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finale

Co. A steps to the LINE



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Home improvement

Quality of life is half environment, half attitude

By Col. David G. Dotterrer

Before I discuss quality of life issues here at the Oldest Post, let me congratulate all hands for the completion of an exceptional parade season. You did yourself and the Corps proud. The spirit, professionalism, and dedication to excellence you exhibited throughout the season bring to mind terms like outstanding, superlative, and inspiring. As we move into our fall/winter season of ceremonies, field exercises, and, yes, preparation for next year's season, you can be justifiably proud of your accomplishments. Now, what about quality of life?

We hear a great deal these days about it. The Marine Corps is dedicated to providing the best quality of life for Marines, Sailors, Civilian Marines, and family members. I believe quality of life has two components: adequate physical surroundings and a positive mental outlook.

We are working to improve our physical surroundings by providing the best facilities possible. Barracks Morale, Welfare, and Recreation and Facilities Departments have teamed up to take advantage of additional funding to bring those improvements home to us. The latest efforts include: conversion of the atrium in tower #1 into additional exercise space with aerobic exercise machines (treadmill, stair climber and life-cycle); renovation of the head/shower facilities in the weight room area; shower facilities in the womens' head outside the weight room; purchase of additional equipment for

MWR; and purchase of new wardrobes for the "brown-baggers" and bachelor quarters throughout the barracks. Additionally, an architect/engineering firm has been hired to prepare plans for a multimillion dollar repair project for the entire BEQ. This is a comprehensive rehab which will fix many of the problems with heating, air conditioning, floor tiles, doors, windows, fire protection, structural integrity, and energy efficiency.

All of these projects will soon be underway. We have some exciting projects to look forward to in the future, as well. The enlisted-Club could use some serious fixing up, and I plan to keep working to acquire the money from Headquarters Marine Corps. Later this fall, I plan to meet with experts from Headquarters Marine Corps to discuss plans to build a new 250-300 bed bachelor enlisted quarters to provide an adequate number of billeting spaces. We are also working on relocating the motor pool to a more suitable location.

These initiatives will ensure the barracks' physical surroundings will be greatly improved in the very near future. How about positive mental outlook? Quality of life is 50 percent attitude. When we work hard toward

a common goal, we feel a sense of pride in a job well done. We feel better about ourselves. That's quality of life.

I'll bet that in your neighborhood there was one kid who had everything. You know the type. The one whose folks gave him whatever he asked for. Guess what. That kid has grown up to be a miserable person with no goals. He never had a chance to develop a sense of worth. Without this, no one can be happy, no matter how wealthy. We Marines have a system to develop a sense of self-worth and self-esteem.

We call it leadership.

The leadership you receive and, more importantly, the leadership you provide will improve the quality of life for everyone. When we all pitch in to accomplish the tough, dirty jobs that seem to always come our way, we gain a sense of pride. Marines never have to wonder if we contribute to society. We

know we do. Each of us will eventually hang up the uniform and return to civilian life. When we do, we will take the self discipline, pride and esprit that comes with being a Marine out there with us. We'll make our communities better places in which to live. We'll contribute to America's quality of life.



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The United States Marine Corps Color Guard marches the final Friday Evening Parade of 1996. More than 4,500 guests from around the world came to observe 8th & I's last ceremony of the season. (Photo by LCpl. Jerry D. Pierce)

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LCpl. Daniel Morel takes his turn as would-be attacker and pays a heavy price.



Sgt. Clint Carmichael gives LCpl. Dean Miyazano some one-on-one instruction on the proper techniques for controlling an attacker by driving them to the ground.



LCpl. Joshua M. Hutton performs a quick foot-sweep in defense against LCpl. Dean Miyazano's charge attack.



LINE Training

*Story and photos by
LCpl. Jerry D. Pierce*

The Marines of Co. A, 2nd Plt. recently spent time roughing each other up during an organized session of Linear Infighting Neural Engagement training.

LINE is a program designed to simulate hand-to-hand combat that would, in real life, cause permanent bodily harm or death to an enemy. The system includes alternate striking areas that enable Marines to train while avoiding injury.

“Our goal is to provide a motivating training session for our Marines, and an important part of that is keeping them safe,” said Cpl. Brian C. Dupree, 1st squad leader. “Getting our Marines out of the ceremonial mind-set and working off some stress helps them perform their everyday duties on a higher more proficient level.”

The thud of a man hitting the ground after his feet have been swept from underneath him is a sound that goes hand in hand with LINE training.

“No one likes to be thrown around, but when it’s your turn to throw someone else around, your pain seems to disappear,” said LCpl. Daniel Morel of 2nd squad.

Overall, the 2nd Plt. Marines enjoy LINE training, but each Marine realizes the potential of what they are learning. “Each Marine understands that they aren’t out here to play around,” said Dupree. “They realize that they may actually have to use this in a life or death situation. It’s no joke.”



Left: In a group demonstration, Sgt. Clint Carmichael, the senior instructor of the training session, finds a painful solution to LCpl. Dean Miyazano's attack.



LCpl. Mark P. Najera simulates a kick to the face of LCpl. Jason W. Poat.

Super Squad

Gen. Krulak awards top Marine riflemen during visit to the oldest post

Story by LCpl. Jerry D. Pierce

The top infantry squads from each Marine division were recognized during the season's final Friday Evening Parade here, Aug. 30.

