

The Evening Parade





The Marine Corps



... is pleased to have you join us at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., the oldest post of the Corps. The selection of the site for the Barracks was a matter of personal interest to President Thomas Jefferson. It was he who gave final approval after searching out the location with the then Marine Commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Burrows. The white brick house at the north end of the parade ground has been the residence of the Commandant of the Marine Corps since 1806. It is said to be the oldest public building in continuous use in the Nation's Capital.

The Barracks, arranged in a quadrangle as it was when originally designed, is used for offices, maintenance facilities and quarters for troops and officers. It has been the home of the United States Marine

Band, "the President's Own," since 1801. The legendary John Philip Sousa wrote many of his famous marches here while he was leader of the Band.

Marines stationed at the Barracks perform a wide variety of duties: they provide security details for the President and various dignitaries of state; operate the Corps' correspondence school, the Marine Corps Institute, located in the nearby Washington Navy Yard; appear in the Evening Parade and the War Memorial Sunset Parade, which is commended to your attention. You will find further details of this ceremony in an afternote.

Both the Barracks' site and the Commandant's House are registered with the United States Department of the Interior as a "National Historic Landmark."

The Barracks is not only historical, it has been the home of men who have made history. From this simple square of buildings have marched men—"a few good men"—whose successors fill the ranks of the Corps today. Men and women who stand ready to answer our nation's call, to meet the challenges all over the world and to once again etch indelibly our country's name in the honor roll of free nations.

The Evening Parade calls to mind the pride and sacrifice of these Americans—young Americans from every state of the Union—who serve as

United States Marines in peace and war, as their forebears have served for over two hundred years.

We trust this Evening Parade will be a memorable one for you.

INFORMATION Future seating reservations for the Evening Parade on Friday nights at 8:20 may be obtained by writing the Marine Barracks Adjutant, 8th and "I" Sts., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20390 or by calling (202) 433-4681. Shuttle buses commence at 6:30 p.m. from free parking facilities at the Navy Yard, 11th and "N" Sts., S.E., to 8th and "I."

RECRUITING INFORMATION To receive informative literature on Marine Corps opportunities, call 800-423-2600, toll free. In California, call 800-252-0241.

MUSEUM On nights that the Evening Parade is scheduled, the Marine Corps Museum is open to visitors from 6 to 11 p.m. The museum is in the Marine Corps Historical Center, Building 58, two blocks from the parking area in the Navy Yard. The museum also is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and noon to 5 p.m. on holidays and Sundays.

Guests wishing to utilize the Metrorail System should take the Blue Line to the Eastern Market terminal located at 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., which will place them within easy walking distance (approximately four blocks) to the Barracks. The trains run from 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to midnight.

RECOMMENDED The War Memorial Sunset Parade, conducted each Tuesday evening at 7:30 June through August, is a colorful ceremony featuring a concert-in-motion by the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and a precision drill by the Silent Drill Team. The site is the Marine War Memorial (the Iwo Jima flag-raising) located just north of Arlington National Cemetery. Starting at 6:30 p.m. there is a free shuttle bus service from parking facilities at the Arlington Visitors' Center with return after the ceremony. Seats are not reserved. Spacious lawns provide ample room for chairs and blankets for informal viewing.