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Cpl. Stanley Hayes, MCI, shows his "shadow" Christopher Wilson, 12, a 6th grader at Birney Elementry, how Registrar Division's computers work at the Institute during Career Shadowing Day, Nov. 20, 1986. Christopher was one of five students that participated in the event.

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THE COVERS

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The theme "year in review" brought upon a cover idea for this month, featuring all the 1986 "Pass in Review," fronts. Maybe some of the covers will bring back some memorable events during 1986. The "PIR" staff will bring to you even better fronts during 1987. That's our New Year's Resolution.



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LCpl. T Holmberg, grounds maintenance shows Charles Thomas, 11 and his "shadow," the art of rose pruning during the Career Shadowing day.

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PLASTIC MONEY

a good friend if used carefully

F by SSgt. Dan Bell
from the "Torii Teller"

For years, individuals lived with the philosophy that money was everything. In today's fast-paced society, having a good credit rating can be equally as important, especially for military personnel residing in a transient environment.

For many major purchases in life such as a house, vehicle or even a large household appliance, individuals often fill out a credit application and make payments for the item. Many banks and credit institutions make these purchases easier by issuing their members credit cards. This plastic money can

make buying easier and quicker.

Credit cards are issued with the understanding that the holder either has the money to pay the item off or has the ability (credit rating) to make payments under an established rate. Those who do not pay their charge immediately will incur interest charges in addition to the purchase price. This interest or finance charge varies depending on the financial institution. The difference can be substantial.

All states have laws regulating interest rates, however, the rates for the type of credit card issued are not standard. An individual holding a VISA card from a bank in Ohio

may pay an 18 percent interest charge, while a person from Washington may only be paying 14 percent for his VISA charge card. Additionally, some financial institutions also carry an annual usage fees in addition to monthly rates.

Buying items on credit is intended to make purchasing easier for the cardholder. Make it enjoyable, shop around, and remember the biggest problem cardholders have is overspending. Don't abuse the privilege and get yourself in trouble. The credit card should not be a temptation for exceeding a financial limit, but a convenience when you can afford it.

Is going
smokeless
really better?

by LtCmdr. Greg Bernard
from "The Flight Jacket"

Today's ads in magazines and on television portray smokeless tobacco as the new, healthy replacement for cigarettes. The ads may imply that chewing and dipping is something new that can't hurt you. But the ads don't show the long-term effects.

There's no health warning on smokeless tobacco containers, but just like cigarettes, it's tobacco and is habit-forming. The nicotine in tobacco gives you a lift and then lets you down. These up-and-down effects on the nervous system create a steady craving.

Continued use of smokeless tobacco also leads to unnatural tissue changes. Leathery white patches can appear from the

direct contact and irritation of tobacco juices. This tissue is referred to as leukoplakia and approximately five percent of the leukoplakia cases develop into oral cancer.

Tobacco use also decreases the sense of taste. So tobacco users often increase the amount of salt and sugar with their food. Increased use of salt and sugar means increased health risks.

The pay off for using smokeless tobacco includes: receding gums, increased tooth wear, more tooth decay, bad breath, stained teeth, high blood pressure, and disfiguring cancer. You have the ability to decide what is good for you. When your choice is made, how long will you live with your choice?

Commander's View



Col. D.J. Myers

The New Year is here and with it comes high expectations. Most of our new Marines are aboard and they look good. As in past years, the pace will be quickening very rapidly as the commitments start pouring in.

Our missions remain the same and they will remain top priority, however, we will continue to emphasize the quality of life for those assigned to the Barracks.

Special Services has several new machines in the gym and they expect to be getting a workout. The smokers and special nights in the messhall will be upcoming shortly.

I encourage you to take advantage of all the positive aspects of living within the City of Washington. There are more than ample things to do from theatre to sporting events to schools.

The last of our new Marines will arrive by Feb. 12. Your making them feel as part of the family is greatly appreciated.

Continue to charge!

Barracks Talk

WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION?



Stop trying to change the supply system.
Sgt. Jose Rivera,
Supply



To be a better Marine and be a better husband and father.
Pfc. Jerry Burns,
Guard



As NCO of Parade Reservations, to ensure that this years parades run smoothly.
Cpl. Debbie Quidera,
Adj



Another spectacular parade season is just around the corner and the 1987 season looks to be even better than last years.

Marching into 1987

AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE BARRACKS COMMANDER ON WHERE WE'VE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE, AND WHERE WE ARE HEADED.

