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— STAFF SGT. DANIEL L. TOMPKINS

## DRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

### Marine realizes dream of becoming drillmaster

BY LANCE CPL.  
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**W**hen drill instructors dismiss their platoons, the new Marines about-face and take their leave. This 180-degree turn to the right from the position of attention initiated a career goal for one Marine who knew he would one day become a drill instructor.

"My passion for drill started when I was a recruit, and I did an about-face on the parade deck after receiving the command 'Platoon 1001 dismissed!'" said Staff Sgt. Daniel L. Tompkins, who has completed seven recruit-training cycles in his last two years here.

That passion has elevated his role in keeping alive the spirit of Marine Corps drill. Tompkins, the senior drill instructor for Platoon 1153, Company C, has been selected to assume duties as drillmaster for 1st Recruit Training Battalion.

"He came here with aspirations of becoming a drillmaster," said Staff Sgt. M. Dallas Miller, series gunnery sergeant, Co. C. "It's a really huge thing ... to be one of about 100 drill instructors in the battalion chosen for this. It's one of the highest honors you can get."

Tompkins attributes good timing to his selection.

"There are many great drill

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Staff Sgt. Daniel L. Tompkins, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1153, Company C, calls cadence during Co. C's final drill competition April 12 as his soon-to-be boss, Gunnery Sgt. Pedro Dominguez Jr., regimental drillmaster, Recruit Training Regiment, grades his performance. Tompkins was recently selected as the next drillmaster for 1st Recruit Training Battalion. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

## Help make children feel safe in uncertain times

April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention month and the month of the Military Child by Headquarters Marine Corps. The theme, appropriate to current events, is "Helping children feel safe in uncertain times." Our children are our greatest natural resource, and sadly, many of



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America's children are not safe in their own home. The statistics are tragic and overwhelming. Every year there are over three million reported incidents of child abuse and neglect. The victims of neglect, harsh physical punishment, sexual abuse, or psychological trauma will suffer the consequences of these events throughout their lives.

The Marine Corps has made a dedicated effort to reduce child maltreatment in our ranks. Our efforts seem to be working. There has been a 33.1% decrease in child abuse from FY02 to FY03. The total instances of child abuse cases in FY03 in the Marine Corps -519- was the lowest number in the last five years. The fact remains that there were 519 cases too many.

The risk factors that contribute to child abuse and neglect include parental substance abuse, lack of effective parenting skills and knowledge, domestic violence, and extreme stress. Especially now, with war affecting many Marine families, children are vulnerable as stress rises. As part of this year's theme, "Helping children feel safe in uncertain times," I am asking for the support of commanding officers and officers in charge to get the word out and encourage your people to participate in the many programs available to reduce the risk factors.

In the month of April you will be apprised of events presented by the community service center and new parent support program to raise awareness and deliver support and family enrichment services to families to help children feel safe in these times.

Whereas, the problem of child abuse is still a problem in the Marine Corps,

whereas, keeping children safe and healthy is a community responsibility,

whereas the unique challenges faced by military children need to be recognized and addressed,

I hereby declare the month of April to be Child Abuse Awareness month and the month of the Military Child.

J. M. Paxton Jr.  
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General

## Depot volunteers recognized for service

BY SGT. L. F. LANGSTON  
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The commanding general and other leaders thanked several people Monday at the recreation center here who contributed countless hours of volunteer work to various Depot organizations in recent years.

Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region com-

manding general, expressed his appreciation to the volunteers for all their dedicated work and selfless sacrifice.

"Thank you for who you are and what you do," Paxton said. "Thank you for being good Americans."

Volunteers from the command museum, Retired Activities Office, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Family of the Corps, Recruit Training Regiment, Weapons and

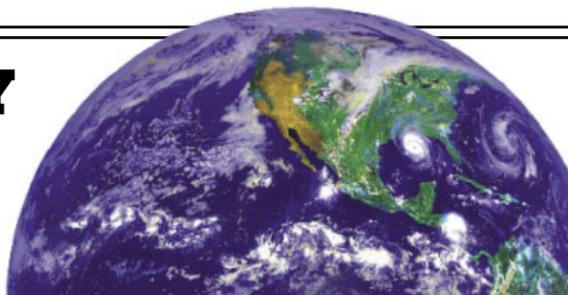
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## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

*"In the name of justice and humanity let all freedom loving people rally to this righteous undertaking."*

— PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, calling for the rescue of the Jewish population in Hungary, March 24, 1944

## "FOR JUSTICE AND HUMANITY"

FROM THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

**H**olocaust Remembrance Day, April 18, is a day that has been set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding Americans of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign. The United States Holocaust Memorial Council, created by act of Congress in 1980, was mandated to lead the nation in civic commemorations and to encourage appropriate remembrance observances throughout the country. Observances and remembrance activities can occur during the week of remembrance, which runs from the Sunday before through the Sunday after the actual date.

While there are obvious religious aspects to such a day, it is not a religious observance as such. The internationally-recognized date comes from the Hebrew calendar and corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on that calendar. That is the date on which Israel commemorates the victims of the Holocaust. In Hebrew, Holocaust Remembrance Day is called Yom Hashoah.

The Holocaust is not merely a story of destruction and loss; it is a story of an apathetic world and a few rare individuals of extraordinary courage. It is a remarkable story of the human spirit and the life that flourished before the Holocaust, struggled during its darkest hours, and ultimately prevailed as survivors rebuilt their lives.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is mandated by Congress to educate Americans about the history of the Holocaust and to annually commemorate its victims in

the national Days of Remembrance ceremony. The Museum has designated "For Justice and Humanity" as the theme for the 2004 Days of Remembrance in memory of the Jews of Hungary, deported sixty years ago in the final stages of World War II, and to honor those courageous individuals as well as the few organizations and countries who attempted to rescue them.