The parade, attended by more than 4,000 spectators, was the highlight of a week long visit for the Marines that included tours of the Pentagon, local museums, the White House and Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

Marine Corps Rifle Squad Competitions have been taking place since 1958 with a short break during the Vietnam Conflict and the Persian Gulf War. The competition is used to recognize the best rifle squads in the Fleet Marine Force.

In a ceremony prior to the evening parade, Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps and SgtMaj. Lewis G. Lee, the Sergeant

Major of the Marine Corps, awarded the Super Squad Medal to each of the squad members.

"The medal is a tangible symbol of the distinguishing pride that these Marines have achieved for not only themselves, but for their Marines back in their units. That's what makes not only the medal special, but the whole competition," commented SgtMaj Lee.

Part of the success of the squads



Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps, congratulates members of top infantry squads from the four Marine Divisions on the barracks parade deck.

was attributed to the squad leaders; seasoned infantry Marines with knowledge and skills from which the newer Marines can draw.

Led by Sgt. Christopher L. Buck, the 1st Marine Division champions were from 1st Squad, 3rd Plt., Co. F, 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The 2nd Marine Division champions, led by Sgt. John D. Reid, were from 1st Squad, 1st Plt., Co. E, 2nd Bn., 6th Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Marines of 1st Squad, 1st Plt., Co. G, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, MCB Hawaii, Kanehoe Bay, led by Sgt. Mark E. Mitchell, were 3rd Marine Division champions.

This 4th Marine Division champs were the Marines of 2nd Squad, 1st Plt., Co. E, 2nd Bn., 25th Marines, led by Cpl. Fredrick S. Gonzalez.

For four months the squads have competed in battlefield skills competitions culminating at the division level. Events for the competition included patrolling, attacks and defenses, land navigation, supporting arms coordination, marksmanship and physical fitness.

"In all my life I never thought I would be the recipient of an award like this. It's through the support and motivation of the Marines around me that we were able to succeed at such a difficult task," said Cpl. Fredrick S. Gonzalez, Lebanon, Pa.

"Infantry Marines are the heart and soul of the Corps and to have them be recognized as the guests of honor at the Evening Parade was probably the biggest thrill of their career," said Lee. "To be saluted by the Commandant and the Secretary of the Navy is one of the greatest non-combat honors they can receive."

Chaplain's Office hosts premarriage workshop

By LCpl. Jerry D. Pierce

The Chaplain's Office held its quarterly premarriage workshop to aid Marines who are newly-weds, engaged or just thinking of marriage Aug. 22.

Nearly 24 Marines and spouses took part in the one day exercise. "This is the best turnout the barracks has ever had for one of these classes," recounted Lt. Kenneth D. Counts, Barracks Chaplain. "Not only was the turnout larger than we expected, but the participation was great."

The discussions and classes covered subjects ranging from the effects of alcohol and domestic violence to the development of a responsible budgeting system.

"There were classes that ran over their time because the discussions became so intense," said Petty Officer Diaz, Religious Program Specialist.

LCpl. Ryan A. Taylor of 3rd Plt., Co. B and his wife, Julie, have attended the workshop three separate times. Each time the couple tries to extract something new from the workshop that will help their marriage. "Our main goal for this workshop was to get a better grasp on financial matters," said Taylor.

The workshop touched on various topics and hosted representatives from the Family Service Center, the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society and the New Parent Support Program. In addition, SgtMaj. Larry J. Carson, Barracks Sergeant Major

was on hand to offer advice to the Marines and their new and potential spouses.

"I remember how tough it was to take that first step," said Carson. "By letting these Marines know their command is fully behind them they will be able to make smarter, more responsible decisions."

"This class raised so many questions for me that I can't wait to come to the next workshop. I want to experience the class with my fiancée and use it as a gauge to measure our progress," said LCpl. James O. Webb, who plans to marry in Dec.

The workshop was started to help the growing number of married Marines at 8th and I. "As long as Marines keep getting married we will be there to equip them with the basic tools to make them responsible military families," said Diaz.

"Unmarried squad leaders or platoon sergeants who have married Marines under their control should look into the next workshop. The classes would offer them a better understanding of the issues facing married Marines," commented Diaz.

"Any Marine with a desire to participate in the next workshop can sign-up in October or November," said Counts.

With a successful round of learning and participation in his first workshop, Lt. Counts expects to see more Marines making responsible decisions when considering marriage, he said.

Young Marines visit oldest post

8th & I recently played host to one of the largest gatherings ever of Young Marines.

These pint-sized devilpups stormed Washington, D.C. from their Fort Meade, Md., Reston, Va., and Dunkirk, N.Y., chapters to watch a Friday Evening Parade.

"The Marines from Virginia came to the Marine Barracks three weeks earlier and the parade got rained out. So we decided to try it again but this time we brought the Fort Meade chapter along," said Joe Bliss, Inspector General for the Young Marines.

Young Marines event coordinator Elizabeth A. Kilbride explained the Young Marines from New York traveled over 450 miles to be here for the parade.

The Young Marines paid the Marine Corps museum at

the Washington Naval Yard a visit before the parade for a tour and some quick lessons in Marine Corps history. After the museum, they resumed their tour with a trip to the USS Berry (DD-993), a United States Navy Destroyer permanently moored at the Navy Yard.

