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Sound Off

Edited by R. R. Keene

Have a question or feel like sounding off? Address your letter to: Sound Off Editor, *Leatherneck Magazine*, P.O. Box 1775, Quantico, VA 22134, or send an e-mail to: r.keene@mca-marines.org. Due to the heavy volume, we cannot answer every letter received. Do not send original photographs, as we cannot guarantee their return. All letters must be signed, and e-mails must contain complete names and postal mailing addresses. Anonymous letters will not be published.—Sound Off Ed.

Letter of the Month

(Leatherneck will pay \$25 for a "Sound Off Letter of the Month" submitted by an MCA&F member or provide a one-year courtesy subscription to a non-member whose letter is selected.)

"Beyond the Medal of Honor, A Genuinely Good Marine: Corporal Kyle Carpenter Receives Nation's Highest Award" by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Fay, USMC (Ret) [August issue] about Cpl William K. Carpenter is wonderfully written and documented with personal accounts and photos. It brings the readers exceptionally close to Cpl Carpenter and his family. The photo of Cpl Carpenter with his head on his mother's shoulder shows such deep love and true humbleness; in my view, the photo is worthy of a Pulitzer Prize.

While reading the story, you become immediately attached to Cpl Carpenter. I'd love to have him as a friend; he's the kind of guy that always has his buddy's back. His wit even under adversity is so refreshing and down to earth. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter raised an exceptional son, and the Marine Corps developed this young man into a marvelous model of our principles.

I am so proud to be called a Marine, especially when young men like Cpl Carpenter wear the same uniform.

D. Jerry McKeon
USMCR, 1958-65
Birmingham, Mich.

Retired Gunny's Dad Was an FO on Peleliu

I read the article "Peleliu: 1944" by Major Allan C. Bevilacqua, USMC (Ret) in the September issue with great interest from two perspectives, personal and historical. My father, Corporal Ray C. Teuscher, was a forward observer with "Easy" Battery, 2d Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment and landed in the second wave at Orange Beach. Btry E was the only artillery operating on D-day. This is from the official account in Marine Corps monographs.

I have an e-mail from a Marine who was in the Fire Direction Control of 2/11.

He didn't know my dad, but probably spoke with him when my dad called in fire missions. He related that my dad was blessed to survive as they used quite a few forward observers since few survived more than a day or two. He also included, "The job also evidenced a tremendous amount of courage."

One night after registering the guns, my dad was coming through the Marine lines, and a rifleman told him that he wouldn't have that job for anything. My dad had done this since Tulagi and Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and Talasea on New Britain.

I also corresponded with Gene Sledge, author of "With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa." He had nothing but praise for the forward observers at Peleliu and Okinawa.

I have some information Maj Bevilacqua might like to have for his files about Peleliu. I will make copies of these and share them if he is open to this. My dad passed away in 2001, but I still have his Ka-Bar knife that he used to kill two infiltrators during his first night ashore. Earlier, on the way to the beach, the amtrac to the left of my dad's took a direct hit from artillery fire, and the one on the right was hit. My dad and those who made it in don't know how they did.

GySgt Tom Teuscher, USMC (Ret)
Orlando, Fla.

Reader Thanks *Leatherneck* For Van Orden Story

You can't possibly let a story like the Van Ordens' "Gunpowder in Their Blood: Four Generations of George Van Ordens," August issue, go by without a comment.

A fabulous story of Marines—the few who are ready. Thank you to Kyle Watts for writing an outstanding article.

Joe Tirrell
Oceanport, N.J.

A Huss Between Us

I remember being in Staging Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., in 1969 and hearing a plea from a salty lance corporal heading for his second

tour in Vietnam: "Come on, Gunny, cut me a huss! I need some special liberty before we head over."

Where did the term "cut me a huss" originate? Or was it peculiar to that time and place?

Former Sgt Richard B. Ellenberger
Normandy Park, Wash.

• *There may be other definitions, but according to "Leatherneck Lingo" on this magazine's official website (see <https://www.mca-marines.org/leatherneck/lingo/h>), "huss" means to give a helping hand. The UH-34 Seahorse helicopter was designated as the "HUS," and when Vietnam-era Marines needed a medical evacuation helicopter, they'd ask for a huss or ask to be cut a huss. That's our definition, and we are sticking to it.—Sound Off Ed.*

Drummed Out: Those Who Witnessed It, Never Forgot

I was stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., with the Sixth Marine Regiment during 1953 and 1954.

I can remember the time we all marched to the parade ground with other units, and a drumming out of the Marine Corps took place. In my mind it seems like yesterday.

The officer in charge read the offense and then gave the command: "About face!"

MSgt Robert O. Smith, USMC (Ret)
Orange, Calif.

I served as a battalion logistics chief with the 10th Marines, Second Marine Division, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., from 1959 to 1960. We had a prisoner who, after serving time in the brig, was to be dishonorably discharged.

He was brought from the brig to our barracks in civilian clothes and turned over to me. The battalion was in formation just outside. On command, I escorted the prisoner to front and center of the battalion. An officer read the charges for which he had been convicted. Then the commanding officer ordered the battalion, "About face!" I then escorted the prisoner

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past the backs of the remaining Marines to a jeep. The driver then drove us to the main gate where the individual dismounted, and I escorted him off the base.

Lou Mello
USMC, 1951-60
Topeka, Kan.

I just read the letter "Drummed Out of the Corps: A Punishment That Is Long Gone" in September's "Sound Off." I can tell you that this tradition did take place, at least until early 1959.

While serving with Battery I, 3d Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, Second Marine Division, a Marine with whom I was friends received a Bad Conduct Discharge. The battalion fell out in formation, and the Marine receiving the BCD stood in front of the assembled battalion. The charges were read, and the battalion was ordered to do an about face, turning our backs on him. He had been a friend, and I felt bad about turning my back on him, but I followed orders. He was then escorted to the main gate. The only thing lacking was the "drumming."

Former Cpl Joseph E. Williams
Venice, Fla.

I was transferred to Marine Barracks Norfolk, Va., in April 1962 and was told by a fellow Marine that our commanding officer had recently been the subject of feature articles in *Look* and *Life* magazines regarding his receipt of a reprimand from General David M. Shoup, 22nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, for drumming Marines out of the Corps. Apparently, the reprimand had little effect on our CO since there were at least three more drumming-out ceremonies there before I was transferred in 1963.

I must say that the ceremony was impressive and left a lasting memory.

Capt Ralph L. Wheaton, USMC (Ret)
Paw Paw, W.Va.

• *For some reason, our readers seem interested in this less-than-favorable retired tradition of our Corps. We also received letters from Marines Albert L. Dean, USMC, 1958-62, of Gresham, Ore.; Dave Yates, USMC, 1958-64, of Big Pine Key, Fla.; Sgt Robert Shofner, USMC, 1955-62, of Louisville, Ky.; and Cpl Laurence P. Donovan, USMC, 1958-62, of Orange, Mass.—Sound Off Ed.*

It Is His Magazine in Which to Sound Off

This Marine turned 82 in September. We do not need another 9/11 disaster. I am sick of hearing nothing but talk. Action is the answer.

America, our country needs help. Why can't the Marines training at Marine Corps

Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., conduct an exercise down the Rio Grande and close the border? Close it tight. Tightening our border is essential.

I am worried about the upcoming generation and my grandkids. Are we going to sit and wait for ISIS [Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIL: Islamic State of Iraq and the Lavant (region)] to land or take fight to them? I would have thought the U.S. Marine Corps would have acted before now. I live in Texas, and the governor at least made an attempt to secure the border.

I had expected the Marines to take the bull by the horns before now.

Former SSgt Charles E. Ingle
Woodville, Texas

• *SSgt Ingle, your age and service give you the right to vent in this magazine. However, keep in mind, our Marines have never, in all the years of their existence, had the authority to act on their own. They have taken an oath to "support and defend the Constitution ... and obey the orders of the President of the United States and the officers appointed over them."—Sound Off Ed.*

Attention to Detail

I might be wrong; I know that a lot of uniform changes have been made since I retired in 1976. I noticed that the "Semper-Pari" USMC Tribute Sculpture advertisement in the September 2014 issue has an incorrect waist plate for a noncommissioned officer. I always believed that the waist plate with emblem and wreath was for staff noncommissioned officers. Has this been changed?

GySgt Lewis Souder III, USMC (Ret)
Sabastian, Fla.

• *You may also notice that he has a company grade officer's barracks cover, and, no, the regulations have not changed concerning waist plates. The sergeant is wearing a staff noncommissioned officer's waist plate. We have called these uniform discrepancies to the attention of the Bradford Exchange.—Sound Off Ed.*

What Happened to the Leatherneck "Iambic Doggerel"?

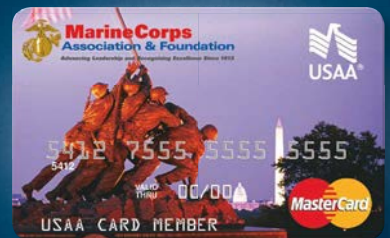
Probably because I love poetry and often contribute, when *Leatherneck* comes, I turn first to "Gyrene Gyngles." So, I was disappointed to find that feature missing from the September issue. I hope it is temporary.

My Marine buddies used to bring me a few details about their girlfriends, and I would turn out three or four stanzas of iambic doggerel that they'd send off under their own names. I often wonder if



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there are old Marine [wives] nagging their husbands, "You never write me poetry anymore!"

Former SSgt Robert A. Hall
Madison, Wis.

• *"Iambic doggerel" made your letter worth publishing. If you don't already know, Leatherneck never retires its columns; they just go into abeyance until the need again arises. I also like "Gyrene Gyngles," but we were no longer getting enough contributions to make it a monthly feature. Thus, it is in reserve until we get a steady flow and then it will appear periodically. I must also admit that I like the newest back-page department, "Saved Round," which will feature photos of historical interest that we're hoping our readers will enjoy. Please, "Sound Off" with your feedback.—Sound Off Ed.*

Uniform Changes Over the Years

I enlisted in the Marine Corps, Aug. 2, 1948, in Boston. Pullman cars took us to Parris Island, S.C.

A list of clothing issued:

Herringbone utilities, "boon docker" field shoes, two pairs of brown dress shoes to be dyed cordovan.

Green service uniform with blouse and battle jacket. Wool "horse blanket"

overcoat. (Very warm for guard or gate duty and walking guard post for four hours with M1 rifle.)

Khaki cotton uniform with battle jacket; field scarf, also cotton. That uniform was washed and starched.

Green khaki barracks cap with green and khaki garrison caps.

Dress blues were also issued. White cap cover and blue cap cover and belt for winter.

Our platoon, #163, 1st Battalion, spent three weeks on the rifle range.

Former SSgt Orville Anttila
Ashby, Mass.

• *Thank you for your service, sir! Happy Marine Corps Birthday, leatherneck, and thanks for helping us remember lest we forget.—Sound Off Ed.*

I shake my head when I look at today's Marine Corps uniforms. No starch, no spit-shine, no ironing and no brass polish.

I served from 1967 until retirement in 1999. My fellow Marines and I spent hours preparing our uniforms. We spit-shined our boots and dress shoes. We scrubbed all white gear including our web belts. Shined buckles, belt tips, emblems, buttons and chin-strap posts. We starched and pressed our uniforms and utility covers.

After washing the utility cover, we would mount the cover on the metal cover-block and apply the starch with a brush. Once dry, the cover was removed from the block and hand-creased around the edges.

It was a tool to mold discipline, dedication, pride and leadership.

Today, you throw your utilities into a washer and dryer, kick the mud off the rough leather boots, and you are “good to go.” I have had this discussion with several officers, and they come back with—it saves time. My question is, What are we doing with all this time being saved?

I know that once my uniform was really squared away, and I would put it on, it made me feel special. I don’t think our Marines have that feeling anymore.

MSgt Dick Bowers, USMC (Ret)
Zanesville, Ohio.

• *Yes, Top, Marines of today really have a lot of time on their hands deploying all over the world, fighting the war on terrorism (many have five or more combat deployments), training, and taking care of their families. (In our day, most of us were single. Today it is just the opposite.) They love to wear their dress uniforms with pride and distinction, and they look extremely sharp. They also look sharp in their utilities, even though utilities are not designed to look pretty; they are designed to fight in.*

Enlistment quotas have been made every month for two decades. Reenlistments are limited because while the Corps is shrinking, more want to stay in than ever before. There is combat discipline, combat dedication, combat pride and combat leadership in today’s Corps. Almost every one of them has been under fire, and they are possibly the most experienced veterans we’ve had since World War II. I know you will join me in saluting them on our 239th Birthday.—Sound Off Ed.

Reunions

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In his birthday greeting 70 years ago, General Alexander Vandegrift, our 18th Commandant, noted that, “A birthday is a fitting time to peer backward – and forward.” That year, Marines reflected on an extraordinary year in combat during their amphibious drive across the Pacific. Despite the challenges and the horrific conditions, Marines prevailed at Guam, Saipan, and Peleliu. On 10 November 1944, Marines looked back with pride on their accomplishments – confident in their ability to meet future challenges.

In 2004, 20,000 Marines deployed to Al Anbar Province, Iraq – many Marines celebrated the birthday in places like Fallujah, Ramadi, and Al Qaim while decisively engaged in combat. That year, Marines also responded to crisis in the Pacific following a tsunami which claimed the lives of more than 200,000 people. On 10 November 2004, Marines looked back with pride on their accomplishments – confident in their ability to meet future challenges.

As we celebrate our 239th birthday, Marines are in combat in Afghanistan. Since we last gathered to celebrate our Corps’ birthday, we also responded to crises in the Philippines, South Sudan, Libya, and Iraq.

Some things change. This year found us in different climes and places than our predecessors in 1944 and 2004. We have adapted our organization, training, and equipment to the ever-changing operating environment. Some things remain the same. Marines attacked this year’s challenges with the same courage, commitment, loyalty, self-sacrifice, and adaptability as their predecessors in Peleliu and Fallujah. For that reason, on 10 November 2014, we Marines can look back with pride on our accomplishments – confident in our ability to meet future challenges.

Thanks for who you are and what you do. Happy Birthday, Marines.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "J. F. Dunford, Jr.".

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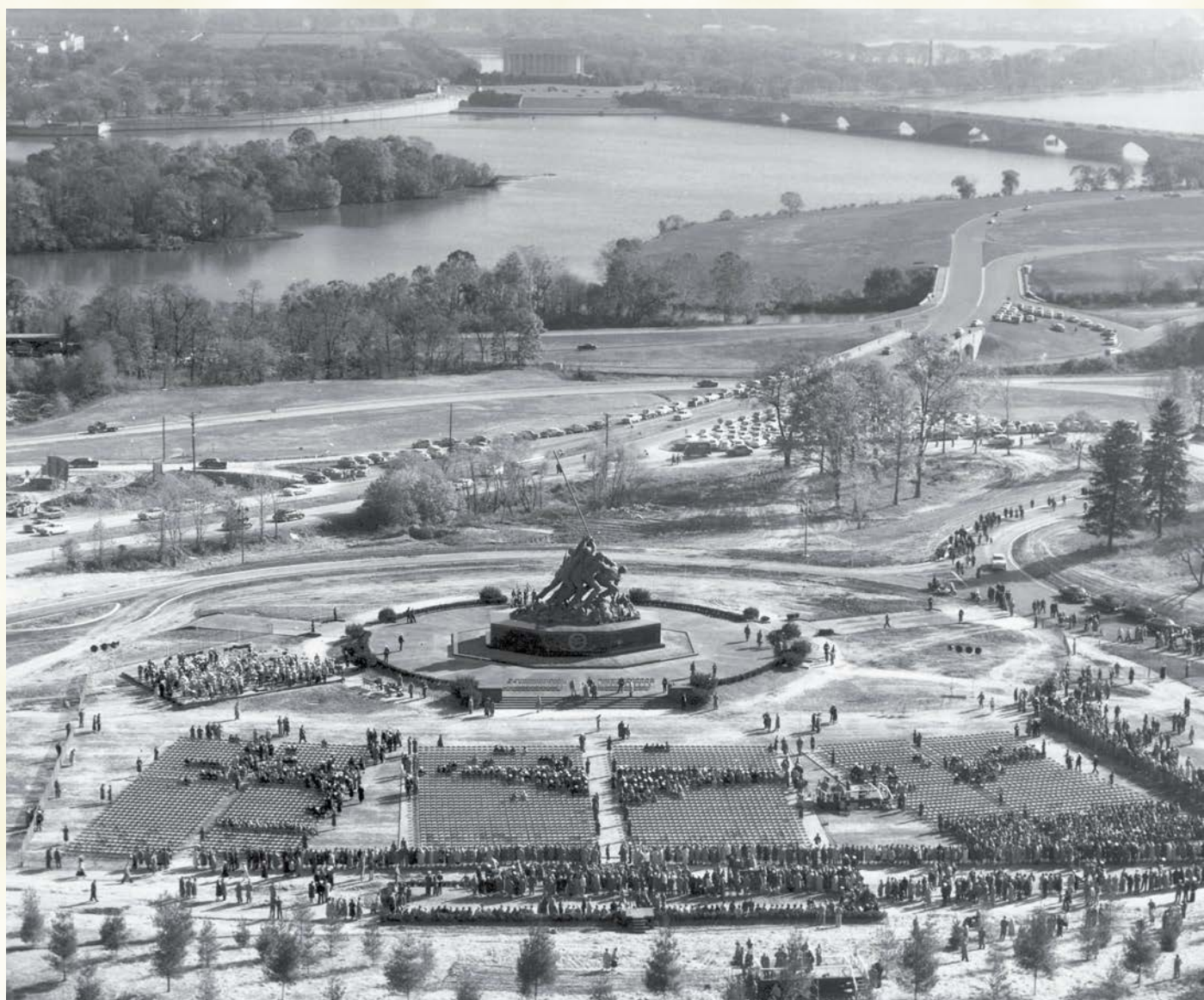
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"The President's Own" United States Marine Band provides music as those attending the Nov. 10, 1954, dedication of the Marine Corps War Memorial make their way to the site, a 7½-acre tract of land bordering the northern end of Virginia's Arlington National Cemetery and overlooking Washington, D.C.

Nov. 10 will mark a day of celebration and reflection for Marines and their families around the globe as they observe the 239th Birthday of their Corps, remembering the hard-fought battles and the contributions and sacrifices of those Marines who have gone before.

Perhaps equally worth celebrating is the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the Marine Corps War Memorial, on the same date in 1954. The iconic statue of five Marines and one Navy corpsman was modeled after the Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of the second flag raising on Iwo Jima by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal. The memorial stands as a symbol of America's resolve and honors the memory of not only those Marines who lost their lives in the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, but all Marines who have died defending our country since 1775.

In his Nov. 10, 1954, Birthday Message, General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., 20th Commandant of the Marine Corps, who also participated in the dedication of the war memorial that day, reflected on the "substantial contribution" that Marines make to the security of America. "Each year that great heritage of service and accomplishment grows in stature as a result of the courage, the resolution and the selfless loyalty of Marines of all ranks. ... It is in the example set by those Marines of other generations that we find the inspiration and courage to meet our new responsibilities however great they may be."

As in years past, today's Marines continue to take the fight to the enemy, safeguarding America.

Happy Birthday, Marines, and thank you!



MARINE CORPS WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATED 60 YEARS AGO



Thousands attended the dedication of the 78-foot-high Marine Corps War Memorial, including President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Vice President Richard M. Nixon; the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr.; sculptor Felix W. de Weldon; AP photographer Joe Rosenthal; and the surviving flag raisers—John H. Bradley, Rene A. Gagnon and Ira H. Hayes. The total cost of the memorial was \$850,000, of which all was donated by Marines and friends of the Corps. No public funds were used.

SSGT E. FATO



PFC SUTTON

MajGen Merritt A. "Red Mike" Edson, USMC (Ret), left, president of the Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation, and Gen Shepherd, CMC, participate in a ground-breaking ceremony prior to the memorial's dedication. As the commanding officer of the 1st Marine Raider Battalion, Edson was awarded the Medal of Honor during the defense of Lunga Ridge on Guadalcanal in the Solomons, Sept. 13-14, 1942.



USMC

PFC Rene Gagnon, one of the two flag raisers in Joe Rosenthal's photo, poses for sculptor Felix de Weldon, as did PFC Ira Hayes and Navy corpsman, PhM2c John Bradley. PFC Franklin R. Sousley, Sgt Michael Strank and Cpl Harlon H. Block died later in the battle, and photos and physical statistics of them were collected and used in the modeling of their faces.

In Every Clime and Place

Edited by
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■ HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN Marines Patrol and Provide Security Around Camps Bastion and Leatherneck

Enemy insurgents continue to operate in Helmand province, Afghanistan. To mitigate this threat, Marine infantry units conduct security patrols to build relationships with Afghans in the surrounding area of Camps Bastion and Leatherneck and to rid local routes of improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

During one such patrol, Marines and sailors with Company B, 1st Battalion, Second Marine Regiment convoyed in Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles approximately three hours south of Camp Leatherneck for a 24-hour security patrol Aug. 23-24.

"I feel it was successful," said Corporal David Calle, assistant patrol leader with "Bravo" Co. "Today we got to talk to a couple locals and build rapport with them for future operations. The more people we can talk to, the better our relationship will be, which gives us a better chance to find hidden IEDs in the area."

Patrolling throughout Helmand province remains dangerous but necessary for the security of the base.

"It is very important that everyone pays attention at all times," said Cpl Kevin Midgley, a machine-gunner with Bravo Co. "There are no guarantees. I am constantly relying on my brothers to watch my back as I watch over theirs."

Infantry Marines are thoroughly trained on how to identify IED indicators as well as the protocol for coming across a possible IED.

"When there is a possible threat in the area, it is always better to get a visual confirmation on the threat before coming to a conclusion that could cost us time or put ourselves in more of a dangerous situation," said Midgley.

He also stressed the importance of vehicle maintenance and preparation prior to conducting mounted operations in the area. "Before each operation, the vehicles are prepped and checked thoroughly to make sure there will not be any incidents three hours away from base. Everyone with Bravo Company has been properly trained, and we are ready for anything during future operations."

Leathernecks of 1st Bn, 2d Marines forward deployed to Afghanistan during May from Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Ma-

rines will continue to patrol the area surrounding Camps Bastion and Leatherneck to ensure the safety of coalition forces operating on the bases until full security responsibility of the area is transferred to the Afghan National Security Forces at the end of the year.

Cpl Cody Haas

Combat Correspondent, MEB-Afghanistan

■ MCMWTC BRIDGEPORT, CALIF. Assaulting and Scaling Sheer Cliffs

Leathernecks with 3d Battalion, First Marine Regiment clambered up the sheer sides of cliffs during recent assault training at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Calif.

The battalion is the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's ground combat element and is preparing for an upcoming deployment next year. This specialized training ensures Marines are prepared for mountainous terrain if the need arises.

"This training is all about being prepared," said Sergeant Luis A. Gonzalez, squad leader with 2d Platoon, Company L, 3/1. "The Marines get a feel for what it's like working with one another [and] stay current on their [infantry] skills. It's beneficial for me, because I get to see how my squad operates, where everyone is at, and what I need to do to make them better, all while learning new skills in a new environment."

Having spent the previous days training with rappel assaults, the Marines had a solid base of knowledge on scaling down a cliff. This time they would scale up a cliff; a task that is physically demanding and mentally taxing.

"You go into it a lot more confident," said Lance Corporal Matthew B. Mercado, an infantry rifleman with 2d Plt. "But it's more challenging. You're trying to make it up the side of this cliff with all your gear, trying to move fast, but at the same time being careful. The hard part comes when you come to a point when there's no ledge or footing. You can't just stay there; you have to find a way up. It's almost like a puzzle."

That puzzle can have serious repercussions if a wrong move is made. To ensure success, Marines learned how to use safety lines and how to properly traverse the cliffs.

"We taught them everything they need to know, and they've responded well to the training," said Staff Sergeant David K. Mwaura, a unit training instructor with



CPL CODY HAAS

Cpl Kevin Midgley, a machine-gunner with B/1/2, scans for suspicious activity during a patrol in Helmand province Aug. 24. The Marines patrolled near Camps Bastion and Leatherneck to ensure the safety of coalition forces.



Above: LCpl Julio C. Miranda Jr. rappels down the face of a cliff at the Corps' Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, Aug. 29. Leathernecks with the 15th MEU honed their skills in preparation for an upcoming deployment. (Photo by Sgt Emmanuel Ramos)

Left: PFC Brandon Daniels works his way up a cliff. The training teaches climbing techniques, while also increasing each Marine's confidence.

■ TOUBACOUTA, SENEGAL Marines Teach Maritime Security, Marksmanship to Commandos

Security Cooperation Team 1, Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Africa 14 departed Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, to provide training as part of a recent security cooperation engagement in Toubacouta, Senegal.

The U.S. military personnel trained and advised the Senegalese *Compagnie de Fusilier Marine Commandos* (COFUMACO) on the intricacies of maritime security force assistance, marksmanship exercises, patrolling techniques and small-boat tactics and skills. In turn, the commandos will train the Senegalese armed forces on the skills, techniques and procedures they learned from the Americans. Since arriving in Senegal, Marines and U.S. Coast

the Mountain Warfare Training Center. "For the most part, it's been a lot of small-unit leadership. The [noncommissioned officers] take the lead and make sure their Marines are applying everything we've taught them."

As the day came to a close, squad leaders gathered their Marines and reiterated the importance of the training and how it

will come into play.

"We don't know where we'll be, or what we'll be asked to do," Gonzalez said. "Training like this is going to help us be successful with anything they ask us to do."

Sgt Emmanuel Ramos
Combat Correspondent, 15th MEU

SGT EMMANUEL RAMOS

Guardsmen of SCT-1 have worked diligently with their COFUMACO counterparts.

