



10 November 1985

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Two hundred and ten years ago, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and resolved that two battalions of Marines be raised. Since then, over four million men and women have earned the right to be called MARINE!

Our illustrious history includes names such as Bladensburg, Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, Chosin Reservoir, Vietnam, Lebanon, and Grenada. From 1775, courage on the battlefield has remained our most precious heritage. This special brand of courage was immortalized by five Marines and a Navy Corpsman when they raised the Stars and Stripes on Mount Suribachi during the battle for Iwo Jima. It was here the famous words... "Uncommon valor was a common virtue"... described what brave men can accomplish against formidable odds.

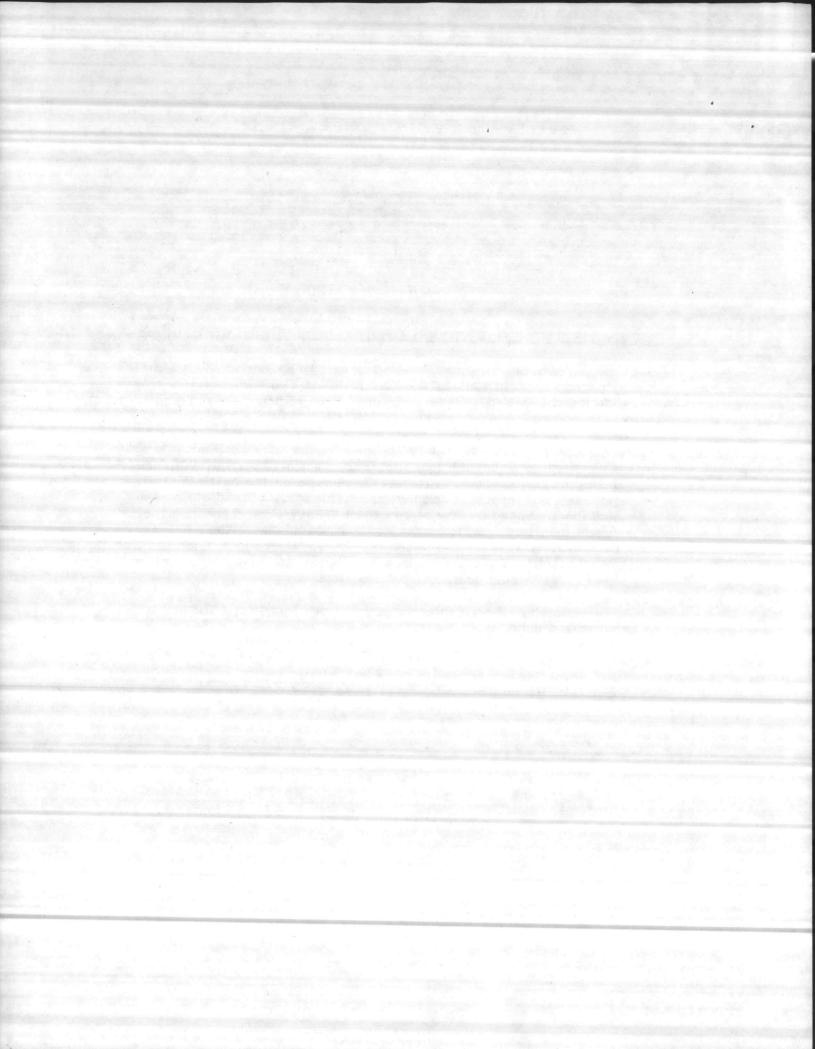
On this, the 210th anniversary of our founding, I ask that all Marines rededicate themselves to the hallmarks of our Corps... professionalism, courage, integrity, and selfless devotion to duty!

To Marines in every "clime and place" and their families, a heartfelt "Happy Birthday."

Semper Eidelis,

P. X. KELLEY

General, U.S. Marine Corps





Commandant's Konor Roll

Awarded to

8TH MT BN 2ND FSSG CAMP LEJEUNE, NC

For excellence in achieving a 100.00 percent completion rate in Marine Corps Institute correspondence course training during the period 01 OCTOBER 1984 through 30 SEPTEMBER 1985

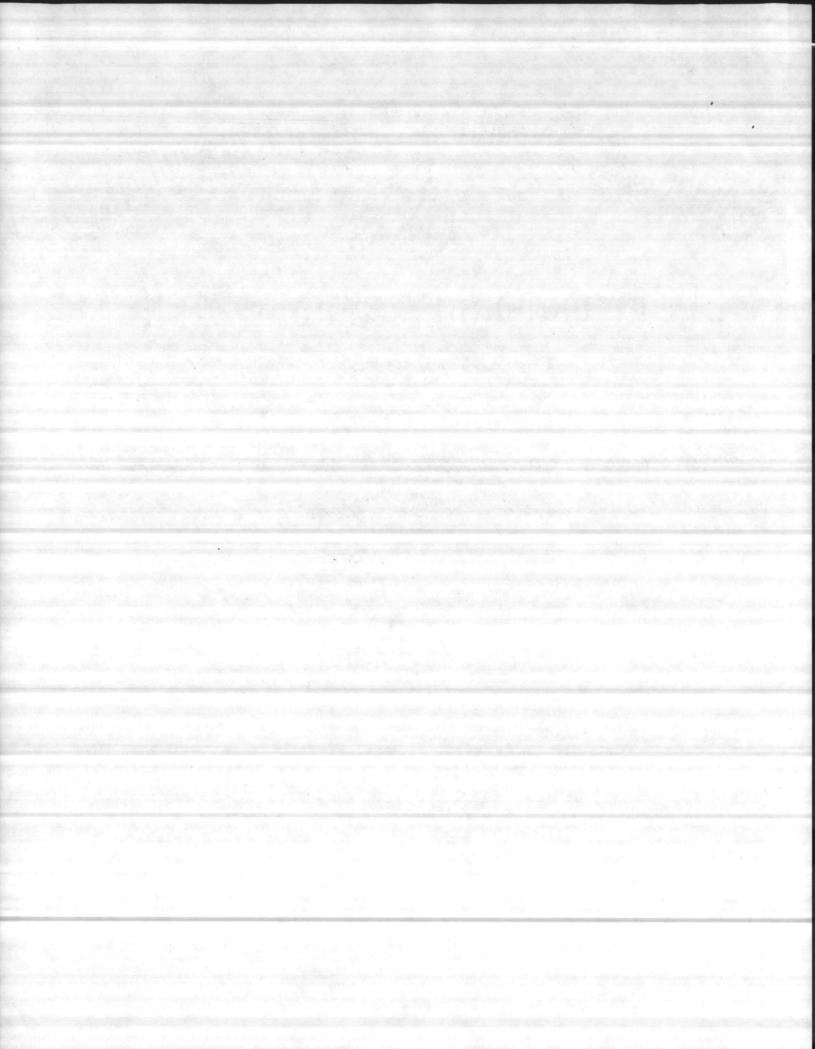
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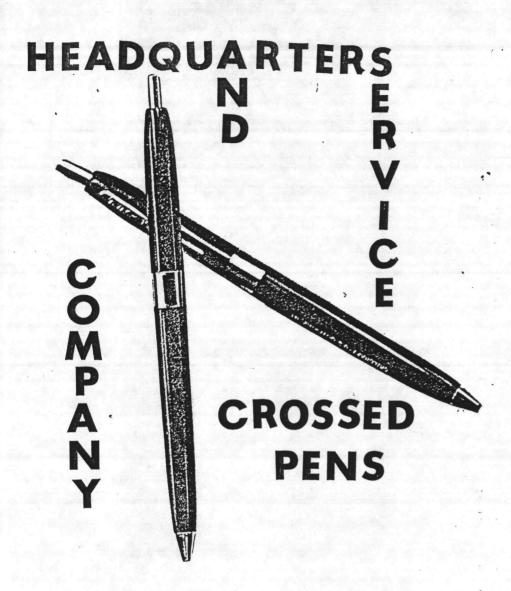
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General, U. S. Marino Corps Commandant of the Marino Corps

Recently, 8th MTBn received the Commandant's Honor Roll Award for achieving 100% completion rate in Marine Corps Institute Correspondence. This is the second straight year we have made the Honor Roll. All of us deserve an attaboy for our superior performance-keep on charging!