In 1944, Nazi Germany and its collaborators continued, even accelerated, the killings of the "Final Solution" despite certain military defeat. By late summer 1944, Soviet forces, having crushed the German Army in Belorussia, were approaching Germany from the east, while British and American forces, following their successful D-Day invasion of France in June, approached from the west.

Suspicious of Hungarian efforts to desert the Axis alliance, German forces occupied Hungary in March 1944. In May, Hungarian officials, with German guidance, began the systematic deportation of Jews from Hungary. Most of the victims were deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau killing center in German-occupied Poland, while a minority was deported to a string of transit and forced labor camps on the Austro-Hungarian border. In less than three months, German and Hungarian authorities deported approximately 440,000 Jews. At least half of them were killed in gas chambers immediately upon their arrival at Auschwitz-Birkenau. By the time the Red Army drove the Germans and their Hungarian collaborators out of Hungary in April 1945, nearly four-fifths of the Hungarian Jewish community

had been killed.

Yet there were some individuals, organizations and countries that asserted the value of human life in the face of the systematic murder of men, women and children. The War Refugee Board, established January 22, 1944, by executive order of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, worked with Jewish organizations, diplomats from neutral countries, and resistance groups in Europe to rescue Jews from occupied territories and provide relief to inmates of Nazi concentration camps. Its mandate was to take "all measures to rescue victims of enemy oppression in imminent danger of death."

The creation of the WRB was largely the work of Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr. and his team. Following the 1942 confirmation of the mass murder of Europe's Jews, the failure of the Bermuda Conference on rescue in April 1943, and the growing outrage of the American Jewry at how little was being done to rescue the remnant of Europe's Jews, there was pressure on Roosevelt to take action. He finally did when he established the WRB in 1944. Measured against the enormity of the Holocaust, the work of the WRB and its accomplishments were far too late and exceedingly modest. Yet, when viewed in the context of the military situation in early 1944, and the enormous challenges faced by the agency, the activities and results of the WRB were significant.

Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat based in Budapest, Hungary, led the WRB's most extensive rescue efforts. Wallenberg and his Swedish colleagues, such as Per Anger, helped

protect tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from being deported to Auschwitz by distributing protective Swedish passports or travel papers. As Sweden was a neutral country, Germany could not easily harm Swedish citizens. Diplomats from other neutral countries joined the rescue effort. Carl Lutz, a Swiss diplomat, issued certificates of emigration placing nearly 50,000 Jews in Budapest under Swiss protection. Italian businessman Giorgio Perlasca, posing as a Spanish diplomat, issued forged Spanish visas and established under his "authority" safe houses, including one for Jewish children. When Soviet forces liberated Budapest in February 1945, more than 100,000 Jews still remained in the city because of the efforts of Wallenberg, Lutz, Perlasca, and other diplomats and individuals. The WRB played a crucial role in the rescue of as many as 200,000 Jews in German-occupied Europe.

U.S. officials knew about German plans to murder the European Jews more than a year before taking specific action, in establishing the WRB, to help rescue Europe's Jews. Even though this action was late, it saved lives, reminding us of the terrible consequences of indifference and of the possibility for individuals, organizations and countries to confront and work to halt acts of genocide or related crimes against humanity.

We encourage you to join with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in observing the Days of Remembrance.

For more information, contact: Days of Remembrance, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W., Washington, DC 20024, or visit the Museum's Web site at [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org).

### DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

April 11-25

## Officials praise volunteer work

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Field Training Battalion, Coast Guard, Family Advocacy, Dental, LINKS and Youth Volunteers earned certificates of appreciation.

Among those recognized was Taylor Calvette, a retired master sergeant who served more than 30 years in the Marines. Calvette served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He donates his time speaking to recruits at the museum about his experiences.

"It's a great privilege to talk to those young men," said Calvette.

Calvette's service is one example of volunteerism for which Depot leaders showed gratitude.

"We feel the battalion is our family, and we just want to give a hand and help anyone anyway we can," said Winona Britt, 3rd Recruit Training Bn. volunteer.

"They not only juggle families and jobs, they take care of the battalion," said Lt. Col. John R. Ewers Jr., commanding officer, 3rd Recruit Training Bn.

After the ceremony, volunteers and guests gathered for food and beverages at a reception.



(top left) Sgt. Maj. Raynard L. Watkins, sergeant major, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, and Lt. Col. John R. Ewers, commanding officer, 3rd RTBn., were on hand at the volunteer recognition ceremony to commend several 3rd RTBn key volunteers. Ewers and Watkins presented certificates of appreciation and coffee mugs to (left to right) Erin Wright, Winona Britt and Shanna Dorsey. Dorsey's children, Jeremiah and Karinna attended the ceremony as well. Sgt. L. F. Langston/Chevron

# TIME FOR ALCOHOL AWARENESS

While beer drinking is rooted deep in American culture, recognizing the need to curb alcohol intake might be a new concept to some, but there's no better time than now to make the right choice.

HILARY L. VALDEZ  
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**A**rchaeologists have discovered four-thousand-year old clay images of people brewing, storing and drinking beer in ruined cities and forgotten tombs scattered throughout the ancient world. The Babylonians made sixteen kinds of beer, using everything from white and black barley to wheat and honey. Beer was glorified in the Egyptian Book of the Dead, where it was referred to as the "beer of truth" and "beer of eternity." While beer has been made from many different grains through the ages, barley has proven the world's most valued brewing ingredient.

As beer was then, it is today, a depressant. In small doses, it has a tranquilizing effect on most people, although it may stimulate others.

One of the first effects is lowered self-control. Some people become very aggressive. Yet, alcohol is highly addictive for many people.

Long-term overuse can damage the liver, heart, muscles and brain. Large quantities over short periods of time can cause respiratory failure and death. On the average, heavy drinkers shorten their life span by about 10 years.

