine Corps War Memorial is not just another statue, it is a symbol of a very important event in our history,” said Miller. “It was constructed after a picture that was taken atop Mount Sarabachi when those men put up the American Flag.”

Miller has spoken to numerous groups of young people including junior Marines at “8th & I” during Corporals Course graduations for classes 1-02 and 2-02. He has also lectured to groups on the history of the Marine Corps and to Marines on how to become good leaders.

“These are the reasons that I think it is important to speak to people about the events in our nation’s history, especially young people,” said Miller. “I love talking to young people about the things I have seen. They are eager to learn. Most people think that the young people of today are only interested in video games and the mall. Personally, I think that the young people of today are just as good as the “Greatest Generation,” and when the day comes that their country calls on them, they will make their families proud and carry on the proud history of this nation.”

Tryouts, selections complete -

2002 parade staffs begin drill master's crucible



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First Sgt. John F. Forbes, company first sergeant, Marine Corps Institute, marches toward Center Walk during CDS recently. Forbes was selected to march in the sergeant major position for the Staff NCO parades.



by Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer

Hours of practice, the nervousness of competition and the responsibility of judges to make the right decisions were the primary concerns of Marines here in February. It wasn't the Winter Olympics everyone was concerned about, it was the Parade Staff tryouts.

Barracks officers and staff non-

Major Christian G. Cabaniss, S-3 officer, Headquarters & Service Company, gives the command to sound adjutant's call. (photo by Lance Cpl Travis W. Shiflett)

commissioned officers put it all on the line and gave their best on the parade deck Feb. 13, in an attempt to make parade staff for the upcoming season. Those selected would represent the Barracks for the next year.

Before the date for the tryout was set, the officers and staff NCOs knew it was time to begin preparing uniforms and perfecting their ceremonial drill movements. However, for some it wasn't that easy.

For some Marines who had just arrived at Marine Barracks, this was their first encounter with the unique styles and movements of ceremonial drill, but they were still expected to tryout.



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Staff Sgt. Edward D. DuBois, platoon sergeant, 2nd platoon, "A" Company prepares to execute "eyes right" during CDS. All officers and staff NCOs at the Barracks are required to take the school.

"It was pretty difficult adjusting to ceremonial drill, especially the sword manual," said Gunnery Sgt. Darnell L. Lardge, personnel chief. "The change in style of the sword movements was definitely the hardest for me."

All officers and staff NCOs required to go through two weeks of Ceremonial Drill School. Taking time out from their usual duties at the Barracks, the school teaches them the proper movements, sword manual and verbal commands required of a staff member.

When tryout day finally came, each of the candidates got his opportunity of center stage. The graders swarmed the hopeful staff members, testing their confidence and bearing while

inspecting their uniforms and personal appearances from head to toe.

"When we are watching them, we look at their ceremonial composure, ability to manipulate the sword movements and their drill rhythm," said 1st Sgt. William A. Winters, "A" Company first sergeant.

The Marines attempted to suppress all nervousness aside and prove to the reviewers and all their peers that they should be the ones "barking" out commands this parade season.

After seemingly endless days and countless hours of drill practice and competition, the staffs for the 2002 parade season is now set. The chosen staffs have already begun the drill master's crucible, to refine their skills for "game day."

The pressure of another long parade season is just heating up, and now is the time for the newly appointed parade staffs to perfect the drill routines that allow Barracks Marines the honor of wearing the proud title "the best of the few."

2002 Marine Barracks Parade Staffs

Parade Commander

Maj. Ryan P. Heritage

Adjutant

Warrant Officer Michael G. Branch

Flanking Officer

Capt. Spencer L. Padgett

Capt. John S. Taylor

Staff NCOs

Master Sgt. Angelo Goodwyn

Gunnery Sgt. Darnell L. Lardge

Gunnery Sgt. Stanton B. Pittman

Gunnery Sgt. Gregg M. White

Parade Commander

Maj. Christian G. Cabaniss

Adjutant

Capt. James R. Williamson

Flanking Officer

Capt. Melvin Ferdinand

Capt. Todd E. Perry

Staff NCOs

Gunnery Sgt. Allen C. Benjamin

Gunnery Sgt. Darrin Johnson

Gunnery Sgt. Gideon S. Rogers

Staff Sgt. Scott D. Keller

Staff NCO Parade

Parade Commander

1st Sgt. William A. Winters

Sergeant Major

1st Sgt. John F. Forbes

Staff NCOs

Staff Sgt. Bradford J. Merrill

Gunnery Sgt. Partrick M. Breen

Gunnery Sgt. Todd A. Young

Staff Sgt. Bernard Jordan

Special Parade Billets

Color Lowering Detail

Sgt. Robert A. May

Cpl. Edgar A. Blanco

Lance Cpl. Dietrich D. Parrish

Mascot Handler

Lance Cpl. Matthew D. Morsissette

Lance Cpl. Samuel L. Bass

Time Orderly

Cpl. Rhian D. Jackson

Lance Cpl. Elias Sepulveda Jr.

