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Recruit Dillon Pickard, Platoon 3221, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, lays across a chain bridge to assist his fellow recruits to the other side at 12-Stall aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif. March 28. The 12-Stall challenges recruits with various obstacles in which they must use teamwork to succeed.

Company K recruits pass ultimate test

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, pushed through the Crucible, the culminating event of Marine recruit training, at Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 28.

Recruits go through simulated combat stress scenarios, while undergoing food and sleep deprivation. The recruits must learn to work as a team to overcome mentally and physically-demanding obstacles.

“It’s the ultimate test on the core values of honor, courage and commitment,” said Sgt. Bryce Torrence, drill instructor,

Platoon 3221, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. “It messes with your mind, body and soul.”

Although recruits are tested daily throughout recruit training, the Crucible is the most anticipated event, where they apply everything they have learned over the course of recruit training.

“On the Crucible we’re really looking out on the horizon and over ridge tops and applying what we’ve learned,” said Recruit Todd E. Beverage, Platoon 3223, Co. K, 3rd RTBn.

The recruits are given three meals-ready-to-eat that they must ration throughout the Crucible. By facing and overcoming food and sleep deprivation, recruits

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Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Company I drill instructors motivate their recruits while they perform leg lifts aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 29. Leg lifts were one of the 14 different stations Co. I endured on the circuit course after getting their heart rates up with two-and-a-half miles.

Company I shapes up on circuit course

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY
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Sweat runs down dirty faces as recruits’ arms struggle to lift their body weight up to perform a pull up. War cries can be heard on the circuit course at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego while recruits give every ounce of strength they have to complete the course.

Company I overcame the circuit course March 29 aboard the depot to help build their physical strength. The course consists of two-and-a-half miles of running to warm the recruits up, followed by 14 various stations that require strength endurance.

“This course gets the recruits in shape,” said Staff Sgt. Dustin Sansoucie, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3209, Co. I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. “To be prepared for a combat situation they have to be in shape so they can take care of themselves and others.”

Recruit training takes young adults and turns them into basically trained Marines that are capable of handling combat situations. Though having the knowledge of what to look out for

is a large part of combat preparedness, without physical and mental strength, Marines wouldn’t be able to fulfill their duties.

“These stations on the circuit course get the recruits thinking about different scenarios they might encounter as Marines,” said Sansoucie.

The stations include military presses, dips, crunches and pull ups. Co. I recruits were split into different groups and followed a drill instructor to each station. Drill instructors ensured each recruit was performing the exercises correctly and gave them extra motivation to push through the pain. They stayed at each station for short, timed periods. At the sounds of a whistle blow, they then moved to the next station until recruits had gone through the course multiple times.

“I enjoyed this course, it’s kind of like cross-training,” said Recruit Nicholas Kinzel, Platoon 3209, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. “Running from one station to another gets your heart rate up, yet when you stop, you have to think about what needs to be done to accomplish the station.”

By bringing the recruits heart rate up, then

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WFTBn Relief and Appointment



Cpl. Mathew Lemieux

Col. Christopher Dowling, left, commanding officer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., prepares to pass off the organizational noncommissioned officer sword to Sgt. Maj. Gregory Hall during a relief and appointment ceremony at the parade deck aboard Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The passing of the sword represents the passing of responsibility from the outgoing sergeant major to the incoming sergeant major.



Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, jump into a trench and provide cover before maneuvering through Copeland's Assault during the Crucible aboard Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. March 28. Copeland's Assault is a simulated combat course that has recruits climb through tunnels, crawl under barbed wire, and more in order to complete their mission.

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get a better understanding of some of the challenges that arise in a combat zone.

"We've really been forced to get into a combat mindset - we've been patrolling just like we would in a combat situation," said Beverage, a San Diego native. "When we went through the obstacles, we actually had our rifles, which made it a little more difficult."

Throughout the Crucible, platoons are split into squads of 20, each led by one drill instructor. Two squads move through the Crucible site together completing obstacles.

"In first and second phase we were just starting the transformation of becoming Marines. The dedication we've all displayed shows that we're on a much

higher level now than we were then," said Beverage. "It's awe-inspiring to see the dedication the drill instructors have put into making the future of the Marine Corps."

