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## Recruits go to great 'heights' to gain confidence

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE  
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Some recruits glance at the 60-foot drop behind them as they place their heels on the edge of the platform, take a deep breath and begin their descent from the tower.

Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, faced the rappel tower June 8 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Rappelling is a controlled decent from a great height, using ropes and harnesses as a pulley system. Descending the 60-foot tower is a requirement that all recruits must complete to graduate from recruit training.

"It's important for recruits to learn how to properly and safely descend from the tower. They may have to use these skills in combat at some time during their Marine Corps career," explained Staff Sgt. Kenneth Carter, martial arts instructor, Instructional

Training Company, Support Battalion.

The day begins with a safety brief and classes on how to properly check and tie the harness. Recruits are then given a demonstration on how to fast-rope, a technique in which the rope is not attached to a harness.

Fast-roping is used to get to the ground in one fast motion, usually from a helicopter. Recruits perform the maneuver from a safe height to become familiar with the technique.

"The idea is to get the recruits comfortable; give them a feel for what it's going to be like descending from the tower," said Carter. "They must also be confident in their abilities to tie their own harness and perform."

Recruits use one hand to hold the rope tight in front of them to guide them down the tower, and the other on the rope behind to act as a break that will slowly lower them to the surface. For

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Pvt. Michael T. Marshall, Platoon 1070, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, slowly lowers himself from the top of the 60-foot rappel tower June 8 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Recruits must learn the basics of rappelling in case they ever need to use this skill during their Marine Corps career.



Lance Cpl. Crystal J. Druery

Lt. Jarrod Johnson, chaplain, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, talked to Company M recruits about marriage as a first term Marine June 14 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The classes covered the advantages and disadvantages of marriage in the military. Johnson answered recruit's questions while giving them statistics about civilian and military marriages. He also discussed marriage preparation classes available once they reach the fleet.

## Co. M gets first-term Marine marriage class

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL J. DRUERY  
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While undergoing training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, recruits are given a series of classes to help them succeed as Marines.

During week nine of training, Company M received a First-Term Marine Marriage Class June 14. This class is intended to help junior Marines prepare for marriage as a military member.

"The biggest goal is to give them all considerations for making such an important decision," said Lt. Jarrod Johnson, chaplain, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, who taught the first term marriage class.

Johnson begins the class by letting the recruits know he's not there to tell them what they should or should not do when it comes to marriage. Instead, he prepares them with statistics and

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## Course obstacles no problem for recruits

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE  
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Confidence is a trait that Marines display on a daily basis. It is the feeling of one's powers on a certain situation and the belief that they will act in a proper and effective way.

Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, tested their strength June 4 at the low-obstacle portion of the Confidence Course during their third week aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

"The purpose of the confidence course is to negotiate low and high obstacles and to build upper-body strength, endurance and confidence," said Sgt. Andrew Brown, martial arts instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion.

The Confidence Course is an event that requires recruits to use their physical and mental strength to overcome each obstacle. Monkey bars and walls to lofty towers are just some of the difficult obstacles that recruits will face.

"This is just an introduction to confidence; once the recruits know they can accomplish these lower obstacles, they take a look at the higher ones and say 'I've achieved this, I can do the higher obstacles,'" said Staff Sgt. Adrian Cardenas, drill instructor, Platoon 2123, Co. F, 2nd RTBn.

One week prior to the confidence course, Co. F was introduced to the "O-Course", a series of elevated bars and logs, as well

as walls that allow recruits to try different methods at climbing over them.

"Most of the recruits struggled with the "O-Course" because they have never seen obstacles like that before," explained Cardenas.

"Now that they are familiar with similar obstacles, they have an idea on how to overcome them."

Recruits are split up into random groups that are guided by a drill instructor. Once in their group, they run and attempt to complete each obstacle.

"I think the toughest chal-

lenge for the recruits is keeping up with the group," said Brown. "They're going to be tired from all the running in between each obstacle, but this is conditioning them for combat."

While waiting for recruits to finish an obstacle, other recruits are required to perform fireman's carries and buddy-drags until the group is done. Aside from learning the proper technique on how to perform the carries, recruits also learn how to push through pain and fatigue.

Endurance is another trait

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Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, challenge the Weaver, an obstacle on Confidence Course June 4 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The Confidence Course is an event that requires recruits to push physically and mentally through any fear of a difficult obstacle.



