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A new little Marine stands tall at MMC

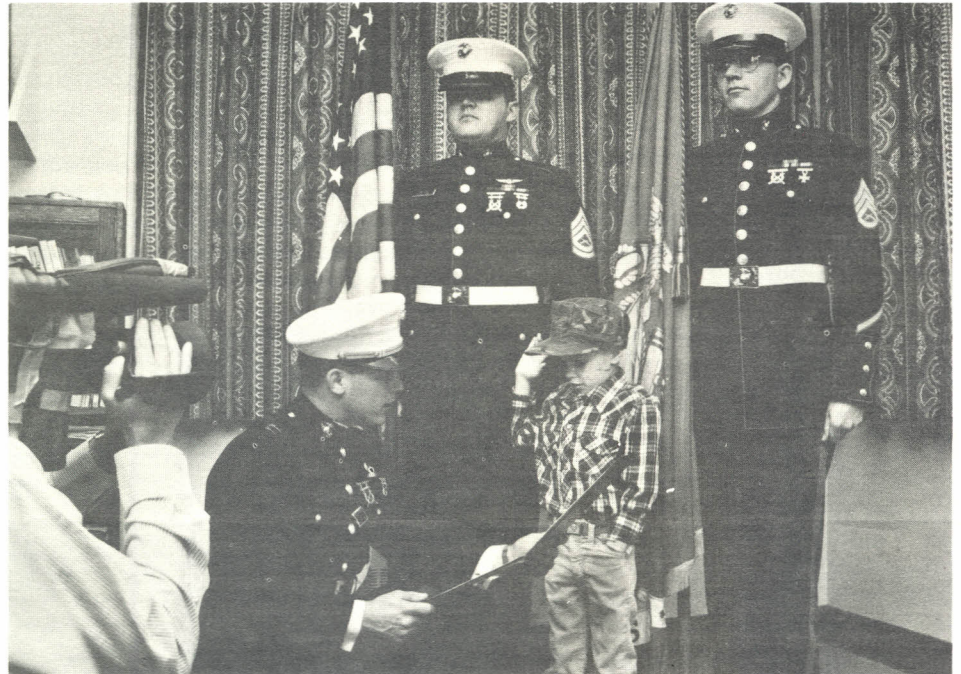
Jeffrey Lizotte stands only waist-high to his comrades-in-arms, but his pride and courage are the equal of any. Jeff, a six-year-old leukemia patient, was enlisted in the United States Marine Corps March 25, in a ceremony on the Pediatric Unit at Maine Medical Center. Everything was done in true military style, and a color guard stood behind Jeff as he took his oath.

Jeff's path to honorary enlistment started with an offhand remark overheard by his grandfather, Bill Audet. Jeff's chemotherapy had caused some loss of hair, and he wasn't sure he liked the close crew cut that resulted. He said he wished he had a hat to cover his bald head -- one "just like the Marines wear." Audet, a former Marine and already Jeff's sponsor in the Sons of the American Legion, went straight to the local recruiting station with an idea.

Once they had heard Audet's ideas, the enthused Marines swung into action with true military efficiency. Permissions were obtained, the dress cap and other items procured, the color guard formed, and arrangements with MMC and the press made in short order. Once early word of the plans got out, the recruiters were besieged with phone calls from active and former Marines all over, wanting to help, donate, or just add their blessings.

So it was that on March 25 Jeffrey became a Marine, with his grandfather, his mother, father, and older brother, a half-dozen or more Marines and Army representatives, two television crews, three photographers, and a small crowd of well-wishers looking on. The oath was the same one taken by every new Marine recruit -- the same taken by his grandfather years before and by all the Marines who have served in the Corps.

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SIX-YEAR-OLD JEFFREY LIZOTTE takes the oath of enlistment in the United States Marine Corps. Administering the oath is Captain Eugene Brown, and serving as color guard are Gunnery Sergeant Larry Cote, left, and Staff Sergeant Brent Crosier. (A/V Photo)

Labs Open House for all MMC employees

Clinical laboratory professionals, more than 250,000 individuals in this country who provide vital health services to the public, will be recognized during National Medical Laboratory Week, April 11 through 17.

