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## Co. E prepares for Crucible with sustainment hike

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE  
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A recruit may never realize the amount of miles they've put on their feet or how far they've traveled in order to earn the title of United States Marine. Through every step, they become stronger, each learning about their body's limits.

Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion completed a sustainment hike May 12 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in preparation for the Crucible, a 54-hour field-training exercise.

“The hike is important because it gets the recruits ready for the Crucible,” said Sgt. Robert Jimenez, drill instructor, Platoon 2114, Co. E, 2nd RTBn. “We've been building them up since their first three-mile hike in Phase One.”

The sustainment hike is an estimated six-mile hike around the depot. The last hike the recruits completed was an eight-mile hike at Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

“The hike won't hurt us in preparing for the Crucible,” said



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**Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, completes a six-mile sustainment hike around base May 12 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The sustainment hike helps prepare the recruits for the amount of hiking they'll complete on the Crucible, a 54-hour field-training exercise. More than 50 miles are hiked between obstacles during the culminating event.**

Recruit Tanner Metro, Plt. 2114, Co. E, 2nd RTBn. “We don't know what to expect over those two days, so any extra training will help.”

Recruits are required to wear

their Kevlar helmet, sling their M16-A4 service rifle and carry a 40-pound rucksack. The hike is used as a tool to allow recruits to see where they stand when endur-

ing the extra weight and the distance traveled, explained Jimenez.

A recruit's body can rely solely on his feet. Feet are the foundation to the body and if not properly

taken care of, a simple injury could lead to something more serious.

Recruits prepare for the hike by

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Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

**Cpl. Jamison Mersino, Primary Marksmanship Instructor, assists Company M recruits in the indoor marksmanship simulator May 15, aboard Edson Range Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. During the fifth week of recruit training, PMIs taught Co. M the basic fundamentals of Marine Corps marksmanship. The PMIs then follow the recruits to firing week to make sure the recruits understand how to properly shoot.**

## Recruits learn basics of marksmanship

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL J. DRUERY  
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As recruits load their simulated M16-A4 service rifle, a Primary Marksmanship Instructor tells them to shoot when their target appears.

Company M practiced basic marksmanship skills in the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer May 15 aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

During week five of recruit training, Marine Corps marksmanship is taught to the recruits. They learn the different positions they will shoot in, arm placements and various knowledge that will help them when they shoot for score next week.

“What I've gained so far this week is how to hold the weapon correctly and the natural point of aim,” said Recruit Micheal Mitchell, Platoon 3269, Co. M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

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## Corps history important in training new Marines

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL J. DRUERY  
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Company G received an overview of Marine Corps history May 11 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, covering the Vietnam and Korean War era.

“It's important for them to know where the Marine Corps has been and where the traditions we uphold come from,” said Sgt. Daniel Downing, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2155, Co. G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

Staff Sgt. Valentin Monroy, Academics Instructor Platoon, Support Battalion, instructed the recruits on different combat gear and knowledge the Marine Corps gained from being in various battles and wars.

“We were taught a lot of important knowledge about what we're getting into by becoming Marines,” said Recruit Brandon Wolf, Plt. 2155, Co. G, 2nd RTBn. “It's good that we know where the important developments come from in the Marine Corps.”

Co. G was given various

examples of how the Marine Corps has adapted and overcame various situations. Each war and battle the Marines enter has different terrain, requiring them to be prepared for all environments. This allows them to complete the mission regardless of climate or terrain.

“Recruits need to know the significant events that took place because people said the Marines couldn't win the wars but that's what Marines do, win the wars,” said Monroy.

By learning about the Marines that came before them, recruits are able to put a name and face to the legacy and understand the traditions they are expected to uphold.

Throughout the 12-weeks recruits are aboard the depot, they are constantly learning new Marine Corps knowledge. The drill instructors make sure the recruits go over knowledge during any free time they might have.