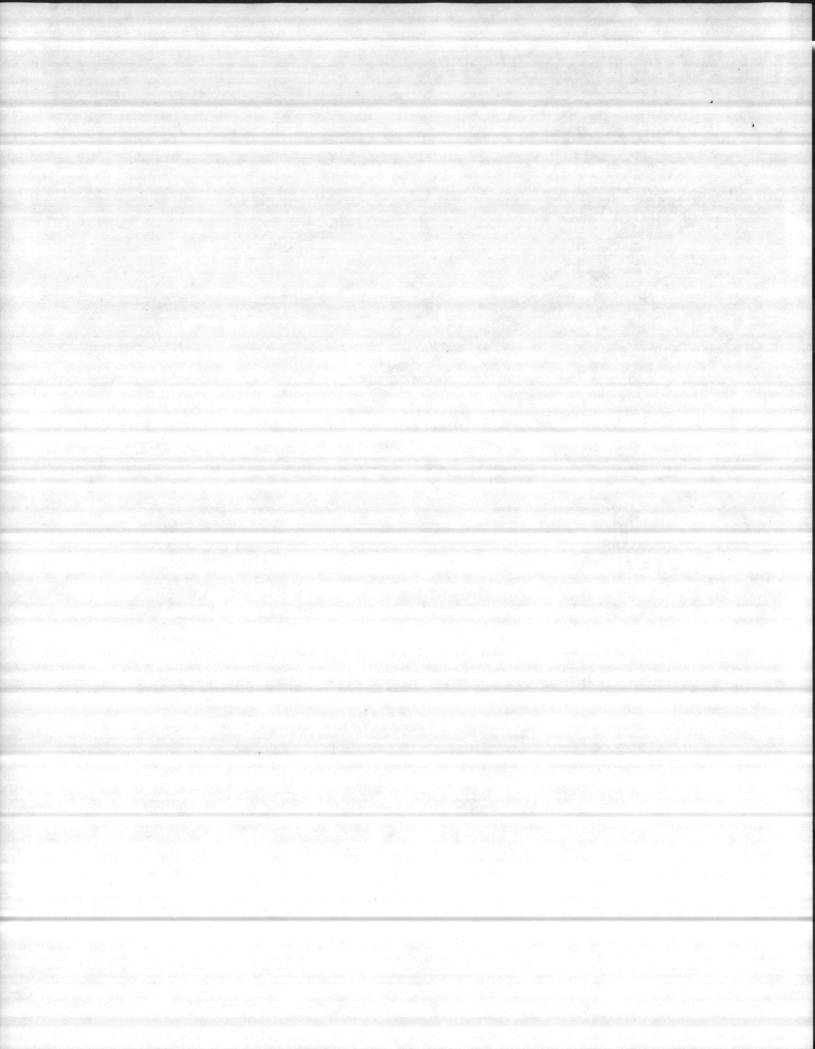


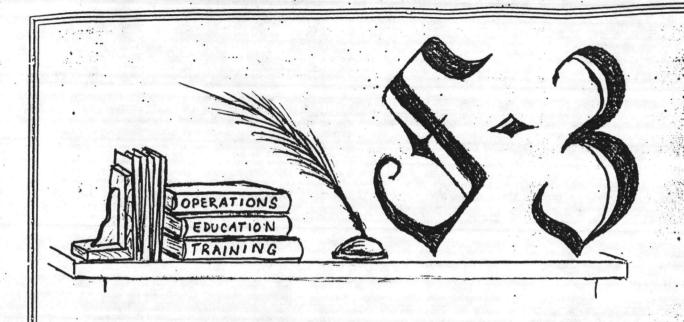
CONGRATULATIONS!!!to the following Marines who were promoted to their present rank during the past month: GySgt Lewis, Sgt Oden, Sgt Blake, Cpl Davis, Cpl Geddis, Cpl Hempstead, Cpl Holmes, Cpl Mc-Alister, Cpl Miller, Cpl Polishuk, Cpl Rivera, Cpl Spieth,

A hearty ATTA BOY!!!goes to Cpl Williams for being selected as H&S Company NCO of the Month and LCpl Wells for selection as H&S Company Marine of the Month for the month of October.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!to Cpl Miller on his reenlistment this month and good luck on his future career.

A WELCOME ABOARD!!!is extended to the following Marines who reported aboard within the past month: GySgt McGee, Cpl Davis, LCpl Cunningham, and PFC Hashbarger.





NBC NCO to Dahlgren VA to assist in 4 Nov casuality handling in a chemical warfare environment project.

Equipment and display brief for NATO Defense College 4 Nov.

Personnel assigned to CSSD-29 departed on 7 Nov.

25 Marines qualified on rifle range 7 Nov.

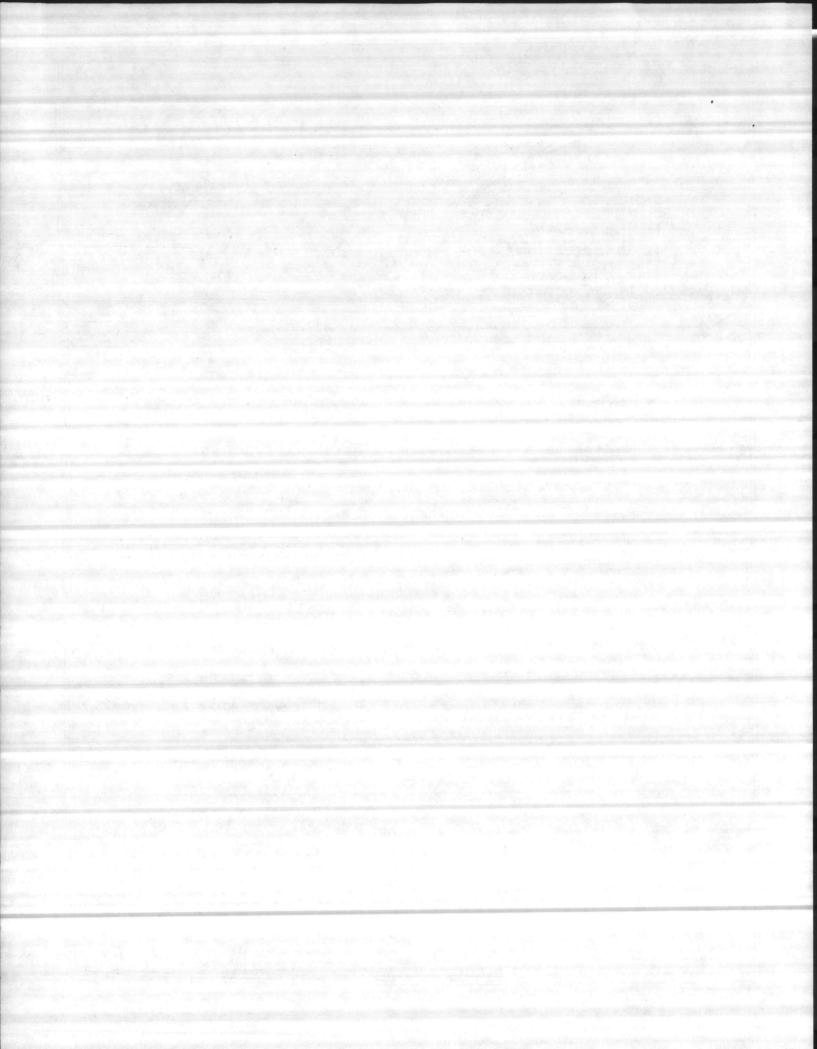
150 personnel attended Joint Daytime Ceremony for the 210th Birthday of the Marine Corps on 8 Nov.

