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Depot hosts 5th annual Father-Daughter Dance

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
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On Jan. 27 fathers of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego finally allowed their daughters on a date with a gentleman they approve of, themselves.

This is the fifth year the depot has hosted its Father Daughter Dance. The Semper Fit Fieldhouse was transformed to meet the theme of Sugar, Spice and Everything Nice for this very special event, giving them a night out they're not likely to forget.

"It's a time carved out for fathers and daughters to bond, especially if they're on the drill field," said Patty Kalaye, Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills Trainer. "We try to make it as much like the Marine Corps Ball as possible by encouraging the wear of dress uniforms."

The dance sold 170 tickets in advance and continued to sell them at the door for a total of 194 attendees. This is a large improvement compared to last

year's 122 guests.

"I have some of my drill instructors here who have really been looking forward to tonight. They've had it on their calendars for weeks," said Lt. Col. Matt Reiley, commanding officer, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. "This means a lot to them."

More than 100 girls, from 3 months to 19 years old, were dressed up and ready to dance with their fathers. Goody bags filled with candy and bracelets were prepared for the girls as they entered the fieldhouse.

Father's also had the option to purchase photo packages to help remember their night. The event gave service members the opportunity to spend quality time bonding with their daughters.

Music was played throughout the night to encourage dancing.

"I just want to dance," said Zoey, 5, who picked out one of her favorite dresses to spend time with her dad.

The tables were lined with sweets, including cookies, cakes,

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Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Cpl. David Clark, administration clerk, 12th Marine Corps District, accompanies his daughters on the dance floor at the Father-Daughter Dance in the Semper Fit Fieldhouse aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Jan. 27. The fifth annual Father-Daughter Dance theme was Sugar, Spice and Everything Nice and attracted 194 guests.

Marines compete in annual DCIAP

BY SGT. WHITNEY N. FRASIER
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The 13th annual Depot Competition in Arms Program was held this week, at Edison Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

An awards ceremony will be held today at 3 p.m., Edson

Range, honoring those who were on target with the highest scores.

DCIAP includes the use of both the pistol and rifle to encompass a well-rounded firing competition between Marines who fall under the depot and Western Recruiting Region's command.

Chief Warrant Officer

Sean Flannery, officer-in-charge, Bravo Range, Range Company, Weapons Field Training Battalion, explained the competition is approximately 10 days in length each year, and is used to structure the MCRD San Diego Shooting Team. The official shooting team will advance to the Western Division Matches this month.

"Anyone is eligible to participate with their command's consent," said Flannery. "They don't have to be the best shooters. If they are willing to put in the work, show up the next day and keep a good attitude, I will take them."

This year, 86 members showed up Jan. 30 to shoot in the competition.

Although it's not the average course of fire Marines are used to for annual qualification, both the rifle and the pistol courses are similar.

"The purpose of the program is to strengthen the Marine Corps Marksmanship program," said Flannery. "Getting Marines involved in a competition in anything will make them better at it. Every Marine is still a rifleman."

Aside from the extra practice the shooters receive, it also benefits the recruiting mission.

"When recruiters come out here and participate (in this event), they can go back and show

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Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Jesse Solis, military relations at Brandman University, talks with Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Brownfield, operations chief, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Cpl. Alicia Diiorio, operations clerk, MALS 39, about the programs and opportunities the college offers. The Career and Education Fair had 120 booths set up with information on military-friendly organizations looking to help service members and their families meet their goals.

MCRD helps transitioning Marines find career paths

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

friendly organizations looking to help service members and their families meet their goals.

The semi-annual Career and Education Fair was held here Feb. 1, at the Semper Fit Fieldhouse.

The Career and Education fair had 120 booths set up with information on military

"This is a great opportunity to find out the various fields open to you," said Staff Sgt. Kelly Miller, Marine musician, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion.

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Museum recertified



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Commanding General Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, is presented the first Marine Corps museum re-certification by Lin Ezell, National Museum of the Marine Corps director, in a Jan. 31 ceremony at the Command Museum. MCRD was originally certified in 1987 by the Marine Corps history department. Now under the new Marine Administrative Message that came out in 2005, the four certified Marine museums are required to re-certify each decade, said Ezell. In late 2010 a recertification team evaluated the museum. They concluded that the museum was well supported by the command and eligible for re-certification. "As I tell recruit families, this museum is a window into the soul of our corps," said Yoo. "For us to be able to show everyone that comes through our esprit de corps, its pretty significant."