## Educators Get Some



Sgt. Jose Nava

Educators from Recruiting Stations Indianapolis and Des Moines, Iowa went through the bayonet assault course during Educator's Workshop aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 13. MCRD hosts educators 12 times a year to give them a better understanding of their students' options in the Marine Corps. The Educator's Workshop is a week-long event that also takes participants to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

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that Marines possess and the confidence course allows recruits to experience how much their bodies can handle.

"I feel that the confidence course puts us into check," said Recruit Anthony West, Plt. 2121, Co. F. "It gives us that sense of reality when it comes to combat and dealing with being tired and pushing through it all."

As recruits continue to use the last of their stamina to complete the course, they each learn about their strengths and weaknesses.

"I find it more mentally challenging than physical," said West, a 23-year-old Ravenna, Texas native. "I've been humbled before in the physical aspect, so trying to keep up with the group and push through it mentally was the hardest part for me."

The demanding low obstacles are the first half of the confidence course. The recruits of Co. F completed the second half of the confidence course, the higher obstacles, the following week.

Co. F moves on through the cycle to continue their training to earn the title of United States Marine.

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many of the recruits, this was the first time they have ever rappelled.

"The rappel tower breaks their fear and builds up self-confidence," said Sgt. Joshua McGee, drill instructor, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "Through the tower, they'll be able to build trust and self-reliance in themselves to complete this event."

In the field recruits stand in a line and stare up at the tower. The fear of heights may be clouding the minds of some recruits; others are excited about the adrenaline rush they are about to experience.

"I was anxious to get it over with," said Recruit Noel Molina, Platoon 1074, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "I do feel more confident in what I have learned today and the fact that I might have to eventually do it in my career."

While some recruits fearlessly rappel down the tower, not every recruit makes it down the tower properly and without fright. If a recruit fails to perform the exercise correctly, he is sent back up to do it again, until the maneuver is done as it should be, explained McGee, a 25-year-old Seabring, Fla. native.

"Once the recruit makes it down cor-

rectly, he feels a great sense of accomplishment," said McGee. "Sometimes recruits just need that push and extra motivation to overcome their fears when they are scared."

The recruits of Co. D took the confidence they gained from the rappel tower to the following week where they faced the Crucible, a 54-hour simulated field-training exercise that pushes recruits to their limits both mentally and physically.

Upon completing the Crucible and earning their Eagle, Globe and Anchor, Co. D recruits now have the title of United States Marine.

### BRIEFS

#### MCRD Museum Historical Society Globe and Anchor Gala

The MCRD Museum Historical Society will host its annual Globe and Anchor gala June 30, at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel. Vietnam era veterans will be honored at the event. Gen. Peter Pace, himself a Vietnam vet and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is scheduled as the keynote speaker. There will be dinner, dancing, and live and silent auctions. All proceeds benefit the Command Museum. For further information, visit the Web site at [www.mcrdmuseumhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.mcrdmuseumhistoricalsociety.org), or call Heather at the Society at (619) 524-4426.

#### Comic Con

Single Marine Program leaders are looking for volunteers to work at the 2012 San Diego Comic Con July 12 through 15. Volunteers get round-trip transportation, lunch and free entry to the convention.

Volunteer and see the largest comic book and popular arts convention in the world, full of movie and television stars and characters.

For more information, contact Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240 or at [davisJP@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:davisJP@usmc-mccs.org).

#### Spouse makeover

San Diego's Union Tribune newspaper recently started the UTTV online network with television programming broadcast through the paper's online site. Part of the programming is a show that offers makeovers.

The program has openings for military spouses who would like to be considered. If selected, the spouse would visit different boutiques in San Diego to receive donated outfits, and be filmed doing so.

The program currently has openings for about 10 military spouses. One makeover will be filmed each week.

Spots are likely to fill quickly. To be considered, contact Kyle Keller, at [kkeller727@gmail.com](mailto:kkeller727@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

#### Freedom Run

MCCS Semper Fit hosts the MCRD San Diego Freedom Run on June 29, at the Boathouse Marina. The two race options are the 5K Race at 1 p.m., or the 1K Walk at 1:05 p.m. (no finisher awards). The event is free for all authorized patrons (active duty, dependent, reservist, retiree, DOD/NAFI employee with proper ID) and \$10 per guest.