Lance Cpl. Jacob W. Bull

Flag Breaker

Cpl. Armando Trevino Jr.

Lance Cpl. Jacob W. Bull

Lance Cpl. Elias Sepulveda

Kudos to all Marines who tried out for these special billets.

Guard Marines train to walk the “Oldest Post”



Guard Marines receive familiarization training with the M1014 Joint Service Shotgun.

*story and photos by Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett
Staff Writer*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - During heightened security in the National Capital Region, it is important for the guards who are providing security to know their jobs.

A big part of knowing their jobs is being familiar and efficient with the weapons that they carry. So for the new 8th & “I” guard Marines who checked in recently, that meant qualifying with the new M1014 Joint Service combat shotgun at the United States Naval Academy.

The new weapon replaced the Mossberg 590 shotgun, which had to be manually operated (pumped) and was less accurate than the M1014.

“The M1014 can do a lot of things that the old one couldn’t,” said Cpl. Wesley Hashimoto, shooting coach, Guard. “This one holds more rounds, is faster, more accurate and can fire 2 ¾-inch and 3-inch rounds.”

Because of improvements in mechanics and the sights on the new shotguns, the most important change is the increased accuracy of the M1014. While the M590 is accurate up to 50 yards, the new weapon shoots accurately at targets 75 yards away.

After the bus ride from 8th & “I”, the guard Marines familiarized themselves with the weapon, got a class on how it works and finally got their chance to see just how accurate the weapon really is.

“Today the Marines are doing a basic familiarization and qualification,” said Cpl. Michael Henrie, shooting coach,

Guard. “They will practice shooting the shotgun standing and kneeling, and will do some condition-one reloads.

“The condition-one reloads are called “selective slug drills” which simulates a situation where a guard is on post and comes to a point where he has to use the weapon,” said Hashimoto. “If a guard is using the regular buckshot and it’s not working well enough, then he has to be able to quickly switch to a slug while keeping his eyes on the target.”

After a long wait for ammunition, the eager Marines’ patience paid off when it was finally time to send lead down range.

“I liked shooting the new shotgun,” said Lance Cpl. Robert D. Anderson. “It’s better than the old one because it doesn’t kick like the M590, and it’s also more accurate.”

After they all had a chance to qualify and perform a “police call,” the Marines loaded up on the bus and headed back to the Barracks with good training experience under their belts.



Lance Cpl. Joseph D. Mork, Guard, Headquarters & Service Company, dry fires the M1014 Joint Service Shotgun.

White House Communication Agency -

Marines guard vital communications equipment



Corporal Adam Gleave stands his post as main gate sentry of the White House Communications Agency. Gleave was recently assigned to WHCA.

by **Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett**
Staff Writer

NAVAL STATION ANACOSTIA, Washington, D.C.— Marines perform many key roles in Presidential Support Duty. One of those is the protecting the president's communications equipment.

Marines assigned to the White House Communications Agency security force come from the Marine Barrack's Headquarters and Service Company Guard Section. After initial assignment to the Guard Section, some Marines are sent to the White House Communications Agency Guard Detachment once they receive a Category II security clearance.

The White House Communications Agency (WHCA) originated in 1947 as part of the Army Signal Corps, but

is now a joint service command. The primary mission of WHCA is to provide a secure means of communication for the President, Vice President, and their staff during all trips whether home or abroad.

"I always like to say that WHCA is like the President's company gunny," said Staff Sergeant William D. Clare, WHCA's Guard Chief. "WHCA provides security, communications, graphics support, and repairs the Secret Service vehicles and the President's limousine. You name it and WHCA does it."

WHCA enables the President and his staff to communicate vital information anywhere in the world without the threat of outside interference.

All five military services are a part of WHCA, which falls under the command of the White House Military Office. WHCA is one of twelve agen-

cies that report directly to the White House Military Office.

"Marines began guarding the WHCA facilities at Anacostia in 1991, after the White House Military Office requested Marines for the job," said Clare.

