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Sandy Charlton is the Barracks horticulturist and is the one who makes sure the Parade Deck is green and the flowers are always blooming. For more photos and the full story see page 6.

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New Ceremonial Bugler

Sgt. Timothy Merklinger is the Barracks' new ceremonial bugler. The Canandaigua, N.Y. native began playing the trumpet when he was in the third grade. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 1982, and has also served at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga.



What was your mother's reaction when you joined the Marine Corps?



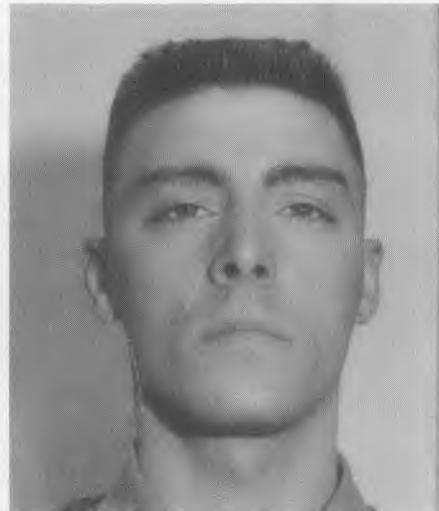
**LCpl. Gregory Holder,
D&B Co.**

"She threw a fit! The first thought that went through her mind was that I might go to war."



**Cpl. Jiki Dean,
H&S Co.**

"My baby, my baby! I don't want my baby to go in the Marine Corps."



**Sgt. Richard Simpkins,
U.S. Marine Band**

"She had to sign for me, but she was very proud that I had followed in my older brother's footsteps."

Command Information

Asian-Pacific American Week May 6-13

The Department of Defense will observe Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week from May 6 to May 13.

In the Asian-Pacific-American category, there are 28 Asian and 26 Pacific Islands subgroups. They include Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Hawaiian, Samoan and Guamanian. Members of these groups have made major contributions to the American way of life in agriculture, the sciences, medicine, commerce, government, philosophy, art, music, space and the military services.

There are nearly 50,000 Asian-Pacific Americans in the military services today, and their numbers are growing.

Easily the most famous Asian-Pacific American military outfit, the 100th Infantry Bn., a Japanese-American unit, formed in Hawaii in June 1942. Its smaller "brother" unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was formed in 1943. They served with distinction during World War II, and were two of the most decorated units in the history of the United States.

American Forces Information Service

It's a mistake not to make mistakes

The first mistake is believing that mistakes are always to be avoided. Too often we believe that mistakes are signs of weakness or failure, therefore we try to avoid mistakes. If we haven't made any mistakes lately maybe we are not trying hard enough.

We can learn from our mistakes. Perhaps it is better said, 'We cannot learn without mistakes.' In fact we might learn even more from our mistakes if we didn't spend so much time denying that we even made them. The fear of making mistakes has kept some people from making it to the top.

There are three ways we can respond to our mistakes. First, you can resolve to never make another one, which is impossible. Second, we can say mistakes are too costly and become fearful, stop trying and not live up to our potential. Thirdly, we can learn from our mistakes and become better people. That is progress.

The second mistake is thinking that success comes naturally to those who are most brilliant and talented. History proves that success comes to those who are persistent and have desire. A young man who was learning to become a trapeze artist heard some excellent advice from his teacher who said, "Throw your heart over the bars and your body will follow". No matter what we are attempting to do if we throw our heart into it we will be a success.

Persistence is needed to overcome the obstacles. As we come to the obstacles that get in the way of accomplishing our goals for life, they can be either stumbling blocks or stepping stones. Just remember reaching our goals takes persistence but the reward for that persistence is success.

The third mistake is refusing to change when there is a need to change. It is easier to stay in our ruts and let the world pass us by. People resist change because they are basically insecure. "We can't make changes, we might fail".

Three common mistakes

- ① *People avoid making mistakes. They live in fear of making mistakes, believing that they are a sign of weakness.*
- ② *Resigning yourself to the fact that you can't do something because you aren't talented, or smart, or strong enough.*
- ③ *Avoiding changing your ways to work around a problem. Like "Gunny Highway" said, "Adapt and overcome."*

Too many times we make the same statement and don't realize what we are doing right now is really failure. Perhaps people also resist change because it takes energy to do something different. Every growing organism grows to maturity, levels off, and dies unless there is new life, new blood, new activity, and new ideas. In other words, we die unless we continue to grow. We grow only when we change.

Ideas for this article came from the book "Think on These Things" by John Maxwell.

LCDR James Griffith
Chaplain's Office



Charlton keeps the post colorful March through September.

She keeps the Barracks in bloom

Spring is here, and thanks to Sandy Charlton (along with a little help from Mother Nature) the parade deck's grass is greening up and flowers around the post are blooming.

Charlton is 8th & I's horticulturist, and is responsible for ensuring the Barracks grounds are immaculate and colorful.

"My main job here is to design and maintain the commandant's grounds, the general officers' gardens, the parade deck and the flower beds

around the Barracks and Bachelor Enlisted Quarters," Charlton said.

"I plan out how the grounds will look with different shrubs and flowers, but it's the guys in grounds maintenance and CMC grounds that do most of the actual labor to make those plans work," she added.