At each obstacle, drill instructor assigned one recruit to be the squad leader. The squad leader devises a plan for completing their mission. He is the recruit who will separate the squads and supervise their progress. This allows each recruit to demonstrate and further develop his leadership.

While on the crucible, each recruit carries his rifle and daypack filled with whatever gear will be necessary to complete the day's events.

"It was a lot more difficult to get over the obstacles with gear," said Beverage. "That forced us to use teamwork and work

together to make sure every recruit and their gear made it over each obstacle."

"Teamwork is paramount in combat and in everyday life," said Beverage. "It feels good to look to my left and right and have my fellow recruits there, going through the same thing. It encourages me to keep pushing on."

At night the recruits focus on weapon maintenance and winding down from the simulated combat stress.

At the completion of the Crucible, recruits will receive their Eagle, Globe and Anchor from their drill instructors and will have earned the title Marine.

"After a recruit makes it through this they will never be the same person," said Torrence, 27, a Caldwell, Idaho native. "Thursday morning they will know they earned their Eagle, Globe and Anchor."



Lance Cpl. Crystal Drury

Recruits from Company I perform crunches as part of the circuit course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 29. Co. I completed 14 different stations after running two-and-a-half miles to help get the recruits in shape.

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requiring them to think and perform at each station simulates what combat might be like for them if they're ever exposed to it, said Sansoucie.

"This course is good training," said Sansoucie. "It gets the recruits thinking about doing more than just one set thing and makes them realize different scenarios they might one day encounter."

Co. I will get more in-depth with

combat training the following week during combat conditioning exercises. Over the 12-weeks of training the recruits will become proficient physically and mentally, earning the title 'Marine', if they have what it takes.

BRIEFS

Easter Champagne Brunch

Celebrate East Sunday this weekend, with an Easter Champagne Brunch at the Bay View Restaurant.

Buffet specialties include a carving station, South-to-Baja station, made-to-order omelet station, breakfast station, Italian station, dessert station, plus freshly baked pastries and California fruit.

The price is \$26.95 for active duty members and spouse. Guest 13 years old and older dine for \$32.95 each, Children 4 to 12 years old will pay \$16.95 and those children under 4 eat free.

Reservations will be booked every half hour from 10 a.m., through 1:30 p.m. Call (619) 725-6388 for reservations.

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. This new method of contributing saves trees and protects personal identifiable information since there are no hard copy paper trails of contribution forms passing from one Marine to another, or left unprotected on desks.

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.

If you have lost a cell phone, jewelry, clothing, electronics, keys or other 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 before returning the item to the claimant.

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

Scam alert

Some Marines and civilian employees have received "urgent and/or time sensitive" text messages and/or e-mails, allegedly sent from H&R Block requesting Block clients provide, update, or confirm sensitive data.

H&R Block does not send this type of message. These messages should be treated as scams. Recipients of suspicious e-mail should:

- Never respond to what appears to be a scam e-mail
- Never open any imbedded links in suspicious e-mail
- Delete the apparent scam e-mail and then empty your Deleted Items Folder in Outlook
- Apply the same advice to apparent scam messages received on the home computer

Tax center

The MCRD Tax Center is now open for business. The VITA tax office is located in building 12 across from the gym. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

All active duty members, their spouses and all retirees are welcome to use the VITA services.

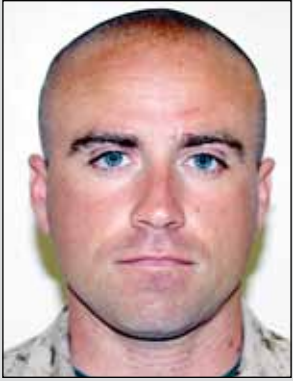
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Around the depot

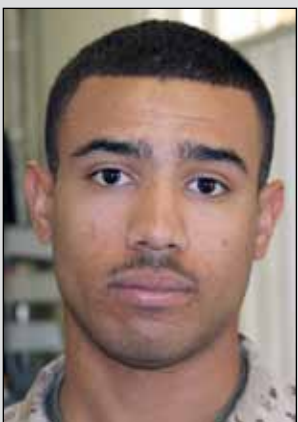
This week the Chevron asks: "Do you prefer Rifle Combat Optic or iron sights? Why?"



