

NEWS

146 selected for Colonel

The annual board to select new colonels has completed its session and named 146 lieutenant colonels for advancement. See list on page 60.

Of the 146 selections, 134 came from the promotion zone, five from above the zone, and seven from below the zone. The board was authorized one additional selection from the number announced when it went into session. Another adjustment made Robert D. Boles, number 608 on the 1 Jan 1973 Combined Lineal List, the junior lieutenant colonel in the promotion zone.

Vice President visits HQMC

Vice President Gerald R. Ford visited HQMC recently, had breakfast with the Commandant and other Marine officials, was briefed on Corps affairs, and then spoke informally before a gathering of headquarters personnel. The visit was part of the Vice President's orientation tour of executive agencies.

In his brief remarks before Marines and the Corps' civilian employees, Vice President Ford spoke warmly of his esteem for the Marine Corps and his personal knowledge of Marines. He recalled his own World War II experiences in the Navy and his 17 years on various Armed Forces committees during which he had come to know many Marines.

He stated it was a well acknowledged fact that the Marine Corps enjoys the high esteem and respect of the American people. Marines have earned this reputation, he said, by accomplishing the job they are assigned and doing it well, all in the highest interests of the nation.

The Vice President stressed the need for a strong American military backed by civilian support as a deterrent to war, but with the ability to successfully prosecute war should it occur.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT



Today's young American has a value system which is different in many respects from that which prevailed only ten years ago.

Some have therefore suggested that traditional value systems within the Armed Forces be overhauled, to bring them more into line with the popular norm. They argue that unless standards of discipline, appearance, devotion to duty, and professionalism are relaxed, insufficient numbers of young men and women will seek military service.

History has demonstrated the fallacy of this argument—time and time again. The records of defeated armies down through the centuries tell us that relaxed standards are unacceptable in a profession where being second best equates to defeat and death.

Since the need to fulfill our historical role as the nation's ready force of combined arms is as great as ever, Marines cannot afford to relax. High standards will continue to be the hallmark of Marines . . . and something for others to shoot at.

We will set our own standards. We will not rely on others, outside the military profession, to do it for us.

This is not a call for rigidity. New problems will continue to demand new flexibility in reaching new solutions. But where standards are concerned, Marines will continue to lead . . . not follow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Cushman, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive.

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