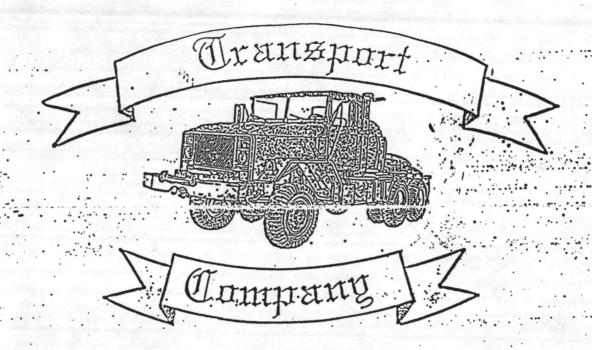
Attending School

- 4 Nov GySgt Youngblood, Sgt Yocum-New equipment training for Logistic Vehicle System OshKosh WI.
- 4 Nov LCpl Rice, PFC Williams-CPR and Standard First Aid Crs.
- 5 Nov Sgt Peacock, Cpl Ruff, LCpl Tellier-Substance Abuse Info Crs.
- 18 Nov LCpl Pavilek-II MAF MIMMS Supervisors Crs.
- 7 Nov Cpl Butcher- MCB NCO School

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8 Nov Cpl Mullins- Radio Supervisors Crs.





Sgt Baldwin, Sgt Johnson, Cpl Abel, Cpl Walton, LCpl Flores, and LCpl Street are now in full swing of their tractor trailer support to CSSD-29. Good luck on your deployment.

Congratulations to LCpl Stoddard and his wife on the birth of their new child.

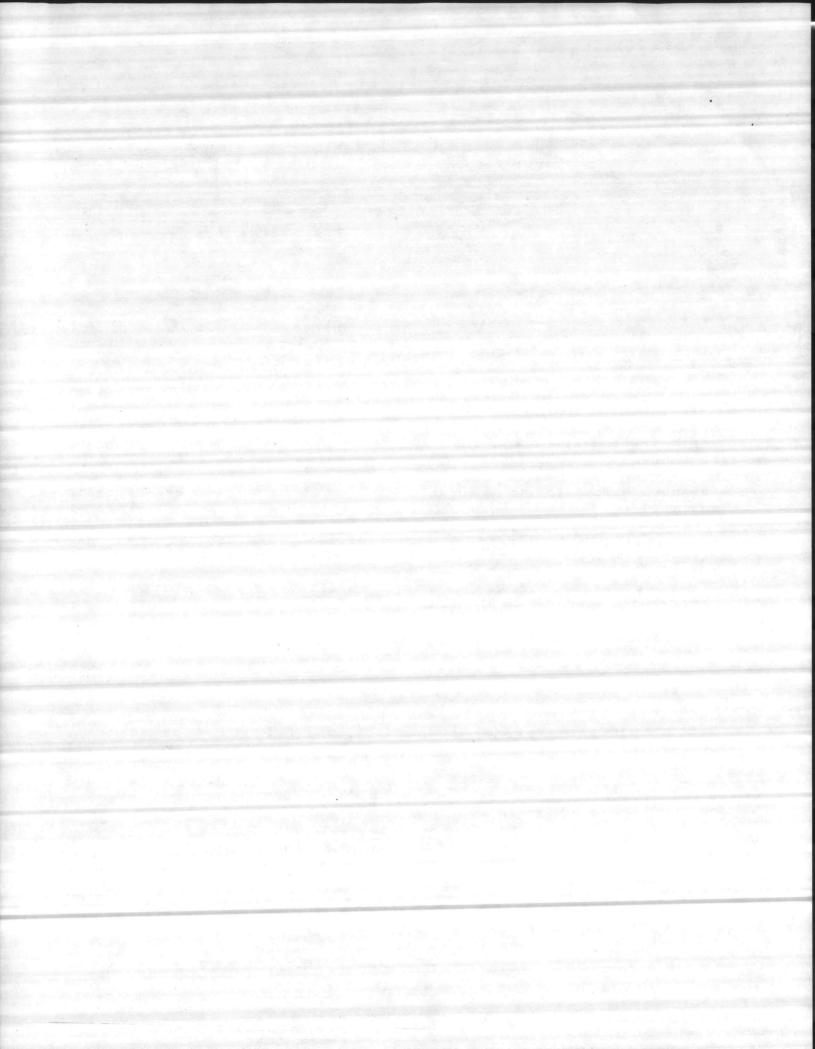
Welcome aboard Capt Dunnum, SSgt Beddie, Cpl Biggs, Cpl Stephens, Sgt Lyons and Cpl VanPelt.

Good luck and farewell to Lt Jones, Sgt Ford, SSgt Horton, Sgt Tinklenberg, and Pvt McGlown.

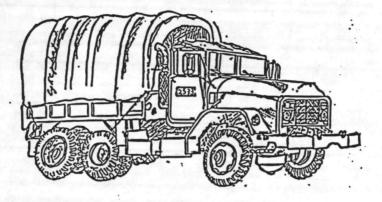
Thank you for your support to the CFC Fund Drive.

Congratulations to LCpl Dudley and LCpl McNabb for being finalists in the Fun Run.

BBSG-6 was well supported by Marines from Transport Company: Sgt Motta, Cpl Cuminski, Cpl Grotholsky, LCpl Holland, LCpl Stanley, LCpl Rocha, LCpl Perez, and LCpl Kerridge.



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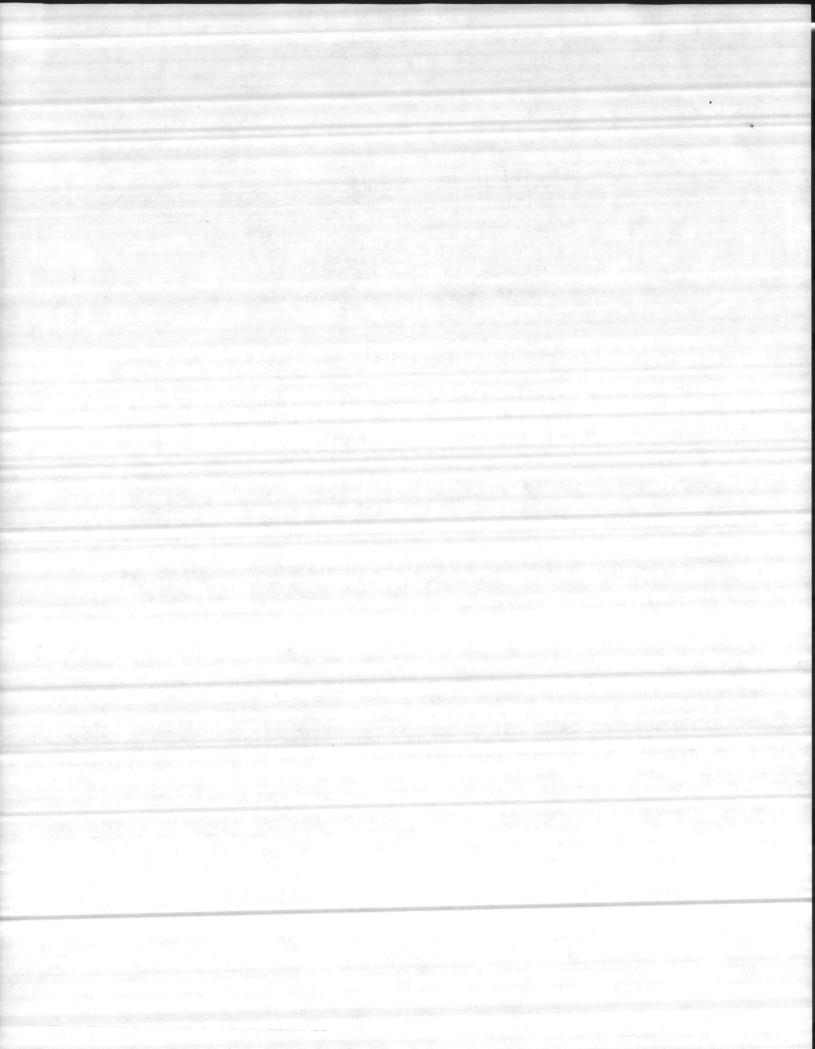


YOU CALL WE HAUL

Truck Company would like to extend a hearty WELCOME ABOARD!!!to the following Marines who reported aboard during the past month: SSgt Monroy, PFC Cisco, PFC Williams, Pvt Perdue, Pvt Miller, and Pvt Kruger.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!to Cpl Phillips for graduating from NCO School on the 4th of October.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!to LCpl Guernon and LCpl Worrell for their meritorious promotions. The following Marines were also promoted to their present rank: Cpl Winkler, Cpl Robinson, Cpl Truxillo, Cpl Bellamy, LCpl Taylor, PFC Kruger, PFC Woods, PFC Deemer, and PFC Perdue.