"Iron sights, because I feel more comfortable with them. I've been using them since boot camp." Staff Sgt. Jason Lansdon, martial arts instructor trainer, Martial Arts Satellite School, Recruit Training Battalion



"As an active member of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego shooting team, I use iron sights and I feel they're more accurate (than RCOs)." Lance Cpl. Matthew Howell, graphic illustrator, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"For training purposes, I prefer RCOs. If we're going to use them in combat, we might as well train with them." Lance Cpl. Devin White, legal administrative clerk, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment

Members suspected of Spice use to be tested

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
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The Department of the Navy has announced the availability of drug testing that is able to detect a variety of synthetic drugs which were previously untraceable.

Throughout the military, an increasing number of service members have been using synthetic substances which produce a marijuana-like high, and were not previously detectable through routine urinalysis. Synthetic substances are sold under various names such as Spice, bath salts and jewelry cleaner to avoid detection.

For now, only service members suspected of using synthetic substances will undergo the urinalysis. The Department of the Navy is currently researching ways to integrate the test and include as many Marines and sailors as possible.

"The test is now available, but not every sample is tested for it," said Mangual. "Now we know what chemicals to test for, so we can look for it."

The Marine Corps has a zero-tolerance policy concerning illegal drug use. Currently only a few Naval screening labs are able to evaluate samples for synthetic drugs, explained Frank Chavez, drug demand reduction coordinator, SACO.

Synthetic drugs are made using a combination of



Spice was originally sold as an incense, but has now swept the military community with controversy as a 'legal' designer drug. However, Marine Corps Order 5355.1, issued Jan. 27, directly prohibits the use, distribution, sale and possession of it and others like it.

Courtesy photo

chemicals coated on organic leaves. Some people are also experimenting with various methods of ingesting, such as smoking or snorting, which can change or increase the drug's effects.

However, there is currently no system in place to regulate chemicals used in many of these substances, so these drugs can often times prove to be more dangerous. Different chemical components or amounts of chemicals can lead

to unpredictable effects.

"Would anybody want someone who is using a psychological drug in combat with them? I don't think so," said Doug Flowers, substance abuse counselor, substance abuse counseling center. "I think you want to be able to depend on the guy who has your back. I don't think anybody would want to have someone under the influence of any substance when they are in that kind of situation."

An increasing number of service members have been admitted to the hospital for mental health issues caused by synthetic drugs, making the need for a test that detects usage even greater, according to George Mangual, director, SACO. Currently routine urinalysis testing doesn't screen for synthetic drugs, however, that is the ultimate goal, he added.

If a urinalysis test comes back positive they are automatically required to be seen not only by a substance abuse counselor but must also be evaluated by a medical officer, who are both looking at the substance abuse history and the presenting issue, explained Flowers.

"They are going to be evaluated by a medical officer, who is going to determine if it's abuse or they're dependent," said Flowers. "The (commanding officer) is going to determine if it was actual misuse and possibility of (administrative) separation, due to misuse of illegal or legal drugs."

The Drug Enforcement Agency banned many substances found in synthetic drugs, making use or possession of it illegal under federal law, as well as the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Naval Administrative Message 082/12 also states, "Engaged leadership and education of our force on the dangers of synthetic compound abuse and our zero tolerance policy is paramount. It is incumbent upon us to ensure our people know the risks these drugs present to their health, career and to their family."



Pfc. John Robbart III

Since the Marine Corps Forces Pacific Order 5355.2 officially banned Spice and Salvia divinorum last December, numerous Marines and sailors have been paying the price for violating the new restriction. The order states that Marines are prohibited from the actual or attempted possession, use, sale, distribution or manufacture of Spice, Salvia, or any derivative, analogue or variant of either substance. Service members who violate the order are subject to administrative or disciplinary action under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. Civilians, contractors and family members are subject to a range of administrative action, including potential debarment from base and/or loss of employment.

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Co. C recruits take the high ground



BY LANCE
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Some faces expressed excitement, some terror, as the recruits of Company C climbed to the top of the 60-foot rappel tower aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 30.

Less than three weeks before recruit training ends for Co. C, they were faced with a leap of faith in their drill instructors and martial arts instructor trainers.

“During third phase of recruit training they start to overcome their fears and gain confidence,” said Sgt. Garrett Griebenow, static rope training specialist, Martial Arts Satellite School. “For the recruits to overcome the rappel tower they must utilize their confidence and achieve what they think is impossible.”

