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Friendly nation evacuees prepare to board a Thai Royal Navy Landing Support Tank under the protection of Thai Royal Marines and U.S. Marines from "protesters" during a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation exercise during Cobra Gold 2003, May 25, 2003. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Gunnery Sgt. Blair A. McClellan) (Released)
Photo by: GYSGT. BLAIR A. MCCLELLAN, 3D MARINE DIVISION COMBAT CAMERA
Record ID No. (VIRIN): 030525-M-9812M-076

Cpl. Rabel, a crew chief with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, performs daily maintenance on a CH-53D at a Philippine Air Base in Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines, Feb. 10, 2003, in support of Philippines Interoperability Exercise '03. The mission of PIX '03 is to improve operability between United States and Philippine Marine Corps elements. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by LCpl. Kenji Szczepanski) (Released)
Photo by: LCPL KENJI SZCZEPANSKI, MCAS IWAKUNI
Record ID No. (VIRIN): 030210-M-3166S-012



Marines of 2d Battalion, 6th Marines, fire a Javelin AntiTank Missile at Blair airfield, Iraq, May 2, 2003. The Marines are there in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a multinational coalition to free the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, and end the regime of Saddam Hussein. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Mauricio Campino) (Released)
Photo by: SGT MAURICIO CAMPINO,
Record ID No. (VIRIN): 030502-M-3692C-023

Pfc. Thomas Edmonson provided forward security to a CH-46 that has just landed to take on fuel from a Forward Air Refueling Point or FARP setup by the Marines from MWSS-373 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on March 25, 2003. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the multinational coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and end the regime of Saddam Hussein. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Giles M. Isham)(Released)
Photo by: SGT GILES M. ISHAM, MWSS-373
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Sgt. Issac D. Sweeton of Weapons Co., 2d Battalion, 6th Marines stands perimeter watch behind a M2 .50-caliber at LSA Viper on April 1, 2003. The Marines are there in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, a multinational coalition to free the Iraqi people, eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, and end the regime of Saddam Hussein. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Mauricio Campino) (Released)
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There is a special aura surrounding the word "Marine". It means something different than a soldier, a cut above, and more can be expected from this person. Pride and cockiness are the trademarks of Marines, the strongest brotherhood in the world. To serve in the Marine Corps is to serve in an organization that demands and delivers excellence beyond all others. Service in the Marines leaves a lasting impression upon the innermost being of everyone who is privileged enough to serve. "Once a Marine, Always a Marine." To dispute this is to invite a brawl.

Marines enjoy a reputation of prowess in battle, that was earned "in every climb and place" throughout the world in our nations history.

While other services recruit by promising benefits, pay incentives, education opportunities and job selections, the Marine Corps recruiting is markedly different. Slogans such as "Maybe you can be one of us", "We never promised you a rose garden" and "We're looking for a few good men and women" lay down the challenge for the extraordinary young men and women who will become the next generation of Marines.