In the first week, SCT-1 conducted an open-water swim event that consisted of an approximately 100-meter swim from small boats to the shore. Before the event, Corporal Christopher Landauparicio, a trained Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival, instructed the COFUMACO on basic open-water safety precautions.

The COFUMACO cadre then took the lead and trained the other COFUMACO servicemembers.

The rest of the training focused primarily on light-infantry tactics and boat operations. The U.S. Coast Guard taught boat operations, which included operational risk management, navigation and maritime patrolling techniques.

"This mission speaks volumes about the capabilities of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Deployable Specialized Forces," said USCG Lieutenant Alicia Flanagan, the detachment officer in charge. "Our ability to rapidly mobilize to unknown environments and act as force multiplier to supported government agencies is the reason for our existence."

The infantry group provided instruction on land navigation, weapons handling and patrolling.

"Lance Corporal Jonathan Neumann, who is on his first deployment, was tasked with giving the land navigation class," said First Lieutenant Thomas McNamara, the SCT-1 officer in charge. "[Neumann] worked tirelessly on the class back at [NAS Sigonella] and again in Toubacouta over

the weekend leading up to the class ... and was recognized by both the Marines and the COFUMACO."

After a period of instruction on the M16 service rifle, SCT-1 turned to a number of friendly competitions, focusing on speed of ammunition reload and disassembly and assembly of the weapon.

The infantry group reviewed patrolling, fire and movement at the buddy- and fire-team levels and the differences between cover and concealment. "Working with both the Marines and COFUMACO ... has been incredibly rewarding and a true testament to everyone's training," said LT Flanagan. "Building on the COFUMACO knowledge and skills was seemingly effortless; the cadre was heavily involved and all trainees approached every aspect ... with the highest levels of enthusiasm, completing even most difficult of tasks with ease."

These engagements not only sustain the skills of Marines and Senegalese Commandos, but promote the sharing of knowledge and increase military capacity between other African security partners, such as members of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

ECOWAS is a regional group of 15 countries, founded in 1975, of which Senegal is a member. Its mission is to promote economic integration in all fields of economic activity, particularly in social and cultural matters, industry and commerce. SPMAGTF-Africa partners with Senegal and other countries of ECOWAS to help strengthen relationships, regional stability and security.

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Marine Forces Africa

■ CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. Not Your Average Field Training, Fast-Roping "Definitely a Rush"

Leathernecks with Company L and Weapons Co, Battalion Landing Team 3d Bn, Sixth Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit obtained their fast-rope qualifications by fast-rope from a 60-foot tower and off the rear ramp of an MV-22B Osprey, Aug. 20-21, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The Fast Rope Insertion Extraction System is a method where Marines, via ropes, are dropped into or lifted out of locations where aircraft cannot land. They use a rope that allows the Marines to slide down with gloved hands while using their feet to control the speed.

The MEU is required by its Mission Essential Tasks List, or METL, to qualify some of its infantrymen and corpsmen at fast-rope for amphibious assaults and raids, maritime interdiction, noncombatant evacuation operations, and tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, to name a few.

"This training is important for Marines. It gives us the capability to land in multiple zones and positions, and if we did not have this capability, there would be instances where we would not be able to insert," said First Lieutenant Mason Graham, the 3d platoon commander, "Lima" Co.

"For example, on Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure [VBSS] missions, when landing on a ship, we have to be able to fast-rope in, and if there is a small landing zone ... we can fast-rope to have more boots on the deck without actually landing," added Graham.

Staff Sergeant Andrew Lee, the platoon sergeant for the MEU's Maritime Raid Force security platoon, demonstrated the proper techniques with confidence while stressing safety.

The Marines and corpsmen divided into teams of 20 as they approached, climbed and subsequently fast-rope down a 60-foot high rise. A corpsman yelled, "Can you believe we get paid to do this?"

The weather conditions changed, and the humidity and insect population started to take its toll. As the heat became more intense, the situation didn't get easier, especially once Kevlar helmets and Improved Modular Tactical Vests were donned. The humidity, even at night, brought a constant sweat and made it difficult to



LCPL JONATHAN NEUMANN

Cpl Tyler Furman, center, prepares Senegalese Marine Commandos for a magazine-reloading competition during training in Senegal, Aug. 28.



SGT DEVIN NICHOLS

Above left: SSgt Andrew Lee, a platoon sergeant with 24th MEU's Maritime Raid Force, demonstrates the proper way to break, or stop, while fast-ropeing.



SGT DEVIN NICHOLS

Above right: An MV-22B Osprey from VMM-365 (Rein) hovers as Marines fast-rope down during qualification training at MCB Camp Lejeune.

maintain a good grip on the rope.

The following morning the Marines faced the daunting task of performing their new fast-rope techniques from an MV-22B Osprey of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (Reinforced). As the Osprey approached the landing zone, the BLT Marines gathered their gear to execute fundamental insertion techniques.

Full of adrenaline, they went at it with new motivation.

"This definitely was a change of pace from the average field operation," Graham said. "It's something new and it's something exciting, and going down the fast-rope is definitely a rush."

The 24th MEU is scheduled to deploy as an expeditionary crisis response force at the end of the year.

Sgt Devin Nichols
Combat Correspondent, 24th MEU

■ CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. Firefighting Marines Hone Skills With Safety First in Mind

A canister bursts into flame as a thick cloud of smoke quickly fills the room. The fire spreads, devouring the oxygen, and the room becomes an oven. The flames skim up the walls and roll across the ceiling like waves of liquid fire. The fire is a mighty foe, but it's up against firefighters, who also are Marines.

This was the scenario for a training exercise conducted by the Fire Department of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and the Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) unit.

Firefighters wearing flame-resistant suits with oxygen tanks prepare to tackle a controlled burn at Camp Pendleton. The exercise, conducted by the base fire department and MCAS Camp Pendleton ARFF unit, taught firefighters how to prevent the rapid combustion of burned materials in rooms and structures.

"This is a train-the-trainer exercise, designed to teach how to identify the hazardous conditions that can allow rollover and flashover to happen, whether in a house or a large frame aircraft," said Master Sergeant Raymond Secoy, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the ARFF unit.

Rollover is when burn products are ignited due to the introduction of oxygen and combust along the ceiling.

"You can see it run across like a wave until it slowly banks down the other side," said Staff Sergeant Christopher Garbutt, a materiel chief with the ARFF unit. "Rollover leads to flashover, and the heat fills the room, making it all one temperature, much like an upside-down oven."

A flashover is an oxygen-depleted still-burning fire. When oxygen is introduced to the burned products, it ignites and rolls across the ceiling.

"It's called flashover because it flashes from the spot of the fire along the ceiling where combustible products are, and it changes the thermal layering in the area, making the room all one temperature

at the same time," said Garbutt. "Your survivability rate is nil at that point."

The instructors will teach future students how to mitigate the chances of a flashover and rollover and what to do if they occur.

"The general school of thought is to 'stay low to the ground' during a fire, which is right, but the flashover raises 200 degrees at the floor level to 1,300 degrees from floor to ceiling in an instant," Garbutt explained.

During flashover, a fire may look extinguished because it is oxygen depleted. However, if firefighters improperly ventilate the room, they introduce oxygen to the fire which causes rapid combustion and super heating.

"They would think the fire was out, take off their gear or start performing another part of the firefighting operation, like salvage or overhaul, not realizing that some of their duties were actually feeding a fire they didn't know was behind a wall or in another room," Secoy added.

Secoy explained that there are four stages



SGT CHRISTOPHER DUNCAN



CPL TODD F. MICHALEX

TAKING THAT FIRST STEP OFF—Force Reconnaissance Marines with Maritime Raid Force, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit conduct a High Altitude Low Opening jump from an MV-22 Osprey of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (Reinforced) over Bogue Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field, N.C., on Aug. 11 as part of their predeployment preparation.

of fire. The incipient phase is what starts the fire, the growth phase is when the fire begins to spread and rolls up the wall, the next is the fully developed phase, and the last phase is called decay, where everything is burned and the fire dies down.

"Everything has an ignition point, meaning that they combust when they get hot enough," said Secoy. "A flashover happens between the fully developed and decay stages, which causes rollover and death if you're not aware of what's happening."

Secoy said that safety is paramount during the training, and it all starts with small-unit leadership—checking the Marines' gear and ensuring it fits properly and that air packs are filled and operational.

While in the trainer, the Marines must constantly monitor each other.

"We require a safety vehicle, a large amount of water and at least two hand lines [hoses] for an exercise like this," said Secoy. "There were 4,000 gallons in the water tanker; the engine truck [holds] 1,000, and we also had a light attack vehicle on site. We used approximately 2,000 gallons of water during the exercise."

The firefighters sat on the floor to observe the thermal layering of the room

through the stages of fire and to experience the rapidly increasing temperature of the room.

Conducted in a large intermodal training container, one instructor is positioned near the fire's source, and two more are at the front and rear to control the doors and the lever-controlled ventilation flap.

"The ventilation flap at the top is designed to release super-heated gases to encourage the beginning of the rollover phase so that all of the firefighters can see it," said Garbutt. "The training facility is two levels. The students, sitting in the lower level, can get a clear view of what is happening as the fire stretches across the ceiling."

The instructors use plywood, scrap wood and hay as kindling.

"We're very particular about what we use to fuel the fire, because we don't want to use material that will make the fire difficult to control," said Garbutt.

Marines wore proximity suits which are designed to guard against liquid absorption that could potentially burn while dealing with spills. They also are equipped with a self-contained breathing apparatus with 60 minutes of breathing

time in their oxygen canisters.

"We do air-pack checks, air-bottle checks; we have two active hand lines on the inside and one on the outside on stand by," said Garbutt.

The equipment is inspected daily to ensure that it is fully functional.

"Being able to do this in a safe and controlled environment builds the Marines' confidence," said Garbutt. "Confidence in their gear, tactics and in each other is important. That can save their life."

The simulation can be run three to four times a day with six students per evolution.

The Marine wing support squadron and civilian federal firefighters also use the system to meet their training requirements.

"We have mutual aid agreements with [other fire departments], and they had four or five instructors go through the trainer with us," said Garbutt. "The students said they thought the training was invaluable."

Sgt Christopher Duncan
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Empowering NCO Leadership

By Roxanne Baker

Noncommissioned officers (NCOs) are the backbone of the Marine Corps' daily leadership and set the standard of success for the Marines in their charge. They understand the importance of professional education as well as the need to continually improve their leadership skills, and the NCOs of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., now have a unit library to assist them.

"I'm focusing on those NCO ranks because it's part of the Commandant's Re-awakening and because they're the first step in the chain of command in terms of leadership," said Lieutenant Colonel Jeremy Gettings, the commanding officer of the squadron. "I want to empower those NCOs to take charge and feel responsible for the Marines beneath them."

Gettings plans to begin professional military education sessions on selected readings to work through the Marines' personal challenges and to "develop critical thinking skills." Cherry Point operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, Gettings said, so there are many Marines who can spend their nights while on duty with professional reading.

"Because we work long shifts, it is nice to have the library at our disposal for our downtime," said Private First Class Kyle D. Perkins.

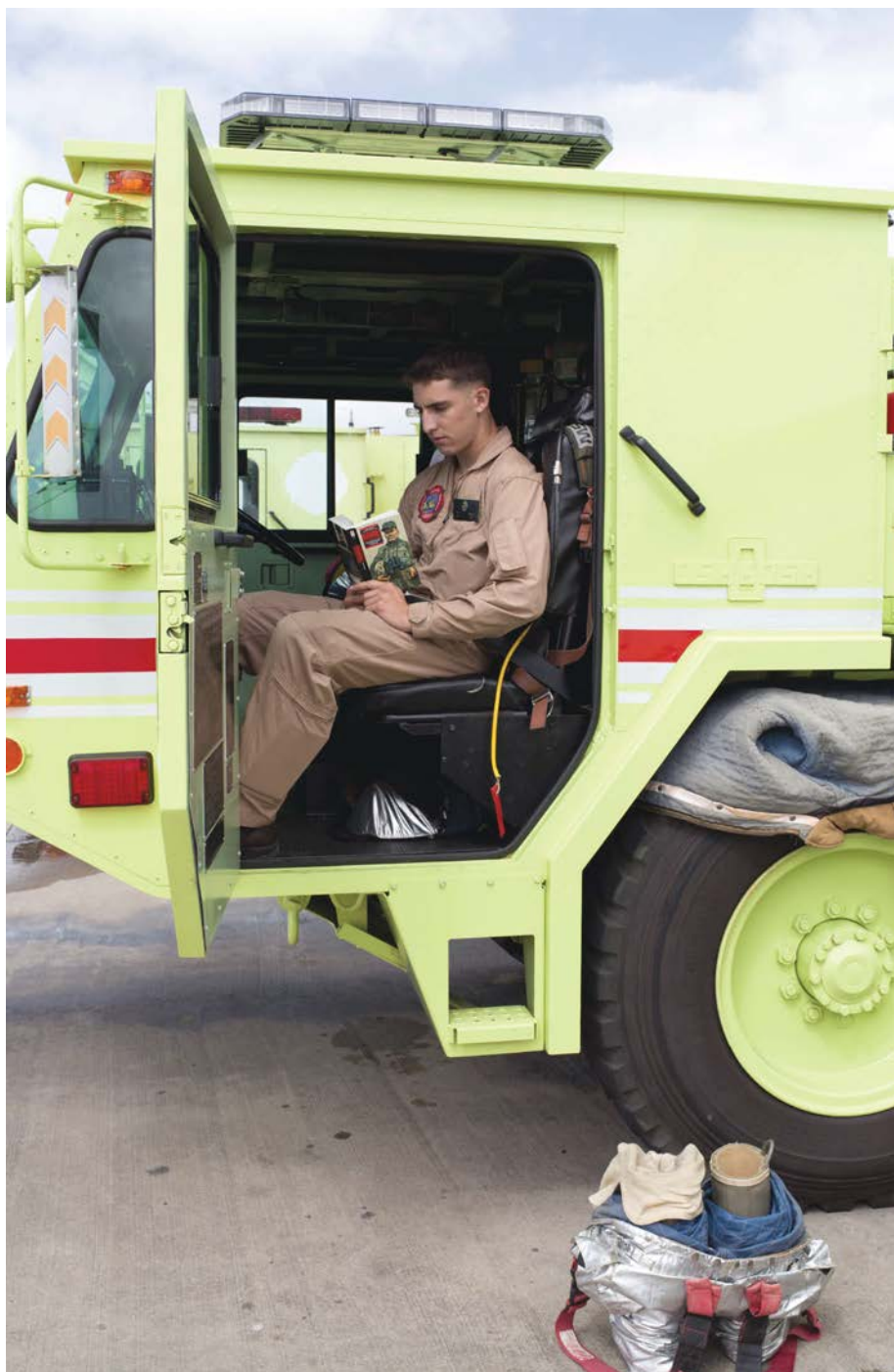
The base has four copies of each book on the Commandant's Reading List for grades E-1 to E-5. The 72 books are worth more than \$1,000 and serve 850 Marines. Gettings set up four identical libraries strategically placed around base so all Marines could easily check out the books.

"Having access to the library gives me a sense of ease that when I want to better myself as a Marine, the opportunity is just across the street," said Lance Corporal T. J. Hallinan.

MCA&F member Tera Singletary spearheaded the effort in her community to raise the money for the Cherry Point unit library. The Marine mom said professional reading is essential for Marines.

"Education is paramount in every profession, so why should the Marine Corps be any different? The more we do for them, the more they can concentrate on their mission," she said.

Gettings said he is appreciative of friends of the Marine Corps like Singletary for supporting projects that wouldn't exist without donations. He said the support from the community throughout the past 13 years of war has been incredible.



PFC Kyle D. Perkins from MCAS Cherry Point's Crash, Fire and Rescue unit uses the library provided by MCA&F to enhance his professional military education during his downtime.

"It solidifies that bond between the civilian community and their military," he said. "It shows that they care, and it helps me as a CO to build a young individual man or woman to something I would be proud to give back to society after they get out of the military. The donation is generous and helps us to go above and beyond."

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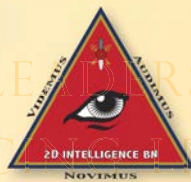
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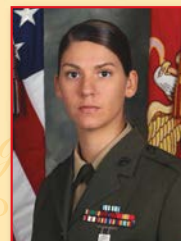
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The Assault and Capture of Fallujah, Iraq: November 2004

Story by Dick Camp
Photos courtesy of Col Todd S. Desgrosseilliers

Part I

When the battle honors of the Corps are cited—Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, Khe Sanh—a new name will be added: Fallujah.

Prologue

On Wednesday morning, 31 March 2004, a private security firm convoy was ambushed on the streets of Fallujah, Iraq. Four American contractors were killed, and their bodies were desecrated and hung from a bridge over the Euphrates River. The following Monday, the First Marine Division, under Major General James N. Mattis, was ordered to launch a retaliatory attack into the city.

Within days, the division was ready to “roll up” the insurgents when the Coalition Provisional Authority’s chief ambassador, L. Paul Bremer III, announced a unilateral cease-fire. On 1 May, the Marines withdrew from Fallujah, leaving it in the hands of the insurgents, who continued to use it to launch attacks on coalition forces. The stage was set for a second Battle of Fallujah, Operation Phantom Fury.

Back to the Brawl

“Fallujah had become the bright ember in the ash pit of the insurgency.”

—LtGen John F. Sattler
CG, I MEF

In early 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Patrick J. Malay, the commanding officer of 3d Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment, 1stMarDiv,



Prior to deployment, 3/5 underwent urban warfare training in California, and the training served the battalion well on the streets of Fallujah where large numbers of weapons and explosive caches were found during clearing operations after the rifle companies had passed through.

received word that the battalion (nicknamed “Darkhorse”) was headed back to the fray. He had a strong hunch that Darkhorse soon would be fighting insurgents in Fallujah. Colonel Todd Desgrosseilliers (then a major and Darkhorse’s battalion executive officer) later said: “It was common knowledge that we were going into Fallujah.” LtCol Malay, a blooded combat veteran of the “march up” to Baghdad in 2003, was determined that his Marines would be up to the task. He instituted a very demanding training schedule that emphasized small-unit realistic exercises.

“You push ... decision making down to the lowest level and give them their boundaries, give them an end state and then turn them loose,” Malay said. Darkhorse spent weeks at Stu Segall Productions’ “Mean Arab Streets,” a hyper-realistic 4-acre mock Iraqi village in San Diego that blended Hollywood magic and artistry with tactical training. Segall was deeply involved with the battalion. “I was never in the military,” he was quoted as saying, “but I am serving with the Marines right now.”

After being immersed in the urban warfare training, Malay explained, “We learned all that stuff out there at Stu Segall studios [and] exposed them to some very graphic things. We called it stress inoculation.”

On 10 Sept., the battalion’s advance party arrived at Camp Fallujah (also known as the MEK (Mujahedin-E Khalq) Compound). Four days later, the main body boarded aircraft and flew to Kuwait before crossing over the border into Iraq. For many of the Marines, it would be their second deployment to the “sandbox,” since they deployed to Iraq for the 2003 invasion. Within days, Darkhorse relieved 2d Bn, 1st Marines and assumed responsibility for Traffic Control Point (TCP) 1 and Main Supply Route (MSR) Mobile, hotly contested areas on the eastern side of the city. Desgrosseilliers said, “The predictions are that they are going to stay and fight us.”

Fallujah Plan of Attack

“When the politics break down, that is when the fighting begins.”

—Maj Todd Desgrosseilliers

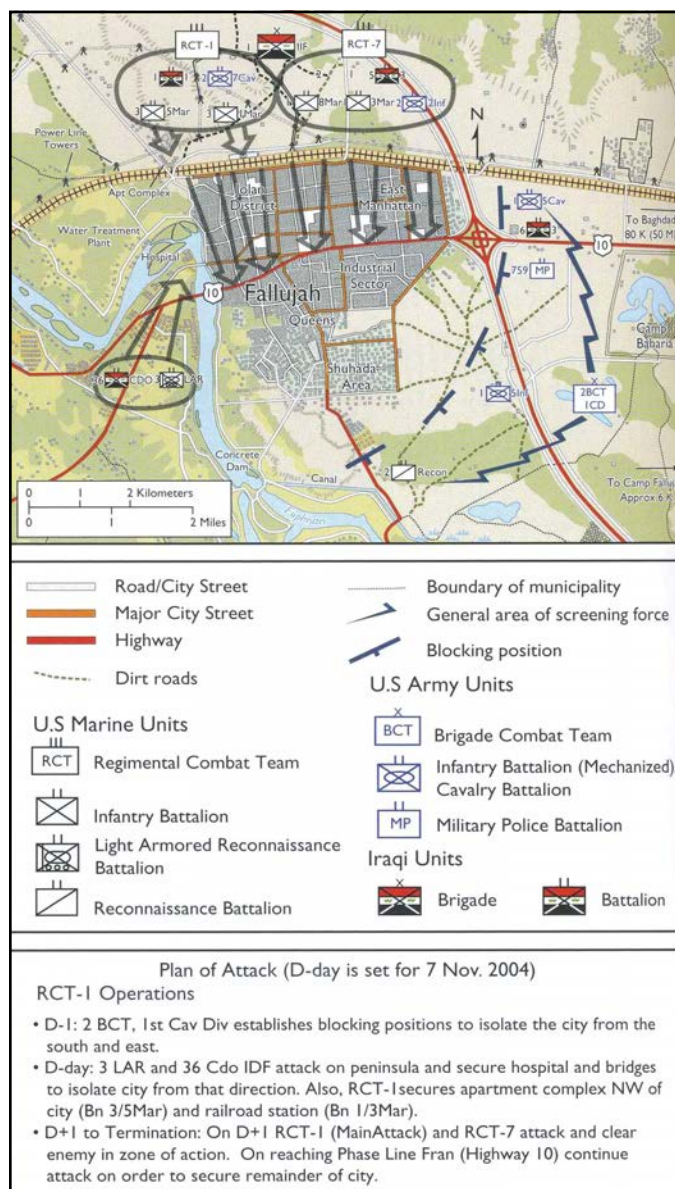
The 1stMarDiv’s assault force, under the command of MajGen Richard F. “Rich” Natonski, consisted of two Marine regimental combat teams (RCTs), each with one U.S. Army and two Marine battalions; and 3d Light Armored Reconnaissance (3d LAR) Bn. RCT-1 was designated the division’s main effort and was comprised of the U.S. Army’s 2nd Bn, 7th Cavalry Regiment (2-7 Cav); 3d Bn, 5th Marines (3/5); and 3d Bn, 1st Marines (3/1). RCT-7 was in support of RCT-1, and the U.S. Army’s 2-2 Infantry, 1/8 and 1/3 were its major components. Six Iraqi battalions also were attached to the 1stMarDiv for the fight.

Col Michael A. “Mike” Shupp, commanding RCT-1, was assigned to conduct offensive operations in northwest Fallujah. His concept of operations directed 3/5 on D+1 to destroy the enemy in zone: seize Regimental Objective A, an eight-building apartment complex on the northwest corner of the city; and Objective C, the Ma’ahidy Mosque and cemetery.

D-Day (7 Nov.)

Initial Combat Operations

At dusk, Task Force Wolfpack, made up of Headquarters and “Charlie” companies, 3d LAR Bn; “Bravo” Co, 1st Bn, 23d Marines; and the Iraqi 36th Com-



A Marine from 3/5 provides security for the battalion executive officer, Maj Todd Desgrosseilliers, center, and commanding officer, LtCol Patrick Malay, on the Old Bridge in Fallujah.

mando Bn, secured the peninsula and seized the Iraqi hospital and the Iraqi National Guard compound. Second Brigade Combat Team (BCT) and 1st Cav Div established blocking positions to isolate the city from the south and east. RCT-1 and RCT-7 moved from assembly areas at Camp Fallujah to covered attack positions north of the railroad station and rail lines on the northern outskirts of the city.

Movement to Attack Position

Desgrosseilliers described the movement of the battalion from the assembly area. "The initial convoy into Attack Position Dog included vehicles and personnel from 11 different attachments—representing every branch of the armed forces and Iraqi soldiers. A total of 234 personnel and 37 vehicles were part of the first serial during the movement to Attack Position Dog. The second and third serials included 110 personnel and 40 vehicles. The movement occurred without incident."

Col Shupp was pleased, saying, "Many hours of planning went into the movement, and the battalions executed it faultlessly and on schedule."

There was some concern that the insurgents might target the crowded attack position, so the regiment attacked by fire to keep them off balance. "We're putting deadly fire into their positions with precision air [while] at the same time the AC-130s are

working over the attack routes," Col Shupp explained. "Any vehicle in the street, any planter, any garbage pile, anything the Iraqis don't normally have outside their home is being destroyed."

Darkhorse in the Attack

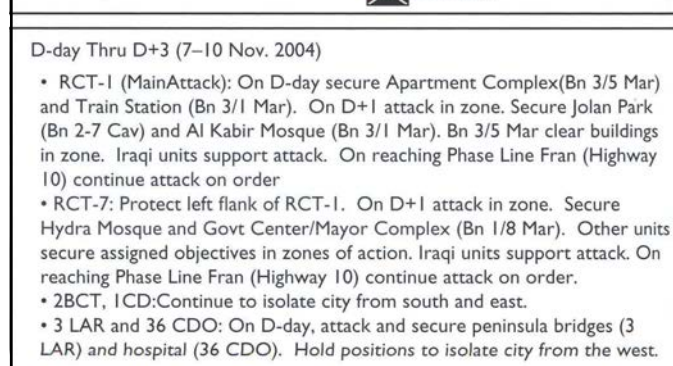
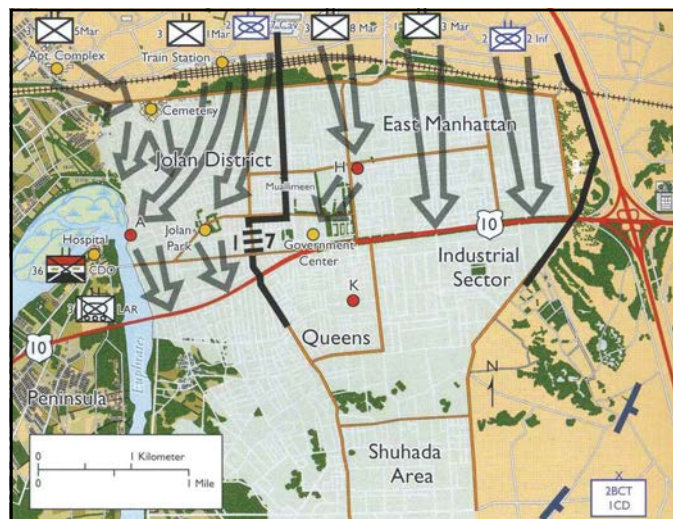
D+1 (8 Nov.)