Despite all the side affects, beer remains important to Americans, as it was to our colonial forebears. In 1637, the legislature of the Massachusetts Bay Colony met to fix the price of beer: "not more than one penny a quart." By law, beer in Colonial America had to be served in standard half-pint, pint or quart mugs. But, drinking beer has gotten a little

bit out of control since colonial times.

In 2001, California residents consumed 20,659,122 barrels of beer. The great folks of Texas consumed 18,111,647 barrels of beer. I guess it gets pretty warm in those states.

The new view of drinking is that alcoholism is a lifestyle-related health problem and it can be divided into two categories: risks we can change and risks we cannot change.

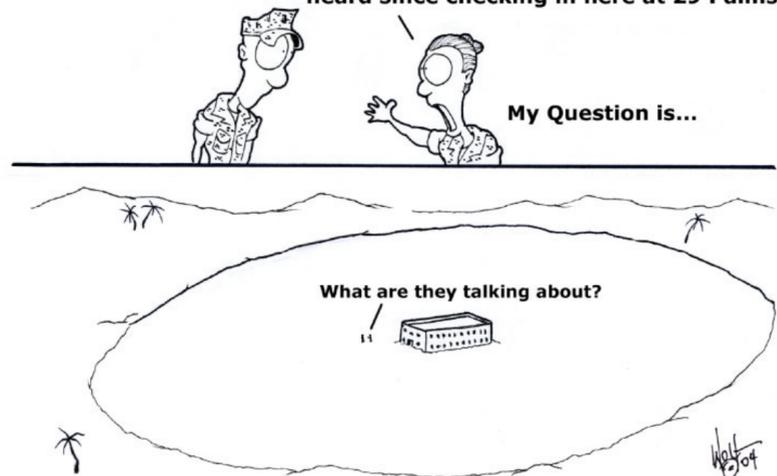
Everyone has some level of biological risk, or trigger level for developing lifestyle-related health problems. This is a risk we cannot change and is true for heart disease, cancer and alcoholism.

Lifestyle-related health problems are triggered by quantity-and-frequency choices, which are risks we can change.

Every day people make quantity-frequency choices about diet, exercise and drinking. Your unique body type or biology plus quantity-frequency choices, determine the risk for heart disease. Biology sets the level of risk, or the trigger level. High-risk quantity-frequency choices, interacting with biology, trigger heart disease. Psychological and social factors influence quantity-frequency choices.

Ahhhh, choices, choices! To self-medicate or not to self-medicate? That is the question: but to what degree? With nearly 2,000 breweries open in the United States, the choice is always yours. You could always choose not to choose. Hmmm? Choosing to take charge of your alcohol habit is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. The choice is yours.

"Welcome to 'The Pancake', that's all I've heard since checking in here at 29 Palms!"



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## Where's the objectivity in civilian media?

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MCB Camp Lejeune

**T**he other night while watching the news, oddly enough, I was interrupted with an urgent "News Alert." The smiling reporter jumped to report that a hotel in Baghdad was just attacked by rockets. The air conditioner on the roof was destroyed and this was "the fourth such attack over the year!"

Wow! I'm glad they interrupted the regular program to let us know that. The rest of the show, I wondered if there would be an "alert" about a school opening in Baghdad. I waited for a "news flash" about the Marine who befriended Iraqis and helped rebuild a hospital with some SeaBees. I waited to see "breaking news" on the medical unit that saved some Iraqi children from disease or the dental unit that taught some children about dental hygiene. I waited to see a "special report" on a town hall meeting in Al Hillah, Najaf or Al Kut. I waited and waited, but nothing ever came.

I went to sleep that night knowing that nothing is ever going to come. The very nature of the press prevents the positive events that are happening in Iraq from being reported over the bad.

The current nature of the press actually indirectly supports terrorist goals. News outlets fail to see their part in actually supporting terrorists. A bombing, an isolated shooting or a new video from some terrorist will get air play and on-air speculation over an honest and accurate news story about something good going on in Iraq any day. It is extremely disturbing that they can't see this fact. Even more disturbing is the fact that they do and simply don't care.

Soon after the presidential elections, Iraq will fall off the scope. It will become a rarely covered area like Haiti, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia, East Africa and the laundry list of other places where the military went and generally made better than when they first arrived. The only time we will hear or be reminded by the press that we are still there is when something tragic happens.

The senseless and horrible attacks on four civilian contractors in Fallujah last week illustrates how terrorists gain their coverage. They think up the most sinister acts, which result in coverage. There is no doubt in my mind that the animals that orchestrated that attack were trained terrorists that incited the crowd and tried to achieve the same results gained in Somalia. Fortunately, that will never happen.

Our Marines, sailors, soldiers and other servicemembers deserve better coverage on the remarkable job they are doing.

The media ought not support terrorism by providing them coverage of each and every action they take. Doing so gives them relevance and prominence. The media is creating a bigger problem by covering their acts with such fervor.

We can make a difference.

Take the time to write an editorial or short complaint letter to publishers or producers when you see skewed or unbalanced coverage. Write to your friends over e-mail when you hear good news and send it to your family. Teach your friends and family not to believe everything they hear and just because it's on the news does not mean it's important.

Unfortunately, in general, the collective press has failed to provide the American public with the real story on Iraq. Sure there are problems and challenges and people dying, but there is a great deal of good happening too. It is up to regular people like us to tell the story since the media can't. We must provide a balanced understanding of what is really happening in Iraq at the grassroots level.

## BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL



Several officers from 8th Marine Recruiting District landed themselves in hot water recently when they played a practical joke on their commanding general, Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. (right). The Marines, who were in town for the Western Recruiting Region commanders conference, filled Paxton's office with several inflatable eight balls. Eight Ball is the district's nickname. Paxton, who enjoys a good joke as well, turned the tables on the pranksters when he jokingly held an impromptu non-judicial punishment proceeding for the culprits. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

### La Jolla Half Marathon volunteers

The Kiwanis Club of La Jolla is requesting Marines to volunteer at the La Jolla Half Marathon April 25. They raise \$60,000 to \$90,000 yearly. All proceeds go back into the community for organizations that need help.