“Even if the recruits are just standing in line to get chow, we make sure to repeat knowledge with them,” said Downing. “The repetition is

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## Marine Corps Commandant Tours Walker Hall



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

(From left to right) Melissa Mahoney, Sports Medicine and Injury Prevention coordinator, Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Michael P. Barrett, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, discuss rehabilitation of injured recruits at Walker Hall aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 22. Walker Hall is an energy efficient, sports-medicine facility devoted to rehabilitating injured Marines and recruits. "This is a fantastic building," said Amos as he toured the facility. Walker Hall has been given the rating of platinum, the highest rating of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design according to U.S. Green Building Council standards. Amos and Barrett visited various Marine Corps installations during the Commandant's "Heritage Tour" and came to MCRD to offer leadership, guidance and motivation to officers and staff noncommissioned officers.

### HIKE ◀ 1

maintaining healthy eating habits, constant hydration, seeking medical attention prior, and learning how to properly pack their rucksack. Items in each pack include Meals, Ready to Eat, skivvy rolls, utility uniforms, an e-tool, poncho and poncho liner.

Proper packing is essential for comfort. A load can shift, throwing a recruit off-balance, or put uneven strain on their back, shoulders and legs.

"The recruits learn how to evenly distribute the weight in their pack," said Jimenez. "They are taught this because it will prevent back injuries when carrying

heavy equipment for long distances."

As the sun begins to slowly rise in the sky, the recruits hydrate, stretch and make sure their gear is set. The drill instructors also use this time to go over knowledge and practical application with the recruits. It helps them with "finals week", the week before the Crucible where recruits complete their final exams, explained Jimenez.

At 7:30 a.m., the recruits covered down on their neatly-aligned packs. They are ordered to put their packs, Kevlar and rifles on. Each platoon splits into two columns as they begin the first stretch of the hike.

Drill instructors motivate the recruits

by encouraging them to finish strong and complete the hike. The recruits trek on through the morning, responding to the ditties that are called out and pushing each other to keep up with the recruit in front of them.

"We've come this far," said Metro, an 18-year-old Glendale, Ariz. native. "This is just one step closer to graduating."

The last hike at recruit training is the dreaded Reaper Hike, a 10-mile hike in the hills at Edson Range on the last day of the Crucible. In the early hours of the morning, once the hike is completed, the recruits of Co. E will earn their Eagle, Globe and Anchor and the title of United States Marine.

### SHOOT ◀ 1

For recruits like Mitchell, the PMI's and drill instructors help correct any bad habits the recruits might have from shooting before of the Marine Corps. Recruits' trying to apply their old bad habits is one of the biggest obstacles PMI's have to overcome.

"I believe I had a lot of bad habits," said Mitchell, "But with the PMI's help I think I'll do well next week when we shoot."

The recruits also get a chance to practice shooting in the ISMT. This helps them see how they will shoot when

it comes time next week. The ISMT also give the PMI's a chance to correct anything wrong they see the recruits doing prior to them shooting a live weapon.

"We want them to truly understand what they're doing," said Sgt. Nick Balthazor, Chief PMI, Edson Range, WFTBn., MCB Camp Pendleton.

While drill instructors are with their recruits for three months, PMI's only have a week prior to shooting to build rapport with the recruits.

To ensure recruits are focused and learning the Marine Corps standards of

shooting, the drill instructors aren't present during the classes.

"We make sure to go back over the knowledge they learn about marksmanship later when we get back to the squad bays," said Sgt. Micheal Sedlak, Plt. 3269, Co. M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. "The recruits are able to practice positions with us and ask any questions that they don't understand."

After the week is complete, Co. M recruits should have a good understanding of Marine Corps Marksmanship. They should also feel comfortable enough to shoot the weapon

the correct way. The PMI's they worked with all week follows them over to the range during week six.

"It puts a lot of confidence in them to see that I'm still there and I can answer any questions they might have," said Cpl. Cory Winslow, MCB, Edson Range, WFTBn., MCB Camp Pendleton.

Recruits have four days to practice shooting down range during firing week. On Friday, they shoot for score. This score will carry over with them into the Marine Corps. Every Marine is a rifleman and the fundamentals start at recruit training for Marines.

### BRIEFS

#### Military Retiree Fair

Come out tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., for the 2012 MCCS/MCRD San Diego Military Retiree Appreciation and Resource Fair at the depot theater, Building 30.