With the start of parade season only days away, colorful flowers enhance the always-important parade atmosphere.

"I try to make the Barracks look good all year round, but since parade season is the most important time here I have to make sure something is always blooming between April and September," said Charlton.

To ensure that there is constantly color on the grounds Charlton has to plan out each individual flower bed in detail. Factors such as color, size, and blooming time determine what

will be planted where in each bed.

"In the fall I plant bulbs for crocuses, daffodils and tulips," she explained. "All through the winter they lay dormant and then in March the crocuses come up. They're followed by the daffodils in April and then the tulips in May. Once we have warmer weather I plant summer annuals that will bloom all through parade season and are killed by the first good frost in the fall." "I try to keep within the patriotic spirit of the parades with the flowers I plant," she continued. "I use a lot of scarlet and gold because they're the Marine Corps' colors, and red, white and blue to show a little patriotism. I keep in mind what the public likes to see when they visit the Barracks."

"A lot of people ask why I bother to plant spring flowers which bloom before parade season. I do it because I think everyone likes to see flowers after a long, dreary winter. It brings people's spirits up and gets people looking forward to parade season," she said.

Charlton said she also has to be aware of special considerations when planning flower beds -- like Mrs. Gray's favorite colors, and the culinary taste of the commandant's dogs.

"Mrs. Gray likes pink and yellow so I try to make sure there's always some flowers in their yard in those colors," she said. "Also, I don't plant ornamental peppers in the commandant's yard anymore. Last summer one of their dogs ate some of them and got sick."

Cover Story

One of Charlton's special projects in the commandant's yard was a big hit at garden parties last year.

"I made an American flag out of Ageratums and Begonias," she said. "It took 90 'North Sea' blue Ageratums to make the blue field and 345 'Whiskey' white and 'Vision' red Begonias to make the stripes. I heard a lot of the commandant's guests liked it so we're going to do it again this year."

The interior of the Home of the Commandants isn't forgotten about either. Charlton often cuts flowers she has grown in the commandant's yard and creates flower arrangements to decorate the inside of the house.

Wintertime doesn't leave Charlton and her CMC grounds crew without work. During the older months of the year they order new equipment and repair old gear to prepare for spring. Charlton also has to make sure there are plenty of Poinsettias and wreaths around the commandant's house and the Barracks to spread holiday cheer.

Another one of Charlton's top priorities is the care of the parade deck. Since it is the "stage" where the parades take place it has to be in top condition.

According to Charlton, 8th & I's parade deck is a little more high tech than just seed, dirt and water. "Because of the wear and tear from practices and performances, we use special chemicals to increase the grass' durability," said Charlton.

"We also water the deck on weekends and on Tuesdays when everyone is marching at 'Two'. That way the ground is dry for Phase I and II practices. We found that the grass holds up to all of that marching better when the ground is dry. Each week we give the parade deck about three-quarters of an inch of water, but during hot spells we give it more," she added.

To be able to manage all of the different chemicals and treatments the parade deck receives takes more than a few basic gardening classes. Charlton had to study biology, chemistry, plant physiology, agronomy (the study of soil), landscape design and other subjects to earn her bachelor of science from West Virginia University.

But to her, the hours of learning in school and the days working out on the Barracks grounds are worth it.



Charlton creates a table setting for the Commandant's house.

"I really enjoy my work," she said. "I like being able to see the results of my work. When I plant something in March or April I see how it comes out in May. I also like having the freedom to be creative with the grounds and helping make the Barracks look good for our guests."

**story and photos by
Cpl. J.D. Moore**

Medal of Honor winner proved "Medevac" could save wounded

This month the Marine Corps celebrates the anniversary of 77 years of Marine Corps aviation heritage. Looking back on those years, one can recall many "flying Leathernecks" that have made great contributions to the fields of air combat and close air support.

Names like Maj. Alfred A. Cunningham, Maj. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington and Col. John Glenn all stand out.

Little-known hero

But there is one name that isn't mentioned as often. And if the thousands of Marines whose lives have been saved because of his foresight knew about him, they would surely praise him highly.

Gen. Christian F. Schilt was the first aviator to successfully evacuate wounded from combat to medical facilities in the rear.

What makes his story even more incredible is that he wasn't flying a helicopter in Vietnam or Korea. Nor was he piloting a transport plane in the Pacific in World War II. Then a first lieutenant, Schilt rescued

several wounded Marines in a two-seat biplane only 25 years after Orville and Wilbur Wright had first sent man airborne.

But even before he accomplished that feat, he earned a reputation as a daring flier. Since Gen. Schilt left his home in Olney, Ill. to join the Marines in 1917, he had seen quite a bit of the Corps' new "aeronautical" branch.

He served in the Azores as a private with the 1st Marine Aeronautical Co. The company of seaplanes patrolled the Atlantic for German "U-boats" and was the first American air unit to go overseas during World War I.

At the war's end he returned to the United States as a corporal and attended flight school in Miami, Fla. where he was designated an aviator June 5, 1919.

In October of that year, as a recently commissioned second lieutenant, he reported to Squadron "D", Marine Air Forces, 2nd Provisional Brigade in

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what is now the Dominican Republic.

