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Chamber helps recruits build confidence in gear



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Pvt. Alek Garrett, platoon 3221, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, runs out of the Confidence Chamber after being exposed to CS gas, a non-lethal, riot control agent, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 29. Recruits are required to expose their faces twice inside the chamber in order to learn how to properly clear the mask.

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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The recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, lined up outside the door of the Confidence Chamber at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Oct. 29.

The Confidence Chamber is a gas chamber that allows recruits to become familiar with the M50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask and experience the effects of CS gas, also known as tear gas, a non-lethal, riot control agent.

“This training is for the recruits to build confidence in their ability to don and properly use the mask,” explained Cpl. Carlos Gama, field instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. “The recruits get to experience the effects of CS with and without the mask.”

The day began with a series of classes explaining the M50 mask, how to properly wear it, how to clear it, and CS gas and its effects. CS gas reacts with moisture on the skin and in the eyes, causing it to burn. It also irritates the respiratory system causing unpreventable coughing and sneezing.

The recruits are also given classes on alarms and specific hand and arm signals, so they know how to warn others in the area of a chemical outbreak, explained Gama.

Once the classes are done, the

platoons are broken down into groups and they line up at the door of the chamber, waiting to don their masks.

“Gas! Gas! Gas!” is yelled and recruits rush inside while putting on their masks. The door is closed and recruits line up against the wall.

Inside the dimly lit chamber, recruits are instructed to perform side-straddle hops to raise their heart rate and breathing pattern.

“This is to simulate how stressful someone would feel in a chaotic combat environment,” explained Gama.

Next was the moment most recruits dreaded, breaking the mask’s seal. The recruits were required to close their eyes, hold their breath and lift their masks off, exposing their face.

Some recruits struggle to hold their breath and begin to cough, breathing in the gas. The reactions are expected; skin burning, eyes tearing, and uncontrollable coughing.

“When I broke the seal, I started freaking out,” said Pvt. Alek Garrett, Platoon 3221, Co. K. “It was stinging so bad, I cried.”

The muffled sound of recruits crying out and gagging can be heard from the outside, making the next group anxious and nervous.

After a moment of being con-

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Co. L participates in team week

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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A big lesson learned in recruit training is teamwork, which requires recruits to put aside their differences to complete a common goal.

The recruits of Company L,

3rd Recruit Training Battalion, worked together and helped out during team week aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Oct. 27.

“The purpose of team week is to see how far the recruits have come and how well they work as a team with little supervision,” said Staff Sgt. Anthony Caldwell,

drill instructor, Platoon 3254, Co. L. “They get a chance to get out and work. They’ll experience Marines other than drill instructors and are expected to act like Marines.”

Team week marks the first week of Phase Three, the last phase of training. It’s a weeklong event that takes recruits away from the watchful eyes of their drill instructors and into the hands of Marines and civilian workers around the depot.

“They help out everywhere on base, different battalions, clothing issue and anywhere that needs help,” said Caldwell, a 31-year-old Tuscaloosa, Ala., native.

Those Marines and workers task out the recruits to complete jobs, such as landscaping work, moving furniture, cleaning, preparing supplies and whatever else needs to be done.

Some recruits may be put in a leadership position. They are expected to delegate tasks to their fellow recruits and take charge of the situation, thus sharpening their communication and leadership skills.

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Company L recruits participated in team week aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Oct. 30. Team week is an event that allows recruits to work around the depot with Marines and civilian workers. This is a chance for them to conduct themselves as Marines and gives them the opportunity to take leadership roles.



Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez

Bill Westmoreland, docent, speaks to recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, during their visit to the Command Museum aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Oct. 31.

Next generation tours Marine Corps history

BY CPL. MATHEUS J. HERNANDEZ
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Since 1775, Marines have left their mark in history during battles across the globe leaving behind a legacy

for future Marines to follow. Their legacy overtime has grown into something present Marines now have inspired to follow.