For additional information call (619) 524-5732/5728.

Details are also available at <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/personalandprofessionaldevelopment/retiredactivitiesoffice/index.html>.

#### 3rd Annual MCRD San Diego Military Recognition Ceremony

Attention active duty students: The 3rd Annual MCRD San Diego Military Recognition Ceremony will be held on Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., at the depot Museum.

The ceremony recognizes all Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen who completed a certificate or degree program from October 2011 to October 2012.

Come out and celebrate hard work and dedication in pursuing higher education amidst the rigors of active military service.

Call the Education Office at (619) 524-1275/6865 or email [annie.villalon@usmc.mil](mailto:annie.villalon@usmc.mil) for details.

#### Basic sailing class

The MCRD San Diego Boathouse is offering a two-day basic sailing class June 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost for the sailing is \$25. Those enrolling must be present both days.

The course is tailored for the beginner and also as a refresher for the "old salt." It is a hands-on program with almost all instruction aboard a boat on the water.

For more information call (619) 524-5269.

#### Auto detailing/car care class

Want to learn the basic skills to detail a vehicle? Join the Auto Skills Center (Building 142) for their car detailing class June 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The class includes:

- Cleaners, dressing and application technique
- Paint oxidation removal
- Headlamp restoration

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

Lunch will be provided to all attendees. There is no charge for the workshop. The event is open to all eligible patrons and their guests.

For additional information or to register call (619) 524-5240.

#### Register now for absentee ballot

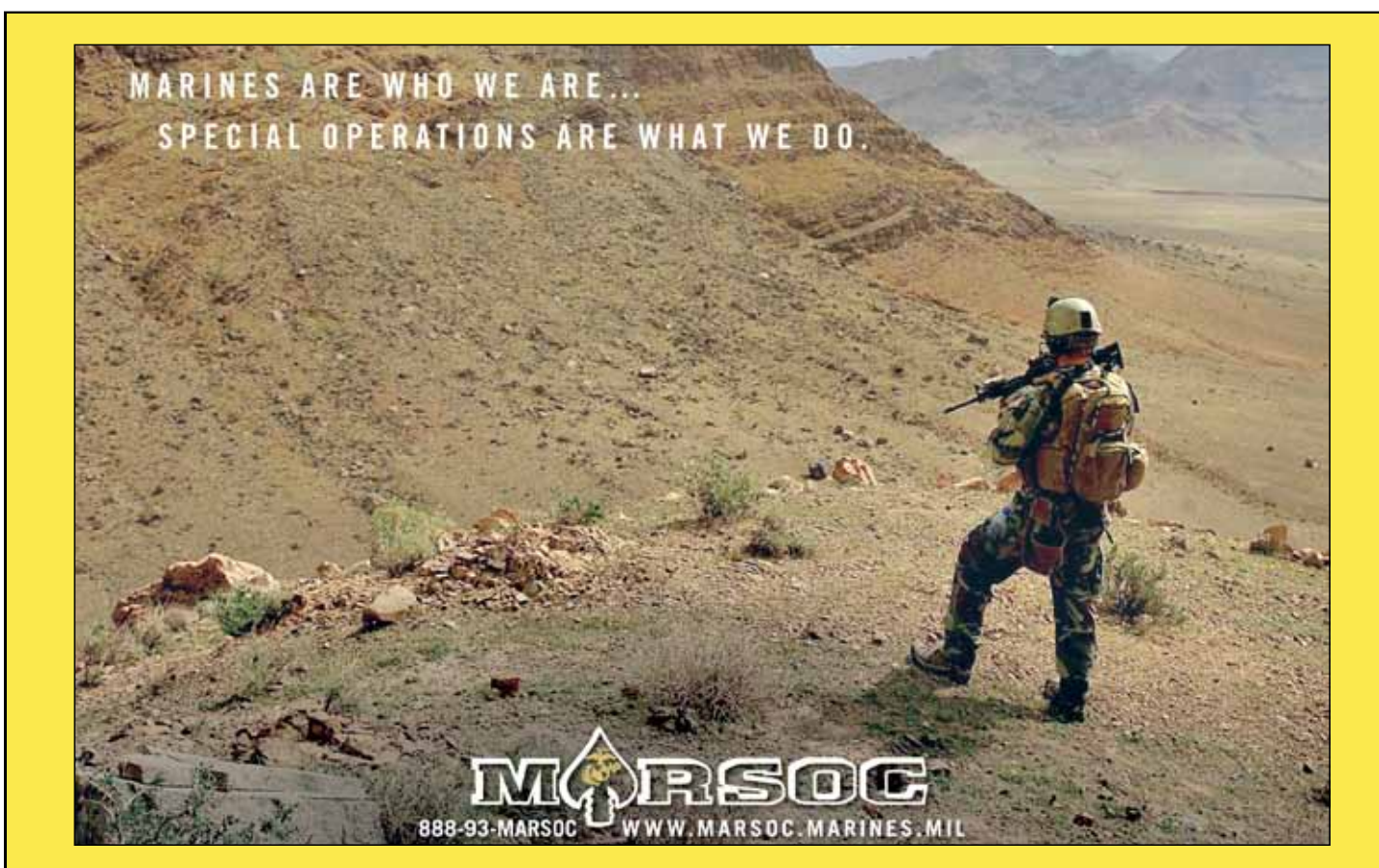
Primary elections have started with the national election fast approaching in November.

