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Co. F passes Battalion Commanders Inspection

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Standing at attention, with their Service “A” uniforms perfectly fitted and pressed, M-16A4 service rifles aligned with their right corframs, Company F waits to be inspected by their commander April 7 on Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego parade deck.

This is the recruit’s third inspection so they know what to expect. Their commander inspects the recruit’s rifles, uniforms and asks basic Marine Corps knowledge questions. The recruits are expected to maintain their bearing even if they are nervous or frustrated.

“Everything in recruit training is a building block,” said Gunnery Sgt. Enrique Lopez, drill instructor, Platoon 2135, Co. F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. “Throughout the various inspections, they learn to be confident in themselves when some-

one steps in front of them.”

To help ensure their recruits beam with confidence, Co. F drill instructors teach the recruits how to put their uniform together properly and also inspect recruits in full uniform prior to the inspection.

“We make sure to look over each other after our drill instructors do,” said Recruit Daniel Sixto, Platoon 2133, Co. F, 2nd RTBn. “You can’t be an individual. It’s all about team work.”

Drill instructors are the recruit’s role models. What they do, their recruits want to imitate. To ensure they’re instilling a positive image, drill instructors also inspect one-another regularly and display the various uniforms almost perfectly.

“Recruits strive to emulate the drill instructors they see,” said Lopez. “Even once they leave recruit training, we’re the image they always keep with

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Company F recruits are inspected April 7 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego parade deck for their Battalion Commanders inspection. Recruits are required to know Marine Corps knowledge, know how to wear their Service “A” uniform and how to keep their M-16A2 service rifles clean.



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Company C recruits pull off their gas mask while running out of the Confidence Chamber April 2 aboard Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Recruits were exposed to “CS” gas, which is a tear gas that causes mucus discharge and burning of the skin.

Recruits finish training with ‘Confidence’ booster

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Tears and snot pour down recruit faces as Company C recruits run out of the Confidence Chamber war crying April 2 aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

The first week of April Co. C encountered their final test in earning their Eagle, Globe and Anchor; the crucible. This test is 54-hours of sleep and food deprivation while recruits try to overcome different obstacles. The crucible begins with the Confidence Chamber, where they have to apply the skills they have been taught about clearing a mask in a chemical environment.

“This training goes hand-in-hand

with the combat-style training they are receiving on the crucible,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Riggs, drill instructor, Platoon 1040, Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion.

After hiking to the chamber, recruits learn about the M50 Joint Service General Purpose Masks and how to assemble and properly use them. They learn how to clear the mask and the dangers of chemical agents. When the recruits go into the Confidence Chamber, they wear the M50 JSGPM while Chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS gas) is released in the air.

“I was a little bit nervous about the rumors I’ve heard,” said Recruit Robert Freemon, Plt. 1018, Co. C, 1st RTBn. “I was told it would be horrible chest pains and

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Pugil sticks give Company E recruits close combat training

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Close-combat training is an important part of the 12 demanding weeks the recruits go through to become Marines. With the United States currently engaged in conflicts abroad, it’s crucial for Marines to learn the basics so they are prepared in the event they’re deployed in support of combat operations.

Company E recruits completed their second session of pugil stick training April 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Pugil stick bouts are

meant to simulate close-combat with an M-16A4 service rifle.

“Pugil sticks training gives recruits a sense of a real combat environment,” said Sgt. Will Johns, martial arts instructor trainer, Martial Arts Satellite School, Recruit Training Regiment. “It’s a good starting block for them. It introduces them to a hostile, high-tempo environment.”

A pugil stick is a long stick with two hand placement spots. On one end there is a red pad which represents a bayonet, and the other end has a black

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Two recruits ambushed another Company E recruit during Pugil Sticks Two April 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. This pugil sticks session is done on a small bridge and the winner is the one who lands the first fatal blow. The recruits are taught prior what constitutes a fatal blow.

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pad which represents the butt stock of the rifle.

A rifle is a Marine's best friend and while in combat, they should have their rifles on them at all times. Marksmanship skills are emphasized in recruit training and throughout a Marine's career. However, in combat, Marines must know how to use their rifles as weapons in the event they run out of ammunition or are engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy.

