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Boot Camp guides set the bar high on final PFT

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On an overcast morning, recruits in Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, surpassed expectations on their max set of pull-ups, sit ups and three mile run time during their final physical fitness test June 14.

Recruits, wearing olive green shorts and shirts, lined up behind pull-up bars eagerly waiting to do the best they could.

Each individual pushed their chin past the pull-up bar until their arms could physically do no more. Drill instructors repeatedly shouted motivational remarks to help push their recruits to their maximum possible performance.

With a deep, raspy voice, Sgt. Josh R. Francisco, drill instructor, Platoon 2174, Co. H, 2nd RTBn, yelled “Get up there!”

Recruits replied with squinted eyes, grunts and clenched teeth as they pulled with all their might, trying to squeeze

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by Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, start the three-mile run portion of their final physical fitness test June 14 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The PFT is comprised of a max set of pull ups, a timed three-mile run and a max set of crunches in two minutes. The Company H recruits completed pull-ups and will complete the last portion of the test after the run with crunches to finish their final PFT.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Company B, 1st Recruit Training battalion challenged the “O-course” June 15 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The “O-course” is an obstacle course that has a series of elevated bars, walls and logs that allow recruits to try different techniques to climb over.

Recruits meet depot obstacle course

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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Some recruits enter Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego not knowing what challenges they will have to face, but their will to succeed rises above any other thought or emotion. Among those challenges are the obstacle courses that push recruits to their limits mentally and physically.

Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, was introduced to the depot’s obstacle course June 15.

Every recruit must complete an obstacle course, known as the “O-course,” an event that requires recruits to climb over walls and logs, pull themselves over bars and use their last ounce of strength to climb a rope.

“This is an introduction to the different techniques that recruits can use to get over the obstacles,” explained Sgt. Matt Harmon, drill instructor, Platoon 1025, Co. B, 1st RTBn. “It’s important that the recruits learn these methods because you never know what you’ll run into during training exercises or combat.”

Although technique is the main focus of the course, building upper-body strength is also a crucial part of the event, explained Harmon.

“The course begins to build upper-body strength and confidence in the recruits,” said Harmon. “This is their first time through the course and most of them are looking forward to

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MCMAP training gives recruits combat skills

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL J. DRUERY
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Recruits yelled out unclear commands through their mouth guards as they mimicked instructors during their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program class June 15 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

MCMAP is a program that began in 2001 to combine existing, new hand-to-hand

and close quarters combat techniques. The program trains Marines in unarmed combat, edged weapons, weapons of opportunity, and rifle and bayonet techniques. It also stresses mental and character development, including the responsible use of force, leadership, and teamwork.

Company L received a lower body and counter strike

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Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Company L recruits apply lower body strikes June 15 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. These are basic Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt moves that will help them in a hand-to-hand combat situation if they ever find themselves in one. Instructors ensure each recruit can apply these move properly to prevent injury and more.

CFT Demonstration



Sgt. Cristina N. Porras

Gunnery Sgt. Jarvis Rodriguez, chief drill instructor, Company K, encourages Erica Forsstrom, a science teacher at Legacy High School in Las Vegas, as she performs ammo can lifts during a Combat Fitness Test demonstration during the Recruiting Stations San Diego and Salt Lake City Educator's Workshop June 26. The workshop is a week-long experience in which educators and community leaders learn about the Marine Corps and gain insight on the life of a Marine. This opportunity enables them to more effectively advise students with potential for military service.

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out one last pull-up.

At 5'2, 120 pounds, Pvt. Joseph C. Bermudez, guide, Platoon 2169, is one of the smallest in the company, however, he is also one of the strongest. For his final PFT, Bermudez did 24 pull-ups, 162 sit ups and completed an 18 minute, 30 second three mile run time. A perfect score for the physical fitness test is 20 pull-ups, an 18 minute three-mile and 100 crunches.

"Knowing that I was the smallest recruit was motivation to be the best I could be and made me want to out do my peers," said 17-year-old, Bermudez. "Size is never an issue, it's just how much you're willing to put out to be the best."

For the three-mile-run a mass of green-on-green uniformed recruits lined up at the starting line. When the signal was given the scene looked similar to the running of bulls in Spain. Approximately 18 minutes later recruits began trickling in caked in sweat and

breathing like fishes out of water. Drill instructors could be seen repeatedly running to the finish line with recruits and then back tracking to encourage the other recruits.

