Receiving Company introduces recruits to training

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CG's Cup Kicks Off



Lance Cpl. Katalynn Rodgers

Lance Cpl. Taylor Sams, finance clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, kicks the football to the opposing team, Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement, during a Commanding General's Cup flag football game Jan. 10. The games on Jan. 10 kicked off flag football and the CG Cup competition for 2012. PACTACLET was victorious with a score of 18 - 10. (For story and pictures see page 8)

VITA volunteers assist with taxes

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA Chevron staff

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be open to service members, their dependents and retirees for free tax advice and preparation starting Jan. 23.

The tax center can assist service members with both federal and state tax returns and is run by Marines aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The center is located in building 12.

"We're really in depth, we do

everything," said Lance Cpl. Rose O'Neal, senior tax preparer at the Tax Center. "Every little penny is accounted for, so we can end up giving you a bigger return."

To work in the tax center, the Marines had to go through a two and a half week training course hosted by the Internal Revenue Service to ensure an understanding of the forms that need to be completed.

"They have an IRS representative giving us the knowledge we

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Brief to be held on stalker awareness

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN RODGERS Chevron Staff

January is National Stalking Awareness Month. In recognition of this, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's Behavioral Health Services and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office is holding a stalking awareness brief Jan. 24.

"MCRD is a community, like a civilian community, and we have many of the same issues," said Stacey Willis, victim advocate, Behavioral Health Services, MCRD. "We make it an effort to educate our community on stalking by holding events and sharing information to build awareness."

However, educational events like this don't just spring out of the wood work.

According to Willis, the Office on Violence Against Women, US Department of Justice, National Center for Victims of Crime and the Stalking Resource Center launched National Stalking Awareness Month in 2004.

"Since this time, communities around the United States participate in National Stalking Awareness Month by holding community events, educating residents in their community and providing resources and referrals for those that may be affected by stalking," said Willis.

Recent studies show 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States, and 75 percent of those are being stalked by someone they know, according to Willis.

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Depot's Semper Fit sponsors 'Biggest Loser' competition

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY Chevron staff

Semper Fit aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego is hosting an eight-week Biggest Loser Competition to help MCRD personnel start the new year off with a positive loss.

Although there is no affiliation with the TV show "The Biggest Loser," the Fitness Center wanted to appeal to their patrons' New Year's resolutions, said Ron Rivera, morning supervisor, MCRD Fitness Center.

Weigh-ins began Jan. 12 in the Fitness Center followed by a special Biggest Loser workout. Rivera and Willie Covington, personal trainer, MCRD Fitness Center, instruct the Biggest Loser workout classes every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Participants have to weigh in before or after the workout sessions every Thursday. The participant with the biggest percentage of weight loss for that week is rewarded with a prize. By the end of the eight weeks, a grand prize is given to the overall biggest loser. Participants are only eligible for prizes if they are present the first and last week of the com-

petition, said Rivera.

"This competition is structured for people who eat fast food daily, and that are doing everything wrong when it

comes to trying to lose weight," said Covington. "People with advanced fitness levels probably won't benefit from the classes."

More than 100 people have signed up for the Biggest Loser competition. A small number of people showed up for the first Thursday morning session. The morning sessions are held inside the Fitness Center class room, while the afternoon class is held outside. Rivera offers advanced level workout for anyone that just wants to come in and workout. He also shows modifications for the Biggest Loser participants.

Covington said he likes to switch things up from the normal indoor workouts by taking the evening class outside. He starts with warm ups and stretches ending the workout sessions with a cool down and stretches to emphasis the importance of warming up and cooling down your body for each workout. Covington's Biggest Loser workout

sessions switch between cardio and core, which are the most important part of losing weight, he said.

"After a few weeks of advancing the participants' fitness levels, I like to add weight and resistance into the hour long workout to help switch things up so their weight doesn't plateau," said Covington.