The miniature leathernecks rounded-out their trip to our nation's capitol with the Friday Evening Parade.

Bliss explained, "The Young Marines from Camp Lejeune did this earlier in the year and that's where I got the idea. It's a good history lesson and a treat for the kids."



SSgt. Treaty N. Williams guides Young Marines on a tour of the Marine Corps Museum. (Photo by LCpl. Matthew S. Schafer)

'96 season in review

*Story and photo by
LCpl. Jerry D Pierce*

The 1996 Parade Season saw Marines demonstrate the tradition, pageantry and professionalism of Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. before thousands of spectators and distinguished guests.

But, just as the barracks gates opened four months earlier to welcome the first guest of the season, they closed Aug. 30 to end the 1996 Parade Season.

"We've all been entrusted with the preservation of the Corps' most sacred tradition. Of these, the Evening Parades are an integral part," said SgtMaj. Larry

J. Carson, Barracks Sergeant Major.

"Through countless hours of practice and hard work we were able to put on a 'show' that cuts straight to the hearts of Marines and civilians worldwide," added

Carson. "In 1996, every Marine here supported the 44 year tradition with a razor sharp eye for perfection that made the whole Marine Corps look good. That's something to be proud of."

A handful of high level military officials attended Evening Parades as the guest of honor. The Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and the Vice Chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff and members of the U.S. Congress paid Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. a visit. The season was highlighted by several appearances by Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps and SgtMaj. Lewis G. Lee, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

In addition, more than 80,000 guests filled the reserved seating and countless others attended through general admission, making the Friday Evening Parade one of the most popular attractions in the nation's capitol. The huge demand for reservations and limited seating didn't stop the Marines assigned to host the parades from finding each guest a place to watch the parade. No one was turned away.

"I couldn't believe how well we were treated, we felt like we were the VIPs," said Lou Crantz, from Dallas, Texas. "The parade was the best part of our vacation in Washington."

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Capt. Kevin R. Flynn, Co. B Commanding Officer, and Cpl. Stephen D. Smith lead Co. B across the deck for the final pass-in-review of the summer.

Subterranean menace

Efforts underway to rid globe of hidden mines

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu -- Mines have served with the military for decades, diligently performing their duties discharging fatal explosions and fragmentation. These deadly mechanical troops have carried out their duties protecting vital military assets across the world.

However, some mines are still buried in foreign soil, waiting for human or mechanical weight to trigger them into action. Today, United Nations officials estimate more than 100 million land mines are spread throughout more than 60 countries, according to CWO-3 David Z. Bailey, Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer, EOD here.

"Everywhere a conflict has gone, there is unexploded ordnance in the area," said Cpl. David A. Watts, Combat Engineer Platoon squad leader, Combat Support Company, here. "In a large conflict, it is impossible to remove all ordnance."

The Marine Corps currently only uses land mines to protect a Marine base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, according to Watts. Marines here continue to train with several mines keeping up to date with dangers and knowledge involved in mine warfare.

Mines were initiated in the 19th century when the first reliable pressure fuses for explosive artillery shells were introduced, according to Bailey. During the Civil War, both the North and South forces began using these -land torpe-

does. They became commonly known to the soldiers as "infernal devices."

Anti-personnel mines were enlisted for use in armies across the world to perform protecting and disabling missions. Although some battlefields have been abandoned for years, these deadly sentries are still standing posts worldwide. And, as conflicts and wars continue, the population of these explosive troops rise.

President Bill Clinton proposed an anti-personnel land mine ban recently to reduce the numbers of unexploded mines in the future, according to an American Forces Information Service release. Clinton said more than four million anti-personnel mines will be banished from U.S. forces by 1999.

Mines can be inserted in various methods including air-dropped, artillery-shot, rocket-launched and hand-in-place, according to Bailey. Sometimes creating minefields at literally hundreds and even thousands of mines per minute, Bailey said it's impossible to find them all.

Anti-personnel mines, designed to simply injure enemies, aren't the only threat. Anti-tank mines, designed to disable or destroy track vehicles such as tanks, are also among the ranks of hidden dangers.

U.N. officials report there are between five and seven million uncleared mines in Kuwait because of the 1990-1991 Gulf War, which may have been the most densely mined country in the

world, according to Bailey. Its government has funded \$700 million for mine clearing with companies from at least eight countries participating.

Croatia is reported to have an estimated two million uncleared mines still resting in its soil. And, the Falkland Islands, scene of a relatively short conflict in 1982 between Great Britain and Argentina, has identified 117 mine fields with an estimated density of a half million mines in the country, according to Bailey.

Many mines can be found and decommissioned by using mine detectors. However, some strategic mine designs include plastic bodies with glass or fi-



When tripped, the Bouncing Betty will bound upward approximately six feet and explode with a 30-meter casualty area and 90-meter danger area.

berglass firing pins.

Others slip through the detection because they are designed to be insensitive to mine-clearing explosions.

Despite efforts to locate these buried death traps, innocent people continue to trigger unfound mines. Watts said approximately 30,000 people are maimed or die per year in mine mishaps around the globe.

Career plans

Record boatspaces open for first-termers

Reenlistment bonus multiples

To determine how much your bonus may be worth, first determine which zone you fall in. Zone A is for Marines with up to four years in service; Zone B between six and 10 years.