Francisco explained he and the other drill instructors made recruits do pyramid style exercise repetitions as well as exercises similar to cross fit to prepare them for their final PFT.

"Their improvement is really impressive. It's a pretty good feeling knowing you contributed to that," said Francisco.

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taking on the challenge."

Before the course begins, a brief and demonstration is given by drill instructors, on the different ways to complete the course. They are then given a rope climbing class that explains two different methods, wrap-around and "j-hook," of climbing.

Drill instructors climb down from the rope and move on to demonstrate the last portion of the course: fireman's carry and buddy drags. The recruits are shown how to properly execute the drag so they can learn how to evacuate casualties in a combat situation.

Recruits call cadence, clapping their hands together as they run in place at the beginning of the course. They watch as other recruits attempt to overcome the first obstacle and wait their turn for the challenge.

"The hardest part for recruits is usually climbing the ropes

at the end," said Harmon. "By that time, they're tired and they really don't think about technique."

Recruits are only required to climb the rope half way and come back down. They are then ordered to perform the combat carries.

"I feel the hardest part for us is the drags and carries," said Recruit Jared Allen, Plt. 1025, Co. B, 1st RTBn. "You get so down and out from the course and then have to perform, it gets difficult."

Recruits learn how much their bodies can handle through this course. At the end, performing the carries and drags puts them in a combat mindset and forces them to push through to the end, explained Allen.

"You never know what to expect in combat," said Allen, a 21-year-old native of Campbellsburg, Ind. "The course allows us to feel more capable in our abilities to overcome any obstacle physically and mentally."

BRIEFS

MCRD Museum Historical Society Scholarship

The MCRD Museum Historical Society is offering three educational scholarships for 2012, each valued at \$1,000.

Enlisted Marines and sailors in Western Recruiting District, and their dependents are eligible. Deadline for Application is July 13.

For more information and application forms, go to www.mcrdmhs.org.

San Diego county fair tickets

The San Diego County Fair runs through July 4, and tickets are on sale at the depot's Information, Tickets and Tours Office.

Get information at: <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/InformationTicketsAndTours/sandiego-countyfair/index.html>

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.

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

Free annual passes

The National Park Service is offering a free annual pass to all national parks for all active duty service members and their dependents.

Relax and unwind in any of our nation's 397 national parks at no cost.

Visit <http://www.nps.gov/find-apark/passes.htm> for more information.

MCRD Titans football

The MCRD Titans football team is looking for players. Team slots are open only to MCRD active-duty personnel.

The season starts in August with games at Camp Pendleton. Tryouts and practices will begin soon.

For information on times and dates, contact Coach Charles White at (619) 524-8172 or (760) 550-7861 or charles.d.white@usmc.mil.

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!

Space is limited. Reserve a spot today! For more information, contact Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240 or at davisJP@usmc-mccs.org.

Car and motorcycle show

The MCCS Auto Skills Center will host their Car and Motorcycle Show July 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the parking lot between the depot's recreation center and fitness center.