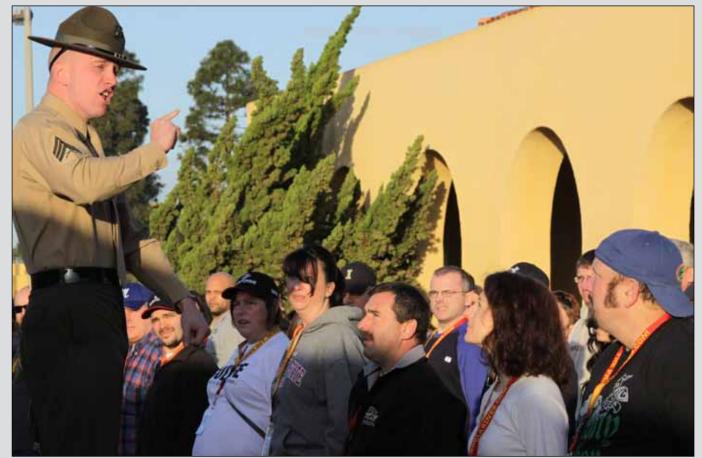
At the end of each workout Covington and Rivera go over basic knowledge the participants may not know that will help them with their desired weight lose, which is the overall goal of the competition.

"I like to go over their water and

Covington said he likes to switch things up from the calorie intake, nutrition and stretches and exercises they



Educators Getting Educated



Sgt. Jennifer B. Poole, 12th Marine Corps District

Sgt. Cory Marcus, drill instructor with Support Battalion, Receiving Company, greets educators from Recruiting Stations Portland and Seattle during the educators workshop aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Jan. 17. The educators got a glimpse at what a recruit's first few hours are like when arriving on the Depot.

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need and training us on how to prepare taxes," said Cpl Anita J. Jones, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Tax Center.

The Marines have also attended other classes as well, to continue their education on the material including classes taught Mike McIsaac, program manager, personal financial management, and the VITA class on

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"Aside from the training, in order to be able to do taxes there are certificates we need to get for code of conduct, and beginner, intermediate, advanced and military taxes," said O'Neal, explaining that each tier allows them to perform more advanced tax preparations.

Mike McIsaac, program manager, personal financial management, and the VITA class on a tight schedule an opportunity to get their taxes done and

get back to work. The average appointment time is 45 minutes long depending on individual circumstances.

"It's a convenience being right here and we have walk-ins available," said O'Neal, about the tax center being on base.

The center files all tax forms electronically and can let applicants know when they can expect to see their returns depending on their file date. Applicants need to bring a copy of their W2, Military ID card, Social Security Card and other applicable tax documents. The deadline for filing taxes this year is April 17.

The Tax Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for appointments and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for walkins. Those looking for more information or to schedule an appointment can call the Tax Center at (619) 524-4112.

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"Anyone can become a victim of stalking," said Rachel Solov, stalking and threat assessment expert, San Diego County District Attorney's Office.

Stalker's actions can also affect the victim's family and friends. They know no bounds, it doesn't matter the victim's race, religion or gender."

According to Solov, many stalking victims are affected for the rest of their lives, they are constantly afraid because they don't know what is going to happen next.

"We do a threat assessment on a victim to determine the risk of stalking occurring," said Willis. "When we do we look at people who have documented and undocumented violence, previous restraining orders and people who have a sense of ownership over the victim like being extremely possessive or jealous."

Solov suggests that if someone becomes a victim of stalking they should do their best to safely avoid contact with the stalker, inform family, friends and co-workers of what is going on in regard to the stalking.

They should also report it to the police and follow their advice, by keeping an accurate log of all incidents connected to the stalking and keep all letters, packages, taped telephone messages, e-mails and other contact received from the stalker, stated Solov.

"The most important thing in stalking cases is keeping the victim safe and preventing any harm from coming to them," said Solov. "That can range from intervention, where we take the stalker and put him in jail, or helping the victim with safety planning."

Solov suggests some measures to help prevent a stalker from reaching the victim such as installing solid-core doors with dead

bolts, and changing the locks immediately if any of the keys become unaccounted for, install outside lighting such as motionsensing lights and keep vegetation trimmed around the building.

Other tips include maintaining an unlisted phone number, varying travel routes and limiting activities that are done alone. If possible, provide neighbors with a photo or description of the stalker.

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states. In addition to stalking being illegal, it is punishable under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice for military members.

Article 120A of the UCMJ covers stalking and states that any person who repeatedly maintains a visual or physical proximity and making any form of threats to a specific person, is guilty of stalking and could be punished as a court martial may deem fit.

"Stalking cases can be difficult to prove because stalkers are good at what they do," said Solov. "A victim may suspect they are being followed, but there may be no solid proof to have in court."