Next take the number in the table for your job skill and zone, and multiply it by your monthly basic pay. Multiply the result by the number of years of reenlistment. That is the value of the bonus.

The maximum value for any bonus is \$30,000.

MOS	Zone A	Zone B	MOS	Zone A	Zone B	MOS	Zone A	Zone B
0211	0	4	2832	0	2	6092	0(2)	1
0231	0(4)	4	2841	2	0	6094	0(2)	1
0241	0	4	2861	0	2	6113	0(2)	0
0251	0	2	2871	5	0	6114	0(2)	0
0261	0(3)	2	2874	0	2	6122	0(2)	0
0431	0(1)	0	2881	5	0	6124	0(3)	0
0844	0(3)	0	2885	5	0	6132	0	2
0847	0(1)	0	2887	3	0	6135	0(2)	0
0861	0(2)	0	3461	0(2)	0	6154	0(2)	0
1361	0(3)	2	3521	0(2)	0	6172	0(1)	1
1833	0(2)	0	4034	2	2	6173	0(2)	1
2131	0(2)	0	4066	2	2	6174	1	1
2141	0(1)	0	4341	0(4)	1	6313	0	1
2146	0(2)	0	4429	0	2	6322	0(1)	0
2147	0(2)	0	4641	0(2)	0	6323	0(2)	0
2171	0(2)	0	5711	0(2)	0	6324	0(1)	0
2336	0	1	5821	0	2	6335	0(3)	2
2513	0(2)	0	5924	5	3	6337	0(4)	0
2515	0(3)	0	5937/39	0(4)	0	6413	0(4)	0
2532	0(1)	0	6942/48	0(2)	0	6423	0(4)	0
2534	0(3)	0	5953	0(2)	2	6466	0(2)	0
2535	0(3)	0	5962/74	0(3)	0	6492	0(3)	0
2536	0(4)	0	5963/79	3	0	6494	0(3)	0
2621	0(3)	2	5964/78	3	0	6821	0(4)	4
2651	0(3)	0	6013	0(2)	1	6842	0(4)	4
2673	0	2	6015	0(1)	0	7236	0	2
2674	0(4)	2	6026	0(2)	0	7252	0	3
2675	4	0	6027	0(2)	0	7253	0(2)	3
2811	4	2	6030/31/32	5	5	7254	3(4)	3(4)
2813	5	2	6035	2	4	7291	0	3
2816	5	2	6053	0(3)	0	7372	0(2)	0
2821	0	2	6057	0(3)	0	7382	5	0
2822	4	2	6072	0(2)	0	8653	2	2
2823	0	4	6085	0(3)	0	8654	2	2
2831	4	0	6086	3	0	9919	0	2

HQMC predicts 600 billets to go unfilled in 1997; Bonuses soar

Story by Cpl. Timothy C. Hodge

Headquarters Marine Corps hopes to keep 4,587 first-term Marines in to fill needed boatspaces in 209 military occupational specialties in fiscal 1997. It will be the largest number of reenlistment opportunities for junior Marines in recent history.

Career planners are now accepting requests from a large force of first-term Marines whose initial contracts expire during fiscal 1997, which begins Oct. 1. The opportunities are announced in the Fiscal 1997 Boatspace Report and Career Planner Newsgram 7096.

Enlisted retention officials expect 24,000 Marines will reach the end of their initial contracts during the next fiscal year. For fiscal 1996, the Corps had 4,296 boatspaces to fill from an eligible population of 22,000.

The number of available boatspaces varies each year according to job specialty, depending on how many first-term contracts expire and how many career Marines the Corps needs. Most of the boatspaces are in "open" MOSs, meaning vacancies and lateral moves into those fields are available. Competition for boat spaces in some job spe-

cialties will remain strong. Marines who aren't able to reenlist into their MOSs will have the opportunity to lateral move into an open field.

"The opportunities are just as plentiful as they were last year," said 1stLt. Patrick Lavigne, Officer in Charge of Enlisted Reenlistments, HQMC. "With the estimated reenlistment rate, there's a good opportunity that most first-termers who do come in will get the boat space."

Based on past trends, officials estimate 4,003 of the 24,000 hitting their EAS in 1997 will reenlist. If those trends hold true, nearly 600 boatspaces will be left vacant. This means that more Marines will be receiving reenlistment bonuses and there will be increased opportunity for prior-service Marines come back into the fold.

There are 11 MOSs and 1,118 boatspaces in "restricted" MOSs, which means only Marines in those skills can reenlist into them. Another 35 MOSs and 166 boatspaces are in "CMC Restricted" skills and will be filled at HQMC. Four MOSs are "closed," meaning there are no boatspaces available. Marines in those skills, 6014, 6314, 7222 and 7314, must move to another MOS if they want to reenlist. In addition, there are slots available for 25 career sergeants in Explosive Ordnance Disposal (MOS 2336).

Boatspaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. First-term Marines thinking about staying in still have a few weeks to decide. On Sept. 15 Marines can submit reenlistment requests for "open" and "CMC restricted" MOSs. Marines who wish to make lateral moves can begin submitting requests on Oct. 1.

Some Marines whose EAS comes early in the fiscal year, Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, may be extended until Feb. 28 if they need more time to process their requests.