Aboard Marine Corps Re-

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Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, remove their M50 Joint Service General Purpose Masks to expose themselves to CS gas, a non-lethal, riot control agent, at the Confidence Chamber aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 29. The purpose of this exercise is to let recruits experience the effects of the gas. It also allows them to gain confidence in their ability to properly clear the mask.

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taminated, recruits were instructed to put their masks back on and clear them, allowing them to breath normally again. But the training wasn't over yet, they were to remove their masks again and endure the pain once more.

"The second time, I already knew what to expect," explained Garrett, an 18-year-old Fayetteville, Ark., native. "I stayed calm and kept thinking about the classes we went through and it wasn't that bad."

Co. K recruits were more than eager to leave when the door was opened. Rushing out and removing their masks, recruits breathed in the fresh air and ran to an area where they could clean the masks.

"I think that we go through this training so we can become confident when using our issued gear (like the gas mask) the right way," said Garrett. "If we don't know what to do, then we'll panic."

Breathing in the fresh air, the recruits of Co. K moved on to the Crucible, a 54-hour field training exercise that requires recruits to complete missions using teamwork, while being deprived of food and sleep. They received their Eagle, Globe and Anchor Nov. 1, and now hold the title Marine.



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A Company K recruit clears his M50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask after being exposed to CS gas in the Confidence Chamber.

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"They are given leadership roles and more responsibilities," explained Caldwell. "This is also a chance for them to gain confidence when speaking to other Marines."

When the recruits graduate and become junior Marines, they will have to work and talk with other Marines. If they aren't confident when speaking, no one will be confident in their abilities to carry out tasks.

"As third phase recruits, we're being held accountable to act like Marines when our drill instructors aren't around," said Recruit Anthony Avina, Plt. 3250, Co. L. "They want to see how far we've progressed."

Although not having the drill instructors around is a bit of a

relief for the recruits, they are still expected to act disciplined and respectful.

"It's kind of a break from the usual training schedule and drill instructors," explained Avina, an 18-year-old Chicago native, "But we're still supposed to conduct ourselves as Marines."

Team week also gives the recruits a chance to interact with each other more, building teamwork and camaraderie, said Avina.

"We already know how to work with each other during certain events, but this is to see if we have the ability to do it without being told to," explained Avina.

With the teamwork and camaraderie that was built through team week, the recruits of Co. L are expected to use those skills when they embark for the Crucible, a 54-hour field training exercise that push recruits mentally and physically to complete missions.

HISTORY ◀ 1

Recruit Depot San Diego is the Command Museum dedicated to the preservation of the illustrious history and time-honored traditions of the Marine Corps, where stories of Marines and their legacy are told.

There, recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, witnessed where their core values descended from aboard MCRD San Diego Oct. 31.

The museum is designed to teach Marine Corps history, tradition and values while portraying the legacy of the Corps. It offers history of the Marine Corps from the late 19th century to the present day, a reference center which contains archives and a research library, and classes and tours for Marines, recruits, and groups within the civilian community.

"(The history and tradition) of the Marine Corps is part of the reason why I enlisted," said Recruit Marcelino Lopez, guide, Platoon 1046. "I like the history about it. It's very inspiring how Marines in the past did so much with so little."

Recruits were split into groups by docents and were taken through every part of the museum, witnessing what the Corps started from to where it is today.

"We've talked about history and tradition in class before and it's great to actually see photos and hear stories from the docents," said Recruit Aaron D. McCormick, Plt. 1046. "The docents definitely made it an enjoyable experience coming to the museum."

The standard of the Marine Corps Marines have maintained over the years has inspired recruits to preserve what it is

today.

"I feel the history and tradition should be honored for the Marines that have gone before and all the hardships they have experienced," said McCormick. "It's nice to see how we still carry on the traditions that Marines before have carried."

Recruits will have another opportunity to experience the museum, but not until they complete recruit training and earn the title U.S. Marine. They will also be allowed to bring families and friends to enjoy the experience as well.