The New Year is a time for reflection and life at the Barracks is no exception. The Commanding Officer of the "Oldest Post," had some insights worth sharing in a recent interview with the "Pass in Review" staff.

Pass in Review (PIR): How did the Barracks perform in 1986?

Col. Myers: I think all the units did exceptionally well. At Camp David they improved physical security, and have had virtually no disciplinary problems. MCI has been assuming several additional missions over the last year. One of the biggest things they've done is put out the "Battle Drill Guide" that the FMF thinks is absolutely fantastic. MSgt. Shultz is the driving force behind that. Overall, we've approached a 95 percent completion rate for MCI's, which is unheard of for a correspondence school.

PIR: What should Marines look towards improving in 1987?

Col. Myers: We need to pay a little closer attention to the parade. We have to go out there and play to win vice playing not to lose. A good example of what not to do was the Jets and the Browns in the playoffs. The Jets had the lead, but then they changed their style from playing to win and began playing not to lose. The lost because they changed their style in the middle of the game.

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The Specialty Nights in the Messhall were a great success in 1986 and will continue in 1987. Marines got the chance to taste a little culture from around the world, and even in some cases see it.

someone's cover is going to get knocked off. People always ask me, "What's going to happen to that Marine?" Nothing's going to happen to him. He's probably suffered enough by having 6,000 people see his cover get knocked off.

PIR: How did people outside the Barracks see us in 1986?

Col. Myers: The Barracks has so many missions. Unfortunately, individuals who have never been assigned to the Barracks assume that the only thing we do are parades and that when the parade season ends we more or less hibernate. They don't realize that we have the most effective and successful correspondence school in the world; we also have admin and logistics control of the United States Marine Band. There is the security mission for the President up at Camp David. In addition we take care of all the quarters here. We also spend a sizeable amount of time in the "field" to enhance the capabilities of our infantry Marines. We do all of the EST, PFT and rifle ranges as well. We remain busy throughout the entire year.

PIR: What were some of the highlights of 1986?

Col. Myers: The renovation of the Barracks was the most significant highlight of 1986. All of the Barracks' headquarters was dislocated to other than adequate facilities at the Navy

Yard. We operated from the Navy Yard for a whole year without a major glitch. The S-4 shop did a dynamite job supervising all of this, and we did it while accomplishing all of the preparations for the parade season, too. For 1987 we're continuing on with decorating the Barracks so it will be as much of a showcase on the inside as it is on the outside.



Time is limited in the field, but 8th and I Marines still work hard to keep up with the FMF peers.

PIR: What are the goals for physical improvements this year?

Col Myers: There are several significant goals. First is to replace general's walk; which is already underway. This year we will also put in a permanent barrier at the entrance to the underground parking. There will be a sentry's booth at the top of the ramp to control entrance. Moving the post armory from building eight to the UPL is another project for 1987. We will have a combined ceremonial/-tactical armory with a cleaning

area which should make things easier.

PIR: What should the individual Marine do to improve the Barracks this year?

Col Myers: We have about 1,100 Marines here and 400 people living in the BEQ. Marines should be conscious of their surroundings -- look upon all the equipment as "ours." It's up to us to take as good-a-care as possible of the facilities. The better we take care of it, the better chance we have of spending money on new equipment instead of repairing the old.

PIR: What kind of off-duty goals would you encourage Marines to set for 1987?

Col. Myers: For 18-19 months now we've been encouraging off-duty education. Last week I was talking to the Color Sergeant, Sgt. McMahon. There aren't many people at the Barracks as busy as the Color Guard, but he's finishing his bachelor's degree-- two nights a week. Saying, "There's no time," is a cop out. We have some of the best schools in the country available here. On top of that, the Marine Corps will pay 75 percent of your tuition.

There are also world class professional sporting teams in D.C., museums and some fine cultural events, too. With reduced price tickets from

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The greeters and seaters for the parade did an outstanding job in 1986. Field training will continue to be innovative. The 1987 annual TRASH-EX is slated to go this spring.



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special service or the USO, there's no reason not to take advantage of it. It's inexpensive, rewarding and can enhance your life here.

PIR: Are there some specific events coming up to look forward to?

Col. Myers: This month is the first specialty night of the New Year. On the 12th of February we're having a boxing smoker. The first parade of the season will be May first -- for our dependents.

