



# 4th Marine Corps District Herald



1st Trimester FY 15

[www.facebook.com/4thMCD](http://www.facebook.com/4thMCD)

Issue No. 1

## 20 Years of devoted Marine Corps Service Comes to an End

By Cpl. Amber Williams  
MPA, RS Frederick

Frederick, Md. -- After 20 years of service in the Marine Corps, Gunnery Sgt. John D. Ward retired during a ceremony in Frederick, Maryland, Sept. 25.

“(Gunnery Sgt.) Ward is a mature, dedicated and compassionate leader who is grounded by a strong moral character, tempered with experience. He served this command with distinction, providing the Marines of his (Recruiting Sub-Station) with steady and dependable leadership over many years,” said Maj. Paul Bock, commanding officer of Recruiting Station Frederick. “He came home with his shield and fought for his unit till the very end.”

Ward, a native of Rome, New York, graduated from Wakefield High School in Arlington, Virginia, in 1993. He then joined the Marine Corps where he completed Engineer Equipment Mechanic School at Court House Bay, North Carolina, to become an Engineer Equipment Mechanic.

That same year, he was assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 in Beaufort, South Carolina, and in 1999 he was deployed to Norway in support of Battle Griffin 99. In June of 1999, he transferred to 3rd Transportation Support Battalion Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan, where he went to Gladstone, Australia, in support of Crocodile 99.

In May 2000, Ward was assigned to Headquarters & Service Battalion, Quantico, Virginia, where he became the Maintenance Floor Chief and Platoon Sergeant of the Guadalcanal Detachment.

In March 2003, he was assigned to Inspector/Instructor Staff, Bridge Company Bravo, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, where he served as the Heavy Equipment Chief and a Toys For Tots Coordinator. During this tour, he deployed to Al Kut, Iraq, in



U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. John D. Ward, left, receives his retirement flag from U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Paul Bock, Recruiting Station Frederick's commanding officer, during his retirement ceremony at RS Frederick in Frederick, Maryland, Sept. 25, 2014. Ward, a career recruiter, retired after 20 years of service. For his dedicated and selfless service to the command and the Corps, Ward was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal during the ceremony. (Photo by Capt. Herman Davis)

support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His next assignment in 2006 was with 1st Marine Logistic Group, Maintenance Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California, where he served as Engineer Floor Chief, Engineer Maintenance Chief and Platoon Sergeant. While with Maintenance Battalion, he deployed two more times to Iraq.

Ward attended the Basic Recruiting School in San Diego, California, in September of 2009 and was assigned to Recruiting Station Frederick where he served as a Canvassing Recruiter and finished his active duty tour as the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Recruiting Sub-Station Rockville.

For his outstanding contributions to the Marine Corps and recruiting, Ward was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. The medal was awarded for his distinguished service to the Marine Corps and more specifically putting 203 contracts through RS Frederick.

“For those of you who don't know, that is a whole company of infantry Marines,” said Bock when speaking to Ward's guests.

Ward was quick to thank his family for supporting him throughout his years as an active duty Marine.

“Thank you for being there through everything, through all the deployments and even when I was home but wasn't really there,” Ward said.

Retiring for a Marine can be an emotional experience, everything changes when you are no longer active duty, however Ward will always be a United States Marine.

Ward and his family will retire to Smithsburg, Maryland, where he will move on to the next chapter in his life.



## Michigan teen follows family passion in the Marines

By Sgt. Eysa Quesada  
MPA, RS Detroit

James W. Newton III, right, is following in the footsteps of his father, James Newton II, center, and his grandfather, Jack Hartel, left, by going through the Platoon Leader's Course to become a Marine. The PLC program is available to college freshman, sophomores and juniors attending any accredited four-year college. It is one of many ways to become a Marine Corps officer. (Photo illustration)

See Family pg. 3

# Commanding Officer's Remarks



John Bolt  
Colonel, USMC  
Commanding Officer  
4th Marine Corps District

Dear Marines, Families, and Friends of the 4th Marine Corps District,

I want to congratulate all of you on closing out a very successful Fiscal Year 2014. As a team, you've ensured the continued legacy of our Corps by prospecting for high quality, diverse men and women that represent the very best talent of our communities and schools across the 4th District. You've found those select few who have the heart, resiliency, and strength of mind, body, and spirit to earn the title of United States Marine. Most importantly, once they've committed to join our ranks, you've led and prepared them mentally and physically for the challenges of Recruit Training and Officer Candidates School.