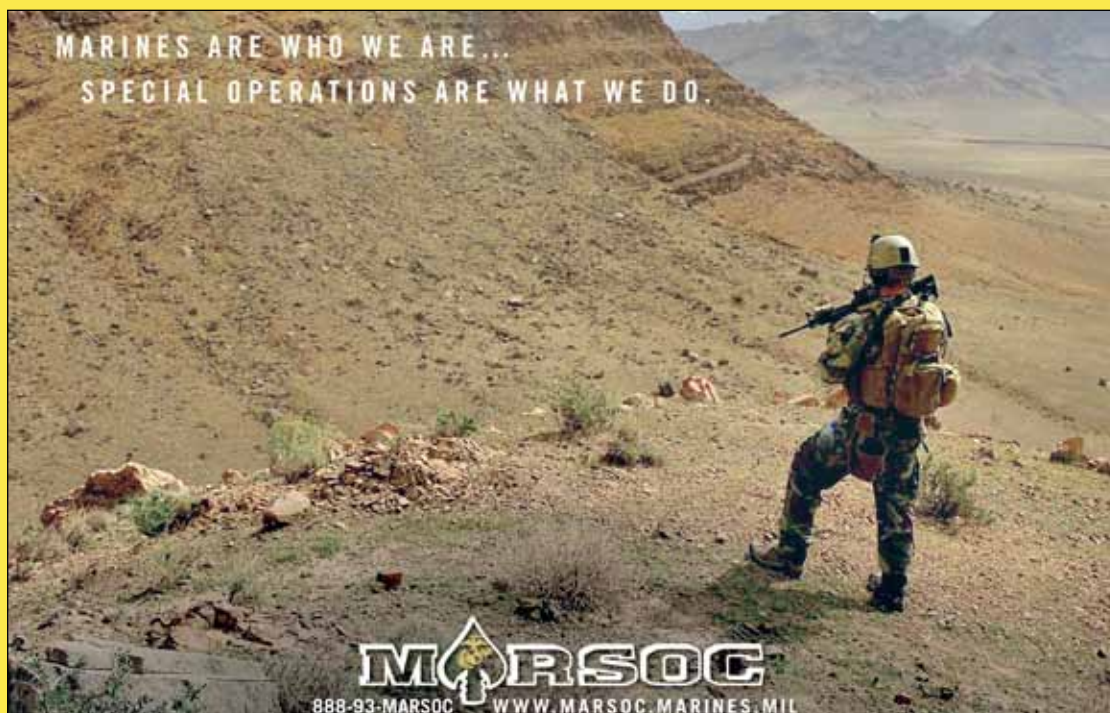
There will be music, awards and more! Awards will be presented to General's Choice, People's Choice, Top Three Motorcycles and Top Three Cars in each category.

For more information, call (619) 524-5240 or email ortegagarciaj@usmc-mssc.org.

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "How do you plan on spending your 4th of July?"



"I'll be spending it with my family and friends at a 4th of July show in Long Beach." Capt. Sergio Sandoval, operations officer, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion



"Some people think that the 4th of July is all about fireworks and barbecues, but it's not. I plan on spending it remembering the ones who still fight for our freedom." Sgt. Keith Green, logistics clerk, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion



"I'm taking leave to go to New Jersey to spend time with my family and friends." Lance Cpl. Harry Fairman, warehouse clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Capt. Michael Standafer, lead series commander, Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, teaches a class on combat leadership aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 19.

Co. G learns basic combat leadership skills

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
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Marines pride themselves in being prepared for any situation that may come their way by training and developing their leadership skills.

Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, received a class on Combat Leadership aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 19 detailing the unique elements of combat environments.

"It gives recruits the mindset of leading Marines in a combat setting," said Staff Sgt. Ricky Broadway, drill instructor, Platoon 2150, Co. G, 2nd RTBn.

They're at the point where their mentality is to go in and do what they've learned."

The company was given a slideshow presentation with casualty statistics from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Recruits followed along

in their knowledge books highlighting information that may be on their practical examination.

Knowledge books contain Marine Corps history and information recruits must know, which are kept with them to study during their down time. Recruits need to retain the knowledge for their practical exam that will test them on various topics that have been taught throughout recruit training.

"The better we are at understanding the fundamentals, the better we are as a whole unit," said Capt. Michael Standafer, lead series commander, Co. G, 2nd RTBn and class instructor. "We're making recruits aware of the potential stresses that can occur in a combat environment."

Marines are expected to be combat ready at all times and the class helps them understand what to expect, according to Standafer.

Standafer uses his own experiences from

being deployed to help recruits better understand the class.

"When they hear of real life combat knowledge, it allows the information to sink in a little more," said Standafer. "It gives it a real life feel, instead of just words on a slide."

Company G will get to put this class to the test when they arrive to the Crucible aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton July 10. The Crucible is a 54-hour training exercise where recruits will need to work together while deprived of food and sleep.

"We're setting them up for success," said Braodway. "This is the basis of what they will use at (Marine Combat Training) and once they hit the fleet."

Not only will this information help recruits graduate from recruit training, but it will also allow them to be more prepared for future operations in a combat environment after they earn the title of a United States Marine.

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MCMAP class to help prepare them for hand-to-hand combat, something they might endure, should they earn the title Marine.

During the 12 weeks of recruit training, each recruit is expected to grasp the basics of MCMAP. The first level of MCMAP, known as tan belt, teaches the basic fundamentals, which Marines still apply in all levels.