Race organizers are asking for approximately 18 Marines to work at the finish line from 6 to 11 a.m.

The Marines will meet at Scripps Park in the La Jolla Cove at 5:30 a.m. Parking is free in the village all day.

For more information, call Shelley Johnson-Labertev, half marathon volunteer chair, at (858) 558-6773.

### Open casting call

The celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of author Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel, is coming to the San Diego County Fair.

Organizers will hold an open casting call for adults and children Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds to find Seuss character look-alikes.

Look-alikes who are chosen won't be paid, but may be featured in a television commercial and other promotional materials and will receive free admission for four, preferred parking, and a Seuss sweatshirt. Applicants should not wear costumes, wigs or other prosthetics.

For more information, e-mail info@sdfair.com and type *Seuss contest* in the subject line.

### Dis needed at OCS

There is currently a great need for drill instructors (male and female) at Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Va. Interested Marines must be qualified according to Marine Corps Order P1326.6D. Requests should be forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps MMEA-85.

This is a three-year tour with incentives, including special duty pay.

For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Archie, DI monitor, at DSN 278-9263 or (703) 784-9263.

### All Services Enlisted Ball

The San Diego Armed Services YMCA and the Navy league will partner to present the 16th annual All Services Enlisted Ball May 1 at the San Diego Paradise Point

Resort and Spa.

This formal event celebrates and honors local enlisted military personnel from each of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The ball will begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host cocktail reception followed by dinner and dancing and will continue until midnight.

Seating is limited for this event and tickets may be purchased for \$20 per person for E-5 and below, \$30 per person for E-6 and above and \$75 for officers and civilians.

For more information, contact Cindy Farless at (619) 232-9084.

### Scholarship opportunity

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Museum Historical Society is taking applications for the Colonel Nate Smith Memorial College Scholarship. Applicants must be active duty, enlisted Marines or sailors stationed aboard the Depot or Western Recruiting Region, or their dependents.

Applications are available at the Historical Society office in Bldg. 26.

For more information, call Pat Hawkins at (619) 534-4426.

### Designated Driver volunteers needed

The Designated Drivers Association is looking for volunteers.

Volunteers can meet new people, earn extra money in tips, and make a difference.

Drunk drivers kill almost 17,000 Americans and injure over 700,000 each year.

Volunteering for the Designated Drivers Association is a pro-active way to get involved in the community.

Volunteers must be at least 18 and have a valid driver's license and insurance. For more information, visit [www.ddasd.org](http://www.ddasd.org) or call (866) 373-7233.

### USMC Parents' Conference

The first National USMC Parents' Conference, "Standing in the Gap," will take place July 30 through Aug. 1 in Indianapolis. The purpose of the conference is to help parents of Marines know their roles in supporting their children

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through the Corps. For more information on the conference, call Cathy Schoon at (260) 636-3102 or contact her via e-mail at [schoon@ligtel.com](mailto:schoon@ligtel.com).

### Chosen Few banquet

The Montford Point Marine Association San Diego Chapter - 12 will hold the Chosen Few Banquet Aug. 28 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the 32nd Street Naval Station. For more information, contact Sam Bagwell at (619) 524-6865.

### Band looking for Marines

Marine Band San Diego is looking for Depot Marines to fill open musician billets in an on-the-job-training status with the goal of becoming a Marine musician.

Marines, private through sergeant, may audition for band assignments providing they receive permission from their sections.

An audition consists of performing a prepared selection, major and minor scales, and sight reading.

Typical experience of successful Marine musicians consists of four years in a high school band prior to enlisting, but it is not a requirement to audition.

Marine Band San Diego currently has vacancies for flute/piccolo, clarinet, saxophone, horn, trombone and guitar.

To set up an audition or receive more information, call Staff Sgt. Michael July at (619) 524-1754.

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Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron

## THE CORPS' MOTTO:

## In the beginning, IT WASN'T ALWAYS FAITHFUL

"Semper Fidelis," Latin for "Always Faithful," is the motto of the Corps. That Marines have lived up to this motto is proved by the fact there has never been a mutiny, or even the thought of one, among U.S. Marines.

Semper Fidelis was adopted about 1883 as the motto of the Corps. Before that, there had been three mottos, all traditional rather than official. The first, antedating the War of 1812, was "Fortitudine" Latin for "With Fortitude." The second, "By Sea and by Land," was obviously a translation of the Royal Marine's "Per Mare, Per Terram." Until 1848, the third motto was "To the Shores of Tripoli," in commemoration of 1st Lt. Presley O'Bannon's capture of Derna in 1805. In 1848, after the return to Washington, D.C., of the Marine battalion that took part in the capture of Mexico City, this motto was revised to "From the Halls of the Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli" — a line now familiar to all Americans.

This revision of the Corps motto in Mexico has encouraged speculation that the first stanza of "The Marines' Hymn" was composed by members of the Marine battalion who stormed Chapultepec Castle.

It may be added that the Marine Corps shares its motto with England's Devonshire Regiment, the 11th Foot, one of the senior infantry regiments of the British Army, whose sobriquet is "the Bloody Eleventh" and whose motto is also Semper Fidelis.

Source: Marine Corps History and Museums Division

# THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



April dates of Marine Corps historical significance

### April 3, 1945

On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date

(D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take. 5 April 1947: Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China.



This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 1 April.

### April 10, 1959

Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.



Glenn

### April 12-13, 1918

Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.



### April 15, 1962

Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shuffly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

### April 18, 1983

One Marine security guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Cpl. Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. Lance Cpl. McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

### April 21, 1951

Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines.

Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lt. Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

### April 27, 1805

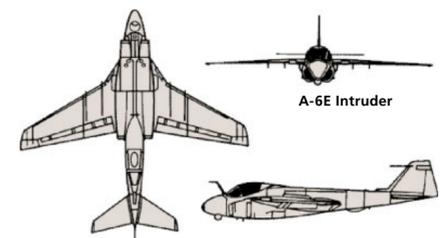
First Lt. Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.



O'Bannon

### April 28, 1993

The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Fla., and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, S.C.



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# EARTH DAY BY THE BAY

## Families gather aboard Depot, celebrate environmental stewardship

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**M**arine Corps Community Services marketing and Semper Fit attracted service members and their families to the Depot boathouse and marina at the 2nd annual Family Day on the Bay/Earth Day Family Fun Run April 10.

The event's roots stem from previous years when service members gathered annually to clean the bay.

Last year's event expanded with food and games for those who showed up to clean. This year, the family part of the event took over as the primary purpose.

"I liked the family atmosphere," said Lance Cpl. Robert W. Hill, Single Marine Program member. "Some people get away from doing things as a family, and this was a family event."

Some families came out early to help cleanup before

starting the games. One-hundred-twenty-seven volunteers signed up to clean the bay.

"My son and neighbors cleaned up on the bay," said Gunnery Sgt. Melissa A. Busby, adjutant chief, Headquarters and Service Battalion. "The kids got muddy and had the opportunity to do something for their community."

Once the bay was cleaned up, the Easter Bunny arrived to lead the children and their parents in a fun run sponsored by the facilities division environmental office.

The runners started in the grass across the street from the transient officer quarters where they sprinted to the Bayview Restaurant and back.

The event was also marked by the inflated jumpy jumps that were popular with the children throughout the day.

"There was a lot to keep kids entertained and occupied," Busby said. "There was no chance for them to get bored."

Many booths with free gifts for everyone and games for the children to play outlined the event grounds.

"We ran the ring toss and surfing pop-up," Hill said. "It gave us the opportunity to interact with the kids."

There were events held in front of the sound stage throughout the day in addition to the static events surrounding the area.

"I liked the Easter egg hunt and slide," said 4-year-old Chalissa Hairston.

Children were separated into different age groups for the egg hunt. The older children, entering their teenage years, participated in the money toss with \$100 worth of quarters hidden in a sand pit.

"I got \$1.25 in the money toss," said nine-year-old Jordan Rosenthal.

Families smiled and laughed as they piled back into their cars at the end of the day.

Marketing will be hosting the MCCS Golf Tournament May 19 at the Auld Course in Chula Vista, Calif. Proceeds will benefit Marine Corps birthday balls for the Depot. For more information, call MCCS at (619) 725-6400.



Jacklyn N. Johnston rings a rubber ducky. Children played free games such as the ring toss, provided by the Single Marine Program.



Melanie P. Strudthoff (right) and Koree Sanchez compete in the hoola-hoop contest. Strudthoff outlasted everyone in the contest to become the overall winner.



Children dominated the fun run at the Depot's Family Day on the Bay.



Xavier James rides on his father's shoulders during the fun run. Staff Sgt. Chad James brought his family out to the bay for a day of fun.



A clown twists a balloon into an animal. Children lined up to receive balloon animals and have their faces painted.



Bradley Sanchez makes his way to the turnaround point in the potato-sack race.



Cary Kolat, assistant coach for the University of North Carolina, gives some coaching tips during a National Wrestling Coaches Association coaches clinic held March 20, 2004. The Marine Corps co-sponsored the event in order to boost recruiting awareness.



Marines from Marine Recruiting Station St. Louis, Mo., provided a color guard for three opening ceremonies of the 2004 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.

## St. Louis Marines support 2004 NCAA Wrestling Championships

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Recruiting Station St. Louis

Marines from Recruiting Station St. Louis used the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Wrestling Championships in St. Louis as an opportunity to boost recruiting efforts and awareness for the Marine Corps, March 18 to 20.

The national event attracted more than 18,000 fans from across the nation to the city's Savvis Center.

The Marine Corps took advantage of this large turnout by providing color guards for three of the six wrestling sessions held during the championships and by conducting a marketing lead generation event at St. Louis' historic Union Station, located just one block from the Savvis Center.

Additionally, Department of Defense Inspector General Joseph E. Schmitz, was the guest speaker at a National Wrestling Coaches Association clinic held during the championships. For the NWCA and its members, involvement by the Marine Corps proved to be useful for today's wrestling coaches and wrestlers.

"We have an obligation as an association to transform coaching from an occupation to a profession," said Michael W. Moyer, executive director, NWCA. "We believe leadership is the core of what our coaches need to focus on and there's no better partner than the United States Marine Corps in leadership training."

The Marine Corps' participation in the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships and its advertising partnership with NWCA included increasing the general public's understanding of job opportunities available in the Marine Corps. For two days, Marine recruiters set up a recruiting booth at Union Station where wrestling competitors, their families, friends and visitors could participate in a chin-up chal-

lenge for a chance to earn Marine-themed key chains, posters and pens.

Additionally, a Marine Corps color guard, provided by the recruiting station, made a dramatic impression in front of thousands of spectators and wrestlers during three opening ceremonies of the championships at the Savvis Center.

"This event helped reinforce that serving in the Marine Corps is a viable option for many young men and women," said Maj. Douglas S. Cochran, RS St. Louis commanding officer. "The interaction we had with young adults and the information we provided about serving in the Corps assisted our recruiting efforts locally and across the nation."

The Marine Corps' marketing efforts captured a greater audience during the week as more than 300 high-school and collegiate wrestling coaches attended a national coach's clinic hosted by the NWCA. The clinic included a demonstration and discussion seminar designed to help coaches improve their training techniques and see what new programs were available that could better their training regimen. One of the programs presented to the coaches during the clinic, was a new online leadership-training course developed and implemented by NWCA.