PFC Bryant.

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A hearty welcome aboard is extended to all new Marines at our Maintenance Facility: GySgt Edwards, LCpl Clark, LCpl Rodriguez, and

Currently 8th MT Maintenance has two detachments TAD. The first BSSG-6, with SSgt Cotto in charge, just finished CAO-1-86. The following Marines assisted in the successful exercise: Cpl Geddis, Cpl Woods, LCpl Ooton, and LCpl Rasul. A hearty thanks is extended from the Maintenance Platoon. CSSD-29, under the cog of Lt JP Stump, has deployed to Florida to assist 2d LAV Bn. Mechanics representing 8th MT Maintenance include Cpl Foster, LCpl Halligan, LCpl Leyva, and LCpl Wells. Best of luck and return soon!!!

Also, it should be noted that Cpl Spieth, LCpl Dunn, and LCpl Peace were selected for advanced automotive mechanics school which all are attending at present. Cpl Turner, Cpl Walker, Cpl Holmes, and PFC Bryant are also attending mechanics school at MCSSS.

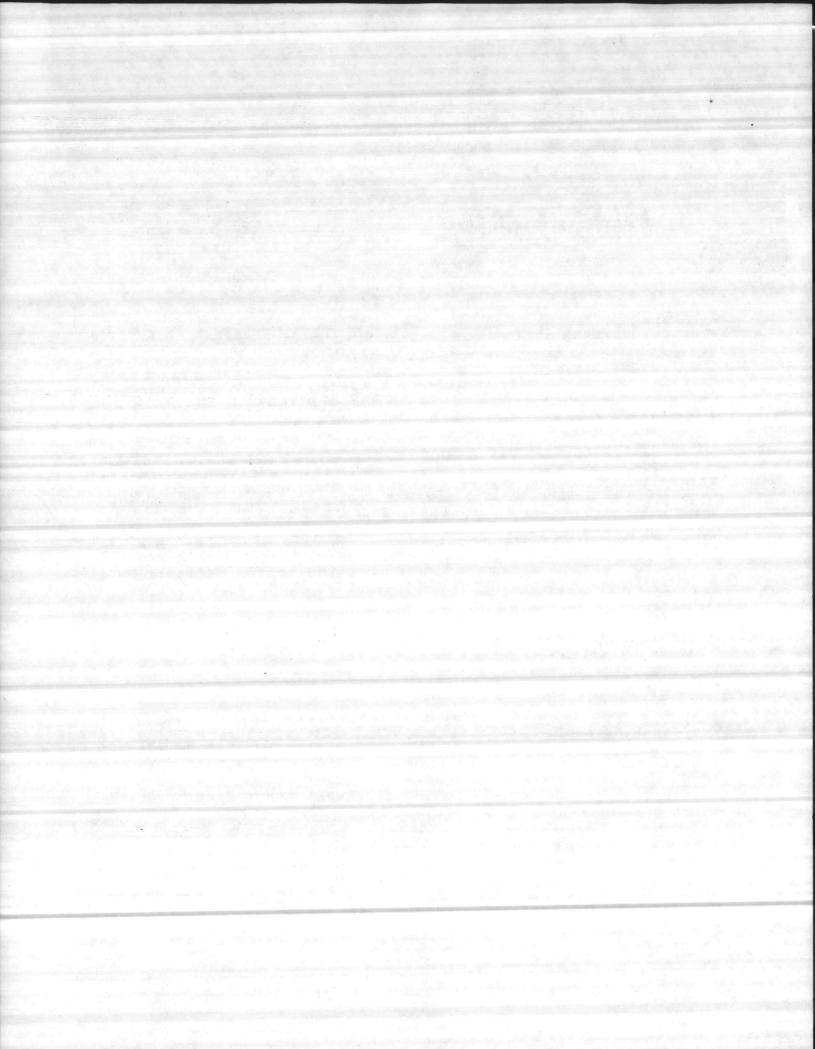
Of special note, Maintenance Platoon would like to congratulate Cpl Johnson on her very close competition for meritorious Sergeant. Also we would like to congratulate Cpl Johnson and LCpl Ooton for their November selection as NCO of the Month and Marine of the Month respectively.

A hearty good luck in all future assignments goes to Cpl Polishuk and Cpl Lanseadel. It is with special pleasure that we also recognize Cpl Lanseadel for his high achievements as 8th MTBn's NCO of the Quarter for 2 consecutive quarters!!!

Congratulations to the following personnel for their promotions to their present rank: GySgt Lewis, Sgt Blake, Sgt Oden, Cpl Polishuk, Cpl Spieth, Cpl Woods, Cpl Holmes, Cpl Geddis, Cpl Hempstead, Cpl Rivera, Cpl McAlister, LCpl Williams.

In closing, everybody should be aware by now that we will be undergoing three very important inspections within the next few months. We will be very busy preparing for these inspections so please bear with us if things don't go your way. Your cooperation and undying devotion to duty will ensure that 8th Motors is successful in these updoming endeavors.

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Bad Discharges

Misbehavin' prevents receipt of full benefits

arines with less than an honorable discharge will never again enjoy the full benefits of being an American citizen," said Major General Richard M. Cooke, commanding general, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, when addressing the issue of service members discharged for substandard performance or misconduct.

"Heeding this warning may save Marines willing to try anything to escape the 'Corps' way of life' a lot of future grief and stigmatizing embarrassment," confirms Neil Reich, veterans employment representative from the California Employment

Development Department.

"Besides, the general's statement is backed by federal law," he added. According to Reich, members separating from the service under honorable, or general, under honorable conditions, are potentially eligible for unemployment compensation benefits, as well as job placement assistance.

"However," said Reich, "those dis-

ISHONDRABE DISCHARGE charged under other than honorable conditions or with bad conduct or dishonorable discharges are automatically disqualified. Since it is a federal law, it's applicable in every state."

Not only are employment benefits governed by federal laws and regulations, but military and veterans benefits are as well. Bob Austin, Veterans Administration representative, said service members receiving bad conduct or dishonorable discharges are not considered veterans, and therefore are ineligible for veteran's benefits.

"The only possible exception is a Marine who receives a bad conduct discharge or dishonorable discharge after serving at least one prior good hitch," Austin said. "Then benefits may be considered for the good hitch. Discharges for general, other than honorable conditions, are considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to a board review."

Veteran's benefits that may be jeopardized by substandard conduct or misconduct include educational assistance, outpatient medical and dental care, burial benefits (flag and expenses), and home, farm and business loans.

Military benefits that may be affected include mileage payment to home, transportation for dependents and household goods, as well as pay-

ment for accrued leave.

Maj Bill Durrett, military justice officer at the El Toro Law Center, added, "The type of discharge a person has when separating from the service is important. If it's anything other than an honorable discharge, it tells a potential employer that the person's done something wrong and he's going to want to know what it was.

Many service members, having been discharged other than honorably, often later try to have their discharge characterization upgraded. Durrett said, "The person may petition the Navy Discharge Review Board or the Board of Corrections for this, but it's not automatically granted.

"In fact, doing this can become very costly, because the person must



make a personal appearance at the board as well as be represented by an attorney. Since the board's decisions are based on the case's merit, a lot of time and money can be spent in vain," Durrett added.

"And something else that should be considered before going this route is that the boards are very reluctant to overturn a discharge made by a military court," Durrett said. "The military court's decision far outweighs the type of discharge a person wants."

