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Recruits use teamwork to navigate obstacles



by Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, get covered in dirt as they low crawl during their training event at the Crucible Sept. 25 aboard Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. The recruits spent about an hour trying to complete 11 different exercise and obstacles before hiking off to their next event.

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

Tired and covered in dust and dirt, recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, attempt their fourth challenge of day one of the Crucible on Sept. 25, at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Crucible is a 54-hour training exercise that simulates a combat environment with food and sleep deprivation. This is the culminating event that recruits must pass to earn the title U.S. Marine.

"I never thought that at 18-years-old I would be here doing the Crucible," said Recruit Travis Kornegay, Platoon 2161, Co. H. "I'm anxious to say that I've done it and get it over with as well."

Within only about an hour, recruits were grouped into teams of four before being hurried through 11 different challenges including low crawl, high crawl, ammunition can lifts and runs.

"It gives them a taste of reality of real combat situations," said Sgt. Luckner Desma, Platoon 2161. "Each piece has a connection to a real combat scenario. It gets them tired quick and is a real wakeup call for them."

Between the exercises, recruits were also required to navigate through the obstacles Holder's Stance and Dunham's Ascent. The obstacles require recruits to provided simulated combat resupply using a rope bridge. They must also reach the third floor of a tower with no stairs or ladders, and climb back down using a rope net.

"It was very physically demanding," said Recruit Heraclio Jaurez, Platoon 2161. "You had to work with your team to get through the major obstacles. You have to work together and stay in line."

Each obstacle on the Crucible is named for an award-winning Marine who acted valiantly in combat which serves as an exam-

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Recruits prepare for hand-to-hand combat

BY CPL. MATHEUS J.
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Hundreds of people rushed toward the food and supplies that were just delivered after a natural disaster struck their homes.

Among the crowd was a starved, angered man that had reached his breaking point. As he drew his machete, he began to swing away as he greedily took what he chose. The crowd screamed and scattered from his reach.

It was at that moment when four Marines appeared from the chaos and surrounded the rebel.

Unarmed, the Marines slowly paced around him as they watched his every movement, waiting for the right moment to strike. Moments later, he was detained.

The skills and techniques these Marines possessed gave them the confidence to approach the enemy unarmed in hand-to-hand combat. Those same skills are derived from the fundamentals they learned as they strived to earn the title U.S. Marine.

Scenarios like these are reasons why recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, are learning the fundamentals of

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Cpl. Liz Cisneros

Company B recruits do incline sit-ups on the Bases and Circuit Course aboard Marine Recruit Depot San Diego Sept. 25.

Co. B builds endurance, confidence

BY CPL. LIZ CISNEROS
Chevron staff

Amidst the morning city noise, Marine Corps cadence could be heard coming from Company B as they made their way to the Circuit and Bases Course aboard Marine Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 25.

Upon arrival at the fields, Co. B recruits gathered in their platoon's for morning stretches, before dividing into smaller groups. As soon as the whistle blew they embarked on an intense physical training period that included monkey bars, incline sit-ups and outside rotations among other exercises.

"The circuit course is just building on what they've been doing already," said Staff Sgt. Rogers Reyes, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1030, Co. B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. "They're getting better at the course, they're learning they aren't getting away with any of the mistakes they do out there, and they're learning proper form."

The circuit course is designed to build endurance and confidence however recruits will only

get what they put in.

"The event was really challenging, you have to put out 100% all the time and you definitely have to sweat for it," said Recruit John Marden, Plt. 1030.

As intense as the training is, recruits can push past the pain and fatigue and keep the ultimate goal, earning the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, in sight.

"I wanted to be a Marine because I wanted to be part of the best fighting force the United States has to offer," said Recruit Brian Willis, Plt. 1030. "It helps build character and builds up your physical fitness which will help us at the Crucible."

Although Co. B is only on training day seven this was the third time they had completed the course and are showing improvement, according to Reyes.

"They're putting more effort into their personal training, now they see it as more rewarding instead of a punishment," said Reyes. "They

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Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez

Sgt. Michael B. Partee, martial arts instructor trainer, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, demonstrates a proper vertical slash to recruits during recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Sept. 25. Before recruits practiced the techniques they are taught, Partee ensures each technique is reviewed.



Cpl. Liz Cisneros

Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, perform military presses during the Bases and Circuit Course aboard Marine Recruit Depot San Diego Sept. 25. The course helps the recruits build confidence and endurance.