Corps reduces new dads' PTAD

Marine fathers now get 10 days off to adjust family affairs for newborns

Story by Sgt. Chris W. Cox

MCB QUANTICO, Va. -- Marines planning on taking time off when their spouses have a baby are now authorized 10 rather than 30 days permissive Temporary Additional Duty, according to ALMAR 255/96.

The ALMAR explains the most recent change to Marine Corps Order 5000.12D, "Marine Corps Policy and Procedures for Pregnant Ma-

of this policy."

The original order read that married male Marines were authorized up to 30 days permissive TAD when their spouses gave birth. The change states that the PTAD has been cut to a maximum of 10 days.

"When we initiated the policy, we knew it was the right thing to do, but I'm not sure how 30 days was ever established," said Flatter. "Over the course, since October, commanders have been giving feedback to the commandant and LtGen. George R. Christmas, Director, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, HQMC, that 30 days was more than was required. It was accomplishing the intent, but it was just more than was required."

Another more subtle change relates to the authorization window. In the old order, Marines were authorized to start their PTAD up to 45 days after the child's birth. Now, Marines must start their PTAD within 25 days.

In spite of the new constraints, Marines are getting a better deal than other military servicemen in this area.

"We're the only one of the four services that does anything like this," Flatter explained. "Marines may feel like they're losing 20 days, but we're the only service that does anything like this, so we're actually lucky. The Marine Corps is way out in front on this."

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HQMC Manpower Policy Analyst

rines."

"The intent behind the policy is to give the family a chance to take care of things of consequence to the new member of the family," said Capt. J.R. Flatter, Manpower Policy Analyst at Headquarters Marine Corps. "When the child comes along, the father needs to take some time to help out. That's the intent



Capt. Mancini passes the USNA Co. guidon to 1st Lt. Peaco. (Photo by LCpl. Jerry D. Pierce)

First Lieutenant James W. Peaco assumed command of the United States Naval Academy Company from Capt. Walter J. Mancini during a change of command ceremony at the company's barracks, Aug. 21.

Peaco, a Washington, D.C. native, was commissioned into the Marine Corps after graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1992.

Peaco reported to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. in Feb. to serve as the executive officer of USNA Co.

Mancini, who commanded the company since Aug. 1994, was transferred to the reserve list in order to attend Harvard Business School.

Congratulations go out to H&S Company Commander Maj. Nancy E. Hurless. Maj. Hurless was frocked to her current rank on centerwalk Aug. 15.

When you see these Marines, congratulate them on their new ranks. Recent promotions for August and September include:

Co. A

- LCpl. J.K. Battlessantos
- LCpl. W.A. Stormer
- LCpl. A.D. Douglass
- LCpl. J.J. Rave
- LCpl. R. Bastajian
- LCpl. M.N. Sorrells

Co. B

- LCpl. J.G. Wilcox

D&B

- Cpl. T.B. Hope

H&S

- GySgt. R.L. Drake
- Sgt. A.A. Atkinson
- Sgt. A. Aspeytia
- Sgt. P.R. Green Jr.
- Cpl. R.A. Miller
- LCpl. W.M. Eaton
- LCpl. M.E. Potter
- LCpl. J.E. Wilcox

MCI Co.

- Cpl. S.J. Gabri
 - LCpl. K.T. Smith
- USNA Co.**
- Cpl. R.A. Paulson
 - Cpl. B.G. Gregory Jr.

We usually have several new faces at 8th & I. Make a point of greeting these new barracks members.

H&S

- MGySgt. M.G. Edwards
- GySgt. A. Maddix
- GySgt. C. Rebeiro
- Sgt. J. Graham
- Sgt. K.J. Franklin
- Cpl. K.B. Callahan

- Cpl. J. Smith
 - LCpl. M.S. Schafer
 - Lcpl. D.S. Scharen
 - LCpl. R.J. Detloff
 - LCpl. G.A. Getter
 - PFC J.L. Schnieder
 - PFC J.A. Joseph
 - PFC S.J. Rye
 - PFC P.C. Klassen
 - PFC J. B. Baxter
 - PFC M.T. Logston
 - PFC J.V. Gladney
 - PFC J.L. Rose
 - PFC J.E. Trievel
 - PFC D.E. Newland
 - PFC R.M. Bach
 - PFC E.L. Schmitt
 - PFC J.A. Letsinger
 - PFC R.J. Marshall
 - PFC C. Crow
 - PFC R.W. Webster
 - PFC T.A. Dobbs
- MCI Co.**
- Capt. D. Kuhn
 - GySgt. D.S. Welch
 - GySgt. S.E. Gregory
 - GySgt. C.M. King
 - SSgt. C. Hinson



Commanding Officer Col. David G. Dotterrer swears in Maj. Nancy E. Hurless during her frocking ceremony. (Photo by LCpl. Jerry D. Pierce)

The world's finest set the stage for the Evening Parade with courtesy and professionalism as they play ...

Host ^{to} the ^{the} Nation

*Story and photo by
LCpl. Jerry D. Pierce*

It's Friday at "the Oldest Post of the Corps." The summer temperature and humidity are high, but that doesn't seem to bother the 4,500 or so spectators waiting outside Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.'s iron gates.

Each eager viewer brings individual expectations of what the show will be. Yet, the one common understanding that exists among them is that inside these gates they will watch a ceremony performed by the finest; a ceremony displaying pageantry, beauty and patriotism.