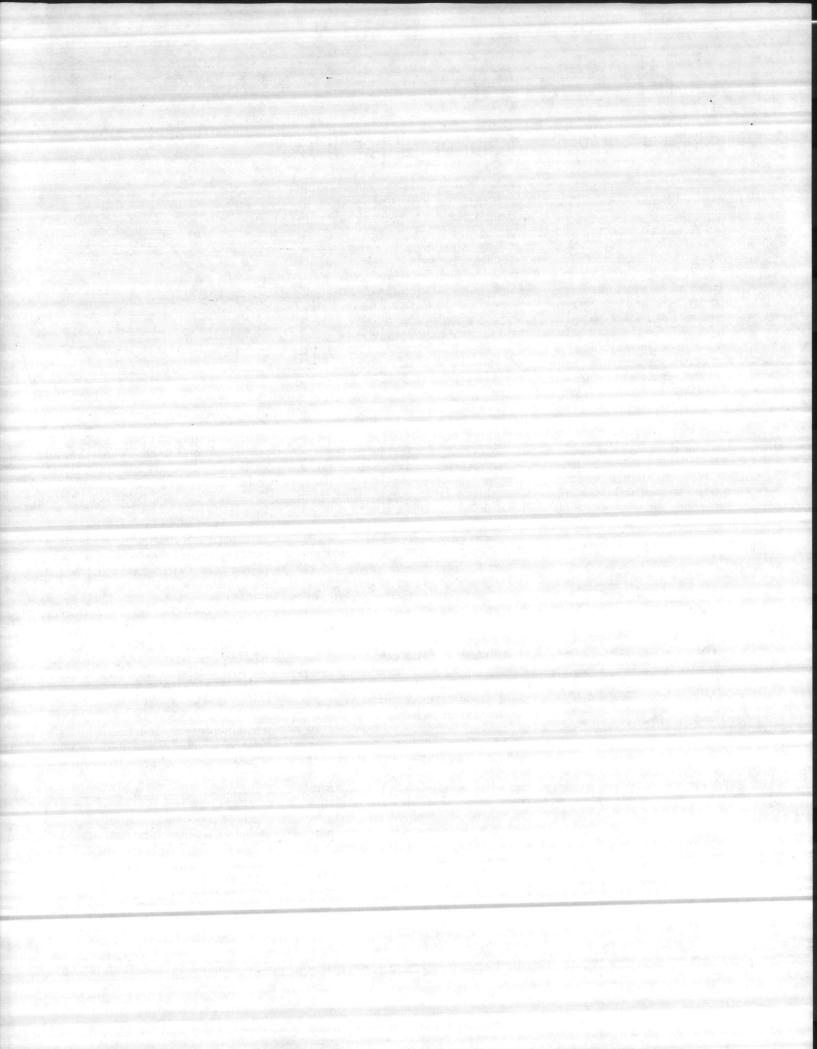
As if losing veterans, military and other federal benefits because of substandard conduct or misconduct were not enough, recently issued ALNAVBASE 007/84 expands bene-

fits that can be forfeited.

The ALNAVBASE states, "Several tragic incidents have occurred recently in which Navy personnel were permanently disabled, and investigations conducted... resulted in findings that the injuries were not in the line of duty and were directly due to misconduct, usually involving drug or alcohol intoxication. As a result, disabled personnel were discharged without disability benefits."

The ALNAVBASE continues, "Disabilities resulting from a service member's prior and specific intoxication produced by drugs or alcohol are viewed as occurring due to misconduct. An individual who incurs permanent disability from such injuries may not be entitled to disability, retirement, severance pay, or certain VA benefits."

Story by Sgt Vickie Robinson Art by Sgt Heidi J. Larson



Although still operating under the provisions of a continuing resolution authority, congressional passage of the FY 1986 authorization bill permits payments of new rates for various pay and allowances items. The following summarizes the major changes that will be included in the 15 Nov payday, retroactive to 1 Oct:

- a. General pay raise of 3 percent (basic pay, BAQ, and BAS).
- b. Annual rate adjustment for variable housing allowance.
- c. Family separation allowance (Type II) at \$60 per month.
- d. Increased rates for career sea pay for certain grades.
- e. Hazardous duty incentive pay for noncrewmembers at \$110 per month.
- f. Increased HDIP rates for enlisted crewmembers and establishment of entitlement for officer crewmembers.
- g. Hostile fire/imminent danger pay at \$110 per month.

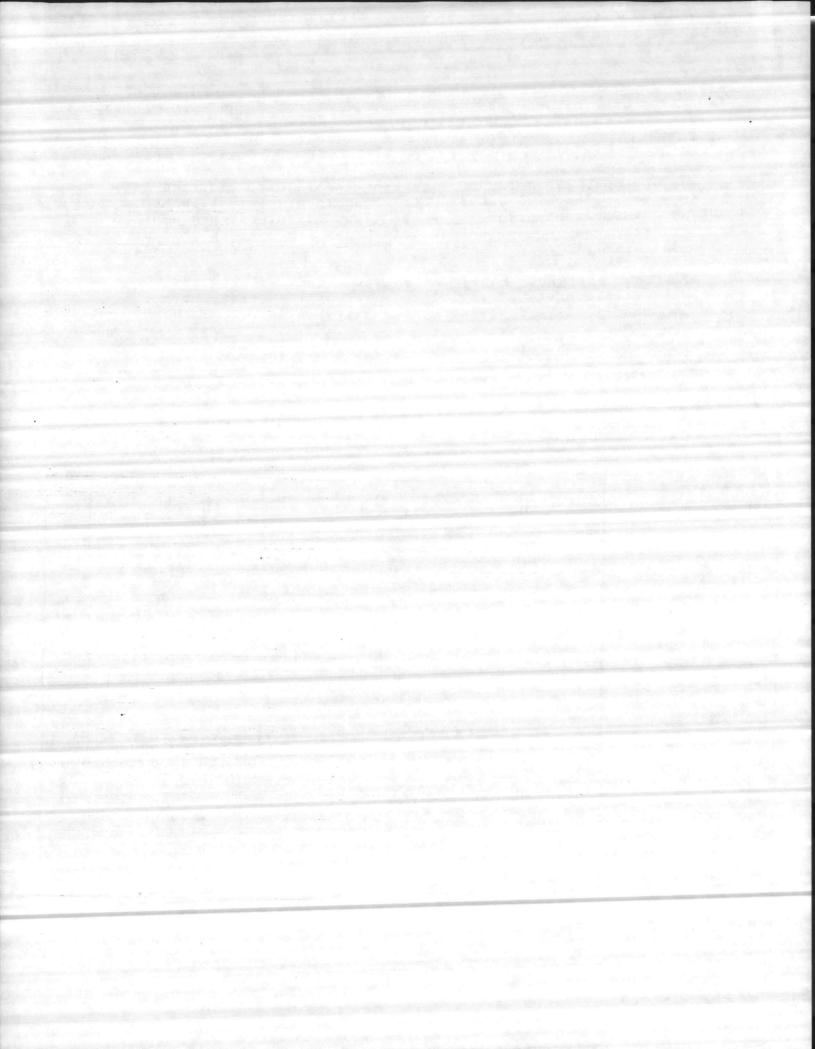
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This chart shows monthly basic pay and allowances for personnel as a result of a three percent pay raise. The effective date of the raise is October 1, 1985.



FACTS ABOUT AIDS

Aids is a serious condition characterized by a defect in natural immunity against disease. People who have AIDS are vulnerable to serious illnesses which would not be a threat to anyone whose immune system was functioning normally. These illnesses are referred to as "opportunistic" infections or diseases.

Most individuals infected with the AIDS virus have no symptoms and feel well. Some develop symptoms which may include tiredness, fever, loss of appetite and weight, diarrhea, night sweats, and swollen glands (lymph nodes)-usually in the neck, armpits, or groin. Anyone with these symptoms which continue for more than two weeks should see a doctor.