Objective A (The Apartment Complex)

Darkhorse crossed the line of departure at 1100 on 8 Nov. and quickly reached the apartment complex without encountering enemy fire. "We used satellite imagery ... as well as firsthand knowledge of the area to develop a solid plan of attack," Desgrosseilliers explained.

"After we took the apartments," Maj Marshall R. Bourgeois, battalion operations officer, (S-3), recalled, "there was a lot of confusion ... explosions, Marines breaching the rooms and the steel doors with demo to gain access to clear the room." There were noncombatants still in the complex, "approximately 250 civilians, a lot less than the 1,200 to 1,500 that we were anticipating," Bourgeois recounted.

The residents were rounded up, screened for gunpowder residue to determine if they recently had used a weapon and given \$300 compensation for the inconvenience. Desgrosseilliers said, "We treated them with dignity and respect by talking to the head of the household and by allowing them to go back to their apartments



Lt Col Richard "Wild Bill" Cody, USMC (RET)

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I MEF's air plan, Keyhole CAS, provided highly effective support to 3/5 throughout the operation. Here, the efforts of VMFA(AW)-242 are clearly evident as the berm and railroad tracks are breached as a result of eight GBU-31 JDAMS dropped from four of the squadron's F/A-18D Hornets.

to get belongings." The residents were transported to the Civilian-Military Operations Center (CMOC). Desgrosseilliers pointed out: "Everything was pre-staged. We had tents that could handle them temporarily until they linked up with family in other parts of the country."

Darkhorse established a battalion aid station (BAS) in the complex. "We determined that we wanted it in the school building in the center of the apartments, which was directly north of the helicopter landing zone," Desgrosseilliers recalled. He also established a detainee collection point.

Maj Stephen Winslow visited it and was impressed with the facility, saying, "The U-shaped structure was located next to the battalion aid station. There was an initial screening area, where I saw detainees in flexicuffs and blindfolds being interrogated by Iraqi translators. Inside, the building was divided into rooms large enough to handle several prisoners. The room next to the screening area held confirmed insurgents. As I walked past, they stared at me with such an intense hatred that I did not doubt they wanted to kill me ... unless of course, I got them first!"

Breaching the Berm Aviation Support of Combat Operations in the City

I Marine Expeditionary Force devised an air plan called the Keyhole CAS to integrate all the division's fires, close air support, artillery and mortars. It was a template for airspace coordination that provided continuous day and night support for the attack. During

the operation, there were 540 air strikes that expended 318 precision bombs, 391 rockets and missiles and 93,000 machine-gun and cannon rounds.

Once the apartment complex was secure, 3/5 turned to the next phase of its mission: breaching the railroad tracks, which were built on a berm approximately 30 feet high. "The elevated track," according to Maj Christeon Griffin, the S-3 for 3/1, "would effectively prevent any type of vehicle from driving further south into the city, so they had to be breached."

At 1420, four F/A-18D Hornets from Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 dropped eight GBU-31 2,000-pound joint direct attack munitions (JDAMS) on the berms and tracks. The bombs hit just as Desgrosseilliers was evacuating people from the apartment building. "It was pretty intense, but it helped us actually maintain some control over all the people we had there."

Concurrent Combat Operations In the City

At 1900, 3/1, along with two platoons of the Iraqi National Guard, launched an attack to seize the train station, Objective B. RCT-7 maintained position and supported RCT-1 by fire.

Objective C (Ma'ahidy Mosque And Cemetery)

At 1926, Darkhorse jumped off in the attack from west to east across the northern outskirts of the city. Its first objective was the cemetery, a limited



Maj Desgrosseilliers, foreground, calls in artillery during the battle. Desgrosseilliers was awarded the Silver Star for his actions in Fallujah, Dec. 12-23, 2004.



Darkhorse's command group—SgtMaj Rudy Resto, LtCol Malay and Maj Desgrosseilliers—confers during a break in the fighting.

attack to seize a toehold south of the underpass near the train station. The lead company blew through the breach. Maj Bourgeois, with K/3/5, said: "We were the first unit across, jammed in an amtrac [amphibious tractor]. As soon as we got out, we were fired upon ... some light small-arms fire. The battalion continued to press forward, 'India' Company on the left, 'Kilo' Company in the center and 'Lima' Company on the right, on line with no reserve."

Desgrosseilliers indicated: "There was no need for a reserve. The insurgents did not have that capability. Our thought was to destroy them in place by constantly pushing them and by detailed clearing of every single building."

D+2 (9 Nov.)

Concurrent Combat Operations in the City

RCT-1: 3/1 breached the railroad tracks to open holes for 2-7 Cav and to provide it with support by fire. On order, 3/1 followed 2-7 Cav into Jolan Park and cleared terrain of bypassed insurgents. Two-7 Cav conducted a frontal assault on three avenues of attack directly into Jolan Park area. RCT-7 attacked along three axes into northern Fallujah to destroy enemy in zone and to seize Regimental Objectives 1-5 to protect RCT-1's flank. Second BCT and 1st Bn, Black Watch continued to isolate the city from the south and east.

Task Force Bruno

As 3/5 passed through the buildup area, it was forced to leave behind a growing collection of weapons and explosive caches—and many well-concealed insurgents. To combat this menace, Darkhorse stood up Task Force Bruno, under the command of Desgrosseilliers. "The task force was formed to go through and

do detailed clearing," he explained, "just behind the front lines. We were usually two blocks back from where they were fighting." The force consisted of primarily explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) Marines and Headquarters and Service Co organized as infantry squads.

"Everybody was trained to shoot their weapons in a 10-second gunfight, anti-weapons manipulation; switching magazines ... gunfighter stuff," Desgrosseilliers explained.

Desgrosseilliers had two rules: "Don't get anybody trapped inside, and if you get somebody trapped, then we're gonna come in and get them." The task force's methodology was quite simple. "We went into each building after the rifle companies had cleared out the insurgents and detailed searched for weapons and ammunitions caches," Desgrosseilliers said. "We found an unbelievable amount of stuff. Almost every single building along the river had ordnance in it." Desgrosseilliers was justifiably proud of his men. "No insurgent attacked 3/5 from behind, and the few that did come back ... we killed 'em!"

Editor's note: Read the conclusion in the December issue of Leatherneck.

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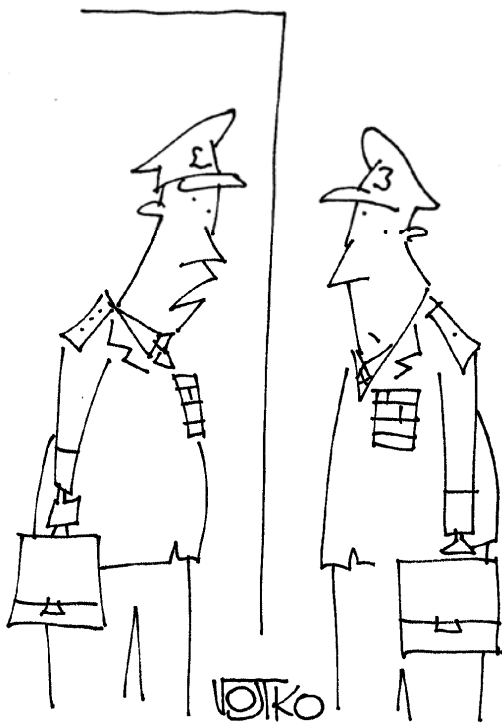
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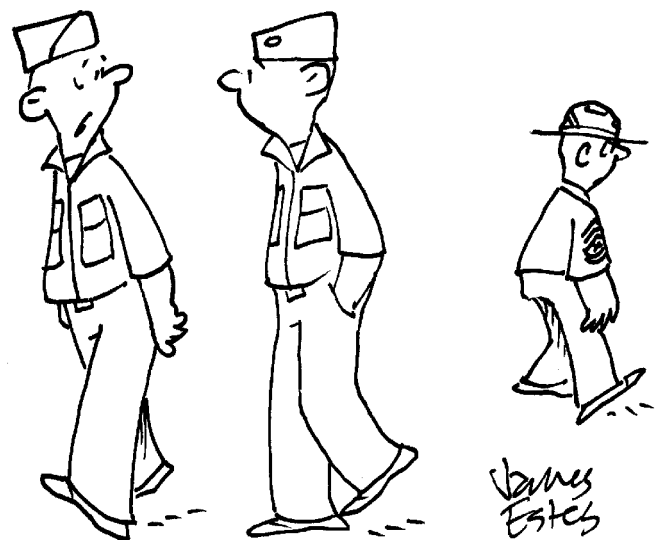
"Once a Marine, always a Marine."



"Let me guess ... Marines?"



"We're delaying a launch date until we come up with a cool name for the operation."



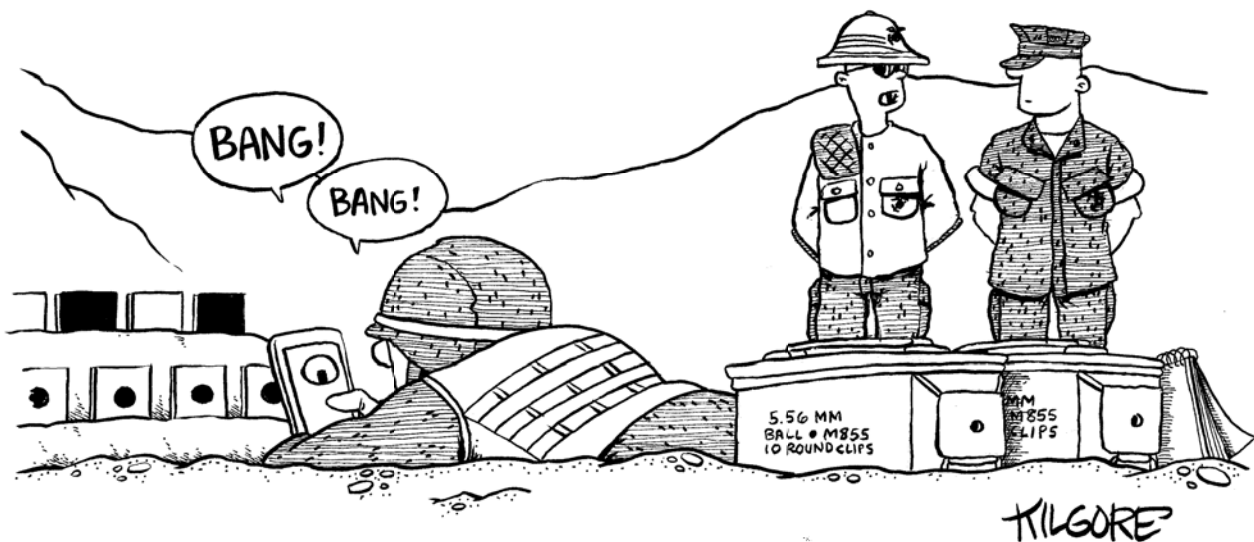
"Every time I see our DI, I hear the theme from 'Jaws.'"

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"'Gunny!' The recruit you sent over ate the cake!
Do you like doughnuts? I have about 200. Good to go?"



"It's the new rifle-qual app."

A VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

Young Fellows, My Lads

By R. R. Keene

They came home. But it was not the way they—or anyone else—wanted.

Their brother Marines still in country would never see them again. One thing about Vietnam, when our killed in action left the field, they were gone.

Yes, there was grief and sorrow, but it didn't last long, at least not initially. We simply moved on. We knew the real grief would, in the form of uniformed casualty assistance officers, darken the threshold of next of kin in a day or so.

As the routine medevac helicopters carried the dead off amid tempests of dust, we silently whispered a prayer, knowing those back home had no idea their lives were about to change. There was empathy and pity in our knowledge: Their impending suffering would be far greater than ours. There would be anguish as realization set in. The plans and futures of those still living would be changed, forever. Their beloved would be coming home encased in a gray metal casket to be solemnly escorted to a cemetery plot.

“How often have we thought of those who fought with us and

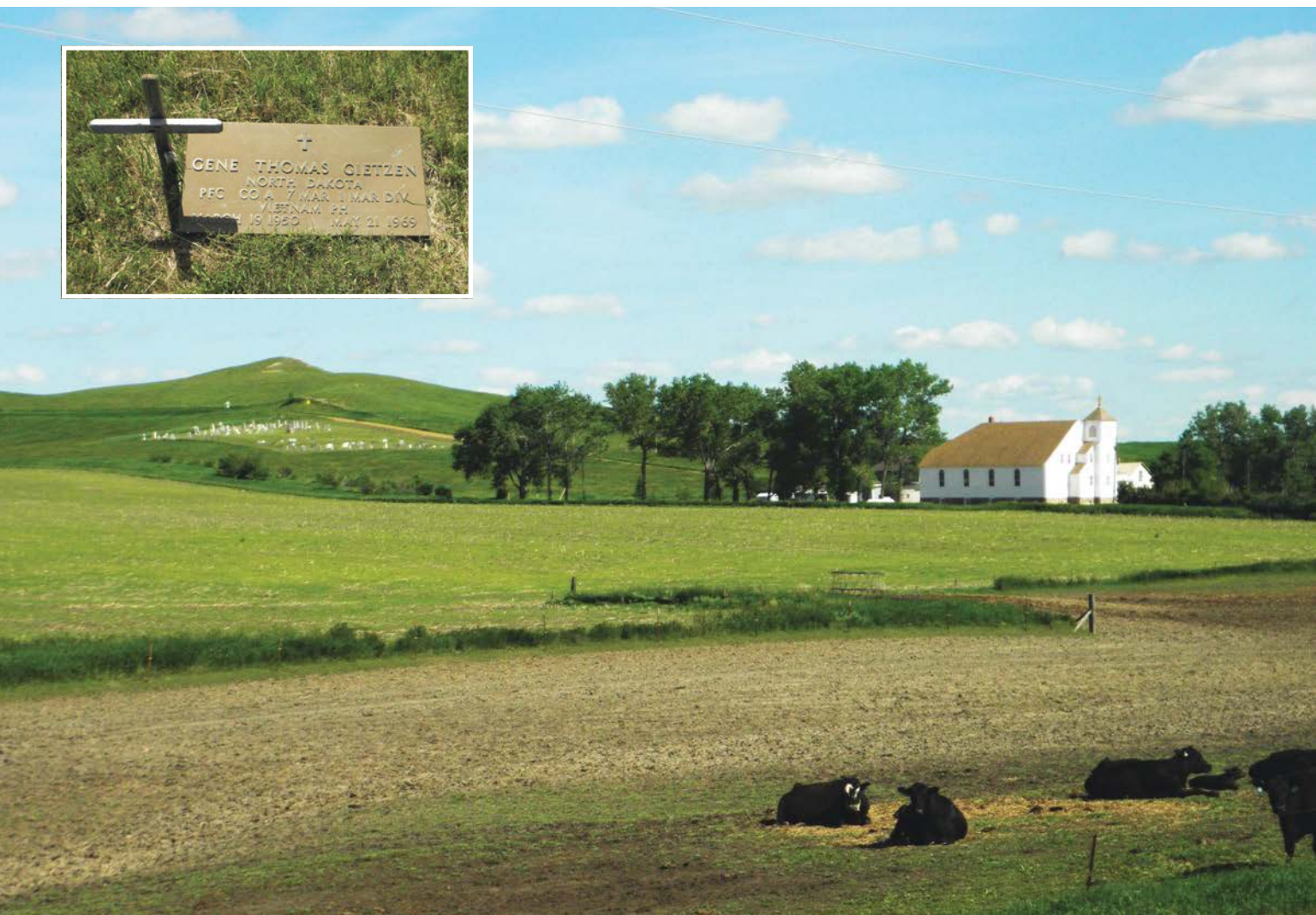
made the ultimate sacrifice?” asked former Sergeant Victor Vilonis, now a 68-year-old white-bearded and bespectacled Vietnam veteran who served with Seventh Marine Regiment. “Certainly they have not been forgotten, and I decided several years ago to honor as many as I could, no matter whether I knew them or not. They are all my brothers in arms.”

He has become a benefactor for his regiment's 1,593 Vietnam dead, taking roll and marking those bivouacked in small family plots or under all-but-forgotten sites overgrown with tall grass.

These men are the sanguinary legacy of the regiment in Vietnam. Seventh Marines was one of the infantry regiments in the vaunted First Marine Division. It traces its lineage back to 1917, in Cuba and other Caribbean Island crises then common to the West Indies.

But it was during World War II that the regiment, known as the “Magnificent Seventh,” became bloodied with the first of its heavy casualties. In its ranks of infantry were fighting legends, John “Manila John” Basilone and Mitchell Paige, recipients of the Medal of Honor. They were among others who fought their way across the Pacific: Guadalcanal, Eastern New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu and Okinawa. Men who led them, such as

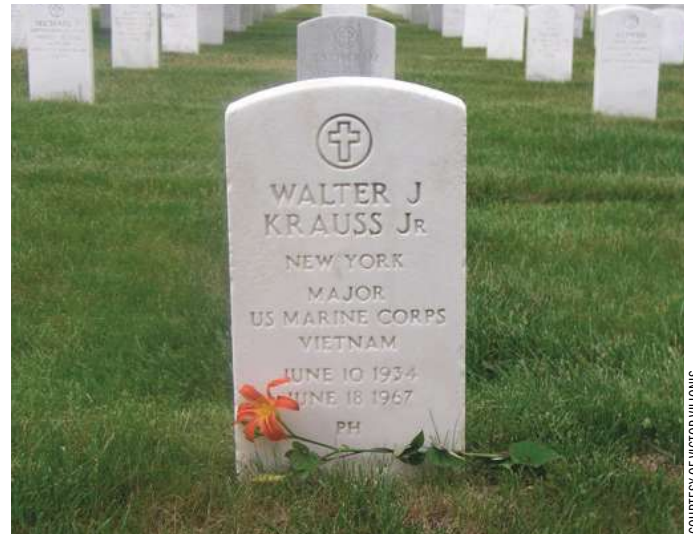
PFC Gene T. Gietzen, 19, son of William F. and Mary E. Gietzen, was killed in action May 21, 1969, southeast of Hill 55 during Operation Oklahoma Hills. He is buried on this hillside at Saint Clement Cemetery, Hebron, N.D. (Photos courtesy of Victor Vilonis)





COURTESY OF VICTOR VILIONIS

Above left: Walter Krauss, center, was promoted to major by MajGen Herman Nickerson Jr., right, Commanding General, 1stMarDiv, on Oct. 1, 1966, in Da Nang, Vietnam. He was killed nine months later.



COURTESY OF VICTOR VILIONIS

Above right: Krauss is buried in the Long Island National Cemetery in New York.

Colonel Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller, already had multiple Navy Crosses from the “Banana Wars.” Col Herman Hanneken had been awarded the Medal of Honor in Haiti.

They inspired confidence and led the way through terrible and costly battles. At places with names such as Dakeshi Ridge and Wana Ridge on Okinawa, the 7th Marines sustained a total of 1,200 Marines killed or wounded.

Col Homer Litzenberg commanded the regiment in 1951 when it risked the fast-moving tides to land at Inchon, South Korea, and, in keeping with its motto, “Prepare to March,” headed toward the Yalu River on the border with China. Thus, the regiment would be with the 1stMarDiv at the “Frozen” Chosin Reservoir when hordes of Chinese swept south. “Blitzen Litzen” would earn the Navy Cross as the regiment, with the division, fought its way through Communist burp-gun fire, potato masher grenades and frostbite to the Sea of Japan.

In 1963, a lean kid from Montreal crossed the border to enlist. He had every intention of joining the U.S. Navy, but when he got to Plattsburg, N.Y., all the recruiting offices were closed except for that of the Marines.

Fate (and a set of orders) led Victor Vilionis to Vietnam in June 1966 and to 7th Marines at Chu Lai and later to Hill 55 near Da Nang.

“I wasn’t an infantryman,” he explained. “I worked at the regimental S-2 [intelligence].” He did get to the field. He served like most and did his job not expecting or asking anything in return and, when it was over, hurried up the ramp to the “Freedom Bird” and home.

Home was still Canada, and Vilionis worked at a number of jobs, settling for construction and eventually investing in real estate in British Columbia. His time in Vietnam was a distant memory until 1996 when he visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. He recognized the names of men he knew, etched into the black granite slabs known as “The Wall.”

A visit to Vietnam with Military Historical Tours in 1999 followed. His visit was, as with most returning veterans, a catharsis: “I was able to visit some of the places where I had served and think about those men I served with and the lost innocence of youth.”

Old fire bases, airfields and battle sites were still recognizable, and he was able to trace 7th Marines from its combat assault across the beach at An Cuong during Operation Starlite on Aug. 18,

1965, through more than 22 combat operations to when the last leathernecks of the regiment stepped aboard amphibious ships bound for Okinawa on Oct. 13, 1970, and breathed a sigh of relief.

In that time, the regiment had paid a price with the lives of Marines and corpsmen who shed blood from Quang Ngai north to the Demilitarized Zone. Nearly 50 years later, it occurred to Vilionis they still needed to be remembered.

“I began my research project to identify all the men who served in my regiment who died as a result of their service in Vietnam. My research expanded to locating their individual burial sites as well as documenting all 7th Marines and Navy corpsmen who sacrificed their lives during and subsequent to the war.”

He searched out and diligently documented each man through individual casualty reports and unit diary entries, command chronologies and after action reports.

Then he set out to locate and document individual burial locations, with final documentation being done by photographing and noting the GPS location of each grave in the United States and Canada.

He visited graves in most states, but did not visit sites in Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands. “There are no members of 7th Marines buried in Alaska,” he said. His native Canada has its share of Marines “in every province with the exceptions of Newfoundland, Northwest Territories and the Yukon.”

“Austria, Colombia, France, Germany, Mexico, Panama and the Philippines also have members of 7th Marines KIA in Vietnam buried under their soil.”

Additionally, Vilionis uncovered history. “I have managed to identify all our 7th Marines casualties, documented all as to unit and incident.”

He notes those buried in veterans and national cemeteries, but the primary purpose of his endeavor was to locate and mark those buried in memorial parks, city and church graveyards and family plots. Also, where he found Marines buried without markers, he submitted applications to the Veterans Administration.

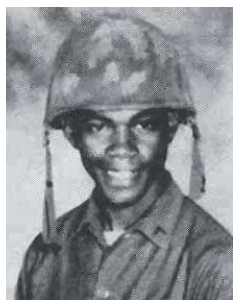
Vilionis traveled on his own in his car and planned his trips carefully. Although the goal was to locate his comrades, he also saw North America in ways most never do.

“The people were for the most part friendly and eager to be of help,” he said. “Some naturally kept their distance initially, especially when you mention the name of one of their loved ones



COURTESY OF TOM REECE

Cpl Cecil D. Lamm

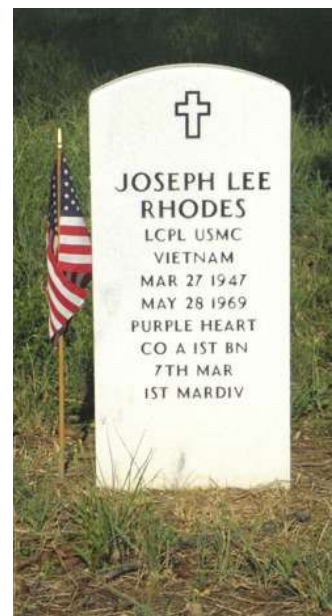


COURTESY OF VICTOR VILIONIS

LCpl Joseph L. Rhodes' grave went unmarked in this untended cemetery in Greenwood, Miss., until Victor Vilionis and friends located the burial site and ensured the VA provided a headstone.



COURTESY OF NATALIE MAYNOR



COURTESY OF VICTOR VILIONIS

who was killed in Vietnam. However, two have become close friends and have spent an extraordinary amount of time and effort in helping to confirm and photograph burial locations."

One of them, according to Vilionis, is Kathy Christianson, widow of Second Lieutenant Richard K. B. Toepritz, 25. He was killed while serving with Company G, 2d Battalion on April 5, 1967, during Operation Desoto when a buried bomb killed five other Marines and one corpsman, and another corpsman later died of his wounds. He is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City, Calif.

The other friend Vilionis made is former Sgt William L. "Bill" Davis, who spent two tours at Chu Lai with the First Marine Aircraft Wing. His cousin Corporal Cecil D. Lamm, 20, was reportedly killed by small-arms fire while serving with Co L on Nov. 26, 1967, during Operation Forester near Phu Long in the "Arizona Territory." He is buried in Evergreen Memorial Park in Wilson, N.C.

Most of the graves that have been found and marked by Vilionis, however, are those of men personally unknown to him. He visited the grave site of a Marine he knew for barely two weeks before he was killed in a UH-34D Seahorse while overflying a battlefield during Operation Arizona. Major Walter Joseph Krauss, 33, son of Walter J. Krauss Sr. and Alice Krauss, was the new regimental S-2 officer. "He celebrated his 33rd birthday on June 10 and was killed June 18, 1967, on that ill-fated flight," Vilionis said.