This season's ceremonies include posting and relief of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. A new Commandant will also take command this year. We will hold a special parade at the United States Naval Academy and a special 4th of July ceremony at the Iwo Jima Monument. Finally, the Battle Color Detachment will perform with the Fort Henry Guard in Kingston, Ontario in August.

PIR: Do you see any break in the parking situation this year?

Col. Myers: It's the biggest problem at the Barracks. Right now we are negotiating with the city, CHAMPS and some of the neighbors to try and convert the

old basketball courts under the freeway into more parking. At the least, this will take two years to resolve. I don't see any improvement until then.

The best thing I can suggest to new Marines -- don't buy a car. The insurance costs in the city are outrageous, people drive like madmen, and there's enough mass transportation here that you don't need a car. Without a car you don't have to fight for a parking space either.

PIR: How does retention look?

Col. Myers: Last year we met 134 percent of our reenlistment goal. Marine Corps-wide, the goal was met by over 100 percent. Headquarters makes final approval of all reenlistments. With these kind of reenlistment rates you have to want to stay, you have to compete, and the Marine Corps has to say "yes."

PIR: What is the promotion situation in 1987?

Col. Myers: Promotions are according to MOS. I know some people are concerned about the QEP program. A six year enlistment saves the Marine Corps time, effort and money. There has to be some kind of incentive to encourage that man to enlist for six years, though. That's the purpose of the guaranteed promotions.

NCO school is a must for

these Marines so they can "be" NCO's instead of just wearing the rank. After talking to the sergeant major about this problem, we've decided to send every NCO that's available to NCO School.

PIR: What about field training this year?

Col. Myers: Field training should use initiative and innovation. Since time in the field is so limited, it's important to do as much work as possible in the classroom. Teach the principles of patrolling or squad tactics in the classroom first -- so we get the most out of the field.

We have to remember that the mission comes first. Our mission is ceremonies. We'll never have as much expertise as fleet units, but we'll do what we can without detracting from our mission.

PIR: What was, and is, our role in the community?

Col. Myers: We have a number of people involved in the community; from tutoring in some of the elementary schools to helping with the Young Marines program. During the past year we've donated a sizeable amount of money to the outside community through programs like the Combined Federal Campaign and the White Elephant Sale. Our annual TRASH-EX, coming up again in April, is another way we work to



The Barracks renovation was the most significant highlight of 1986 and a memorable one for all.

create a positive atmosphere in the community.

On a local level, I encourage Marines to be aware of our neighbors. It's like your own neighborhood -- some neighbors are great and others are a pain in the neck. Either way you don't go out of your way to antagonize them. You try to cooperate.

PIR: Any last comments?

Col. Myers: Performance is our goal -- constantly striving for perfection. This is not the "zero defects" concept that has been so misused. It's experimental, trying new things and ending up with a better performance.

If you want to soar like the eagles, you have to act like an eagle. We are eagles. That includes everyone; cooks, grounds maintenance, guard section -- not just the ceremonial companies. If you can't pay the dues of being an eagle, you'll always be down there with the sparrows. This extends to liberty as well. How we dress and conduct ourselves out there reflects on the Barracks and the Marine Corps. There are dues to be paid here-- the standards are high.

**CONTINUE TO MARCH
8TH AND "EYE"**



A Leader, A Friend

Raymo was my friend. I met him when I joined his platoon in Vietnam. He had been in the country for about nine months or so and seemed to have taken everyone under his wing. He was well liked and respected by everyone in the platoon. Later, I found out why.

Raymo was not like the other Marines in the platoon that had been there awhile. He would talk to us and try to help us adjust to the combat environment. The others just ridiculed, played jokes and tried to make our lives as miserable as possible. I guess they thought it was the way to treat people since they had been treated that way when they arrived. Newbies, like me, did not appreciate it. We were scared to death and wanted to know how to stay alive.

Raymo filled that need in us. He taught us how to clean

weapons in the field, how to walk quietly at night, how to identify signs of booby traps. In short, he taught us everything we needed to know to survive.

May 20, 1967, Raymo died. He went to a well with three other Marines to get water for his gun team and C.E. Jones hit a booby-trap. It killed him and blew Raymo's face off. There was no way we could save him. We watched him die, helplessly.

We all cried! From the platoon commander down to me. Everyone felt a great loss. We were angry at Jones for hitting the booby-trap, but he was dead as well. There was no one nor anything to take our anguish out on. We felt impotent.