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see what it's doing to them and how it's helping them. They're losing weight, they're moving faster and they're enjoying it."

Aside from all of the physi-

cal improvements, this type of training also helps the recruits in another way.

"It helps with morale," said Reyes. "They know that they're done with physical fitness for the day and they know that the

rest of the day they just have classes and drill so they get excited about that."

While the recruits of Co. B have a long journey ahead of them, they are showing progress early on. With the guidance of

their drill instructors, and the end result in mind, they will be able to persevere and make it to the culmination of training, the Crucible. There they will have the chance to prove themselves and earn the title Marine.

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martial arts during recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Sept. 24.

Recruits were taught chokes and knife techniques to prepare them for hand-to-hand combat, skills they need to know should they become Marines, according to Sgt. Tyler D. Bartholomew, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2130, Co. F.

"You can see that they have the (desire) to learn more and that they like doing this kind of training," said Bartholomew, a Fairfield, Calif., native. "The more skills they learn like these overall will be better for them and for their units."

After a brief warm-up, recruits were then gathered around for a demonstration on the two knife techniques they would learn that day, the vertical thrust

and vertical slash. Once they grasped the concept of the demonstration, they moved into position to begin practicing with simulated knives.

Marines have been known to use the techniques they learned in hand-to-hand combat even in today's war, according to Sgt. Michael B. Partee, martial arts instructor trainer, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion.

Although they were using simulated knives, safety was still paramount as they went through the techniques.

"In a life and death situation, they need to be able to defend themselves, so we break it down step by step to ensure they're getting the most out of the training," said Staff Sgt. Miguel A. Sandoval, senior drill instructor, Plt. 2129, Co. F.

After repeating each movement step-by-step, recruits then moved back to a classroom setup to learn another two

techniques, the rear choke and the figure four variation.

"They're actually learning these skills a lot better than I've seen recruits before," said Bartholomew. "The way the instructors teach them helps them retain the techniques better, but I guess we'll see how well they retain the knowledge on their martial arts test."

Toward the end of recruit training, recruits will need to complete a test on the martial arts skills they learned throughout the cycle in order to graduate.

"I think they grasped the concept very well," said Partee, the Lansing, Mich. native. "We reiterate the technique over and over again, but it's really up to the company to ensure they're sustaining. They need to sustain these techniques as well as other techniques they will learn throughout recruit training in order to maintain their proficiency."

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ple of what that Marine did in combat. Their award citation is read to the recruits before they attempt the obstacle.

"This course is humbling, knowing we can do something like this and very motivating as well," said Kornegay, 18, an Edgewood, N.M., native.

Recruits work in teams of four to promote teamwork and develop small unit leadership skills. Despite their

exhaustion, the recruits made sure every member of their team completed each obstacle.

"Not everyone is the same, so you have to ask around to see if they need help and push them through it," said Jaurez.

Company H will finish the Crucible at the Parade Deck aboard Edson Range, where they will be presented their Eagle, Globe and Anchors from their drill instructors.

"(The Crucible) proves to your drill

instructors and all Marines that you can be a part of their brotherhood and become a Marine," said Jaurez, 18, a Snyder, Texas native. "It's a rite of passage of becoming a Marine, to follow in the footsteps of all those who have fallen."

After a short period of leave to recover from the rigorous training during the last three months, the new Marines will report to the School of Infantry aboard MCB Camp Pendleton to complete their basic Marine training.

BRIEFS

Get ready and vote

Primary elections have started. If you or your family members have not submitted a registration or absentee ballot request Federal Post Card Application to your home state, do it now. Even if you voted absentee in a recent election you should submit an FPCA again this year as many states require annual submission. Do not assume your registration or absentee ballot request is still valid.

Sign up for state-specific election information at <http://www.fvap.gov/contact/subscription.html>. FVAP's call center is available at 1-800-438-8683, DSN 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov.

For more information, contact Juan Gomez at 524-8737/8.

2012 Aztecs football discount

Military ticket vouchers for Aztec football games are now available at the MCRD Ticket and Tours office for \$6.

Get tickets for any game this season, including the KGB Sky Show tomorrow, and Homecoming Oct. 13.

Redeem the voucher at the Qualcomm Stadium ticket window. Advanced exchange is strongly recommended.

San Diego State Athletics will recognize and honor various military branches and First Responders at each home football game during the 2012 season.