Flooding happens in San Diego, too

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Floods are one of the most common hazards in the United States, but not all floods are alike. Some floods develop slowly, while others such as flash floods, can develop in just a few minutes and without visible signs of rain.

Floods can be local, impacting only a neighborhood or community; or very large, affecting entire river basins and multiple states.

Flash floods can occur within minutes or hours of excessive rainfall, when a dam or levee failures, or an ice jam breaks. Flash floods often feature a dangerous wall of roaring water carrying rocks, mud and other debris.

Overland flooding, the most common type of flooding event, typically occurs when rivers or streams overflow their banks, flooding the surrounding areas. It can also occur when rainfall or snow melt exceeds the capacity of underground pipes, or the capacity of streets and drains designed to carry flood water away from urban areas.

People should be aware of possible flooding hazards no matter where they live or work. Especially if they are in low-lying areas, near streams, behind a levee, downstream from a dam or close to the beach, where storm surges can create flooding problems.

Even small watercourses like gullies, creeks, culverts, dry streambeds and low-lying ground may allow serious flooding.

Emergency response experts advise that people avoid building and living in a flood plane area. If that is not an option, buildings should be elevated and reinforced to withstand flooding.



U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jetta H. Disco

The Ocean Beach Pier, a notable San Diego landmark, is engulfed by high surf as a series of waves roll through, Jan. 19, 2010. Strong winter storms continue to impact Southern California each year with pounding surf, torrential rains, and howling winds.

Furnaces, water heaters and electric panels should be built high in flood plane areas, and check valves should be used to prevent flood water backing up into drains.

Other measures include designing a family emergency communications plan and preparing emergency kits to support family members with food, water, prescription medication, first aid, etc., for at least several days.

If a flood should happen, listen to the radio or television for information while maintaining safety.

It is important not to wait for instructions to evacuate. Secure homes

before leaving, turn off utilities and disconnect electrical appliances. Of course, never touch electrical equipment when wet or standing in water.

After a flood occurs, use local alerts and warning systems to get information and advice as soon as feasible. Avoid moving water and stay away from damaged areas. Do not attempt to return home until authorities indicate it is safe.

Use extreme caution when entering homes or buildings.

For more information, go to <http://www.ready.gov/floods> and also the MCRD San Diego Web site and click on the emergency preparedness link.

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poolees what they are able to do in the Marine Corps besides their job," said Flannery.

MCRD San Diego's shooting team took six out of seven trophies at the intramurals last month against base teams, but this comes to no surprise for them because the advantage they have.

"MCRD has always been a premier shooting team on the West coast because we do it every day," said Flannery, who is in charge of a range that Marine recruits are coached on. "I'm sure it's the same for the depot on the East Coast."

Being an official MCRD San Diego team member has its benefits. For example, the team competes in several non-military competitions every year including Creedmore Cup Matches and the California State Championship. In addition to these competitions, Marines are issued bonus gear, such as jackets, gloves and shooting chairs to assist during the competition.

Most importantly, team members become knowledgeable of things they would not normally learn on their own just by communicating with other team members.

"I've definitely improved because I have learned so much from other competitors," said Cpl. Angela Newsome, signals intelligence analyst, Range Co., WFTBn.



Sgt. Whitney N. Frasier

Cpl. Angela Newsome, signal intelligence analyst, Range Company, Weapons Field Training Battalion, fires off a round during the Depot Competition in Arms Program, Feb. 6. Newsome placed first in the rifle preliminaries and is part of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Shooting Team.

"It's the most valuable thing about being on the team."

Newsome, who placed first in the preliminary rifle match also explained that being on the team will improve anyone's marksmanship skills giving them more confidence in their annual

qualifications.

Competition and Marines just mix well. DCIAP is one of those things we need to keep alive, said Flannery.

For more information, or to try out for the MCRD Shooting Team, contact (760)-725-8921.

and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits.