Register online at [mccsmcrd.com](http://mccsmcrd.com) or on the day of the event.

Guests of authorized patrons must register on the day of the race. Day of the race registration opens at 10:30 a.m. Awards go to the top three finishers in each age category of 5K.

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

#### 4th of July Las Vegas trip

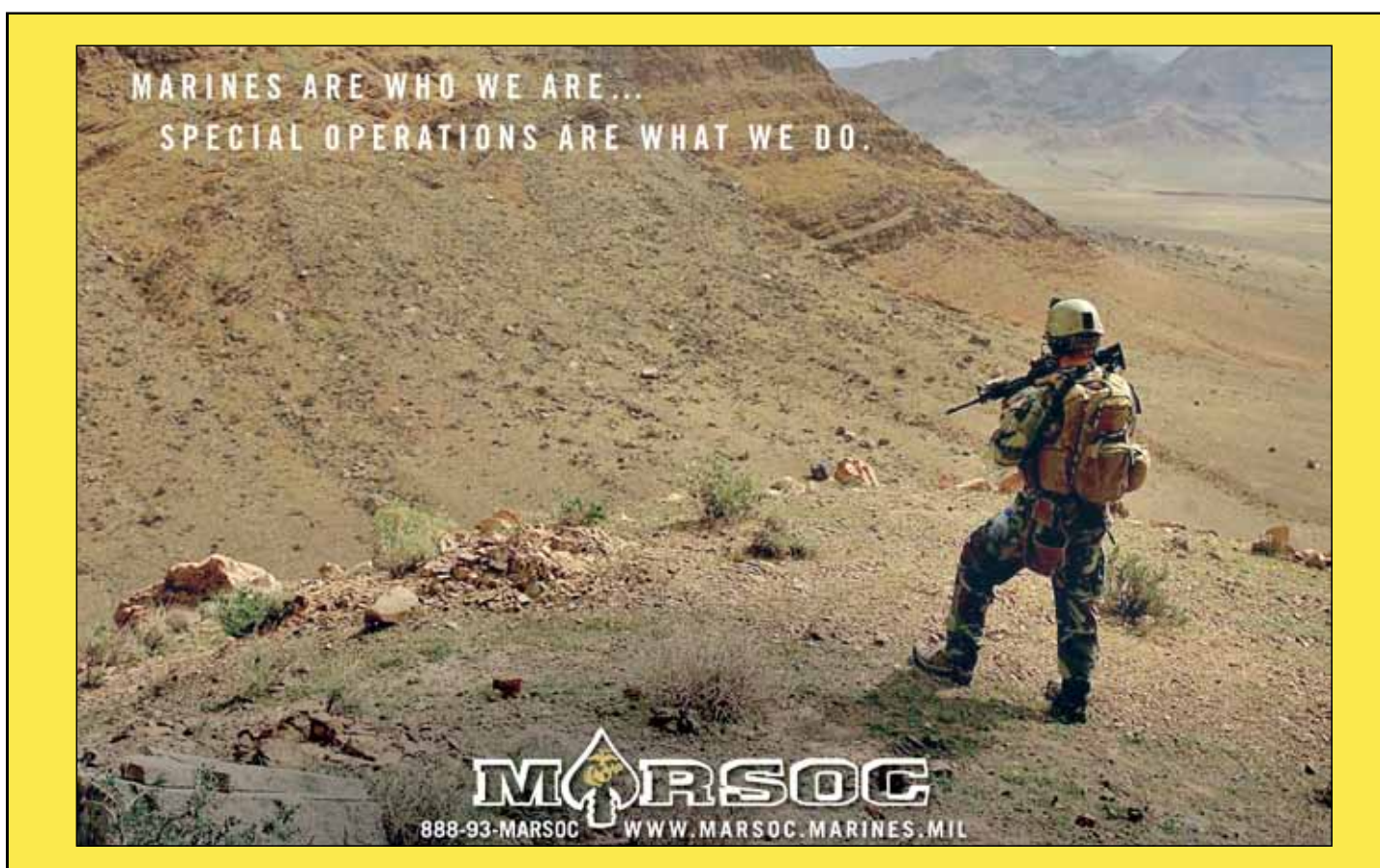
Single Marines, celebrate Independence Day Las Vegas style! Join fellow single marines for three nights in Sunny Las Vegas.