We put the bodies on the medevac and regrouped, but we never forgot Raymo. He is still in those of use who served with him. What I learned from him was to teach before you punish and treat everyone superior or subordinate with dignity.

MAINTENANCE

Keeping The Walls Sound,
The Water Running,
and The Power On



LCpl. Shawn Kelley, carpenter shop, works to install a door jam. This project took a little rigging to complete.

Bstory and photos
by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

Beneath the shined brass and smartly buffed decks of 8th and I's administrative sections, resides a group of Marines and civilians responsible for making this historical "Oldest Post" run like a finely tuned engine and looking like a charm.

This section's performance is much different than that which 8th and I Marines are known for. Their uniforms aren't elegant. Nor, do their instruments have the same sparkling sound as that of the Drum and Bugle Corps'. Their season never ends and their performance of "fixing what needs to be fixed" is continuous.

"If we can't fix it, it ain't broke," is their motto. And rightly so, the men and women of 8th and I's Maintenance Section are always on the job, keeping these historical walls sound, the power on and the water running.

Maintenance, part of the S-4 shop, is made up of 20 Marines and 10 civilians. Each individual in the section is highly trained in a specific area of overall maintenance. There are seven different shops: plumbing, electric, refrigeration, carpentry, welding, paint and a boiler room. Each are vital to keeping the buildings on the grounds of 8th



SSgt. "Buzz" Watts, snakes out some of the pipes in the UPL.

and I running smoothly and looking good.

The section is not only responsible for the upkeep of the Barracks and the BEQ, but also the Commandants' home and the General's quarters. All this keeps the crew pretty busy.

On a normal workday for example, one could find the paint shop working in the band hall, plumbers cleaning the pipes in the upper parking level or the electrical shop fixing a light switch in the BEQ. This all sounds like it could be very unorganized, however, it's not. GySgt. Hector Rodriguez, NCOIC, and Ray Patterson, foreman, make weekly schedules directing each shop to projects that need to be taken care of.

Every once-in-awhile some work will be contracted out, but the majority of the work the Maintenance crew takes care of. "The only time we contract out is when we don't have the equipment, time, or personnel for the job," said Ray Patterson. "But, we can



Cpl. Aaron Vincelette, boiler tech, makes sure the boiler is up to snuff.

handle most of the jobs in-house. We have well trained and well rounded personnel that can handle almost anything."

Working with old historical buildings is a task in itself, attests Patterson. "Maintaining them is an ongoing project," he said. "And, with the large modern BEQ we're kept pretty busy as well."

To keep the workload down in the BEQ, Maintenance and the Companies devised a "self help" program through which each Company does its own small maintenance. "This has really cut some of the workload," said Patterson, "and the companies are doing a fine job of keeping their areas up. But," he added, "we still have the major maintenance jobs."

Along with their normal duties the section also participates in the Friday Evening Parades here. Their specialty is running the spotlights for the performance, but some are assigned to set up and take apart the magnetometers before and after the parade. The traditional bleacher set up, in April, and disassemble, in September, is also part of their parade function along with maintaining the speakers and

sound equipment for the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima War Memorial. And the section, of course, is responsible for making sure that everything maintenance wise is a "go" for the show.

Maintenance is not only a "work hour" responsibility. The section keeps a man on duty 24-hours-a-day. If emergencies arise, a knowledgeable technician is always around. Besides emergency maintenance, the duty keeps a check on the boilers, ensuring heat, hot water and air conditioning units keep running and the Marines who live and work here stay happy.

The Maintenance Section plays an important role in keeping morale high here. Their continued hard work to keep things "afloat" and their ability to make things "fancy," keeps a smile on the face of everyone they service.

Since 8th and I is the "Oldest Post" and the "showcase of the Marine Corps, it is essential that the buildings here stay in tip-top shape. This is a heavy responsibility, but the Maintenance Section always answers the call, making what needs to be made and fixing what needs to be fixed in professional fashion.

The Guard

"...to preserve order, protect property, and enforce regulations..."

*"Purpose of the Guard"
USMC Essential Subjects*

T story and photo
by Sgt. C.D. Chambers

The purpose of 8th and I's guard is no different than referenced in the EST book. However, the guard's mission and responsibility at the "Oldest Post" encompasses much more than a normal guard section," according to Capt. Ed Vallandingham guard officer.