As I've traveled across the AO and spoken with each Recruiting Station during all hands training, I've emphasized that our mission in the 4th District is about making Marines. That means that our desired end state is new Marines marching across the parade deck at Parris Island, and fully trained officer candidates that earn their commission as second lieutenants. Never lose sight of that goal – time is our most precious commodity on recruiting duty, and the game clock never stops running. Any minute at work spent not actively contributing to our endstate makes us less effective as a team, and detracts from the much needed quality time off needed to spend with families and recharge the batteries.

Thank you for what you continue to do for our Corps and for the young men and women whose lives you change on a daily basis. It is truly an honor for me to have the opportunity to serve with you in this critical mission.

Semper fidelis.

# Sergeant Major's Message

## Professionalism and Respect

Marines and families of 4th Marine Corps District,

Congratulations on a job well done this fiscal year in recruiting! We have raised the bar, and it comes as a direct result of your dedicated efforts. As we head into this next year, we will continue to see changes in the Marine Corps directly affecting how our team accomplishes the recruiting mission. I am confident that we will meet that challenge with professionalism and respect. The American people look upon Marines as true professionals – both in and out of uniform. It is because of our respect for the Corps and our respect for ourselves that this remains true.

Our uniform bears two names: U.S. Marines and our given name. As Marines, we will do anything to uphold the value of both. We represent the title of U.S. Marine by maintaining our Corps values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Those values were shown to us the first time we met our recruiters. It is our job to pass on those same values to our Poolees and to the communities that we live in.

The second name on the uniform carries an even higher meaning. It is our family name, the name we were born into, and the name which our actions pay respect to throughout our lives. I believe that as we continue our time in the Marine Corps, we should do all we can to keep both of the names in the highest regard and avoid shaming them in any way.

As Marines rotate on from this duty, I expect their professional and personal character to carry the 4th MCD standard to an even higher level of regard. I look forward to a great year for us and wish everyone a positive, productive year of recruiting.



Joseph Breze  
Sergeant Major, USMC  
4th Marine Corps District

# Marines select Dublin Scioto High School Quarterback for Semper Fi Bowl



By Sgt. Tyler Hlavac  
MPA, RS Charleston

Dublin, Ohio --  
A linebacker for the Dublin Scioto High School football team was officially recognized for his selection to the Marine Corps Semper Fidelis All American Bowl Oct 24.

Nick Conner was presented by the Marines with an SFAAB hat, jersey and shirt in recognition of his achievement in a ceremony following the first quarter during the Dublin Scioto vs Hilliard Bradley game.

Conner, a 6-foot-3, 230 pounder, is ranked the fifth-best inside linebacker prospect and No.8 overall player in Ohio by 247sports.com. He has been an honor roll student for all four years of high school and spends his spare time volunteering with the Special Olympics. He is currently committed to playing college football for Ohio State University.

"This really means a lot to me," said Conner. "The Semper Fi Bowl is a very All-American game, and most kids don't get to experience playing in something like this. I look forward to playing full contact with some of the best kids in the nation."

The Semper Fidelis Bowl is an annual

football game hosted by the Marine Corps that involves approximately 90 high school student athletes who are chosen based on their athletic and scholastic achievements as well as their own personal character. Based on geographic region, players represent East Coast and West Coast teams and will compete at the bowl, which will be held in Carson, California, Jan. 4, 2015.

Coach Karl Johnson, who is the head coach for the football team, said Conner is a good fit to play in the Semper Fidelis Bowl.

"He is one of the best players I have coached in my twenty-eight years of coaching," said Johnson. "He is a strong, fast, tough kid and a good competitor. He has managed to stay humble despite all the attention he has received, and he is willing to lay it all on the line each week for a chance to win."

Sergeant Nikolas Cimmarrusti, the local Marine Corps recruiter for the Dublin, Ohio, area, presented Conner his jersey. Cimmarrusti agreed that the young linebacker was a good pick for the bowl.

"Nick is extremely humble and is a strong leader that leads by example," said Cimmarrusti. "I firmly believe he will be a great addition to the Semper Fidelis Bowl."

Nick Conner, a Dublin Scioto High School linebacker, is presented with a jersey by U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Nikolas Cimmarrusti, a recruiter for the Dublin, Ohio, area, during a ceremony after the first quarter at the Dublin Scioto Football Stadium Oct. 24, 2014. Conner has been officially selected to play in the Marine Corps Semper Fidelis All American Bowl, which will be held Jan. 4, 2015 in Carson, California. (Photo by Sgt. Tyler Hlavac)

## Family from cover

Auburn Hills, MI -- "Being a Marine is all I've ever wanted to be." The words are said by the slim, 19-year-old boy proudly wearing a red Marine Corps shirt and a military haircut. He makes his statement while sitting at a high-top table in the middle of Oakland University's student center.