"It's a time for them to present their programs to the service members," said Annie Villalon, education and career specialist, Personal and Professional Development.

Many companies made sure to highlight the need for military-specific skills to create a smooth transition into the civilian work force. Employers often recognize the leadership abilities that come from serving in the military.

"We know how the transitioning process can be stressful," said Mina Threat, career resource specialist, Personal and Professional Development. "One thing that can help to minimize that stress is finding a job."

For more information concerning career or education opportunities, contact Mina Threat or Annie Villalon at (619) 524-1849 or (619) 524-1275.

BRIEFS

Casino Night

MCCS Semper Fit hosts Casino Night tonight at the Recreation Center, Building 590, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Doors open and registration begins at 5.

Come enjoy three hours of black jack, craps, roulette, texas hold'em and slot machines.

Raffle prizes and light snacks and beverages are provided.

- Registration fee: \$15 – individuals and \$25 – pairs
- Registration is from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Registration fee includes \$2,500 in playing chips and 10 raffle tickets (Raffle will be held at the end of the night)
- Casino bucks will turn into additional raffle tickets @ 2100.

For more information, contact Dominique Gary at (619) 725-6407 or at garydj@usmc-mccs.org.

CG Cup bowling scratch singles tournament

There will be a one-day bowling tournament at the Recreation Center Feb. 22 (start time TBD).

Registration is from 11 a.m. to noon at the Fitness Center training room on Feb. 13. Participants may also register via e-mail to dickinsonr@usmc-mccs.org.

There are only 72 spots available for this event, and it is open only to MCRD active duty and DoD/NAFI employees.

For more information, contact Athletics at (619) 524-0548 or email dickinsonr@usmc-mccs.org.

Earn extra points for female participation.

CG Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tourney

A one-day Ultimate Frisbee Tournament will be held Feb. 28 at the MCRD track field. Start time and format TBD based on the number of teams entered.

Coaches will meet Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. until noon at the Fitness Center training room. Coaches should bring rosters with a maximum of 8 members per team (7 players, 1 sub).

The contest is open only to MCRD active duty and DOD/NAFI employees.

Any office/section on the depot may enter a team but at least 75% of the team has to be members of that office/section. At game time, the team on the field/court must be at least 75% of that office or section and not free agents.

Teams can recruit at game time as long as they maintain 75% and recruited player is not already on another team.

If an office/section does not have enough players to form a team, the options are:

- players can become free agents and play for any team
- players can recruit free agents to form a team as long as the team roster and the team at game time does not exceed the 75% rule
- A player can only become a free agent if the office/section they work for does not have a team

Earn extra CG Cup entry points for female participation.

For more information, contact Athletics at (619) 524-0548 or e-mail dickinsonr@usmc-mccs.org

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Battalion. "Some people don't know the things that are available to the military."

The depot hosts these fairs in order to ensure attendees get the information they need to further their careers, in or out of the military. The fair can help service members find a college that fits their needs or an employer seeking their skills.

"Some Marines have been doing this for so long they don't know how to do anything else," said Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Brownfield, Operations Chief, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

This year's fair has been the largest ever and attracted 648 service members and spouses. All colleges present were researched to ensure they were accredited and eligible for tuition assistance

Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: What is your favorite leadership trait? Why?



"Obedience is my favorite leadership trait because without it there would be no point in a chain of command. You need to be able to tell someone to do something and know they will do it, if they don't you aren't a leader." Cpl. Marcelles Williams, administrative clerk, Coronado Amphibious Base



"Initiative. It is what separates the leaders from the followers. Marines that have initiative do great things throughout our Corps!"

Cpl. Josh Eilhardt, protocol noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"Knowledge, because it's the foundation of all things in existence." Staff Sgt. William Whitfield, instructor, Drill Instructor School, Support Battalion

Marines rescue Afghan policemen from collapsed building

BY CPL. ED GALO
Regimental Combat Team 6

SANGIN TUFAAN, Afghanistan – During a routine key leader engagement, Jan. 22, in Sangin Tufaan, Afghanistan, Marines with Afghan National Civil Order Police Mentorship Team Two, with 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, found themselves in a situation that was anything but routine.

