

Marines TAILEND CHARLIE

Marine Barracks 8th & I, **Washington**



A During a post and relief ceremony held here June 26, Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada salutes Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael W. Hagee. The commandant then presented Estrada with the sword of office, appointing him the 15th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael, in the background, is the outgoing sergeant major.

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Marines INCOMING

In upcoming issues of *Marines*:

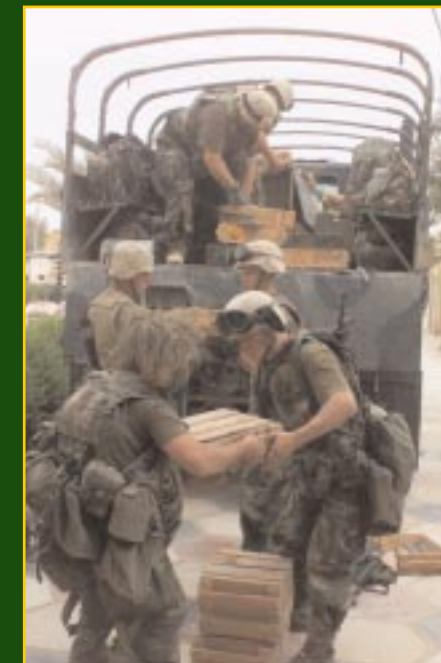
> **Firepower from the Sea**

This advanced warfighting system moves three times faster and carries greater firepower than the Corps' legacy amphibian vehicle. The Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle gets Marine warriors from the sea with greater flexibility and a superior tactical advantage. This vehicle is a keystone asset in support of the Corps' vision of warfighting in the 21st century.



> **Corps' Land-Based Beast**

The 14-ton Light Armored Vehicle is capable of doing speeds of 65 miles per hour on off-road terrain. It gets there fast, and packs the firepower. The vehicle has a 25 mm main gun with a maximum effective range of 2,000 meters using High Explosive or Armor Piercing rounds. If that does not suffice, the wedge-shaped LAV also comes equipped with a 240G machine gun and 81 mm mortar rounds.



Special Edition

Marines work hard to ensure America's call to arms is answered, and any threats against Americans are eradicated. Since September 11, 2001, Marines have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and many Americans will agree that they have served their country proudly. In the next special edition, *Marines* will take a look at what some of these Marines do when they're not hard at work. Watch for the Summer 2003 special edition of *Marines*, in which we take a closer look at Marines who work hard and play hard.

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