"We teach them the basic techniques so they can progress later in MCMAP," said Staff Sgt. Duane Commiato, drill instructor, Platoon 3245, Co. L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

If they can understand the basics they'll be able to build off that and advance their training later once they reach their duty station, according to Commiato.

The training is also considered combat conditioning for recruits. The constant repetition of each movement not only engraves it into

their minds but also exhausts their muscles.

"They need to understand they'll become exhausted if they're ever put in a hand-to-hand combat situation," said Commiato. "Their expected to think fast and push through, even when their physically and mentally exhausted."

Drill instructors ensure recruits are performing each movement properly not only to prevent failure later by not knowing how to apply a move in combat, but to also prevent recruits from injuring themselves.

"Practice makes perfect," said Recruit Michael Wick, Plt. 3246, Co. L, 3rd RTBn. "Our instructors have us practice moves a lot, step-by-step, ensuring we know how to apply the moves. In hand-to-hand combat will need these skills to keep the mission going."

Co. L is now on week two, with 10 more weeks to go they still have a lot to learn and to improve on MCMAP wise. The company is scheduled to graduate Aug. 24.

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Company E recruits arrive for Marine Corps basic training

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL J. DRUERY
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Most Monday and Tuesday nights, receiving drill instructors welcome new recruits with a culture shock.

The evening of June 11 was no exception as the new platoons of Company E were transported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Only a few hours prior to stepping off the bus from San Diego International Airport, the recruits were playing games, laughing and eating food. Unaware of how much their lives were about to change.

"Their faces were scared and nervous," said Staff Sgt. Justin Hansen, chief drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion. "Their recruiters can brief them all they want, but they don't (understand) until they're in the environment coming off the bus."

After receiving drill instructors meet new recruits They are rushed toward the yellow footprints where they are taught the position of attention.

"Get on my yellow footprints, move faster," drill instructors shouted. They also explain to recruits how they will address any Marine, Sailor or civilian

they encounter while aboard the depot.

"The new recruits look around, touch their face and do everything we tell them not to do," said Hansen. "It really makes us angry but we tell ourselves they're still civilians. They're fresh off the streets."

After the yellow footprints, recruits are read the Uniform Code of Military Justice, informing each recruit of the legal aspects they must adhere to by signing their name on the dotted line to enlist in the Marine Corps.

They quickly start learning the meaning of intensity as they're yelled at to run into the contraband room. There, it is explained what they are allowed to keep, not much more than the clothes on their backs.

Marine recruits do not have the luxury of cell phones. Any communication they desire to have with the outside world is done through writing letters. This way they can focus on what they came to recruit training to accomplish, becoming a Marine.

Recruits take their "war bag," filled with basic items they will need while aboard the depot, to the telephones to place their last call home. This ensures their loved ones they have arrived to recruit training safely. The receiving drill instructors yell at

the recruits to hurry up while they are on the phones and make sure they only recite the script they are given to say to their families.

Finally each recruit is stripped of their individuality by sitting in the barbershop chair and having their hair shaved off completely. After all of this is completed, the receiving drill instructors can finish out their main goal the next couple days. This is to make sure all of their paperwork from dental to waivers is taken care of before training really starts.

"Our mission is to receive and process the recruits, so by the time Friday's pick-up comes all of the paperwork is done, and their drill instructors can focus on training them," said Sgt. Cory Marcus, senior drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion.

Receiving drill instructors only have recruits for a few days but they are the first out of many stepping-stones recruits must get through to earn the title Marine. These drill instructors work all night until early hours of the morning, ensuring each recruit is able and ready to train. Come Friday afternoon, recruits are divided into platoons to meet their drill instructors, the men who will guide them for the following 12-weeks of recruit training.



Soon to be Company E recruits, eat their last civilian meal at the San Diego International Airport June 11.

Sgt. Cory Marcus, senior drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion, explains to recruits how to stand with their belongings, June 11 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. After learning how to stand, recruits were read the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, informing each recruit about the legal aspects they must adhere to.



Pooles played a variety of games June 11 at the USO at the San Diego International Airport as they waited to be bused to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.