During the engagement, an over-watch post constructed out of sandbags on top of a three story hardened structure collapsed into itself due to recent inclement weather. When the over-watch post collapsed, there were two ANCOP members inside who were buried and trapped under the rubble.

Upon hearing the commotion from the wreck, some of the Marines with PET-II immediately ran to investigate.

"I was in one of the vehicles that were providing security when it all started," said Cpl. William Weeks, team leader, PMT-II, from Pensacola, Fla. "I ran to the roof when I heard all the noise. I saw the post had collapsed through two or three stories. I ran down the stairs to try and help."

While Weeks was running down to help he found there was razor-sharp concertina wire and fallen lockers blocking his path.

"We just started moving all the stuff out of the way, the c-wires, lockers, sandbags, everything," he continued. "I didn't know at the time if there were people there. I just started trying to clear everything out."

More Marines with PMT-II quickly rushed to the aid of the two ANCOP policemen trapped under all the rubble. At the same time, there were dozens of other ANCOP observing from the roof. The weight of the ANCOP on the rooftop created a dangerous situation since the structure had weakened from the collapse.

Gunnery Sgt. James Fuentes, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, PMT-II, from East Chicago, Ind., instructed the Marines to temporarily stop with the search and rescue until the ANCOP was cleared from the roof.

Immediately after the last ANCOP member was able to get off the roof, the Marines continued the search and rescue to get the wounded out of the



Cpl. Brandon Rodriguez

A Marine with the Police Adviser Team, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, stands atop the site where Marines rescued two members of the Afghan National Civil Order Police in Sangin Tufaan, Helmand province, Afghanistan, Jan. 25. A post on top of the roof collapsed, burying two ANCOP members beneath the rubble prior to Marines and ANCOP arriving to provide rescue efforts.

rubble. Fuentes then directed Weeks to begin the "9-line" casualty evacuation process in order to be ready for when they pulled the casualties out of the debris.

"I ran out to grab litters from the vehicles and then when I came back I started the 9-line right away," added Weeks.

When Weeks ran to the vehicles he told some of the other Marines about what had happened and without delay, they ran to assist.

"I was in one of the trucks when I saw one of the Marines running toward us," said Cpl. Travis Sears, team leader, PMT-II, from Pittsburg. "Cpl. Weeks was telling us what had just happened and I ran toward the building with one of the stretchers."

According to Weeks, they found the first casualty within four minutes of the incident. The Marines and a Navy corpsman instantly began to check his vitals to see how he was doing. "I could tell he was in pretty bad shape just by looking at him. We knew he needed medical attention," said Cpl. Terry Still, team member, PMT-II, from Debary, Fla. "I was in a separate part of the building when it collapsed. We ran in to see what happened and I saw Gunny

(Fuentes) yelling into the rubble to see if anyone was trapped. We just started pulling the sandbags off. Once we found out there were two ANCOP trapped in there, all I thought about was getting the bags off."

The first injured person was pulled from the rubble and was immediately taken to a casualty collection point. The corpsman, Seaman Jared Smith, from Lebanon, Ind., deemed the casualty stable while the others continued to search for the second victim.

Smith found the second casualty with no vital signs and deemed him expectant.

Both casualties were put in an ambulance and then escorted to Forward Operating Base Jackson for an evaluation by the battalion aid station there. The first casualty was flown to Camp Bastion for further evaluations.

The second casualty was confirmed deceased by the medical officer at FOB Jackson.

"I couldn't be prouder of my Marines," Fuentes said. "The Marines gave the notice that something had happened and it was basically autopilot from there. Their training came into play right there. Everything was like clockwork."

"The actions of my Marines saved the first guy," Fuentes

continued. "They worked great together."

The actions of the Marines with PMT-II saved the life of an ANCOP member when misfortune struck. All the Marines within that unit credit their actions with their training, hard work and many rehearsals.

"You don't have to do a good deed just by killing a bad guy out here," said Sgt. Jonathan Purifoy, squad leader, PMT-II, from Greenville, Ala. "We can help our allies in other ways. That's what we're here to do, is help them."