James William Newton III found his passion for the military and the Marine Corps at an early age. His father and grandfather both served as Marines in the Gulf War and Korean War, respectively.

"Jake has wanted to be a third generation Marine from about the age of six or seven," said James Newton II, his father. "I always told him, 'Anything worthwhile is worth working for.'"

Newton began his research at an early age in order to become a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps. His first attempt was an application to the U.S. Naval Academy; he made it to the last selection board, but was ultimately not selected.

"A rejection like this would probably deter most kids, but Jake was determined he was going to find a way," said Newton's dad.

Although this was April 2013, this was not his first rejection; Newton wanted to stay competitive and submitted a package into the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, hoping to earn a scholarship to the University of Michigan.

He was not selected by the NROTC board, and this became his first rejection in January 2013.

"I realized how competitive being a Marine Corps officer is, and that I'd have to step up who I am as a person and go above and beyond to meet the standards," said Newton.

As a senior, with more than a year of research under his belt and two rejections, Newton refused to give up.

"Not being selected gave me more motivation to remain competitive. I always met the standards, but now it was time to stand out," said Newton.

Newton, who is a now sophomore at Oakland University is studying criminal justice with a focus on homeland security, and is slated to graduate spring 2017.

"From previous research, I had known about the Marine Corps' Platoon Leaders Course, so I knew I could do college and the Marine Corps," said Newton. "I wanted to be involved with the Marine Corps as quickly as possible, that's why I chose PLC."

Platoon Leaders Course is just one path that can lead to commissioning as an officer in the Marine Corps. This program is available to college freshman, sophomores and juniors attending any accredited four-year college are eligible for this class, according to Marines.com.

After submitting two packages for PLC, Newton discovered he had been selected.

"Finding out I had been selected was the best feeling I've had in my life. My parents did everything possible that parents could do in order to help me get selected," said Newton. "My dad is very proud, and he's everything I want to be."

In total, Newton submitted a total of four packages which yielded 3 rejections.

"My ultimate goal to become a Marine Corps Officer, and my desire to become a Marine Corps Officer has never wavered," said Newton.

Newton has also started a Semper Fi Society at Oakland University to educate the University students about the Marine Corps and its opportunities. Its goal is to help prepare current and potential officer candidates physically and mentally for Officer Candidates Course or PLC while also teaching military customs and courtesies.

"I can't express enough, the pride his mother, father and the family have for him," said Newton's dad. "It's a dream and a goal he's set, and it's finally coming true."

Newton will attend PLC Juniors summer 2014.

# Around the District



Orchard Lake, Michigan - Marines with Recruiting Station Detroit and 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, presented various national and military colors during a 1939 commemoration at The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools Sept. 7, 2014. In honor of the 75th Anniversary of the outbreak of WWII in Poland, the Marines presented and retired the colors before and after mass, followed by a slow march to Katyń/Smolensk monument. (Courtesy photo by Marcin Chumiecki)



Louisville, KY - U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Scott E. Stephan, (right), is awarded the Meritorious Service Medal during the Recruiting Station Change of Command at the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs June 26, 2014. According to the award citation, during his tenure as commanding officer, Stephan led RS Louisville to be consistently one of the most successful recruiting stations for 4th Marine Corps District, contracting 1,971 future Marines from RS Louisville. (Photo by Cpl. Tyler Birky)



Frederick, MD - U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. John D. Ward, right, is awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Paul Bock, Recruiting Station Frederick's commanding officer, during his retirement ceremony in Frederick, Maryland, Sept. 25, 2014. He retired after 20 years of faithful service. The medal was awarded to Ward for his many years of service and dedication and more specifically for the 203 contracts signed on his watch as a Marine on recruiting duty. (Photo by Capt. Herman Davis/Released)



New Cumberland, PA - U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. Tommy Moye, a native of Quincy, Fla. and 1991 graduate of James A. Shanks High School, receives the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal Aug. 6, 2014. Moye served as a 4th Marine Corps District training team member at the Defense Distribution Center Susquehanna in New Cumberland, Pa. As a training team member, he was responsible for monitoring and inspecting Recruiting Stations and Recruiting Sub-Stations across the district to ensure that systematic recruiting is a constant practice. Moye executed Permanent Change of Station orders to RS Raleigh and will now become the RI for RS Raleigh to ensure the recruiters of RS Raleigh recruit and enlist the most eligible for the U.S. Marine Corps. (Photo by Cpl. Tyler Birky)