Military members and their families who have not submitted a registration or absentee ballot request [Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)] to their home state should do so ASAP. Even those who have voted absentee in recent elections should submit an FPCA again this year as many States require annual submission. Do not assume registrations or absentee ballot requests from the 2010 election is still valid. Sign up for State-specific election information at <http://www.fvap.gov/contact/subscription.html>.

FVAP's call center is available at 1-800-438-8683, DSN 425-1584, or at [vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov). For more information, contact Mr. Juan Gomez at (619) 524-8737/8.

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## Around the depot

**This week the Chevron asks: "What summer activity are you looking forward to the most and why?"**



**"I'm looking forward to playing fetch with my dog at the dog park."** Capt. Chris Early, operations officer, 1st Recruit Training Battalion



**"I'm looking forward to white-water rafting. It's fun and exhilarating to be out in the open."** Cpl. Mujahid Amme, supply clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



**"A summer activity I'm looking forward to is hiking at Mission Hills. There are lots of trails you can run, bike and hike on, it's close by but the scenery gives you the feeling like you're far away and secluded."** Staff Sgt. John Ciupack, 1st Battalion adjutant, 1st Recruit Training Battalion

# New medical facility dedicated to fallen Marine

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

Applause filled the air as a red ribbon was cut, indicating the opening of Walker Hall at a ceremony dedicated to Staff Sgt. Allan K. Walker May 10 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Walker Hall is the first stand-alone, Marine Corps funded, sports-medicine facility devoted to the rehabilitation of injured recruits. The two-story building contains a revolutionary rehabilitation gym and several certified athletic trainers. These include two sports-medicine physicians and an orthopedic-trained physician's assistant.

"This building is about life," said Nancy Walker, the staff sergeant's mother. "It's about overcoming a setback and achieving your dreams, I'm so proud to have my son associated with such a positive thing."

Walker was an anti-tank assaultman who requested and received orders to be a drill instructor aboard MCRD San Diego. He graduated from Drill Instructor School, class 1-01, May 2001, and was assigned to Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion where he trained more than 460 recruits through nine consecutive training cycles.

Over the two years he served as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor, Walker instilled in his recruits the positive traits he exemplified on a daily basis and his love

for the Marine Corps.

"Being a drill instructor re-enforced his calling to be a Marine," explained Nancy Walker, a 61-year-old, Palmdale, Calif., native. "He always wanted a challenge, whether it was physical or mental."

In January 2004, Walker hung up his campaign cover and returned to the fleet for duty as a platoon sergeant for Company E, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. His battalion deployed in February of that year.

Walker was killed in action outside of Ramadi, Iraq on April 6, 2004, while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James Amos, gave permission to name the depot's new sports-medicine facility after Walker in August 2011.

"It's an incredible honor and spirit lifter," said Nancy Walker. "Something so good can come from something so tragic."