There are 220 individuals in the MMC's Department of Pathology and Clinical Medicine, and they have decided to share the week with other hospital employees. They've invited us all to Open House in the Conley Laboratory, April 13 and 14. The hours both days are 9 AM to 1 PM and 2 to 4:30 PM, with displays and refreshments; there will be guided tours on the hour. A display area in the laboratory conference room will be filled with booths illustrating the workings of each

section of the lab.

"The Laboratory Professional -- Contributing to Quality Health Care," is the National week's theme, emphasizing the clinical laboratory practitioner's role in the health care delivery system. The campaign is sponsored by several national medical technology organizations.

Professional clinical laboratory personnel include medical technologists, specialists, laboratory technicians, clinical chemists, microbiologists, and pathologists. They are educated and experienced individuals who conduct a wide range of laboratory tests essential to the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. They are employed in hospitals, independent laboratories, clinics, research centers,

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Philanthropy award to Dr. and Mrs. Drake

Nancy P. Drake and Emerson H. Drake, M.D., have received the New England Association for Hospital Development's Award for Distinguished Service to Philanthropy. The award, presented at NEAHD's annual Fall Conference last week in Boston, reads in part:

"Together and individually, Dr. and Mrs. Drake have long been models of volunteer service and generous commitment to a wide variety of philanthropic and charitable institutions in their community and elsewhere . . .

"Dedicated, concerned for the welfare of others, and generous in their giving and getting, Nancy and Emerson Drake personify the best in community leadership. Today we thank them for their quiet commitment and honor them for their continuing distinguished service to philanthropy."

Mrs. Drake, a graduate of the Brimmer School and Sweet Briar College, has been a Corporator since 1965 and a Trustee since 1967 of Maine Medical

Center, where she has also headed one of the auxiliaries, served twice as chairman of the Annual Fund, and been a valued member of the Development, Finance, Nominating, Patient Care, and Centennial Building Fund committees. She has given devoted service as a Trustee of the Home for Aged Women and the State Street Congregational Church, a director of the United Way, and an active volunteer for Sweet Briar College, the Waynflete School, Red Cross, Junior League and many other charities.

Dr. Drake, a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, has followed a long and distinguished career which has included volunteer service to the Maine Medical Center as Chief of Surgery (1960-72) and President of the Medical Staff (1963-68). In addition to his many appointments, honors and professional affiliations, he has found time to devote to a wide range of charitable causes, including service as Trustee (1958-74) and Board President (1969-74) of the Waynflete School, Trustee of Westbrook College (1969-

81) and chairman of the Westbrook Annual Fund, Corporator of Maine Medical Center, and member of the Board of Directors of the State Street Congregational Church.

The NEAHD Award for Distinguished Service to Philanthropy is presented from time to time to individuals who have exhibited leadership in the field of philanthropy, as fund-raising volunteers, trustees, or as outstanding philanthropists. The Drakes are the first State of Maine recipients in the five-year history of the Award, and they are the first couple to receive the award. Mrs. Drake is the first woman, and Dr. Drake the first physician to be so honored.

Nursing Continuing Education Programs

- *Malignant Hyperthermia*, Kate Sewall, M.D.

April 13, 1982 8:00 - 9:00 AM
Recovery Room

For further information, please call Staff Development at Extension 2397.

