



**Charles Samuel Newcomer**  
**Corporal U.S. Marine Corps**  
**7 July 1954 – 6 July 1957**

Charles was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on 7 July 1937 in the Allentown Hospital while the family was living in Allentown. His parents were **Samuel Seifried Newcomer** (3 November 1905 – 3 July 1984) and **Claire Mae (Owens) Newcomer** (27 October 1907 – 12 February 1972). The family moved from Slatington, Pennsylvania, to Allentown in 1935, where they lived until 1950. They then moved to Weilersville in Lower Macungie Township. Charles attended Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, for two years, after which he enlisted in the Marine Corps in Allentown when he turned 17 on 7 July 1954. After boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, on 5 October 1954, Charles was assigned as an Amphibious Tractor (AMTRAC) Driver in Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> AMTRAC



AMTRAC heading for the beach

Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He remained assigned there until 12 September 1956, when he was assigned to Marine Corps Barracks at Lake Denmark, New Jersey, where he stood guard at the Naval Air Rocket Test Station until his discharge at Marine Barracks, Dover, New Jersey, Recruiting Station on 6 July 1957. He was then transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve for five years. After his discharge Charles



Marine Barracks, Lake Denmark

moved to Newark, New Jersey, where he became a truck driver for Lincoln Rug Company until 1977, moving to Bellville, New Jersey, in 1961. He left Lincoln Rug Company to drive truck for Red Arrow Trucking, a general freight carrier in Jersey City, until 1982. He then went to work as a truck driver for Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc., also in Jersey City, and moved to Bloomfield, New Jersey, in 1993. He retired from Old Dominion Freight Line in 2003, and continued to live in Bloomfield. Charles married **Joyce A. Marshall** (born 3 July 1938) in Newark on 26 September 1959. They have two children, **Donna Ann (Newcomer) Testa** and **Charles M. Newcomer**. In keeping with his driving career and acquired skills, Charles is an avid fan of car racing, which he regularly goes to watch. Three of Charles's brothers also served in the Armed Forces: **Owen Samuel** in the Army and Air Force, **Ronald Alan** in the Army (who was wounded in action in Korea), and **David Owen** in the Army.