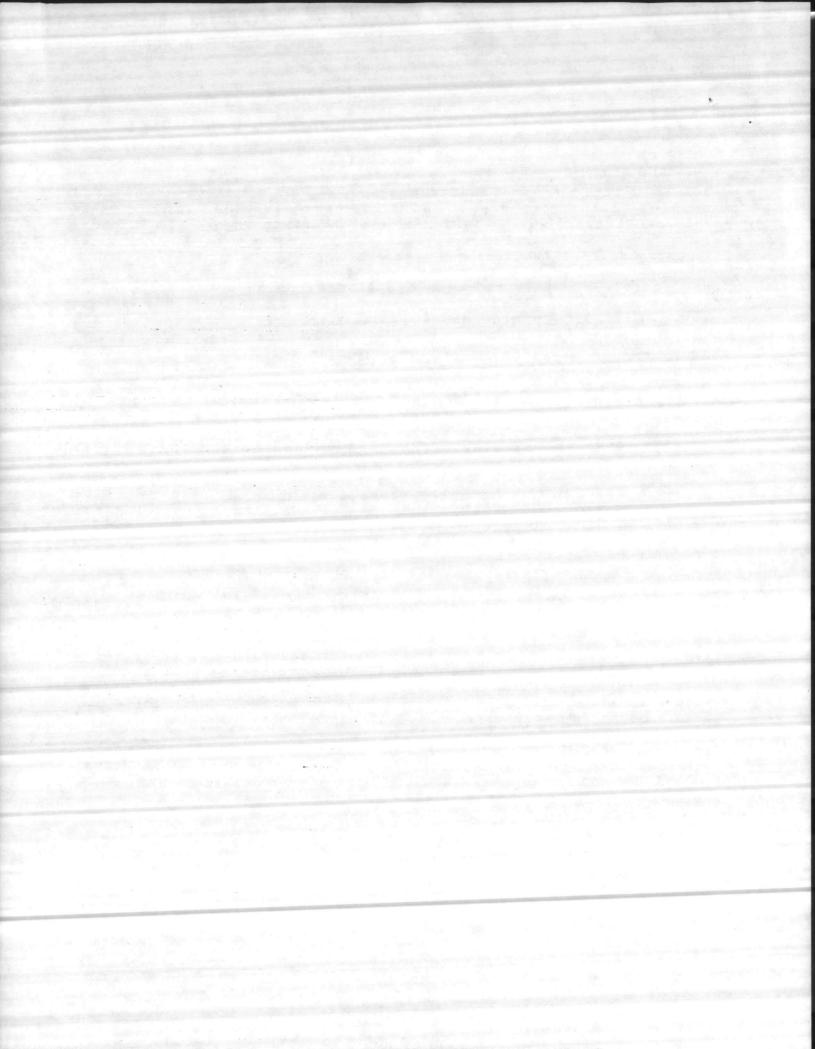
AIDS is spread by sexual contact, needle sharing, or less common, through blood or its components. The risk of getting AIDS is increased by having multiple sexual partners, either homosexual or heterosexual, and sharing of needles among those using illicit drugs.

Currently there is no antiviral drugs available anywhere that have been proven to cure AIDS. Some drugs have been found that inhibit the AIDS virus, but these do not lead to clinical improvement.

COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OF CSSD-29

CSSD-29 will provide support to the 2d LAV Bn as they undergo a Follow-On Test and Evaluation during the period 4 Nov through 15 Dec. CSSD-29 and Lt Stump, the OIC, will deploy to Eglin, AFB. Florida and perform specific tasks outlined by the MCDEC test directorate. These tasks include: day/night crossings, Force Recon covering force operations, delaying operations, security of a bridge site, rear area security operations, raid/attack on enemy installations, and an over-the-horizon heloborne assault.

With the Motor Transport assets organic to the CSSD, the platoon possesses the capability to haul 116 Marines, 8200 gallons of diesel fuel, 1400 gallons of potable water, 12 tons of outsized bulk cargo, and up to 20 tons of gear on a M172 low bed trailer.





Special Services Events November 1985

FACILITY	THU. 28 NOV	FR1. 29 NOV	SAT. 30 NOV	SUN, 1 DEC
Gottschalk	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Harina	0900-1700	0900-1700	0900-1700	0900-1700
Courthouse Bay	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN .
Marina	0900-1700	0900-1700	0900-1700	
Boat Hobby	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Shop		1300-2130	0900-1730	0900-1730
Area Two/ Camp.	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Johnson Pools	1300-2100	1300-2100	1300-2100	1300-2100
Base	CLOSED .	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Stables		0800-1730	0830-1730	0800-1730
Auto Body Shop	CLOSED	OPEN 0900-1700	OPEN 0900-1700	OPEN 0900-1700
Wood Hobby	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Shop		0900-1700	0900-1700	0900-1700
Ceramic	CLOSED .	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Hobby Shop		0900-1700	0900-1700	0900-1700
Camp Theater	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN"	OPEN
Skeet	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Range		1100-1700	1100-1700	1100-1700
Riseley	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Fishing Pier		0800-2000	0800-2000	0800-1700
Bowling	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Center	1300-2100	0900-2400	0900-2400	1300-2100
Golf	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN .	OPEN
Course	0800-Sunset	0800-Sunset		6800-Sunset
Libraries	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
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Paradise Point Golf Course Snack Bar will be open on the above dates from 0700-1700.

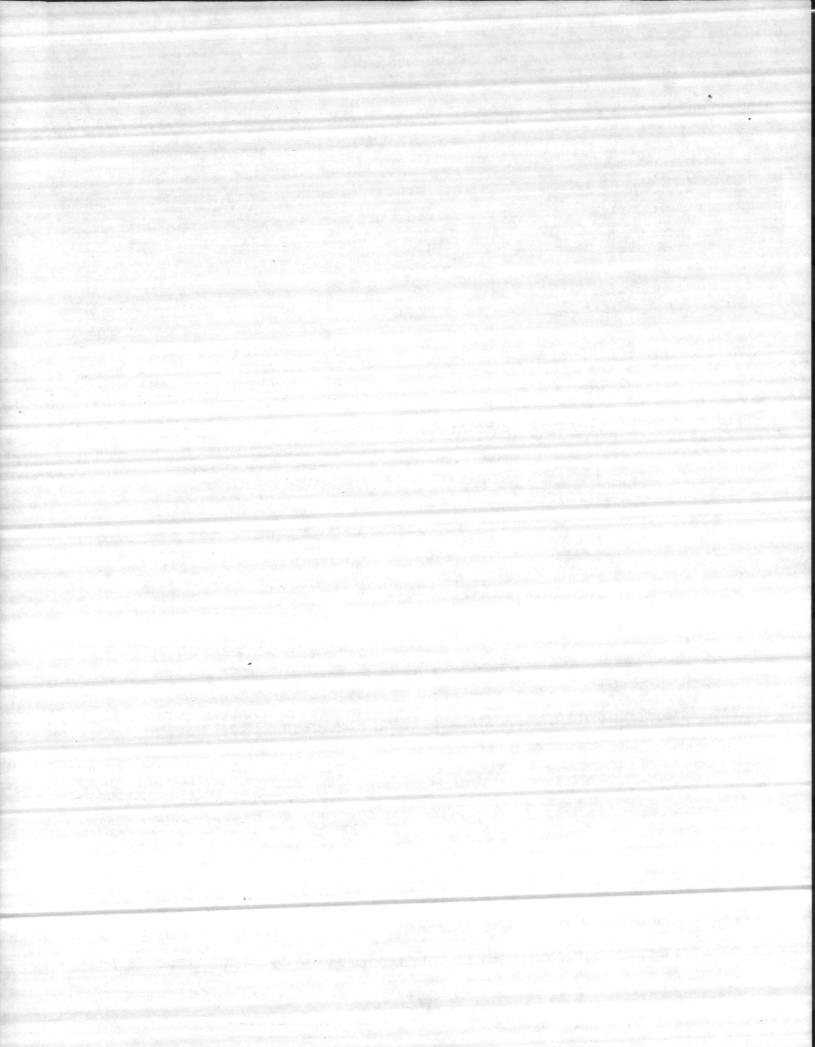
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The Sixth Annual USO/USMC Benefit Road Race is scheduled for Nov 23 at Camp Johnson. The race will feature a 10 K run beginning at 10 a.m. and a 1 mile fun run at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$7 for 10 K and \$2 for fun run. Five man teams or 20 member groups are welcome. Cost for a 20 member group is \$5 per person. Awards will be given for the top three finishers of the men and women categories, and medals will be awarded for the winners of each age group. Free T-Shirts will also be given with each entry. For more info, contact GySgt Halliday, 451-0849.