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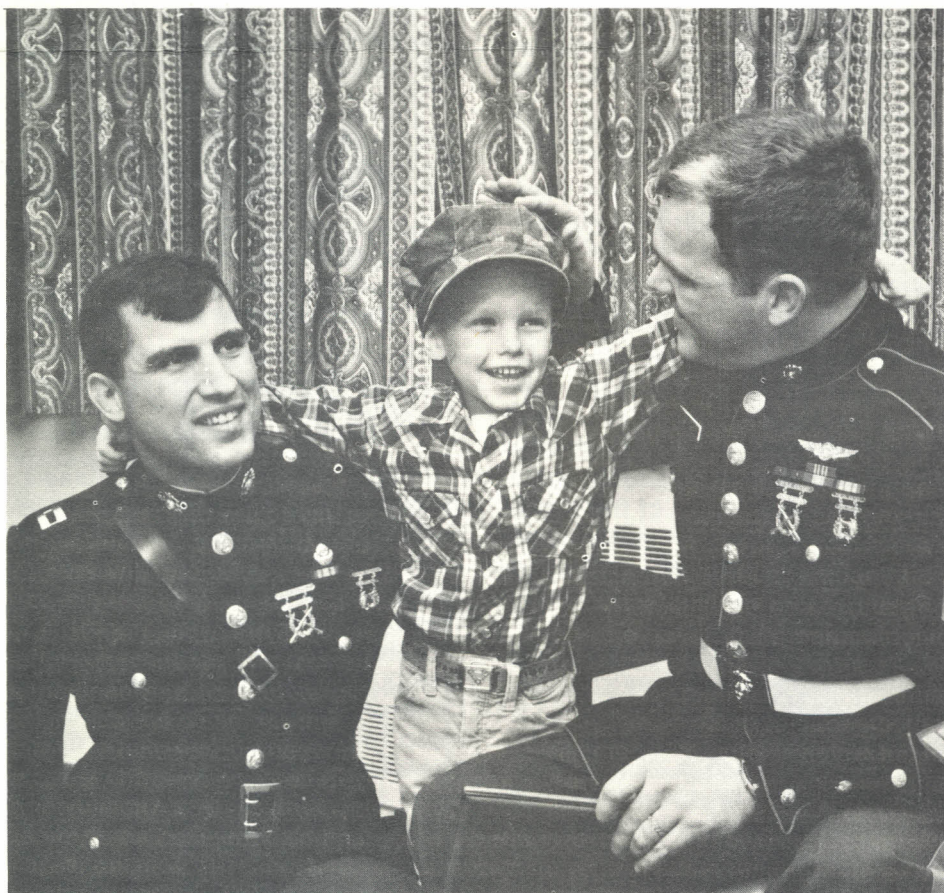
After administering the oath, Captain Eugene Brown presented Jeffrey a white dress cap, a plaque bearing the USMC seal, a bumper strip and window stickers, and a t-shirt, as well as his congratulations on behalf of the Corps. The new leatherneck also got a personal lesson in the Marine battle cry, which he repeated to applause.

How does a six-year-old boy with a serious illness react to the overwhelming presence of uniforms and TV lights, and to being the center of attention? Just like any other six-year-old boy, with a winning combination of shyness and swagger, of laughter and wide-eyed bewilderment. His eyes were sparkling, and his parents and others were amazed at his heightened energy level and enthusiasm.

The Marine and Army representatives were themselves impressed with Jeff. One was overheard to say he hadn't seen many adults with "guts" to equal those of the new recruit, and all were visibly moved by the ceremony.

One TV news crew was delayed in arriving, and the ceremony had ended. With their flags already packed, the Marines were ready to leave. They said they'd be more than happy to set up the entire ceremony again, however, as long as Jeff was willing and able.

He was.



HAPPY NEW MARINE Jeffrey Lizotte thanks his compatriots, Capt. Eugene Brown, left, and GySgt Larry Cote. Jeff is a leukemia patient who wanted a hat to cover his head and ended up a Marine recruit. (A/V Photo)

Four employees will receive 30-year pins

Four people with 30 years of service are up for honors at Maine Medical Center's Spring Employee Service Award Coffee on Monday, April 12. They are: Eleanor Littlefield, RN, P1C; Ashley Smith, Housekeeping; Virginia Andreason, Social Services; and Edith Harris, Medical Records.

In all, 170 employees will be honored for service milestones ranging from five to 30 years. All hospital employees are invited to the Coffee, 9:30 to 11 AM in NDF Classrooms 3 and 4. (Repeat: Classrooms 3 and 4.)

Chaplain John Simpson will give the blessing. MMC President Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D., will preside over the award program.

The search for photo excellence continues

The Maine Medical Center Employee Photo Contest is due to return soon. Last year 97 people entered 253 photographs of consistently high quality, and contest organizers are looking forward to an even bigger turnout and even better photos this year.

There are some changes this year, most notably in the area of prizes: there won't be any. But neither will there be an entry fee, and there will be a greater variety of categories and no limit on the number of entries.