"It's not all the time you'll be able to rely on your M-16. You might not be able to load a magazine, instead you might have to apply butt strokes. Especially in the type of war we're fighting today where you might find yourself clearing houses," said Staff Sgt. Edward Sheckelford, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2113, Co. E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

To ensure recruits are prepared for close-combat environments, they learn pugil stick exercises during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training. Pugil Sticks Two consists of a series of classes followed by two-on-one pugil stick bouts on a narrow, elevated surface. Pugil Sticks One was basic one-on-one on flat land.

Each recruit is armed with a pugil stick and protective gear. The MAI determines the winner based on which recruit landed the first fatal blow. Recruits learn what constitutes a fatal blow prior to the bout.

"Today's pugil sticks exercise gives us a chance to practice with bayonet techniques and the butt of a rifle, like close-combat," said Recruit Victor John Farinas, Platoon 2113 guide, Co. E, 2nd RTBn.

The recruits are paired up in similar weight groups to ensure fairness in the fights. When instructed, two recruits charge toward one recruit on the small bridge until a fatal blow is delivered, signaled by a whistle blow. It is two-on-one to give the recruits a close-combat scenario they might encounter.

"We get really tired out there," said Farinas, a Honolulu native. "Pugil sticks force us to bring out our strength and endurance so we can carry on the fight."

Now that Co. E is ending phase one of recruit training, they are expected to start realizing new abilities they have gained



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Company E recruits bout it out, two-on-one April 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego during Pugil Sticks Two. Recruits are given helmets and gear for safety. The pugil sticks simulate their M-16A2 service rifle. This gives recruits a feel for close-combat.

during the last month of training. The drill instructors have broken Co. E recruits down and are attempting to re-build their confidence.

"Pugil Sticks Two is suppose to give them a sense of accomplishment," said Sheckelford. "We want them to say to themselves 'this isn't so bad, I made it through first phase' and build cohesion with their fellow recruits."

Many recruits come to the depot and

have never fought. Once they finish recruit training they can walk away as basically trained Marines, capable of applying all basic MCMAP skills, giving them the confidence they need to be successful in combat.

"From the training I've received so far, I feel confident if I was ever in a close-combat situation, I could easily apply the skills I've learned from pugil sticks and defend myself," said Farinas.

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burning," he said prior to entering the chamber.

CS gas is a non-lethal chemical agent that is also known as tear gas. It causes a burning sensation in the eyes, nose, throat and skin. It also causes sneezing and discharges from the nose.

"We use CS gas because no one is immune to it," said Sgt. Alicia Peck, chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear defense chief, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. "Plus, it's safe because they're only exposed to the gas for five minutes."

The recruits line the walls of the chamber with their masks on, under the supervision of their senior drill instructors and the CBRN defense chief. They're then instructed to bend and shake at the waist. This is meant to simulate movement as they continue to perform their jobs in an environment where NBC threat exists. This movement ensures their masks are secure. Next they do jumping jacks to get their heart rates up which helps the CS gas get in their systems faster. Every recruit has to break the seal of their masks for several



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Recruit from Company C rush out of the Confidence Chamber April 2 aboard Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. They were exposed to "CS" gas, also known as tear gas, to build confidence in their masks.

seconds, put them back on securely and clear the chemical out of their masks.

"Once they conduct the exercise it helps them gain more confidence in themselves and helps show how a small period of instruction can save their lives in a biological chemical environment," said Riggs.

After experiencing the effects of CS gas recruits are allowed to run out of the chamber, and wash their eyes and masks. Shortly after coming out of the chamber, the side effects fade away and recruits realize what they can accomplish and how their gear and training can potentially save their lives.

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them as portraying what's right or wrong."

Recruits also require confidence in the cleanliness of their weapon. If their service rifle isn't clean they get marked down during the inspection. Drill instructors stress the importance of always maintaining a clean weapon, so if they ever see combat their weapons won't jam from dust and sand build up.

When handing over their service rifle to their commander, the recruits must perform inspection arms. This involves pulling the bolt to the rear, checking the chamber for rounds and allowing the commander to grab the rifle from their hands.

"During our first inspection I was nervous," said Sixto. "When I get nervous my hands get sweaty and I can't pull the bolt back. Since I've been practicing a lot I'm not as nervous for this inspection. I'm more confident in myself."

Drill instructors also make sure to review all of the Marine Corps knowledge they have taught the recruits thus far. This way when asked a question during the inspection they answer with confidence.

