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Crucible exposes recruits to simulated IEDs

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As the fight against terrorism continues, Marines in country are still being challenged with facing Improvised Explosive Devices. The battle against unconventional warfare has taken a toll on U.S. troops, another reason why recruits are preparing now in recruit training.

During the Crucible, a 54-hour long, culminating exercise in recruit training, recruits of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, faced the John Quick trail aboard Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Oct. 2.

The purpose of John Quick Trail, also known as IED lane, is to inform recruits of IEDs, how to identify and to help combat against them.

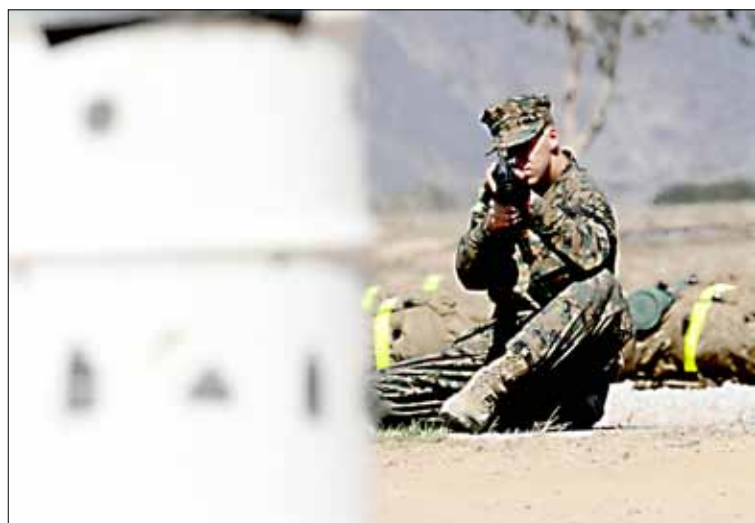
Before recruits began the training, they were first called to the position of attention and read a citation of Sgt. Maj. John H. Quick, a Medal of Honor recipient.

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Sgt. Chad M. Hullinger, field instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, briefs recruits of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, on a simulated Improvised Explosive Device during the Crucible aboard Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Oct. 2. After reacting to a scenario, recruits then reviewed with field instructors on how to properly identify and react to an IED.



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A white barrel with different targets painted on it allows recruits to practice breathing and natural point of aim while sitting in various positions.

Marksmanship training begins

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Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, listened attentively to lessons on how to fire their weapon during Grass Week on Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Oct. 2.

When recruits arrive at Edson Range, they attend a week-long schedule that pertains to the fundamentals of marksmanship. During that time, learning to fire a weapon is broken down into a series of classes and practical applications. They spend a majority of the day with a Marine who is skilled in marksmanship,

known as a primary marksmanship instructor, whose job is to ensure recruits grasp the concept of how to operate the weapon.

“Grass Week allows recruits to build a solid understanding of what is expected of them,” said Sgt. Ryan Salinas, primary marksmanship instructor, Weapons Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. “We want them to be comfortable and use this time to ask questions, practice different positions and learn how to properly handle a weapon before they get to the firing line.”

Recruits lined up in the bleachers and sat down as Salinas

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Marine recruit training teaches fundamentals of leadership

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“Leadership is intangible, hard to measure and difficult to describe. Its quality would seem to stem from many factors. But certainly they must include a measure of inherent ability to control and direct, self-confidence based on expert knowledge, initiative, loyalty, pride and sense of responsibility. Inherent ability cannot be instilled but that which is latent or dormant can be developed. Other ingredients can be acquired. They are not easily learned. But leaders can be and are made.”

This quote, from Gen. Clifton B. Cates, 19th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was read to recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Bat-

talion, during their introduction to the Marine Corps Leadership class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Oct. 5.

The purpose of the class was to develop the leadership qualities of Marines to enable them to assume progressively greater responsibilities to the Marine Corps and society.

By definition, leadership is the sum of those qualities of intellect, human understanding and moral character that enables a person to inspire and control a group of people successfully.

In recruit training, recruits are taught the fundamentals of leadership, such as the Marine Corps’ 11 leadership principles and 11 leadership traits. Drill instructors determine who they put

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Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, listen attentively as their company first sergeant gives a class on Marine Corps leadership during recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Oct. 5. The class discussed leadership principles and traits, attributes all Marines must strive to obtain.



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into leadership positions as the guide or squad leader where they are able to apply those skills.