What makes Walker Hall unique is how energy-efficient it is. It's been given a platinum designation, the highest rating of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design according to U.S. Green Building Council standards.

"Walker Hall is equipped with solar panels on the roof, a recyclable water-filtration system, natural day lighting as well as many other energy-efficient systems and materials," said Jeff Harper, president,

Harper Construction Company Inc.

The Walker Hall project started in January 2012 and was completed in less than two years. The building provides itself with the energy-saving resources that it needs in order to operate, explained Harper.

A bronze plaque proudly displayed on the wall outside of Walker Hall was unveiled by Nancy Walker, her husband Kenneth Walker, and Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, MCRD San Diego and Western

Recruiting Region.

"This is just a small token of our appreciation for your sacrifice," said Yoo, during his speech to the family and friends of Allan Walker.

Walker Hall will help injured recruits finish recruit training and become Marines, explained Nancy Walker.

"I'm thankful for this facility," said Nancy Walker. "It will give these young men who stepped up to serve their country a second chance to succeed in becoming Marines."



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**Kenneth and Nancy Walker unveil the Walker Hall plaque with the help of Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region at the Walker Hall Dedication Ceremony May 10 aboard MCRD San Diego. Walker Hall is a sports-medicine complex named after fallen Marine Staff Sgt. Allan K. Walker, Kenneth and Nancy's son, who served as a drill instructor aboard the depot. Walker was killed in action April 6, 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.**



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**(Left to right) Jeff Harper, president of Harper Construction Company Inc., Kenneth Walker, Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, Nancy Walker, and Capt. Mark A. Kobelja, deputy commander of Naval Medical Center San Diego, cut the red ribbon in front of Walker Hall May 10 aboard MCRD San Diego. Walker Hall is an energy-efficient, sports-medicine complex dedicated to Staff Sgt. Allan K. Walker, a former drill instructor who was killed in action April 6, 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

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Company A recruits work on their sprints before their ability group two-mile run aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 10. Recruits are put into two groups based on their run times from their initial strength test.



Company A recruits do various abdominal exercises before their two-mile run aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 10. The company was broken down into groups and completed various stations with a drill instructor supervising.



Recruits of Company A "war cry" while in the plank position aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 10. Recruits "war cry" to help keep their motivation high during their physical training sessions.



Recruits of Company A do speed and agility drills around cones aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 10. Recruits alternate running forward and backwards as they pass each cone.

# Co. A recruits build physical abilities

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA  
Chevron staff

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, close out their third week of training with an ability group run and stations aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 10. Ability group runs help recruits build and maintain the strength and endurance they will need to

successfully complete recruit training. "It's used more for build-up," said Sgt. Joseph Weaver, Platoon 1010, Co. A, 1st RTBn. "It's a low impact, lower intensity endurance training session." Before their two-mile run recruits were broken into groups to complete various warm-up stations. A whistle blow signaled the recruits to switch stations. "Today's important because it helps improve recruits' agility," said Sgt. Tommie Tate, drill instructor, Plt. 1014, Co. A, 1st RTBn. The sound of yelling recruits could be heard

above all else at each station. The recruits are instructed to "war cry" while performing each exercise to keep up their motivation. The warm up stations consisted of crunches, planks, running around cones, pushups and more. Once the recruits had the chance to visit each station, their drill

instructors put them in two groups based on their run time from their initial strength test. "The main reason we break them into groups is for safety, but it's also a motivation tool," said Tate. By breaking the company into groups, drill instructors are able to monitor the recruits better, as well as keep the run at a challenging, yet comfortable pace. Throughout recruit training, recruits can monitor their progress with each run and move up

to a faster group. "We can push each other in the groups," said Recruit Vincent Reyes Santiago Jr., Platoon 1015, Co. A, 1st RTBn. "If the recruit next to me knows he can run as fast as me, it helps us to know we can push each other." At the end of the run, recruits returned to their gear to hydrate and cool down. "It was outstanding physical training," said Santiago, an Oceanside, Calif. native. "Every day is a progressive (physical training) session." Each training session builds off the last ensuring recruits make progress each day. "The recruits of Alpha Company are getting stronger and stronger," said Santiago, 21. "I had a much harder time the last time we did something like this."