Cost for the trip is \$50 for round-trip transportation and three-nights in the heart of the Strip!

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# Around the depot

**This week the Chevron asks: "What kind of classes or equipment would you like to see at the gym?"**



**"I would like to see a sauna."** Pfc. Shelby Osborne, warehouse clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



**"I would like to see more boxing equipment in the gym, it'll allow more people to relieve stress."** Cpl. Johnny Rivas, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



**"A class that I would like to see is aero-boxing, I haven't seen it offered anywhere in San Diego."** Kamillah Terrell, contract specialist



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Military families paddle out using the four hours of free boating equipment provided by the Boat House Recreation Center during Fish or Boat with Dad Day June 16 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The event lasted from 7:30 a.m., to 4 p.m., and included a free lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and soda. The annual event has been taking place aboard MCRD since 1995.

## Fathers, children bond while fishing and boating

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II  
Chevron staff

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego has celebrated Father's Day since 1995 with, Fish or Boat with Dad Day, bringing fathers and their children together through outdoors events.

This year the tradition continued on June 16 at the MCRD Boat House Recreation Center. The event was open to all military families and Department of Defense employees, lasting from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The boat house supplied free fishing poles, motorboats, sailboats, paddle boats, kayaks and canoes for four hours. They also supplied a free lunch, which included hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks.

Families from local military bases came to participate in the Father's Day celebration. The families setup barbecues, picnics and took advantage of the boat houses contribution to military fathers.

Theodore Hardson, a student at Cathedral Catholic High School, came to the event with his uncle because he views him as his second father.

"I feel blessed and thankful," said Hardson.

"If I had a choice to change anything I wouldn't because I just thank god for what he's blessed me with and this opportunity because there are people who do not have families."

Not only young children showed up with father figures, but active duty members also brought their fathers along too. Petty Officer 1st Class, Mathew E. Hayes, damage controlman, Naval Operation Support Center, Naval Amphibious Base, North Island, Coronado brought his father Cliffton Ray Trussel to bond through what they called "bad fishermen" skills.

"Eighty percent of our time is at work," said Hayes. "It's just nice from time to time to choose who you want to spend your time with."

During their free time together, Hayes and his father said they often go boating and swimming. Having free water related activities to do together for Father's Day gave them both great pleasure.

"Whenever you're by the ocean, you can't lose a day. It's the best you've ever had when it's free," said Hayes's father, Cliffton Ray Trussel. "I think it's very important for families to get together like this. It enhances the family's core and brings everyone together. You can't ever go wrong if you have a good family core."



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Petty Officer 1st Class Mathew E. Hayes, (left) shipboard damage control, Naval Operations Support Center Coronado, Calif., examines his cast with his father, Cliffton Ray Trussel, during Fish or Boat with Dad Day June 16 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The event has been a tradition aboard MCRD for 17 years and has allowed fathers to spend an enjoyable time with their families.



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# Co. H goes hand-to-hand during pugil sticks three training event

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL J. DRUERY  
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Recruits yell through their mouth guards as they charge with pugil sticks, ready to give a strike during training June 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

This was the third of four pugil sticks training sessions during recruit training for Company H. Pugil sticks training helps recruits prepare for hand-to-hand combat situations they might endure once becoming Marines.

"It builds confidence in their new skills and puts them in a simulated portion of a combat experience,"

said Staff Sgt. Fredrick Favors, drill instructor, Platoon 2170, Co. H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

Though recruits are taught Marine Corps marksmanship during their time aboard the depot, it isn't always possible to apply these skills. Instead Marines have found themselves using their M16-A4 service rifle with a fixed bayonet as a close-combat weapon. Pugil sticks have padding at both ends. Red represents a bayonet while the black padding represents the buttstock.

"This is a great way for the recruits to prepare for hand-to-hand combat," said Favors.

Pugil sticks are a combination of

different Marine Corps Martial Arts Program skills. Prior to going into pugil sticks three recruits receive a series of classes followed by fighting one-on-one against a fellow recruit in a pit. The recruits are paired based on weight, ensuring a fair fight.