Prior to taking on the tower the recruits received a series of classes providing them with the knowledge they needed to be safe on the tower. Martial arts instructor trainers demonstrated how to properly rappel down the tower and fast rope.

To ensure injury prevention, the recruits wore Kevlar helmets. They also tied their own harness together after receiving a class on proper technique. As the recruits lined up to climb the stairs of the tower, instructors looked over each recruit’s knots to make sure they had done it correctly. If the gear wasn’t correct, they would fix it for the recruits and show them once again how it was done. “We look over each recruit.

Co. C recruits follow one another down the depot’s 60-foot tower March 30. Recruits are given classes prior to rappelling and fast roping, so they are properly prepared for the challenge. Rappelling and fast rope training from the 60-foot tower is performed near the end of recruit training, and safety is emphasized. Instructors are available at all times to check that harnesses are properly tied, that individual recruits understand their instructions and know what they are doing.

Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Safety is a top priority,” said Griebenow.

The recruits then fast roped down less than half the rappel tower to give them a feel for the tower.

“The rappel tower gives the recruits an introduction to training they might encounter in their job,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Riggs, drill instructor, Platoon 1041, Co. C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. “We use this part of training as a motivation booster, letting them know how much of a privilege it is for them to be able to experience rappelling and fast roping.”

Once they become Marines, they might have the opportunity to try and go to jump school if their military occupational specialty requires it and if they qualify. “They might have opportunity to one day fast rope out of a helicopter,” said Riggs. “We try to downplay the fear factor and (focus on) the positives on this obstacle.”

Once the recruits feel comfortable fast roping, they have to climb to the top of the tower to rappel. Although daunting at first, the instructors ensure each recruit walks away from the day’s event with confidence in their gear.

“If they’re really scared the first time they go down, we make them do it twice so they realize it’s not as bad as they originally thought,” said Griebenow.

Once the recruit is on the edge of the tower, an instructor hooks them to the rappelling rope. He asks the recruit which is his strong hand, and instructs him to put that hand palm down behind him to use as a brake. The recruit is reminded to keep his weak hand in front of him as his guide hand. The recruit is then ordered to lock out his knees and start rappelling down the tower.

As soon as they reach the bottom, another instructor helps recruits detach from the rope.

“I was a little nervous at first, said Recruit Avery Roberson, Plt. 1041, 2nd RTBn. “You have to prepare mentally for this event I’ve realized. If you don’t, and find yourself in this situation scared, you could be putting your life and someone else’s in danger. This obstacle is good practice and a great confidence booster.”



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Recruits from Co. C apply what their instructors have told them as they begin to rappel on the depot’s 60-foot tower.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Sgt. Christopher Battaglia, Static Rope Training Specialist, Martial Arts Satellite School, Recruit Training Regiment, helps recruits by motivating them and making sure their gear is secured properly. After being checked for safety, Co. C recruits rappelled off the 60-foot depot tower.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Sgt. Christopher Battaglia, Static Rope Training Specialist, Martial Arts Satellite School, Recruit Training Regiment, demonstrates proper rappelling techniques to Co. C recruits March 30.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Recruits from Company C, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, listen and apply what their instructor tells them to do with their gear March 30 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Co. C went through a series of classes early in the morning to help prepare them on the knowledge they needed to rappel and fast rope.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Sgt. Alex Cole, Static Rope Training Specialist, Martial Arts Satellite School, assist recruits from Co. C as they fast rope during tower training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The recruits fast rope prior to r down the 60 foot tower to help them gain confidence and feel more comfortable going from a higher distance.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Recruits apply what they were taught to guide with their weak hand, break with their strong hand and keep their knees locked during rappelling training March 30.

High school athlete seeks, finds 'brotherhood' in the Corps

BY SGT. CRISTINA N. PORRAS
Chevron staff

Recruit Harley J. York seemed to have his future all planned out as he played on high school football team. College football scouts took notice of York's talent and his chances of receiving a scholarship to play at the college level grew even greater.

"I was really devoted to football," said York, a native of College Station, Texas. "That was my passion in high school."

Everything was working in his favor as his dream of becoming a college football player drew closer to becoming reality, but in an instant, his world came to a halt.