"I finally took the time to visit him in June 2010 where he is at rest at the Long Island National Cemetery. I discovered that the awards of two Bronze Star medals he received were not inscribed on his headstone, something that I have corrected." Vilionis realized there were certain to be many others.

"Did you know Lance Corporal Joseph Lee Rhodes of 'Alpha' Company?" He asks no one in particular, but continues reflecting. "He was the son of Mary E. and Willie Rhodes. He was killed in action on Operation Oklahoma Hills, May 28, 1969."

Only 22, Rhodes was born in Mississippi. "He enlisted in Jackson; his record indicated his next of kin lived in Memphis. A *Life* magazine cover story in the June

27, 1969, issue entitled 'The Faces of American Dead: One Week's Toll' indicated the young Marine was from Memphis." The search to find his resting place began in Memphis without any results. "As time went by, all leads were exhausted until a lead developed leading me to his place of birth in Greenwood, Mississippi," Vilionis added. "Finally, in early 2009, he was located, buried in the Magnolia (also called Good Shepherd) Cemetery, Greenwood.

"He had been in an unmarked grave for 40 years," Vilionis stated. "Rhodes who had served with honor and sacrificed his life deserved at least a marker for his service. He finally got his headstone.

"They may be gone, but will never be forgotten," Vilionis reiterated.

He continued, "Lance Corporal John C. Robinson II, son of Lillian and John C. Robinson, of Bravo Company ... was killed in action while attempting to aid a wounded comrade during the assault on Hill 310 on August 10, 1968, during Operation Mameluke Thrust. For his gallantry in action, he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and a Purple Heart. His body was returned to the city of his birth, Savannah, Georgia, where he was buried with full honors in the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

"During my research of our fallen Marines and corpsmen, I discovered that Robinson, who was 22, had sacrificed his life for



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Second Lt Paul F. Cobb is buried in Salem City, Va. He was awarded the Navy Cross, but there is no mention of it on his marker.



LCpl John C. Robinson posthumously was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart, but he lay without a headstone for more than 40 years. Bill Davis (above right) and Victor Vilionis (below) traveled to Savannah, Ga., and installed the stone provided by the VA.

his country and comrades and had lain unknown for more than 40 years. I knew that he deserved recognition for his sacrifice and service; at the very least a headstone.

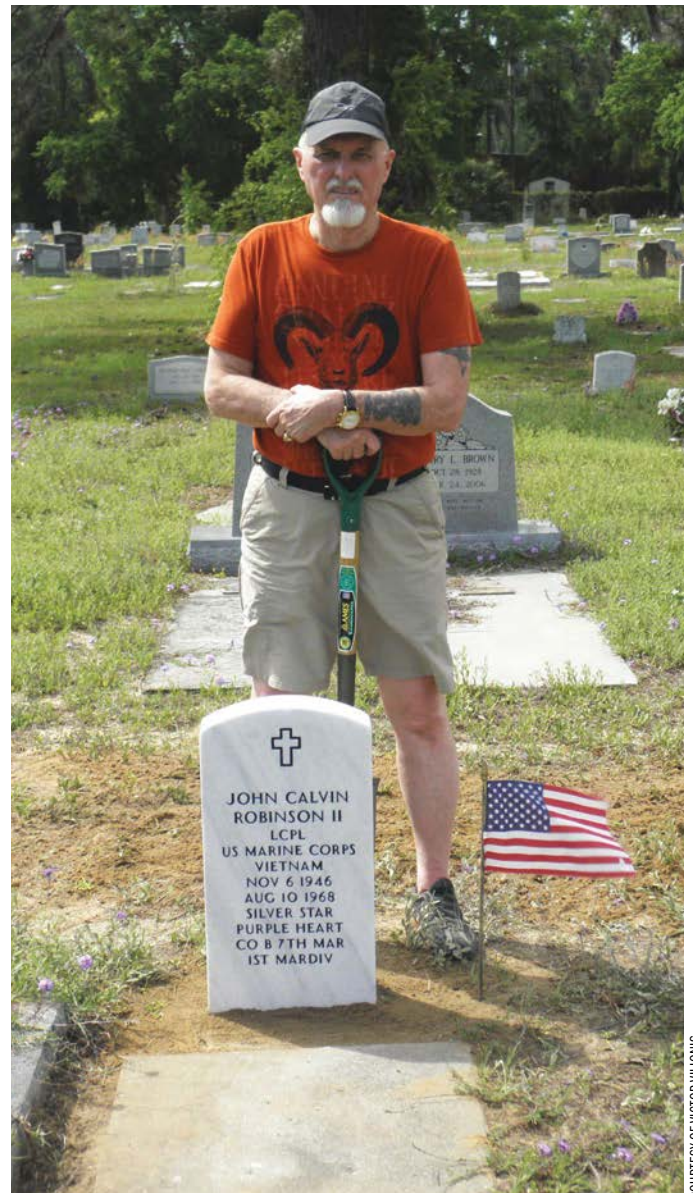
“New rules for ordering headstones and markers had been put in place by the Veterans Administration. It took more than two years of searching until we found a relative who could and would authorize a request for a headstone, which was eventually shipped to the cemetery. To complete honoring Lance Corporal Robinson, Bill Davis and I were able to travel to Savannah in January 2013 and personally installed the headstone at the Marine’s grave.”

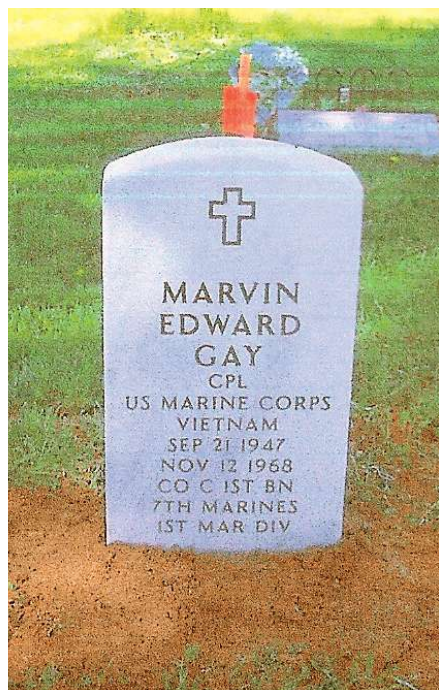
Vilionis continued, “Second Lieutenant Paul F. Cobb, the husband of Bonnie W. Cobb, father of a young son, and the son of William C. and Edla R. Cobb, was posthumously presented the Navy Cross; it is not indicated on his marker.” Cobb was a 25-year-old platoon leader with Co A, KIA May 16, 1968, on Go Noi Island south of Da Nang. Lt Cobb and his fellow Marines fought a battle against a tenacious and dug-in enemy, through withering fire, amid multiple air strikes and under sweltering heat. The Marines pried the Communists from their entrenchments and forced them to retreat. It cost 7th Marines 10 of their best, including 2dLt Cobb who was laid to rest at Sherwood Burial Park, Salem City, Va.

Vilionis has found three other unmarked graves of leathernecks with 7th Marines in addition to LCpls Rhodes and Robinson. Cpl Marvin E. Gay, 21, son of Anna M. Gay, KIA Nov. 12, 1968, on the Cobb Bridge, over the Tuy Loan River. He is buried at the Highland Memorial Cemetery in Louisville, Ky.

PFC Lorenzo Tuggle, 20, son of Andy and Odie B. Tuggle, KIA July 5, 1969, during a road sweep of Route 4 near Da Hoa Hamlet in Dien Ban District. Records show he was buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Jackson County, Ga. According to Vilionis, “Somewhere on this hillside, formerly known as Pleasant Hill Church Cemetery, lies PFC Tuggle surrounded by a housing development. On a trip in 2010, I found that the church had burned down and the cemetery no longer existed; his grave location was unmarked and could not be found on the hillside overgrown with trees. We were unable to locate the exact grave location.”

LCpl George A. Myers, 19, son of George C. Jr. and Frances M. Myers, was killed during Operation Rio Blanco in Son Tinh District, Southern I Corps on Nov. 25, 1966. He was buried at





COURTESY OF VICTOR VILIONIS

The grave of Cpl Marvin E. Gay was unmarked in Louisville, Ky., until Vilionis and friends ordered a stone from the VA for their fellow Marine.



COURTESY OF VICTOR VILIONIS

The church is gone, having burned down; the cemetery no longer exists; and records of the exact location of the grave of PFC Lorenzo Tuggle are lost. He is buried somewhere near this site.

Gateway Gardens Cemetery, St. Louis. He got his headstone in 2010. His younger sister Betty told a local reporter on July 28, 2010, the family was not financially able to buy a headstone.

Vilionis and friends did the paperwork.

“Our intent is to find the final resting places of everyone killed in Vietnam from our regiment.” He told reporter Kevin Carbery: “I feel we must ensure that those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives must and will have the proper recognitions they so richly deserve.”

Across this great continent and nation there are Marines alive today who remember Vietnam and their Marine comrades who died much too young. Had they survived, what they would have done with their lives we can only surmise. But, we try to remember them, especially on days such as the anniversary of our Corps and Veterans Day. We try to honor them throughout the years by living a life they would have wanted lived. For the parents, spouses and loved ones, the poet Robert W. Service, in another time and in another war, gave these bittersweet words to remember:

“They’ve told me the truth, Young Fellow My Lad:
You’ll never come back again:
(Oh God! the dreams and the dreams I’ve had, and the hopes
I’ve nursed in vain!)
For you passed in the night, Young Fellow My Lad,
And you proved in the cruel test
Of the screaming shell and the battle hell
That my boy was one of the best.
So you’ll live, you’ll live, Young Fellow My Lad,
In the gleam of the evening star,
In the wood-note wild and the laugh of the child,
In all sweet things that are.
And you’ll never die, my wonderful boy,
While life is noble and true;
For all our beauty and hope and joy
We will owe to our lads like you.”



COURTESY OF BETTY MYERS



COURTESY OF VICTOR VILIONIS



COURTESY OF VICTOR VILIONIS

LCpl George A. Myers and his cousin Johnny Schmidt, shown here as toddlers, would both be killed in action in Vietnam—LCpl Myers in 1966 and Army Specialist 4th Class Schmidt in 1968. Myers’ family was unable to afford a headstone, so Vilionis and his friends did the paperwork, and the veteran of 7th Marines who made the supreme sacrifice for his country has been duly honored.

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We—the Marines

Edited by Sara W. Bock

“The President’s Own” Kicks Off Concert Tour

■ “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band performed for a crowd of more than 1,500 people at Clowes Memorial Hall, Butler University, Indianapolis, Sept. 7, as part of the band’s month-long fall tour. This year marks the 123rd consecutive year of the fall tour, which began in 1891—initiated by musical legend John Philip Sousa, who served as the band’s 17th director and was known affectionately as “The March King.”

The tour, which is designed to enhance the positive image of the Marine Corps and its music program, takes the Marine Band all across the country to perform at a variety of venues.

“Being able to see the ‘President’s Own’ band was absolutely spectacular,” said Captain Matthew Lamb, the executive officer of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Indianapolis.

The band currently is performing under the command of its 28th director, Lieutenant Colonel Jason K. Fettig.

“We loved performing here at Butler University,” said Fettig. “The support here was overwhelming, and it was truly a great show that was enjoyed by many.”

Audience members were equally impressed with the quality of the performance.

“Their music selection was incredible,” said Lamb. “They went from slow-orchestrated pieces, to traditional selections like ‘Stars and Stripes Forever’ or ‘Semper Fidelis’ march, and then impressed the crowd with jazz pieces like ‘Oodles of Noodles,’ and it really made for a great show.”

The Marine Band made its initial White House debut on New Year’s Day, 1801, following an invitation from President John Adams. After that performance, the band was recruited to perform at the inauguration of President Thomas Jefferson

and has performed at every presidential inauguration since.

In addition to the fall tour, “The President’s Own” performs at significant presidential events, parades and ceremonies and appears at the White House about 200 times each year.

“The sense of pride and honor that we get by performing is unparalleled,” said Gunnery Sergeant Sara Dell’Omo, mezzo-soprano vocalist and concert moderator. “Every concert we do is a humbling experience, and I wake up every day happy to go to work.”

The Marine Band is uniquely dedicated to preserving the musical traditions of the Marine Corps, but also is committed to serving as a leading ensemble in the development of its musicians. Events like the fall concert tour provide great opportunities to meet promising musicians. Local Marine Corps recruiting stations receive tickets to each concert, which al-



The Marine Band’s brass section takes center stage during a performance at Butler University, Indianapolis, Sept. 7, as part of the band’s 123rd annual fall tour.

CPL BRADLEY CARRIER

Capt Craig Fitzhugh, left, and Capt Mike Jordan, KC-130J Super Hercules pilots from VMGR-252, operate the Harvest Hawk system in the back of a modified KC-130J at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. The system enables pilots and crews to provide close air support for Marines on the ground. (Photo by Cpl J. R. Heins)

low them the opportunity to invite high school band directors to see the band perform.

In an additional effort to gain interest from young musicians, the Marine Band, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, is holding an annual concerto competition for high school woodwind, brass and percussion performers. The winner will appear as a guest soloist with the Marine Band and receive a \$2,500 cash prize from MCHF. For information, visit www.marineband.marinemil/About/ConcertoCompetition.aspx. Applications must be postmarked no later than Nov. 15.

Cpl Bradley Carrier
PAO, 9th Marine Corps District

VMGR-252 Sharpens CAS Skills With Harvest Hawk Training

■ Naval aviators with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 trained with a modified KC-130J Super Hercules at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Sept. 2, to improve their ability to support ground troops.

Pilots and crewmembers from the squadron operated a Hercules Airborne Weapons Kit, dubbed Harvest Hawk, during the training to improve the squadron's air-to-ground attack support capability.

The Harvest Hawk system fires Hellfire and Griffin missiles, which allows KC-130J pilots and their crews to provide close air support for Marines on the ground. VMGR-252, which ordinarily performs as an aerial refueling and transport squadron, welcomes the chance to augment its role as part of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing.

"The system had great success in Operation Enduring Freedom," said Captain Tyler E. Burnham, a Harvest Hawk instructor with the squadron. "Right now only VMGR-352 and our squadron have this system."

According to Burnham, Harvest Hawk uses a video camera attached beneath the wing of the aircraft to stream live video footage to the pilot and the Harvest Hawk controllers who monitor screens set up inside the aircraft. The pilots and crew coordinate with Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTACs) to identify and validate targets, he said.

"We use the video we receive along with information from a JTAC on the ground

to direct our fire," said Burnham.

The most difficult obstacle to overcome while using the Harvest Hawk is crew resource management, said Capt Craig Fitzhugh, a pilot with VMGR-252 who gained his certification as a fire control officer during the flight.

"There are multiple radios operating simultaneously on the aircraft, which require prioritization," said Fitzhugh. "Effective crew coordination is key to managing all the communications in order to operate effectively. It takes a lot of practice to filter out and understand what is important."

Training like this improves the squad-

ron's effectiveness at communication, thereby allowing Harvest Hawk operators to fully support the Marines on the ground, said Fitzhugh.

Cpl J. R. Heins
PAO, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.

Leathernecks Engage Targets In Close-Quarters Pistol Training

■ Marines guide magazines into pistols as the command "load" echoes over the range. The command to engage targets is given. Slow, steady squeezes of the triggers send projectiles downrange, tearing through paper targets.

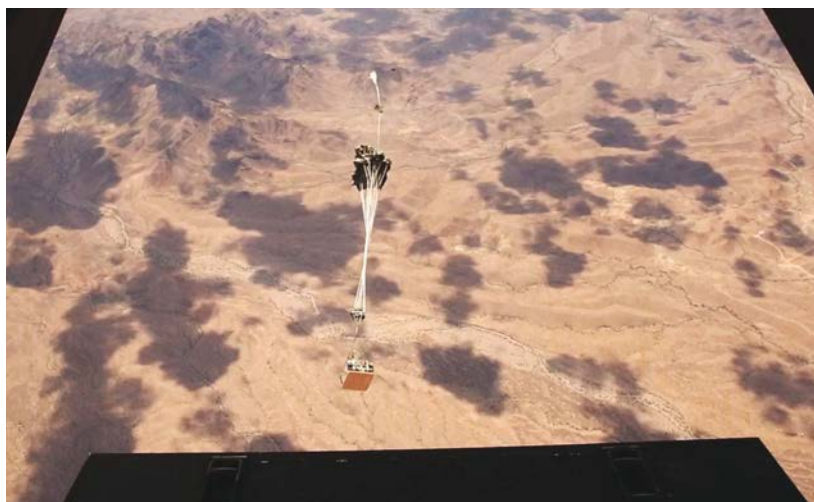
This scene played out several times as



A MEMORABLE SWEARING-IN—Medal of Honor recipient Cpl William Kyle Carpenter, USMC (Ret) was sworn in as a life member of the Harold E. "Speedy" Wilson Detachment #1141, Marine Corps League, Columbia, S.C., Aug. 14. From left: Fellow Marines Ira McInnis, Cpl Carpenter, Todd Beach and Bronwyn Ellington are sworn in by Chuck "Gunner" Paxton, who said it was the highlight of his tenure as detachment commandant to swear Carpenter and the others into the Marine Corps League.



CPL LAURA GAUNA



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Above left: LCpl Chiem T. Saeteurn strings together a JPADS parachute in preparation for testing at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., Aug. 26. The JPADS system is designed to guide cargo within 150 meters of the target points.

Above right: Attached to a parachute, a JPADS system drops from an MV-22 Osprey during the Aug. 26 testing. MARCORSYSCOM and 1st MLG worked together to test the precision of the GPS-based airdrop system.

leathernecks with Company B, 3d Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF fired from different shooting positions during combat marksmanship training at Camp Hansen, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 26. Marines fired M9A1 9 mm service pistols and engaged multiple targets from distances of 7, 15 and 25 yards.

The training also included the unique element of firing from unorthodox shooting positions. Marines shot while sitting, prone and lying on their backs to simulate situations they may encounter in close combat.



LCPL DEVON TINDLE

LCpl Roman Khrystin, a military policeman with Co B, 3d LEB, III MEF, fires an M9A1 9 mm service pistol during combat marksmanship training Aug. 26, at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan. During the training, Marines fired from unusual positions to simulate situations they may encounter in close combat.

“The training helped simulate an instance where you might receive a projectile to the chest and get knocked to the ground, where you might have to keep pushing forward [to reach the objective],” said Lance Corporal Joseph Miller, a military policeman with Co B.

Marines from the battalion regularly train for scenarios that require them to react quickly to evolving situations.

“We complete these training events every quarter to maintain unit readiness with a variety of weapons systems,” said Staff Sergeant James Flint, a military policeman with Co B. “We are a reaction force for the [Asia-Pacific region], so confidence as marksmen is vital.”

The battalion is made up of field military policemen whose work relies more on combat skills than their installation counterparts, said Miller.

The scenarios simulated fighting in close-quarter combat situations or in military operations on urbanized terrain with the pistol, according to Lance Corporal Corey Johns, a military policeman with Co B.

The Marines enjoy going to the range and learning skills that exceed what the basic pistol qualification teaches, according to LCpl D’Marcus Andrus, an intelligence specialist with the battalion.

Miller added that he and his fellow Marines appreciated the opportunity to execute the unique training package.

LCpl Devon Tindle
PAO, MCIPAC

Marines Test Newest JPADS System

■ Marines with Landing Support Company, First Marine Logistics Group assisted Marine Corps Systems Command in testing the Joint Precision Airdrop

System (JPADS) to support the implementation and evaluation of the system at Yuma Proving Ground, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., Aug. 25-28.

The JPADS system uses GPS, a modular autonomous guidance unit (MAGU), a parachute and electric motors to guide cargo within 150 meters of their target points. In order to test its precision, the Marines used a series of palletized loads attached to parachutes with the GPS-integrated system and dropped them from various heights.

“The system is basically a guided container-delivery system,” said Michael Poe, JPADS project officer with Marine Corps Systems Command. “You input the coordinates into the system, and when you throw it out of the back of the aircraft, it will guide itself to that location.”

The systems, when fully loaded, have the capability to safely deliver thousands of pounds of supplies at a time to forward-positioned Marines.

“If you think about it from an infantry standpoint, they need to resupply at some point, and with our current system, they don’t have to chase the cargo,” said Lance Corporal Andrew Anderson, LS Co, 1st MLG. “They will know where it is, and they can get in and out quickly and efficiently.”

There are three variants of the JPADS system—the ultra-lightweight JPADS, which can handle drops between 250 and 699 pounds; the 2K, which can handle 900 to 2,000 pounds; and the 10K, which can handle 7,000 to 10,000 pounds.

With this new system, Marine pilots can drop loads from as high up as 24,000 feet, meaning they and their crew may never have to enter the “danger zone” during combat operations.

“This system will be mostly beneficial for special forces operations because a lot of times they operate in remote locations, at night and in silence and secrecy,” said Poe. “The fact that we can drop supplies from that high means the enemy won’t even know the [aircraft] is there, ensuring the safety of the pilot, the equipment, and the troops on the ground.”

To get the supply drops to the impact points on the ground, the MAGU links to the aircraft’s GPS system to locate its position in reference to the targeted drop point. Then, the MAGU receives additional variables such as parachute type, weight and ground elevation.

Once the JPADS hits the ground, the electric motors that control the parachute’s lines do a controlled line pull to collapse the chute for pickup and prevent the system from being dragged by the wind.

Marine Corps Systems Command joined the program in the early 2000s to procure two JPADS variants as added capabilities. After several years of testing, the system is now in the final stages for three variants and will be fielded to Marine Corps units next year.

Cpl Laura Gauna
Combat Correspondent, 1st MLG

Quick Shots Around the Corps

“The Walking Dead” Roll Up Their Colors

■ First Battalion, Ninth Marine Regiment, Second Marine Division earned the nickname “The Walking Dead” in Vietnam for the high number of casualties it sustained during some of the toughest fighting in the war. Almost 50 years later, the battalion was deactivated during a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., Aug. 29.

The ceremony commemorated the battalion’s storied legacy, which dated back as far as World War II.

While roughly 230 Marines remained assigned to 1/9 at the time of the ceremony, veterans of The Walking Dead from the Vietnam War, Desert Storm and other wars participated in the ceremony.

During the ceremony, Lieutenant Colonel Corey Collier, the battalion commanding officer, and Sergeant Major Irvin Howard, 1/9 sergeant major, rolled and cased the battalion’s colors one final time. The colors will be stored at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

LCpl Sullivan Laramie
Combat Correspondent, II MEF

Corps Begins Pilot for Resident-Like Career Course

■ Staff sergeants now have an opportunity to participate in a resident-like professional military education at their bases and stations with the new career course seminar, developed by the College of Distance Education and Training, Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

MCB Quantico is the first base to pilot the 15-week course, which began Aug. 6. The second pilot will run in January 2015 at MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C.; MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.; and again at Quantico.

The curriculum parallels the resident course material and allows students to interact virtually as well as in person. Previously, the multimedia distance-learning version of the course was the only option available for staff sergeants who could not attend. The new seminar will allow them to stay local and still gain the classroom experience.

Ameesha Felton
PAO, MCB Quantico, Va.



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The Last Day

By Jerry D. Ennis



It was hotter than it had a right to be, and the heat became unbearable as the day wore on. The sun hammered relentlessly upon the corrugated tin roof of the building. It was a barnlike structure made of plywood and two-by-fours. Half-way up the walls, the siding ended and met wire screening that allowed steamy breezes to flow through and add more dust to the dirt floor. Inside were many young men, all in green jungle utilities and boots. Some of them were just arriving, and others were just leaving.

It was easy to tell them apart. The ones

who just had arrived wore clean uniforms soaked with sweat. Their faces were closely shaved, and the odor of cologne left them and fought the dirty earth smell that permeated everything. They were leaning or sitting on stuffed seabags. Their helmets and flak jackets were unmarked and fresh, bearing none of the salty messages that were in vogue in “The Nam.” They had the look of cheeseburgers and cold beer about them.

The ones who were leaving looked like a huddled mass of bums to the new ones. They had the look of C-rations, tepid water

and the smell of no hot showers about them. They were thin with hunger and miserably tired. The new ones were taking this in and thinking that just maybe, it was going to be as bad as they had heard it was.

Outside the wind began to pick up, and the red dust thickened in the air. It filtered through the makeshift air terminal and settled on the men’s faces, making them look old in their youth.

He felt the fine particles invading his nose again. He didn’t really mind because he was leaving and probably never would have to feel it again. His seabag was light.

Much of his gear was destroyed, and some he had given away to friends who still had more time to go. His uniform was stiff and dirty. White lines of dried body salt left a zebra-stripe pattern on the green material.

He had seen combat, more than some and less than others. That's the way it was in The Nam. There was always somebody around who had seen more action than you had. The old ones had told him when he was new, "If you're going to get it, better to get it in the first month than the 13th; all that suffering for nothing, there it is, man." And "Them college kids back in 'the world' still hate us? Damn hippies. They should bring 'em over here. Let 'em get their butts shot off for a while. They're all a bunch of cowards. Just stay alive, kid. That's all, just stay alive."

The old ones who were leaving weren't talking about it. They were thinking about home and what it would feel like to be there for the first time in more than a year. It wasn't good to think about home until you were really a "short timer." It just made you sick sometimes if you did. The old ones finally could do it, and they were withdrawn within themselves. That's why they didn't talk to the new guys. The new guys weren't talking to them either, because they were nervous and most of them were a little sick from thinking about home.

So those two groups sat in different parts of the terminal and were as far apart from each other emotionally as Marines could be. The old ones stared at the new ones and thought, "I hope they make it," but knew from experience some of them wouldn't. The new ones stared at the old ones and envied them.

He thought about it then, looking over the group of new ones. They were fresh-faced young boys, 18 and 19 years old and had not yet acquired the haggard look of war that the old ones bore. Who were these young boys who volunteered and came to the fight by the thousands, month after month, while millions of others in their own country ran away from it?