"I plan to bring my family here when we graduate," said Lopez. "I think it's important that they understand our roots too and where Marines come from. Right now they have a small idea of what it's like, and here they will actually be able to see more."

BRIEFS

Turkey Trot parking

The parking lots adjacent to the Recreation Center, Bldg. 590 and the Fitness Center, Bldg. 650 will be closed at 4:30 p.m., on Nov. 15 until after the Turkey Trot event Nov. 16.

Vehicles parked in these areas during the above times will be towed.

Open enrollment

The MCCS/MCRD San Diego Human Resources Office announces that Open Enrollment for medical, dental and flexible spending accounts is underway and will continue until Nov. 30.

This is the opportunity for civilian employees to adjust their enrollment in these programs to fit changing need.

Employees may enroll, cancel or make changes through PeopleSoft Self Service or at the local Human Resources Office.

Employees enrolled in a flexible spend account must re-enroll for 2013. For information or alterations go to www.opm.gov/insure/flexible/index.asp

All open enrollment changes are effective Jan. 1, 2013.

For information go to www.mccs-mcrd.com/HumanResources/Benefits/index.html.

Winter Safety Stand Down

The Safety Office will conduct the Winter Safety Stand Down Wednesday at the depot's theater.

Sessions will be held from 8 until 9:30 a.m., and from 1 until 2:30 p.m.

Guest speakers will be from the San Diego Sheriff Office and the Burn Institute.

Those attending should arrive 30 minutes before the start time for sign-in and seating.

For information the Safety Office at (619) 524-8770.

Basketball tourney

A one day Commanding General's Cup 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is slated for Nov. 14 at the MCRD Field House.

The tournament format and start time depend on how many teams enter.

The event is open only to MCRD active duty and civilian employees.

A coaches meeting is slated for Monday from 11 a.m., until noon, in the training room of the MCRD Fitness Center (building 13).

Bring a 4 person roster to the meeting (teams are only allowed 1 free agent).

For more information, contact Rachel Dickinson at dickinsonr@usmc-mccs.org or (619) 524-0548, or check out the event on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/QQNTSh> or <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/Athletics/index.html>

Electronic Funds Transfer

A treasury mandate requires the Department of Defense pay customers by Electronic Fund Transfer beginning March 1, 2013. This electronic payment includes regular scheduled payday, special payments, and allotments.

Allotment recipients, retirees, and civilian employees receiving paper checks must set up direct deposit accounts.

For more information, contact Tom Garcia at (619) 524-6102.

Bowling lanes closed

The MCCS/MCRD San Diego Recreation Center has announced that the bowling lanes are closed for renovation until Dec. 1. For information call (619) 524-4446 or go to <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/RecreationCenter/index.html>

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "What is your favorite part of the Marine Corps Birthday Celebration?"



"The dancing is my favorite part." Sgt. Moses Castro, drill instructor, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion



"I'm looking forward to the camaraderie." Lance Cpl. Shohan Islam, avionics maintenance technician, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing



"Getting together with all the other retired Marines." Capt. Don Brown (retired)

Volunteering to Help



Courtesy photo

The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society Fall Award Luncheon at the Admiral Kidd Catering and Conference Center, Naval Base Point Loma on Oct. 30, recognize Society volunteers for their hard work for the Navy and Marine Corps community. Awards for the number of hours worked and certificates of appreciation were presented to the volunteers by Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region. The volunteers supported their community by applying their skills in assisting military members and their families with loans, emergency leave, funeral assistance, budget counseling and other needs. Volunteers are, from left to right, Emily Bushore, Petty Officer First Class Alexis Pagan (hospital corpsman), Page Crowl, NMCRS MCRD Director Isabel Gonzalez, Elizabeth Dougherty, Julia Willkie, Dorothy Fevold, Julie Bolton, Bill Broadwell, Ursula Israelski, Launa Whittington, Arlette Mendoza, Ronald Briggs, Esmeralda Thompson and Pauline Myers.