Much of the course content is similar to the characteristics of Marine Corps leadership training and is designed to improve the development of on-team leadership skills for athletes nationwide.

According to Schmitz, this partnership offers the Marine Corps a great opportunity to showcase job opportunities available in the Corps.

"The course offers coaches an intellectual and academic foundation that utilizes what they are already doing: taking the teamwork, camaraderie and the passion that is instilled during training and focusing these types of leadership tools so that the wrestlers and other athletes who benefit from these opportunities can end up being better citizens - if not Marines," Schmitz said.

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instructors here, and I think I just happen to be (ending my tour) when they are looking to replace the current drillmaster," explained Tompkins.

Others think it was more than timing that got the 27-year-old selected.

Tompkins' series gunnery sergeant at the time, 1st Sgt. John Lucero, showed early interest.

"He pulled me aside after watching me receive a 99 unit-leader score in drill for the second time and asked me if I was interested in becoming the next drillmaster," Tompkins said.

His leaders reviewed him for the position, and 1st Bn.'s sergeant major made the final decision to choose Tompkins.

"His consistency at doing well in drill and his ability to communicate with other Marines were the deciding factors," said Sgt. Maj. Joseph B. Morgan. "The battalion drillmaster has to communicate and educate. You can't educate without communication."

Like any drillmaster, Tompkins understands and keeps current with the large drill manual.

"I don't think I am better than anyone else," he said. "I just understand it."

According to Tompkins, being selected is a major accomplishment with great meaning. He set goals on the drill field, and becoming a drillmaster topped them all.

Tompkins credits his wife, Rachel, for helping him along the way.

"I have been with her for four years, and she has been a big factor to my success," said Tompkins. "She would do whatever she could, like wake up at (3 a.m.) to make coffee, bring me chow when I am on duty or do laundry. You name it; she does it."

She raises three children: Courtney, 6; Justin, 2; and Shelby, 1, and she has also supported Tompkins by attending numerous graduations and drill competitions.

"I think she did a tour of the Depot as well," he said. "Her job is harder than mine."

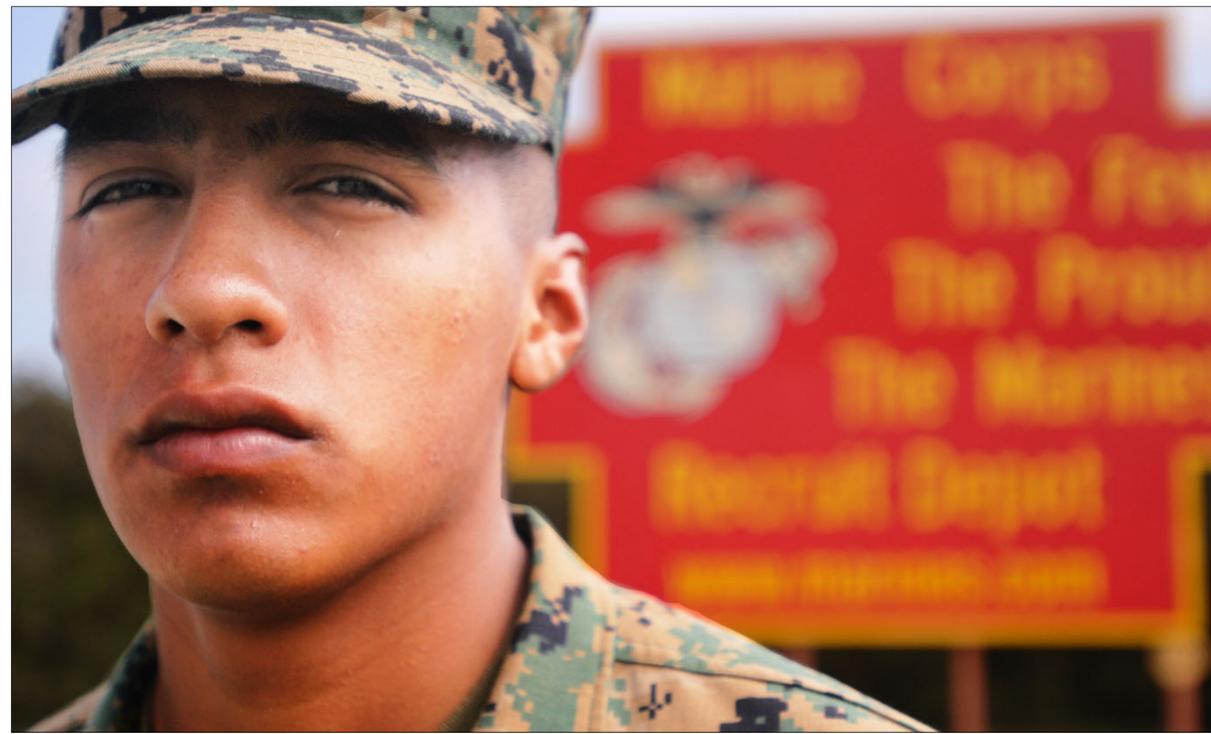
After scoring a perfect unit-leader score Monday, Tompkins will assume his new position today.



Staff Sgt. Daniel L. Tompkins, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1153, Company C, reports to the regimental drill master, during Co. C's final drill competition. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

"The day I signed my contract ... my best friend, who was planning on enlisting with me ... was shot and killed."

- PVT. MIGUEL GAMAS



Pvt. Miguel Gamas, platoon 1155, Company C, joined the Marine Corps in August with hopes of escaping the violence and poverty of South Central Los Angeles, one of the city's worst neighborhoods. Gamas said he looks forward to going back home to set a positive example for his peers. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron

# GETTING ON TRACK

South Central L.A. native transcends hard life; becomes always faithful

BY CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT  
Chevron staff

The door to opportunity was wide open for two young men about to embark on a journey together as United States Marines until the door was fatally shut on one of them in the streets of South Central, Los Angeles for wearing the wrong color shirt.

