



Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Alford L. McMichael talked "Corps" to Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps members from Virginia's King George High School during the Modern Day Marine Military Exposition last September at Quantico, Va.

Modern Day Marine Military Expo Honors Leathernecks and Corpsman

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Eight enlisted Marines and a Navy corpsman were honored during an awards parade, Sept. 22, 1999, at the 19th Annual Modern Day Marine Military Exposition, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.

Sponsored by the 48,000-member Marine Corps League, the awards were presented for superior service to the Corps in various areas. On hand to present the sculptured replicas of the flag raising on Iwo Jima were former Commandant of the Marine Corps, retired General Alfred M. Gray Jr., and the current Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Alford L. McMichael.

Companies from Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., including the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, put on a late-morning performance for the award recipients and guests.

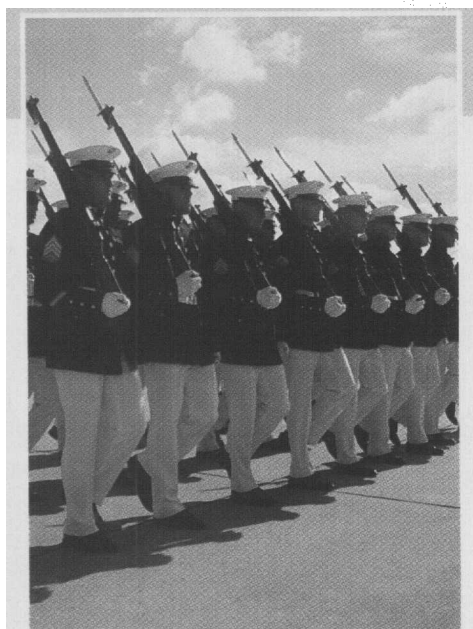
The awards were presented as follows:

The Sergeant Major Wilbur Bestwick Award, presented to an enlisted Marine in a ground combat element, went to Staff Sergeant Antonio E. Scimemi, who served as Assistant Operations Chief, Third Marine Division, Camp Courtney, Okinawa.

The Sergeant Major Frederick B. Douglass Award, presented to an enlisted Marine in an aviation element of the operating forces, went to Gunnery Sergeant Michael T. Winstead, while

The Corps' color guard led Marines of MB, Washington, D.C., to the honors ceremony at Quantico for eight Marines and a Navy corpsman recognized by the Marine Corps League for superior service.





Leathernecks of MB, Washington, D.C., marched at the Marine Military Expo.

serving with Maintenance Materiel Control Division, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232, Marine Aircraft Group 11, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.

The Sergeant Harry D. Myers Award, presented to an enlisted Marine serving in a combat service support element of the operating forces, went to Sgt Ryan Benavides, while with Motor Transport/Engineering Equipment Maintenance Plt, Maintenance Company, Combat Service Support Group 3, Third Force Service Support Group, MCB Hawaii.

The Chief Hospital Corpsman George William "Doc" Piercy Award, presented to a U.S. Navy corpsman or dental technician serving with the operating forces, went to Hospitalman Second Class James

M. Bivins, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Gunnery Sergeant Carlos N. Hathcock II Award, presented to an enlisted Marine who has made an outstanding contribution to marksmanship and marksmanship training, went to SSgt Steven M. Nelson, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, who served as the staff non-commissioned officer in charge of the Shooting Team, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range Area, Camp Pendleton.

The Marine Corps Drill Instructor of the Year Award went to SSgt Robert E. Wiese, Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor, Company H, 2d Recruit Training Bn, MCRD, San Diego.

The Sergeant Major Bertha Peters

The entire parade of officers, Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps and companies from MB, Washington, including the Silent Drill Platoon, paraded before enlisted Marines honored at the Military Expo.



Modern Day Marine Awards



SSgt Antonio E. Scimemi
SgtMaj Wilbur Bestwick Award



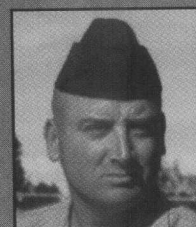
GySgt Michael T. Winstead
SgtMaj Frederick B. Douglass Award



Sgt Ryan Benavides
Sgt Harry D. Myers Award



HM2 James M. Bivins
HMC George "Doc" Piercy Award



SSgt Steven M. Nelson
GySgt Carlos N. Hatchcock II Award



SSgt Robert E. Wiese
Drill Instructor of the Year



MSgt Christine A. Rosario
SgtMaj Bertha Peters Award



SSgt Keith B. Goins
Reservist of the Year



GySgt Shawn L. Young
Recruiter of the Year

Award, presented to a woman Marine, went to Master Sergeant Christine A. Rosario, Logistics Chief, CSSG-3, 3d FSSG, MCB Hawaii.

The Marine Corps Reservist of the Year Award went to SSgt Keith B. Goins, Enhanced Equipment Allowance Pool, Exercise Support Division, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The United States Marine Corps Recruiter of the Year Award went to GySgt Shawn L. Young, Recruiting Station, Little Rock, Ark., 8th Marine Corps District.

Also honored in a banquet later that day were former Marine, Senator Charles S. Robb of Virginia, who was presented the 1999 Iron Mike Award for service to

the nation and the Marine Corps in particular, and Mrs. Stephanie Bates, who was presented the 1999 Dickey Chapelle Award for her volunteer service in support of quality-of-life programs for Marines and their families.

The three-day exposition has become the world's largest display of weapons, equipment and systems employed for expeditionary force operations. The event showcases not only the latest in technologically advanced items currently used by the Marines in the conduct of their missions but also models, prototypes and video displays of weapons, equipment and systems that may be fielded in the future.