He also saw service in Haiti, and on a second assignment in the Dominican Republic he was tasked with making a aerial survey and map of the coast of that country.

At Quantico, Va. during the mid 1920s, Gen. Schilt began to make a name for himself in the still infant aviation community. He finished second in the Detroit News Trophy Race in his DT-4 bomber in October 1925.

Marine Corps History



First Lieutenant Schilt in front of a Vought O2U Corsair.

He also took 3rd place in the Army Air Service machinegun and bombing competition that year.

He then captured second in the 1926 Schneider Cup international seaplane race in a Curtis racer, where he averaged 231 mph over the 217 mile course.

Nineteen-twenty-seven found Gen. Schilt mapping Cuba with an aerial survey team and flying in support of

relief operations during a serious flood in Mississippi.

But while Gen. Schilt was building a reputation as an airplane racer and a distinguished pilot, things were heating up in other parts of the world. For the United States, and the Marine Corps in particular, Nicaragua was the hot spot.

Duty in Nicaragua

Marines were stationed in Nicaragua to quell any upris-

ings in that country until elections could be held in November 1928. In November of the previous year, Gen. Schilt found himself with orders to Observation Squadron 7-M in Managua, Nicaragua.

Gen. Schilt flew one of the Marine Corps' new Vought O2U "Corsairs" two seat biplane. Three months after arriving in the country, he gave an incredible demonstration of what this new aircraft was capable of

Marine Corps History



President Coolidge gave 1st Lt. Schilt the Medal of Honor.

when coupled with a pilot of great courage and daring.

On January 3, 1928, approximately 200 Marines and Guardia Nacional (Nicaraguan para-military police) were pinned down by in the remote mountain village of Quilali. They were surrounded by rebel leader Augusto Sandino's *Insurrectos* and most of their officers and noncommissioned officers were dead or wounded.

The detachment's seriously wounded commander, Capt. Richard Livingston, signalled a

message to a passing patrol plane January 5. He needed air attacks to break up the Sandinista seige and, "if humanly possible," a pilot to land in the town to evacuate his 18 wounded Marines.

1st Lt. Schilt volunteers

After hearing of the trapped Marines desperate situation, Gen. Schilt volunteered to pilot the rescue plane.

Before any rescue aircraft could land in the village a landing strip had to be constructed. Using tools dropped by Marine

pilots, the surrounded Leathernecks burned and knocked down all the buildings on one side of the town's main street.

The result was a 70-foot wide and 400-foot long clearing. Filled with holes and rocks, and bordered by a ravine at one end and a bluff at the other, this wasn't the best of runways, but it was all that Gen. Schilt had. While the runway was being built, Gen. Schilt was preparing his aircraft for the mission. He knew the landing would be rough so he replaced his regular landing gear with larger DH bomber wheels. Also realizing that weight would be a big factor, he dismantled his machineguns and discarded his parachute.

On January 6, Gen. Schilt took off and headed toward Quilali. He flew over the jungle-covered mountains through low-visibility weather at a time when "instrument flying" was unheard of.

Reaching the village, he attempted a landing but the "runway" was too short. Gen. Schilt decided the only way to land would be to "drop" down onto the runway.

On his second attempt, through a storm of Sandinista bullets, Gen. Schilt let the plane "fall" to the ground from about 10 feet. It hit the ground hard, rolled a short distance and then bounced another 30 feet. After another short roll and 10 foot bounce the aircraft stopped -- just short of the ravine at the far end of the strip.

Marine Corps History

The plane was turned around and a wounded Marine was placed in it. Two sturdy Leathernecks held onto the wingtips of the aircraft as Gen. Schilt revved up the engines. On his signal they let go, and once again, through intense enemy fire, Gen. Schilt was airborne.

A short time later he landed at a landing strip at Ocotal, 35 miles away. From there the wounded Marine was flown by transport to medical facilities in Managua.

10 flights in all

Over the next two days Gen. Schilt repeated this deadly flight nine more times. On his eighth trip the landing tail skid assembly collapsed. On his ninth flight the center section struts bent badly, but each time he performed crude repairs and climbed back into the air with his bleeding human cargo. On some trips he flew two men out at a time -- in a damaged aircraft that was only designed for one passenger.

Gen. Schilt's rescue mission ruined three of the Marine Corps' newest airplanes, but in the end it was worth it. He rescued 18 men, three of whom would have died without proper medical care. He also flew in a new commanding officer, an enlisted man and 1,400 pounds of supplies. For his bravery and "almost superhuman skill" Gen. Schilt was awarded our nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor, and the Nicaraguan Cross of Valor.

But probably the most lasting result of his actions was that



Gen. Schilt began flying with biplanes and ended with jets.

he expanded the role of military air power to include evacuating wounded from a battlefield.