"The day I went to MEPS (military entrance processing station) and signed my contract, I was notified that my best friend who was planning on enlisting with me on the buddy system was shot and killed," said Pvt. Miguel Gamas, platoon 1155, Company C.

According to Gamas, he and his friend Trayvon Reeds, 21, were serious about using the Corps as an opportunity to escape the violence of South Central. Initially, the idea to join the Corps was Gamas' who used his influence to show his best friend the opportunities the Corps presented.

"It's sad," said Gamas. "He was going to get out of there and join the Corps with me just because he trusted me. He said, 'If your good for it, I am too.' 'Sometimes I think things could have been different if I had enlisted earlier. Maybe Tray would not have been there.'"

After the death of his best friend, Gamas' purpose became more evident. He knew he had some refining to do in the area of discipline. Although he was never in a gang, he did have run-ins with law enforcement authorities and had problems at school and home.

"I left home just before my sixteenth birthday," said Gamas. "I had to start working, so I got a job and school became secondary. I didn't have time for school."

According to Gamas, teenagers grow up fast in South Central sometimes too fast for their parents. He explained this as the reason he decided

to leave home.

"I thought I was grown," said Gamas. "My lifestyle caused tension between me and my mother. I figured the best way to solve it was to move out."

Although Gamas moved out, his mother got him involved with a Catholic Charities youth program that helped keep him out of trouble. The program takes "troubled" teenagers and teaches them the basic skills needed to hold a job. After the training, the program also helps them get jobs, according to Gamas.

Because he scored high on a computer technical skills test at Catholic Charities, Gamas received the opportunity to learn how to file invoices through an Internet based distribution system.

"I was sent to Magic Johnson Park's maintenance department to do invoices," said Gamas.

It was a good job, he said, but lack of discipline once again slammed the door.

"I ended up losing that job," said Gamas as his eyes opened wide. "I had the skills, but I lacked the discipline to show up on time."

"I had to do something positive with my life," said Gamas about his reason for joining the Corps.

"Growing up under these conditions were tough," said Gamas. "It was stressful."

Gamas, who had never joined a gang, told stories about some of his experiences growing up in a neighborhood torn by rival gang competition.

"I've been robbed several times just going to work," said Gamas. "Since my uniform was red (the colors worn by members of the Blood gang organization) and I worked in a 'Crip' neighborhood, I had to put it in my backpack before walking to or from work. I didn't want to draw anyone's attention, but I was robbed anyway. They took my backpack because they thought I was carrying drugs. I told them it was my uniform. I was fired a week later for not having a uniform."

In South Central, the color of clothing some-

one wears can mean the difference between life and death, according to Gamas who believes his best friend was killed because of the color of his shirt.

Losing a friend he's known since he was eight year's old was hard for Gamas, but it reinforced his purpose to change his life and set a positive example for others in his neighborhood. When he gets home after today's graduation he said he will share the transformation he has gone through with his family and friends.

"Before I became a Marine, I looked up to them, but I never saw myself as a Marine, said Gamas. "Now that I am a Marine, I have the opportunity to go back home and set the right example."

Now that Gamas is on the right track, he encourages others to follow his lead. He has even come up with a short rhyme to express himself to his friends at home.

"I'll tell them to open their eyes," said Gamas. "If you have no track, you'll end up lying six feet deep flat on your back."

Gamas is thankful to his drill instructors for helping him see the importance of leading by example.

"He struggled in the beginning," said Sgt. David J. Sutton, drill instructor, platoon 1155, Company C, about Gamas' first weeks as a recruit. "He made improvements as training progressed. Now he is one of the recruits we go to when we need a job done right the first time. He has a great desire to succeed in everything he does."

Though Gamas has overcome the challenges of recruit training, the lessons and experiences he shared with his fellow recruits will be forever imprinted in his mind.

"Bootcamp was tough, but very rewarding," said Gamas. "There is a lot of transformation going on here. The way we learn to work together is incredible. You start something together and you finish it together."

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Pvt. S. T. Staples  
Pvt. B. J. St. Clair  
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(left to right) PFCs Roger N. Kalkoven, Michael E. Weston and Jaren W. Hanks, all of Platoon 1157, Company C, wait in line to fire the Known Distance Course at Range 501 at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sgt. L. F. Langston/Chevron



Pvt. Luke B. Nelson, Platoon 1153, and fellow Company C recruits sit in the bleachers at Range 501 at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif., waiting to move on to the next portion of training. Sgt. L. F. Langston/Chevron



**Retired Capt. John James McGinty III**  
PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Capt. John James McGinty, III, who received the Medal of Honor for heroism during July 1966 in Vietnam, was born Jan. 21, 1940, in Boston. He completed grammar school in Louisville, Ky., in 1955, and attended high school in Louisville for a year and a half prior to enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Feb. 19, 1957. Discharged from the Marine Corps Reserve, he enlisted in the Regular Marine Corps March 3, 1958.

McGinty completed the Noncommissioned Officers Leadership School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., in May 1958. He was then ordered to Marine Barracks, U.S. Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska, until May 1959. While stationed in Alaska, he was promoted to corporal in September 1958.

Transferred to the 1st Marine Division in June 1959, he saw duty as a rifleman leader, and later, squad leader with Co. I, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines. Upon his return to the United States, he served as Guard/Company police sergeant, H&S Battalion, FMF, Atlantic, at Norfolk, Va., until March 1962.

From there, he was ordered to MCRD Parris Island and assigned duty as drill instructor, 2nd Recruit Training Bn. He was promoted to sergeant in August 1962.

