

The 2d Marine Division Band

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"Blessed is the season which engages the
whole world in a conspiracy of love."

- Hamilton Wright Mabie

In the month of December, the 2d Marine Division Band proudly presented their 2013 Holiday Concert at the Base Theater aboard Camp Lejeune. The concert was a success for all participating ensembles. The Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Party Band, and Trombone Quartet all came together to put on a stunning display of Marine Corps musicianship. We would like to send our sincere gratitude to everyone who came out to support The 2d Marine Division Band this year!



Reenlistment

This month, SSgt Dwyer (Enlisted Conductor) was accepted for reenlistment in the United States Marine Corps. Congratulations, SSgt!



SSgt Dwyer with his Certificate of Reenlistment



SSgt Dwyer shares a few words of wisdom to the members of The 2d Marine Division Band.

Promotion

The 2d Marine Division Band was proud to promote Cpl Pouncey (Clarinet). Congratulations Cpl Pouncey!



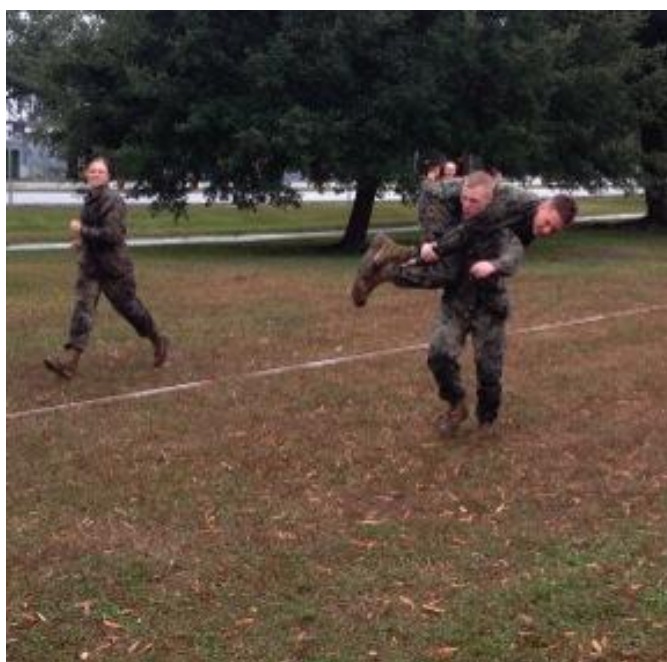
The 2d Marine Division Band proudly plays "The Marine's Hymn" in honor of Cpl Pouncey's promotion.



Sgt Belanger and Cpl McClallen pin the rank of Corporal on Cpl Pouncey's collar.

Combat Fitness Test (CFT)

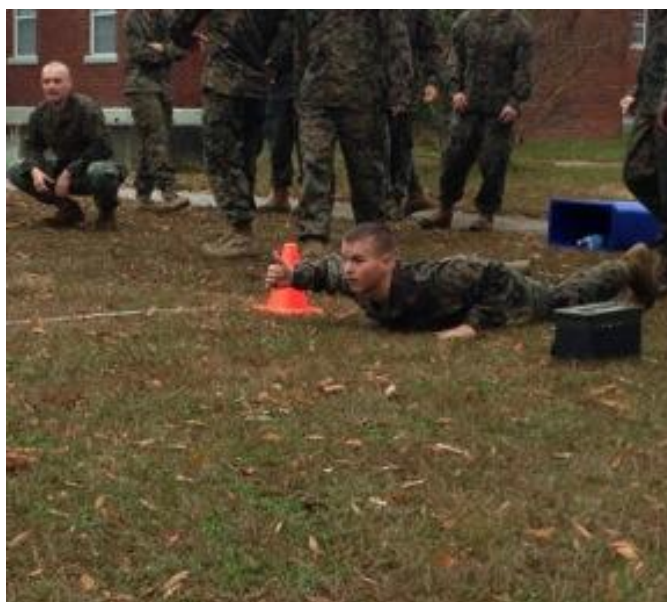
The CFT is intended to keep Marines up to speed with the physical rigors of contemporary combative operations. Individual combat readiness is measured through a challenging three-part course. Part one: Marines begin the test in battle dress uniform and sprint as fast as possible over a timed 880 yards. Part two: Marines will lift a 30 pound ammunition-can, repeatedly for two minutes. Part three: Marines will perform a maneuver-under-fire event, which is a timed 300-yard course where Marines are paired up by weight to perform a series of combat-related tasks. This year, the 2d Marine Division Band performed exceptionally well on the CFT, receiving 38 first-class scores, and 8 perfect scores!



