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## Company M drill instructor awarded Silver Star

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA  
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While performing a route reconnaissance in the Sangin District, Afghanistan, Sgt. Phillip A. McCulloch Jr. and his squad heard an explosion off to the northeast as they were crossing the Helmand River. Moments later his team was ambushed by three machine gun positions. They took cover on the riverbank.

The engagement resulted in McCulloch, squad leader for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 8, 2nd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) Afghanistan, having to make many critical decisions to ensure the safe return of his 21-man team Jan. 8, 2011.

"I've always had aggressive leaders in charge of me, who accepted nothing less than perfection," said McCulloch, 23. "I never second-guessed myself."

McCulloch personally led his squad on the counter-attack, even taking time to destroy an enemy fighting position with an AT-4 anti-armor weapon. His squad then forced their attack-

ers to fall back by maintaining constant pressure and by making use of their air support and indirect fire capabilities.

"I was just doing my job. I wanted to make sure my Marines were safe," said McCulloch, who was born in Arizona but raised in Texas. "It was just another day on the job."

Only after six hours of fighting and with his squad low on ammunition did he return to friendly lines. During the engagement he was wounded in the leg while trying to draw fire to reunite his squad.

For these actions, McCulloch was awarded a Silver Star by Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, during a morning colors ceremony aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Feb. 10.

"He absolutely deserves that medal," said First Sgt. Christopher M. Carlisle, company first sergeant, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. "He'll probably see more medals like that in the future. His courage under fire is unwavering. He's the future of the Corps."

The Silver Star is the third



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Sgt. Phillip A. McCulloch Jr., drill instructor, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, salutes Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, after receiving a Silver Star during the morning colors ceremony aboard MCRD Feb. 10. McCulloch was awarded the medal for his actions during a six-hour engagement with insurgent forces in the Sangin District in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Jan. 8, 2011.

highest military decoration and can be awarded to service members who show extraordinary heroism in action against an

enemy of the United States.

"He was one of my (private first classes) as a staff sergeant. He stood amongst his peers since

day one, always striving for more information, always wanting to

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## Co. M recruit becomes a Marine - at last

BY SGT. WHITNEY N. FRASIER  
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For most Marines, boot camp is a three-month training cycle that seems as though it may never end. For one Marine, this journey was four times as long, and most likely four times as difficult.

Lance Cpl. Max T. Jensen from Appleton, Wis., spent the last 13 months aboard the depot waiting to finish recruit training and earn the title Marine.

"I simply just wanted to become a Marine," said Jensen. "I refused to give up over a minor set back."

Jensen, who is 21-years old, arrived at the depot Jan. 3, 2011 and was picked up by Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. He was well on his way of earning his Eagle, Globe and Anchor when he was dropped around nine weeks for stress fractures.

Only a minor set back is what he was thinking, but what happened next would change his views on injuries all together.

"I was picked up by India Company," said Jensen

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Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Company I Marines put the finishing touches on a house they helped renovate for San Diego Habitat for Humanity Feb. 15. The Marines volunteered their time to provide their services to complete the renovation of a home for a low-income family.

## Applauding champions



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Sgt. Marisa King, warehouse clerk, and Lt. Col. Matt Reiley, commanding officer, both of the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, applaud athletes as they are acknowledged for their outstanding performances throughout the years at the 66th Annual Salute to the Champions hosted by the San Diego Hall of Champions Feb. 15. More than 40 local athletes were recognized this past year. The HOC invited local Marines to the dinner to recognize them for their service. Marines from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego also attended to show their appreciation for HOC, which supports MCRD youth sports programs, as well as other sports programs in San Diego. "The Hall of Champions does a lot for us and our sports on base," said Reiley.

## Marines give back, get more in return

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE  
*Chevron staff*

From the outside, it appears to be just a regular house. Inside, volunteers are hard at work putting the final touches on a house that a struggling family will soon call home.

Marines from India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, gave back to the community by volunteering to help renovate a home for San Diego Habitat for Humanity Feb. 15.

"We're here to serve the community and help out the less fortunate," said Capt. Craig Olson, Executive Officer, India Co. "We're giving back to a community that gives a lot to us."

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that builds and renovates homes for low-income families. This is made possible by the support of donors and the men and women who volunteer their time to make a difference.