3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, is currently assigned to Regimental Combat Team 6 in 2nd Marine Division (Forward), which heads Task Force Leatherneck. The task force serves as the ground combat element of Regional Command (Southwest) and works in partnership with the Afghan National Security Force and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to conduct counterinsurgency operations. The unit is dedicated to securing the Afghan people, defeating insurgent forces, and enabling ANSF assumption of security responsibilities within its area of operations in order to support the expansion of stability, development and legitimate governance.

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cotton candy and an ice cream sundae bar to emphasize the night's theme. The walls and floor were covered with cupcake and lollipop decorations with bright-colored streamers overhead.

"Any event that gives us time

with our family is like gold – it's better than gold," said Sgt. Gabriel Spires, drill instructor, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

More than 30 prizes were raffled off throughout the night, including the grand prize of a Magna bike with helmet.

"I was really impressed by

the atmosphere," said Spires, who is expecting another girl in June and is looking forward to bringing both daughters next year.

Although appetizers were served, some fathers took the dance as an opportunity to spend the whole night with their daughters going to dinner before

or after, explained Kalaye.

"Being a service member you don't have the time to do a lot of things like this," said Cpl. Luis Rosas, supply clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion. "I'm getting to spend some quality time with my daughters."

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Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey



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Lance Cpl. Chae Williams, correspondent clerk, Headquarters and Service Battalion, delivers baton strikes and blocks so that she can subdue the "suspect" Jan. 27, during a level one of oleoresin capsicum spray course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Marines completed this course as a part of Security Augmentation Force training.

Lance Cpl. Bridget Keane, combat correspondent, Headquarters and Service Battalion, washes her eyes out after completing level one oleoresin capsicum spray training.



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Sgt. Omar Askew, career planner, Headquarters and Service Battalion, is escorted to wash his eyes out after finishing the last station of the level one of the oleoresin capsicum spray course Jan. 27.

Lance Cpl. Joshua Franco, administrative clerk, Headquarters and Service Battalion, demonstrates apprehension of a "suspect," Lance Cpl. Andrew Rodgers, during level one oleoresin capsicum spray for Security Augmentation Force training Jan. 27.

Security augmentees endure pain for guard preparation

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUEY
Chevron staff

Marines aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego advanced their nonlethal weapon skills by enduring oleoresin capsicum spray, also known

as pepper spray, for Security Augmentation Force training Jan. 27.

In order for members of the SAF to

carry OC spray as a tool for use in nonlethal situations, Marines must experience level one of OC spray training first hand.

"It's important they understand the effects of OC spray," said John Clark, course instructor. "When they utilize the spray they might catch a mist of the OC, but need to have the ability to fight through the pain and carry on with the mission. If they don't understand the effects, they will be caught off guard."

Through law enforcement experience, it's proven the OC spray handler will be exposed to some of the spray. Knowing its effects helps to better prepare the person handling the spray, said Staff Sgt. Brian Weinmeister, special operations,

Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion.

Before being sprayed, the Marines were given classes on OC spray.

The classes cover what to expect, how to use the spray and how to determine the appropriate time to use it.

The level one OC spray course began with the Marines receiving a line of OC spray across their eyes. They were then expected to open their eyes and run to the first exercise station.

Many Marines displayed facial expressions of shock and pain while fighting to open their eyes.

"A lot of the time the anticipation makes being OC sprayed seem worse," said Weinmeister. "Once they're exposed to the OC they do have pain, but then they have an understanding of what to expect."

At the first station the Marines encountered a "suspect" holding a punching bag. They were expected to fight through the pain and perform four arm strikes, open hand techniques and palm heel or knee strikes.