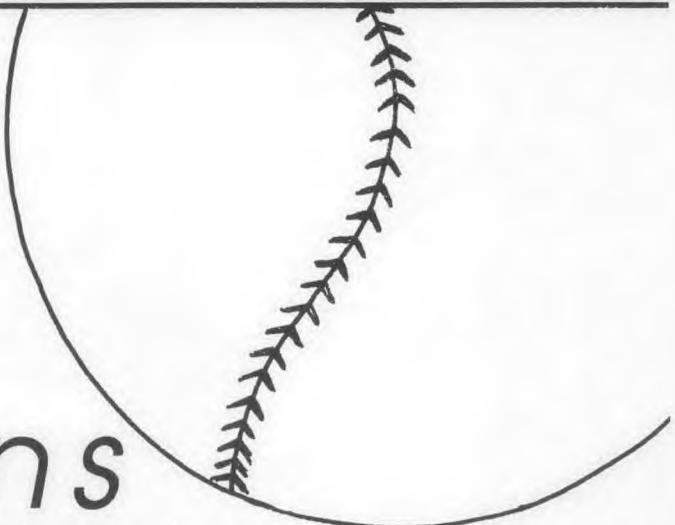
Medical evacuation (Medevac) and resupply through the use of aircraft was a skill further developed in World War II and refined to an art in Korea and Vietnam, but it was first attempted by Gen.

Christian F. Schilt, the "father of the Medevac."

Editor's note: Gen. Schilt went on to serve with distinction in World War II and Korea. Before retiring in 1957, he became the first general officer to fly a jet aircraft. Gen. Schilt died Jan. 8, 1987.

*Story by
Cpl. J.D. Moore*

1989 baseball predictions



Once again the grass is green, the birds are back from their winter vacation and the 1989 Major League Baseball season is here. After stretching out their arms, loosening up tight legs and sharpening up their hitting eyes, all teams are contenders for the World Series. This time of year brings renewed hope to the thousands of faithful fans throughout the land. Will their team end the season heading toward the World Series, or will they limp home with an "O" and 162 record? To answer these questions I have assembled my 1989 Major League Baseball predictions.

National League West

As a longtime National League fan, I'll start my picks there.

In the West, the Dodgers are the defending World Champions. They helped themselves over the winter by rescuing Eddie Murray from Baltimore. This, combined with the acquisition of Willie Randolph from the Yankees should help ease the pain of Steve Sax's departure. The middle of the Dodger lineup should improve with the consistent Murray.

Pitching is always a plus in Los Angeles, but this year there are a few question marks to the Dodgers' otherwise talented staff. John Tudor and Fernando Valezuela,

two lefthanders who figure to play major roles in the defense of the world title, are injured, and it seems Valezuela is a mere shade of his former self. Tudor hasn't pitched since last July, and his career is in jeopardy.

Speaking of the injured, last years hero Kirk Gibson didn't play in spring training. Because the Dodger

dugout looks like a medical ward it will be hard for Manager Tommy Lasorda to preform another miracle finish.

Who will win the National League West is not very easy to predict, but the San Diego Padres seem ready to make a run for the title. The Padres bolstered their lineup with the addition of Jack Clark. Pitching talent, a surprise last year in San Diego, can only get better with the addition of Bruce Hurst from Boston. Hurst will compliment Eric Show and Walt Terrell.

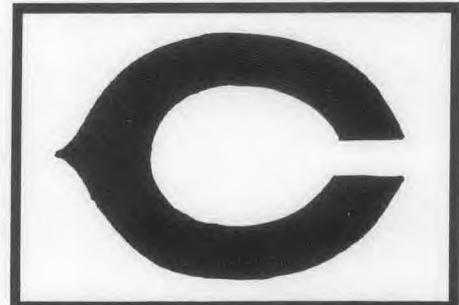
The Padres are talented, but I'm still not sold on them. They get my vote for second place.

The Pete Rose gambling affair should be resolved by the commissioner's office sometime in late spring, this however should not distract from the talent that the Reds have put together on the field.

Danny Jackson, Rick Mahler aquired from the Braves, and perfect-gamer Tom Browning provide a formidable rotation to rival any in baseball. With the addition of Todd Benzinger from Boston, the Cincinnati lineup with Eric Davis, Cal Daniels and Chris Sabo provide a formidable offensive threat to the National League West.

Should Pete Rose fall from baseball's grace, the Reds too could falter, but unless that happens, they are my pick to dethrone the Dodgers in the west. The Dodgers know how hard it is to repeat ecclence, they will finish third in the west.

Rounding out the west, the Giants are contenders if they get good pitching and another outstanding year from Will



Clark. In the San Francisco outfield, Candy Maldanado needs to rebound from a dismal 1988.

If the Giants pitching revolves again around 38 year-old Rick Reschuel they could be in for a rough season. They need more productivity from their pitching staff to help out the ageless wonder Reschuel.

Houston always has pitching and little else. The Astros let Nolan Ryan go to the free agent market and sign with Texas. Ryan will be hard to replace, and the Astros seem to have let go of a team leader.

Glenn Davis is a serious power threat; the only one, for an anemic Houston attack. The Astros are my pick to finish fifth.

Last we have the Atlanta Braves, who's General Manager Bobby Cox, is putting together the nucleus of a talented team. It will be a few years until the people of Atlanta have something to cheer about. The Braves, although improving, are headed for last place again.

National League East

In the National League East, the New York Mets are the defending champions of 1988. Some historians say history repeats itself. I have to disagree with the historians on this one.