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## See how they run

The Honorable Juan M. Garcia III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, far right, watches a member of the depot's branch medical team demonstrate an AlterG anti-gravity treadmill during his visit Feb. 23. The AlterG is a device that reduces stress on injuries. The visit was in preparation for the opening of the Allan K. Walker Hall, a new building that will serve as the home of both the Sports Medicine and Injury Prevention Program and the Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Team Program. The Walker Hall dedication ceremony is scheduled for May 10.



Cpl. Matthew S. Lemieux

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"They're helping people that you'll never get to meet," explained Dana Douty, rehabilitation superintendent, San Diego Habitat for Humanity. "They're making a huge difference in these people's lives."

Douty, who rehabilitates homes all over the San Diego area, said that HFH always receives a lot of support from all military branches and that a majority of the volunteers are service members.

The Marines of Co. I began renovation at this site the week before, usually working a seven hour day starting at 8 a.m.

The Marines worked hard on the inside of the three-bedroom, single-story home in El Cajon by putting up drywall, smoothing out the bumps and completing other odd jobs to have the home ready for finishing touches.

Renovating the home proved to be more than just a giving back experience.

"I think everyone benefits from this because we are learning to build a house." Said Staff Sgt. Nicholas DeWeever, drill instructor, Co. I.

DeWeever explained that he and the other Marines are learning the basics to home renovation and they may be able to apply these skills in the future.

"There are lots of skills that these Marines bring to the table and here they are able to utilize them for something constructive," said Olson.

The experience gave the Marines a break from the everyday work schedule of their jobs on the depot. The majority of the

Marines who volunteered are drill instructors and renovating the house gave them the chance to break away from the hectic demands of recruit training.

"This gives the Marines the opportunity to do something different," Olson said.

This is Olson's second time volunteering at the site but his first time volunteering with HFH. He believes that HFH, and volunteering in general, opens up many opportunities for his Marines as well as others on the depot.

Lance Cpl. Jaimee Williams, administrative clerk, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, had no hesitation when she was asked to volunteer for this project.

"I was more than willing to come out," Williams said. "A majority of my family and friends have lived in homes built by Habitat for Humanity, so I understand how important it is for us to come and help out."

The Marines also gained a whole new level of camaraderie while working together to build the home.

The Marines leave the site in a better mood. The fact that they know that they've been productive and doing something for other people makes them feel good, Olson said.

Douty said the work the Marines have completed so far has kept the project right on schedule and HFH appreciated all of their services to the project and for their service to the country.

At the end of the day, the Marines of Co. I walked away from the project knowing that they've completed a good deed.

"You really get more back than you give," Douty said. "They're just a little piece of change in doing something so great for someone in need."

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learn as much as he possibly could," said Carlisle. "I saw he had natural leadership skills."

Now, McCulloch is using his combat experience to train the next generation of Marines as a drill instructor for Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

"I came down here to give back to the Marine Corps, as a drill instructor," said McCulloch. "I think my combat leadership

as a whole, not just that one day, has definitely impacted my leadership and the way I look at things and down here at MCRD as well."

McCulloch has been a drill instructor at the depot since December 2011 and is in his first recruit training cycle.

"With this combat experience, maturity and understanding of the way the Marine Corps works, he is definitely a person I want in front of recruits," said Carlisle.

Throughout his time in the Marine

Corps McCulloch has proven he has what it takes to get the job done.

"His nickname was 'Prodigy,' he stood above his peers," said Carlisle. "He really was made to be an infantry squad leader."

Although McCulloch is the Marine being awarded, it's his squad he would like to recognize for their actions.

"I don't think I earned it. My Marines earned it," said McCulloch. "I wish they could all have one. I recognize them. They definitely earned it in my eyes."

### BRIEFS

#### Soles4Souls shoe collection

A Soles4Souls shoe collection drive is happening in the Main Exchange, Bldg. 11, in the shoe department, from February 15th until March 16th.

All new and gently worn shoes are welcome. Each donor will receive a coupon for 20% off a pair of athletic shoes for each donation.

Since 2005, Soles4Souls, a Nashville-based charity, has collected more than 16-million pairs of shoes and distributed them to those in need in the United States and around the world.

#### Steam outage

A Depot wide steam outage is scheduled from 8 p.m., March 11 10 p.m., March 12. This outage will affect all steam space heating, steam hot water heating and steam cooking operations. If there are any comments or concerns, call Rick Hatcher, facilities manager, at (619) 524-4372.