"The training makes them realize they can fight through the pain and control the situation," said Weinmeister. "This way the

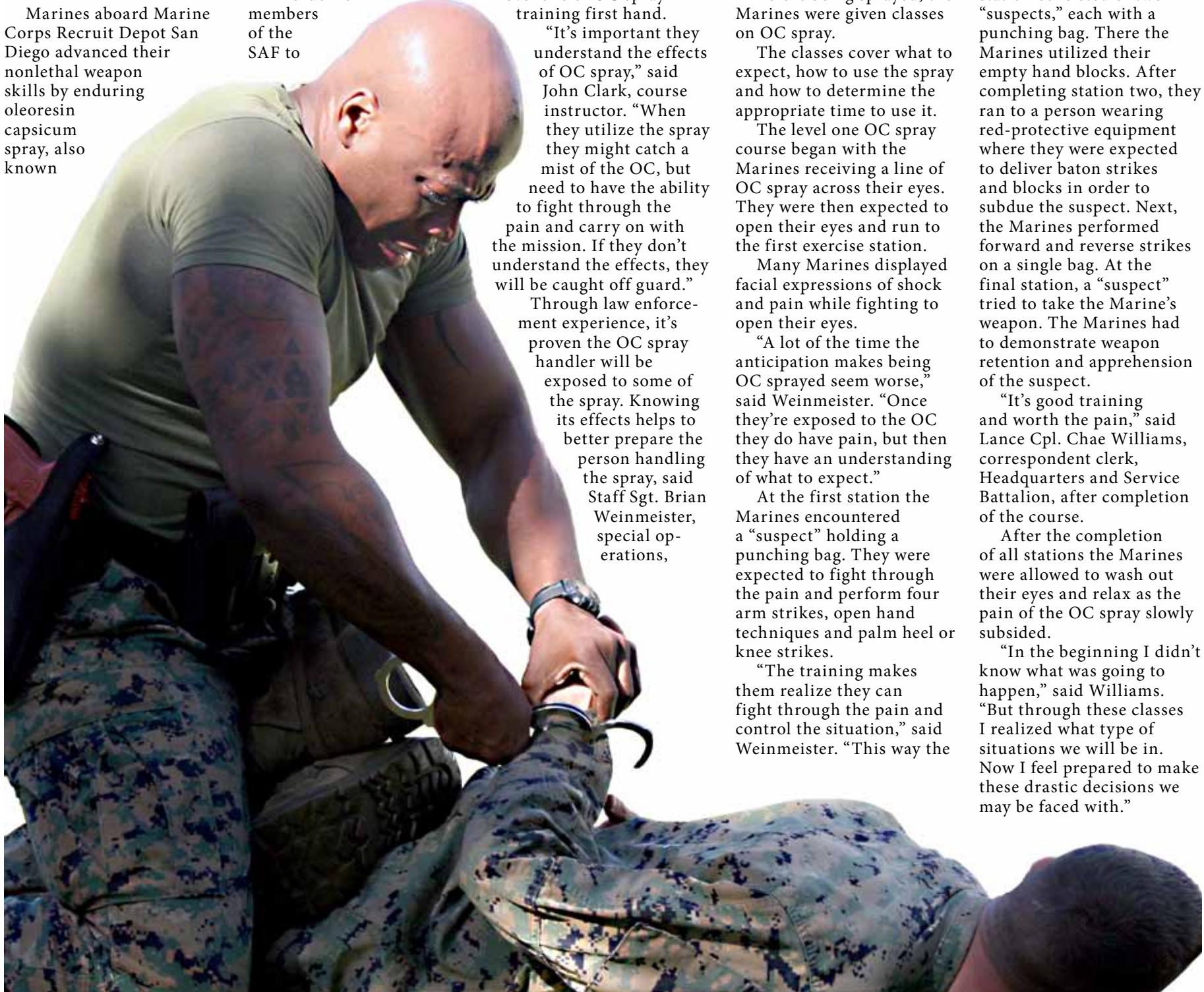
first time they feel the spray, it isn't in the field."

The second exercise station consisted of two "suspects," each with a punching bag. There the Marines utilized their empty hand blocks. After completing station two, they ran to a person wearing red-protective equipment where they were expected to deliver baton strikes and blocks in order to subdue the suspect. Next, the Marines performed forward and reverse strikes on a single bag. At the final station, a "suspect" tried to take the Marine's weapon. The Marines had to demonstrate weapon retention and apprehension of the suspect.

"It's good training and worth the pain," said Lance Cpl. Chae Williams, correspondent clerk, Headquarters and Service Battalion, after completion of the course.

After the completion of all stations the Marines were allowed to wash out their eyes and relax as the pain of the OC spray slowly subsided.