Each recruit is armed with a pugil stick and protective gear, the winner is whomever the Martial Arts Instructor determines landed the first fatal blow. The different strikes that are considered fatal blows are taught to the recruits in their classes and are MCMAP moves they have learned throughout training.

"I won both matches today," said Recruit Joseph Novoa, Plt. 2170, Co. H, 2nd RTBn. "Pugil stick training is important because it teaches us how to handle our adrenaline and stress in a fast paced environment, like combat."

This is a stepping stone toward Co. H's last pugil stick bout during week 11 on the Crucible. The Crucible is a 54-hour sleep and food deprivation team building exercise. The recruits have to come together in order to overcome different obstacles. They receive their Eagle, Globe and Anchor after the Crucible, followed by graduation June 29.



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Recruits show their game faces as they run up to the pugil stick pit June 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. As they get close to the instructors waiting, they yell out their weight. This allows the drill instructors to make sure the recruits are in the same weight category, making a fair fight. Each recruit has gone through the same training and is armed with the same gear, ensuring the fight is fair.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Recruits run in place to warm up while they wait to begin a pugil stick bout June 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. This is the third pugil sticks training that Company H has had the chance of doing since arriving on the depot. Each pugil sticks session is different and done in various environments ensuring recruits are ready for close-combat situations if ever deployed.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Company H drill instructors ensure their recruits have their gear on properly before pugil sticks June 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The pugil sticks consist of a padded stick that is meant to simulate an M16-A4 service rifle fixed with a bayonet. The black padding represents a buttstock while the red is the bayonet.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Drill instructors encourage their recruits to keep fighting after being knocked down June 5 during pugil sticks aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Recruits fight until the Martial Arts Instructor blows the whistle, indicating a fatal blow. Prior to entering the pugil sticks pit, the MAI's give classes to the recruits informing them what is considered a fatal blow.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Company H recruits went head-to-head June 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The matches were one-on-one, each recruit armed with protective gear and a pugil stick that contained padding on each end. To win the match, recruits must apply different Marine Corps Martial Arts Program moves they have learned during recruit training.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Recruits use teamwork to ensure their equipment is on properly before pugil sticks June 5 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Before each pugil stick bout, recruits are armed with a helmet, mouth piece, padding and a pugil stick. The sticks are padded at each end making sure the fights are safe and only a simulation of a close-combat situation.



# Oregon native overcomes obstacles to become a leatherneck

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II  
Chevron staff

Each recruit has his own personal hardships. For one Oregon native it began at eight-months of age when his parents divorced.

The hardships continued in high school where he struggled for motivation to make good grades and when his weight ballooned to 260 pounds.

Pfc. Thomas S. Breiter, Platoon 1073, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, who graduates from recruit training today, says it all changed when he made the decision to join the Corps.

Breiter explained that knowing he couldn't join the Marines without graduating from high school and losing weight motivated him to get it done.

Breiter's love for the Marines started at an early age. Both his mother and father are former Marines.

Breiter enlisted to be military police, his mother's occupational specialty.

"Both my parents said they'd disown me if I joined any other branch," said Breiter with a laugh.

When Breiter acknowledged his grades needed improving, he signed up for six months at the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

He returned in his senior year a new teenager, active in athletics and choir.

Breiter graduated high school with a 3.85 grade point average.

After graduation, Breiter's weight was the only speed bump left. For boot-camp Breiter needed to slim down from 260 to 212, but ended up slimming even further, down to 203 pounds.

Breiter said he cut out sweets and alcohol, restricted his calo-



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**Pfc. Thomas S. Breiter, Platoon 1073, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, awaits improvised explosive device training alongside fellow Marines during the crucible at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA, June 12. Breiter chose to enlist into the Marines as military police, the same military occupational specialty as his mother. Breiter said he chose the Marine Corps over other military branches because he was highly influenced by his mother and father's service in the Corps.**

rie intake and ate a lot of fruit and protein.

"I wanted to start over. I've wanted to join since I was a kid," said Breiter, 22-years old. "I plan to stay in shape. I'm strong but I could be a lot stronger. Now that I'm a Marine I hold myself to a higher standard."

During the initial phases of boot camp Breiter said he was solely focused on himself and just getting through training. He changed his mind when he saw other recruits needed his help. By encouraging others

and being vocal Breiter became a squad leader.

Breiter's drill instructors explained they noticed his efforts when his voice was heard louder than others.