Although the Mets have the best pitching in baseball and plenty of talent, there is dissension in their ranks. Darryl Strawberry never has lived up to the New York expectations and feels uncomfortable in the "Big Apple." I think the Mets will still make a run for the roses, but will relinquish their title to a new champion.

The team that never has fulfilled all the media hype through the 1980's is the Montreal Expos. Every new season they say this will be the big year for the boys up north.

Finally, with some new additions, the Expos will live up to their pre-season expectations.

Tim Raines, Hubie Brooks, and Tim Wallach provide a powerful lineup -- when healthy. With the addition of Mike Aldrete from the Giants and Spike Owen over from the Red Sox, the Expos only enemy will be their health.

Last year the Pittsburgh Pirates made a run at the Mets only to run out of gas and finish 15 games behind. The Pirates have the best defensive outfield in baseball in Barry Bonds, Andy Van Slyke and Glenn Wilson. Their pitching needs more experience, and could pos-

sibly trade for a left-handed starter. The Pirates will be in the division race for a while and could very well be carried by Bobby Bonilla into the title if there are no injuries. All these are question marks, so my best bet is for Pittsburgh to finish third. This may be the last time they finish out of the top two in a long time.

St. Louis was very injury-prone last year and it showed in the standings. With Terry Pendleton healthy and a full year from Tom Brunansky and Pedro Guerrero, the Cardinals have enough power to score runs along with their ever-present speed. Whitey Herzog will always find a way to win .

Don't be surprised to see the Cards high in the standings if they get good pitching from Jose Deleon, and a bull pen closer can come up. The most serious obstacle facing the Cards is replacing veteran Danny Cox in the starting rotation, who is lost for the season with pending elbow surgery. Pitching is a problem, and for this reason a fourth place finish is likely.

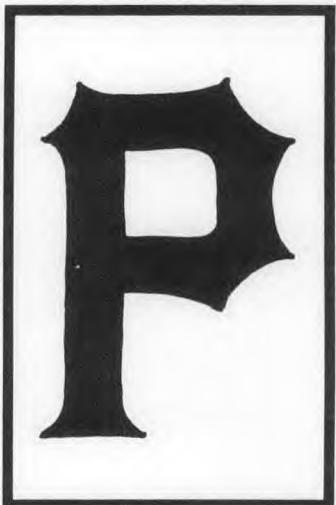
It seems like the Chicago Cubs bring up the rear every year. I don't think they'll disappoint us by changing their old ways this season.

The Cubs will hold their own until July, and then melt away in the hot sun at Wrigley Field.

Chicago made some off-season trades that baffle me . First they sent a 300 hitter, Rapheal Palmerio to the Rangers. Then they put Mitch Williams, a noted wild-man on the mound as their ace out of the bullpen. Williams has a 90 mile per hour fast ball, but hits the backstop a lot.

The lone power threat in the Cubbie line up is Andre Dawson. Granted, Dawson is a star, but his ailing knees make him vulnerable to injury. The Cubs do have a talented centerfielder in rookie Jerome Walton who stole 32 bases and hit .331 at double "A" ball last year. Walton will be tested early on in the year.

The Cubs have had only one winning season since 1972, and haven't won a world championship since 1908. You can be certain they won't win their second this year.



Sports

Pity the Phillies new manager, Nick Leyva. His double play combination of Tom Herr and Dickie Thon, have no range.

Mike Schmidt can't throw very well after off season surgery, and there are doubts he can hit. And the new centerfielder, former second baseman Juan Samuel, is a little shaky out there.

The Phillies do have a good bullpen, with Steve Bedrosian, Greg Harris and Jeff Parrett. But they might trade to get some pitching help or there won't be any games to save.

Sixth place for the Phils is imminent.

American League West

In the American League, the Oakland Athletics are the defending league champions. Oakland certainly has the power to blast it's way to another title.

With Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire, the A's are a fearsome threat. Add Dave Parker and Steve Henderson to that dynamic duo and the A's possess a ton of home run power.

Their pitching staff has some of the best talent in baseball. With Dave Stewart, and closer Dennis Eckersley, the A's have two of the most reliable arms in the game. With the aquisition of Mike Moore from Seattle, Oakland again will be the team to beat in the American League West.

The only problem the A's will have is keeping Canseco out of trouble and avoiding injuries. My pick is "straight" A's in the West.

The Minnesota Twins actually won more games in

1988 than in 1987 the year they won the World Series. The Twins are loaded with talent at centerfield with Kirby Puckett, and at first base where Kent Hrbek preforms daily like a gymnast.

Frank Viola leads the pitching staff again after a Cy Young award winning year in 1988.

Alan Anderson provides a formidable challenge to hitters in the American League. Last year Anderson was the ERA champion in the League. The bullpen is again anchored by Jeff Reardon, who is coming off a superb 1988 season that saw him save 29 games.

Pitching depth is the only weak spot to the otherwise impressive Minnesota team. If the Twins can find another starter to compliment Viola and Anderson,

they will battle with the A's for the division title, but until then they get my pick for second place.

Kansas City will be much improved in 1989 with the addition of Bob Boone to solidify the catching duties. George Brett, Bo Jackson and Kevin Seitzer provide a potent lineup for any pitcher.