He remembered that serious talk in Okinawa before coming over. The instructor stood in front of them and said, "Look at the man to the left of you. Now look at the man to the right of you. Now take a look around the room. One in 10 of you in this room will be killed in action in Vietnam." Even after hearing that, the young boys still came to the fight; they rolled the dice and took the greatest gamble of all. They were the bravest and finest young men he ever would know. They came to the fight because they were Marines; that was the answer to his question.

A big, fat Hercules C-130 roared onto

the steel-matted runway and taxied up near the terminal. An office pogue began calling out numbers for boarding the aircraft, and the old guys flocked close around him. One at a time, when their numbers were called, they began filing out of the terminal and trotting toward the open cargo doors at the rear of the aircraft.

The new ones were loading into a dust-covered deuce-and-a-half truck that would take them into the war, while that reliable, faithful plane took the old ones out of it.

He was one of the last to board the aircraft. All of them were sitting on the bare

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cargo deck. Up forward were some more Marines. In the middle were Vietnamese civilians, mostly old people and families. The old men had their eyes closed as if they were praying, rocking back and forth slowly. The kids were screaming and crying, the women were wailing, and above it all the droning engines of the C-130 reverberated. The old ones were all wishing the aircraft would close up and start moving. They wanted to get out of there before the enemy decided to drop a couple

of incoming artillery rounds on the strip. They had been lucky so far, but they had pushed the odds, and they knew it.

He saw the gray boxlike refrigerated truck making its way down the runway toward them. It backed up to the aircraft. Two Marines got out and opened the back doors. One of them was a sergeant, and he ordered four of them to get out and help load the plane. So, four of them touched that steel matting for the last time and loaded eight green body bags into the rear of the C-130. They lined them up in a single row across. Some of them were heavy, and some of them were only half full. They stepped over the bags and sat watching the little gray truck move slowly away.

The cargo doors began closing as the C-130 moved out onto the runway and into position for takeoff. The husky plane waddled down the strip, and the kids screamed louder. It sprang into the air, leaving the beleaguered little combat base far below, but not forgotten. It was the first leg of their long trip home. The flight to Da Nang took about 40 minutes; most of that time he sat staring at those eight green bags. It was their last day also.

Author's bio: Former Cpl Jerry D. Ennis joined the Corps in September 1966 and served more than three years on active duty, including service in Vietnam in 1968 in the Northern I Corps area as a field wireman and field radio operator. After active duty, he entered law enforcement and served as a deputy sheriff for seven years and as a highway patrolman for 29 years. He retired in 2006.

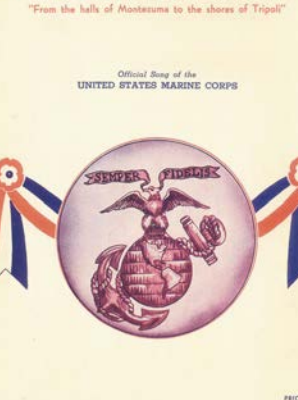


Leathernecks from 1st Battalion, Third Marine Regiment disembark from a U.S. Air Force C-130 transport plane at Da Nang Air Base in March 1965.

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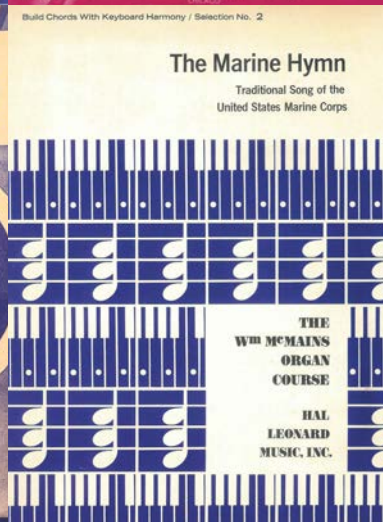
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Between its recognizable melody and iconic lyrics, “The Marines’ Hymn” is arguably the most well-known of the U.S. military songs. For Marines both past and present, the hymn stirs great emotion and pride; and for all Americans, it serves as a reminder of the illustrious history of the nation’s premier expeditionary force. While its origins are somewhat shrouded in mystery, one Marine has made it his mission to preserve the history that can be traced—through his extensive collection of “The Marines’ Hymn” sheet music.

Colonel Blake M. Wilson, Inspector General, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., didn’t initially set out to become a sheet-music collector. In fact, he really had no idea how many publications of the hymn existed when he came up with the idea to frame a copy to hang in his office while serving as the assistant operations officer for the 11th Marine Regiment, MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif. At the time, finding a paper copy of the hymn proved to be more difficult than he imagined. He recruited his extended family members to help him search for sheet music in antique shops, and when they came up with nothing, Wilson gave up on the idea for a while—until he discovered eBay.com.

After receiving his first eBay purchase of sheet music, Wilson was hooked and quickly realized how many different publications of the hymn were floating around. As he uncovered the vast array of selections available, with varying artwork, arrangements and additional verses, his interest was piqued—and he admits that he not only enjoyed discovering new editions of the hymn, but he also relished the “bidding wars” he took part in on the online auction site. He has accumulated more than 60 different sheet-music publications of the hymn, all printed between 1918 and 1981 and stored in archival sleeves inside an

antique printing cabinet at his home in Fredericksburg, Va.

Wilson jokes that while he was forward deployed, his wife would ask, “What’s all this sheet music showing up on my door step?” as he found himself using his downtime to search the Internet for versions of the hymn he didn’t have yet. For him, the draw isn’t just the music itself, but the different artwork found on the covers and the varying uses for the

pride and, to a certain extent, social obligation from the American public.” He added that many of the original publications of “The Marines’ Hymn” were used as recruiting tools and souvenirs, handed out at fairs and other events.

The origins of the hymn itself are fairly obscure. The tune is generally attributed to German-born French composer Jacques Offenbach’s comic opera “Genevieve de Brabant,” which debuted in Paris in November 1859. However, many believed that the air originated from an old Spanish folk song, which is quite possible, since it is said that Offenbach spent a good deal of time in Spain.

The origin of the tune was uncovered sometime around the turn of the 20th century by Col A. S. McLemore and Walter F. Smith, second leader of The United States Marine Band. In a letter to Smith, McLemore wrote, “Major Richard Wallach, USMC, says that in 1878, when he was in Paris, France, the air to which the Marines’ Hymn is now sung was a very popular one.” Maj Wallach sent Smith the name of the opera, and Smith replied with his congratulations on “a wonderfully accurate musical memory, for the air of the Marine Hymn is certainly to be found in the opera ‘Genevieve de Brabant.’ ”

While those Marines may have figured out the origin, how the tune actually became what we know as “The Marines’ Hymn” was never discovered.

Even more of a mystery is the source of the renowned lyrics. The author of the first verse is unknown, but tradition has it that a Marine on duty in Mexico penned the words after the end of the Mexican-American War (1846-48). His references to “the halls of Montezuma” and “the shores of Tripoli” are taken from the early colors of the Corps.

During the war with the Barbary pirates in 1805, when Lieutenant Presley N. O’Bannon led his Marines to capture Derne, Tripoli, and there raised the American flag, the colors were inscribed with



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Col Blake M. Wilson displays two pieces from his sheet-music collection at his office at MCB Quantico, Va. On the left is the original publication of “The Marines’ Hymn,” dated Aug. 1, 1918, and on the right is the most recent version he has been able to track down, which was printed in 1981.

sheet music; each is an invaluable piece of Marine Corps history, and not solely in a musical sense.

“Sheet music not only brought the music and words into the home, but also colorful artwork and depictions suggesting the content of the song,” said Wilson. “The artwork, like that on old recruiting posters ... helped evoke some of the patriotism,



OFFICIAL LYRICS

*"From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.*

*"Our flag's unfurl'd to ev'ry breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev'ry clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job—
The United States Marines.*

*"Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines."*

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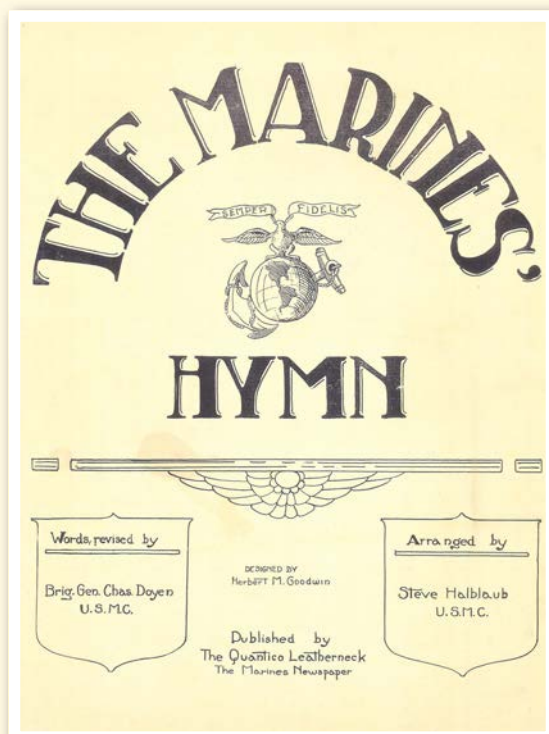
Additional or altered verses appeared in several publications during the early 20th century, including our own *Leatherneck*.

Occasional early version

*"From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
On the land as on the sea;
Admiration of the nation,
We're the finest ever seen;
And we glory in the title
Of United States Marines."*

Additional verse in *Leatherneck*

(Words by Brigadier General Charles Doyen)



*"From the pest hole of Cavite,
To the ditch at Panama;
You will find them very needy,
Of Marines—that's what we are.
We're the watch dogs of a pile of coal,
Or we dig a magazine;
Tho he lends a hand at every job,
Who would not be a Marine."*

Additional verse in the *Ladies' Home Journal*

*"As we raised our flag at Tripoli,
And again in Mexico;
So we took Chateau Thierry
And the forest of Belleau.
When we hurled the Hun back from the Marne,
He said we fought like fiends;
And the French rechristened Belleau Wood
For United States Marines."*

the words “to the shores of Tripoli.” In 1847, the Marines participated in the capture and occupation of Mexico City, which included the castle of Chapultepec, also known as the “halls of the Montezuma.” After this, the words on the Corps’ colors were changed to “From the shores of Tripoli to the halls of Montezuma.” The unknown author transposed the phrase on the colors when writing the lyrics, which is the first line of the hymn, as we know it today.

From the American Civil War to Afghanistan, leathernecks proudly have taken their hymn with them to every clime and place. In 1918, *The Stars and Stripes*, the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, reported, “A wounded officer from among the gallant French lancers had just been carried into a Yankee [American] field hospital to have his dressing changed. He was full of compliments and curiosity about the dashing contingent that fought at his regiment’s left. ‘A lot of them are mounted troops by this time,’ he explained, ‘for when our men would be shot from their horses, these youngsters would give

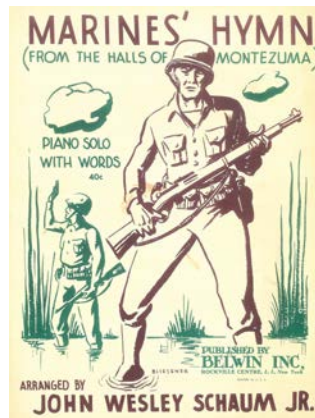
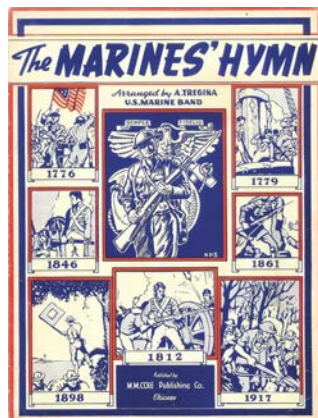
one running jump and gallop ahead as cavalry. I believe they are soldiers from Montezuma. At least, when they advanced this morning, they were all singing, “From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli.” ’ ”

It is unclear who penned the second

Regardless, in February 1929, Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune officially approved the version we know today as “The Marines’ Hymn.” Since then, the only change made to the lyrics occurred in 1942, when aviation units were given a nod in the fourth line of the hymn. The line officially was changed from “on the land as on the sea” to “in the air, on land, and sea.” The authorized title is “The Marines’ Hymn,” but it is often referred to as “The Marine Corps Hymn,” and has been errantly printed as “The Marine’s Hymn,” “The Marine Hymn,” and “The Marine Corps Song,” according to Wilson.

While there may be a shortage of definitive history of the hymn, we do know that the first time the words and music were arranged together in print was Aug. 1, 1918.

That version, although not copyrighted, was printed by the USMC Publicity Bureau and quickly picked up by other publications, such as the *Boston Sunday Advertiser* and the *Ladies’ Home Journal*, which even featured an additional verse. *Leatherneck* printed and distributed several versions of the hymn during the



and third verses, as you can find them attributed to a few names: Col Henry C. Davis, Brigadier General Charles Doyen and L. Z. Phillips. There have been numerous additional verses written and published at one time or another, and Wilson’s collection is an asset when it comes to tracking the evolution of the extra lyrics.



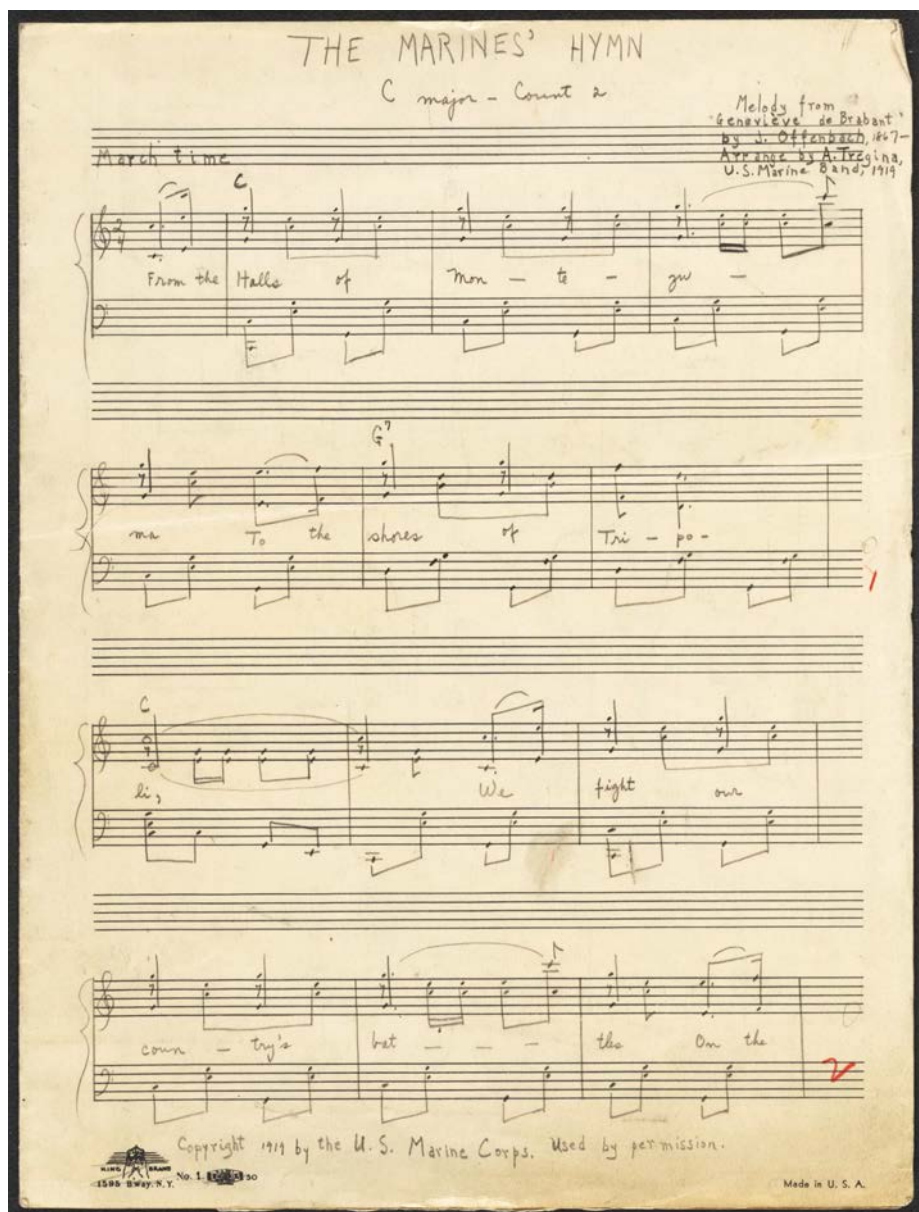
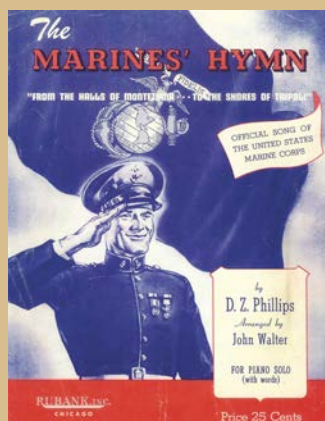
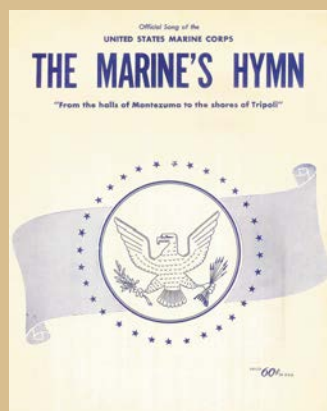
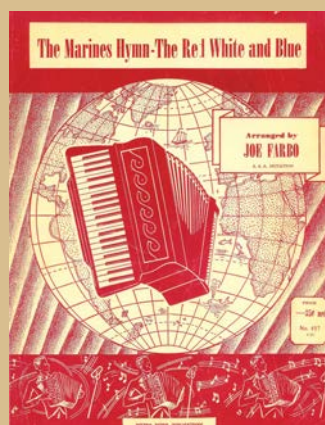
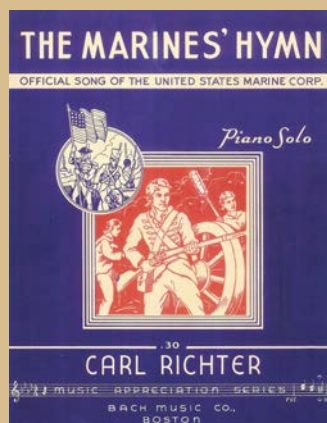
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Above left: Proper storage is vital to the preservation of Col Blake Wilson’s sheet-music collection, as some of the versions are nearly 100 years old. Each piece is kept in an antique printing cabinet at his home in Fredericksburg, Va.

Above right: Wilson stores the sheet music in individual archival sleeves, like the one pictured above, to help protect against deterioration.



An early musical notation of “The Marines’ Hymn” from the Library of Congress lists a copyright date of 1919. Since then, the hymn has been printed by dozens of sheet-music publishing companies.

early 20th century, both in sheet-music form and as a booklet of lyrics with accompanying illustrations.

Interestingly, Wilson’s search for versions of the hymn also turned up versions of the other military service songs. He was intrigued to find out that there is only one sheet-music version of the Air Force song, 14 or 15 of the Army’s “The Army Goes Rolling Along,” and a handful for the Navy’s “Anchors Aweigh.”

At 60 and counting, “The Marines’ Hymn” has an incredible lead in the number of sheet-music versions, which speaks volumes to its popularity throughout the ages.

The channels through which individuals share and receive music have changed drastically since the early 20th century. In those days, said Wilson, people would bring the sheet music of new or favorite

songs with them into their host’s home to share and enjoy together.

Although sheet music is increasingly becoming a relic of the past, timeless tunes like “The Marines’ Hymn” will endure.

“The day of sheet music is over—everything is digital—while stereos and Bluetooth speakers have replaced the family piano. But ‘The Marines’ Hymn’ is as strong as ever, commanding the attention of every Marine, from active duty, veteran or retired,” said Wilson. “It defines who we are as Marines ... it’s ingrained from day one to know the music.”



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Marines at the Battle of Antietam—1924

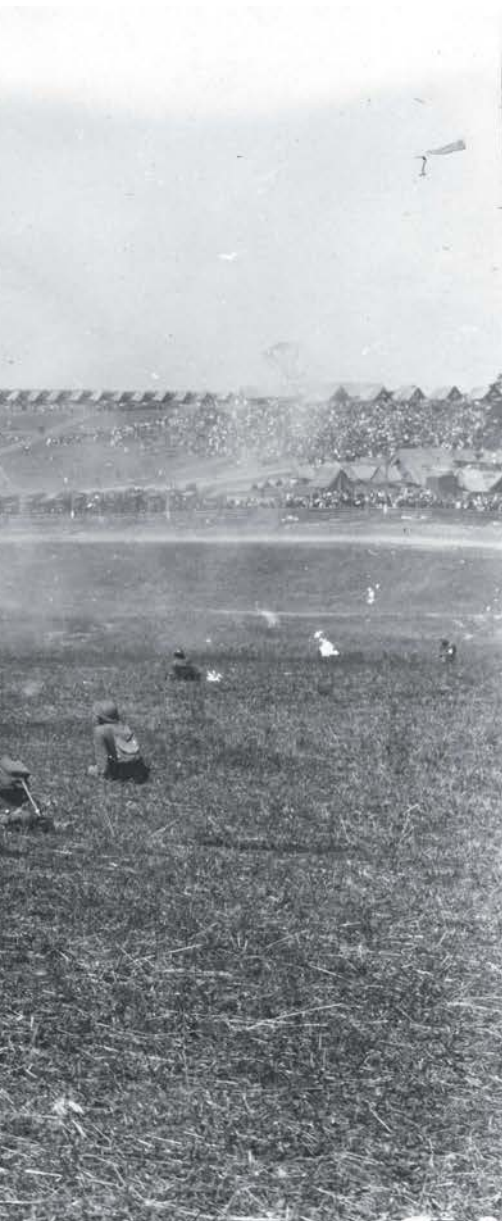
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The main body of the Marine Corps' East Coast Expeditionary Force boarded barges on the wharf at Quantico, Va., on 25 Aug. 1924, and sailed up the Potomac River to Washington, D.C., heading for the Civil War battlefield of Antietam, Md. That was the last of four reenactments that the Marine Corps staged in the early 1920s, under the initiative of the legendary Marine, Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler.

Joined at the East Potomac Park by the motorized section of the column the next day, the full brigade of Marines marched to Sharpsburg by way of Rockville, Gaithersburg, Ridgeville and Frederick, Md., arriving at the battlefield on 1 Sept., where it remained for two weeks.

During the reenactment, Marines employed range-finding equipment for the artillery. Of note, the Marines shown here are wearing both the new and old versions of the frame service cap, as it was being updated in 1924.





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First Lt Lawson H. M. Sanderson, the first Marine to employ dive-bombing tactics in combat, was the liaison officer for the Force Air Service squadron at the Antietam reenactment.

Lieutenant Lawson H. M. “Sandy” Sanderson

The liaison officer of the aviation contingent for the Antietam reenactment was First Lieutenant Lawson H. M. Sanderson, who already had made a name for himself in Haiti, several years prior to the Antietam maneuver. A native of the state of Washington, “Sandy” Sanderson entered the Marine Corps during the World War I period, and by 1919 he was serving in Haiti with Marine Fighting Squadron (VF) 4M, flying the Curtiss JN-4 Jenny.

When both Marine and Haitian Gendarmerie forces in the area were directed by the commanding officer to bomb a derelict French stone fort in which a group of Haitian insurgents (*Cacos*) were hiding, Sanderson replied that the bomb racks that had been requisitioned had not yet arrived. Determined to carry out his orders, and with the assistance of Marine Corps legend Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller, who was serving in the Gendarmerie as a lieutenant, Sanderson improvised a bomb rack from a canvas mail sack, ran a few practice runs and then scattered the Haitian *Cacos* by dropping light bombs on them. That was the Marine Corps’ first attempt at dive-bombing.

An intrepid flier, Sanderson flew in a series of air races sponsored by Ralph Pulitzer (the son of the famed newspaperman) during the early 1920s and placed third in the 1923 St. Louis Air Races while flying a Wright F2W-1 biplane. During the Antietam maneuvers, he coordinated the activities of sections of both fighters and bombers with the troops on the ground, while demonstrating the latest in aviation techniques.

After the Antietam reenactment, Sanderson assumed command of VF-9M and eventually rose to the grade of brigadier general during WW II, retiring as a major general after the war. Both a Marine Corps aviation trophy and an airport in his native state are named in his honor.

—Kenneth L. Smith-Christmas

Observation balloons were a big hit with the public and a featured part of the reenactments of the Wilderness, Gettysburg, New Market and Antietam battles. Several different types of balloons were deployed at these events.



Medical and military police units accompanied the brigade on all of its maneuvers in the 1920s and played a vital role in the success of the reenactments.



BGen Dion Williams, who had assumed command of the brigade from BGen Smedley Butler, addresses the crowd at Antietam. During the reenactments, local dignitaries and senior Marines made speeches at the relatively new monuments on the battlefields.

The main purpose of these reenactments was to provide training for the brigade, then consisting of Fifth Marine Regiment (infantry), 10th Marines (artillery) and battalions of attached engineers, signalers and medical corps, as well as detachments of aviation and chemical units. The reenactments also showcased new innovations in the Marine Corps and boosted publicity. The Antietam reenactment differed from previous reenactments—Wilderness (1921), Gettysburg (1922) and

New Market (1923)—because modern uniforms and equipment were worn, as opposed to earlier attempts to portray 19th-century soldiers.

BGen Dion Williams led the last reenactment of the 1920s, as BGen Butler had moved on to be the Public Safety Director of Philadelphia. Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune halted the program in 1925 because of the costs involved, but BGen Williams revived the series of reenactments in the late 1930s.