"This class is very helpful," said Recruit Timothy M. San Miguel, squad leader, Platoon 1031, Co. B. "It showed us how to take better control of the pla-

toon as a leader and it's going to help me lead Marines in the future."

For some recruits, recruit training has been the first real experience of having to be a leader and has proven to be a demanding responsibility, according to Recruit Dalton J. Krase, squad leader, Plt. 1031, Co. B.

"As a leader, you need to

make sure you're on top of everything," said Krase. "It's a lot of responsibility having to put other people in front of you. I thought I had some experience leading when I use to play sports, but this is really the first major role I've had in being a leader."

Should they complete recruit training, recruits of Co. B will continue their

Marine Corps career having the knowledge of being a responsible leader and will use the traits and principles they learned as tools when leading Marines.

"This is where it starts," said Krase. "This class is going to help us in the future. It gave us the tools we need to know before actually leading Marines."

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began to explain one of the three firing positions. Recruits will go through the same course of fire that Marines do when qualifying every year, which requires them to shoot in four positions.

Once the PMI complete his instruction in the classroom, recruits move to a grassy area surrounding a white drum with targets painted on it.

They then spent the next several hours "snapping in", which allowed them to find which shooting position was more comfortable for them, as well as applying the fundamentals they've learned.

The PMI walked around and corrected recruits on their positions and helped them find more comfortable positions.

Although becoming comfortable with the positions is important, other lessons such as the effects of weather and shot delivery process are just as important, according to Salinas, a 27-year-old Helotes, Texas native.

"Basically, we need them to completely understand the fundamentals before they actually apply them," said Salinas.

Later in the week, recruits were able to apply the fundamentals through the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer. The ISMT is a simulated course of fire that allows recruits to fire from the different yard lines, shoot in the different positions, and become familiar with the firing commands. "All this practicing makes us



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Sgt. Ryan Salinas, primary marksmanship instructor, Weapons Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, demonstrates the kneeling position to the recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Oct. 2 at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Grass Week is dedicated to teaching the fundamentals of marksmanship and allows recruits to become comfortable with the weapon.

more comfortable with the positions, commands and overall feel of the weapon," said Recruit Brandon Tveit, Platoon 2130, Co. F.

This is the first time some of the recruits have fired a rifle, so learning the fundamentals might be overwhelming,

according to Tveit, an 18-year-old Poulsbo, Wash. Native.

"It's very important that we learn everything about the weapon in order to master it," said Tveit. "Everything is laid out for us step-by-step, so I feel pretty confident with what I'm being taught."

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ent, for his gallantry as a sergeant during the Spanish-American War. Immediately after, they were then briefed on the event.

"We identify parts, such as key components whether they're pressure plate, trip wire or command detonation," said Sgt. Jack R. Thompson, field instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. "We try to focus more on providing security and proper carries in case they should have to evacuate someone."

Recruits split into columns of two and began to patrol along the lane, as they kept an eye out for indicators. Simulated IEDs were staged throughout the half-mile lane to test recruits on the proper procedures when encountering one.

"There is no set course to teach us

about IEDs that helps us teach this class," said Sgt. Chad M. Hullinger, field instructor, WFTBn. "It's learned mostly through experiences and what we can take from EOD and engineers. All that information is accumulated and we give that to the recruits when they come through here."

As recruits continued their patrol, shock struck them all when one of the simulated IEDs detonated. Powder covered the impact area. They were just hit. Instructors quickly identified recruits as casualties and left it up to recruits to evacuate them.

Once the scenario was finished, instructors then gathered recruits around and explained how recruits should have reacted and the procedures they should have taken. After a quick brief, they moved on and continued patrolling.

As Marines continue to encounter IEDs during their missions, instructors are constantly being updated on how IEDs can be identified and are constantly implementing those updates as often as possible, according to Thompson.

"This course is very proficient in teaching the basic things they need to know about IEDs and how to react," said Hullinger. "I think most of the instructors agree this class is very important and very helpful."

At the end of the course, recruits were provided the opportunity to ask any further questions they had. Although, recruits now have a better understanding of IEDs, they will be able to go further into the training once they reach School of Infantry where they are taught Marine Combat Training.

BRIEFS

Navy Birthday

Duncan Hall Mess Hall (building 620) will serve the U.S. Navy birthday celebration meal today from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The meal features steak, lobster and shrimp.

The meal is open to service-members, their families, retirees, guests, MCRD civilians, etc. Cost is \$7 per person.