What they may not expect, however is that they are about to be treated with the utmost courtesy and professionalism, if they haven't been already.

"I expected to be treated like a queen, but I never expected to feel like the most important guest attending the parade. The sergeant who took us to our seats made us feel like we were the only people that mattered," commented a viewer from Salt Lake City, Utah.

"In my experience here, people will

always say 'fine parade, really enjoyed it.' But, they'll always comment on how they can't get over the personal attention given them by the hosting staff," said MSgt. Peggy J. Thompson, senior enlisted host and six-year parade veteran. "They really appreciate the personal touch."

These Marines who make visitors feel so good don't march, play a musical instrument or ring a bell.

But, without them there wouldn't be much of a parade. In fact, this group of Marines from Headquarters and Service Company and the Marine Corps Institute make up one-half of a ceremonial team viewed by thousands of summer visitors to Washington each week.

Like the performing half of the team, these Marines possess the "snap and pop" that the barracks is known for. They may never get a cheer from the crowd or



GySgt. Robert G. Floyd, MCI Co., escorts a groups of the Commandant's guests to their seats just before a pre-parade concert.

a sigh in awe like the other half of the team that performs. Yet, this group is out there before the public with a smile and setting the tone for what each spectator is about to see.

"When I served my time in the Corps' we were expected to keep our uniforms spotless, but I never dreamed of a Marine looking as good in a set of

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Co. B hits the streets

LCpl. Marshall H. Talley looks for a sniper through the sights of his M-16. (Photo by LCpl. Matthew S. Schafer)

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-- 1st Lt. Scott A. Taylor, 1st Plt. Cmdr., Co. B

Story by LCpl. Matthew S. Schafer

Shots rang through the air. Combat boots shuffled across the hard dusty ground. The smell of gun powder and smoke filled the air. In the midst of all this chaos, Marines from Co. B, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. were busy conducting exercises during their introduction to Military Operations on Urban Terrain.

According to 1st Platoon Commander, 1st Lt. Scott A. Taylor, the Marines spent two days last month learning the basics of crossing dangerous areas, reacting to sniper attacks and breaking contact in urban areas.

The Marines covered the different types of urban areas and went over permissive and uncertain environments. To add an element of realism, some of the exercises were conducted under scenarios involving the local government and the surrounding communities. They worked on how to handle the presence of civilians in a potentially hostile area and learned the differences be-



Cpl. Javier Torres assists HM3 Donald K. Wilber in applying a bandage to “casualty” Luis E. Trevino’s wound during a hands-on first-aid class. (Photo by LCpl. Chance D. Puma)



Marines conduct patrols through “Combat Village,” covering possible sniper positions. (Photo by LCpl. Chance D. Puma)



LCpl. Robert G. Trejo Jr. rapidly sweeps a ground-floor room in the training village while calling in members of his fire-team. (Photo by LCpl. Chance D. Puma)

tween urban patrolling and patrolling in an unpopulated area.

According to Taylor, "Urban patrol is more visible than other types of patrolling. This can be an advantage when you want the local populace to feel the unit's presence. Even though you are in the open, all movements are covered," Taylor explained.

The Marines also received classes that covered subjects ranging from fields-of-fire to the employment of hand grenades. After the classes, they got the chance to apply what they had learned.

Moving as if they were under enemy fire, the Marines scattered through the streets of the "Combat Village" and got into position. Each fire team had a building to clear. Using the techniques they had learned earlier, they cleared each building room by room until the area was secure.

When Marines weren't taking over the buildings, they were patrolling the streets. They concentrated on the movements that would carry them through the streets and alleyways of a hostile urban environment.

Once the Marines got a handle on patrolling the streets,

the instructors expanded the scenario by placing snipers throughout the make-believe city. When the snipers picked off a Marine, it was up to their squad to recover the casualty and suppress the sniper.

In addition to the MOUT training, the Marines received instruction from HM3 Donald K. Wilber, Branch Medical Clinic, on emergency first-aid. He used make-up to duplicate severe injuries.

"I used moulage to add realism to the training on how to handle emergencies," Wilber said, "practicing on the simulated injuries helps the Marines to see another dimension of how to treat casualties."

The training left the Co. B Marines with a basic understanding of what they could face if deployed to an urban environment. LCpl. Anthony Taylor, Body Bearer section, Co. B, explained, "the way things are these days, MOUT training is a necessity."

"The Marines haven't seen this type of training before but performed really well despite their inexperience," Taylor said.

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dress blues. It does my heart proud to see these young men and women keeping the spit and polish tradition of the Marines at a level of total perfection," said a World War II veteran from Tallahassee, Fla.

"The reaction of our guests is always expressed in their grateful handshake and the tear in their eye. I am always glad to be a part of that."

-- MSgt. Alfred F. Hickmott, H&S Co.

The most important elements for the hosting detail are appearance, tact and, of course, courtesy, according to Thompson. "Appearance is very important, since we're not 40 to 60 feet away from the audience. We're right there with them," she said. "Tact is no less important either. We always have to be tactful when we're asked questions. And, that's all part of being courteous," she added.

MSgt. Alfred F. Hickmott, an 11-year veteran of 8th and I parades, says he really enjoys working the hosting staff. "I always have a great time escorting and helping out the guests that come see the parade," he said.