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Investing in the Corps' Future Leaders

Cherry Point Air Control Group Tests Marine Corps Leadership Development Program

Story by MGySgt John E. Willis
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"Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

—General Colin Powell, USA (Ret)

"One must put himself in the place of those whom he would lead; he must have a full understanding of their thoughts, their attitude, their emotions, their aspirations, and their ideals; and he must embody in his/her own character the virtues which he would instill into the heart of his/her followers."

—Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune
Jan. 18, 1921

Marine Air Control Group (MACG) 28, Second Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., has spent the last several months testing a new way of training and mentoring Marines.

Colonel Jeffery S. Kojac, then-commanding officer (CO) of MACG-28, said that the implementation of the Marine Corps Leadership Development (MCLD)



Left: Under the MCLD program, leaders concentrate on building close professional relationships with their Marines through regular coaching and training in personal and professional relationships.



Above: While serving as the CO of MACS-2, LtCol Jeffrey D. Hanson, center, was instrumental in implementing the MCLD program throughout his unit.

Below: The MCLD provides tools for leaders to coach, counsel and mentor their Marines in any environment, including during physical training.



program within his unit “is building stronger leaders, and when you build better leaders, you get better operations, you get better maintenance, you get better supply, you get better admin, you get better unit readiness, and you get better unit performance.”

In December 2012, General James F. Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC), approved the initial course of action for Marine Corps University via the Lejeune Leadership Institute (LLI) to “set the grounds for success” and develop the MCLD, the replacement of the Marine Corps Mentorship Program. Under the CMC’s specific guidance, Col Scott Erdelatz, the director of the LLI, said, “The MCLD philosophy is directly linked to sustaining the transformation. It’s the practical application to build upon the

Marine Corps leadership and warfighting ethos and strengthen the commitment to develop Marines as quality citizens.”

From January to May 2013, LLI received invaluable input from general officers, commanding officers and numerous senior enlisted leaders throughout the Marine Corps. That input provided experienced guidance on how to implement the MCLD into the Marine Corps operating forces and how to avoid the pitfalls of the previous mentorship program.

Sergeant Major Micheal P. Barrett, 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and one of the strongest supporters of MCLD,

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said, “Every Marine deserves to be in a good unit, led morally, ethically and professionally.” The MCLD provides a framework to accomplish this throughout the Marine Corps while allowing command leadership teams the autonomy to influence their commands with their own individual leadership styles.

According to Col Erdelatz, “The intent of the MCLD is for leaders to concentrate on building close professional relationships with their Marines and sailors, which is strengthened through regular coaching and training in personal and professional development.” In order to ensure a commonsense approach while developing the MCLD, Erdelatz received the assistance of Col Kojac, who volunteered MACG-28’s

Marines from throughout MACG-28’s five squadrons assisted the Lejeune Leadership Institute in piloting the program and provided invaluable feedback.



headquarters and its subordinate squadrons: 2d Low Altitude Air Defense (LAAD), Marine Air Control Squadron (MACS) 2, Marine Air Support Squadron (MASS) 1, Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron (MTACS) 28 and Marine Wing Communications Squadron (MWCS) 28. Those squadrons would pilot the MCLD and provide invaluable feedback from the 1,800-plus Marines and sailors.

“When I spoke with Brigadier General John Love about a year ago,” Kojac said, “he recognized that there was room for the Marine Corps to do a better job of imbuing our junior leaders with the capacity to teach and to train holistically, which got me thinking about this.

“Ultimately, the MCLD was a means to do exactly that: to build better leaders, better coaches, better mentors, better guides and better teachers to benefit our Marines and sailors holistically across all aspects of their lives.”

On May 29-30, 2013, Lejeune Leadership Institute provided a two-day seminar

on the why, what and how of the MCLD to many of MACG-28’s key leaders. The seminar topics included Heritage of USMC Leadership Development, Ethical Decision Making, Interpersonal Communication Skills, Goal-Setting and Time Management and Personal Finance. LLI also gave an outbrief to the MACG-28 squadron commanding officers and their sergeants major and then the “how-to-execute” plan was turned over to the MACG-28 leadership for implementation.

“Initially, many of them wanted more granularities on what we are asking them to do, and there were a couple that expected uniformity across the group,” said Kojac.

SgtMaj Oscar Jordan, 2d LAAD ser-

geant major, said, “When I first heard about the MCLD and learned that we were going to be the test unit for this, my initial impression was that this is Leadership 101, which the Marine Corps has been doing since 1775.” SgtMaj Jordan’s response was typical of many experienced staff

“With the MCLD they actually get to know me and help me with my deficiencies and what I can do better as a junior Marine.”

—LCpl Jennifer Nabors

noncommissioned officers throughout the Marine Corps who have seen many programs come and go.

Eleven months later in May 2014, Master Gunnery Sergeant John E. Willis, senior enlisted advisor for LLI, conducted face-to-face interviews with the Marines of MACG-28’s headquarters and its subor-

dinate squadrons to gather lessons learned from their implementation of the MCLD. SgtMaj Jordan recalled his initial reaction to the program, saying: “Now I see the MCLD as placing a toolkit back into the hands of our corporals and sergeants to coach, counsel and mentor those Marines in their charge. In fact, the six functional areas are tools that all leaders can use to better learn about and take care of their Marines. I also enjoy the flexibility each unit has to tailor the MCLD to fit into its own battle rhythm and the personality of the CO and sergeant major.”

So far, Marines have favorable reviews of the MCLD.

“I enjoy it because it not only allows me to know my superiors a lot better, but also my peers as well,” Lance Corporal Jennifer Nabors said. “The mentorship program was kind of monotonous. They would just ask you the same questions over and over again, like ‘What are you doing this weekend?’ But with the MCLD they actually get to know me and help me with my deficiencies and what I can do better as a junior Marine.”

“I like the MCLD because it is about more hands-on leadership, and it helps me keep a better eye on my junior Marines,” Corporal Derrick Cocklon said. “It helps me to know them. They have a whole page on how they got here, where they are from, what they have done, and it just helps me keep track of my junior Marines.”

Other Marines agreed. LCpl Daniel Gleenson noted, “In your counseling for that month, if you disagree with something there, they want you to speak up, voice your opinion if you think something should be added or you don’t understand why something is there.” He went on to say, “If it is warranted, your corporal or sergeant will review it and will add or delete as appropriate. Every Marine is different, and the MCLD has helped our leaders know each Marine’s individual character better. It’s a better system.”

The MCLD highlights the importance of coaching, counseling and mentoring. As defined in the draft Marine Corps Order, coaching is a process of ongoing observation and encouragement of a Marine’s personal and professional growth. As an integral function of day-to-day leadership, coaching provides feedback, which plays an important role in helping Marines and sailors achieve their full potential.

Counseling is a process of two-way communication between a senior and junior Marine to help achieve or maintain the highest possible level of performance. Counseling reinforces good performance, corrects deficiencies, transmits guidance/standards and provides direction to subordinate development.



Junior Marines have given the MCLD favorable reviews and say they believe the program allows their leaders to get to know them better.

Mentoring is a less formal process than coaching and counseling. It is a voluntary, developmental relationship between a person of experience and the lesser experienced Marine, characterized by mutual trust and respect. Mentoring relationships exist in the Marine Corps, often occur outside the chain of command and can be initiated by either a senior or subordinate. Such relationships often endure beyond a single tour of duty and provide an important source of encouragement and perspective. Commanders are encouraged to assist Marines and sailors in the process of mentorship.

LCpl Nabors said she understands the importance of one's leaders truly embracing coaching, counseling and mentoring versus putting a check in the box and just going through the motions. "Before the MCLD, when my NCOs would go through your counseling with your record jacket sitting in their lap, they would just be writing down everything you were saying and just going through a checklist," she said. "But now, they sit everyone down. They are more formal with you and more engaged with you. They are more expressive with you rather than just sitting down with pen to paper."

The MCLD provides Marines and sailors with the tools and resources across six functional areas of leadership. It facilitates solid, trustworthy leaders by passing on lessons learned from one generation to the next through counseling, coaching

and mentoring relationships and relevant training. Much is gained from consistent, genuine feedback up and down the chain of command. When describing the six functional areas, Col Erdelatz emphasized that the terms were functional rather than doctrinal and were designed to cover a broad range of personal and professional development areas, many of which are addressed in established or emerging programs.

"I'm finding out that a lot of young Marines are willing to come and talk with me because I'm willing to tell them about my past experiences, both positive and negative. I'm willing to lay it out there that these are the mistakes that I made when I was a young Marine. This is what happened, and this is why it's important," said MGySgt Merrie L. Edwards, MACS-2 electronics maintenance chief.

LCpl Andrew McKinney added: "I do believe that getting to know a Marine on a personal level allows the person to open up more. I would not have opened up to the Marines over me in the past because they didn't know me on a personal level. However, now, whether it's on professional, personal, family or financial issues, my leaders are being more deliberate on getting to know each other better. I feel more confident and comfortable about sharing more issues or things I just need to get off my chest, and I believe it is because of MCLD counseling, coaching and mentoring methods."

MATCS-28's first sergeant, 1stSgt Ricky Hall, has become a believer. "In reference to the old mentorship program, it became such a daunting task by just checking the box with that counseling jacket, with that folder," he said. "So for me, not even knowing what the MCLD was at first, I'm hearing the word 'leadership,' and I got excited about it. It has given the Marines the opportunity again to take their personal values and their leadership traits or something that they excel at and be able to apply those things to when they are counseling their Marines. More importantly, I am excited that we, as an institution, are trying to fix something that didn't work well."

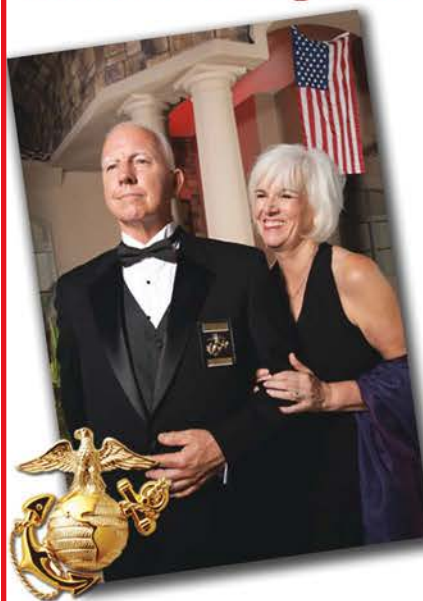
"I think that this will be an outstanding initial and subsequent counseling tool when a Marine first comes in," said Gunnery Sergeant Chris Maddox. "Learning about what they like, what they don't and taking the time to initially get to know that Marine lets them know that you as their leader are here and you really care about who they are. Honestly, it grew on me pretty quickly. I think it's much better than what the mentorship program didn't have."

"After reading the draft order on the MCLD and watching how Marines are implementing it in the shop, it is something that they actually look forward to. They like it because it's not only that they see that we care, but it's something Marine Corps," explained GySgt Joseph Cook.

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The MCLD program's six functional areas provide a framework for leaders to use, but the inherent flexibility of the program allows leaders to tailor the program to their unit's needs and their own leadership styles.

"I'm actually very impressed by the way it has turned out so far."

Staff Sergeant Jason Taylor indicated, "I think that the six functional areas are a good start in the right direction. Like finance, if we really take the time to ensure they understand their LES, basic budgeting, living within their means and some investing, we may be able to help mitigate a lot of financial problems before they occur with our young Marines."

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey D. Hanson, former commanding officer of MACS-2 and currently a student at the College of Naval Warfare in Newport, R.I., stated, "Developing leaders—if there is one

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legacy that I can leave in the command, [it's] the ability for me to come in here and be an effective CO and to develop future leaders. When we received the call from Colonel Erdelatz and Colonel Kojac for the squadrons to be the test bed for the MCLD and ultimately its implementation, I personally was enthusiastic about this opportunity ... to do something really important for our Marines in the squadron and the Marine Corps as a whole. The MCLD has the potential to positively impact the Marine Corps now and well

into the future. Therefore, I had 100 percent enthusiastic buy-in from the start.

"We identified who the key leaders were in the squadron who could really take a hold of the MCLD and make it work up and down the chain of command," continued Hanson. "We have pushed the MCLD down to the lowest levels, not as a program, because it's not, but as a way of life and how we develop our Marines."

"The Marines from the lead perspective see this as an investment in their future; they see it as, 'my leader actually cares enough about me in the future, and they see the potential in me to become more than I am right now.' That creates a sense of buy-in, a sense of loyalty to the organization as a whole. It creates that enthusiasm within them to be proud in being a Marine and who I am as a person. As the lance corporal, corporal and sergeant start seeing and feeling that investment of personal development within their lives, they start seeing themselves in the future as that SNCO and then they start acting that way at their current station."

There is great potential within the MCLD to influence, mold and develop our current and future leaders within the United States Marine Corps. The MACG-28 pilot program has proven thus far that our Marines and sailors want the opportunity to lead. MCLD provides them a roadmap to accomplish that task.

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Marine Corps Birthday, RVN 1964

From Combat Boots to Dress Whites

By Col Frank P. Eller Jr., USMC (Ret)

I was browsing through the contents of my 59-year-old footlocker the other day—the footlocker issued to me when I was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and which traveled with me to and from my various duty stations during my 25 years on active duty in the Corps. Among its contents were two items of memorabilia—an invitation to the celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday at the Dien Hong Palace in Saigon on Nov. 10, 1964, and a diary I maintained during that period of time.

I had received the invitation during one of my periodic visits to Saigon. Colonel Wes Noren, the senior Marine advisor, said that all Marine advisors (there were only about 17 in Vietnam at the time) had received one, and those of us who were able, operations permitting, should plan to attend. According to my diary entries, the battalion I served as the advisor to, the 4th Vietnamese Marine Battalion, was conducting operations about 75 miles northwest of Saigon, in Hoc Mon District. This stretch contained what was later known as the infamous Cu Chi tunnel area.

My diary entries from the days just before the Birthday Ball follow:

“Friday, 6 November

0300 wake-up. 0400 depart for Hoc Mon. We arrive about 0545, de-trucked and commenced move to assembly area. During movement, received heavy sniper fire and during ensuing fire fight lost 3 killed and 5 wounded. The VC fired from well prepared positions and withdrew under cover of prepared obstacles.”

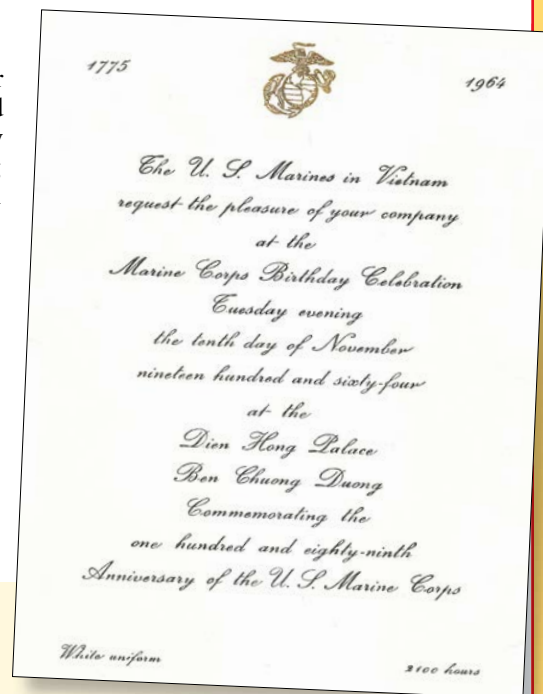
“Saturday, 7 November

Crossed LOO [Lines of Operation] at 0800, moving out to secure assigned objectives with 1/8 [1st Battalion, Eighth Marine Regiment] on our right and M-113s behind and in reserve. Secured assigned objective, received light sniper fire and captured several suspects. 1st company captured one confirmed VC [Viet Cong] hiding in a hole with 3 grenades.”

“Sunday, 8 November

1st company attacked by about one squad of VC last night using rifle grenades and auto weapons. Sustained 5 wounded. Evacuated by U.S. helicopter which came into our night LZ [landing zone]. Vietnamese helicopter pilots refuse to fly at night, but our choppers will fly anytime, anyplace. All they ask is that we prepare an LZ and secure it for them to come in.

We move out to secure assigned objectives. We now had 1/8 on our right, with 2/8 behind them and M-113s behind us. When moving out to final objective, heavy sniper fire received once again. 1/8 held up on our right, but we continued the attack. The M-113s moved up on our right flank to cover us, and I called in armed helicopters to strafe and rocket the area to our front. We secured the objective, 3 Marines wounded, and commenced search of the area. Many tunnels.”



“Monday, 9 November

Two VC killed last night while attempting to infiltrate our lines. Received visit by Corps Commander, Division Commander and their advisors. We briefed them. Battalion ordered to withdraw back to Hoc Mon.

I checked out with the battalion commander and caught a resupply helicopter ride to Saigon.”

“Tuesday, 10 November

Changed into dress white uniform and went to the ball. Many people—several hundred in attendance. A lot of Generals and Diplomatic Corps members in attendance. Ambassador Maxwell Taylor and [U.S. Army] General [William] Westmoreland were there. Plenty to eat and drink and the traditional cake cutting ceremony. Returned back to hotel about 0030 and turned in.”

“Wednesday, 11 November

Had breakfast and went into Saigon with Nick Hart and Phil Monahan. My driver picked me up about 1400, and we joined the battalion back at Hoc Mon. No operations during my absence. We have been detached from the [Army of the Republic of Vietnam's] 5th Division and are now attached to the [ARVN's] 25th Division for operational control.”

Author's bio: A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Col Eller served as the advisor to the 4th Bn, Vietnamese Marine Corps from May 1964 until May 1965. He returned to Vietnam in February 1968 as the executive officer of 1st Bn, 27th Marines. He retired in 1980.



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New Combat Instructor Ribbon

 The Secretary of the Navy has established the Marine Corps Combat Instructor Ribbon.

As requested by the Marine Corps Schools of Infantry, this special duty assignment ribbon takes its place alongside ribbons recognizing the service of drill instructors, recruiters and Marine security guards. This visible form of recognition completes the growth of the combat instructor military occupational specialty into a fully formed special duty assignment.

The combat instructor military occupational specialty (MOS) was first introduced to build upon the foundations established in Marine Corps recruit training where drill instructors make Marines. The combat instructors at the Schools of Infantry (SOIs) teach Marines the basic

combat skills which make every Marine a rifleman. It is those skills which enable Marines of all military occupational specialties to be so successful in combat engagements with the enemy.

To be eligible for the ribbon, Marines serving in an MOS 0913 billet must remain qualified as a combat instructor and successfully complete a tour of duty. Additionally, School of Infantry billets containing the word "instructor" are eligible if a Marine possesses and maintains the 0913 MOS for the duration of his or her tour. Other specifically listed billets in the Advanced Infantry Training Battalions and specific leadership billets in SOI East or West, including subordinate battalions, also are eligible.

The appropriate SOI will document entitlement to the award for current instructors when they depart the command.

The SOIs also will adjudicate retroactive awards for any Marine currently assigned to the school for a subsequent tour.

The ribbon may be awarded retroactively to Marines with qualifying service beginning on or after Oct. 9, 2002.

Marines who have moved on from the Schools of Infantry must take substantiating documentation to their Personnel Administration Center for evaluation. The Military Awards Branch will evaluate awards referred by Personnel Administration Centers as well as requests from Marines no longer serving.

In order of precedence, the new ribbon will be placed after the Marine Security Guard Ribbon and before the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

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Personal Combat Awards

The awards records in the Marine Corps' Award Processing System (APS) and Improved Awards Processing System were used to populate this list, which reflects personal combat awards from the start of the global war on terrorism presented to Marines and sailors serving with U.S. Marine Corps forces only. This list may not reflect certain personal combat awards processed outside of either system and/or approved by another branch of service. Any questions on the content should be submitted in writing to the Personal Awards Section at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Manpower Management Division, MMMA-2, 2008 Elliott Rd., Quantico, VA 22134.

The following awards were announced in August:



Bronze Star With Combat "V"

Sgt David R. Grossman,
1st Marine Special Operations
Battalion (MSOB), U.S. Marine
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SSgt Scott A. Koppenhafer, 2d MSOB,
MARSOC



Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal With Combat "V"

SSgt Nicholas E. Alegre,
2d MSOB, MARSOC
SSgt Alberto F. Boy, 3d Battalion,

Seventh Marine Regiment,
First Marine Division

Capt Michael B. Harmon, 3/7,
1stMarDiv

1stLt Benjamin E. Radcliff, 1/9,
2dMarDiv

HM1 Joshua C. Saniel, 1st MSOB,
MARSOC

Capt Matthew W. Speers, 3/7,
1stMarDiv

Cpl Steven J. Thompson, 1/9,
2dMarDiv

SSgt Shawn E. Young, 1/9,
2dMarDiv



Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal With Combat "V"

Sgt Dustin C. Harrington, 1/9,
2dMarDiv

Sgt Tony R. Ocanasjones, 3/7,
1stMarDiv

Sgt Kevin J. Perez, 1/9, 2dMarDiv

Sgt Robert C. Schaber, 1/9,
2dMarDiv

Cpl Michael C. Vine III, 1/9,
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To Be or Not to Be an Entrepreneur

“Yesterday Is a Good Time to Start” Making Post-Corps Plans

By CWO-4 Randy Gaddo, USMC (Ret)

“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t be trapped by dogma—which is living with the results of other people’s thinking. Don’t let the noise of others’ opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.”

—Steve Jobs (1955-2011)
Entrepreneur and co-founder,
chairman and CEO of Apple Inc.

Self-employment and starting a business comes with a certain amount of risk that may not be for everyone, but Marines preparing to leave the service and join the civilian workforce should consider it as one of their options.

And since procrastination is not an option, there’s no time like the present to start thinking about entrepreneurial endeavors.

That’s what Joshua Stabler did after he left the Marine Corps in 2008 following four successful years as an infantry assaultman and scout sniper and two Iraq tours. Now he has his own company, HOG Saddle, which produces a rifle tripod rest specifically designed for special-operations and law-enforcement communities.

When Stabler was preparing to leave the

service, he didn’t know he was destined to be an entrepreneur.

“I knew I wanted to use my skills and experience to my advantage,” recalled Stabler, who landed a private executive-protection job when he transitioned. In 2006 he had designed a tripod-mounted rifle rest to suit the unique shooting positions he and fellow snipers used. When he left the Corps, he still was making them for his buddies at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“It was a weekend hobby until Marines I didn’t know and local law-enforcement officers started calling me to purchase them,” he revealed. “That was the point where I decided to form a company and take some financial risk.” He proudly pointed out that his made-in-the-USA tripod rest now is standard issue for all Marine Corps scout snipers.

Kevin Jiggetts was a field radio operator during his four years in the Corps from 1981 to 1985. The veteran sergeant, who was injured in the 1983 Marine barracks bombing in Beirut, admitted that he had no clue what he would do after the Corps. “I had thoughts, dreams and ideas, but wasn’t sure how to attain them,” said Jiggetts, who went into law enforcement as a corrections officer for several years after the Corps.

But he “got sick and tired of the rat race” and reinvented himself. He describes his journey and lessons learned in his new book, “Stop Your F#cking Whining! and

Do the Damn Thing—Now Only Happens Once.” Along the way he became a motivational speaker, a well-credited actor in TV, film and on stage, and through his company, Eleventh Hour Enterprises, LLC, he offers acting classes.

Blake Waldrop was a warehouse clerk when he transitioned in 2005 from being a corporal in the Marines to a civilian office job for a trucking company, where, he admitted, “I had a hard time adjusting to office life.” So, using his GI Bill, he attended the Wyoming State Law Enforcement Academy, worked in law enforcement for six years and said he “loved every day of being a police officer.”

But entrepreneurship beckoned him as well. What began as a small, off-duty garage-based startup is now a full-fledged business, RMA Defense. Waldrop is founder and CEO of the company, producing and selling American-made body armor and associated products.

Jay Joseph joined the Corps for its music program, but, due to a lack of openings, served his four-year enlistment as a food services specialist. He spent most of his time at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., where he said he participated in operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He intended to get back into the music industry after the Marines.

“I went on tour with Drum Corps International for a year and also worked in the loss-prevention industry,” he said. The



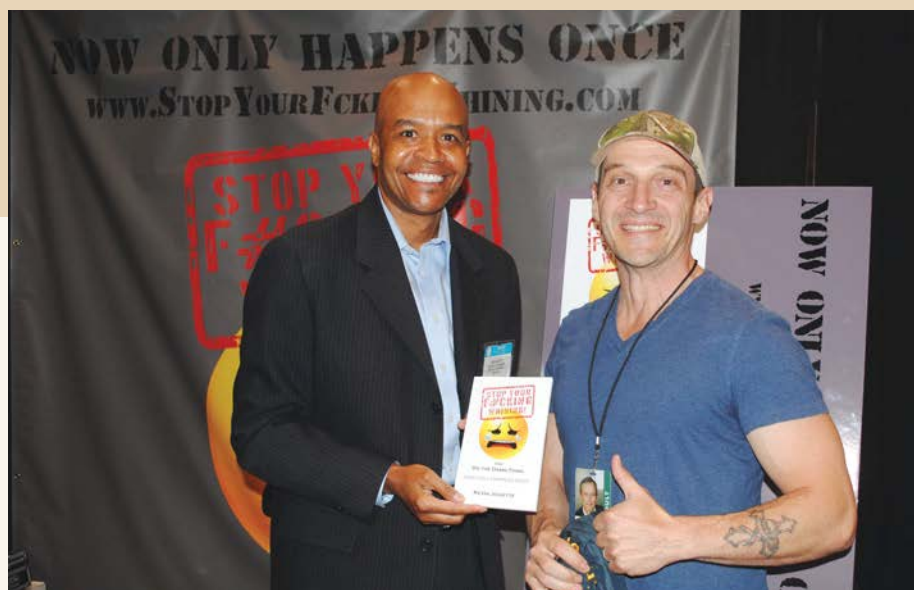
COURTESY OF JOSHUA STABLER

Above: Then-Cpl Joshua Stabler in Iraq in 2007 preparing for a night insert. His experience as a scout sniper became the foundation for his second career.