The Marines stationed at WHCA are responsible for the security of the compound. Their primary responsibility though is to travel anywhere the President goes in order to provide security for communications equipment and National Security Council assets.

Clare says the biggest and most appealing part of the job involves overseas travel. Because of the importance of the equipment they are guarding, the level of responsibility is well above that of an ordinary fire team leader.

WHCA Marines often have to react on short notice based on the President's hectic schedule and world events. They must always be ready to travel at a moments notice. A tour at the WHCA could take Marines literally around the world. So far this year the Marines have traveled to Japan, China, and Korea. Last year the Marines made trips to Italy, England, Spain, Poland, Ireland, and an historic trip to Vietnam. No matter where the President travels in the world, you can bet Marines from the Marine Security force will be at each location.

"We have a very important and unique job, and the Marines are well respected here. Without us, WHCA could not perform its job as a whole," said Clare.

The Marines of the White House Communications Agency will continue to work without much notice or recognition. However, it is just part of the job required of these Marines.

Student Services Division makes the grade



Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas

Lance Cpl. Darnell D. Wicker, student services division, Marine Corps Institute, enters grades into the computer system.

by **Lance Cpl. Travis W. Shiflett**
Staff Writer

Promotions are a very important part of every Marine's career, so when mail problems slowed the turnover rate of the Marine Corps Institute, a lot of "devil dogs" became concerned.

Most Marines never really get an understanding of how MCI operates. Some just want to know what is holding up the grading of their courses, which add valuable points toward promotion. What those Marines don't realize is how much work has to be done in the Student Services Division (SSD) of MCI before those points can be ran in their records.

When a course is finally completed and returned to MCI it is sent to the Student Services Division, where all the grading is done. There are many jobs to be done there, but the primary mission is to make sure every course is recorded as quickly as possible.

First, all the mail is opened and stacked in trays. After that the mail is cut, sorted and separated. If there are any answer sheets that are improperly marked or not completed correctly, they must be graded by hand. The rest are scanned through a computer, which is designed specifically for grading tests. Once all the tests are checked and graded, they are ran in the students records.

"On an average day we receive and grade approxi-

mately 2,500 MCI courses," said Cpl. Luis G. Quetell, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, SSD.

As if all the work the Marines at SSD were doing wasn't enough, the Anthrax scare which followed Sept. 11, made their jobs increasingly difficult.

"During the Anthrax scare we stopped getting mail completely, so we had to create a whole new system of grading MCI's," said Quetell.

After some trial and error, the division decided to communicate through the Marine Corps Web site and let all Marines know that they were implementing a program in which MCI courses could be faxed instead of mailed.

"When the message was posted, we were told that we had 24 hours to figure out a way to process the faxes and get them graded and recorded," said Cpl. Justin D. Price, Professional Military Education help desk.

At first, SSD decided to buy some extra fax machines to handle an expected increase in faxes. That plan didn't work out as hoped so they decided that the problem could only be solved with manpower.

"At first we were working on our own and staying here late every night, but now we have some extra Marines from other companies helping us out," said Price.

The work load at SSD is slowly returning to normal and mail is being delivered regularly again, so the option to fax MCI courses is no longer available. Now, the latest information concerning MCI can be found on the Internet at www.mci.usmc.mil/newmci.

S-4 58, MCI 55

Mansfield's final three-point prayer unanswered

by Cpl. Chad C. Adams
Public Affairs Chief

Marine Corps Institute guard James M. Mansfield's last-second three-point attempt fell short, as the S-4 All-Stars pulled out a 58-55 win in the 2002 Marine Barracks Intramural Basketball Championship here March 4.

Forward Jauron James poured in 17 points, 6 during the final two minutes, to lead a balanced scoring attack from S-4, whose starters combined for all but two of the team's 58 points.

With 5:42 remaining in the game, a Nigel McKenzie put-back inside capped an 8-0 run, giving MCI a 44-40 lead; but S-4 answered right back with an 11-2 run of their own, as James cut to the basket, building a 51-46 lead with under two minutes to play.

However, it was S-4's tenacious defense that proved to be the difference down the stretch in a game that saw nine lead changes, six of which came during a furious second half.

"We wanted to force them to shoot the ball outside," said S-4 Coach Christopher Jerman. "We put pressure on them. We took them out of their rhythm, and they weren't

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MCI forward John Forbes muscled his way for a second half bucket.



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S-4 guard Anthony D. Moore gets off the 3-point jumper in the face of MCI guard Edward Day.