#### Money for college

Each year the Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of San Diego awards college scholarships to dependent children of military personnel. In addition to these scholarships, NOSC administers the Cathy Marie Yakeley Memorial Scholarship which is awarded each year to a spouse of military personnel.

For more information about these scholarship opportunities, and for an application, visit the NOSC website at: [www.noscsandiego.com/scholarships.html](http://www.noscsandiego.com/scholarships.html)

#### Transmission workshop

The Auto Skills Center will host a transmission workshop March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

There will be discussions on transmission service and maintenance.

Dress comfortably for a hands-on garage/classroom environment. No open-toed shoes.

There is no charge for the workshop.

Lunch will be provided for all in attendance.

The workshop will be held in building 142. It is open to all eligible patrons and their guests.

For more information or to register, call (619) 524-5240. Walk-ins are welcome.

#### Movie night

March 14 is free movie night at the AMC Theater in Mission Valley with the Single Marine Program.

The featured film is "Act of Valor." Time TBD.

Movie ticket, small popcorn, small drink and round trip transportation will be provided. Open to single or unaccompanied service members aboard MCRD, San Diego only.

Sign-up today.

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

#### St. Patrick's Run

Plan now to join Semper Fit on St. Patrick's Day for the annual St. Patrick's 5K Run, March 16.

For more information, call (619) 524-8083.

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**On the Depot  
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Memorial Drill  
Field**







# Around the depot

**This week the Chevron asks: "Do you have any tips or tricks for the rifle range?"**



**"A strong, steady aim. Breathing is a big deal. Blow out all of the air in your lungs before you take a shot."** Cpl. Emily Stricklin, warehouse clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



**"Relaxation and a positive attitude keep you focused. If you're relaxed you stay focused more."** Sgt. Adam Tibesar, musician, Marine Corps Band



**"Listening to your coaches and applying the fundamentals is what is going to help you shoot better."** Sgt. Alcedo Sanchez, student, Recruiters School

## 2nd LAAD Marines train with Canadian Army



Lance Cpl. Cory D. Polom

A group of 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion Marines and members of the 36th Canadian Brigade work together to paddle their assault boat across a river at Virginia Army National Guard Installation Fort Pickett, Va., Feb. 21.



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Lance Cpl. Joshua B. Stewart, a team leader with Battery B, 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, provides security for a patrol at Virginia Army National Guard Installation Fort Pickett, Va. The Marines acted as a support element for the 36th Canadian Brigade Group, which was executing a scenario based humanitarian mission to a small village in support of exercise South Bound Trooper.

BY LANCE CPL. CORY D. POLOM  
Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

**VIRGINIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD INSTALLATION FORT PICKETT, Va.** — After finishing a series of refresher exercises, Marines with 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, Battery B, began bilateral training with the 36th Canadian Brigade Feb. 20, as part of Exercise South Bound Trooper aboard Virginia Army National Guard Installation Fort Pickett, Va.

The Marines and their Canadian counterparts are executing field scenarios using a Canadian training system called "Weapon Effects Simulator."

"This is a chance for us to showcase our skills and the way we conduct ourselves on the battlefield," said 1st Sgt. Marcus Martinez, first sergeant of Battery B. "We will also learn how the Canadian Army does everything and maybe even learn a bit about ways to improve our tactics."

In today's Global War on Terror, the Marine Corps is accustomed to conducting bilateral operations, said Martinez, and the goal of South Bound Trooper is to reinforce the tactics used with allied forces.

This "Weapons Effects Simulator" system follows the same principles as laser tag with a vest worn by each combatant, linked by a computer and GPS system that tells the participant when they are hit, as well as the severity of the wound or if they have been killed, said Canadian

Maj. Michael J. Gervais, deputy commanding officer with 36th Canadian Brigade Group.

The gear is only a small part of this exercise and the most important aspect is familiarizing the troops with their coalition partners, added Gervais.

"This is the first time we have worked with a Marine land section," he said. "The Marines of LAAD have shown us a lot of different tactics we can utilize, and that is what this exercise is supposed to bring around to us."

Seeing how the Marines do their job prepares us for possible integration during deployments in the future, said Gervais.

By working with the Canadians over the last week, we have been able to get extra work on our two main missions, which are ground-based air defense and providing security posts, said Capt. Jonathan M. Trizila, commanding officer of Battery B.