Top Left: Sgt Ward providing motivation; Cpl Laderer hauling Cpl Clapper during his "maneuver-under-fire".

Bottom Left: LCpl Detzler gives the thumbs up to the timekeeper to show he's ready to start.

Bottom Right: CWO2 Davis running during the maneuver-under-fire event.



Featured Marine

Cpl Edward Frost (Tuba)

2dMDB: Where were you born, raised; attended high school, college?

Cpl Frost: I was born in Royal Oak, MI, and raised in Walled Lake, MI. I attended Walled Lake Central High School, Class of 2010. I attended one year of college at Oakland Community College.

2dMDB: Why did you decide to join the United States Marine Corps to be a musician?

Cpl Frost: Originally, I wanted to join the Marine Corps for a combat arms occupation; however, my recruiter found out that I played a musical instrument and highly encouraged me to audition, and here I am!

2dMDB: Why do you believe music is important to the United States Marine Corps?

Cpl Frost: I believe that musicians are the keepers of the traditions of the past. Without the band in ceremonies, a ceremony would miss out on an important traditional element.

2dMDB: What has been the most memorable performance in your career? Why?

Cpl Frost: My most memorable performance would definitely be my first Marine Corps Birthday Ball because my very first USMC Birthday was in boot camp where I encountered a very respectful perspective.

2dMDB: What are the goals you have set for yourself as a Marine and musician?

Cpl Frost: As a musician, I strive to play the tuba as efficiently as possible so that I may be able to be used in more diverse musical commitments. As a Marine, I strive to be a motivated leader and always push forward no matter what happens!

2dMDB: What inspires you to play music?

Cpl Frost: My inspiration to play music comes from the memories I have gained and the experiences I hope to have in the future.

2dMDB: Who is your idol, or someone you look up to? Why?

Cpl Frost: I have two idols: my parents. They both work very hard to provide for each other and my brothers. Growing up, I saw them work extremely vigilantly to ensure our family was raised properly (and we were never spoiled).

2dMDB: Where do you see yourself in 20 years?

Cpl Frost: I hope to be working in law enforcement and raising a family with my beautiful wife.

2dMDB: Do you have any advice for your fellow Marines?

Cpl Frost: Keep on keeping on; life is tough but it always gets better. Stay motivated and change your socks!



Featured Fan

1st Lt B. Barker Squire (HQ &S BN)



2dMDB: State your full name, rank, age, unit/section/billet.

1st Lt Squire: B. Barker Squire, 1stLt, 25yrs old, 1st Battalion, 2d Marines, H&S Company Commander

2dMDB: Where were you born, raised? Attended high school, college?

1st Lt Squire: I was born in Richmond, VA and raised in Emporia, VA. I attended Brunswick Academy High School in Lawrenceville, VA and received my BA in History from the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA.

2dMDB: When did you decide to join the military? Why?

1st Lt Squire: I decided to join the military at a very early age. When I was young, I was that kid running around the neighborhood wearing camouflage and carrying around a BB gun. On a deeper level I joined because I always wanted to be a part of something greater than myself and to serve. My freshmen year in college, I decided that the Marine Corps was the only branch of service for me.