"The reaction of our guests is always expressed in their grateful handshake and the tear in their eye," Hickmott said. "I am always glad to be a part of that."

"The people are what make the parades special for me. Each person comes from their own part of the country, carrying with them their personal history, but they all leave here with their heart in their throat. That's why it's important for us to do the best job we can every week," said LtCol. Bruce R. Woodard, 8th and I Logistics Officer.

Hosting the evening parades is an important collateral duty for these Ma-

rines. Some grade MCI courses, some work in the S-4, and some work in the administrative section maintaining Service Record Books for the battalion.

There's no practice for this team. They do their regular duties during the day and by night they don the blue/whites and carry out their ceremonial duties.

Hickmott went on to say, "The Marines this year have the best attitude I've seen since I've been here. I think most of them must really enjoy working the hosting detail because they all do a fine job."

When visitors leave 8th and I's historic grounds or the grounds at the Iwo Jima Memorial most of them won't forget about the crack of rifle butts, or the sounds of marching music. There's an old saying, however, "The first impression is a lasting impression." "The Oldest Post of the Corps" hosting detail performance will be a tough act to forget about as well.

Fear of embarrassment can sometimes make people follow the crowd for the wrong reasons. When the time comes ...

CAN YOU STAND ALONE?

By Lt. Kenneth D. Counts, USN

Let's deal with the fine art of feeling dumb. Most of us have become very skilled at that. At times it appears like our lives have been carefully orchestrated to make us feel like fools.

A young Marine named Mike

"I think it's good to get laughed at once in a while. It helps everybody relax if you can take a joke, or can laugh at yourself and your mistakes. But it can also build courage so you're not afraid to stand alone."

would agree. He had a sudden unexpected experience that made him feel stupid. It happened on a busy lunch break in a fast food burger chain restaurant. Mike ordered a burger, fries and a chocolate shake. He walked from the serving line -- tray in both hands and carrying his lap top slung from one hand and a few books, files and a newspaper pinched under his arms. As he reconned the room, he saw that every table was filled.

Mike stood there watching and waiting for the next open table. But while he waited he was overwhelmed by the aroma of his food. He bent down to take a sip of the shake on his tray, but instead of getting the straw into his mouth, he

jabbed it up one nostril. The natural reaction would be to pull the straw down and move his head up. This he did. It proved to be a mistake. The straw remained lodged in his nose sliding smoothly from the shake. With no hand to remove it, there stood Mike in front of hundreds of his peers with a straw sticking out of his nose dripping chocolate all down his shirt and pants.

Many laughed, but Mike felt ashamed. Mark Twain wrote, "Human beings are the only animals known to blush - or need

to." But god made us that way. We are self-conscious wanting to make good impressions on others, and overly sensitive to embarrassment.

We are easily hurt, easily angered, easily offended and we often fall flat on our faces at the worst possible moment.

As bad as shame and embarrassment can be, there is something worse. To be too afraid to let others laugh at you is far worse.

Some people will avoid that risk

of rejection from their friends at all costs. Such persons are slaves to the approval, or control of the crowd. That person is a stranger to moral courage.

Somewhere in life you have to learn how to stand alone even if no one else agrees. If that involves being laughed at, so be it. You're not less of a man when people put you down. It takes far greater self-confidence and conviction to let others laugh at you for doing the right thing. It takes no courage or conviction to follow the herd.

I think it's good to get laughed at once in a while. It helps everybody relax if you can take a joke,

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or can laugh at yourself and your mistakes. But, it can also build courage so you're not afraid to stand alone. You might need that kind of courage someday. The herd might not be leading you in the right direction. Whatever would you do if you knew you needed to halt that stampede?

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July 12, 1996

Attn: Adjutant

This is a thank you to you and your very efficient staff in accommodating my request to attend the Friday Evening Parade on rather short notice.

I enjoyed the performance I attended on Friday, 28 June, 1996. It was as wonderful and moving as I remembered and brought new pride in the Corps. I will recommend visiting the Marine Barracks as one of the major attractions in the Washington, D.C. area.

Again, thank you for allowing me to attend a very stirring and patriotic event. Semper Fi.

Sincerely,
Kathleen M. Gienko

July 16, 1996

Dear Colonel Dotterrer,

Many thanks for the superb Sunset Parade that the Marines of 8th & I put on Tuesday, 2 July 1996. Everything about it was, as usual, outstanding. While I had many details to concern myself with leading up to that evening, I could rest assured that the parade ceremony would be flawless.

Please pass on my thanks to your officers and men. Once again, Mr. Honigman was honored and impressed. My special appreciation goes to Maj. Laurie Powell for her diligence, attention, and flexibility in helping us coordinate this event.

Thank you again for providing a most memorable evening.

Sincerely,
Peter M. Murphy
Counsel for the Commandant

July 29, 1996

Dear Major Powell,

Thank you! My wife and I attended The Evening Parade last Friday night and were pleased with both the event and thoughtfulness and courtesy of the officers and enlisted who supported it.

The professionalism of the young Marine at Gate 7 who searched my wife's purse without making her feel intruded; the kindness of the Marine sergeant who offered his arm to escort her to our seats; the young corporal who showed so much pride in teaching an old Air Force guy like me the proper way to "HOO RAH" all added to an evening that rekindled those emotions which made me proud to serve for 24 years.