"This exercise has given us a means to hone our skills on a much larger unit level," Trizila said. "We usually have to simulate different events happening when training on our own."

Everyone, from lance corporals to staff noncommissioned officers is learning a great deal during the exercise, said Trizila.

"Working with the Canadians lets us see the bigger picture about tactics they use," said Cpl. Demingo Lara, a section leader with Battery B. "This event makes Bravo Battery a better team of Marines."



Lance Cpl. Cory D. Polom

A group of 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion Marines and members of the 36th Canadian Brigade patrol through the woods at Virginia Army National Guard Installation Fort Pickett, Va., Feb. 21. The group was on a patrol through the woods and across a river to a village on a peace keeping mission in support of exercise South Bound Trooper. "This is the first time we have worked with a Marine land section," said Canadian Maj. Michael J. Gervais, deputy commanding officer with 36th Canadian Brigade Group. "The Marines of LAAD have shown us a lot of different tactics we can utilize, and that is what this exercise is suppose to bring around to us."



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# 54 keglers go for CG's Cup bowling trophy in annual tourney

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY  
Chevron staff

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego hosted their annual Commanding General's Cup Scratch Bowling Tournament Feb. 22 at the Recreation Center.

Fifty-four MCRD active duty service members and staff competed for the opportunity to showcase a trophy in their workspace.

"I've been coming to this competition for five years and have never wanted to win until this year," said Lewis Sheffield, Human Resources lead assistant. "It was nice of the commanding general to give civilians time off to bowl with the shop. It brings the morale up and motivates the civilians to be a team like the Marines."

Sheffield played on a team with fellow civilians, Marines

and Coast Guardsmen. Some shops, like 12th Marine Corps District and Recruiters School, had so many players that they had to form two teams.

"I came out here to support 12th Marine Corps District," said Sgt. Stephanie Shaw, administrative clerk, 12th MCD. "Plus, when Marines have fun together they become closer and competition is always good."

All of the shops teamed up with one another to play three games of bowling on the eight available lanes. The bowlers were allotted 10-minutes to practice before the tournament. Winners were later determined based on individual scores.

First place went to Master Sgt. Leodis Smith, Recruiter School student. Second place was Master Sgt. Demetrius Bell, also a Recruiter School student. Third place went to

Billy Williams, Marine Corps Community Services Fitness Center, fourth place Gunnery Sgt. Byron Jacobson, armory chief.

"It felt great placing in a winning spot out of so many other competitive bowlers," said Jacobson.

I had a lot of fun bowling with my shop. It's important we have a way to connect outside of the work environment."

There are many CG's Cup sports events for depot personnel to participate in year around with their shops or individually. These provide additional opportunities for Marines to stay active.

"It's important to have sports on the depot," said Renaud Villedieu, athletics director. "It helps bring camaraderie in the shops and time to relax outside of the office. Plus the Marine Corps is all about competition."