Recruits of Company A clap their hands after each push-up during their warm-up exercise aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 10. The recruits listened for the blow of a whistle to know when to move to the next station.

Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

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# Upstanding Marine carries on traditions

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL J. DRUERY  
Chevron staff

It takes a dedicated Marine to become a drill instructor and mold the thousands of individuals who step on the yellow footprints each year aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Staff Sgt. Zachary Curran is one of the few individuals who has given up the better half of three years in the Marine Corps to the drill field. Each Marine has their own reasons for choosing this path, for Curran it was due to a tragic event against a dear friend.

In October 2008, one of Curran's fellow Marines, and his wife, were the victims of a violent crime committed by another Marine who worked for Curran.

"When I heard the news all I could think was, 'Marines don't do that, there's no way,'" said Curran, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2113, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

The Marine who committed the crime worked in Curran's avionics shop and had a hard time displaying the basic customs and courtesies expected of a Marine. When he didn't show up for work, Curran was stunned by the reason why.

"Something like that rocks your core," said Curran, 25. "That could have just as easily been me."

At the time of the crime, Curran was a sergeant stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. He had survived two deployments to Iraq and had orders to a desirable duty station. Curran re-evaluated things for a month, resulting in him turning down his orders to Marine Helicopter Squadron One, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Three months after the crime, Curran found himself aboard MCRD with hopes of instilling the core values that the prior Marine seemed to lack.

"It wasn't just something he could add to his resume," said Pfc. Joshua Hedland, administrative clerk, 2nd RTBn., one of Curran's former recruits.



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**Staff Sgt. Zachary Curran, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2113, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, inspects his recruits for the Company Commanders Inspection May 19 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Curran has shaped recruits into Marines the past three years with hopes these Marines have upstanding morals and values that every Marine should have.**

"He always wanted to train us the right way. You could tell he was doing his job because of a higher calling."

Although Curran didn't originally plan to be a drill instructor, now he realizes how rewarding it is to hold the billet. While growing up, Curran would regularly visit MCRD to watch his uncle work, who is a former drill instructor. Due to his uncle's influence, Curran joined the Marines at age 17, right after graduating high school.

Curran has picked up every rank meritoriously except staff sergeant, which he picked up in five-and-a-half-years while at drill instructor school. Since being on the drill field he has held the billet of drill instructor for four cycles, and senior drill instructor for three. During that time, he has had numerous honor

platoons and set the regimental record this cycle for the practical application exam.

"The real reason I've been able to be so successful is because I'm working with the top ten percent of the Marine Corps, my fellow drill instructors," said Curran.

He has found that if he builds upon his fellow Marine's valuable assets, then the platoon is more successful. It's better to know Marine's abilities then try to change them, said Curran.

"He's always professional and very determined," said Sgt. Jose Lopez, drill instructor, Plt. 2113, Co. E, 2nd RTBn., who went through drill instructor school with Curran and worked for him. "He plays a mentor role to the recruit and fellow drill instructors."

He tries to ensure every recruit comes out of boot camp

as more than just a basically trained Marine.

"I want to make sure they're good for the next year-and-a-half, until a noncommissioned officer gets a hold of them and makes them even better," said Curran.

Over the years, Curran has been able to see his efforts pay off through junior Marines. Hedland now works in Second Recruit Training Battalion, helping Curran accomplish his daily tasks.

"Once you hear about your recruit in combat, you start to understand what you're doing here," said Curran. "Regardless of what successful thing they're doing, it gives you a sense of pride that you had something to do with that."

He came to the drill field hoping to ensure the Marines coming into the Corps were properly trained and had

upstanding core values, and so far he's been successful.

"He taught me to never stop being a Marine," said Hedland. "You need to have pride in yourself. Even when you take the uniform off, you're still a Marine. You have to learn how to wear your own skin."

Unsure of what his Marine Corps career has in store for him next, Curran will be submitting a package to become a warrant officer or officer. He has completed his bachelor's degree while aboard the depot in hopes to set himself up for further success. Regardless of what billet he takes on next, he plans to use his life experiences to better others.