There is still time to sign up for the stalking awareness brief provided by MCRD's Behavioral Health Services and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. What stalking is, stalker tactics, safety planning and how to keep quality of life will be discussed in the brief.

"We are trying to raise the awareness of stalking on MCRD by using briefs, articles and provide outreach and education programs in the community," said Willis. "We also provide resources and referrals for anyone to contact if they have an issue with stalking."

To sign up call MCRD's Behavioral Health Services at 610-524-0465.

"The most important thing for stalking victims to remember is to not be in denial," said Solov. "Recognize the dangers and take steps to protect themselves."

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can do at home," said Covington.

A few of the participants joined the competition with a partner to help motivate them. Martin Gallegos, a retired Marine, and his wife Yvette, joined to lose the weight they had gained during their first year of marriage, and to get back into marathon running. During the past year together they had gained 50 pounds.

"We joined this class to get back in shape," said Yvette. "What better motivation than our partner. This way we hold one another accountable."

After the first day of the Biggest Loser Competition, both Yvette and Martin said they would continue coming back since they enjoyed the first class. They were both amazed by how hard the class pushed them compared to how it would have a year ago.

Ron Rivera encourages anyone that wants to lose weight to come into the MCRD Fitness Center and sign up. Participants can also follow the competition on the MCRD Facebook, which gives a weakly workout routine, said Covington. The gym also offers one-on-one personal trainers and group fitness classes throughout the week that can help people maintain their weight or lose weight and tone up.

BRIEFS

Free tax preparation

The MCRD VITA Tax Center will hold its Grand Opening Monday at 8 a.m.

The VITA office is located in building 12 across from the gym. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Appointments will be seen from 8 until 11 a.m., and again from 1 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 4 to 6 p.m.

All branches of active duty, their spouses, and retirees are welcome to use the VITA services.

Starting in March (TBD) as we draw closer to the final filing date of April 17th, the tax center will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applicants will need copies of their 2010 and 2011 W2, a military ID card, a social security number card and other applicable tax documents.

For appointments or questions call (619 524-6881.

Father/Daughter Dance

Marine Corps Family Team Building hosts a Father/Daughter Dance Jan. 27, from 5:30 until 8 p.m. at the depot Fieldhouse Gym.

- Dancing
- Appetizers
- Beverages
- Photos for purchase.

Tickets, \$5 per person, may be purchased in building 6E, until close of business Monday. For event details, call MCFTB at (619) 524-0916.

The event is open to all active duty, reserve, retired and DOD eligible patrons. Sorry, no mothers allowed.

Farmers Insurance Open

The Single Marine Program will sponsor a trip to attend the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines Golf Club on Jan. 28.

The event is free (active-duty military must present proper military ID) and round-trip transportation is provided. Space is limited.

For more information, contact Diana Vuong at (619) 524-8083 or vuongd@usmc-mccs.org.

Career & Education Fair

The Personal & Professional Development Division (formerly Marine & Family Services) will host a Career and Education Fair Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Semper Fit Field house, Building 650. The event is free and open to military active duty and reserve, family members, military retirees, DoD civilians and other personnel with access to military installations.

For information, contact Mina Threat at mina.threat@usmc.mil or call (619) 524-1283; or Annie Villalon at annie.villalon@usmc.mil or call (619) 524-1275.

Super Bowl Party

MCCS Semper Fit will host a Super Bowl Party for all authorized patrons Sunday February 5 at 10 a.m. in the depot Recreation Center. The first 100 gusts to arrive will receive a free t-shirt. Prizes will be given at every quarter. Free food will be available and the game will be viewed on a 200 inch projection screen. Please call (619) 524- 4446 for more information.

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "What do you do to keep yourself in peak physical condition?"



"I do women's figure competitions, so I do carbohydrate cycling diets, meal plans and off season on season training. During off seasons I bulk up and on seasons I get thinner." Cpl. Henrietta Verduzco, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters & Service Battalion



"I do physical training every day; or at least go to the gym. I eat healthy and stay away from smoking and drinking." Petty Officer 3rd Class Gabriel Gonzalez, hospital corpsman, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Dental Detachment



"I incorporate a healthy lifestyle with nutrition and regular physical activity." Cpl. Christian Gallego, chief trainer, K-9 Unit, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion.