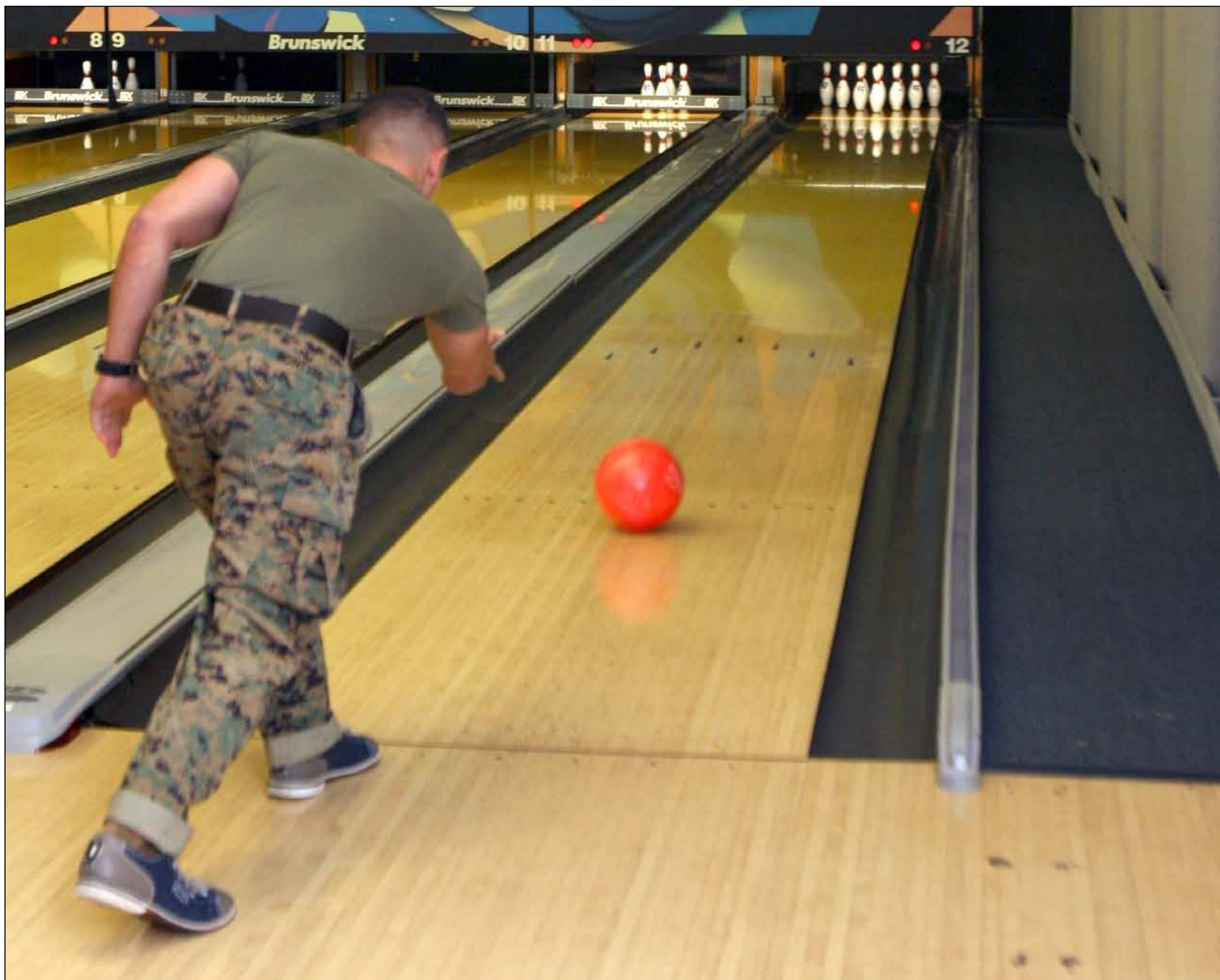
Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Bowlers encourage their teammates at the Commanding General's Cup Scratch Bowling Tournament held at the Recreation Center Feb. 22. The 54 bowlers played for individual scores so they could win a trophy for their shop.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Bowlers knocked down pins during the Commanding General's Cup Scratch Bowling Tournament held at the Recreation Center Feb. 22 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Each team bowled three games though the winners were determined by individual scores.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Sgt. Patrick McIntyre, legal chief, 12th Marine Corps District, bowls during the Commanding General's Cup Scratch Bowling Tournament held at the Recreation Center Feb. 22 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The bowlers played on teams but the four winners were determined by individual score.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Malicia Byrd, Human Resources assistant, throws her ball down the lane during the Commanding General's Cup Scratch Bowling Tournament held at the Recreation Center Feb. 22 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Members of the Finance bowling team enter their names into the computer to start bowling during the Commanding General's Cup Scratch Bowling Tournament held at the Recreation Center Feb. 22 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The teams varied from depot Marines, recruiters school and even depot Coast Guardsmen. Each team bowled three games though the winner was determined by individual scores.



# Marine sets bar, saves hit-and-run victim's life

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY  
Chevron staff

Sgt. Jeremy Caddell, the squadron deputy family readiness officer, Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38, and his fiancée just happened to be driving down Bernardo Center Drive around 12:30 p.m. on July 31 when they noticed a motorcycle accident at the intersection.

Caddell said the accident looked as though it just happened when he got there so he rushed over to aid the victim.

"My initial thought was to make sure no one moved him and to just turn off the motorcycle because there were fluids everywhere," said Caddell.

The victim turned out to be Gunnery Sgt. Dave Smith, training chief, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, who had just been hit by a drunk driver that had fled the scene.

"He rolled me over, cleared my airway and helped keep me (resuscitated) until paramedics arrived," said Smith. "Once the firefighters got on scene he helped a volunteer firefighter

roll me over onto the stretchers."