"I hope to be a valuable asset to my Marines and inspire them," said Curran. "I want my success to bleed through me to them."

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what helps them remember."

While recruit training consists of a lot of physical training it also requires

recruits to obtain knowledge.

They have multiple knowledge tests they must pass to become Marines. Part of the Marine Corps tradition is for Marines to know where they came from.

"Without traditions we might not know how to conduct ourselves coming into the Marine Corps," said Wolf. "This part of our training is as important as the rest."

In week 10, recruits will take their final practical exam. This exam covers everything they have learned throughout recruit training from history to first aid.

## Sgt. Maj. Howard K. Long

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Howard K. Long is a Brooklyn, N.Y., native who grew up in Asheville, N.C. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1983 and underwent recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

Long currently serves as sergeant major, Training and Education Command.

Throughout his career, Long has served with distinction in both peacetime and combat. His service includes tours with:

- 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- 4th Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Okinawa, Japan

- 1st and 3rd Battalions, 12th Marine Regiment, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

- Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island, S.C.

- Marine Security Guard Battalion, American Embassy, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa

- Marine Security Guard Battalion, American Embassy, Montevideo, Uruguay, South America.

- Inspector-Instructor Staff, 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines, Grand Prairie, Texas

- Inspector-Instructor Staff, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Waco, Texas

- 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

At his current rank, Long has served as the sergeant

major for Marine Air Control Group - 38, Miramar, Calif., and for Training and Education Command, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

Long has also deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Long holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Religion from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va., and a Master of Arts degree in Religion, also from Liberty University.

Long is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.

Long's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, the Navy and

Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, the Military

Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.





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# Recruits hone survival skills in Camp Pendleton's hills



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Recruits of Company D hike the hills of Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., while they work on their land navigation skills May 16. During field week recruits get a feel for working in the field by sleeping outside and eating Meals-Ready-to-Eat.



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Recruits of Company D were put in four-man fire teams to test their land navigation skills at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. San Diego May 15. After a four-hour class, recruits had three hours to find six boxes using only a compass, map and protractor.



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Company D recruits hit the deck and take cover when drill instructors yell "incoming" at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 15. During field week recruits receive a cover and concealment class that is re-enforced during land navigation practical application.

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Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, spent a week in the field aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. May 14.

During field week, recruits learn a variety of new skills. This is intended to give them an idea of how to survive in an outdoor environment.

"It gives them a brief orientation to Marine Corps skills," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Williamson, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1074, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "Everything they do here is fire-team based and ties into small-unit leadership."

Recruits start with the basics, by learning the fundamentals of small-unit leadership starting with fire teams. These classes also include detecting improvised explosive devices, personal hygiene, cover and concealment and hand and arm signals.

"I learned a lot about the basic combat structure," said Recruit Ryan Lundquist, Plt. 1074, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "It's stuff you can encounter in a real-life situation and is most likely to save your life."

Day two of field week consists of land navigation training. Recruits are expected to use a compass, protractor and map to find various points on a map, during the day and at night.

"They need to know how to properly navigate if they get

separated in the field," said Williamson.

Drill instructors prepare the recruits by briefly going over field week knowledge prior to week seven. Field instructors with Field Company, WFTBn., ensure recruit understanding of the material by providing time to practice the new skill set after teaching each class.

Although the drill instructors do a good job teaching them the basics before they get here, the field instructors fine tune each skill, explained Sgt. Nicholas Lollis, field instructor, Field Co., WFTBn, MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Recruits also spend two nights outside of their squad bays, under the stars, with nothing more than their sleeping bags. During inclement weather or the cold season, recruits will use tents to keep them dry.

"I like to sleep outside, so I enjoyed it," said Lundquist, 21, a Chicago native. "I used to go camping a lot so it was pretty easy."

Friday night the recruits have one last field week event to complete, the night hike. The night hike teaches the recruits how to remain silent while ensuring their gear does not give away their position.

"During the night hike they learn about noise discipline and how to adjust their night vision," said Williamson.

After field week, recruits of Co. D will make their way back to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego to begin phase three of recruit training.