Overall the recruits walk away with a better understanding of inspections. This prepares them for their final inspection before graduation and helps recruits have confidence for inspections later in their Marine Corps career.

BRIEFS**Tuition Assistance Orientation**

College 101, the Tuition Assistance Orientation Brief scheduled for 8 a.m., April 18 in building 14, is a briefing intended to help equip Marines for success as they seek to improve themselves personally and professionally through the pursuit of voluntary education. It also provides guidance to first time students on how to apply for Tuition Assistance (TA).

Active duty Marines are required to attend this class before being granted tuition assistance.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Call (619) 524-1275/5728.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is recognized nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The goal of SAAM is to raise awareness about sexual violence and to educate the community about sexual assault and how to prevent it. Throughout the month, there will be various educational events to support the prevention efforts recognized nationally. For additional information, call (619) 921-6346.

Need money for college?

Each year the Naval Officers' Spouses' Club (NOSC) of San Diego awards college scholarships to dependent children of military personnel.

In addition to the NOSC Scholarships, NOSC administers the Cathy Marie Yakeley Memorial Scholarship, awarded each year to the spouse of an active duty member.

For information about these scholarship opportunities and to get an application, visit the NOSC website at: www.noscsandiego.com/scholarships.html

Self-Defense for Women Class

A self-defense for women class is scheduled for April 28, from 9 a.m. until noon in building 5E.

This class promotes personal safety for women including awareness, assertiveness, verbal confrontation skills, safety strategies, and physical techniques that enable a person to successfully avoid, prevent, escape and survive violent assaults.

Class space is limited and registration is required. Students must be 15-years of age or older.

For information and to register, call Behavioral Health Services at (619) 524-0465.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Active Duty Fund Drive

The Active Duty Fund Drive in support of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society for 2012 is in process. Donations can be made electronically via Marine OnLine.

To donate; log onto Marine Online, click on resources and go to the "Navy Marine Corps Relief Society."

Lost and found

The Physical Security section of the Provost Marshal's Office maintains a lost and found section that currently has items that need to be claimed by the owner.

To reclaim lost items, come by and claim your stuff. PMO wants a good description of the item, a photograph, a receipt with serial number or other verification of ownership.

For more information, contact Cpl. Flores at (619) 524-4128 or mobile at (619) 746-3548.

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "What does camaraderie mean to you?"



"Family and community. As a Marine we consider ourselves a brotherhood. To me that means taking care of each other like a family member." *Master Sgt. Anderes Castro, staff noncommissioned officer, logistics, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



"Brotherhood." *Cpl. Frank Tartsah, correspondent, noncommissioned officer, depot adjutant office, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



"Teamwork. Units functioning well as a team and getting along with everyone to get the mission complete." *Master Sgt. Darren Dean, assistant for officer procurements, Western Recruiting Region*

Depot says goodbye to one of its first female Marines

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
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Families and friends mourned the passing of a beloved mother, wife and Marine April 5 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

Shirley Kornegay passed away March 7 at the age of 89, exactly two years after the passing of her husband of 63 years, Kenneth. Kornegay was among the first 1,000 women to enlist in the Marine Corps and part of the first group of women to be assigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

"This is exactly what I want out of my life is to be able to live my life well and leave nothing but good memories behind," said Jon Miller, Kornegay's nephew. "That's exactly what she did. She was a Marine and she did so many interesting things. She left an amazing legacy."

She enlisted in the Marine Corps at 18 years old, during World War II in July 1943,

the same day her brother enlisted in the Navy. Herself along with the 48 other female Marines first stationed aboard the depot, were nicknamed the "49ers."

"Everywhere she went in San Diego, she wore her uniform," said Shawnee Miller, Kornegay's daughter. "She was extremely proud to be a Marine."

She was a part of the "Free a Marine to Fight" program instituted by President Franklin Roosevelt. This program allowed women to do a job on base while male Marines fought overseas.

"The women were so proactive. Every female freed about six Marines to fight," said Brian Kornegay, Shirley Kornegay's son.

Shirley was in the first platoon to go through the six-and-a-half week training at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. She was a Marine with many skills, working as a truck driver, telephone operator and typist.

"She did everything from fixing engines to driving dignitaries and generals," said Miller.

Although she only spent two years in the Marine Corps, it made a lasting impression and influenced the rest of her life.