Marine helicopter mechanic in Afghanistan saves lives with maintenance discovery

BY CPL. BRIAN ADAM JONES
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward)

CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan

 A Marine Corps sergeant in Afghanistan who unearthed a never-before-seen maintenance issue in a UH-1Y Huey was recently awarded by the Marine Corps for his potentially lifesaving find.

The sergeant was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal in a ceremony at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, Jan. 12.

Sgt. Christopher Lemke, a mechanic with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, nicknamed the "Gunfighters," regularly conducts inspections on the squadron's UH-1Y Hueys and AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopters.

But during a routine phase inspection of a Huey in late December, Lemke, a native of Macomb, Mich., uncovered something that could save countless lives. Phase inspections are regular checks on an aircraft's various components to ensure they are safe.

Underneath the UH-1Y Huey, in the aircraft's transmission compartment – an area so difficult to reach that maintainers call it the "hell hole" – Lemke found something wrong.

"When two metals rub together, it creates this black liquid, and that's what I found," Lemke said.

The transmission pylon beam and the main beam joint, which secure the aircraft's transmission to the airframe, were disintegrating.

"This failure represented an extreme risk to the aircraft



Cpl. Brian Adam Jone

Lt. Col. Ian Clark, left, the commanding officer of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, pins the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal on Sgt. Christopher Lemke during a ceremony at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, Jan. 12. Lemke, a mechanic with the squadron, and a native of Macomb, Mich., discovered a previously unknown issue with the UH-1Y Huey helicopter that represented an extreme risk to the aircraft and aircrew.

and aircrew," his award citation reads.

The citation goes on to state that Lemke's finding led to a corpswide inspection, resulting in an engineering advisory report addressing a manufacturing defect found on multiple UH-1Y aircraft.

"No one else had ever found such an issue, but when we looked at another aircraft we had in phase, it had the same problem. There was a fault in the design of the aircraft," Lemke

Lemke was not scheduled to inspect that part of the

helicopter as there had never been an issue in the history of the aircraft, but he explained that Marine Corps aircraft maintenance demands more than completing the minimum requirements.

"That's how I was trained – it's the Gunfighter way," Lemke said of his squadron. "Our job isn't just replacing things. If we don't do it right, that's someone's life."

Lemke's leadership said that they are hardly surprised by his diligence.

"It's no surprise to me, he's always gone in there and done

his job the right way," said Staff Sgt. Ricardo Paez, Lemke's supervisor, and a native of Austin, Texas.

Lemke said he hopes younger mechanics in the squadron – the privates first class, lance corporals and corporals – see that as aircraft maintainers, they hold lives in their hands.

"I'm 24 years old and the responsibility we hold for our age is astronomical," Lemke said. "I hope the junior guys around me realize that and go out and provide combat-capable aircraft for the Marines on the ground."



Cpl. Brian Adam Jones

Sgt. Christopher Lemke, a mechanic with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, and a native of Macomb, Mich., looks into the "hell hole" underneath a UH-1Y Huey helicopter at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan. Lemke discovered a previously unknown issue inside the tight space that represented an extreme risk to the aircraft and aircrew. The Marine was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for his potentially lifesaving find.



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Receiving Company: Transforming civilians into recruits



Recruits take a knee to review articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice moments after arriving at Receiving Company, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Jan. 18. The Sgt. Cory Marcus, drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion, recruits are taught the articles so they know what they can be held accountable for while in recruit training and will learn them more in depth over the course of the rigorous 90-day teaches new recruits the position of attention while they stand on the famous training cycle.



Recruits are rushed into the contraband room where they will empty their pockets and rid themselves of any civilian items that will be useless while in recruit training.



BY SGT. WHITNEY N. FRASIER Chevron staff

Leaving for recruit training can be an exciting time for many, but arriving at the depot may not be what they expected.

It's dark outside and their heads are looking down at their legs. Chances are, all they are thinking about on the drive from the airport to the base is what is going to happen next. Although the trip is only a few minutes long, the anxiety may have created those few minutes into an eternity. That eternity will turn into 90 days of a rigorous training cycle. It all starts at Receiving Company.

The bus came to a complete stop and a drill instructor wasted no time boarding. Screaming at the top of his lungs, he gave them their first taste of what they will experience for their stay at the depot.