"He showed the willingness," said Staff Sgt. Johnnatan Lopez, drill instructor, Platoon 1073, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "He stood out when he encouraged others. He was always vocal and getting people going."

When Breiter's rack mate Pvt. Steven J. Caasi, was depressed from lack of mail from home, Breiter consoled

him and helped lift his spirits.

"He was there when I was down or alone in a corner," said the 18-year old Caasi. "When I found out my family wasn't coming to the graduation he told me that I could hang out with his family. He made me feel like there was someone I could depend on. I made a really good friend in boot camp."

Breiter said that in the beginning he took Caasi under his wing. Now Caasi is doing much better.

"I helped him a lot during

first phase," said Breiter. "A lot of times he would want to quit, but I just helped him keep his head up and he's here now. He's definitely the type of person I'm going to stay in touch with the rest of my life."

Now that he's graduated Breiter said, "my parents gave me constant motivation through their letters. I know they were thinking of me. I definitely feel like I've come a long way."

"I'm looking forward to going to my military occupational school and continuing to grow in the Marine Corps."

## Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Logan

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Logan was born May 25, 1966 and is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He is the son of a self-employed carpenter and housewife who gave him an appreciation of principles and charity that eventually led to his decision to join the Armed Forces.

In May 1984, Logan graduated from George Washington Carver High School. He joined the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program on August 30 and became a recruit trainee in January 1985. He attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., and began what has become his career of choice.

In April 1985, following the completion of recruit training, Logan attended the U. S. Army Missile Ammunition School in Huntsville, Ala., and was assigned the Military Occupational Specialty of Ammunition Technician. That July, after receiving his basic certification as an ammunition specialist, Logan reported to the 3rd Force Service Support Group, Ammunition Supply Point, in Okinawa, Japan. During this tour, he served as a small arms inspector and storage specialist while supervising several off-island deployments to the Republic of Korea.

In July 1987, Logan completed his first overseas assignment and transferred to the Ammunition Supply Point, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

In November 1987, Logan appeared

before the Marine Security Guard screening team where he was nominated and accepted for independent duty as a Marine Security Guard, with little more than four months on station. After graduating class 5-88 at the MSG Battalion in September 1988, Logan was assigned to the American Embassy, Kuwait as the assistant detachment commander until October 1989. In November 1989, he requested and was granted a second Middle East tour and assumed the duties of the assistant detachment commander for the American Embassy in Damascus, Syria on November 25.

In April 1990, Logan was selected for meritorious promotion to staff sergeant and appointed detachment commander at the American Consulate, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia until January 1991.

Upon completion of his duties as a Marine security guard and detachment commander, Logan returned to his primary military occupational specialty and served as ammunition chief for the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, Calif. During the following 34 months he enrolled in, attended and completed all occupational certification requirements and was issued orders for a special duty assignment as a drill instructor. He reported to class 2-93 for Drill Instructor School at MCRD San Diego in December 1993.

Upon graduation in March 1994, Logan he was assigned to Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, where he served as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor and series chief drill instructor. He concluded his tour as the company first sergeant.

In May 1996, Logan requested reassignment as an ammunition specialist and was transferred to the Marine Forces Reserve headquarters in New Orleans, La. There he served as the force ammunition chief and reserve liaison, while assuming the collateral responsibilities of battalion drill master and assistant director, Marine Forces Reserve Corporal's Course. He was promoted to the rank of first sergeant in August 1999 and held first sergeant assignments with Company B and Weapons Company of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines through June 2002. He concluded his final tour as a first sergeant with the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade under Region 2, of the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group until March 2004 before being promoted to his current grade.

On April 1, 2004, Logan was promoted to the rank of sergeant major and assumed duty as senior enlisted advisor for Recruiting Station St. Louis until September 2006, at which time he was screened and selected

for reassignment within the Recruiting command for the post of sergeant major, Marine Corps Recruiter School at MCRD San Diego, where he served until September 2009.

Logan was detached from his duties in mid-September and reassigned in support of Operation Enduring Freedom under the Combined Security Transition Command, where he served as sergeant major to the NATO Military Training Mission for Afghanistan.

Logan is currently serving as the sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruiting Command. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal with silver star and one star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with three bronze stars and the Kuwait Liberation Medals of both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.