Morgantown, WV - U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Henry Ginn, a Grantville, Ga. native and the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Recruiting Sub-Station Morgantown, explains career opportunities during the 2014 Student Success Summit held at the Waterfront Plaza in Morgantown, W. Va., July 31, 2014. Educators were invited from all areas of the state. Ginn explained how military jobs will translate into the civilian job market. (Photo by Cpl. Amber Williams)



Salisbury, MD - U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Max G. Neighbors, a canvassing recruiter with Recruiting Station Baltimore, poses with Robert L. Thomas and his dress blues jacket at Recruiting Sub-Station Salisbury, Md., July 21, 2014. The recruiters at RSS Salisbury were able to help Thomas arrange the medals correctly on his dress blues jacket. Thomas, a 73-year-old native of Cambridge, Md., served in the Marine Corps from 1959-63. (Photo by Sgt Bryan J. Nygaard)

# Marines teach leadership at 100 Black Men event

By Sgt. Dwight Henderson  
MPA, RS Raleigh

Raleigh, NC -- U.S. Marines spent a day teaching leadership to young people at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina, Oct. 18.

The event was hosted by 100 Black Men of America, Inc., and the Marines came from nearby Marine Corps Recruiting Station Raleigh. 100 Black Men of America, Inc.'s mission is to improve the quality of life and enhance the educational and economic opportunities for African Americans, particularly young people, through mentorship.

"We're pleased to have the Marines here today," said Tony Jeffers, the president of the 100 Black Men of America Triangle East Chapter. "We have a long relationship with the Marines because they realize that the young people we develop today will be our future leaders."

Nearly 100 local high school and college students attended the event, looking to learn about college preparation and Marine Corps leadership. The students were broken into six groups, led by local Marine representatives, in order to discuss a Marine Corps leadership trait and principal. This was followed by a large group discussion with all attendees.

"What I learned was to know your capabilities and don't be afraid to stand out," said Jabari Sullivan, a Cary High School freshman and Cary, North Carolina, native. "I learned that you need to know what you can do in life and to pursue it."

100 Black Men of America, Inc., strives to be a beacon of leadership to their local communities through their youth mentoring programs, education opportunities, health and wellness programs, and economic empowerment programs.

The Marine Corps, similarly, looks to create young leaders and to return those leaders to their communities as productive members of society.

"I love the way the Marines talk about leadership," said Al Sullivan, the co-mentoring chair for the Triangle East Chapter. "It's all about how



U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Scott Riley, the executive officer of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Raleigh and Raleigh, North Carolina, native, leads a class on Marine Corps leadership traits during a 100 Black Men of America, Inc., event at North Carolina State University, Oct. 18, 2014. 100 local high school and college students, all mentees of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Triangle East Chapter, participated in discussions with local Marines about leadership traits and principals. (Photo by Sgt. Dwight A. Henderson)



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Malcolm Love, a recruiter with Marine Corps Recruiting Station Raleigh and Burlington, North Carolina, native, leads a class on Marine Corps leadership principals during a 100 Black Men of America, Inc., event at North Carolina State University, Oct. 18, 2014. 100 local high school and college students, all mentees of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Triangle East Chapter, participated in discussions with local Marines about leadership traits and principals. (Photo by Sgt. Dwight A. Henderson)

you lead yourself and how you lead your community. I thought that was perfect."

100 Black Men of America, Inc., currently has over 10,000 members who mentor more than 100,000

youth participants, ranging from elementary school to college, annually.

"I thought it was pretty cool," said Jabari. "The Marines taught me a bunch of cool values that I can use throughout my life." A5

# Chaplain's Corner



Jonathon Maloney  
Lieutenant, USN  
Chaplain  
4th Marine Corps District Chaplain

This is a great season in the life of a family. Fall Festivities, Marine Corps Ball, Thanksgiving, and Christmas activities fill our calendars. These events are meaningful in our lives. They allow us to celebrate our faith in meaningful ways and bring our families closer together.

Here are some tips to celebrate:

1. Celebrate on a budget- Events and gift buying can be expensive. Prepare a budget that will help you avoid going in debt.
2. Give the Gift of Service- One of the best gifts that you can give during this time of year is give back in service. There are plenty of local charities, food banks and soup kitchens that can use your volunteer service.
3. Get Through the Holiday Blues- The holidays is not always a happy time for everyone. If you find yourself having a hard time during the holidays, talk to someone, focus your attention to exercise and activities that will not lead to depression.
4. Pay Attention to Food Portions and Exercise- This time of year is an easy time to gain weight, with all of the good food around us. Pay attention to how much you are taking in and exercise to avoid gaining weight.
5. Avoid too much alcohol- Set your limit to how much you will drink at an event. Too much alcohol can add to depression, cause legal and family trouble. Be wise with how much you drink this time of year.
6. Don't neglect your faith- Remember what the upcoming season means in your personal Faith. This is a great time of year to reconnect to God through worship, prayer and personal devotion.