Look for full details and rules in next week's *What's Happening*, and in the meantime warm up those shutters!

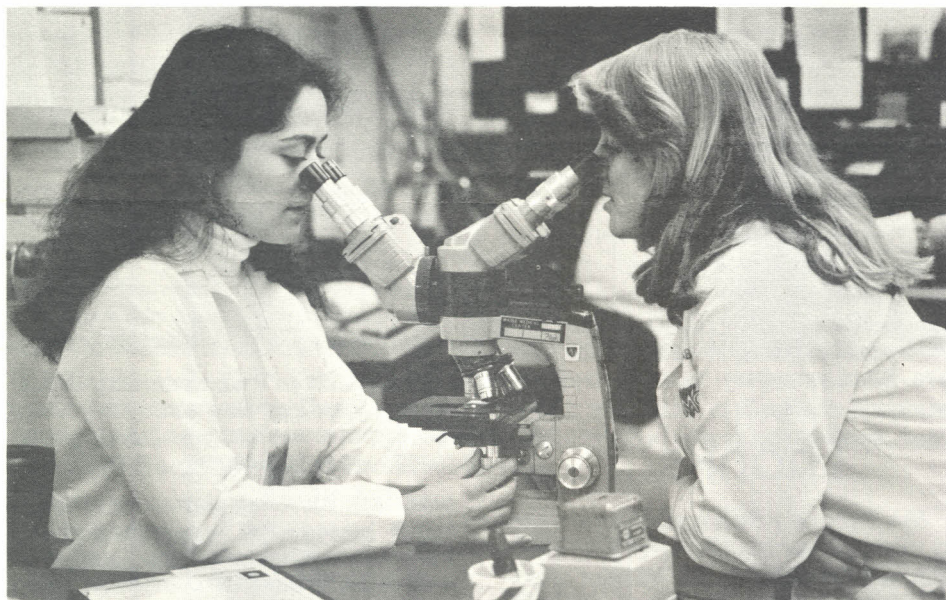
In May and June the EAC is going places

The Employee Activity Committee has scheduled its annual Spring Bus Trip to Boston for Saturday, May 15. The cost has not fallen victim to inflation, and will remain at \$12 for the round trip. The bus will leave the Bramhall entrance at 8 AM, May 15, and leave Boston at 6 PM for the return journey. A \$6 deposit is required with reservations and the balance is due by April 30.

The EAC is also sponsoring a round trip bus journey to New York City, scheduled for June 4, 5, and 6. The prices -- \$140 per person for a double, \$130 per person for a triple, and \$125 per person for a quad -- include two nights lodging, two breakfasts, one dinner, and one Broadway show. See Beverly in the Cafeteria for details.



MEDICAL LABORATORY WORK involves many people doing many different jobs. Above, Medical Technician Betsy Page, Chemistry. Below, Terry D'Amato, MT, ASCP, Senior Technologist in Hematology (left), with Medical Technology student Tracy Ludwig. (A/V Photo)



Midnight Express runs on expanded schedule

In response to requests from its customers, the MMC Cafeteria has expanded the hours of its Midnight Express. The Express is a special service for evening and night shift employees who previously were unable to have a varied menu during their working hours. Beginning April 5, the Midnight Express will run from 7:30 PM to 5:00 AM.

Offerings of the Midnight Express are: two hot entrees, a hot sandwich, soups, salads, cold sandwiches, desserts, and a breakfast item. All are packaged fresh each afternoon.

In addition to the standard Midnight

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universities, and doctors' offices.

In small laboratories, tests such as analysis of blood and other body fluids and examination of tissue samples may be performed by one individual. In larger institutions, such as MMC, clinical laboratory personnel often become specialists in such areas as hematology, coagulation, blood banking, chemistry, radioimmunoassay, immunology, microbiology, cytology, cytogenetics, and endocrinology. Each area possesses sophisticated equipment and performs highly technical test procedures which provide clinicians with the latest diagnostic tools available. At MMC the laboratory offers approximately one thousand test procedures and performs over 1.5 million tests per year.