Champs continued



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The 2002 intramural basketball champions, S-4, take center court with team trophies, after winning with a 3-point lead.

able to make baskets.”

After a Mansfield three-pointer and a couple of second-chance buckets by Darnell Wicker and Edward Day, MCI clawed back to within one, 54-53, with just over 20 seconds remaining.

But MCI couldn't capitalize on several chances down the stretch. After Woodson converted only one free throw to keep the lead at two with 20 seconds to play, Rhian Jackson made a key steal on the ensuing MCI possession, setting up two John Ellerbee free throws and extending S-4's lead to 57-53 with 11.4 seconds to play.

Jackson helped spark the defensive intensity with the game on the line when S-4 switched to a smaller line-up.

“I just wanted to win and take back what we lost last year from S-3,” said Jackson, who came up big off the bench with two steals in the final minutes. “We wanted to establish a defensive presence. We were up, and we didn't have to score anymore.”

“I was surprised how we were still in it with all those turnovers,” said Mansfield, who led MCI with 14 points.

Day answered back for MCI, cutting the lead to two, and after Anthony Moore could only convert one free throw; S-4 forced another big turnover as MCI threw the ball away. However, this time S-4 left the door open, as Moore lost the ball off his leg out of bounds, giving MCI one last shot with 2.7 seconds to play, setting up the desperation three by Mansfield.

But again, the defense was there for S-4 down the stretch, as three defenders draped over MCI's best three-point threat in the waning seconds.

After trailing big early, MCI rallied with a 22-11 run to close out the first half and took a 26-25 lead into the break. Relentless pounding on the offensive glass, and several breakaway baskets helped turn a possible blowout into a dogfight, setting up an intense second half.

Early in the first half, S-4 pounced on MCI out of the gate and took its biggest lead of the game when Woodson converted a steal into a breakaway layup, putting the All-Stars up 14-4.

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

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"Semper Family"

A Marine husband and wife were promoted to the rank of sergeant together in a ceremony at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va., March 1. Sergeants Robert A. May, account chief, S-4, Headquarters & Service Company, Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C., and Amy J. May, accountant technician, Headquarters Marine Corps, have been married for more than a year. While they share same date of rank, the husband is quick to point out that, "... she's always outranked me at home." Both sergeants are currently finishing their bachelor's degree in Accounting and plan on putting their knowledge to use as either commissioned or warrant officers in the Marine Corps. The couple met while attending Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, N. C. (photo by Lance Cpl. E. Ashley Thomas)



New chaplain ready to step to the plate

by Lt. Ted L. Williams
Barracks Chaplain

Let me begin by stating how honored, privileged and excited I am to become your new Command Chaplain for Marine Barracks, 8th and I, starting this April. My family and I feel blessed to be able to serve you and your families at this vital and prestigious post of the United State Marine Corps.

A native of Jacksonville, N.C., I graduated from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., with a bachelor degree in history in 1994. Then I received a master's of divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., in 1997 and a master's in counseling in 1998. (Basically, I spent the better part of my roaring 20s chained to a textbook.)

Commissioned in April 1995 through the Chaplain Candidate Program, I spent the next five years (when I wasn't studying) at various training assignments before superseding to active duty in January 2000. I have been privileged to serve on USS Duluth (LPD - 6), Naval Station Mayport Fla. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune,

N.C., Navy Chaplain School Basic/Advanced Course Assistant and Acting Chaplain, 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines. My first active duty assignment was as Command Chaplain aboard USS Cowpens (CG - 63) in San Diego, Calif., where I participated in a "hull swap," finishing my tour as Command Chaplain aboard USS Mobile Bay (CG - 53).

Currently, I am the Administrative Assistant for the Deputy Chaplain of the Marine Corps, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., while waiting to assume my duties and responsibilities at Marine Barracks, '8th and I'.

My wife, Kelli, and I have been married for 10 years and now live in Fairfax, Va. She also attended Asbury College and received her bachelor's in English/journalism in 1994. Currently, she spends her days with our daughter, Sarah, playing doll house and reading "Green Eggs and Ham" over and over. In the early mornings and during nap time, she works as a free-lance writer and editor.

Kelli, Sarah, and I look forward to knowing you and your families. These are hard times for our nation. Know that we are in continual prayer for you,

your family, and the thousands of dedicated Marines working for the cause of freedom around our world. Semper Fidelis.



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Navy Lt. Ted L. Williams waits to assume duties as Marine Barracks Chaplain.

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