For more information call MCRD Tickets and Tours at (619) 725-6343 or 6304.

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. 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>.

Halloween Party

The depot Recreation Center will host 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: "What is a good leader?"



"Good leaders dedicate their time to their Marines." Gunnery Sgt. Erwin Jumawan, operations chief, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion



"A good leader is defined by the ability to listen to critiques without any hard feelings whether it's good or bad." Sgt. Matthew Bradley, drill instructor, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion



"Firmness and fairness as a combination. Being able to provide wisdom and guidance is also important." Staff Sgt. John Ciupak, adjutant, 1st Recruit Training Battalion

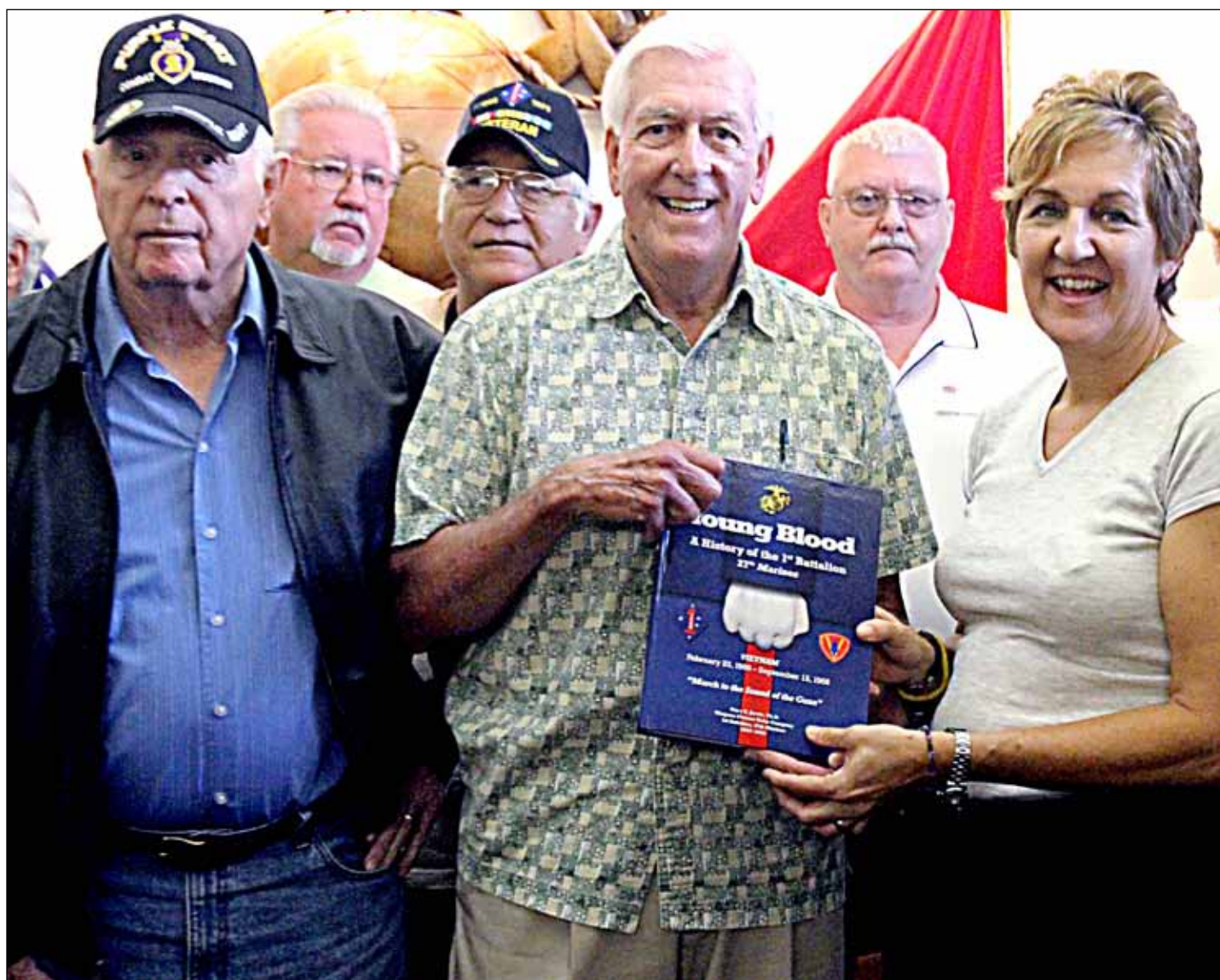
Now Hiring



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

An officer with United States Customs and Border Protection educates Sgt. Buck Head, postal chief, Headquarters and Service Battalion, on pursuing a career in border control during the Career and Education Fair Sept. 19 at the Semper Fit Fieldhouse aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. All services members and their families were encouraged to come to the event which provided them with information on future careers once they leave the armed services. "It helps military members transition into the civilian world," said Mina Threat, transition manager for the career resource management center. "It will help educate those interested in job searches and resumes." More than 66 employers and 44 educators came out to support service members in their transition. The event happens twice a year aboard MCRD San Diego.

Back to the Past



Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez

Retired veterans of the 1st Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment, gather around for a group photo with Barbara McCurtis, director, Command Museum, and to present a book on the 1/27 to the depot's museum Sept. 21. "Young Blood, A history of the 1st Battalion, 27th Marines" was written by one of their own. The book recounts their tour of duty in country during the war in South Vietnam. Eight-one 1/27 vets were on the depot for the book presentation.



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Depot hosts 11th annual Boot Camp Challenge

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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The transformation from civilian to Marine is a once in a life time experience for those who seek the title. New Marines go home to their friends and family trying to explain the 13-weeks of their lives occupied by recruit training, how they've overcome the mental and physical challenges they've faced and how they've conquered each obstacle.

But words can never really express the physical demands a recruit has endured to become a Marine.

Civilians and service members' families had the chance to make those experiences their own at the depot's 11th Annual Boot Camp Challenge Sept. 29.

The Boot Camp Challenge is a three-mile race around the perimeter of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, featuring 52 obstacles recruits have trained on throughout the years. The obstacles include walls, logs, trenches, tunnels and various push-up stations.