Powder Puff



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Lt. Jeanette G. Shin, Headquarters and Service Battalion Silver Bullets, attempts to grab the flag of Amy Dodson, 1st Recruit Training Battalion's Knife Handlers, during the Powder Puff Football Tournament Oct. 24 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The one-day tournament included four teams from Recruit Training Regiment, Headquarters and Service Battalion, and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Silver Bullets won the tournament receiving a trophy to display in the battalion office.



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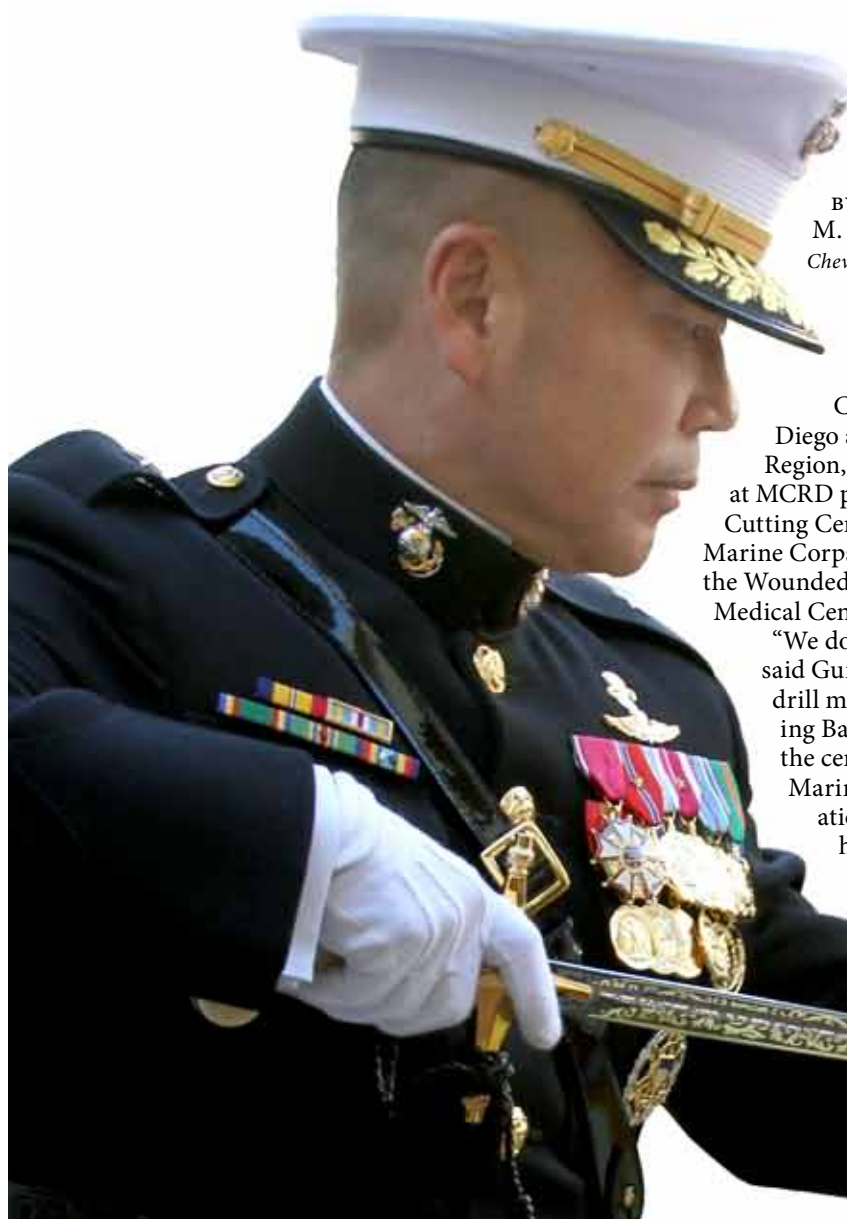
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Marines bow their heads for an invocation read by Lt. Cmdr. Gregory A. Cates, chaplain, during the Cake Cutting Ceremony honoring the Marine Corps' 237th birthday with the Wounded Warriors aboard Naval Medical Center San Diego Nov. 5.

