

# SALUTE!

## To those who strive and attain success

Marine Cpl. **Coby C. Thomas**, son of Cindy L. Thomas of Valdez, Alaska, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1991 graduate of Valdez High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1991.

Marine Pfc. **Eric D. Byrd**, son of Alice Byrd of Anchorage, and William Byrd Sr. of Kotzebue, Alaska, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

The 1991 graduate of East Anchorage High School, joined the Marine Corps in June 1992.

Marine Pfc. **Shawn T. Newell**, a 1993 graduate of Nikiski Senior High School of Nikiski, Alaska, recently reported for duty with 2nd Assault Amphibious Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Marine Cpl. **Jason C. Boldenow**, a 1987 graduate of Valdez High School of Valdez, Alaska, recently received the Navy Achievement Medal.

Boldenow was cited for superior performance of duty while serving as a logistics supervisor with Headquarters, 3rd Marines, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. The achievement medal singles out an individual service member for his initiative in making a significant contribution to the accomplishment of the command's mission.

Marine Pfc. **Steve L. Hill**, son of Christine A. and John A. Paul, Jr. of Sitka, Alaska, recently completed the Basic Aviation Machinist's Mate Jet Engine Course.

He is a 1994 graduate of Sitka Alternative High School of Sitka, Alaska.

Marine Lance Cpl. **Jean L. James**, son of Merele J. and Linda L. James and Navy Fireman Recruit Harvey F. Preshaw, son of Carol R. Collins have been serving off the coast of Bosnia-Herzegovina with the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Both James and Preshaw are graduates from Ketchikan High School, in Ketchikan, Alaska.

James a 1992 graduate joined the Marine Corps in February 1993.

Preshaw a 1993 graduate joined the Navy in October 1993.

Marine Cpl. **Gustav J. Fromm**, son of Walt G. and Virginia L. Fromm of Cordova, Alaska, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Headquarters, 3rd Marines, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

The 1990 graduate of Yakutat High School in Yakutat, Alaska joined the Marine Corps in September 1990.

Marine Lane Cpl. **Arnold W. Johnson**, son of Elizabeth G. and Arnold W. Johnson, Sr. of Sitka, Alaska, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit while assigned to the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group.

Johnson was one of the 4,000 Marines and Sailors who completed the 30,000-mile voyage which included duty off Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Adriatic Sea, and being on stand-by off the eastern tip of Africa. After traveling from the Mediterranean Sea through the Suez Canal and Red Sea into the Indian Ocean, Johnson spent more than a month off the coast of Somalia, where the Navy-Marine Corps team stood ready to protect and relocate American citizens if necessary.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Seth T. Woods**, son of Deidre F. Coulter of Sitka, Alaska, Navy Seaman Recruit **Ray O. Perkins**, son of Janet R. Hook of Kodiak, Alaska, and Navy Airman Recruit **Lorenda M. Ernsberger**, daughter of Gray M. and Elaine M. Ernsberger of Ketchikan, Alaska, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command.

During this eight-week program, Woods, Perkins and Ernsberger completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Woods learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and sur-

vival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Julian P. Turner**, a 1991 graduate of Kodiak High School of Kodiak, Alaska, recently completed the Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit Course.

During the one-year course, which is taught at Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, N.Y., students in the highly competitive curriculum receive instruction in nuclear theory, chemistry, physics, reactor operations, safety and security. Upon completion of the course, graduates are designated as nuclear propulsion plant operators.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Stanley P. Roberts**, son of Melvin and Virginia Herbert of Fairbanks, Alaska, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, homeported in Bremerton, Wash.

The 1991 graduate of Chewana Indian High School of Salem, Ore., joined the Navy in February 1992.

Army National Guard Pvt. **Bruce A. Igkurak** has graduated from the signal support systems specialist course.

The 10 week course provides skills required for telecommunications support in the areas of field wire construction, tactical radio retransmission, telephone procedures and techniques,

troubleshooting, and operating small switchboards in combat units.

Igkurak is the son of Jesse K. and Elena J. Igkurak of Kwigillingok, Alaska and is a graduate of Kwigillingok High School.

Army National Guard Pvt. **Joseph Brown, Jr.** has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School which qualified him as a light-weapons infantryman and a indirect-fire crewman in a rifle or mortar squad.

Instruction included weapons qualifications, tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communications and combat operations.

Brown is the son of Polly C. and Joseph Brown of Kongiganak and is a graduate of Dick R. Kiunya Memorial School.

Army National Guard Pvt. **Jason R. Malone** has graduated from a helicopter repairer course with instruction to perform direct and general support maintenance on helicopters. Also included were safety practices, usage of ground support equipment and special and precision tools.

Malone is the son of Vicki L.

Malone of Anchorage, and John F. Malone of Bethel, Alaska. He is a 1993 graduate of Bethel Regional High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Davie D. Burcham**, son of Mary Metcalf of Klawock, Ark., recently graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course.

During the course he was introduced to the basic theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered submarines. The course also included shipboard organization, damage control, submarine safety and escape procedures. He is a 1994 graduate of Pendleton High School of Pendleton, Oregon.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Wayne D. Atwood**, a 1977 graduate of Valdez High School of Valdez, Alaska, has returned home to San Diego from a six-month deployment to the Indian and Western Pacific oceans and the Persian Gulf with the dock landing ship USS Rushmore.