"Once a Marine, always a Marine. That's definitely how she felt," said Brian. "She was always very proud. It was something she could hold on to and was one of her major accomplishments."

Many of the women she went to training with felt the same way and many became life-long friends.

"Mom used to say, 'We were Marines first, all the way down to our boots,'" said Miller.

Marines aboard MCRD honored Kornegay with a rifle salute and the playing of Taps. Kornegay's oldest daughter, Joie Chandler, was also presented the American flag.

"She had the perfect life. When you look at what we all want in life, she had it. She lived a good life — she was a great person," said Jon. "She never harmed or wronged anyone."



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Brian Kornegay, Shirley Kornegay's son, speaks to her friends and family members at her funeral April 5 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. Shirley was one of the first 49 women Marines to be stationed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. She passed away March 7 at the age of 89.

Recruit Training Regiment



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Col. Michael J. Lee, commanding officer, Recruit Training Regiment, passes the organizational noncommissioned officer sword to Sgt. Maj. Peter A. Siaw, incoming sergeant major, during the RTR relief and appointment ceremony April 6 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Siaw is assuming all duties and responsibilities as the RTR sergeant major, a position previously held by Sgt. Maj. James J. McCook.



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Recruit Ian Sewalt, guide, Platoon 3210, Co. I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, works on his lead hand punch with a partner between obstacles at the confidence course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 9. The additional exercises allow recruits to see how far they can push themselves when tired.



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Many of the obstacles at the confidence course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego require recruits to climb to various heights. Throughout the course recruits will yell as loud as they can, or "war cry," to strengthen their lungs and boost motivation.



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Without touching the ground recruits must alternate over and under each log to complete this obstacle at the confidence course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 9. Although the course focuses on upper body strength, recruits run in place before each obstacle, and run to the next.



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Company I recruits run and jump on ropes to swing between platforms at the confidence course April 9.

Company I recruits show determination on Confidence Course

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Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, spent their morning "war crying" through the confidence course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 9.

The confidence course is a series of obstacles that recruits use teamwork and determination to complete.

"I think it is used to instill confidence, teamwork and dedication," said Recruit Michael Rivera, Platoon 3214, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. "Some of these

obstacles proved to be very difficult."

Throughout the course, recruits yell at the top of their lungs, or "war cry," in order to help strengthen their lungs and used as a motivation booster. Many of the obstacles required the recruits to climb to various heights in order to complete them.

"I think for a lot of them, it helps them get over their fear of heights," said Hutson. "A lot of recruits haven't done anything like this before. It can be frightening."

With open platforms, the recruits are able to get a clear view of their surroundings and the ground below.

"After going through this many of them feel a sense of accomplishment for conquering their fear of heights," said Hutson.

The course made sure to test the strength and endurance of each recruits upper and lower bodies.

"Every recruit struggles in different areas," said Rivera, 19, a Gallup, N.M. native. "It teaches perseverance because you get really tired and have to push through it - it's difficult."

Recruits run in place while waiting their turn to charge each obstacle and after completion, they perform Marine Corps Martial Arts techniques until

their entire squad finishes. This helps to keep their heart rate up and keep the recruits in the combat mindset. It shows them how much their body can still accomplish when they feel exhausted.

"They have the strength and stamina to complete it," said Hutson. "Around week three they start to

become accustomed to the physical training."

Recruits prepared for the confidence course with daily physical training and ability group runs, that separate recruits based on their speed. Even with preparation, many recruits still struggled with completing some of the obstacles.

"I'm short, so I have to stretch a lot more and use more energy, but I don't give up," said Rivera. "If you have heart and perseverance, you can get through these obstacles no matter how big or small you are."

Starting next week Co. I will visit the pool to earn their swim qualifications before moving up to Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton for second phase of recruit training.



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Recruits overcome any fear of heights by climbing obstacles on the confidence course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 9. The obstacle course helps recruits to see what they are able to accomplish with teamwork and dedication.



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Recruits of Company I, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, perform horizontal butt strokes with rubber rifles while waiting for their squad to finish an obstacle on the confidence course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 9. Between obstacles recruits perform various Marine Corps Martial Arts techniques to keep their heart rates up.

Brothers join Corps, graduate training together

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
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Many say the bonds of brotherhood are forged in recruit training, but two recruits of Platoon 1041, Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, sought to strengthen what they already possessed.