The Royals will score a lot of runs, but they don't have the pitching to hold the leads they will get. The Royals need pitching. They are my pick for third place.

To round out the rest of the West, the Chicago White Sox are in the right direction and may surprise a lot of fans. But it'll be fourth place for the Sox in '89, unless Greg Walker can be as productive as he was in 1987 before his health problems, and Carlton Fisk can catch every day. The Sox do have some young talent to give the division leaders problems.

Texas has the potential every year, and this year is no different. With the addition of Nolan Ryan and Raphieal Palmerio, the Rangers once again have the make up of a competitive ball club. But I am a skeptic. My pick is the Rangers for fifth place unless they show some improvement.

Bringing up the rear of the division is the California Angels, who give "Cowboy Gene" Autry heartaches. Sorry Cowboy Gene, expect another summer of heart break. I give sixth place to the Angels only because the baseball lords showed mercy on them and put the hapless Seattle Mariners in the same division.

Once again, the Mariners will be stuck in the lowly depths of the Western Division. There is some hope for the future in Ken Griffey Jr. in centerfield. Now if only the Griffey family can come up with eight more players the Mariners might have a chance.

American League East

The American League East is the division that almost is always involved in a tight division race. In 1988 the Boston Red Sox won the division title after the Detroit Tigers self-destructed in late September.

The Margo Adams affair with Wade Boggs will be forgotten in Boston, and once again Boggs will win the batting title. My question is, "Will Boggs win the batting title with the Red Sox?" There have been rumors about the trading of the five-time batting champion from New York to Seattle. The defending East Champions will out-slug a lot of clubs, and again



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will compete for the title. Mike Greenwell, Ellis Burks and Dwight Evans all had great seasons last year, and are primed for a good season in '89. Jim Rice looks like his old self again after a dismal 1988, and the always reliable Boggs is the heart of the Sox attack.

The loss of Bruce Hurst to the Padres hurts the Sox and puts a heavy burden on ace Roger Clemens. Because of the Hurst loss the pick here is for the Red Sox to drop to second place behind a new champion in the East.

Toronto is my favorite to win the Eastern Division. After the bickering last year between Manager Jimy Williams and George Bell, the Jays have kissed and made up. They look primed to take their first title since 1985.

The pitching with Jimmy Key and Dave Steib compliment a talented rotation. If Bell, Lloyd Moseby and Kelly Gruber can hit again the Blue Jays will score plenty of runs.

Third place will be up for grabs in '89. The rest of the division is very similar in talent.

Without injuries, the Milwaukee Brewers are a contender for the title. The Brewers are a better team with Robin Yount and Paul Molitor in the lineup and can compete with anyone. Although neither has played a whole season since the Brewers' 1982 World Series team, they are proven all-stars.

If the Brew-crew can somehow avert the medevac unit in '89, they will put up a good fight until their pitching fails. The Brewers are a year away from a title.

Fourth place will belong to the Yankees only because owner George Steinbrenner will fire everyone in the organization and threaten to move the team to New Jersey.

The Yanks are in trouble with Dave Winfield on the disabled list until late July. The slack must be picked up by Don Mattingly and new addition Steve

Sax, or the Bronx Bombers could fall further down in the division.

Cleveland is quietly putting together a fine ball club with the additions of Pete O'Brien from Texas along with Odbie McDowell.

The Indian pitching is a strong suit with Greg Swindell and Tom Candiotti. They will have the pleasure of knowing that bull pen ace Doug Jones is lurking, waiting for a save opportunity. Last year Jones set a record for saves in a row.

If the Tribe gets some breaks they could see the upper third of the division.

Baltimore is going with the youth movement and it will take some time.

Luckily the fans of "B-more" are patient and pack the ball park even when they lose. What fans could be more loyal than the Orioles? After 21 straight loses at the start of 1988, the "O's" never gave up, and in a couple of years their fan loyalty will pay off. Cal Ripken anchors a young talented team at Memorial Stadium along with Phil Bradley from Philadelphia.

Sixth place for the Orioles this year is a question mark because they could move up if the others in the upper half of the division falter.

Seventh place will be an unfamiliar position for manager Sparky Anderson, but the Tigers just don't have any talented players left in Detroit.

The management is content with letting such stars as Kirk Gibson, Darryl Evans and Lance Parrish get away. Until the Tiger front office can get Anderson some players capable of competing with the rest of the American League, the Tigers are headed for an unfamiliar bottom-of-the-barrel finish.

World Series

As I see it, it all boils down to this. We'll see Oakland and Toronto battling it out for American League laurels, with the A's coming out on top.

Cincinnati will beat out the Montreal Expos for National League honors, but will fall short in the 1989 World Series. Oakland will emerge as the world champs for the first time since 1974.

story by

Cpl. Mark DeCarolis

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Marines get second chance at \$10,800 education benefits until June 30

Some Marines who turned down the Montgomery G.I. Bill will have another chance at receiving \$10,800 for their post-service education, according to a recently published ALMAR message.

According to ALMAR 269/88, Marines who decided not to take advantage of the "New" G.I. Bill will have that chance again from now until June 30, 1989. However, only Marines who took the Oath of Enlistment or first came on active duty during the period July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1988 are eligible for this special program.