Please pass on my sincere appreciation to all your people, from those who performed to those who helped set up and tear down. They're all very special.

Sincerely,
Dave E. Tofanelli
USAF, Retired

August 1, 1996

Attn: Adjutant

I recently requested reservations for your Friday night parade. Unfortunately, the request was for Friday, July 26th and due to a delay in mailing (your return confirmation to me was postmarked July 29th) I didn't receive it until after the event. I was very disappointed because my son (a USMC pilot) had highly recommended it and we had family in town to see it.

The good news is that when I called the barracks to see if there was any recourse, I was given absolutely first class service. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize LCpl. Clark who went out of his way to make things right when I explained the situation. He fit us in this Friday and we are looking forward to the event. Again, please pass on my sincere appreciation to LCpl. Clark for his help.

Col. K. S. Turner, Retired

August 7, 1996

Dear Colonel Dotterer,

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for another excellent performance by all at the Friday, August 2, 1996, evening parade.

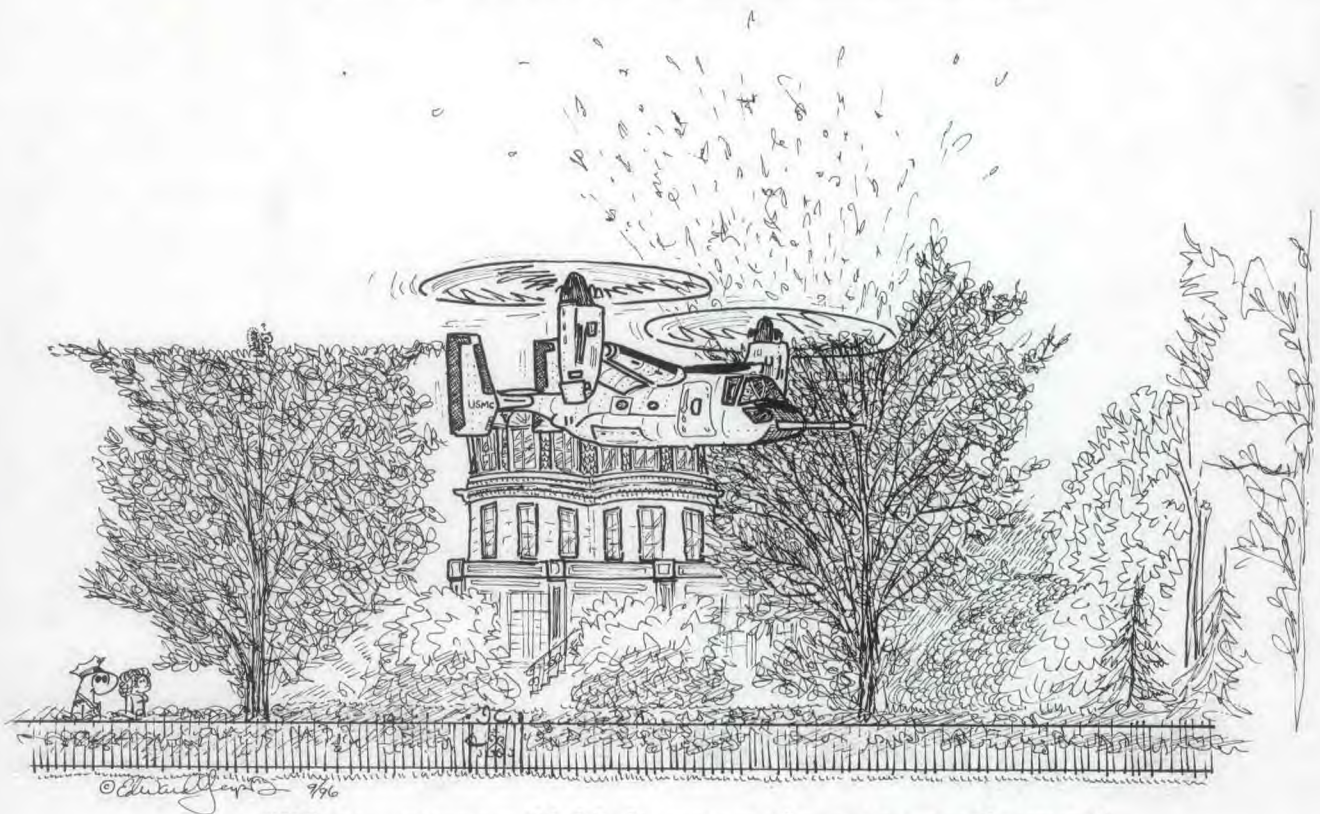
As part of our Navy Reunion weekend, we attended the parade. All of my shipmates of thirty- some years ago were very impressed, not just with those performing on the parade deck, but also those who greeted us upon arrival and departure. Things were wonderful and the "Ole Salts" enjoyed themselves greatly.

Although I've seen many parades and practices since being employed at the barracks, I have grown increasingly proud of our Marines and their professional attitude towards duty. I'm sure this country is in good hands to come.

Again, thank you for an excellent show, and please convey our thanks to the Marines of the oldest Post.

Sincerely,
W.S. "Broiler Room Bill" Grothe
& The Crew of the U.S.S. Telfair APA210

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



"Wow -- my new V-22 Osprey and a new tree trimmer!"

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