Christian Miervalle and Jesus Mier, took their first step together in expanding their family bonds and entered recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

The two brothers grew up in Sacramento, Calif., and attended Natomas High School.

Mier, 22, had always considered enlisting in to the Marine Corps, but didn't want to leave his brother and mother behind.

"I wanted to go since I was 18, but I wanted to help my mom because she was a single parent, so I stayed to help," said Mier.

As time passed, Mier was not quite ready to give up on his goal of becoming a Marine. When the time finally came to step on to those yellow footprints, he wasn't alone. His younger brother, Miervalle, was with him every step of the way.

"I think (this is) towards a better future," said Miervalle. "I grew up with him. I look up to him."

At first the brothers were hesitant to inform their drill instructors of their relationship, fearing the challenges that lay ahead of them.

"Initially when they got to the platoon they tried to hide it," said Staff Sgt. Fernando Faria, senior drill instructor, Co. C, 1st RTBn.

It wasn't until second phase of recruit training that their drill instructors caught on. Before long, the two brothers learned what they needed to do to ensure successful completion of recruit training.

"They definitely feed off of each other," said Faria. "Sometimes they try and do their own things but they always look out for each other."

By looking to each other for advice and assistance, they were able to push through even the most difficult of challenges.

"I can always go to my brother, and he would push me," said Miervalle. "He was



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Pvt. Christian Miervalle, left, and Pvt. Jesus Mier, right, Platoon 1041, Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, graduate from recruit training April 13 from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. After 10 days of leave they will continue their training at the School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

the only real person I could count on."

Although they had each other to fall back on in a time of need, the platoon also benefited from both Mier and Miervalle.

"You can tell they have unity," said Faria. "Their natural brotherhood helped bring unity the platoon."

Throughout the 12-week recruit training cycle, recruits learn the importance of teamwork, and begin to form lasting relationships with each other. As their relationship grew stronger, they also created new friendships throughout the platoon.

"We have different rack mates who we grew to bond with as well," said Mier. "We wouldn't hesitate to help them out."

Although they had each other, recruit

training still presented Mier and Miervalle a few challenges.

"They had a hard time with drill, they're not very coordinated," said Faria.

Regardless of his apparent trouble with drill, Mier found that he really enjoyed it, and strived to perfect each movement.

"With drill, at first, I used to get blasted, but toward the end I got better," said Mier. "You wouldn't think drill would be so hard, it takes a lot of discipline."

Miervalle, however, found that he most enjoyed being on the rifle range, since it was the first time he has fired a rifle.

Most of their desire had come from stories of their grandparents' experience serving in the Mexican Army. Their grandparents had encouraged them to

pursue the Marine Corps because of the high standards Marines are expected to uphold.

"The stories they tell us and the things they did — we glorified that," said Miervalle. "It was a big influence to us."

Although their grandparents started them on the path, it's their drill instructors that inspire them further.

"I've seen my drill instructors and they've influenced me so much that I want to do the same thing they are doing," said Mier.

Both Mier and Miervalle graduate from recruit training today and, after their 10 days of leave, will move on to the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Maj. Donald K. Williams

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Donald K. Williams was born and raised in Burlington, N.C. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1990 and, in May 1990, he reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., for recruit training.

In August 1990, Williams reported to Marine Combat Training at Camp Gieger, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and, in September 1990, he reported to Military Police School, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Upon graduation, he received orders to Service Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan.

In December 1991, Williams was transferred to Military Police Company, Security Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. In August 1993, he was meritoriously promoted to sergeant. While assigned to Security Battalion, he served as a patrolman and a traffic accident investigator.

In July 1994, Williams volunteered for drill instructor

duty, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., where he served as drill instructor for Alpha Company, First Battalion and as combat weapons instructor, Weapons Field Training Battalion.

In July 1996, Williams was transferred to Military Police Department, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. for duty as traffic chief.

In June 1997, Williams was promoted to staff sergeant and reassigned as watch commander. In April 1998, he was transferred to Marine Air Wing Support Group 27, Cherry Point, and assigned as the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the air base ground defense course. In May 1999, he was transferred to Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where he served as platoon commander. In June 2000, he was assigned as the training chief for Headquarters Battalion.

In June 2001, Williams transferred back to Military Police Company to serve as traffic chief. He was promoted to gunnery sergeant in October 2001.