**"The road to success is always under construction. Stay sharp, lean forward and never quit." Semper Fi.**





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Staff Sgt. Robert Phelan, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1021, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, talks to his recruits for the first time June 8 during pick up aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. As the first training day Phelan explained what he and his fellow drill instructors will expect of them for the remainder of training.

## Co. B recruits meet their drill instructors

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“These recruits are entrusted to my care. I will train them to the best of my ability. I will develop them into smartly disciplined, physically fit, basically trained Marines, thoroughly indoctrinated in love of the Corps and country. I will demand of them, and demonstrate by my own personal example, the highest standards of personal conduct, morality, and professional skill,” said Capt. Juan Plancarte, series commander, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, as he administered the Drill Instructors Creed June 8, aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Upon pick up, drill instructors recite the Drill Instructor Creed to their new platoon of recruits. Adopted in 1956, the creed is meant to lay down the foundation of what is expected of a drill instructor.

This is the first day recruits meet their drill instructors.

These are the individuals willing and capable of molding each recruit into basically trained Marines over 12 weeks of training.

“I was nervous and anxious waiting to meet my drill instructors,” said Recruit Adam Cisneros, Plt. 1021, Co. B, 1st RTBn. “But once they started talking, I was inspired to listen and go about what they said to do while trying my best.”

Over the past few days the recruits have been under the care of receiving drill instructors while processing paperwork. It’s not until the series commander lets his drill instructors take over on pick up day that the recruits have a real taste for what the rest of recruit training will be like.

“Pick-up is a shock for the recruits,” said Staff Sgt. Robert Phelan, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1021, Co. B, 1st RTBn. “We’re trying to get the house (squad bay) set up and instill obedience to order.”

The main goal of Friday pick up is to get the recruits into their new routine. The senior explains the roles he and his fellow drill

instructors will play. While the senior is supposed to mirror a father figure, he’s still a drill instructor, ready to give a stern hand when needed.

“Once our senior started talking to us we realized we could confide in him,” said Cisneros. “Our other drill instructors are there for drill and making sure we’re disciplined.”

Each drill instructor has his own role, but each is accountable for each recruit’s safety and well being.

The first step in taking care of the recruits is to make sure each recruit has his bag holding his identification cards and money. The drill instructors then check every recruit’s gear to make sure he has what he needs to begin training.

As soon as the drill instructors take charge they begin shaping each recruit, one step at a time, into Marines.

Pick up day is only the beginning of a long journey to earn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor and the title United States Marine.



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Capt. Juan Plancarte, series commander, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, administers the Drill Instructor Creed to his drill instructors as part of pick up day activities. Recruits quickly learn what their drill instructors expect, and get the first taste of what the next 12 weeks will be like.



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Company M recruits receive a class about marriage as a first term Marine June 14 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. This class helps recruits prepare for marriage as a military member. The recruits are supplied a variety of resources to assist them once they are Marines. These resources will be able to help their spouses as well.

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The first slideshow of the class gives recruits divorce rate statistics for military members and civilians.

While civilians have a high divorce rate, military couples get divorced more often, said Johnson. “I want to paint a realistic picture so our recruits can look ahead and plan.”

A large number of military divorces are the result of spouses not understanding military lifestyle. To counter this, the Marine Corps offers classes for spouses that explain what they can expect of the military and why their military member might be gone for weeks or months at a time.

Johnson explains to recruits that they will not only be responsible for their own well-being, but for the well-being of their spouses. They need to ensure they set their spouse up for success.

“When Lieutenant Johnson mentioned that

we will be responsible for someone else’s success it really got me thinking,” said Recruit Martinez Felipe, guide, Platoon 3271, Co. M, 3rd RTBn.

Martinez gave his girlfriend a promise ring before leaving for recruit training. After receiving this class, Martinez still wants to marry his girlfriend but he feels he has a lot more planning to do before they tie the knot.

“I’m ready love wise,” said Martinez. “But I want to finish all of my military training first and figure out everything I need for her. Before this class I was only thinking about myself.”

The series commander and the senior drill instructors also give their recruits advice based on their experiences in the military. They stress that the recruits take care of their careers first. Then, once they’re financially and mentally ready, they can more confidently settle down.

“They usually just want details about the very next step,” said Johnson. “I’m trying to get them to look two steps forward.”