Smith was unconscious from the second the SUV hit the back of his motorcycle until 10 days later. Smith's only knowledge of what happened was from the report. When he finally woke he was informed he sustained lacerations to his liver and kidney, a subdural hematoma and a hematoma in his throat.

To make matters worse, he also suffered an internal decapitation that separated his skull and spine.

Thanks to Caddell's selfless act Smith was able to walk out of the hospital three weeks and two days later.

To show thanks, Col. Wayne Sinclair, Headquarters and Service Battalion commanding officer, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, wanted to recognize Caddell by awarding him the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, for playing a major role in the survival of another human being.

The ceremony took place on Marine Corps Air Station Miramar on Feb. 15.

"I awarded (Caddell) with this medal as a very small token



Lance Cpl. Erica Disalvo

**Sgt. Jeremy W. Caddell, right, the Marine Wing Communication Squadron 38 deputy family readiness officer and Web City, Mo., native, stands with Gunnery Sgt. David W. Smith, left, the training chief of H&S Bn., MCRD San Diego and Star, Texas, native, after Caddell was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal Feb. 15. Caddell was a key contributor in saving Smith's life after Smith was the victim of a hit-and-run accident on his motorcycle in Rancho Bernardo.**

to recognize his courage and responsibility toward a fellow human being who just happened to be a Marine," said Sinclair. "I

just wish I could do more."

Caddell went above and beyond what was expected of him, reflecting great credit upon

himself, upholding the highest tradition of the United States Marine Corps and setting the bar high for his fellow Marines.

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who was planning on finishing training and graduating only weeks later.

While participating on the crucible Jensen was conducting a fireman's carry, which is a form of relocating another person from one point to the other, when he felt something pop.

"It didn't feel right and continued to hurt," said Jensen. "I made it through a few more events, but I just couldn't make it to the next staging area. I was sent to see the corpsman."

The corpsman had him take x-rays that would soon verify he had a broken femoral neck. Days later he was recycled back to the Marine Rehabilitation Platoon where he would spend many days healing and working with Navy medical personnel in physical therapy.

Navy medical personnel gave him at least 10 chances to return home, continuously reminding him that injuries of that nature don't do well upon returning to training, but according to Jensen his doctor never gave up hope in him. Eight months down the road he was cleared to return to Company M and complete boot camp.

"The medical care I received was top notch," said Jensen. "I feel that I was very well taken care of and my doctor was a huge inspiration. I am thankful for his time and patience with me from beginning to end."

Those eight months spent rehabilitating wasn't a waste of time. Jensen was able to continue to learn about the Marine Corps and take advantage of what others around him had to offer.

"I was around a lot of different [staff noncommissioned officers]," said Jensen. "I was able to learn about different leadership styles and take something away from them all. I also learned the importance of caring for body and the different types of injuries."

Most families will notice the difference in their Marines right off the bat. Jensen is no exception to this rule as he displayed a great amount of maturity when returning to Co. M.

"His maturity level compared to other recruits was definitely noticeable," said Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Liske, senior drill instructor, Co. M. "He had been around drill instructors so long their work ethic and professionalism must have rubbed off on him."



Sgt. Whitney N. Frasier

**Lance Cpl. Max T. Jensen participates during the crucible with Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Feb. 22, after spending more than a year aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Jensen sustained several injuries, but the most severe being a broken femoral neck. He was told on 10 separate occasions he could go home, but chose to continue recruit training and refused to let his injuries set back his goals.**

Jensen said, he recommends other recruits in position should try to learn everything they can until they return to training, to stay positive and make friends because no matter how bad the injury, goals are always attainable.

Feb. 23, Jensen and the rest of Co. M received their Eagle, Globe and Anchor upon completing the crucible and earned the right to consider themselves part of the world's finest fighting force, the United States Marine Corps.

## Col. Frank A. Richie

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Col. Frank A. Richie is the commanding officer, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, Calif.

Richie was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Officer Candidate Course program in December 1986. Upon completion of The Basic School, he reported to Naval Air Station, Pensacola for flight training and was designated a naval aviator in October 1989.

After completion of F/A-18 conversion training in November 1990, Richie was assigned to Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121. During this tour he deployed to Southwest Asia for Operation Desert Storm. He also participated in a unit deployment to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

While serving in Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 he served as schedule writer, naval air training and operating procedures

standardization officer, powerline officer, and assistant aircraft maintenance officer.