"In the beginning I didn't know what was going to happen," said Williams. "But through these classes I realized what type of situations we will be in. Now I feel prepared to make these drastic decisions we may be faced with."



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Sgt. Omar Askew, career planner, Headquarters and Service Battalion, finishes the last station of level one oleoresin capsicum spray training by apprehending Lance Cpl. Andrew Rodgers, the "suspect," Jan. 27 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. To complete the course, Marines had to complete five exercise stations after having been sprayed with OC. The course teaches Marines the effects of the spray and how to fight through the pain.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Lance Cpl. Chae Williams, correspondent clerk, Headquarters and Service Battalion, performs forward and reverse strikes on a punching bag during station four of a level one of oleoresin capsicum spray course Jan. 27.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Lance Cpl. Joshua Franco, administrative clerk, Headquarters and Service Battalion, demonstrates weapon retention as the "suspect," Lance Cpl. Andrew Rodgers, tries to take his gun after Franco has been exposed to oleoresin capsicum spray during Security Augmentation Force training Jan. 27.

Marines volunteer to help build garden at middle school

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
Chevron staff

Four Marines and a sailor from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego volunteered their time to help build a garden learning environment at Taft Middle School Feb. 4.

The school's garden was selected in October 2011 to be this year's Legacy Project, a community-based project

that involves schools that the American Society of Landscape Architects commits to in order to provide active learning environments for the students.

"We're bringing some life back to the school," said Mike George, principal of Taft Middle School. "This garden will be a learning center for the kids."

Although the garden was just selected for the project, it was first planted in the early 1990s

when George was a history teacher at the school.

Planting the garden will allow opportunities for the students to learn hands on. George also hopes that it will grab the students' attention and make them more excited about learning.

One of the advantages that come from the project is the bonding experience that the students have with the adults and military members that are volunteering.

Most of the students who attend the school come from military families and only experience the military as children of service members.

"I want the children to see that military members come in all shapes and sizes," said George. "It helps a lot when they can see people who are just like their parents."

George grew up in a military family and he can relate to how his students feel about growing

up in that type of environment.

"It's different when the service members are out of uniform. The students can see them and say, 'Hey, they're just like me,'" said George.

The students, military members and other volunteers worked together to move dirt to the planters, dug holes to plant trees and formed an assembly line to unload bricks from a truck.

"They don't get to see a lot of military members close to their own age group," said Lance Cpl. Amanda Bentz, musician, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion. "It allows them to connect with the military on a different level."

Volunteering also benefits the young military members by allowing them to mentor the students and be role models.

"It's very productive and rewarding," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Jaime Garcia, a hospital corpsman at MCRD

San Diego Medical Branch Clinic. "I feel good doing something for the kids."

Tim Pruss, a landscape architect at Rick Engineering, said they're grateful for the service members to come out and take time from their day to help out.

"I've always admired military members for serving our country and it means even more to us that they are coming out today to volunteer," said Pruss.

George plans on the teachers using the garden as a learning environment to come together and teach themed lessons to the students.

He also wants to start a garden club and have the students grow their own vegetables that will be served in the school's cafeteria.

"The garden will be a haven for the students to come, learn and relax," George said. "We hope to have it done in April."



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Lance Cpl. Kristian Simonis, musician, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, uses a five-gallon bucket to move dirt to plant a tree at Taft Middle School Feb. 4.



Military service members from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego volunteered their time Feb. 4 at Taft Middle School. The service members helped build a garden learning environment for the students as part of the Legacy Project.

Sgt. Maj. Cevet A. Adams

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. C. A. Adams joined the Marine Corps in February 1982 and underwent recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Upon graduation, he reported for training to Battery A, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines as a field artillery cannoneer.

While assigned to Alpha Battery, Adams participated in a three-month NATO exercise in Norway, and in Solid Shield 82.

In January 1984, Adams was transferred to Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division where he served as howitzer section chief. Adams spent one year in Okinawa where he deployed to the Republic of Korea and Camp Fuji, Japan. While on Okinawa, Adams was promoted meritoriously to the rank of corporal.