A 1985 "Over-the-Hill" Basketball League will be formed Dec 11. Active duty and retired Marines and sailors, age 35 or older at Camp Lejeune, should contact their Unit Special Services Officer.

A Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Bowling League is forming. The league will bowl at 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Bonnyman Bowling Center. Any SNCO, active or retired, desiring to bowl should contact the bowling center at 451-5121/5485.

A Winter Flag Football League is now forming 6 man teams. If interested contact Cpl Sichini, 1898/1406.



TO SOME WHO ARE UNAWARE OF WHAT HAPPENS DURING OFFICE HOURS, THIS IS A SHORT STORY OF ONE SUCH INDIVIDUAL HAVING OFFICE HOURS WRITTEN BY H. G. DUNCAN.

There was a company commander in the 7th Marines who went a bit far. He had a grunt company and within that organization was one gold-plated trouble maker who was constantly in for punishment. On one particular day the company commander had the first sergeant bring in the errant lad and they went through the procedures to establish the facts in the latest attempt to strike down the established order of the Marine Corps. Once the facts were in, the company commander said "There is no doubt that you did what you are charged with doing. The only thing remains is to award proper punishment." He then went into a speil about punishment being designed to rehabilitate the offender and to deter others from crime. He ended by announcing a recess while he considered the punishment.

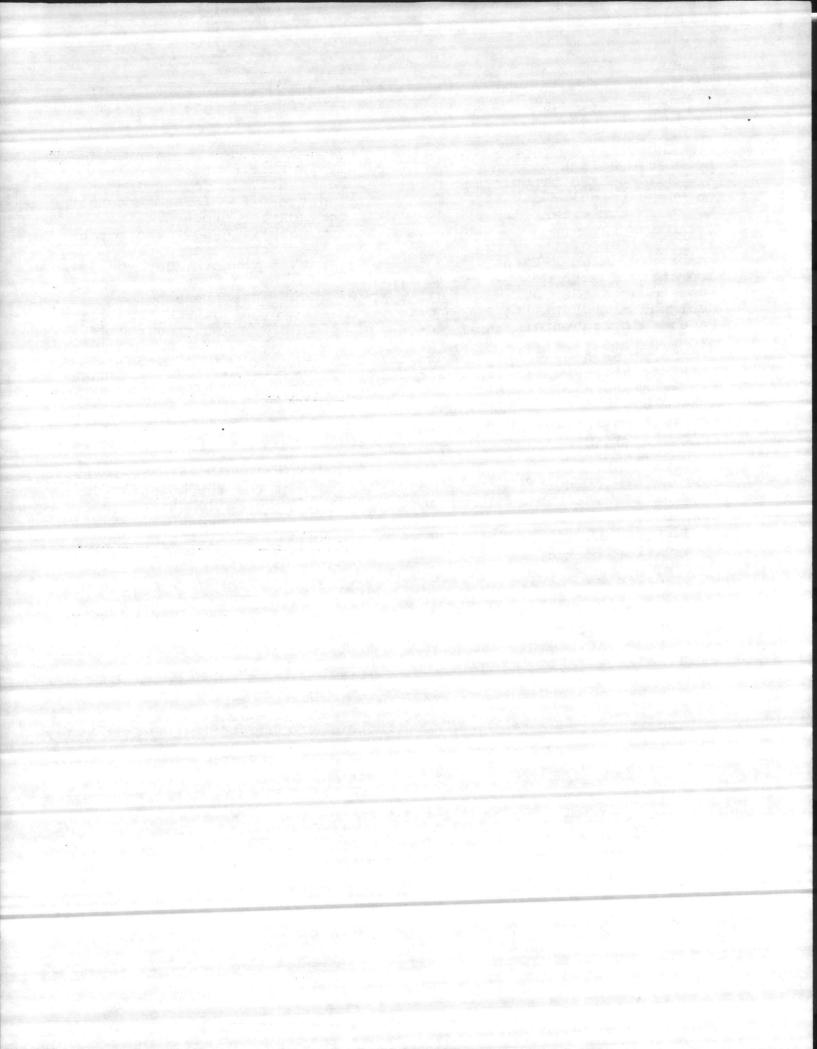
About an hour later the convicted lad was led back into the CO's office. Standing in the corner was a Marine wearing only boots, trousers and a black mask which fully covered his entire head and a huge axe. Two other Marines stood in another corner, each holding coiled rope. A fourth Marine stood behind the CO with an M-l rifle held at port arms.

The preliminaries out of the way, the CO solemnly said "Private Jackson, it is now time to announce punishment for the offense you have committed. It is unfortunate that you have failed to amend your ways from earlier punishment given you. Your behavior, your conduct and your obvious flouting of Marine Corps regulations have deemed it necessary to take stern measures."

The kid was trying to stand at attention ... but he kept glancing around the room, sweat begining to drip from his face. "All previous measures having failed," continued the CO, "It is now my sad duty to inform you that you are to be put to death by beheading. First Sergeant, remove the prisoner and carry out the sentence." And finally to the prisoner, "May God have mercy on your soul."

The Marine fainted dead away.

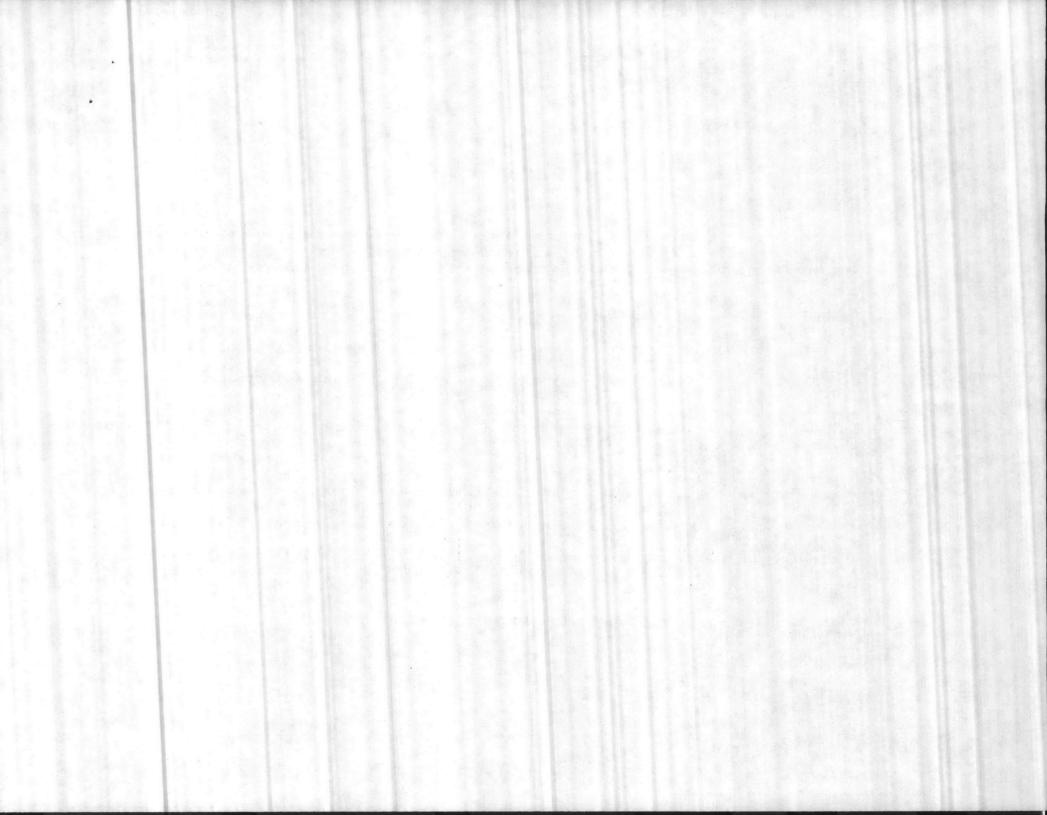
The story goes that he was no further trouble to that unit after the company commander mercifully "suspended the sentence."