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Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, cuts the ceremonial cake used in celebrating the Marine Corps' 237th birthday with Wounded Warriors at Naval Medical Center San Diego, Nov. 5. This first piece of cake was offered to Rear Adm. Forrest Faison III, Naval Medical Center San Diego commanding officer. The second piece of cake was given to the oldest Marine present who shared it with the youngest Marine present.

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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Marines bring ceremony to wounded warriors

Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, and Marines stationed at MCRD proudly shared the Cake Cutting Ceremony honoring the Marine Corps' 237th birthday with the Wounded Warriors aboard Naval Medical Center San Diego Nov. 5. "We do this to keep tradition," said Gunnery Sgt. Scott Chromy, drill master, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. "By bringing the ceremony to the wounded Marines, we show our appreciation for the sacrifices they have made."

Not every Marine can celebrate the birthday due to

the severity of their injuries, scheduled appointments or rehabilitation, so having the cake cutting ceremony at the hospital allows the Marines a chance to enjoy the tradition and be reminded that they are not forgotten.

Marines have been celebrating the Marine Corps birthday for many years now, but the first ceremonial birthday was celebrated in 1925. The ceremony was formalized by Lemuel C. Shepherd, 20th Commandant of the Marine Corps, in 1952 by highlighting the cake cutting ceremony, which later entered the Marine Drill Manual in 1956.

"The cake cutting ceremony symbolizes the passing of tradition," explained Chromy. "Throughout the generations, our values and traditions remain the same even through all the changes we've faced."

The ceremony took place in the courtyard of the medical center where Marines, sailors, veterans and civilians were all invited to watch.

The cake was slowly marched out to a slowed down rendi-

tion of the Marine Corps' Hymn. It was brought to host, Rear Adm. Forrest Faison III, commanding officer, NMC San Diego, and to his guest, Yoo.

The tradition is to offer the first piece of cake to the guest of honor as a sign of respect and to recognize his contribution to the Marine Corps.

The second piece is given to the oldest and youngest Marine present at the ceremony. This symbolizes the experience and youthful spirit that is the trademark of the Corps. The oldest Marine present was Robert W. Samuel, born Oct., of 1923 in Pacific Beach, Calif., and he served in the Marine Corps from 1942 to 1962.

He then passed it to the youngest Marine present, Lance Cpl. Neil Altomayor, born June 1991 in Albuquerque, N. M., and has served in the Marine Corps since 2010. The passing of the cake from the oldest to the youngest symbolizes the passing of tradition, knowledge and history to the next generation.

The cake was then slowly marched

back, where it was cut into several pieces so that Yoo and Marines in the ceremony could pass them out to veterans and the Wounded Warriors that couldn't make it to the ceremony.

"I have mixed emotions about the ceremony," explained Lance Cpl. Danny Solis, an injured infantryman. "It gives me pride, but I always think of my Marines that have lost their lives."

Solis has been serving in the Marine Corps since 2007, and injured his leg in Afghanistan July 2011. He explained how Marines before us have made the ultimate sacrifice so that Marines of the future can celebrate this birthday.

"Life is fragile," said Solis. "We're celebrating the birthday, but we're also celebrating the Marines lives that we lost." With another year down, and many more to go, the Marine Corps will continue to honor its traditions and be the world's finest fighting force.



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Marines, sailors, veterans and civilians were all invited to watch the Cake Cutting Ceremony aboard Naval Medical Center San Diego Nov. 5. Marines stationed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot volunteered their time to deliver cake to service members who couldn't make it to the ceremony.



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The cake escorts slowly march out the birthday cake to a slowed rendition of the Marines' Hymn during the Cake Cutting ceremony.

Recruit rejoins Co. K six years later

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
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After high school, everyone makes a choice on what to do next, for Pfc. Ben Pack, Platoon 3221, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, college was a no brainer and began taking classes at University of Oregon.

