A group of NOVA counselors recently attended an Educators Workshop sponsored by the United States Marine Corps. While they didn’t have to wake up to reveille or endure the physical challenges of boot camp, they did get a unique glimpse into Marine life.

The delegation met with Sergeant Tiffany Carter, the area’s marketing and public affairs representative for the U.S. Marines, and were assigned to a group of Marine recruiters before flying to the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Once in Beaufort, they were issued flak jackets, treated to dinner at the Officers Club and entertained with jazz music courtesy of the Marine Corps band. Then it was off to the hotel for a good night’s rest before departing at 6:00 a.m. the next morning for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island.

On Parris Island, the NOVA delegation was treated to a tour of the base, learned some history about the island and got their first taste of what it was like to be a Marine. The next two days were filled with activities including tackling the obstacle course, visiting the gun range, touring the Marine Museum and participating in the flag-raising ceremony.

On their last morning at the base the group attended graduation, and all agreed that they learned a lot. “Not only have we learned what it is like to be a ‘Jarhead,’” said Sherri Mosley-Duman, “but we have faces to go along with the daily news reports about the war in Iraq.”

Barnes & Noble Bookstores will be accepting orders for faculty regalia until March 22. Please be sure to place your order before this date; orders placed after the deadline will be assessed a late fee. Please check your e-mail for a reminder from Barnes & Noble about placing your orders. Commencement is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9.
**Annandale Campus and Lyceum Committee Host Science Seminar**

On March 24, the science seminar committee of the Annandale Campus math, science and engineering division - in conjunction with the Lyceum Committee - will present a science seminar featuring Dr. Barry Ekdom in the Ernst Center Forum from noon to 1:00 p.m.

A neuropsychologist in private practice and at the George Washington (GW) University Medical School, Ekdom will present “The Executive Functioning Deficits Associated With ADHD: A Clinical Neuropsychology Perspective.” This lecture will discuss how ADHD has been associated with a variety of self-regulation deficits that impact a person’s thinking, movement, attention, phonemic awareness and learning/memory and how an understanding of those functions can contribute to more effective medical and behavioral treatment and educational and vocational planning.

Ekdom received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1986 and trained as a post-doctoral fellow at North Shore University Hospital and at Georgetown University Medical College. He entered private practice in 1993 and focuses on clinical neuropsychological assessment with children and young adults. His clinical faculty appointment in the department of neurological surgery at GW University Medical School involves neuropsychological assessment with those who have seizures and other neurological disorders. All students, staff and faculty are invited.

**Disability Services Presents Free Audio Conference**

The Disability Services advisory group will host an audio conference on April 5 in the president’s dining room on the Annandale Campus from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The presentation, titled “Technical Requirements That Pass ADA’s Technicalities,” is open to all faculty and staff. The audio conference will focus on the do’s and don’ts for developing technical standards that serve safety, technical and curricular needs without violating the basic tenets of the ADA/504. It is particularly appropriate for anyone teaching courses in the AAS and AAA degrees that include a practical component. Those interested in attending should RSVP to Carol Sweetser at csweetser@nvcc.edu.

**Grievance Procedure Course Available Online**

The Department of Employment Dispute Resolution (EDR) course, “Understanding and Using the Grievance Procedure,” is now available online for all state employees at no cost, via the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Knowledge Center. Employees can visit [http://www.edr.virginia.gov](http://www.edr.virginia.gov) to access this course through EDR’s Web site. Just click on “Online Training” under the “Quick Links” heading on EDR’s home page. Free registration to the Knowledge Center is required.

The online course covers all the fundamentals of using the grievance procedure to resolve workplace disputes. This course will familiarize the learner with the roles and responsibilities of the grievant, management respondents, agency head, the Department of Employment Dispute Resolution, hearing officers and the courts in resolving grievances.

The course also includes chapter tests and a scored final test. Upon course completion, the user can print out his/her score and the Knowledge Center’s Learning Management System (LMS) will capture this data as part of the agency’s training metrics.

**Reminder—NV Review Reception**

The Northern Virginia Review board is hosting a reception for contributors to Issue 20 on March 21 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Schlesinger Center forum on the Alexandria Campus.

Matt Bondurant, author of The Third Translation: A Novel, will present “Lost in Translation: Historical Research and the Contemporary Novel.” There will also be an exhibit celebrating the first 20 years of The Northern Virginia Review. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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Nathan Leslie

[instructor, English composition and creative writing, NOVA–Loudoun]

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Cordially Invites You to Our Women’s History Month Reception featuring Maryland's first female Lieutenant Governor and daughter of Robert F. Kennedy.

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend

Hear her live from your computer:
http://www.nvcc.edu/tvcenter/index.htm

-OR-

Use Video On Demand from March 23 - April 13:
http://www.nvcc.edu/tvcenter/Public_Videos.htm

-OR-

Attend the event live:
March 22, 2006 — 12:15 p.m.
Ernst Community Cultural Center Forum

Contact: Jessie Zahorian - jzahorian@nvcc.edu

For more information on this speaker please visit www.aphspeakers.com
Retirement Party for Joyce Cain!!!

Date: March 24, 2006
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Location: Woodbridge Campus
1st Floor Theatre Atrium

Come out and join us to celebrate the retirement of Joyce Cain from the Woodbridge Campus. Joyce has been with the College for 25 years and will be missed dearly.

For more information, please contact the Woodbridge Campus’ Student Services Center:
703-878-5734

Light refreshments served.