Sixty drill instructors, placed throughout the course, instructed and encouraged participants as they pushed through each obstacle.

According to Kelley Sitar,

Deputy Semper Fit Director and race director, more than 3,000 people, service members and civilians, came to the depot to view and participate in the race.

"These types of events allow civilians to experience a portion of what recruit training is like," explained Sitar. "And all proceeds are used to enhance Marine Corps Community Services' programs, such as children's sports and other events like this (Boot Camp Challenge)."

A variety of tents that sheltered food and beverage vendors, free massages, free "recruit haircuts," and a disk jockey, were set up to entertain and provide services to

participants before the race began. Nine o'clock in the morning rolled around and the first wave of racers ran up to the starting line. Racers were categorized by age, elite males and females, and whether they ran in a three-member or five-member team.

The sound of a blow horn was indication that it was time to take off and begin the course. Drill instructors enthusiastically ran around, motivating runners to keep moving and not to quit.

Once the last wave of racers came through, Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, MCRD San Diego and Western Recruit Region, ran the course,

getting every single drill instructor along the way.

Participants also had a chance to meet and take photos with the Marines who gave them a taste of what it was like to encounter a drill instructor.

Yoo presented first, second and third place medals to the top three finishers in each category, which included elites, age groups from 15 to 75 years old, and three-member and five-member groups.

"It was a lot of fun," said Taylor Shelgosh, a student at Martin Luther King Middle School. "Some parts were easier than we thought it was going to be, but it was still a lot of fun."

Shelgosh, a 13-year-old Ocean-side, Calif., native, explained that her track and field coach participated in the Boot Camp Challenge every year, but this was his first time running it with a team.

"He had us train almost all summer," said Shelgosh. "We flipped tires out on the football field and ran 'suicides'; it was tough but I'm glad we did it."

Shelgosh was part of the three-member "Honey Badger Don't Care," team which finished the course in 24 minutes, 24 seconds.

She and her teammates hope to participate in the Challenge again next year.



Cpl. Crystal J. Druery

Participants in the 11th annual Boot Camp Challenge take off running at the 9 a.m. start time. The three-mile course featured 52 obstacles that included walls, logs, trenches and 60 drill instructors to motivate them through the course.



Cpl. Crystal J. Druery

A drill instructor with 1st Recruit Training Battalion pushes a runner through the course during the depot's 11th annual Boot Camp Challenge Sept. 29. The three-mile course included 52 obstacles that recruits have trained on.



Cpl. Crystal J. Druery

Participants race to climb over obstacles during the depot's Boot Camp Challenge Sept. 29. Civilians were given the chance to experience some of the training obstacles that Marines have faced, and to be introduced to Marine Corps drill instructors in training mode.