McGinty was ordered to the West Coast for transfer to the Far East. Joining the 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam, in April 1966, he served successively as a platoon sergeant and platoon commander, Co. K, 3rd Bn., as S-2 officer and operation chief, H&S Co., 3rd Bn., and as operations chief with Headquarters Company, 4th Marines.

Later, President Johnson awarded McGinty the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam on July 18, 1966.

While serving as a platoon leader, McGinty's platoon, which was providing rear security to protect the withdrawal of the battalion from a position which had been under attack for three days, came under heavy small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire from an estimated enemy regiment. With each successive human wave which assaulted his thirty-two-man platoon during the four-hour battle, McGinty rallied his men to beat off the enemy. In one bitter assault, two of his squads became separated from the remainder of the platoon. With complete disregard for his safety, McGinty charged through intense automatic weapons and mortar fire to their position.

Finding twenty men wounded and the medical corpsmen killed, he quickly reloaded ammunition magazines and weapons for the wounded men and directed their fire upon the enemy.

Although he was painfully wounded as he moved to care for the disabled men, he continued to shout encouragement to his troops and to direct their fire so effectively that the attacking hordes were beaten off.

When the enemy tried to out flank his position, he killed five of them at point-blank range with his pistol. When they again seemed on the verge of overrunning the small force, he skillfully adjusted artillery and air strikes within fifty yards of his position. This destructive fire power routed the enemy, who left an estimated 500 bodies on the battlefield.

Upon his return to the United States in May 1967, he reported to the MCRD Parris Island. He served as a drill instructor until his promotion to second lieutenant Aug. 8, 1967. The following day, he assumed his assignment as a series officer, 1st Recruit Bn.

McGinty's medals and decorations include: the Medal of Honor, the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal with two bronze stars, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

**COMPANY CURIOSITIES** Here's how men from Charlie Company answered Chevron's random questions about their boot camp experiences:

**Q:** What was the hardest civilian habit to break?



**Pvt. Joseph E. Gibson**  
Marshall, Texas

**A:** Saying what is on my mind.

**Q:** What's your favorite sports team?



**PFC Antonio Gonzalez**  
Houston

**A:** The U.S.A. Soccer Team.

**Q:** Why did you join the Marine Corps?



**PFC Obaid J. Halim**  
Diamond Bar, Calif.

**A:** I am a first-generation American and I believe I should repay the country.

**Q:** What are you going to do when you get home?



**Pvt. Hugo Delaorivera**  
Wilmington, Ill.

**A:** Sleep, buy new clothes and see my girlfriend.

**Q:** What's the best competitive event?



**PFC Tyler M. Byers**  
Sun Prairie, Wis.

**A:** Pugil sticks. I'm Irish so I have a lot of anger and aggression to get out.

\* meritorious promotion



An Iraqi boy stands on the sidelines to watch a soccer game between Iraqi citizens and Marines from 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. The Marines visited Nukhayb April 6 to play soccer and distribute medical supplies and sports equipment donated by Spirit of America, a Los Angeles-based charity organization.



A Marine from Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division plays soccer with Iraqi residents. Nearly 150 Iraqis showed up to meet and spend time with the artillerymen.



Iraqis and Marines stood side by side April 6 in Nukhayb, Iraq.

## SPORTS SPECIAL

# Marines score with soccer match in Iraq

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CPL. PAULA M. FITZGERALD  
1st Marine Division

**M**arines from 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division spent a little time "kicking it" with citizens from Nukhayb, Iraq, April 6.

Nearly 50 artillerymen of Battery I played soccer until the sun went down, but winning the game wasn't the goal at the end of the day, according to 2nd Lt. Robert L. Nofsinger, the battalion civil affairs officer.

Battery I Marines operate from Camp Mudaysis, a one-hour drive from the city, located slightly north of the Saudi Arabian border.

During the visit, they also distributed 30 boxes of medical supplies and sporting goods donated by Spirit of America, a Los Angeles-based charity.

"Since the Marines are like the new kids on the block in Iraq, we wanted to get out there and meet the people," Nofsinger, of Overland Park, Kan., said. "A game of soccer just seemed like the best way to do that."

During the invasion of Iraq last year, Nukhayb was demolished and the 10,000 Iraqis living here had little hope of recuperating, explained Mayor Thamir Mayflal Hatham.

"After the war ended, many of our buildings were ransacked and looted," Hatham explained. "The people had to start from the zero level. We rebuilt our schools, hospitals, police stations and government offices."

The mayor said the people of his city had a great deal of support from other countries, including America.

"The coalition came here from the very start and showed us a lot of help and that they really did care about the Iraqis," Hatham said.

The Marines from 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines are looking to keep the friendly relationship with the people here strong.

"We want to make sure that the Iraqis know that we are not just a uniform," Nofsinger said. "We want them to know that Marines are not some strange, mythical creatures, but we are people who want to help them any way we can."



Cpl. Jan Pieter Vandenhof and an Iraqi boy take a break from the soccer action to joke around.

Cpl. Jan Pieter Vandenhof, trained Arabic linguist, said he was excited to get the chance to interact with the people here and looks forward to visiting again in the future.

"I took a basic Arabic language course before coming out here," Vandenhof, from Novato, Calif., said. "I had a great time being able to talk to the people because they were shocked when I was able to communicate with them."

Ali Tayish, a 19-year-old resident here, said the feeling was mutual.

"It's just fun getting to have the Americans here because it's all about building a friendship," Tayish explained. "We're all brothers. We'd play soccer with them everyday if we could."

Neither the Iraqis nor the Americans took the soccer game too seriously but both groups put forth quite an effort.

Tayish and Sanad Chellab, the captain of the Iraqi players, agreed that the Marines played a good game of soccer but still had room for improvement.

"The Americans did a good job," Chellab said. "But maybe they didn't play their best because they're not used to the rocky ground here. We'd be happy to give them some lessons."