Right: Stabler fires a sniper rifle using his patented rifle tripod rest produced through his business, HOG Saddle.



COURTESY OF JOSHUA STABLER



COURTESY OF KEVIN JIGGETTS



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Above: Then-LCpl Kevin Jiggetts was a survivor of the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983. His time in the Corps has served him well as he went on to become a motivational speaker, actor and business owner.

veteran lance corporal said during that time he would hear people say, “You’ll never make real money working for someone else.”

That thought rolled around in his head along with an idea he’d been considering since 2005 based on a phrase he’d heard his veteran Marine father use. Then in 2010, he put his thoughts into action, teaming with another Marine business partner to form BOPI, or Born on Parris Island, an online merchandise business selling products ranging from challenge coins to clothing, cigars to hot sauce, and, most recently, beer and vodka.

These veteran Marines stood at the same fork in the road that all Marines eventually must encounter when leaving the service: what to do next—get a job or start their own business. These generally are not mutually exclusive decisions. In fact, most Marines predictably will work

for someone else before, or while, they work for themselves.

The veteran Marine entrepreneurs who contributed to this article agreed that having a regular salary is generally advisable prior to starting a business.

“Starting a business is a scary thing to do,” declared Stabler. “The odds are against you, and most people won’t understand your vision. Starting a business takes money, so figure out how much you’ll need to get started and start saving.”

He also cautioned to be prepared to make some bad business decisions at the start, but to “learn from your mistakes and don’t do it again.”

“Try and have a job lined up before getting out,” counseled Waldrop. “Use every tool available to find one.”

“Start kicking out résumés at least four to six months from your EAS (expiration of active service),” noted Stabler. “Network

Left: Jiggetts, left, poses with a fan during a publicity event for his book “Stop Your F*cking Whining! and Do the Damn Thing—Now Only Happens Once.”

with every Marine you know because someone might know of somebody who is hiring or who has a family business. Go to every employment resource offered to you before getting out.”

After years of emphasizing education and employment, the Marine Corps’ Transition Assistance Program now includes advice on starting a small business. An overview of the optional entrepreneur “track” is provided during the mandatory Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS).

During the overview, TRS participants interested in exploring small business or ownership opportunities are encouraged to attend the two-day Boots to Business “track,” noted Shawn P. Conlon, Ed.S.,



COURTESY OF BLAKE WALDROP



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Above left: Then-LCpl Blake Waldrop with his sister during a visit home when he was on active duty. After he completed his enlistment, Waldrop attended college on the GI Bill and initially became a law enforcement officer.

Above right: Waldrop, left, poses with actor and retired Marine GySgt R. Lee Ermy during the Shot Show in Las Vegas in January 2014. Waldrop’s company, RMA Defense, produces American-made body armor.

Personal and Professional Development branch head for Marine and Family Programs Division at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. This track is conducted outside of the TRS.

Boots to Business was developed by the Small Business Administration (SBA). It is facilitated by local SBA national network partners to include SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), Women's Business Centers, Veterans Business Outreach Centers and Small Business Development Centers. "These SBA partners are often existing and/or previous business owners who are willing to share their entrepreneurship experiences and stories to track participants," Conlon said.

Upon completing the two-day track, participants interested in furthering their knowledge in business ownership have the option to participate in the 8-week "Introduction to Entrepreneurship" for in-depth training. "This online class, facilitated by Syracuse University, will provide participants with elements to create a solid business plan," Conlon advised.

SBA began working with Headquarters Marine Corps on implementing Boots to Business in FY12 with pilot programs at Camp Pendleton; MCAS Yuma, Ariz.; Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.; Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.; and MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., followed by a gradual rollout to other Stateside installations. In FY13, all Stateside installations began providing this training to servicemembers, and the two-day track began to be offered in Iwakuni and Okinawa, Japan, as of July 2014, according to Conlon.

Conlon noted that the entrepreneurial emphasis has evolved from an effort by Congress, supported by the White House, to recognize growing unemployment rates

for post-9/11 veterans. They passed the VOW to Hire Heroes Act in October 2011, which prompted revision of the Department of Labor Transition Assistance Program, better known as TAP, to the newly created DOL Employment Workshop, or DOLEW.

"The DOLEW is a key part of the Marine

a business. The inability to work through this preliminary stage can be a show-stopper for many would-be entrepreneurs.

"I would suggest that a Marine about to leave service do some honest and deliberate soul-searching and start asking and answering some hard questions," suggested Jiggetts, "such as, 'What am

I good at?' 'What have I always dreamed of doing?' 'What sacrifices am I prepared to make?' I often ask the question, 'What if you were already rich and the only way to maintain your standard of living was to find a career you loved ... what would you do?'"

Joseph advised writing ideas down when you get them. "Don't let any opportunities pass you by," he said. "If you have a great idea, write it down and save it. Not only will this keep the idea rolling around in your head, but as you meet new people and learn from new experiences in the civilian world, with a little focus your idea

might come to fruition."

Marines thinking about going it alone can develop a list of things to consider prior to deciding whether to take the plunge into entrepreneurship. These veteran businessmen have a few suggestions based on their experiences.

"My checklist is simple," noted Joseph. "Do you have an idea that seems viable to attract clients? Can you set aside the time, like a part-time job, to research the idea? This is the biggest part of the plan. Can you organize your life to truly bring this to fruition? Once your idea starts falling into place, do you have the means to run with it?"

Stabler's list is similar, but he added, "Are you self-motivated? Is your spouse supportive of the venture? Make sure your spouse is on board and supportive. Do you have good communication skills? Are you good with financing and budget? A 'no'



COURTESY OF JAY JOSEPH

Above left: After his tour in the Marine Corps was finished, Jay Joseph formed "Born on Parris Island," a company which sells online merchandise.



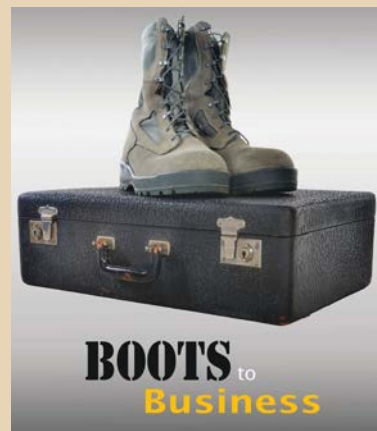
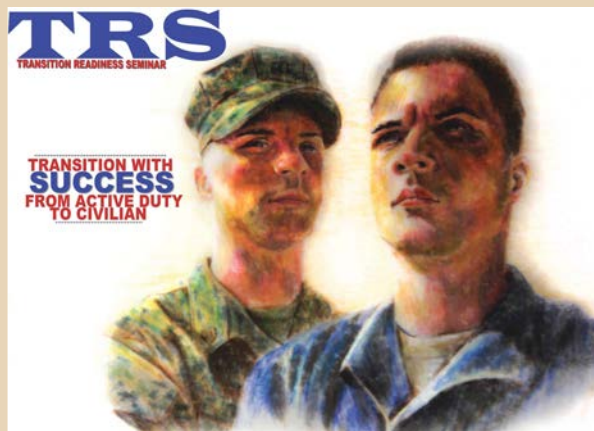
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Above right: As a Marine, Joseph wanted to be in the Corps' music program but instead served as a food specialist.

Corps' Transition Readiness Seminar, covering three days of instruction and activities to provide servicemembers with job search and employment preparation skills," asserted Conlon. "Small business ownership and entrepreneurship is a viable option. Most transitioning Marines are hardworking, passionate individuals with an intense drive to succeed and the willingness to assume the risk required to start their own business."

Conlon estimated that between 5 and 10 percent of transitioning Marines opt to select the entrepreneur track. Transition readiness services, including career, education and entrepreneurship assistance, are available to all servicemembers and their families as they transition and for 180 days after separation or retirement, as long as space is available.

Finding a salaried job may be easy compared to conceptualizing and actualizing



to any of these might be a fatal red flag.”

Waldrop suggested: “You study your future market, your competition, find weaknesses, forge alliances with business partners. If you have doubts about your own idea or ability, then don’t waste your time or money. Don’t run off emotion, always the facts. Mixing money with emotion will bankrupt you.”

At the top of Jiggetts’ list is reading. “I recommend a subscription to *Entrepreneur* magazine a year out from EAS,” he suggested. “The pages therein are chock-full of ideas and success stories, and the reader might stumble upon his or her calling. If a Marine commits to reading it cover to cover every month, imagine the business knowledge that will be gained.”

These veterans also agreed that their experiences as Marines was time well-spent when it came to becoming an entrepreneur.

“It was a big risk to stop my professional careers and begin a startup, and it was also a struggle,” Joseph admitted. “But through it all, my Marine mentality kept me focused and driven, and I absolutely attribute my success to my experiences in the Marine Corps.”

“Absolutely,” Jiggetts responded when asked if his Marine experience prepared

him well. “The level of discipline instilled just to earn the title ‘Marine’ was unsurpassed.”

Waldrop believes that the Marine Corps set the stage for his success. “I developed a very hard work ethic in the Marines,” he asserted. “Not quitting, never giving up and being overall stronger mentally. Without the toughness and life experiences I had on active duty, I wouldn’t be who I am today.”

However, even with rose-colored glasses and all the motivation and dedication in the world, embarking on the entrepreneurial voyage is fraught with rocks and shoals, and often the difference between success and failure is the very dogged determination for which Marines are famous. Regrets would be understandable.

“Starting a business from the ground up with little-or-no capital was the hardest thing I’ve ever done in life,” Waldrop said. “It’s been harder than the Corps and harder than being a police officer. Starting up takes massive devotion and your entire life. You face frustration, little-to-no sales, massive competition, borrowing money and seven days a week of work,” he said. However, when pressed for regrets, he declared, “Never once. After you witness your small business transform into a com-

pany, the self-gratification is priceless.”

“Absolutely not!” exclaimed Jiggetts at the regrets question. “I never saw myself working for someone else. ... I always envision myself as the CEO, the president, the boss.” He commented about the ladder to success: “I aim to be the ladder.”

From Stabler’s perspective, it is the road not traveled that is littered with good intentions. “I would have regretted never taking a chance,” he conceded. “That being said, you’ll find yourself working more hours than you ever did with a traditional job, and you’ll never again get to experience ‘clocking out for the day.’ ”

Every Marine will have different questions with different answers as they think about a post-Corps life, but the sooner the questions are addressed, the more prepared a Marine will be when that EAS day comes. “Yesterday is always a good time to start,” advised Jiggetts.

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Edited by R. R. Keene

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Operation Enduring Freedom: Marine Casualties, Aug. 1-31, 2014

There are no casualties to report for this month.

Col Joseph H. Alexander

Colonel Joseph Hammond "Joe" Alexander, USMC (Ret), combat veteran, noted military historian, celebrated author, host or principal guest commentator on more than 20 documentaries, died Sept. 28 in Asheville, N.C. He was 76.

A native of Charlotte, he was a scholar and star athlete in high school who went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship. At UNC, he was a member of the varsity lacrosse team as well as social and service fraternities.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps upon graduation in 1960, he had an outstanding 29-year Marine Corps career as an assault amphibian officer. Col Alexander served two combat tours in Vietnam, the first in 1965 and the second in 1969, where he commanded Company A, 3d Amphibian Tractor Company. He then rotated to Okinawa and commanded the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion for a short time in late 1969.

During the 1973 Yom Kippur War in the Middle East, he commanded a 500-man detachment of expeditionary troops deployed to the eastern Mediterranean, standing ready to protect American interests.

Col Alexander was instrumental in the development, acquisition and fielding of the Marine Corps' current assault landing vehicle, the LVT-7 family of assault amphibians now known as the AAV-7. This combat vehicle became the principal means of carrying assault troops from ship to shore while also serving as a transport for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts around the world.

Later in his career, Col Alexander was selected to serve as the military secretary

to General Paul X. Kelley, the 28th Commandant. One of his last tours was as the chief of staff, Third Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan.

After retirement from active duty, Col Alexander and his wife, Gale, relocated to Asheville, where he continued to serve country and community. He joined the Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity Inc., as a volunteer construction crew chief, family support committee chairman and member of the board of directors. He also volunteered with the Carolina Mountain Club's Mountains-to-the-Sea Trail construction team, the Western North Carolina Alzheimer's Association, Helpmate Shelter, Mountain Housing Opportunities and the NC Nature Conservancy.

He has written or co-written seven books and numerous official historical monographs for the Marine Corps History Division, earning him significant recognition, including the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's General Wallace M. Greene Jr. Award for writing a distinguished non-fiction book dealing with U.S. Marines or Marine Corps life. In recognition of his superb contributions to recording and promoting Marine Corps history, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation created an annual Colonel Joseph Alexander Award, which is for a distinguished biographical or autobiographical book about a Marine.

He was the Naval Institute Author of the Year in 1996 and Naval History Author of the Year in 2010. He was the principal historian and writer on the exhibit design team throughout the construction of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. He penned numerous magazine essays over the years for *Leatherneck*, *Marine Corps Gazette*, the U.S. Naval Institute's *Proceedings* and *Naval History*. He also served as a consulting historian for *Smith-*

sonian, National Geographic TV and Time-Life Books.

He was a friend to the *Leatherneck* staff and will be missed.

William M. Barton, 88, of Kerrville, Texas. He served during WW II with the MarDet USS *Yorktown* (CV-10) and later was employed by the Kerrville VA Hospital.

Robert F. "Bob" Cawley, 85, in Dallas. He joined the Marines in 1946 and then went on to fill many roles in life.

As a high school roller skater, he won 10 national medals for artistic skating, and as an actor, he appeared in numerous episodes of "Walker, Texas Ranger" and "Dallas." He also played the role of the pageant judge in the 2000 movie "Miss Congeniality." He joined the DeSoto Police Department in 1977 and started the Police Athletic League program, working with young people. In 1998 he was a founding member of the DeSoto Arts Commission. Recently, he was a substitute drama teacher at Red Oak High School.

LCpl Brennan Ching, 20, in Utah. He was a passenger in a vehicle driven by a fellow Marine on Interstate 70 when it veered off the road Aug. 15. LCpl Ching was killed instantly. He was traveling home from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to surprise his younger brother on the first day of school in Colorado.

Grant K. Dieck, 76, of Ironwood, Mich. He was a Marine pilot during the Korean War and a U.S. Coast Guard volunteer.

He was a pilot for Eastern Airlines and retired in the late 1970s. He also was a member of the Ironwood Township Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Gogebic-Iron MCL Det.

CWO-4 Edmond G. Farah, 90, of Wantagh and Plainview, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for two years. In December 1942, he enlisted in the Corps and, after boot camp, was assigned as a drill instructor at MCRD Parris Island, S.C. In 1945, he landed on

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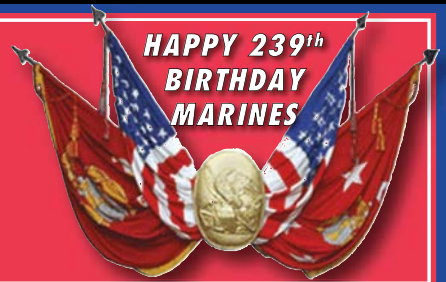
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18 - 24 Jun - 70th Anniversary of Okinawa
Landing Beaches - Memorial Ceremony - Shuri Line

18 - 28 Jul - Marianas Campaign 1944
Liberation of Guam, Tinian & Saipan
Post Tour: 28 Jul - 1 Aug - Honolulu, HI

31 Jul - 11 Aug - WWII 70th Anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki
Post Tour: Tokyo Pre-Tour: Saipan & Tinian



Tinian runway where Enola Gay took off!

1 - 12 Aug - Guadalcanal "Turning the Tide"
Edson's Ridge - Henderson Field - Iron Bottom Sound - Tulagi
Post Tour: 11 - 17 Aug - Solomon Islands "Up the Slot"

12 - 25 Oct - 70th Anniversary of the China Marines
Beijing - Tientsin - Xian
Post Tour: Shanghai

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WWII CBI Theater Burma & Thailand
Post Tour: China

65th Anniversary of the Korean War - Korea
Revisits & Peace Camp For Youth (Grandchildren)



MHT taking Vets & Grandchildren back to Korea.

VIETNAM

31 Jan - 13 Feb - Battle of Hue City & Tet Offensive
Phu Bai - Da Nang - Chu Lai - Khe Sanh

5 - 17 Mar - 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Red Beach Landings 1965
Da Nang - Chu Lai - Leatherneck Square - DMZ

7 - 16 Mar - 2/4 The Magnificent Bastards
"From the Beginning '65 to the End '75"
Da Nang - Chu Lai - Leatherneck Square - DMZ

11 - 25 Apr - 50th Anniversary of Operation "Rolling Thunder"
Hanoi - Red River Valley - Thailand



Gen Peter Pace (black shirt) went back to his AO and you can too!

20 Apr - 3 May - 45th Anniversary of the Cambodian Campaign 1970
Tay Ninh - Fish Hook - Parrott's Beak



Former VC now restaurateur... capitalism wins.

15 - 28 Aug - 50th Anniversary of Operation Starlite
Chu Lai - Red Beach - Hoi An - Da Nang - Hue City - Leatherneck Square - Khe Sanh - Con Thien - Quang Tri - Dong Ha

7 - 20 Nov - 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Battle of the Ia Drang Valley I - II - III Corps
War Zone C - An Loc - Tay Ninh - Bien Hoa - An Khe - Pleiku - Qui Nhon



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Belleau Wood - Chateau Thierry - Verdun - Mont Blanc - Reims
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Post Tour: 28 May - 1 Jun Battle of the Bulge

22 - 31 May - Viking Seine River D-Day Cruise
Paris - Giverny - D-Day Beaches
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28 May - 2 Jun - 70th Anniversary Battle of the Bulge
Bastogne - Gen Patton's Gravesite - "Siegfried Line" - Malmedy - Easy Company 516th P.I.R. "foxholes"

30 May - 10 Jun - 70th Anniversary of the Italian Campaign "Salerno to Switzerland"
Anzio - Salerno - Florence - Venice - Naples - Pisa - Milan

1 - 9 Jun - D-Day 1944: "Normandy to Paris"
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Pre-tour: 28 May - 1 Jun - Battle of the Bulge

13 - 20 Jun - 200th Anniversary of Waterloo

2 - 14 Jul - WWII Russia "Eastern Front"
Battle of Kursk, Moscow, Stalingrad
Post Tour: St Petersburg

17 - 28 Sep - WWI "100th Anniversary of the Great War"
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Leatherneck Line

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Families Enjoy Front Porch Series

Servicemembers and their families swarmed the field, ready to visit with one another. Children eyed the games and waited in line to have their faces painted.

Families at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., enjoyed a community fair hosted by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), as part of the Front Porch Series, Sept. 5. The series, created by Mrs. Bonnie Amos, wife of General James F. Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps, enables families to gather information about the many resources available to them at their bases and stations. The focus is on building a community through volunteerism and support.

The fair at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms proved to be a fun way to provide information about resources the Combat Center offers its families. Semper Fit provided two graffiti walls for families to write on and decorate. Other activities included a football toss, beanbag toss, an inflatable obstacle course and face painting.

Employees from the Sexual Assault Prevention Response office provided information about the resources the department has available.

"We are here to raise awareness about the program and our services," said Deliesse Hitt, coordinator, Sexual Assault

Prevention Response. "We're handing out informational pamphlets with our number on it so everyone has it. We just want everyone to know that we're here to help out, and there is always someone to talk to."

Marine volunteers raised money during the event to help pay for upcoming unit functions. They served snow cones and popcorn to Combat Center patrons.

Sergeant David Hess, an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting specialist, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, attended with his wife, Ashley, and their two sons.

"It's nice to get out and see what the [Combat Center] community has to offer, especially since we just moved here from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar," said Ashley Hess.

Attendance was high and the event was well-received by servicemembers and their families who are anticipating a second fair.

The Front Porch Series initiative brought similar community fairs to many Marine Corps bases and stations during 2014.

Cpl Kate Seiler

PAO, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, Calif.

ASYMCA Celebrates Military Family Month

Each year, the President of the United States signs a proclamation declaring the month of November as Military Family

Month. In 2013, President Barack Obama's proclamation stated, "During Military Family Month, we celebrate the families who make daily sacrifices to keep our Nation whole, and we remember a most sacred obligation—to serve them as well as they serve us."

Military Family Month, established by the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA), offers an opportunity for community leaders, businesses, and military bases and posts to recognize military families through special events, discounts and recognitions.

For information about local events during Military Family Month, contact your local Morale, Welfare and Recreation office. The following programs are offered by ASYMCA during November and at other times throughout the year.

Art and Essay Contest for 2015: Each November, ASYMCA "kicks off" its annual Art and Essay Contest as part of Military Family Month. The contests promote youth development and social responsibility among children and teen dependents of active-duty military or retirees.

"Our annual art and essay contest allows children to express their love, appreciation and admiration for their military heroes," said Captain Mike Landers, USN (Ret), CEO of ASYMCA. "Their essays and



CPL KATE SEILER



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Above left: Marine spouse Annalisa Burrell helps her 4-year-old daughter make a craft at the Front Porch Series community fair, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, Calif., Sept. 5.

Above right: Sgt David Hess, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting specialist with MWSS-374, and his 2-year-old son glide down an inflatable slide at the Front Porch Series community fair. The event featured games, activities and a showcase of the Combat Center's resources.

Marine spouse Kimberly A. Alaniz, foreground, fires an MK19 automatic grenade launcher inside an Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer during Jane Wayne Day, hosted by MWHS-2, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. The event allowed spouses and family members to understand and experience some of their Marine's day-to-day duties.

artwork also serve to remind us of the sacrifices our men and women in uniform, and their families, make each day for our country.”

The essay contest is open to children in the first through 12th grades, and the art contest to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The winning art entries are used on the Military Family Month poster for the following November, and prizes are awarded in each category. ASYMCA makes every effort to reach out to the schools of the contest winners, so that they may be recognized in front of their student body for their accomplishment.

Operation Kid Comfort: Volunteers at ASYMCA create custom-made photo transfer quilts and pillows for the children of deployed active-duty U.S. military servicemembers. The items are designed to help children cope with the emotional stress faced during a parent's deployment. Children ages 7 and under receive a quilt, and children ages 8 and older receive a pillow.

A fee of \$10 per quilt and \$5 per pillow to cover shipping is necessary to help offset costs of this program. For more information about Operation Kid Comfort, or to request a quilt or pillow, contact the ASYMCA branch designated for your base or station. The participating branches and their accompanying web sites can be found at www.asymca.org/programs/operation-kid-comfort/.

For more information about these programs, visit www.asymca.org.

Sara W. Bock

Leatherneck Staff Writer

MWHS-2 Hosts Jane Wayne Day

Spouses and family members with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 2 became “Marines” for a day during the squadron's Jane Wayne Day at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Sept. 12.

The event was designed to give MWHS-2's extended family a peek behind the scenes of the squadron's day-to-day operations, as well as some typical Marine Corps training, said Alesha N. Burkeen, MWHS-2 family readiness officer.

“It gives our Marines an opportunity to show their spouses and family what they really do,” said Burkeen.



SGT TIMOTHY T. PARISH

Jane Wayne Day featured several events that spanned the entire day. Spouses met with senior leaders of MWHS-2; fired at the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer; toured aircraft simulators; and took part in several mock training events, including a Marine Corps Martial Arts demonstration.

The event helped give the spouses a sense of their Marine's day-to-day duties. It also helped the squadron promote a command climate of family readiness and engaged leadership, said Burkeen.

“With a lot of these spouses, I don't have their contact information; so now we get to meet them and they get connected with the squadron,” said Burkeen. “When we're more involved and more

engaged, our readiness increases because the camaraderie increases. It helps spouses want to come to events because they made a friend here, or they are excited to be a part of it because they get to see it and experience it.”

“I got to meet wives that I've never met before because I usually stay at home,” said Kimberly A. Alaniz, an MWHS-2 spouse who attended the event. She added that the event gave family members a better understanding of their Marine's individual mission and how they contribute to the squadron's success.

Sgt Timothy T. Parish

Combat Correspondent, II MEF

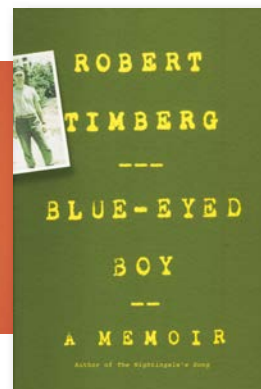
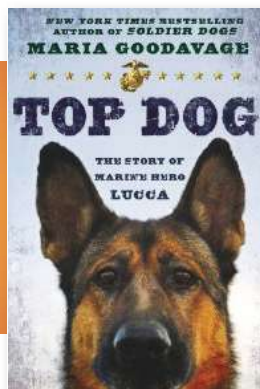
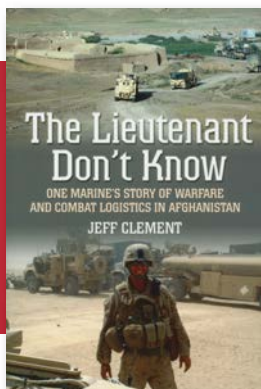


CPL OWEN KIMBREL

CHARGERS GIVE BACK—Manti Te'o, a San Diego Chargers linebacker, signs an autograph for a child during the Chargers' military appreciation day at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Aug. 27. The NFL team practiced drills with the air station's football team, the Miramar Falcons, then socialized with fans and signed autographs.

Books Reviewed

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THE LIEUTENANT DON'T KNOW: One Marine's Story of Warfare and Combat Logistics in Afghanistan. By Jeff Clement. Published by Casemate. 264 pages. Stock #161200248X. \$29.66 MCA Members. \$32.95 Regular Price.

"The Lieutenant Don't Know" takes an insightful, firsthand look at combat logistics during the 2010 military surge in Afghanistan. During his first tour, Lieutenant Clement served as 2d platoon commander, "Alpha" Company, Combat Logistics Battalion (CLB) 6.