"The guard here is highly visible. Our Marines make everyday decisions that could be life or death, depending on the situation. At most bases, many of these decisions would normally be made by a more experienced Marine of higher rank," said Vallandingham. "Our Marines have to be exceptionally sharp. Not only do they have to know their job to a tee, but they also have to project an image of confidence and courtesy and be ceremonially attuned as well." he added.

The guard provides security not only for the Barracks and it's personnel, but also the Commandant and the general officers and their families that reside here. And, the guard also provides Presidential security details, whenever requested. During Parade Season their task of overall security becomes even more of a challenge as they have responsibility for the security of the parade and its spectators.

"Our Marines are some of the finest," said Vallandingham. "They must meet rigid standards of performance and conduct while in recruit training and are competitively selected for the 'Yankee White Program," he continued. "This program involves an extensive background

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investigation which determines whether the Marine is qualified."

To keep the guard "top notch" a rigorous training routine is underway. They train extensively in such areas as: physical security, the handling of bomb threats, counter intelligence and protective operations. They receive classes from such agencies as the Naval Investigative Service, Metropolitan Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They are also extremely familiar with the shotgun and .45 calibre and 9mm pistols; all of which are widely used by guard sections. And, according to Vallandingham, there are future plans for more infantry and weapons training. And of course, they receive in-depth schooling in military police operations.

"They have to become very cautious," said Vallandingham. "They're always on the skyline whether they're here, at Camp David or the White House. The Guard must take extra precautions to make sure everything is safe, secure and running smoothly the way it should."

Sgt. Bryan Gard, assistant guard chief here, says a lot of what they do depends on the Marines common sense. "The Marines in guard have to be able

to think. Not everything that goes on here is covered by a written order or regulation and many times the Marines will have to use his own judgment," said Gard.

Probably one of the most difficult tasks the average guardsman faces is enforcing regulations. "It takes a special type of person to enforce regulations on his peers, subordinates and superiors," said Vallandingham. "That's why it's extremely important that these Marines know how to be tactful, but assertive at the same time."

Each Marine's schedule in the guard consists of one day on, one day training, and one day off. Usually, the Marine receives three days of liberty every other week, according to Vallandingham. The day-on-duty is shift work. The Marine will stand watch for six hours and then have six hours off before returning to his post. That six hours, however, is not always spent resting. The guardsman must make sure his uniform is immaculate and his knowledge is up to par. The section also keeps a five man "react team," standing by for any emergencies.

"The thing that sticks out in my mind the most about standing watch," said Gard, "is the dead time while on post...the monotony of it. It's especially rough over weekends, holidays and the midnight hours," he added. "Days-off stand out in my mind as well. No matter how much time you have to rest, it's difficult to get a full eight to nine hours



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of sleep," he added. "With the shift watch, it makes you wake up every four hours or so."

Vallandingham attests that one of the most important positions at the Barracks is the Sergeant of the Guard. "Life or death situations can be handled by the SOG," he said. "Success or disaster rests on his shoulders. The SOG has to be a knowledgeable and qualified Marine. He must be a good leader and have exceptional judgment."

"The SOG's are the Marines I work with the most," said Gard. "By the time they reach the rank of corporal and can fill that position, they just need a little guidance and polishing. It's very important that they know their job because they must be able to teach and work with the Marines on their watch."

The guard section is a part of Headquarters and Service Company. However, the section is sort-of a company in itself. Most of their training and overall discipline and administration is done within the guard

unit, because of their schedule.

"This even provides more responsibility for our NCOs," said Vallandingham. "Since we are almost the size of a company and we only have one Officer and one Staff NCO, the NCOs have to carry a lot of the responsibility. They assist in teaching and guiding the younger Marines," he continued. "Here we turn raw Marines, fresh out of Infantry Training School, into hard charging, confident protectors in a very short time," he added. "That takes strong leadership throughout the guard chain-of-command."

To train the Marines mentally, Sgt. Gard teams up with the Guard Chief SSgt. Claudio E. Brown, to build their confidence up first. "The Marines arriving out of recruit training and ITS, tend to be a little timid," said Gard. "The way to build their confidence is by making sure they are so up on

their knowledge they can't help but be confident."

"The toughest thing here is the quick turnover of Marines," said Gard. "There's so many varied responsibilities, it's really tough to teach them."

According to Gard, a three-year veteran of the Guard Section, in the past there has been a quick turnover of guard chiefs and officers. "This has really had an impact on us," he said. "Every time someone new comes in, it takes time to adjust," he continued. But, now is the best it's ever been. The Marines have really settled down and know what they're doing."

