



Marine Captain Clarence A. "Bo" Bates



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Young Black Marine Fliers

One day in Vietnam Marine Capt. Clarence A. (Bo) Bates decided he didn't want to be an infantry officer any longer. He liked the Corps but thought he would rather fly than walk. He let this be known to Headquarters Marine Corps in the form of a request to go to flight school. Within days, Capt. Bates was off his feet and in training to become a jet pilot.

Nearly one out of every three Marine officers is an aviator, and Capt. Bates isn't alone in making a belated start as a pilot.

For example, William Avery Henderson was attending Eastern Michigan University. During his freshman year, he was walking across campus to go to the student union. Along the way, he began a conversation with a Marine recruiter. Henderson soon took

an entrance test and joined the Corps' Platoon Leaders Class (PLC) in hopes of graduating from college and receiving a commission in the Corps simultaneously. He wanted, at that time, to be an infantry officer.

When the billet he expected was closed, Capt. Henderson opted for aviation. He's been happy as a Phantom pilot ever since. (He chose this program because he would receive his training only during two summers of his college years, and under it, students don't have to attend any military drills or meetings during the regular school year. Also, if he wanted to, he could have received a financial assistance stipend of \$100 per month.)

Today, he is a Marine captain and was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses for his actions as an aviator in Vietnam. He suggests that those interested in PLC and other Marine officer programs should contact their local Marine Corps recruiter.

Currently undergoing advanced leadership training at the Marine base at Quantico, Va., Capt. Henderson, married, was raised in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Another who found an unexpected amount of satisfaction in aviation was Arthur F. Elzy who joined the Corps as an enlisted Marine and found his way to becoming an officer through aviation. He is now a first lieutenant and an F-4 jet radar intercept operator.

Only one of these Marines had any prior background in aviation. That was Capt. Bates. Bates' father was a member of the famed all-black 99th Pursuit Squadron of the Army Air Corps during World War II. Bates, who calls Los Angeles home, attended UCLA for three years until 1965. "Then I pretty much goofed off until 1967 when I enlisted as a Marine," says the young Marine. While undergoing recruit training, Capt. Bates was selected for officer training and by the summer of 1968 was headed overseas as a second lieutenant.

Bates is now an intelligence officer for a Marine Air Group stationed at El Toro Marine Air Base in Southern California. A bachelor, Bates enjoys scuba diving and skiing in his off hours.

1st Lt. Elzy came into the Corps and was training at Parris Island when he was tapped for aviation. He went to school at the Naval Air Station, in Pensacola, Fla., for 16 weeks and had later training at Glencoe, Ga. As radar intercept operator on an F-4 jet, he handles all communications and gives the pilot altitude, air speed and other essential information.

Stationed currently at Marine Air Station, Cherry Point, NC, he is married. He attended schools in the New York area and is finishing his college degree under a Marine program.

Worried about Pesticides
Does the use of pesticides bother you? It shouldn't according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. The FAO recently explained the safety of pesticides this way: "... Pesticides, like all chemicals, may have effects on other organisms living in the environment, including man himself: whether the effects occur or not is simply a question of dosage and of proper use. Many substances are needed by plants and animals but which in overdoses are poisonous."

PREGNANCY PLANNING AND HEALTH

by Mrs. Gloria Riggsbee

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:
I have suffered numerous miscarriages, and my doctor seems to think I have no physical reason not to have children. I have heard about an operation called the "purse string" technique. Please tell me about this technique and if you think it can help.

Mrs. T.S.
Dear Mrs. S.:
I have consulted a noted gynecologist about the "purse string" technique for correcting problems associated with miscarriages, and here is what he has told me:

The "purse string" technique is used in specific conditions where the woman's cervix cannot hold the pregnancy. To find out if a woman has this condition, she must be examined while she is not pregnant, and her cervix is X-rayed to see if the condition exists.

The condition in which the cervix cannot hold the pregnancy is rare (only about 1 out of every 1000 women have it), so the chances of your having this condition is highly unlikely.

There are many other reasons for having miscarriages, and if you don't have the specific condition just mentioned, you cannot be treated with the "purse string" technique. Your doctor may have already determined that you do not have this condition.

I would encourage you to

continue working with your doctor on your problem of miscarriage. If you have not been under the care of a gynecologist (a doctor who specializes in female disorders and pregnancy problems), then you should make an appointment to see one. Ask your family doctor to refer you to a gynecologist, or you may ask for a referral from your local health department. The yellow pages of the telephone book also have a listing of the gynecologist in your area.

Sometimes these problems take time to resolve, but your gynecologist will be able to determine the cause of the miscarriages and to help you carry to full term and have a healthy, happy baby.

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:
My boyfriend and I are very much in love and we want to get married. I am underage and my mother refuses to sign for me. We are thinking about running away to get married. What do you think we should do?

M.L.V.
Dear Miss V.:
I cannot tell you what to do, but since you asked for my opinion, here's what I think about your problem.

Before you do anything so drastic as running away, ask yourself some questions. What do you plan to do with your life? What kind of job could you get without even a high



A FIRST FOR FSU BUSINESS STUDENTS — Milton Yarboro, Placement Director (extreme left) and Dr. Grace Black, Chairman of the Department of Business Administration at Fayetteville State University (extreme right) extend congratulations to three FSU junior business

administration majors after receiving Co-operative Education work assignments with the Department of the Navy. The students will be employed full-time during the second semester, September 15 to December 21 and will resume their academic studies during the second semester.

FSU students from left to right, with their work assignment and location are Donnie Campbell, Industrial Specialist, Norfolk, Virginia; Lawrence Moore, Supply Management Trainee, Norfolk, Virginia; and Patricia Fuller, Computer Specialist Trainee, Portsmouth, Virginia.

school education? If you had a baby, how would you support it? Do you think you could be good parents to the baby at your age? Are you ready to take on the responsibility of raising a family and giving up the freedom you now have as a single person? Is marrying early by running away worth all the hurt it will cause your families? Have you tried to understand your mother's feelings? What are your reasons for not waiting until you are older and more mature?

Then there are some facts you should know: More marriages made while the couple are in their teens end in divorce than those who marry later, so your chances of a successful marriage are slim at your age. People change a great deal during their late teens and early 20's and that is why so many young marriages fail. You think now that you love each other, and if you do, wait and get married later so your marriage can have a good chance of lasting a long time.

After all, that's what you're hoping for, isn't it—A lifetime of happiness together?

Address letters and requests for free booklets on birth control to: Mrs. Gloria Riggsbee, 214 Cameron Avenue 27514.

All tourists seem to have the same experience: their trip would have been wonderful if it hadn't been for all the tourists.

Any politician who talks about "little people" needs to have the prescription in his eyeglasses checked.



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