A ceremony honoring the Navy's Birthday (established on 13 October 1775), will be held before the meal. The ceremony features a formal birthday cake cutting, and the reading of the Presidential and Chief of Naval Operations Birthday Messages.

Story time resumes

The depot Library resumes the weekly Children's Story Time on Monday.

Bring the preschoolers in for a morning of fun and stories starting at 10 a.m., in the Children's Room. For information call the Library at (619) 524-1849.

Make a Difference Day

The annual MCCS and Semper Fit MCRD Make a Difference Day Walk and Wellness Expo takes place Oct. 20 at the depot's Marine Corps Exchange Mall from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

The Expo is a day to honor those who have been affected by breast cancer and domestic violence.

The event features a 1.5 mile walk starting at 9 a.m. It includes health and wellness information, interactive booths for all ages, guest speakers, music and a raffle.

Professional stylists will be at the Expo to take care of those who wish to donate their hair for use in wigs for cancer patients. The stylists will cut and style donors hair.

The Expo is free and the first 300 people 18-years old or older who register will receive a gift.

Participants may register online at www.mccsmcrd.com. For more information, contact Diana Vuong, Semper Fit Division, at (619) 524-8083, or vuongd@usmc-mccs.org. Information is also available at <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/HealthPromotions/MakeADifferenceDay/index.html>.

Quarterly Breakfast

The MCRDSD Museum Historical Society hosts its Quarterly Breakfast Oct. 23.

The event begins at 7 a.m., in Duncan Hall (building 600) at 7 a.m.

Organizers want to educate members on combat operations in Afghanistan. Guest speaker is Col. Roger Turner, Commanding Officer, 5th Marine Regiment.

Halloween Party

The depot Recreation Center hosts a Halloween Party at the Locker Room Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Come for the costume contest, drink specials, happy hour food, disk jockey & karaoke! Prizes go to 1st and 2nd place costumes! The Costume Contest begins at 8.

The event is for adults 21 and over only.

Attendees must be active duty or authorized patrons to participate.

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "Which is your favorite NFL team? Why?"



"The Eagles are the best in the world. Who's better?" Cpl. Leandre Ingram, administrative clerk, Consolidated Personnel Administration Center



"Oakland Raiders all the way! I was born and raised in north California as a Raiders fan." Cpl. Tommy Diaz, administrative chief, Recruit Liaison Section



"The Atlanta Falcons. I think it starts with Matt Ryan the quarterback. He has great fundamentals and I think with his defense and him leading the offense, they have a winning combination." Gunnery Sgt. Corey Brown, interviewer, Recruit Liaison Section

It's Football Season Again



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Johnnie Troutman, Chargers guard, tries to knock a football out of a participant of the Junior Chargers Training Camp Oct. 9 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The training camp is part of National Football League's Play 60 event and is supported by the Sports Training, Academics, Recreation/ Police Athletic League. Troutman, teammate David Molk, members of the San Diego Police Department and Marines volunteered their time to practice football drills with children.

Doing The Stroll



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Marines with Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, march with Holmes Elementary School during the National Walk to School Day Oct. 3. The Marines and students of Holmes walked to school from Clairemont Covenant Church located three blocks away. The walk was to promote children and parents to walk to school and spend more time together since most kids get dropped off at school. Local police were there to block off intersections while children, parents and Marines walked to Holmes.



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A recruit of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion maneuvers down a portion of the "O-course" aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Oct. 4. The "O-course" is a series of elevated bars, logs and walls that allows recruits to quickly maneuver through.



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Drill instructors of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, instruct a recruit to climb up a bar at the "O-course" aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Oct. 4. The course focuses on upper-body strength while challenging recruits menatly to push through while fatigued.



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Recruits are required to climb a rope at the end of the course. They use whatever strength they have left to push through allowing recruits to learn about technique and their body's limits.



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A recruit of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, jumps over a log during the "O-course" aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Oct. 4. The "O-course" is a series of elevated bars, logs and walls that allows recruits to quickly maneuver through.

"O-course" challenges recruits

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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With sweat dripping from their foreheads, recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, pushed themselves physically and mentally through the obstacle course for the second time aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Oct. 4.

Every recruit must complete the obstacle course, also known as the "O-course", which is an event that requires recruits to climb over a series of elevated bars, walls and logs and to use their very last ounce of strength to climb a rope at the end.

"This is their second time through the course," said Sgt. Jonathon Montalvo, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2114, Co. E. "They're more familiar with the course now, so they know what to expect and how to maneuver through it faster."