SEVERAL ADVANTAGES OF DIRECT DEPOSIT

- a. Freedom from having to stand in line to deposit or cash a check on payday.
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- g. Direct Deposit is safe, reliable, and convenient.
- h. It virtually eliminates financial hardships due to lost wallets or barracks larcenies.
- i. In the near future green paychecks, as we know them, will be replaced by the checks being mailed to the Marine's home address, unless they are on Direct Deposit. Mailing checks will increase the stolen and lost ones a great deal.

THINK ABOUT IT



In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was God.

In the Beginning was God - and all else was darkness; and void, and without form.

So God created the heavens and the earth.

He created the sun, and the moon, and the stars, so that light might pierce the darkness.

And the earth God divided between the land and the sea, and these He filled with many assorted creatures.

And the dark, salty, slimey creatures that inhabited the murky depths of the oceans, God called sailors, and He dressed them accordingly.

And the flighty creatures of the air He called airmen.

And these He clothed in uniforms which were ruffled and fowl. And the lower creatures of the land, God called soldiers and with a twinkle in His eye, and a sense of humor that only He could have.

. God gave them trousers too short, and pockets to warm their hands. And to adorn their uniforms, God gave them badges.

And He gave them cords.

And He gave them ribbons...and patches...and stars...and bells. He gave them emblems...and crests...and all sorts of shiny things that glittered...and devices that dangled... When you're God, you tend to get carried away in a big way...

And on the 7th day, as you know, God rested. And on the 8th day at 0730, God Looked down upon the earth and was not happy ... God was not happy!

So He thought about His labors, and in His infinite wisdom, God created a divine creature and this He called a Marine, and these Marines Whom God created in His own image, were to be of the air, the land, and the sea.

And these He gave many wonderful uniforms.

He gave them practical, fighting uniforms, so that they could wage war against the forces of Satan and evil.

He gave them service wriforms for their daily work.

Sharp, stylish, handsome things, so they might profile with the ladies on Saturday night, and impress the hell outta everybody!

And at the end of the 8th day, God looked down upon the earth, and saw that it was good.

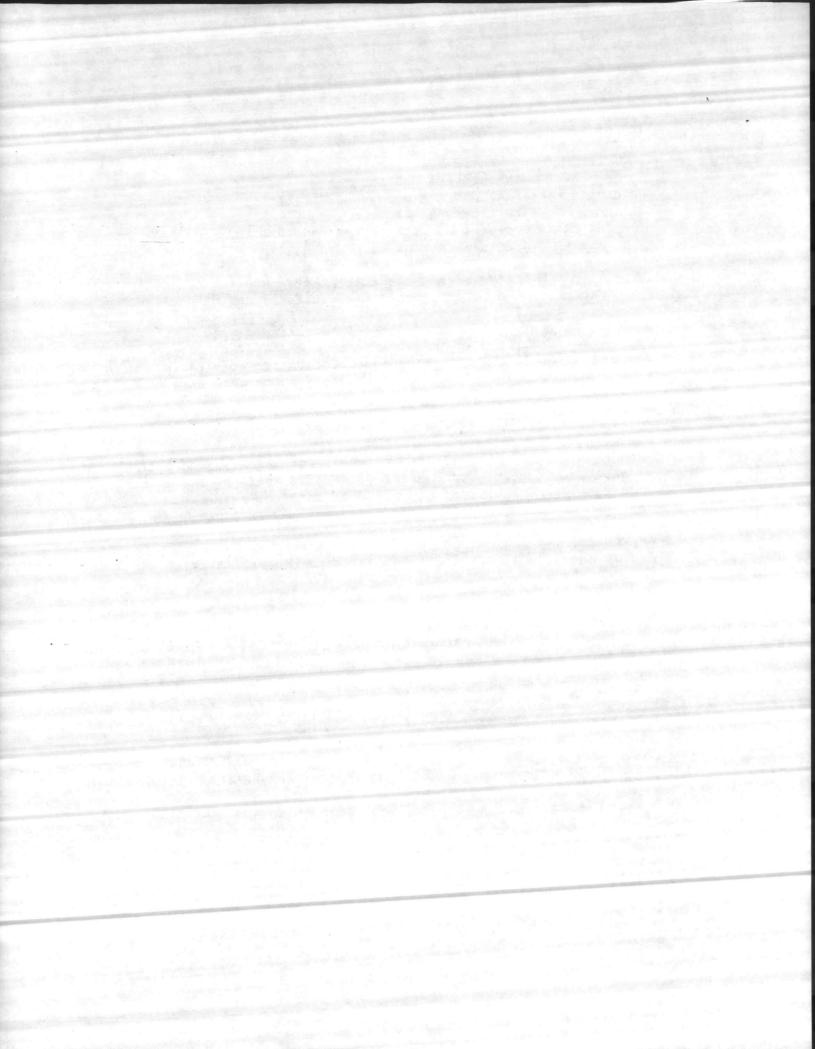
But was God happy?

No! God was still not happy!

Because in the course of His Labors, He had forgotten one thing ...

He did not have a Marine uniform!

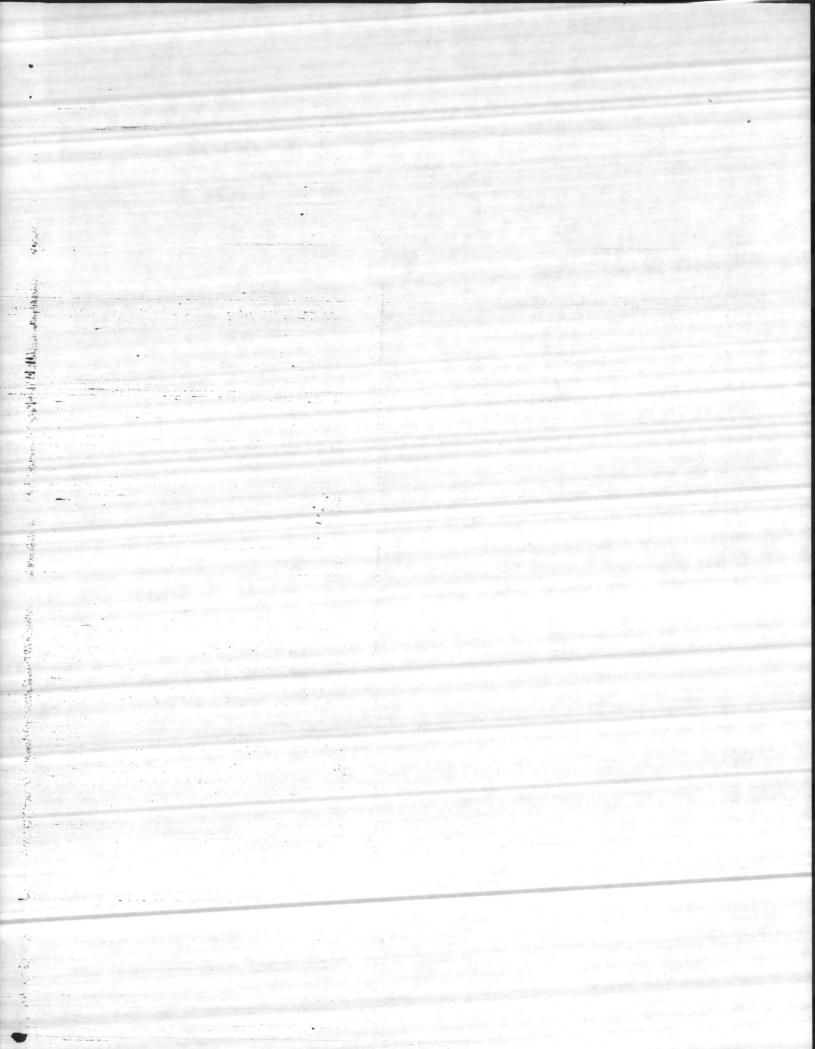
But He thought about it, and thought about it, and finally satisfied Himself in knowing that, Well, not everybody can be a Harine!



Just a reminder on a couple of the uniform regulations that have recently been changed.

Insignia of grade will be worn on the camouflage utility cap by officers and enlisted personnel at all times, including garrison, field, and combat environments.

The mandatory possession date for the olive green undershirt for all officers and enlisted personnel was 1 July 1985. Effective that date, the green undershirt became the only undershirt authorized for wear with the utility uniform.



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