Have a great upcoming season, I hope you find yourself truly blessed.

# Around the Corps



Crow Valley, Tarlac, Philippines - Explosives detonate in order to clear obstacles at Crow Valley, the Philippines, during Amphibious Landing Exercise 15, Oct. 8. PHIBLEX is an annual, bilateral training exercise conducted by members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines alongside U.S. Marine and Navy forces focused on strengthening the partnership and relationships between the two nations across a range of military operations including disaster relief and complex expeditionary operations. The U.S. Marines who set the charges are with Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joseph DiGirolamo)



Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. - A CH-53E Super Stallion lowers a M777 Howitzer and its ammunition onto a landing zone aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., as part of a reactionary combat training exercise Sept. 30, 2014. The purpose of the exercise was to build cohesion between the aircraft crew and the Marines on the ground handling the equipment. (Photo by Lance Cpl. Olivia C. McDonald)

# District Statistics for FY 14

## Top Recruiting Stations

RS	Points	Rank
Raliegh	1960.5	1
Cleveland	1989	2
Frederick	2076.5	3
Detroit	2128.5	4
Baltimore	2136.5	5
Louisville	2272	6
Richmond	2276	7
Charleston	2499	8

## Top Officer Selection Officers

OSO	OST	Points	Place
Capt. Harwood	Roanoke	1629	1
Capt. Negron	Kent	1206	2
Capt. Humiston	Newark	1192	3
Capt. Ashworth	Richmond	1152	4
Capt. Murillo	Columbus 1	1049	5
Capt. Idibo	Hyattsville	1003	6
Capt Riley	Raleigh-east	1002	7
Capt. Ellison	Raleigh-west	949	8
Capt Merry	Fairfax	908	9
Capt. Pagragan	Lexington	769	10
Capt. Gervasio	Columbus 2	713	11
Capt. Urban	Cincinnati	664	12
Capt. Harmon	Ann Arbor	612	13

## MCRD Discharges for FY 14

Recruiting Station	Discharge Rate	Place
Frederick	5.90%	1
Raleigh	6.89%	2
Louisville	8.38%	3
Cleveland	9.57%	4
Baltimore	9.70%	5
Richmond	9.86%	6
Charleston	10.06%	7
Detroit	10.88%	8

### RS Awards

September: RS Detroit  
 Trimester: RS Detroit

### Ops Section Awards

September: RS Detroit  
 Trimester: RS Detroit

### Annual Awards

RS of the Year: RS Baltimore  
 SNCOIC of the Year: SSgt Olson, RS Frederick  
 Recruiter of the Year: Sgt Simpson, RS Richmond  
 OSO of the Year: Capt Harwood, OST Roanoke  
 Rookie OSO of the Year: Capt Ashworth, OST Richmond  
 HRA of the Year: Mr. Philips, OST Lexington  
 Support Marine of the Year: Sgt Nicholson, RS Louisville  
 Civilian of the Year: Mr. Glibbery, RS Charleston  
 Operations Chief of the Year: GySgt Kolniak, RS Detroit  
 Recruiter Instructor of the Year: MSgt Rivas, RS Frederick  
 MEPS Liaison of the Year: GySgt Combs, RS Cleveland  
 Career Recruiter of the Year: MSgt Cours

#### **Guidelines for Submission**

If you have a comment, have written a story or have a story idea that you would like to see in the newsletter, the 4MCD staff would like to here from you. Contact the editor at:  
 Public Affairs Office, 4MCD  
 54 M Avenue, Suite 9  
 New Cumberland, PA 17070-5012  
 (717)-770-8126  
 nicholas.ranum@marines.usmc.mil

This newsletter is an authorized publication for members of the Military Services. Contents of the newsletter are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Navy. The editorial conten of the newsletter is prepared, edited, and provided by the Public Affairs Office, 4MCD, in accordance with regulations contained in SECNAVINST 5720.44.

Commanding Officer:  
 Col. John Bolt  
 Executive Officer:  
 Lt. Col. Donald Moor  
 Sergeant Major:  
 Sgt. Maj. Joseph Breze  
 Newsletter Staff  
 Public Affairs Officer:  
 Capt. David O. David

Public Affairs Chief:  
 GySgt. Andrew Miller  
 Editor:  
 Cpl. Nicholas Ranum  
 Correspondent:  
 Cpl. Kyle Welshans  
 Photographer:  
 Cpl. Tyler Birky