The purpose of going through the course is to increase their speed and endurance while

maneuvering through the obstacles, according to Montalvo, a 23-year-old from Huntsville, Ala.

Before the actual course began, recruits sprinted 880 yards around the course. This was done to exhaust them, and to show them that they can complete the course even when they are physically drained.

"We want to push their body's limits to see how well they will perform under stress," explained Montalvo. "It will help build their mental and physical strength."

Hurling themselves over logs and pulling themselves over bars, recruits also learn different techniques on how to move through the course more efficiently.

"Going through the course really tested our limits," said Recruit Mitchel Christensen, Plt. 2114, Co. E. "We really get to see how far we can push ourselves."

At the end of the course, recruits must dig deep and use whatever strength they have left to pull themselves to the top of the towering ropes. By this time, recruits are worn out from the

course which makes it difficult to pull themselves up.

"I feel it challenges us more through the mental aspect," explained Christensen, an 18-year-old from Denver. "We learn about our body more when you push through being tired and stressed."

As they reached the top of the rope, recruits yelled out their name, platoon number and senior drill instructor's name before they slowly slid back down to the wood chipped-covered surface.

Recruits go through the "O-course" each phase in recruit training. This allows them to see what they've learned from their first experience and how much stronger they've become, explained Montalvo.

"Every time they go through, their technique and strength improves," said Montalvo.

Fatigued from the day's events, recruits of Co. E walked away from the experience knowing their body's limitations and the confidence of knowing how far they can go.



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Recruits are required to perform different drags and carries at the end of the course. This tests recruits on their ability to push their body's limits and performance.



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Sgt. Fortino Garica, drill instructor, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, pushes a recruit through a portion of the "O-course" aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Oct 4. The "O-course" is a series of elevated bars, logs and walls that allows recruits to quickly maneuver through.



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The "O-course" is an event that tests recruits ability to perform under stress and maneuver through obstacles quickly. The course is a series of elevated bars, walls and logs that allow recruits to try different technique to overcome each obstacle. At the end, recruits are required to climb a rope even though they are tired.

Recruit graduates with new attitude

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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Pvt. Timothy McKnight, Platoon 3263, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, joined the Marine Corps as an escape from a droning routine but learned the meaning of accountability and self-improvement through his transformation.

After graduating from high school in 2011, McKnight found himself without a direction. The 19-year-old Pochahontas, Ill., native was stuck at home, wasting time away.

"My home town is very small; you either graduate from high school and go off to college or just end up staying here," said McKnight.

McKnight felt that his life was going nowhere and knew he had to do something before it was too late. He explained how his uncle, Steve Himes, served an enlistment in the Marine Corps and how Himes was an influence in his life.

"He loved the Marines; everything about it, the brotherhood and the pride," said McKnight.

McKnight wanted to use his uncle's experiences in life as motivation to pursue a career in the military.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps January of 2011 and began his journey aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego July 16.

For some recruits it may be hard to adjust to the demanding schedule of recruit training, but that wasn't the case for McKnight. He seemed to lack any desire to be there or follow simple orders, which made him a target for his drill instructors.

"He couldn't get one thing right once he got here," said Staff Sgt. Guillermo Fuentes, senior drill instructor, Plt. 3263. "He couldn't complete physical challenges, he was overweight, couldn't wear his uniform correctly and he just



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Pvt. Timothy McKnight, Platoon 3263, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, enlisted in the Marine Corps looking for direction. Once he got to training, he lacked any ambition to succeed. Realizing his mistakes, McKnight turned himself around and soon began to apply himself and transform into a better recruit in order to graduate a great Marine.

didn't apply himself; it was like he didn't care."

Often corrected by his superiors, McKnight never took what they said into consideration until second phase during a calm bus ride up to Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

"It was probably the first time during training that you could put your head down and think without being exhausted," said McKnight, as he explained the serenity of the bus ride up north. "My eyes weren't totally open, I thought to myself, 'I'm still here, and I didn't deserve to be.'"

After reevaluating his existence at recruit training, McKnight became more conscious of himself, making his own corrections. He started watching what he ate and began to push himself during physical training sessions, resulting in him losing more than 30 pounds.

His sudden change in attitude made him stand out to his seniors once again, but instead of corrections, he received positive reinforcement.