The battalion provided logistical support for the infantry units fighting in the north-central part of Helmand province. Clement's platoon consisted of 63 Marines with a mission of driving a variety of heavy trucks and support vehicles over unforgivingly hostile terrain while under enemy observation and occasional direct attack. Notably, the battalion won the Marine Corps' coveted Motor Transport Unit of the Year award for 2011.

Jeff Clement graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering before entering the Marine Corps. Upon commissioning and after completion of The Basic School at Quantico, Va., the lieutenant received his first choice of military occupational specialty assignments, 0402, Logistics Officer.

In April 2009, he attended the Logistics Officer Course at Camp Johnson, N.C. The course was a mixture of classroom-based course work and a field-training exercise. The message he learned there was "read everything in the manual and ask

questions." It was there he first realized that there was a lot the lieutenant didn't know!

"But Staff Sergeant, the lieutenant told me to ..." "I don't care what the lieutenant said. THE LIEUTENANT DON'T KNOW."

After training in Twentynine Palms, Calif., CLB-6 deployed to Afghanistan in January 2010. Based in Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province, the Marines staged and loaded lines of heavy trucks and support vehicles for the trips to forward combat bases in the north.

Operation Lava 31, one of the lieutenant's largest missions, contained an assortment of 250 heavy trucks manned by 550 personnel. Everything the infantry required to perform its mission had to be hauled through the "enemy infested" desert countryside. Food, water, ammo, fuel and other assorted items were transported on sometimes weeklong runs to various outlying forward combat support bases. Then the convoy would make the arduous trip back to Camp Leatherneck.

The major problem for these convoys was, of course, improvised explosive devices, or IEDs.

Due to the threat of explosives, these massive truck convoys needed to travel very slowly, between three to five miles per hour. Breakdowns and the need to recover trucks hit by mines further extended their time on the dusty, perilous Afghan landscape.

The Marine convoys were followed and observed constantly by the enemy.

Insurgents trailed the convoys on motorcycles and attempted to provoke the Marines into a firefight. With the complex mission of defeating the Taliban, while also attempting to win hearts and minds, the Marines were under strict rules of engagement not to fire unless directly threatened.

The trucks kept long intervals between vehicles and attempted to avoid being damaged by a nearby explosion. Either breakdowns or explosions halted the convoy until the damaged vehicles were repaired, towed or, if severely damaged, loaded aboard flatbed recovery trucks.

Often the convoys were attacked by small arms, rocket-propelled grenades, or by bracketed motor fire.

The most dangerous time for a wounded Marine was the first few critical hours. Then the convoy would stop for a helicopter for a medevac to transport the injured leatherneck to Camp Bastion for treatment. During that type of operation, the helicopter and the rest of the convoy became vulnerable to a coordinated insurgent attack.

As it turns out, the lieutenant knows a lot! His well-conceived, sharply written memoir will help the reader understand the complex day-to-day task of the Afghan war's logistic efforts. While the book focuses on his first tour in country, the lessons Lt Clement learned outside the wire during that tour were applied shrewdly during his second tour in country. On the second tour Clement served as CLB-6's

operations officer. With the goal of reducing unnecessary red tape, he attempted to streamline much of the nitpicking that came from the S-3 battalion office. To this end, Lt Clement posted a sign on his S-3 door: "Open for everything—All the Time!"

Jeff Clement's new book, "The Lieutenant Don't Know," is a tribute to the Marines who risk their lives daily supplying the "ground pounders" with the implements of their trade. The dedicated logistics arm of the Corps fights as needed while accomplishing its mission of providing the infantrymen the tools needed to successfully complete their mission assignments. Any "grunt" will tell you that he is most certainly the tip of the spear, but Marines of the logistic arm are the unbending *shaft* of that same lethal weapon of destruction.

Robert B. Loring

Author's bio: Readers will recognize Marine veteran "Red Bob" Loring as a frequent Leatherneck reviewer, who has had more than 100 book reviews published in the magazine. A tireless worker for the Marine Corps and his local community, he volunteers for various charities, including helping to run a very successful Toys for Tots program in Pasco County, Fla.

TOP DOG: The Story of Marine Hero Lucca. By Maria Goodavage. Published by Dutton Adult. 335 pages. Stock #0525954368. \$24.26 MCA Members. \$26.95 Regular Price.

"Top Dog: The Story of Marine Hero Lucca" is an inspirational book about a heroic military working dog. Maria Goodavage, a gifted author, first came on the scene with her critically acclaimed bestseller, "Soldier Dogs." She now uses her writing skills to profile the life and wartime career of a German shepherd-Belgian Malinois mix and her two caring leatherneck handlers.

Lucca was trained as a bomb-detection dog. These military working dogs have made a positive name for themselves saving the lives of countless U.S. and coalition forces. During Lucca's six-year career, she successfully performed 400 missions, never losing a Marine or soldier to an improvised explosive device.

Sadly, during her last deployment in Afghanistan, an IED blast tore off Lucca's front paw, resulting in her losing her left leg.

In April of 2006, Marine Staff Sergeant Christopher Willingham first met his new K-9 combat partner, Lucca. Willingham was selected to train a war dog that soon became his best friend and a legend throughout the Corps.

Lucca and her fellow "Specialized Search Dogs" (SSDs) operate free of the leash while detecting hidden explosives. Lucca and her counterparts represent a formidable weapon against the insurgents' tactic of planting deadly explosive devices with the intent of crippling or killing U.S. forces. SSD handlers and their dogs work as a team to clear combat areas before troops move forward.

Tragically, after the Vietnam War, many brave military working dogs, serving as scouts, sentries and mind detectors, were either left behind or euthanized. Today, much to the relief of dog lovers everywhere, the military takes a more enlightened view of how to handle and care for our K-9 veterans.

Willingham and Lucca were first deployed to Iraq in support of the Army's 3rd Division (1/30th). Focus was the name of this deadly game. "Mama Lucca," as Willingham often called her, covered a large section of each assigned search area; she responded to voice commands

as if she were on an invisible leash. Both Lucca and her Marine handler were fully appreciated by the Army troops they proudly protected.

Returning from his Iraq tour, it was time for Willingham to move forward in his career in the Corps. Willingham hand-picked Lucca's new partner, Corporal Juan "Rod" Rodriguez. In Afghanistan the veteran SSD dog team was deployed in support of a Special Forces unit. It was on her last tour that Lucca stepped on a small IED and went down in a swirling cloud of smoke. Cpl Rodriguez applied a lifesaving tourniquet to Lucca, and she was evacuated for treatment to Camp Leatherneck and then on to Germany, before returning to the States.

Lucca, who benefited from much love and support, recovered in the United States. She learned to amble along on three legs and never lost her gentle spirit or her love for her devoted Marine handlers. Rodriguez accompanied Lucca to Finland so she could live with Willingham, then assigned

Leatherneck Book Browser

"My 35 Years in Uniform: A Memoir." It is always fascinating to read how a few years in the Corps can impact a lifetime career.

Raymond F. Wright Jr. went from Parris Island recruit in 1966 to rifleman with "Kilo" Company, 3d Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment near Chu Lai, Vietnam. He received a stomach wound on his 19th birthday and was medically evacuated Stateside. He eventually returned to duty under a "Smokey Bear" in starched sateen utilities with the brass-plated duty belt of a Parris Island drill instructor.

He went on to become a Charleston County, S.C., police officer in 1982 and retired from the Isle of Palms Police Department as assistant chief in 2011. But it was that esprit de corps, discipline and desire to serve learned in the Corps that carried him to success in law enforcement.

There is something to being a Marine, and Wright gives us his take in his often humorous and illuminating memoir.

"My 35 Years in Uniform," ISBN: 9781489537959, is 487 pages in paperback with some pictures. Published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, North Charleston, S.C., it lists for \$24.95 and is available through *The MARINE Shop* at Amazon.com for \$20.49.

"Running All the Way: A Marine, a Runner, a Journey Through Life."

There are two speeds of running in the Corps: fast and faster. Colonel Lawrence Dickerson, USMCR (Ret) has taken life at full throttle from staff sergeant with the First Marine Division in the Korean War, to the higher echelons of the business world. In between he ran, over obstacle courses, pounding on the metal decks of aircraft carriers, up and down the hills of the Corps' bases, and in more than 1,300 races in all 50 states. Runners have time to think and reap the mental benefits of the miles they put in.

In his book, Col Dickerson discusses life's struggles and his perspectives as well as providing running tips that all runners will find useful. His more than 40 years of running has paid off. Now, in his 80s, he still is youthful in appearance and exceptionally healthy, which in and of itself should be reason for most of us to read his book.

It is an easy read, too; only 175 pages in paperback with photos. "Running All the Way," ISBN: 9781493597918, retails for \$25 and is available through *The MARINE Shop* at Amazon.com for \$14.66.

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as the Marine Security Guard Detachment commander at the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki. Lucca was a hit at her new home and was appreciated fully by many adoring Finns.

Mama Lucca, now living in the States with Willingham and his family, enjoys a full and active life. She often is seen promoting the work of military dogs and their use in saving the lives of our service personnel.

In January 2013, she proudly rode on a float in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif. At a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Fairfax, Va., she received an honorary position as Combat Veteran War Dog and was the first dog inducted into their VFW post. She also has visited the amputee ward at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to help cheer up and encourage patients undergoing physical therapy. With her gentle, loving personality, she continues to serve her country and the men and women who help keep us free.

"Top Dog" is a true joy to read. Maria Goodavage certainly knows her way around the world of military-dog training

and use. She writes with great understanding and passion for both her subjects, military working dogs and their devoted handlers.

Robert B. Loring

BLUE-EYED BOY: A Memoir. By Robert Timberg. Published by Penguin Press. 293 pages. Some photos. Stock #1594205663. \$25.16 MCA Members. \$27.95 Regular Price.

A retired Marine buddy called me asking: "Have you read Robert Timberg's 'Blue-Eyed Boy?'" When I responded negatively, he said, "I've just finished reading it for the third time." "Three times?" I asked. He paused, and then responded: "Read it once and let me know what you think."

I vaguely knew that Robert Timberg is a former Marine infantry officer, graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, wounded Vietnam veteran and a good reporter. I've seen him at Marine Corps Association and Foundation events, and I noticed him immediately because of the scars he received in January 1967 when a Communist land mine burned him.

If you've been a Marine for a while, you have seen others similar to Timberg: Combat correspondent Corporal Aaron Makin was disfigured after his amphibious assault vehicle took an improvised explosive device in Iraq, and infantryman Cpl William Kyle Carpenter shielded his fellow Marines from a grenade blast in Afghanistan and earned the Medal of Honor. Marines tend to look past battle scars. What they usually see is a fellow Marine, remarkably like them, whom they view with awe and respect.

"Blue-Eyed Boy" is about those who suffered such wounds and the effect they have on their lives. We cannot know how

such individuals feel, how they view their lives or what their innermost thoughts are. We can accept being killed, but disfigured?

Robert Timberg takes us there, confronts us with what it is like, and shows us the initial nightmare.

When it happened, he was riding an amphibious tracked landing personnel carrier and mulling over his personal grievance at taking an unscheduled turn as pay officer in hostile territory. "Moments later, I felt myself lifted from the top of the Amtrac, as if in the eye of a hurricane, except in place of wind and rain I was being carried aloft by flames," writes Timberg.

His Marines rushed to get him to safety. He would struggle from then on at not only overcoming the third-degree burns over his face and body, but also to reclaim, as much as possible, a productive life.

While reading about Timberg's 35 surgeries and his considerable soul-searching, we learn of his rise as a journalist working for *The Baltimore Sun* and as a White House correspondent whose writing skills, demeanor and humor are more visible than his physical appearance.

He has written three other books: "State of Grace: A Memoir of Twilight Time," "John McCain: An American Odyssey" and "The Nightingale's Song," which was inspired by his reporting on the Iran-Contra affair and follows Marine Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, Navy Captain and Senator John McCain, and highly decorated Marine, Senator James Webb from the Naval Academy through Vietnam and the 1985 policy crisis. It is enlightening and excellent reading for those who may have missed it.

But his latest book tops them all, because Timberg had to delve deeply into his inner self. Pundit and Marine veteran Mark Shields says of "Blue-Eyed Boy": "If, as the proverb teaches, an honest man fears neither the light nor the dark, Bob Timberg, the author of this unsparingly honest memoir, must be fearless."

In "Blue-Eyed Boy," Timberg emerges scarred yet self-reliant. His is a moving memoir, without self-pity. It is honest and well-written. Readers will ask themselves, "Could I have made that kind of comeback?" Again we don't want to go there, but we are instilled with a better understanding of Timberg's obstacles, frustrations, endurance and resilience. You will see the men and women who took debilitating war wounds rise up and do more than just survive. They succeed, and you will never look at them the same way again.

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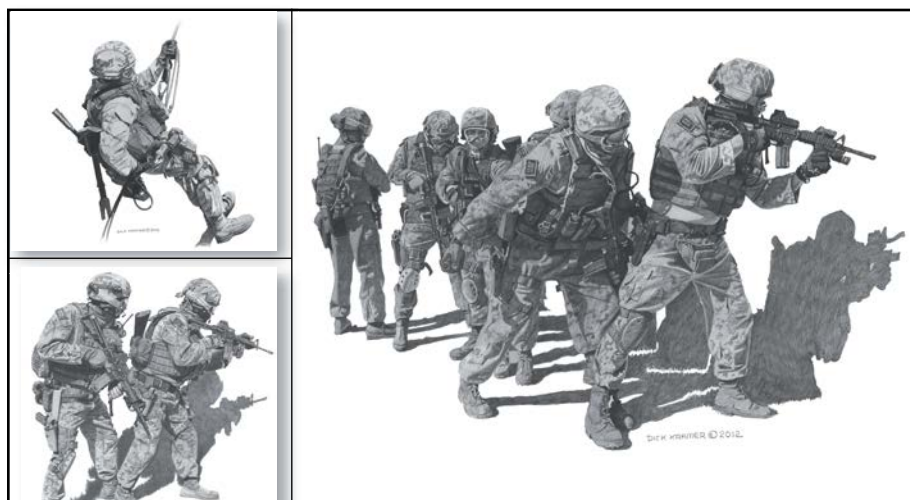
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Okinawa. He was reactivated in 1950 during the Korean War and assigned as Combat Intelligence Chief for the 1stMarDiv until 1954 when he joined the Reserve. He retired in 1983 after 41 years of service.

1stLt John N. C. Harkey, 81, of Batesville, Ark. He served during the Korean War.

In 1959, he graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Law. He worked as a deputy prosecuting attorney and was elected prosecutor for the Third Judicial District. He was appointed insurance commissioner in 1967 and was a founding member of the Arkansas chapter of the ACLU. He was chosen as Special Justice

to the Arkansas Supreme Court and also served as a juvenile judge and circuit judge for the Sixteenth Judicial District of Arkansas. He retired in 2008.

GySgt Hilton Hill, 76, of Weston, Wis. He was a combat veteran of Vietnam and was stationed at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill., and MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C., and served as a recruiter in Wausau and Rhineland, Wis., prior to retiring in 1979.

He later worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He was an umpire and official for both softball and basketball.

Sgt Harry T. Holland, 89, in Dallas. He enlisted in 1942 and fought in the South Pacific at Guadalcanal. He contracted malaria and recovered in time to join the fighting at New Caledonia, New Hebrides and Okinawa. He also served in China.

He entered law school at Southern

Methodist University after his discharge, only to be recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He later returned to SMU and graduated with his class. After several years in private practice, he became a judge with the Office of Disability and Adjudicatory Review for more than 35 years, retiring at age 80.

Cpl William L. Jefferies, 89, of Richmond, Ind. He served from 1942 to 1945 after joining the Corps at 17. As a member of 6th Marines, 2dMarDiv, he fought at Tarawa, Saipan (where he was awarded the Silver Star for action on June 17, 1944), Tinian and Okinawa. He spent three months in Nagasaki during the occupation of Japan.

He later started a Toys for Tots drive in his hometown and was part of firing details at military funerals. He was a life member of the MCL.

GySgt William L. Kyle, 89, in Palm Springs, Calif. He was a 20-year veteran who served in WW II at Guadalcanal, Guam and Okinawa and, later, in the Korean War.

Sgt James W. Meskun, 66, in Shaftsbury, Vt. He enlisted in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam as an aviation avionics technician with VMA-121 and -223 in Chu Lai. He was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal with combat "V."

His brother Gerald was also a sergeant in Vietnam, and the two managed to meet in country on several occasions.

James became a customer support specialist with Xerox and was active in the Shaftsbury community, serving as town auditor, chairman of the Shaftsbury Veterans Committee, treasurer of the NorShaft Lions Club and member of the fire department. He was a member of the MCA&F and the MCL.

James A. "Coach Jim" Myers, 92, in Dallas. He won a football scholarship to the University of Tennessee and played in both the Sugar and Orange bowls. During WW II he played football at Duke University under the V-12 program. After the war, he served during the occupation of Japan.

He eventually coached at UCLA as an assistant under Red Sanders from 1949 to 1956 and saw his team in the Rose Bowl twice and, in 1954, win the National Championship. He was later head coach at Iowa State University and Texas A&M. In 1970 he began 25 years as offensive line coach and offensive coordinator and assistant head coach with the Dallas Cowboys. He volunteered for more than 25 years with Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was active with Boys Club, Special Olympics and Father of the Year Council.

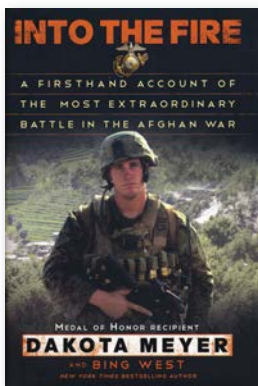
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67, of Covington, Ky. He was a Vietnam veteran Marine Corps combat correspondent and a radio and TV broadcaster who served at the Far East Network, Okinawa, Japan. He was an ROTC instructor in Baytown, Texas; Wynne, Ark.; Ripley, Ohio; and Covington, Ky.

William Schoen, 94, originally from Czechoslovakia. He served in The United States Marine Band as a violist from 1941 to 1951. He went on to be assistant principal viola and assistant principal emeritus for 31 years with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as well as a member of the Chicago Arts Quartet and Claremont String Quartet in New York.

Capt Byron A. Swedberg, 92, in St. Petersburg, Fla. He excelled in football, basketball, track and golf. He was inducted into the athletic hall of fame for both Rock Island (Illinois) High School and Iowa's Augustana College. He served with the 1st Marine Amphibious Tractor Bn during WW II on Okinawa and Peleliu.

He worked at John Deere and then in outdoor advertising as manager of Tri-City Posting and Henry Carlson Signs.

GySgt Roberto D. "Bob" Torres, 62, in Corpus Christi, Texas. He graduated from Flour Bluff High School, attended Texas A&I University, Kingsville and received a B.S. degree from the University of the Incarnate Word. He enlisted in 1972 and served for 21 years. He was a photojournalist and Marine Corps combat correspondent.

He was editor of the NAS Corpus Christi *Wingspan* in 2002-03 and became the air station's Public Affairs Officer in 2004. He had been editor of Petersen Publishing's *Bow and Arrow Hunting* and *Lone Star Bow Hunting* magazines.

He was a great friend of this editor and the entire *Leatherneck* staff.

Cpl Walter F. Troy, 74, of Charlestown, Mass. He served from 1958 to 1962 and was stationed in Iwakuni, Japan; and the Philippines.

He was owner of the Walter F. Troy Insurance Agency and a member of the American Legion.

Maj James H. Wollenhaupt, 91, in Cincinnati. He was an Eagle Scout who entered the Marine Corps in 1943 and attended Penn State under the V-12 program. He was a lieutenant training for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. He was discharged as a first lieutenant and served until 1949 in the Marine Reserve. He also served in the Ohio National Guard, retiring in 1965 as a major.

He taught in the Cincinnati Public Schools and was both an assistant principal and principal during his 32-year career.





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• Col Rufus Bowers, USMC (Ret), (865) 995-1950, polly21@peoplepc.com, to hear from anyone who can identify the **Marine holding a baby (above)**, or can provide any background information about the photo, which was likely taken during the Operation Frequent Wind evacuation, RVN, April 1975.

• Col Blake M. Wilson, (703) 784-2277, blake.m.wilson@usmc.mil, to hear from or about **GySgt Donald L. CONLEY Sr., USMC (Ret)** of Mesa, Ariz.

• Lucy Bernier, lucl056@yahoo.com, on behalf of her father, Marine veteran **John Henry SHOTTER**, to hear from or about a Marine with the last name **O'NEIL**, who served with Shotter in Co E, 2d Bn, 5th

Marines at Area 33, Camp Pendleton, Calif., 1957-58.

• Marine veteran T. J. Gates, 715 Davella Dr., DeRidder, LA 70634, (337) 463-6478, to hear from those who served in **4th Guard Co, 15th Naval District Headquarters, Panama Canal Zone, 1946-47.**

• Marine veteran Dr. David Freshour, 155 S.E. Willow Dr., Lake City, FL 32025, (386) 438-5308, dpfresh@comcast.net, to hear from or about **Sgt Teddy WILLIAMS**, who served with him as a **drill instructor, Parris Island, 1965-68.**

• Marine veteran Gus Fitch, 186 Long Shadow Dr., Aiken, SC 29803, (803) 649-6466, pncfzfn@gmail.com, to hear from **those who served with VMFA-232, 1968-70**, who were at **MCAS El Toro, Calif.; Chu Lai, RVN; and Iwakuni, Japan.**

• Marine veteran Vernon Wittler, 2208 130th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360, (712) 336-2466, to hear from **James WAGES**, who served with **Hq Co, 9th Marines, Camp Sukiran, Okinawa, 1958-60.**

• Former Sgt A. "Sunny" Sundberg, P.O. Box 1542, Clatskanie, OR 97016-1542, (503) 369-1121, to hear from **Maj James A. McCARTY**, who was the **XO of 2d CAG, RVN, 1969-70.**

• Capt Arthur Kidd, USMC (Ret), 8 Academy Dr., Nashua, NH 03064, vietlingie@gmail.com, to hear from members of **Plt 145, San Diego, 1955.**

• Former Cpl Jerry Reifentahl, 4070 Rogers Rd. N.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-7022, (319) 390-0644, jrgoofy@hotmail.com, to hear from members of **Plt 184, San Diego, 1956**, and **Marines of Co A, 1st AA Bn**, as well as **Service Bn football team members, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, 1956-58.** He also would like to hear from **Larry R. MYERS**, from Baldwin Park, Calif.

• Capt Kenny Williamson, USMC (Ret), (858) 752-8098, kenny27@aol.com, to hear from any **Marine armorers or personnel** who were involved with the **M1 or M14 rebuild program at Albany, Ga., or Barstow, Calif., during the 1960s.**



COURTESY OF WILLIAM L. MYERS

Marine veteran William L. Myers would like to hear from members of his crash crew class, NAS Memphis, February 1961.

- Marine veteran William L. Myers, 4715 Woodlawn Rd., Maurice, LA 70555, (337) 898-0191, redoubt@cox.net, to hear from members of his **crash crew class, NAS Memphis, Tenn., February 1961 (above).**

- Robin Routley, tel. (from the United States) 0897751010, routleyr@westnet.com.au, to hear from or about Marine veteran **Mark W. WOODRUFF**, who served in **2d Bn, 3d Marines, RVN, 1967-68.**

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- MGySgt Harry Weatherly, USMC (Ret), 108 Lynn Ct., Jacksonville, NC 28540, (910) 358-4489, yodae9@ec.rr.com, wants a **recruit graduation video (VHS), Plt 2024, April 1990.**

- Marine veteran Robert M. Mason, P.O. Box 108, Ouray, CO 81427, (970) 626-5192, wants a **recruit graduation book and platoon photo, Plt 29, Parris Island, 1956.** Drill instructor was **TSgt BRADLY.**

- Sgt Roman Milanowicz, USMC (Ret),

711 E. Millport Rd., Lititz, PA 17543, roman.milanowicz@gmail.com, wants **bound editions of Leatherneck, 1968-74.** State cost and condition.

- Marine veteran Leonard Steinberg, 4109 Morin St., Alexandria, VA 22312, (703) 256-7775, wants a **recruit graduation book, Plt 169, Parris Island, 1959.**

- GySgt Steven A. Cole, USMC (Ret), 2687 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO 80210, marine-67@hotmail.com, wants information about, or a **DVD copy** of, the **Warner Brothers movie "The Singing Marine,"** which was produced in 1937 and starred Dick Powell.

- GySgt Phillip Railey, USMC (Ret), (408) 315-5861, wants a **recruit graduation book, Plt 1037, San Diego, 1991.**

- Leona Drayton-Deacon, 2 Park Vista, Ste. 703, Toronto, Ontario M4B 1A1, tel. (from the United States) (416) 845-1075, to hear from Marines who were in her brother **James Alton DRAYTON Jr.'s** boot camp platoon in 1960 and can help her identify the platoon number. She would like a **recruit graduation book and platoon photo.**



Saved Round

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CPL W. T. WOLFE

OORAH!—Whether in the field, forward deployed, or at home, leathernecks always find a way to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. On Nov. 10, 1950, during a short break from fighting in Korea, Col Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller, Commanding Officer, First Marine Regiment, cuts an elaborate 100-pound cake in honor of the 175th Marine Corps Birthday. After reading the traditional message from MajGen John A. Lejeune, Puller gave his Marines his own motivational speech, designed to “fire them up” for the days to come. He

closed with, “We can knock the hell out of anything that comes before us—that’s why we are the best fighting unit in the world.”

Not long after the Birthday celebration, Puller and his regiment began to move northward into the bitter cold. Less than a month later, he led the legendary Chosin Reservoir campaign for which he later was awarded his fifth Navy Cross.





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