Although happy with his choice, Pack couldn't help but feel like he wanted something more, knowing his best friend Sgt. Gabe Spires went into the Marine Corps.

In 2006, he decided to enlist as a reservist and go to recruit training between his junior and senior year of college.

Pack began training with Company K, but after sustaining a stress fracture in his right leg just before Phase II, Pack was sent home unable to complete the training.

"When I got out the first time there was an initial shock. I couldn't believe I was getting dropped," said Pack.

A few days later Pack was sent home and returned to school where he completed his undergraduate degree in business with an emphasis in communication and a minor in economics. He also decided to complete his master's degree in teaching.

He then went on to teach at an alternative school for 18 to 21 year olds for two years before starting at Daimler in the electrical engineering department.

Although he looked forward to continuing his civilian career, Pack couldn't help the feeling of wanting something more.

"It's interesting that he didn't make it but chose to come back," said Sgt. Enrique Mendoza, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3221. "He felt like he needed to finish what he started."

Pack decided he wanted to give recruit training another shot so shipped off again, in-between work projects with Daimler. When he found out he was going to pick up with Co. K, he asked his recruiters if he could delay a week to rejoin his



Pfc. Ben Pack, Platoon 3221, Co. K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, exits the Confidence Chamber during their introduction to CS gas Oct. 29 at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. This is Pack's second time with Co. K after suffering a stress fracture in his right leg 6 years ago. After completing his master's degree, Pack decided it was time to finish what he started and become a reservist in the U.S. Marine Corp.

old company.

"The age difference was tough but it gave me an opportunity to take a leadership role," said Pack, 27, a Portland, Ore., native. "It felt good to come back."

He has been using his experience to help guide the platoon, but still lets them learn things on their own.

"He's really mature and knows how to play his role," said Mendoza, 26, a Chico, Calif., native. "A lot of the recruits go to him for help and look up to

him."

The recruits hoped to learn all they could from Pack's previous trail at recruit training, but he only helped to guide them and understand there is a purpose for everything they do.

"He wanted to make sure everyone had their own recruit experience," said Mendoza. "He helped them with what he could but didn't give them all the answers."

Although he knew his old friend, Spires, was now a drill

instructor for Co. K, they had planned it so they would not run into each other. So when Pack arrived, he was then surprised to find Spires was his drill instructor, however they were able to inform the commands quickly and get Pack switched to another platoon.

"He didn't want anybody to know that one of the drill instructors is his friend," said Mendoza. "He doesn't want other people to think he's getting special treatment, because he's

not."

This time Pack has pushed through and is looking forward to his career in the Marine Corps reserve, not letting anything stand in his way. After completing his training, Pack hopes to join his reserve unit and pursue an officer commissioning program.

"I want my career but I want the Marine Corps as a separate career," said Pack. "I'd like to stay in as long I continue to see the benefits."

Lt. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik (retired)

Parade Reviewing Officer

Retired Lieutenant General Dennis J. Hejlik's last appointment was as the Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Command; Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Atlantic; Commander, United States Marine Corps Bases Atlantic; Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Europe.

He retired Sept. 1, 2012.

Hejlik enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1968, standing on the depot's Yellow Footprints on March 6. He graduated from recruit training here on May 12, 1968, with 1st Battalion, Platoon 149.

Hejlik was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1972. A graduate of Minnesota State University, he was commissioned through the Platoon Leader's Course program.

Hejlik is an honor graduate of

The Basic School, the Amphibious Warfare School, The Command and Staff College, and The Naval War College.