"It was a drastic change, a complete 180 degree turn," explained Fuentes, who influenced McKnight to hold

himself to a higher standard. "His maturity level went up and he began to take on more responsibility; he finished each task with pride and was constantly checking himself."

McKnight's fellow platoon members all noticed his change and they too gave him positive feedback and encouragement.

"When he first got here, he had no idea what he was doing," said Pvt. Levi Gunter, Plt. 3263. "It was like he took everything everyone said into consideration one day and completely changed; he's come a long way."

McKnight graduated from recruit training with

his new title, but his biggest accomplishment was his personal transformation.

"In the beginning, I wanted my parents to be proud of my decision," explained McKnight. "But I'm proud of myself for growing up and becoming physically and mentally stronger."

After a well deserved 10 days of leave, McKnight will return to California to continue his training at Marine Combat Training aboard MCB Camp Pendleton. From there, he will go on to further his training in his Military Occupation Specialty and begin his career in the Marine Corps.

Sgt. Maj. Rodolfo Arrieta

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sergeant Major Rodolfo Arrieta graduated from Huntington Park High School, Huntington Park, Calif., in 1983. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on Dec. 15, 1983 and began recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., on Jan. 16, 1984.

Upon completion of recruit training, Arrieta received orders to Infantry Training School at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he was trained as a rifleman.

Arrieta next for duty to Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During this tour Arrieta was promoted to corporal. In December 1986, he reported to Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

In November 1988, Arrieta

received orders to 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. During this tour he was promoted to sergeant, and participated in a Westpac deployment in 1989 and a two-month deployment to Honduras on a joint operation.

Upon his return, Arrieta volunteered for duty with 3rd Light Armored Infantry Battalion, Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, Calif. While there Arrieta deployed on August 15, 1990, to participate in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm with Company D.

In April 1991, Arrieta received orders to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, where he was assigned as a platoon commander for the Student Administration Company.

While assigned to the SOI, Arrieta volunteered for drill instructor duty and attended drill instructor training. In December 1994, he received

orders to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, Camp Pendleton, where he deployed twice with Company E, 2/4, holding the billets of platoon guide and platoon sergeant for Weapons Platoon.

In December 1996, Arrieta volunteered for a second tour of duty as a drill instructor. He held the billets of junior drill instructor and series gunnery sergeant. He was eventually reassigned to the staff of Drill Instructor School, where he was meritoriously promoted to gunnery sergeant.

Arrieta received orders to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, and was assigned to the Advance Infantry Training Company, Infantry Platoon Sergeants Course and as the chief instructor for the Infantry Squad Leaders Course until being promoted to first sergeant.

In November 2002, Arrieta was reassigned as company first sergeant for Company I, Marine

Combat Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton.

In January 2004, Arrieta received orders to Kilo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, Camp Pendleton, where he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom II-B. Upon his return to the United States, he was reassigned as the battery first sergeant for Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, Camp Pendleton.

Arrieta reported for duty with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 on April 22, 2006 as the squadron sergeant major.

In May 2008, Arrieta was reassigned as the squadron sergeant major for Marine Air Control Squadron 4.

In August 2010, Arrieta received orders to Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, as the group sergeant major.

On Oct. 13, 2011, Arrieta was assigned as the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Forward ser-

geant major.

Arrieta's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 3 gold stars in lieu of fourth award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 1 gold star in lieu of second award, the Combat Action Ribbon with 1 gold star in lieu of second award, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.