"I got a bad knee injury that took me out for the season," said York, who played outside linebacker. "As soon as that happened, colleges immediately lost interest in me – they stopped calling and stopped coming around. I kind of put all my eggs in one basket, because football was my plan."

With his original plan in jeopardy, York searched for a new one.

He had never considered a future in the armed forces until his mother told him that a Marine Corps recruiter had stopped by to see him. Although he was reluctant at first, he gave the recruiter a chance to tell him what the Corps had to offer.

York found many similarities between the Marine Corps and a football team, and it instantly appealed to him. He knew the Marine Corps could give him the lifestyle he desired.

He was raised by a mother who emphasized the importance of a healthy lifestyle, and he carried that with him to stay in top athletic shape. Because the Marine Corps is an organization that prides itself on members' physical fitness, York found that it was a perfect match for him.

"I believe you have to have pride in yourself and the way you look. If you look good, then you feel good," said York. "Marines are very proud from what I've observed. I saw what the other services look like and they don't come close to the Marines."



Sgt. Cristina N. Porras

Recruit Harley J. York, left, platoon guide for Platoon 3221, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, helps a fellow recruit accomplish one of many obstacles as part of the Crucible aboard Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton Calif., March 28. After a knee injury changed York's original plans of pursuing college football, he decided to accept the challenge of becoming a Marine.

Along with being part of an organization that boasts physical fitness, York said he sought to be part of a brotherhood, where success depends on how well a team can pull together for a victory.

"In football you grow a bond with your team, and you have each other's back," said York. "That's the same in the Marine Corps. You become part of something bigger."

Understanding the importance of teamwork has helped York since he began the process of becoming a Marine. Since he arrived at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, his drill instructors instantly noticed his leadership potential.

Since Forming Day 2, York has been the guide for Platoon 3221, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, said the platoon's senior drill instructor, Sgt. Bryce Torrence. The guide is a recruit who is selected by their drill instructors to lead their recruits through 12 weeks of recruit training. Often a platoon will cycle through several guides, but York has managed to maintain the position since the first week of training and will graduate as the guide, as well as the series honorman.

"York has had a strong role since we started training. Recruits look up to him," said Torrence, a Caldwell, Idaho native. "He didn't have to berate fellow recruits to make them follow him and he is always motivated, screaming at the top of his lungs. That alone encourages other recruits to be like him."

His fellow recruits have also taken notice of his leadership abilities and desire to become a Marine.

"York always talks about honor, courage and commitment and the 'brotherhood' that's the Marine Corps," said Rct. Connor Eyssen, 1st squad leader, Plt. 3221, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. "He's a strong

leader and he makes it known that he's there for the recruits. He really cares."

Torrence said York never hesitated to take charge when necessary and took it personally when the recruits messed up. Having proven that he has what it takes to be a leader and a Marine, York has given his drill instructors faith that he will continue to be a great asset to the Corps.

"As long as he continues to use his full potential, he'll definitely succeed," said Torrence. "I can see him being a meritorious lance corporal and corporal."

Reflecting on the last 12 weeks and what he has gone through to earn the title 'Marine,' York recognizes the changes that have taken place. He sees himself as more disciplined and more mature.

"They've honed little details of my life that didn't mean as much before and made me better," said York.

York, along with 360 of his 'brothers' from Company K, will graduate and officially bear the title 'Marine' April 6. After completing Marine Combat Training, where Marines learn the basics of being riflemen, he will train to become an assaultman and start his career as a Marine Reservist. York plans to go to college and pursue a bachelor's degree. Eventually he hopes to become a commissioned officer.

"That's my eventual goal – to become an officer. I'm going to take it day by day and see what else the Marine Corps has to offer," said York.

York is proof that many things in life happen for a reason. Although life threw him a curve ball, he ended up finding a new challenge and new goals to pursue.

"Mentally and physically, I feel like I was dull when I started (recruit training), but now I'm sharp," said York. "I'm always looking for a challenge and I knew the Marine Corps would offer that. It has definitely given me (a challenge)."



Sgt. Cristina N. Porras

Recruit Harley J. York, a native of College Station, Texas, supervises fellow recruits during the Crucible aboard Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 28. According to his drill instructors, York has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, earning himself a position as the guide for Platoon 3221.