Hejlik's command assignments include: platoon commander and company commander, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. Platoon commander Marine Barracks, Yorktown, Va.; commanding officer, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines; commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines; commanding officer Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.; commander, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, I Marine Expeditionary Force; commander, U. S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command; commanding general, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Hejlik's staff assignments include: 3rd Marine Division aide-de-camp to the commanding general; battalion logistics officer, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines; Tactics Instructor at Amphibious Warfare School; executive officer of the 2nd Marine Regiment; Current Operations Officer, I Marine

Expeditionary Force, Operation Desert Storm; 2nd Marine Division G-1A; Enlisted Assignment Section, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; senior military fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations; military secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps; deputy commanding general, I Marine Expeditionary Force; the principal director for Special Operations and Combatting Terrorism in Special Opera-

tions and Low Intensity Conflict; U.S. Special Operations Command, chief of staff; director, Center for Policy, Training and Readiness, U.S. Special Operations Command.

Hejlik's personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with gold star, Legion of Merit with gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars,

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and the Leftwich Award, an award for outstanding leadership presented annually in memory of Lt. Col. William Groom Leftwich, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in action in the Republic of Vietnam in Nov. 1970.

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Three recruits fight against one another in a pugil stick bout Oct. 28. During pugil stick training recruits faced different scenarios such as three-way fight and three versus one.

Hand-to-hand combat skills taught in pugil stick training

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After a quick demonstration of rifle butt strokes, recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, donned protective gear and faced one another Oct. 29, in pugil stick match ups, aboard Marine Corps Recruiting Depot San Diego.

After a two-on-one match up, recruits faced off one-on-one until a kill strike was received or a fighter fell off their platform. The platform is only a couple feet wide and forces recruits to engage one another head on. The floor on both sides are cushioned to prevent injuries.

From an outside perspective the exercise could seem barbaric and without purpose, but that was not the case and both drill instructor and recruit would argue different.

Prior to each bout recruits were checked for mouthpieces, gloves and fitting headgear. Techniques such as the butt stroke, vertical and horizontal slash, and high and low blocks were taught and demonstrated. The entire exercise including the bouts spanned approximately two and a half hours.

Recruits practice defense, offense and fighting multiple opponents explained Sgt. Christian Hutson, drill instructor, Platoon 3211, Co. I.

"Pugil sticks gives recruits confidence to get over the fear of fighting," said Hutson. "For others who have fought before it gets them used to hand-to-hand combat."

Besides the obvious hand-to-hand combat techniques practiced such as butt strokes, some recruits thought the introduction to controlled aggression was important as well.

"This is organized, we're learning how to use offense and

defense," said Recruit Ryan P. Ogletree, Plt. 3210, Co I.

For some recruits learning the defensive maneuvers proved useful as early as their first pugil stick fight.

Recruit Daniel Pineda, Plt. 3210, Co. I said his first pugil stick fight was against a much taller opponent with longer arms but because he used the defensive techniques he was able to overcome the height disadvantage.

"The defense helped me a lot when he was attacking wildly," said Pineda, who is 5 feet 5 inches tall. "It was a challenge because he was taller, but it was exciting."

Pineda explained that there is a lot of nervousness before the fight but nervousness is perfectly normal in that kind of situation.

"It's like my old coach told me, 'there is something wrong with you if you're not nervous before you fight. Everyone has a little (nervousness) something before a challenge,'" said Pineda.

While looking over the exercise Hutson made it clear that although the exercise is intense, it is very much controlled and serves as a confidence builder in recruit training.

"We take a lot of precaution. After the first 'killing blow' we blow a whistle. The matches last about 10-15 seconds, it's not like they're 30 minute fights," said Hutson. "People may see photos of this and say, 'Oh my gosh, but they're wearing mouth pieces and gloves.'"

As more and more recruits finished their bouts and lined up in formation it was evident from their grins on that the training not only taught valuable hand-to-hand combat techniques but also improved recruit morale.



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Company I recruits wait their turn to face one another in pugil stick bouts. Recruits were faced with various scenarios that included facing multiple opponents. Each pugil stick bout ended when a recruit was hit on the head, about 15 seconds.



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Sgt. Christian Hutson, drill instructor, Platoon 3211, Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, directs Co. I recruits to their next exercise during pugil stick training. Recruits learned how to use rifles to perform upper and lower blocks and afterwards faced off in pugil stick fights.