Upon returning to the United States in January 1985, Adams was assigned to the Artillery Demonstration Unit, The Basic School, Quantico, Va., where he served as section chief for the 105mm howitzer section. He also served as noncommissioned officer-in-charge for countless gun salutes for evening parades and Officer Candidate School/The Basic School graduation ceremonies.

In August 1986, Adams was promoted

meritoriously to sergeant.

In February 1988, Adams was transferred to MCRD Parris Island for duties as a drill instructor.

After successful completion of Drill Instructor School, Adams was assigned to Company D, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion where he served as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor.

While there Adams was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant in April 1990.

In May 1990, Adams was transferred to 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served as a platoon sergeant.

While assigned to 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, Adams deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit to Northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort. He later deployed to Okinawa, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

Upon his return from Okinawa, Adams received orders to Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., for duty as an assistant Marine Officer Instructor.

During this tour he served as a sergeant instructor with Company G Officer Candidate School in 1997 and again in 1998.

In August 1999, while stationed at Auburn, Adams was promoted to first sergeant.

In September 1999, Adams was transferred to Company B, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion for duties as company first sergeant.

In April 2002, he was transferred to

H&S Company to assume the role of company first sergeant.

In February 2003 Adams deployed with 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon his return, Adams was selected to sergeant major.

In July 2003, Adams was reassigned to Recruiting Station Springfield, Mass., where he served as the recruiting station sergeant major.

In March 2006, Adams reported for duties as sergeant major for Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft

Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

In July 2008, he received orders to Marine Corps Base Camp Butler for duty as the Marine Corps Bases Japan and Marine Corps Base S. D. Butler command sergeant major.

Adams assumed his current post as Manpower and Reserve Affairs sergeant major on April 15, 2011.

Adams' personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three gold stars), and the Combat Action Ribbon.

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Battalion Drill Master

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Marines enjoy Super Bowl, tacos at recreation center

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
Chevron staff

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's Semper Fit Division hosted its annual

Super Bowl Party for Super Bowl XLVI at the Locker Room Feb. 5.

The party began at 10 a.m. when the doors opened and free T-shirts were passed out to the first 100 people who

arrived. Raffle prizes were also given away every quarter.

A free taco bar and soft drinks, provided by Northgate Market, were served throughout the day and the party was set up by staff and members of

the Single Marine Program.

Dominique Gary, event coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services, said that holding this event is the commanding general's way of showing his appreciation for the Marines on base.

"I think it definitely boosts morale," said Gary. "It sends a message that we care about what the Marines do."

This is Gary's second year hosting the Super Bowl Party and she feels that this and similar events allow the Marines and their families to come together, take a well-deserved break and enjoy themselves.

Queen Cynthia, a staff member at the recreation center, said she enjoys hosting these events because she feels it's the best way to support the Marines and that it motivates them.

Sgt. Cecily Mesa, property control office clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, said that having a Super Bowl party

on base is convenient for the Marines that live in the barracks because it's within walking distance.

"It's a lot safer for the people to walk over here and just enjoy themselves than to go out in town," said Mesa, "and most Marines don't have cable or TV's in their rooms."

The game was shown on a 200-inch projection screen in the main room, as well as every flat screen TV in the recreation center.

Marines, their families and friends, as well as depot personnel were all invited to this event.

Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general for MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, said that it's the highlight of the year for most Marines.

"It's all about esprit de corps," Yoo said. "Most Marines played football in high school and a lot of them enjoy watching it. We're just showing that we appreciate them."



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Sgt. Eric J. Grandjean, a student at Recruiters School, came for the free taco bar at the Super Bowl XLVI Party at the depot recreation center Feb. 5. Dominique Gary, event coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services, said she feels this event allows Marines and their families to come together and take a well-deserved break to enjoy themselves.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, watches Super Bowl XLVI with his son at the recreation center Feb. 5. "It's all about esprit de corps," Yoo said. "Most Marines played football in high school and a lot of them enjoy watching it. We're just showing that we appreciate them."



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Service members and their families get ready to watch Super Bowl XLVI on a 200-inch projection screen at the recreation center aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Feb. 5. A free taco bar and soft drinks were available throughout the day for attendees.