Staff Sgt. Justin L. Hansen, chief drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion, explained that the receiving process can be a complete shock to the civilians who put their feet on the yellow footprints every week.

"Their recruiters did their jobs to get the recruits here," said Hansen. "They are accustomed to doing what they want as opposed to doing what they are told, but 99 percent of them had no idea what they were getting in to. Receiving is one of the scariest parts of recruit training."

The question remains as to what actually happens at receiving, the few days before training begins. According to Hansen the answer is simple really, turning civilians into recruits.

"We process the civilians here straight from the airport," said Hansen. "Once they arrive, they are immediately given a basic position of attention class [on the yellow footprints], then they are given a quick brief on articles that fall under the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

The process on the yellow footprints only lasts mere minutes before they are rushed into the contraband room.

"In the contraband room they are instructed to empty their pockets and go through their belongings to get rid of the items they won't need while in recruit training," said Sgt. Cory Marcus, senior drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Bn. "From there they are moved to the phones to make a phone call home to let someone know they arrived safely."

Marcus explained that they are instructed to read from a script and then they are sent to get haircuts. Once they go through clothing issue and change, all of their civilian items are stored. This is done to practice uniformity and put everyone on the same level.

"The recruits won't actually sleep for 24 hours after their arrival here, approximately 8 p.m. the next day," said Hansen. "We do that to get them on the same level of stress and fatigued that most have never experienced in their entire life."

As the night goes on it turns into day. Some recruits may not even notice the sun has come up as they are pushed through the rest of the receiving process.

"During the day the recruits will go through medical and dental," said Hansen, 28, Montague, Mich. "They also get their clothing issue and then they have a moment of truth."

Hansen explained that the moment of truth gives the recruits a chance to fess up about anything they failed to tell their recruiter. Depending on the issue, they could be processed out of the Marine Corps before ever making it to training.

The rest of the week is spent preparing for pick-up, or commonly known as "Black Friday," when they will finally meet the drill instructors who will guide them on their journey to becoming United States Marines.



Sgt. Matthew A. Lee, drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion, yells at a recruit to move faster while the recruit makes what may be his final phone call home for almost 90 days. The recruits are instructed to read verbatim from a script telling whoever is on the other line they have arrived safely at the depot.



A recruit rushes to put his items into a laundry bag that will be stored and returned to him upon graduation. Recruits are not authorized civilian clothing or items useless to boot camp that are brought from home while in recruit training.



A recruit receives his first military haircut after arriving to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Shaving off all the recruits hair is a way to establish uniformity among the crowd.

Marines and sailors volunteer at local veteran museum

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA Chevron staff

Marines and Sailors aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego volunteered with the San Diego Community, this time with the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, Veterans Memorial Garden, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif. Jan. 12.

Lt. Stephen B. Brown, chaplain, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, put together a group of four to assist the museum with various jobs to help with their continued operation.

"I like the fact that it's an organization that's reaching out to active duty and veterans," said Brown. "We're able to give back to those who directly help us and those who have gone before us."

Second Recruit Training Battalions does various community relation projects throughout the year, giving them the opportunity to grow with the San Diego community.

'It's important for them to know the Marines are involved and care about the community," said Brown.

The former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel was transformed into a museum in 1989 and currently runs on a mostly volunteer staff. With 3 part-time and 1 full-time employees, the museum is always grateful for volunteers.

"It feels fantastic to know [the Marines] are willing to help, just having their support is the best feeling," said Pascale Schreiner, director of events, Veterans Museum and Memorial Center. "It's great to know the military is willing [help]."

Two drill instructors with

Company F were among the group of volunteers who donated their free time between training recruits to help the museum with painting and cleaning.

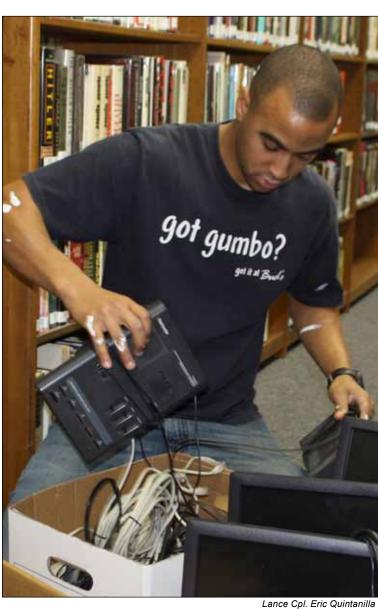
"I'm always volunteering with the community, instead of just sitting at home," said Ryan-Michael Daffin, senior drill instructor, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. "It makes a good name for the Marine Corps, us being out there."