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A participant runs along side a depot drill instructor with during the 11th Annual Boot Camp Challenge Sept. 29. The Boot Camp Challenge allows civilians to experience a small portion of Marine Corps recruit training through some of the obstacle courses Marines have endured.



Cpl. Crystal J. Druery

Participants race to climb over obstacles during the 11th annual Boot Camp Challenge Sept. 29, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The annual event offers civilians an opportunity to experience a small taste of the training obstacles that Marines have faced in order to earn the eagle, globe and anchor emblem, and the title "Marine."

Desire to give family a better life reason to serve

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
Chevron staff

Pfc. Gustavo Argueta, Platoon 2161, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, has always been devoted to his mother. Seeing her sacrifices and hardships as a single parent always made him want to provide a better life for her.

"I kind of have a 'Cinderella' story," explained the 18-year-old. "My mother married my stepfather when I was 5-years-old and later had three children with him; I was treated like an outcast growing up."

Throughout his adolescence, Argueta's stepfather was hard on him. Instead of being the father figure that his family needed, his stepfather became a tyrant in the household.

Witnessing the abuse in his home, Argueta knew that he wanted to grow up a better man. This allowed Argueta to become an extremely mature teenager.

Argueta explained that since the age of 14, he worked several construction jobs or any other work that he could find in order to help out his family.

His dedication to his mother was what drove him to work hard and strive to be successful.

At the age of 15, Argueta moved to Houston to live with his grandparents for three years. Continuing to work for extra money to send home to his mother, Argueta worked just as hard in his advanced placement classes during high school.

While attending high school, he participated in the Marine Corps Junior Reserves Officers Training Corps.

"Ever since I was little, I wanted to serve my country," said Argueta, remembering back to when he was in kindergarten. "They asked us what we wanted to be when we grew up, and I said, 'I wanted to be a soldier.'"

Argueta chose the Marine Corps because he admired the discipline and brotherhood that Marines display. After two years in Houston, Argueta moved to Irving, Texas to be with his mother.

Although he bounced between two different high schools, Argueta still took part in MCJROTC. There, he began to prepare himself for his enlistment.

"My mother didn't want me to go at all," explained Argueta. "But once my recruiter came over and explained the opportunities and experiences I'll have, she supported my decision."

In July of 2011, Argueta swore



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Pfc. Gustavo Argueta, Platoon 2161, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, enlisted in the Marine Corps to provide himself and his family with a better future. His mature, strong but calm nature earned him the billet of guide and he led his platoon since day one of training.

into the Marine Corps. The following month, his stepfather abandoned the family, leaving Argueta's mother to raise his three younger siblings on her own.

Over the next year, Argueta continued to help his mother until he left for recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego July 9.

Unlike most recruits who have a hard time adjusting to training, Argueta hit the ground running, which earned him the billet of guide. A guide is the recruit who exemplifies the most leadership traits and leads the platoon.

Argueta stood out among his peers and was taking charge and delegating tasks since the day he got there, explained Sgt. Sean Blue, senior drill instructor, Plt. 2161.

"He had no problem telling people what to do," said Blue, a 27-year-old Council Bluffs, Iowa native. "He was very mature for his age and everyone noticed it."

Argueta earned respect from his fellow recruits with his calm demeanor and the way he handled the platoon.

"He was always calm in every situation," said Pvt. Gabriel Alcantar, Plt. 2161. "His overall personality was very personable, he was understanding and helpful, but he knew when to take charge; I'm glad he's been our guide."

Although Argueta excelled in recruit training, his heart

and mind still remained on his family back home.

"That was the hardest part about training, leaving my mother and family," expressed Argueta. "She had a hard time too with me gone, but through the letters I got from her she always said how proud and how grateful she was to have me in her life."

Blue knew about Argueta's issues back home, but explained that Argueta didn't let that distract him from training.

"He knew what he came here for and he knew what he wanted," said Blue. "He's going to be a great Marine."

Argueta now possesses his Eagle, Globe and Anchor. His can-do attitude and loyalty to his

family is what kept him motivated throughout training in order to earn the title Marine.

Argueta will move on for Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and on to his military occupation specialty school where he will be trained in security forces.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Pfc. Gustavo Argueta, guide for Platoon 2161, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, low crawls during an event during the Crucible at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sept. 25. Argueta earned the guide billet because of his maturity and ability to lead. He stood out among his peers, and never let home issues discourage him from being successful.

