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Nevers, Gibson, and Ross to be Inducted into Marine Corps Sport Hall of Fame

MCB QUANTICO, VA - The Commandant of the Marine Corps will host the 2006, United States Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony here at the Clubs at Quantico, July 28, 2006 at 11 a.m.

General Michael W. Hagee will induct former Marines Ernie Nevers, Greg Gibson, and Barney Ross at a luncheon ceremony that will celebrate their achievements.

Nevers, a former Marine major, was a charter member of the National Football League Hall of Fame and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame. Gibson, a former Marine master sergeant, is a three-time World Cup Greco-Roman champion and 1984 Olympic Greco-Roman Wrestling Silver Medalist.. Ross, a former Marine sergeant, was the world boxing champion in three different weight classes at the same time and a Silver Star recipient during World War II.

The United States Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame honors former Marines who have excelled both on and off the athletic playing field. Established in 2001, Hall of Fame inductees will be enshrined in the National Museum of the United States Marine Corps at the Heritage Center near Quantico Virginia.

Eighteen former Marines have been selected for the Hall of Fame since it was founded in 2001. Past inductees include baseball legend Ted Williams and Olympic great Robert B. Mathias, International Boxing Hall of Fame member Ken Norton, and Pro Football Hall of Fame member Arthur Donovan Jr.

Also to be honored at the induction ceremony will be numerous Marine champion athletes to include the 2005 Marine Corps Male and Female athletes of the year.

For more information about the Marine Corps Sports Hall or the Marine Corps Athlete's of the Year, please contact Steven Dinote, HQMC Semper Fit, 703-784- 9542, or email: steven.dinote@usmc.mil.