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Marines of 2d Battalion, 8th 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)

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Plt. 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. Ishami) (Released)

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Sgt. Issac D. Sweeten of Weapons Co., 2d Battalion, 8th Marines stands perimeter watch behind a M242 cal-iber at USA 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.