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 Pvt. L. Castillo Jr.
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 Pvt. D. A. Davis
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 Pvt. P. Z. Engbrecht
 Pvt. J. Escalera-Avila
 Pvt. A. A. Filmore
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 *Pfc. B. Boston III
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 *Pfc. J. M. Carlisle
 *Pfc. E. H. Castillo
 Pfc. J. Castro
 Pfc. I. J. Cazares
 Pvt. J. F. Chopman
 Pvt. E. C. Corcoran
 Pfc. A. L. Cotto
 Pvt. T. M. Culp
 Pfc. C. J. Cummings
 Pvt. J. A. Dawes
 Pfc. C. C. Denney
 Pvt. C. J. Dubay
 Pvt. A. J. Earwood
 Pfc. M. J. Eliason
 Pfc. N. A. Estrada-Fierro
 Pvt. B. K. Fancsali
 Pvt. Z. R. Fillwock
 Pvt. Z. D. Friske
 Pvt. K. M. Garcia
 Pfc. E. J. Gehman
 Pvt. R. Giner
 Pvt. A. O. Gomes
 Pvt. S. A. Guerra
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 Pvt. T. D. Lee
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 Pvt. J. M. Cowles
 Pvt. C. D. Daniels
 Pvt. J. W. Dozier
 Pfc. B. D. Engman
 Pfc. J. Enriquez-Alvarez
 Pvt. C. L. Erickson
 Pvt. K. Estrada
 Pvt. A. M. Fiato
 Pvt. R. L. Flauding
 Pfc. D. L. Fox
 Pfc. N. N. Gallego
 Pvt. D. M. Garity
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 Pvt. T. J. Glover
 Pvt. C. A. Good
 Pvt. A. L. Grochmal-Morse
 Pvt. P. L. Guzman
 Pvt. R. A. Guzman-Zamudio
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 Pvt. W. J. Hale
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 Pfc. B. D. Hollifield
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 Pfc. R. T. Hurst
 Pvt. C. R. Jensen
 Pfc. C. L. Johnson
 Pvt. T. A. Knaggs II
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 Pfc. K. D. Kranick
 Pvt. B. M. Lambert
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 Pfc. R. W. Leung
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 Pvt. K. B. Lutz
 Pvt. K. L. MacDonald
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 Pvt. M. E. McClellan
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 Pvt. L. D. McDonnell
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 Pvt. A. S. McNiel
 Pvt. N. D. Medlam
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 Pfc. E. Nazario-Salazar
 Pvt. B. K. Noah
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 Pvt. B. A. Notman
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 Pfc. J. A. Palmer
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 Pfc. E. Perez
 Pvt. T. J. Pokorny
 Pfc. G. H. Ponce JR
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 Pvt. D. M. Richter
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 Pfc. D. J. Schub
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 Pfc. C. Aguilar
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 Pvt. R. A. Arrieta
 Pvt. D. S. Ashby
 Pfc. C. T. Baker
 Pvt. J. Barradas
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 Pvt. A. D. Casturita
 Pvt. A. Cerda
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 Pvt. Y. Chappaz
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 Pvt. S. A. Daly
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 Pvt. L. L. Wolford
 Pvt. J. T. Woodard
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Staff Sgt. Jerry Duncan, Company A senior drill instructor, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, inspects his platoon's alignment during their final drill aboard Marine Recruit Depot San Diego Oct. 1.

Company A recruits show skills at final drill



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Company A senior drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Jerry Duncan, looks over his drill card before issuing the next command during final drill. Drill cards are drawn at random the morning of final drill.

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The snap and pop, sharp pivots, and tight posture recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, have practiced for the past ten weeks culminated on training day 54 as they showed their skills during final drill aboard Marine Recruit Depot San Diego Oct. 1.

Drill is a tradition that is taught throughout recruit training which instills some of the basic traits a Marine must have. Through drill, recruits learn discipline, endurance, and attention to detail among other traits that will help them as they go forth in their Marine Corps careers.

"Final drill encompasses all of the disciplines and obedience they have learned up until this point," said Staff Sgt. Jerry Duncan, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1002. "It finally gives

them the opportunity to showcase all of the hard work that they've put into it."

During the event, recruits and their senior drill instructors are put under the microscope as three drill masters wander through the platoon, inspecting them grading platoons based off of their performance.

"Final drill is an evaluation," said Gunnery Sgt. Scott Chromy, drill master, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. "It tests their discipline and teamwork, as well as their uniforms and hygiene. During the inspection we look at the execution and final product of the movement to make sure it's all in accordance with the drill manual. Everything is about attention to detail."

Drill masters are entrusted with the detailed task of performing final drill inspections for all three battalions. Chromy, who has been a drill master for 8 months, shared some advice for the senior drill instructors.

"Being a former drill instructor, I know it's time consuming," said Chromy. "Just make the most of your time and utilize every second you have to make progress."

Every platoon faces different challenges while learning and practicing drill, but Co. A seemed to have overcome those challenges, according to Duncan.

"The company did well. They could've done better in appearance but other than that they did real well," said Chromy. "Plt. 1001 took the company high and Sgt. Pastor Aguirre, Plt. 1005, took the senior drill instructor high."

Co. A can now put their focus into preparing for the Crucible, now that final drill is complete, which will test all they have learned throughout recruit training, challenge them physically and mentally, and give them their chance to earn the title Marine.



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Company A recruits stand at left-shoulder-arms during final drill. Throughout training recruits are taught to properly execute commands and pay attention to detail.