In May 2002, Williams reported to Naval Reserve

Officer Training Corps, Hampton Roads Consortium, Norfolk, Vir., for duty as the assistant Marine officer instructor.

In May 2004, Williams was transferred to Alpha Company, 2nd Military Police Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C., for duty as platoon sergeant. In August 2004, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In March 2005, Williams was promoted to first sergeant and reassigned to Charlie Company, 8th Engineer Support Battalion. In October

2005, he was reassigned to Service Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 27 where he deployed from February 2007 to February 2008 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08.

In March 2008, Williams was assigned to Headquarters Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 2 until his selection to sergeant major.

In April 2009, Williams was transferred to Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., and assumed the duties as 1st Battalion sergeant major.

In January of 2011, Williams was transferred to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.

In August of 2011, Williams deployed to the Musa Qal'ah and Now Zad Districts of Helmand Province Afghanistan.

The sergeant major's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal Gold Star in lieu of second award, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Gold Star in lieu of third award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Gold Star in lieu of fourth award.

"Marines - Today I join your fellow Marines and your families in congratulating you on this significant accomplishment of completing Marine Corps Boot Camp. Welcome to the brotherhood of a lifetime. You are now among the elite few who have earned the title United States Marine. You have inherited the proud legacy your predecessors earned at places like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, Hue City, Fallujah, and Musa Qal'ah, Afghanistan. I returned from Afghanistan two weeks ago with over 500 Marines from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines that had just graduated recruit training in the 6 months prior to our deployment. Those Marines performed magnificently in battle and I expect you to be prepared to do the same and to maintain our proud traditions by carrying on our illustrious legacy. Remember to always look out for your fellow Marines and attack the challenges ahead with courage, honor, and commitment. Once again, congratulations Marines!"





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Co. I recruits stomp MCMAP training



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Company I recruits practice knee strikes on each other during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training April 6 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. During third phase Co. I will test to receive their tan belts. This is a graduation requirement from recruit training.

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Instilling warrior ethos and preparing Marines for close-combat environments is what Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training is all about. Company I recruits received a small dose of warrior training April 6 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

As the recruits of Co. I approach the final test to earn their MCMAP tan belts, they learned lower body strikes early found in the curriculum. During phase three recruits test-out for their tan belts. This is one of the requirements to graduate recruit training.

"This is the foundation of what we are as warriors," said Gunnery Sgt. Eric Ramirez, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3210, Co. I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. "These basic skills can be applied in combat."

To simulate a combat environment, the recruits are put through multiple warm up exercises to get their heart rates up. After learning kicks, knee strikes and stomps, recruits practiced lower body strikes on each another and with kicking bags.

"It's repetitive, so it tires us out," said Recruit Alexander Keith, Plt. 3209, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. "This training is just a small taste of what we could be doing in combat."

During first phase, recruits learn all of the basics of MCMAP, from

the proper fighting stance to armed manipulation. Basic chokes, weapons of opportunity and knife techniques are other MCMAP skills Co. I has learned.

"I feel the stance was the most important thing I've learned because the instructors have taught us, if you can connect with your target you use less energy," said Keith. "But if you don't have a proper stance you're more likely to miss."

Staff Sgt. Jason Lasdon, martial arts instructor, Martial Arts Satellite School, Recruit Training Battalion, said now that the recruits know how to use their upper bodies as a weapon they need to learn lower body techniques. The upper body techniques consisted of the eye gauge, hammer fist, elbow strikes and more.

As the recruits demonstrate the techniques on each other, their drill instructors run around correcting improper form and techniques. This makes sure they're practicing the moves correctly and keeps the recruits' on edge as if they were in combat.

"Having this martial arts training will help make the recruits more efficient fighters," said Lasdon. "In the event they lose their weapon or can't reload their ammo, recruits will know how to defend themselves."

Once they become Marines, they will have opportunities throughout their careers to learn advanced MCMAP techniques and build on the foundation they have started at recruit training.



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Company I drill instructors assist their recruits with the proper knee strikes April 2 during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program lower body strikes training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. This is just some of the MCMAP training recruits endure while aboard the depot.



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Sgt. Christian Hutson, drill instructor, Company I, motivates his recruits during their warm-ups April 6 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. These warm-ups help increase the recruits' heart rate, simulating a combat environment. Co. I were then taught lower body strikes. This included knee strikes, kicks and stomps.