In August 1993, Richie reported to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., for Amphibious Warfare School. After he completed the course, he was assigned to Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 332 in Beaufort, S.C.

During his tenure at Beaufort Richie participated in two deployments to Aviano Air Base, Italy for contingency operations over the former Bosnia-Herzegovina. While in Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 332 he served as the pilot training officer, assistant aircraft maintenance officer, aircraft maintenance officer and operations officer.

Richie returned to Quantico in July 1998 for Command and Staff College. Upon completion, he reported to Officer Candidates School where he served as a company commander. In September 1999, he was assigned to The Basic School where he served as assistant operations officer and company commander for Fox, Delta

and India companies.

In July 2002 Richie reported to Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., for F/A-18 refresher training. Upon completion, he reported to Marine Aircraft Group-11 as the assistant operations officer. While serving in MAG-11 Richie deployed to Southwest Asia for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Richie assumed command of Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121 in June 2004. During his tenure as commanding officer the squadron participated in a unit deployment to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

In January 2006 Colonel Richie was reassigned to serve as the current operations officer for 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

In July 2006 Richie attended the National War College. At the completion of his tour at the college, he reported to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Program Analysis and Evaluation, Tactical Aviation Division.

Richie was promoted to his current rank in January 2008. His personal

decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of 2nd award), Air Medals Heroic Achievement with Combat "V" (gold star in lieu of 2nd award), Air Medal Meritorious Achievement, Air Medal Strike Flight numeral 11, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.







# MIKE COMPANY

3rd RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

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Battalion Drill Master

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## 12th District takes Ultimate Frisbee Tourney

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC  
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The Commanding General's Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tournament concluded with 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District fighting their way to the top in a 3-2 victory over Finance Feb. 28.

Eight teams from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego competed with hopes to win the top prize, but in the end 12th Marine Corps District showed they wanted it more.

"The win was well deserved," said Gunnery Sgt. Jason Conner, 12th MCD. "We had a good crowd and the tournament went quick."

The teams are allowed seven players on the field at a time. Each game consists of five minute halves and a five minute halftime with a running clock and no time-outs.

During the tournament, two

teams must pass a flying disc to another player in the opposing team's end zone to score a goal.

Teams are allowed to pass the disc as many times as necessary to reach the end zone. Once the disc is caught, however, the player cannot take any steps and can only pivot.

The disc changes possession when it hits the ground, is intercepted or goes out of bounds.

"We scrimmaged them before and beat them, so I think we overlooked them," said Lance Cpl. Taylor Sams, Finance. "They were a good team."

Finance was off to a good start with the first goal of the game, but 12th MCD stayed on their heels with a goal of their own. With just 30 seconds left, Finance was able to squeeze in one more to close out the first half on top.

"We found people who could throw," said Conner. "I said 'If you throw it I will find it,' which didn't

always happen, but enough that we pulled off the win."

In the second half 12th MCD hit the field running, and were able to push two more goals to end the game 3-2.

"We did pretty good but made a lot of mistakes that ultimately cost us the game," said Sams.

The CG's Cup is a series of sporting events held throughout the year. The events encourage Marines to put together teams and compete for a common goal. At the end of the year the scores from all the events are tallied and a winner is announced.

"I like playing sports and competing against other units," said Conner. "You get the opportunity to meet them and get to know the people on base. It builds camaraderie."

The next CG Cup event will be a Dodgeball Tournament, scheduled to be held at the MCRD tennis courts March 6.



*Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla*

Jeffrey R. Peterson, consolidated personnel administration, dives to catch the disc before it hits the ground during the CG's Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Feb. 28.



*Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla*

Cpl. David Clark, 12th Marine Corps District, passes the flying disc during the championship game of the Commanding General's Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Feb. 28. 12th District went on to win the Championship game 3-2 against Finance.



*Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla*

Maj. Alberto Martinez-Diaz, 12th District, looks for an opening to pass the flying disc during the Commanding General's Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Feb. 28. Once a player catches the disc he is only allowed to pivot in place.



*Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla*

Gunnery Sgt. Jerry J. Benally, Finance tries to keep Sgt. Steven Fornino, 12th District, from catching the flying disc during the Commanding General's Cup Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Feb. 28. The one day tournament pitted eight teams against each other to walk away with the championship title.