"The kind of Marine that is perfect for the guard section is someone who's a perfectionist," said Gard. "Someone who is willing to pay his dues as a private first class or a lance corporal and work his way up," continued Gard, "the kind of person that makes few mistakes. And, if he makes a mistake, he will never make that same mistake twice."

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T by Sgt. Joseph Steele
Special to the "PIR"

The Marine Band's New Year's resolution is to make the 1987 concert season more enjoyable for concert goers. With a few changes from past concert seasons, the Band will keep this resolution.

"Our goal is to continue the musical excellence that audiences of the Marine Band are accustomed to and then to be even better," said Col. John R. Bourgeois, director of "The President's Own."

The first change introduces a new spring concert program, the "Showcase Series." This series highlights several ensembles of the Marine Band, offering the public a variety of music from classical to jazz. Another change brings a new concept to the Marine Band National Concert tour. The tours are now scheduled by the Band's National Tour Director, at the Marine Barracks and sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps.

The first in a series of chamber recitals is being performed in one of the most prestigious recital halls in the nation -- Coolidge Auditorium at the Library of Congress. "This series is organized by members of the Marine Band on a voluntary basis allowing them to demonstrate their talents as individuals and ensembles," said GySgt. Vincent Patterson, a saxophonist and recital coordinator.

"Everyone who performs



“THE PRESIDENT”

Looking ahead to the New Year

presents something that is unique and not offered to the public other times of the year," Patterson said.

Featured are the classical works of Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and Brahms. Also presented during this series is the Marine Band Brass Quintet performing selections from "Porgy and Bess." Other ensembles will perform selections of American rhythm and blues including "Under the Boardwalk" by Arthur Resnick and Kenny Young and "You Send Me" by Sam Cooke. The concert will continue every Sunday at 3 p.m. through Feb. 22.

As spring approaches, the Marine Band will present its first concert of the "Showcase Series" in the Sousa Band Hall. It begins March 1 at 3 p.m. and continues every Sunday through May.

"It should be very appealing because the public will hear musical units of the Band that are seldom heard in a concert atmosphere, such as: the Dance Band; which plays exclusively at the White House, and the Dixieland Band; a favorite of the President and the Commandant of the Marine Corps," said Capt. John R. Zimmerman, operations



The U.S. Marine Band performs at the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds during its Sunday Evening Summer Concert Series (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

'S OWN'

officer for the Marine Band.

The spring "Showcase Series" will feature a different ensemble each week but will include traditional band concerts as well. This series' programs will include marches, classical works, show tunes, jazz and pop selections.

The Marine Band will once again play at Kennedy Center Concert Hall in Washington, and Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore. This year's Kennedy Center and Meyerhoff Concerts will salute the Pan American Games to be held in Indianapolis this summer.

The Kennedy Center concert is scheduled for March 31 at 8:30 p.m. and the Meyerhoff concert, April 1 at 8 p.m. Reservations are needed for both concerts. Tickets can be obtained for the Kennedy Center concert through the U.S. Marine Band office by calling 433-5809. Tickets for the Meyerhoff concert can be obtained at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall Box Office.

The Marine Band will continue its 186-year tradition of performing outdoor concerts with the Summer Concert Series in June, July and August. The first concert will be June 3. The concerts will be held every Sunday at 8 p.m. at Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds, and every Wednesday at 8 p.m. on the West Terrace of the U.S. Capitol Building.

The Summer Concert Series features traditional band music such as marches, overtures and Broadway show tunes presented in concert format.

The Marine Band also performs a concert as part of the Friday Evening Parades here. The

pre-parade concert begins at 8:20 p.m. The band performs as a marching unit during the parade.

The Marine Band wraps up the 1987 concert season "on the road" with the National Concert Tour. The tour begins Sept. 23 with a concert in Clarksburg, W.Va. It will be the first tour season under the National Tour Director, John G. Potochney.

"This will be the first time that the U.S. Marine Band will tour on an admission free basis to the general public," said Potochney.

The tour director's responsibility is to schedule the tour, eliminating the expenses of a tour agent, thus allowing the sponsors to host a Marine Band concert without cost to the public. This year's tour will include concerts in West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

The Marine Band is constantly working to enhance the concert season to make them more enjoyable for the public. The changes made this year will help them make their New Year's resolution come true.