The museum regularly changes it exhibits to ensure visitors get a chance to see a

variety of events in history as well as hosting an average of two military ceremonies a week, such as retirements.

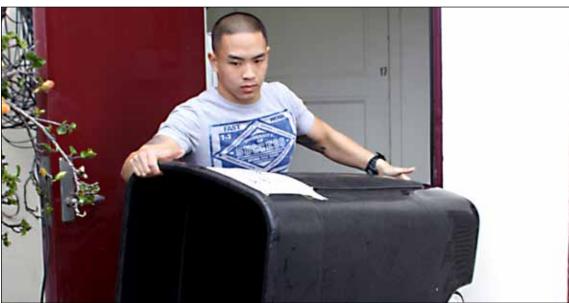
"This is a fantastic venue to show families and kids the achievements and contributions of veterans," said Schreiner.

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free for service members and their families and \$5 for civilians. For more information on the museum and the services offered or volunteering and donating, visit www.VeteransMuseum.org.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Sgt. Ryan-Michael Daffin, senior drill instructor, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, organizes computer equipment at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, Veterans Memorial Garden, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif. Jan. 12. Marines and sailors volunteered their time with various projects around the museum to help with their continued operation.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Loc N. Nguyen, religious program specialist, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, puts trash cans out to dry after washing them at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, Veterans Memorial Garden, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif. Jan. 12. Marines and sailors volunteered their time off to help the local museum with various projects including painting and dusting.



Marines and sailors volunteered to help the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, Veterans Memorial Garden, Balboa Park, San Diego, Calif. Jan. 12. The former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel was transformed into a museum in 1989 and currently runs on a mostly volunteer staff.

Brig. Gen. Gregg A. Sturdevant

Parade Reviewing Officer

Brigadier Gen. Gregg A. Sturdevant currently serves as the Assistant Wing Commander, Third Marine Aircraft Wing.

Brig. Gen. Sturdevant is originally from St. Louis, Missouri. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1975 and served in southern California and Okinawa, Japan before being honorably discharged as a sergeant in July 1979. He then returned to school receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Southeast Missouri State University in July 1982 and was commissioned through the Platoon Leader Class program. Upon completion of The Basic School, he reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola for flight training and was designated a naval aviator in April

He has served in the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, HMM-162 and HMM-365. He was the commanding officer of HMM-165 from July 2001 to May 2003. Deployments include Unit Deployments to Okinawa, Landing Force Sixth Fleet deployments, 5th Fleet deployments,

and participation in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom I. Additionally, he served as a flight instructor in Pensacola, Florida and did a tour with 2nd Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

His most recent operational assignment was as the commanding officer, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit from May 2006 to May 2008. During that time the 26th MEU deployed in support of LF6F/LF5F and served as the landing force for the Landing Platform Dock-17 Operational Evaluation.

His major staff tours include duty at Headquarters Marine Corps in the aviation department's plans, policies, joint doctrine and budget branch where he served as the landing force programs officer focusing on rotary wing budget matters and a tour on the Joint Staff in the Operations Directorate where he served as an Assistant Deputy Director for Global Operations.

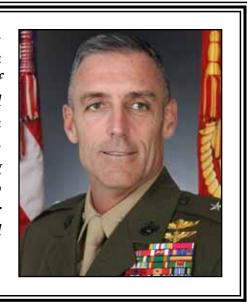
He has also served in the following General Officer assignments: director of public affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps; deputy director for operations, Joint Staff; and as the assistant deputy commandant for Program and Resources.

He attended the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course in 1987, earned a Master of Science Degree in Management from

Troy State University in 1990, attended the Army Aviation Officer Advanced Course in 1991, received a Masters Degree in Military Studies from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1997, completed the Air Force Air War College Non-resident program in 2000, and graduated from the National War College with a Masters Degree in National Security Strategy in 2004.