Col. Robert F. Castellvi

Parade Reviewing Officer

Col. Robert F. Castellvi is the chief of staff, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

Castellvi is a native of Chicago, Ill. He graduated from the University of Illinois in May 1984, with a degree in finance and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

After completing The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course, Castellvi was assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment; and deployed to Norway, the Western Pacific, the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

From 1988-91, Castellvi served at Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team Atlantic, Norfolk, Va., and deployed in support of

numerous security operations in the U.S., and abroad. He then attended the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advance Course at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he was the distinguished graduate.

From 1991-94, Castellvi served with 2nd Bn, 9th Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton, Ca., and deployed to Somalia and the Arabian Gulf for Operation Desert Storm.

From 1999-2001, the colonel served at Marine Forces Pacific and Marine Forces Central Command. In July 2001, he assumed command of 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment, and deployed to Afghanistan.

From 2004-2006, Castellvi served in the office of the Secretary of Defense. In 2006, he assumed command of Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division and deployed to Iraq as the Senior Advisor to the 1st Iraqi Army Division. He then assumed the duties as Chief of Staff of 1st Marine Division.

In 2010, Castellvi deployed

to Afghanistan with 1st Marine Division Forward.

Castellvi holds masters degrees in Industrial Resource Strategy, Systems Management, and Military Studies. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Combat

"V", the Meritorious Service Medal with three Gold Stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars and the Combat Action Ribbon with one Gold Star.

Castellvi is the 1993 recipient of the Leftwich Trophy for Leadership, a trophy given for outstanding leadership awarded annually in memory of Lt. Col. William Groom Leftwich, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in action in the Republic of Vietnam in 1970.

"Marines - Congratulations on achieving a significant milestone in your lives, earning a title reserved for an elite few - United States Marine. I join your fellow Marines in welcoming you and your families into our Corps, and I invite you to build on the proud legacy earned by those who have fought our nation's battles, from the shores of Tripoli to the fields of Afghanistan. As you depart the recruit depot and prepare to join your new units, remember that you serve a grateful nation as warriors in the finest fighting force in the world. Keep our honor clean. Take care of your fellow Marines and attack the challenges ahead with courage, honor, and commitment. Once again, congratulations Marines!"





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Co. F recruits display skills, earn MCMAP tan belts

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To earn the title 'Marine', a recruit must complete a variety of tests aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. One of the many tests at recruit training is earning the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt.

Recruits from Company F showed their drill instructors everything they retained from MCMAP training by demonstrating the entire tan belt syllabus during an evaluation March 28.

The recruits went through six stations, each with a different instructor to test them on tan belt techniques. The stations included upper and lower body strikes, counter strikes, chokes, counters to chokes and holds, knife techniques, bayonet techniques, armed and unarmed manipulation, and break falls and leg sweeps.

"This MCMAP training is their foundation," said Sgt. Ryan-Michael Daffin, drill instructor, Co. F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. "No matter what situation you get in, you always resort back to the basics."

Now in third phase, Co. F recruits were required to perform the techniques when prompted with the name of each

move.

"The moves are pretty easy to remember," said Recruit Oziel Isael Camacho, Platoon 2134, Co. F, 2nd RTBn. "The names of the moves are pretty self-explanatory. Like break falls you just remember to break your fall with your arm."

During first phase the recruits are put through a series of classes that teach them all of the tan belt moves. By second phase, they don't focus as much on MCMAP and only touch on it occasionally. Prior to their third phase tan belt test, they remediate with a martial arts instructor trainer and their drill instructors.

Though tan belt is only the first belt of five it helps prepare the recruits if they are ever in a combat situation.

"I feel this is preparing me mentally for combat by giving me the confidence to know what to do if ever faced with hand to hand combat," said Camacho. "Instead of being surprised, I'll have a pretty good idea of what to do."

Once they become Marines and get out of training, they will have the opportunity to advance in belts which will better help them prepare for what they encounter throughout their military careers.



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Company F recruits Michael Erwin, left front, and Kyle Anderson, right front, demonstrate the counter move to the over hand grab March 28 while testing for their tan belts aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. To graduate boot camp all recruits must be proficient in Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt moves.



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Drill Instructor Sgt. Paul Espindola, front left, evaluates how well Co. F recruit Nicholas Krcitek has learned his bayonet techniques during recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 29. The Co. F recruits were being evaluated in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt requirements.