The Montgomery G.I. Bill will provide \$10,800 for a Marine's education up to 10 years after he or she separates from the service.

To enroll in this program a Marine must agree to a reduction in pay of \$100 per month for

What you need to know...

- Any Marine who entered the Marine Corps between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1988, and turned down the G.I. Bill has another chance to apply for it.
- The G.I. Bill will pay \$10,800 for a Marine's education up to 10 years after he or she separates from the service.
- You must apply before June 30, 1989, to take advantage of this special program.

12 months, for a total of \$1,200. The U.S. Government will pay an additional \$9,600 for a total of \$10,800 for Marines who pursue some form of higher education after their separation.

For those Marines who have less than 12 months left on active duty, special payment plans can be arranged.

The money can be used for programs at trade and technical schools, apprenticeship

programs and other on-the-job training, approved correspondence training, in addition to formal education at colleges and universities.

For more information on this second chance at a free education call the Barracks education officer at 433-4492/4493.

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Other Education Programs

Vietnam-Era G.I. Bill

Service members who were on active duty between March 31, 1966, and Dec. 31, 1976, are covered. The program expires Dec. 31, 1989. They may convert to the Montgomery G.I. Bill, provided they were on active duty from Oct. 19, 1984, to June 30, 1985, and had at least three years of active duty service after June 30, 1985, with no break in service. Those who convert will receive \$300 a month for 36 months plus a monthly benefit of half the amount they were entitled to under the old G.I. Bill. Vietnam-era veterans make no contribution to this program.

Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

Service members on active duty during the period Jan. 1, 1977, to June 30, 1985, are covered. Those enrolled in the program get \$2 from the government for every \$1 they contribute. The maximum accrual is \$8,100. Persons eligible for this program are not eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill. Program benefits must be used within 10 years of leaving the service. Enrollment closed March 31, 1987.

American Forces Information Service

Military child care will improve following study

"We have a good, solid child care program that's in the mainstream of the way the industry is behaving in the United States," said Gail McGinn, director of the Department of Defense's (DoD) Family Policy and Support Office.

The study

An independent research organization has judged the more than 600 child care centers and 11,000 licensed family day care homes on military installations to be in the median of the national average.

The "Acceptable and Affordable Child Care Services for Military Families" study was conducted in 1988 by the Logistics Management Institute, a research company based in Bethesda, Md.

The firm compared the following standards:

- Age eligible for care;
- Space--both indoor and outdoor square footage required per child;
- Group size--maximum size for each age group;
- Child/care-giver ratios per age group;
- Staff qualifications;
- Criminal record checks with the FBI and each state's agency and child abuse registries;
- Health standards;
- Inspections; and
- Insurance requirements.

The researchers interviewed service child care providers, searched all state standards and reviewed the service' regulations and instructions that implement child care.

The results

The services were found to be generally at the median of states' standards.

"An area they found where we were not quite at the median of the 50 states--not quite as good as 25 of the states (but better than others) was in the child/care-giver ratios in the child-infant-toddler area," McGinn said.

"We have adjusted those ratios in our instruction to bring us more in sync in that particular finding," she said.

"Another unexpected finding revealed that many of our centers have not been enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture food program, which will reimburse our centers for some of the costs of providing food to some of our children," McGinn admitted. "We took steps in our instruction to ensure that all of our centers will participate in that program to take advantage of that federal reimbursement when cost effective," she said. This food program is available, however, only to stateside child care centers.

The study also showed a shortcoming in checking a

potential care-giver's background. While 20 states require FBI files checks, 29 require criminal records checks and 19 check with child abuse registries. The military services perform local agency checks only. In addition, the Army does check with the National Military Child Abuse Registry.

"I'm satisfied we do quite a bit to check people's backgrounds when they apply for jobs," McGinn said. "Service checks are very similar to FBI checks. It takes quite a bit of time to check backgrounds, particularly for family day care providers--sometimes there are people waiting to provide care who have not yet had the checks done on them."

Improved background checks

"The researchers did indicate a problem with us checking with state child abuse registries. A lot of the states deny access to installations because the military is a federal agency, not a state agency," she said. "We are working to see if we can have access to those registries . The services have been working hard to make sure that those checks are done, and I think we're getting better at it."

"We have to provide the best child care we can within the resources that are available to DoD, with an eye on keeping it affordable for the military members and their families," she said.

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Barracks Information

Chaplain's Column

Sunday, May 14, is Mothers Day. It is a day that we pay special tribute to our mothers.

"Search the long annals of proud Rome and Greece,
The tombs of war, the chronicles of peace,
Ransack the old and modern rolls of fame,
To fit the brightest splendor on a name,
The name above all names is mother."

"The greatest word is God. The deepest word is soul. The longest word is eternity. The swiftest word is time. The nearest word is now. The darkest word is sin. The meanest word is hypocrisy. The broadest word is truth. The strongest word is right. The tenderest word is love. The sweetest word is home. The dearest word is mother."

