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**JEANNE MCNEIL BOYER**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

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Jeanne Boyer served 3 years in the United States Marine Corps from 1957-1960. She began her career at Parris Island for boot camp. She remembers that they learned to use gas masks during training. Her first weekend duty was Charge of Barracks for 100 women. She marched platoons in various functions and local parades. She also participated in the Trick Drill Team. She was stationed at Cherry Point Air Base in North Carolina. She



worked at station locator in the computer and key punch department. She could locate any one who was stationed at Cherry Point. She also did monthly payroll for 10,000 Marines; this involved many long hours of work. She received the Good Conduct Medal and left service as a Corporal (E4).

Jeanne chose the Marines because she thought it was prestigious. She joined with a friend on a dare for the promise of free flights, when space was available. At that time, you had to be 21 to go overseas, so she was only able to 'hop' within the United States.

She was born in Massachusetts and remembers that the first time she saw red dirt was from the train window on her way to Parris Island. Her future husband was in the U. S. Navy when they met at a wedding. At 21, she was already out of the Marines. She has been married for 62 years.

Jeanne is retired. She is involved with the DAR and her church's women's group. Her advice from her Marine service is "do what you are told" and "be kind."