Kurt Chapman

Parade Reviewing Officer

Kurt Chapman earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Harvard University in June 1985. He was commissioned as second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology upon graduation.

Chapman attended The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course at Quantico, Virginia. He joined the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, at Camp Pendleton, Calif., in April 1986, where he served as an infantry platoon commander with Company G.

Chapman was promoted to first lieutenant in May 1987, and served as the anti-armor platoon commander for Weapons Company. He also served as the battalion adjutant for Headquarters and Service Company.

Chapman made two unit deployments with 2/9 to Okinawa, Japan.

Chapman resigned his regular commission in June 1989 after four years of active duty. He joined Morgan Stanley Investment Bank in New York City the same month, to pursue a career as a commodities trader.

Chapman joined the 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines at New Rochelle, New York in September 1989, as a Marine Corps Reserve Infantry Platoon commander for Company F.

He was promoted to captain in the Marine Corps Reserve in February 1990. He resigned his commission and left the active reserve to transfer to London, England with Morgan Stanley.

Chapman spent the last 20 plus years living and working in Europe with some of the world's leading oil and trading companies. He currently runs the global oil trading business for Mercuria Energy Trading in Geneva, Switzerland. Mercuria is one of the top five private energy trading companies in the world.





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All Marine Corps recruits, whether at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego or MCRD Parris Island, S. C., will have to step onto the well-known yellow footprints upon arrival for recruit training. The yellow footprints are an iconic symbol Marines have all experienced.

Receiving DIs set tone for Marine Corps recruit training

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Immediately after boarding the bus, they lowered their heads as instructed and waited anxiously for their arrival. The next wave of young men to enter Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego were on their way.

After the short ride from the airport, they came to a sudden stop. Within seconds, they were greeted by a drill instructor with a loud, forceful voice demanding immediate responses. This was their introduction to recruit training.

"It's very important that we set the tone when they arrive," said Staff Sgt. Luis A. Alicea, senior drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion. "We have to give them that culture shock. They're no longer at home and they need

to know who has the authority now."

Recruits immediately ran off the bus and stood on the infamous yellow footprints where they were shown how to properly stand at the position of attention. Receiving drill instructors teach recruits the simple fundamentals such as the position of attention and how to respond to a drill instructor before they're handed off to their actual drill instructors, so they are able to focus more on training.

"Then we give them a quick down and dirty (Uniform Code of Military Justice) overview," said Alicea. "Afterwards, we take them into the contraband room and have them empty out their pockets to make sure they don't have anything on them."

The UCMJ contains laws military members must follow. Certain articles,

such as unauthorized absence and others that pertain to recruits while they are in recruit training, are read to them aloud.

"We try to present the most extreme form of professionalism," said Sgt. Cory J. Marcus, senior drill instructor, Receiving Co.

While in the contraband room, recruits are given short spiels on how they will conduct themselves in recruit training, as they rid themselves of unnecessary items they won't need.

"They won't be getting any sleep tonight," said Alicea. "From the contraband room they're formed into a huge assembly line where they get their hair cuts and go through the administration process. They're going to be rushed through processing to get it out of the way."

During the assembly line, recruits

are provided the opportunity to make a phone call home to let their loved ones know that they have arrived safely. This will be the only phone call they get to make for the next three months.

"This is where the transformation begins from civilian to recruit," said Marcus.

Over the next few days recruits are rushed through more processing before they begin training. This will be the only time receiving drill instructors will see the recruits, when they arrive and for the week that they're processing. For some drill instructors, they believe it's the change that makes it difficult.

"I believe it's because the transformation, from recruit to Marine, is so profound from when they arrive and when they graduate, which is why we don't notice them," said Alicea.



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A Receiving Company drill instructor insists that a recruit move faster during receiving. Recruits get their first piece of Marine Corps gear, a net bag, in the contraband room. They place items deemed unnecessary for training into the bag after removing them from their persons.



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Staff Sgt. Luis A. Alicea, senior drill instructor, Receiving Company, gives recruits their next period of instruction during receiving. Before moving them on through processing, Alicea read them articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, a set of laws all service members must obey.



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A Receiving Company drill instructor demands a response from new recruits during receiving. Recruits form a line for hair cuts and to begin administration work to process into recruit training.