"One of the most important chapters in history will be entitled 'A Mothers Influence.'" Who will write that wonderful story? Two names in history are Lincoln and Cromwell. Lincoln affirmed, "All I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." Cromwell, the historian, said no other member of his family, neither his wife or father, influenced him as did his mother. He followed her advice when young, he established her in the royal palace of Whitehall when he came to greatness, and when she died he buried her in Westminster Abbey.

She cared nothing for her son's granduer. Her only thought seemed to be for his welfare, comfort and the honor of his name and reputation."

"The mightiest prayers ever offered have ascended from a mothers lips."

"My mothers prayers haunt me like a ghost!" said the conscience stricken sailor when slipping down the ratlines one night as though stung into nervousness by an unwelcome thought. "I knew that my mother would be praying for me," said one who would become a famous American Bishop. "I knew that my mother would be praying for me -- and it helped me!"

I have put together this collection of readings about mothers from the bible study text, "The Book of Life", to remind us to remember our mothers, not only on Mother's Day but every day of the year.

LCDR James Griffith

Barracks Chaplain

May at a glance...

May 3

1802--Washington, D.C. incorporated as a city.

May 5

Dependents' Evening Parade.

May 8

1945--Victory in Europe, or "V-E" day. Nazi Germany surrendered after six years of world war.

May 12

First public Evening Parade.

May 13

National Military Spouse Day.

May 14

Happy Mother's Day!

May 17

1987--U.S.S. Stark struck by two missiles from an Iraqi warplane.

May 19

Evening Parade.

May 20

Armed Forces Day.

May 22

1912--Lt. A.A. Cunningham reported for aviation duty at Annapolis, Md. Observed as the birthday of Marine Corps Aviation.

May 26

Evening Parade.

May 29

Memorial Day.

May 30

First Sunset Parade.

Note: Due to ceremonial commitments, the events listed above may be rescheduled or cancelled. Use your chain of command for more detailed information.

Ask the Gunny

"Mother's Day has nothing to do with candy. Candy is junk. You give your mother a box of candy and then you go home and eat it yourself..."

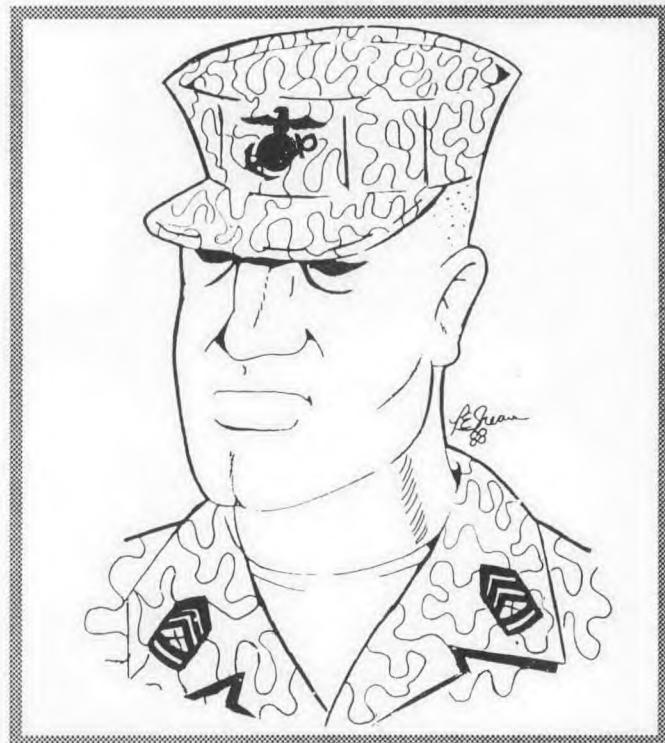
"A maudlin, insincere printed card or a ready-made telegram means nothing except that you're too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone else in the world. You ought to go home and see your mother on Mother's Day. You ought to take her out and paint the town red"

"You ought to give her something useful, something permanent."

The statements above are from Anna May Jarvis. If anyone had the right to speak out against the commercialization of Mother's Day, it was Anna May Jarvis. That second Sunday of thoughtfulness every May was Anna's idea in the first place.

Anna was 42 years-old when her mother died on the second Sunday of May 1906. Anna became obsessed with one desire -- to see her mother and motherhood honored annually throughout the world.

After more than a year of careful planning, she arranged the first Mother's Day church service May 10, 1908 at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, W.Va., where her mother had taught Sunday school. A year later, Philadelphia, Pa. became the first city to proclaim an official Mother's Day.



Three years later, West Virginia made Mother's Day a statewide observance. Then, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation from Congress -- a document recorded as Public Resolution 25 -- to establish the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

It all began with Anna. She lived to the age of 84 and even after Mother's Day became permanent she didn't rest. She spent the remaining 34 years of her life, after the proclamation, campaigning against the commercialization of the day she had founded in honor of all mothers.

She died in November 1948, and sadly enough, the fact remains that Anna would never be honored on the day she was responsible for founding. Anna May Jarvis, the "mother" of Mother's Day, who devoted her life and fortune to the reverent observance of motherhood -- was never married and was never a mother.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. D. Smutt".

Smedley D. Smutt
GySgt USMC



From the attic...

Marines of the "Oldest Post" stand by Post 1 sometime in the early 1900s. A "horseless carriage" is parked just outside the gate.