Express fare, a new service will begin April 5 during Express hours: *Make Your Own Sandwich*. Customers will be able to select from an expanded offering of breads and sandwich fillings to create their own unique sandwiches.

In two weeks or so, the evening and night shifts will be able to communicate formally with the Cafeteria management when the *Nightline* arrives. The Nightline is a bulletin board on which customers can post suggestions on forms which have a place for a response from Food Services. According to Robert Underwood, Director of Food Services, the suggestions will be answered within 24 hours of posting.

April is exercise month on HEC 23

Health Education Channel 23, on the Public Cable system, will offer its viewers important information this month concerning physical fitness and exercise. April's programming is sponsored by Lifeline, an organization from the University of Southern Maine in Portland. The goal of Lifeline is to improve the quality of life for participants through physical fitness, stress management, and other related activities.

Scheduled for airing on HEC 23 in April are four films presented by Lifeline: "Exercise for a Lifetime," which explains the importance of developing and maintaining a lifestyle conducive to health; "Dr. Morse," which looks at coronary disease and risk factors; "Exercise: Dos and Don'ts," which offers guidelines for designing a personal exercise program; and "Run Dick -- Run Jane," which stresses personal responsibility for physical fitness.

The films will run Monday through Friday at Noon and 7:00 PM. A live call-in show at 7:00 PM Thursday, April 29, will cap the month. Two Lifeline staff members -- Jerie Bugbee and Nick Branch -- will give viewers a chance to phone in their questions and share information, as well as benefit from the discussion.

For more information, call Alison Deming, Project Director, HEC 23, 871-2849.

Thanks...

The Recovery Room staff would like to express our thanks to all who contributed in making our recent bake sale such a success. Proceeds from the sale and contributions were greatly appreciated. Thanks to all.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Garden style condominium in Western Prom/MMC area. 4 large RMs, modern bath and kitchen. Parking, laundry. Adults, no pets. \$450/mo. plus utils. Call Jon Leighton at 772-1333, days or 781-2445 eves. and weekends.

FOR RENT: 5 RMs with bath. \$250/mo. plus utils. Sec. dep. Call 774-7012, 4 to 7 PM.

FOR SALE: Moving -- must sell these items: Yamaha FG-345 guitar with case. Rarely used, mint cont., \$195. 17-foot wooden sloop, CB, spruce mast, 2-year-old sails (main & jib). Needs minor work on seats and deck. \$700 or reasonable offer. Smith-Corona "Pride Line" manual portable typewriter. 88 characters 12-in. carriage, full tab set, power space, 2 changeable keys, steel carrying case. \$85. Call Tom at 799-6393.

FOR SALE: 1979 Subaru wagon, new radials on front end, roof rack, 60,000 miles. \$3500 firm. Call 799-6647.

FOR SALE: GE refrigerator. White, frost-free, perfect cond. \$300. Call 772-6018.

FOR SALE: Eureka Timberline 2-man tent, \$80; Kelty Tioga backpack, \$80; RCA b & w 19-in. TV, \$45; woodstove, \$75. Call 772-0391.

FOR SALE: Bicycle built for two, \$100. 1979 Puch moped, \$325. Call Bob at FBR, 883-4131.

FOR SALE: '63 Caddy convertible. New sticker and tires. Always run when not stored. \$300. Call 883-6820 after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: Men's white nursing shoes. Made by Doc's, size 12D. Only worn twice. Cost over \$40 new, asking \$20. Call Chris at 799-4078.

WANTED: Bicycling partner for long distance biking. I'm a member of the Penobscot Wheelmen and League of American Wheelmen. Contact Jean Wade at 772-9191, Rm. 321.

WANTED: Exercise bicycle or downhill skis, 150 to 160 CMs. Call 883-4971.

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WANTED: Used sewing machine. It doesn't need to do anything fancy. Call 774-1820, eves. and weekends.

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LPNs to meet at MMC Monday, April 12

Division #7 of the Maine Licensed Practical Nurses Association will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 12 at 7:00 PM in Cafeteria Conference Room A of the Maine Medical Center. All LPNs are invited to attend. Goals for the coming year will be discussed, and any input will be welcomed.

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