2dMDB: In your opinion, what is the difference between a ceremony with the Marine Corps Band and a ceremony with a recording?

1st Lt Squire: The music is created right in front of you. I've never heard of anyone attending a concert for Kenny Chesney and just listening to his recorded music blare on the speakers. Real music makes your hair stand on end; it's real-time art, and the culmination of thousands of hours of effort in one single moment in time.

2dMDB: What is your most memorable affiliation with a Marine Corps Band?

1st Lt Squire: My most memorable time with the band would have to be the 2d Marine Division Change of Command Ceremony in the fall of 2012. I sang Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" just prior to the ceremony in front of several thousand people and the band sounded awesome as well.

2dMDB: Who is your idol, or someone you look up to? Why?

1st Lt Squire: One of my idols is my grandfather Dr. Peter Squire. He served in WWII as an Ensign and continued to work full time as a family practice doctor until this past summer. He is 87 years old.

2dMDB: Where do you see yourself in 20 years?

1st Lt Squire: I see myself as the owner and CEO of a successful business.

2dMDB: Do you have any advice for Marines?

1st Lt Squire: Discipline in the little things creates a mindset that saves lives in combat. Enforce the standard.

Fair Winds and Following Seas!



Staff Sergeant Matthew Phagan (Euphonium)

Platoon Sergeant



Sergeant Jessica Stegeman (Trumpet)

Admin NCOIC



Corporal Daniel Vejar (Trumpet)

Supply Clerk

This Month in History

“Holiday Caroling, Holiday Cheer”

-Cpl Matthew Ramirez, Historian, 2d Marine Division Band

On Christmas of 1986, Captain W.M. Clemons, Officer in Charge of the 2d Marine Division Band, led both members of the band and staff personnel at General Murphy’s House aboard Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

During this time in history, members of the 2d Marine Division Band would travel to Paradise Point where many of the east coast officers lived in on-base housing. These Marines would sing carols for the men and women in uniform, their families, and eventually made their way to the Generals’ housing area to round out the festivities.



Recent Performances

Holiday Parade

Boys and Girls of all ages, along with their families, packed the sidewalks of Western Blvd. They gathered around as the 2d Marine Division Band marched with motivated holiday spirit from Coastal Carolina Community College, down to Brynn Marr shopping center. Leading the parade was the Band Officer, CWO2 Davis, and Drum Major, Staff

Sergeant Austin Hunt. The Marines played *You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch*, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, and *The Marines Hymn*! Thank you to everyone that came out to support The 2d Marine Division Band!



Pictured above is the 2d Marine Division Band led by Band Officer CWO2 Jack Davis and Drum Major SSgt Austin Hunt.

Veteran's Day Parade

Thousands of spectators and veterans all came out today to celebrate Veteran's Day in downtown Jacksonville, North Carolina. The parade began with the Mayor of Jacksonville, Alvin Brown, followed closely by The 2d Marine Division Band, led by Drum Major Staff Sergeant Rico Selbo. The parade featured more than 4,000 participants including Mr. Harold Davis - Jacksonville's oldest veteran and Grand Marshal John Connelly. The 2d Marine Division Band would like to thank all veterans for their honorable service and dedication to our great nation!

Recent Performances

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Macy's Day Parade

In November, 5 Marines of the 2d Marine Division Band, along with Marines of the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing Band, and the Quantico Marine Band joined forces to create the East Coast Marine Corps Composite Band which marched in the annual Macy's Day Parade in New York City. The Marines that were chosen from the 2d Marine Division Band were: SSgt Dwyer, SSgt Talbot, Cpl Carrion, Cpl Cvach and Cpl Harper. Well done, Marines!



Pictured above is the East Coast Marine Corps Composite Band led by Drum Major SSgt Mark Bender during the 2013 Macy's Day Parade.



Cpl Cvach and Cpl Harper marching with the Sousaphone Section



Cpl Carrion marching with the Clarinet Section

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