Brig. Gen. Sturdevant's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Air Medal with a gold star, "V" and the number 2, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

"Congratulations on earning the title Marine; you should be very proud of yourself. I wish you well as you prepare to join your brothers- and sistersin-arms in the operating forces. Go forth and do great things - and never forget you are a United States Marine."





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Lance Cpl. Katalynn Rodgers

Lance Cpl. Keith Thayer, player for team Finance, combat readiness trainer instructor, Headquarters and Service Battalion, runs the football through Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team's defense during a Commanding General's Cup flag football game Jan. 10. The games on Jan. 10 kicked off the flag football, and CG Cup season for 2012. Thayer scored Finance's only touchdown of the game. PACTACLET was victorious with a score of 18 - 10.



Finance's quarterback, Lance Cpl. Taylor Sams, finance technician, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, decides to run the ball down the field rather than throw it to one of his teammates in an attempt to score during a Commanding General's Cup flag football game Jan. 10.

Flag football kicks off CG Cup competition 2012

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN Rodgers Chevron Staff

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego started the 2012 Commanding General's Cup season with flag football. The day's games wrapped up with a toppling win by Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team against Finance 18 - 10.

At the start of the game, PAC-TACLET was on offense. Finance was able to keep up a good defense, successfully skunking PACTACLET until nearly the end of the quarter.

PACTACLET's Petty Officer 3rd Class Maurice Sales, maritime enforcement specialist, was able to break Finance's defense and score the first touchdown of the game, scoring six points.

In the second quarter, PAC-TACLET once again started on offense. Although Finance was able to hogtie PACTACLET most of the quarter, PACTACLET overcame their defense once more with minutes to

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jorge Lopez, maritime enforcement specialist, foiled Finance's defense and scored PACTACLET's second touchdown of the game, bringing their score to 12.

However, Finance was able

to get on the board when they scored a safety seconds before the quarter ended leaving the score 12 – 2 at half-time.

A safety is scored when the ball carrier's flag is removed behind his goal line. The defending team then receives two points, and the offense has to kick the ball from their 20-yard line to the defense.

Yeah, we were definitely rusty," said Staff Sgt. Hector Alanis, an offensive player for Finance. "With the new cup rules I had to find a team to play on, and I didn't get the chance to practice with these guys. We really need to practice together before the next game."

Finance took on the third quarter as offense. Not letting

for the entire quarter. In the process they earned another safety, bringing the score to 12 - 4.

PACTACLET went into the fourth quarter as defense. Lopez was able to intercept the ball and run it through Finance's defense and across the empty field for their third touchdown.

Finance was able to retaliate before the end of the quarter with Lance Cpl. Keith Thayer, combat readiness trainer instructor, H & S Bn., scoring their only touchdown of the game. This made the final score 18 - 10.

With PACTACLET's victory among them, there were no hard feelings between the teams and they all showed great sportsmanship as they lined up to high-five each other and tell each other,

off on one of MCRD's fields for the first flag football game of the

Teams participating in this year's flag football season are 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, 12th Marine Corps District, Recruit Administration Branch, Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, Assistant Chief of Staff/ Recruit Liaison Section, Recruiter's School, Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team and Finance.

"Everyone's a little rusty," said Rachel Dickinson, intramural sports coordinator, Semper Fit. "You can tell which teams have been practicing and which teams were thrown together to see how

it goes. As

the season

season points are earned for each event that teams participate in. At the end of the year, when all events have been completed the points are tallied up. The top dog is then announced at the end of the final field meet.

third will earn 4.

The top three teams are awarded prizes. First place receives \$300 towards their unit funds and the Commanding General's Cup of Excellence to display in their office. Second receives \$200 for their funds and third receives \$100.

flag football season will earn 12

Over the course of the CG Cup

points towards their CG Cup

score, second will earn 8 and

"The Commanding General's (Cup) program is intended to promote morale, welfare, recreation, sportsmanship, leadership and most of all competitive

> our hard working competitors here on **MCRD** to have a release and some fun away from work."



Lance Cpl. Katalynn Rodgers

Players from the Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team remove the flag of Finance's Cpl. Dylan Bruner, customer service clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, stopping his forward progress during a Commanding General's Cup flag football game Jan. 10. The Jan. 10 games were the kick off to the CG Cup and flag football season.