Newly arrived recruits call their loved ones once they arrive on the depot. This will be the only call they make until they leave the depot. Receiving drill instructors make sure the recruits recite only the script they are given. The script is basic information for their families and to let them know their recruit has arrived on the depot.



New recruits get their heads shaved June 11 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. This is one of the first things recruits have done while going through the receiving process. This process lasts a few days to make sure each recruit receives all of their gear and all administrative paperwork is complete.

Recruit's daughter main motivation through training

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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Maturity is a step toward growing up and accepting responsibility for the actions that one makes throughout their life. It is also part of the foundation that builds a strong leader.

Lance Cpl. Joseph Bermudez, Platoon 2169, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, had always been a mature teenager. The young honor roll student spent his time juggling sports, school, and other extracurricular activities, while still managing to have time for a social life.

"He's always had that mind set to be successful," said Jessica Tavarez, Bermudez's girlfriend. "Whatever he does he always puts 150,000 percent into it."

When the active teenager learned that he was going to be a father, he didn't allow himself to look at it as a road block to achieving his goals.

"After I found out my girlfriend was pregnant, my first thought was, 'What are we going to do?'" said Bermudez, a 17-year-old Visalia, Calif. native. "I accepted it and looked at what my options were; since then, having my daughter has been the greatest thing that has ever happened."

On Aug. 1, 2010, Bermudez welcomed his daughter, Juliet Rose, into the world. As young as he was, he accepted his role as a father and was there for her since day one.

Bermudez watched his daughter grow every day and soon realized that he wanted to prove to her above anyone else that he can still follow his dreams and be successful.

"I want to show her that even with obstacles placed in front of you, you're always able to reach your goals," said Bermudez. "No matter what kind of obstacle is in front of you."

Bermudez always dreamed of enlisting in the Marine Corps and making a career of it since he was a child. He admired how Marines carried themselves and the fact that they never did anything to the bare minimum.

"Marines always strive to be the best," explained Bermudez. "Even then, the best isn't good enough for them; they're always seeking ways to improve themselves."

In Dec. 2011, Bermudez graduated

from Redwood High School, Visalia, Calif.. He took more classes to earn enough credits to graduate early. He enlisted active-duty in the Marine Corps and was shipped out to recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 2.

Since the day that Bermudez stepped aboard the depot, his maturity, will to lead and helpfulness was what stood out the most to his drill instructors, explained Sgt. Lorenzo Hernandez, senior drill instructor, Plt. 2169, Co. H, 2nd RTBn.

"Bermudez is the second youngest in the platoon and he stepped up to be the guide when no one else would," said Hernandez, a 25-year-old Los Angeles native. "He takes initiative, motivates the other recruits and showed us that he is very determined to be a Marine."

The guide is a recruit that confidently displays leadership traits daily and is required to take responsibility of the platoon. Earning the billet of guide is something that recruits should strive for throughout training, according to Hernandez.

"He was quiet at first, but when he realized how big of a role he had, he really stepped up and took charge," said Pfc. Chris Mulryan, Plt. 2169, Co. H, 2nd RTBn. "Being guide gave more responsibility and made him even more mature than he already was."

Although Bermudez's maturity and determination allowed him to lead the platoon, he also learned about what it really meant to be a good leader. "I learned a lot about time management and how to speak to the other recruits," explained Bermudez. "It's not about yelling and screaming at everyone; if you want to be a good leader, you need to set the example."

While he motivated his fellow recruits throughout training, Bermudez's main motivation was being able to hold his daughter again.

"He received pictures of his daughter about three or four weeks into training," said Mulryan, a 20-year-old Indianapolis native.

It was the only time that I ever saw him cry."

A laminated picture of his 22-month-old daughter was what Bermudez kept on him at all times and would look to when the recruit training got the best of him.

"I would take the picture out and



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Lance Cpl. Joseph Bermudez's maturity, willingness and leadership earned him the billet of platoon guide for Platoon 2169, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, a position he retained throughout recruit training. He plans on being a successful example for his 22-month-old daughter, Juliet Rose, one day.

would remind myself that when times got tough, not to get frustrated and push through," explained Bermudez. "That is something I want my daughter to know and value."

Since Bermudez has proven himself as a leader in recruit training, he will take those traits and continue to set the example as a father and Marine throughout his career.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Luis A. Adrianzen

Parade Reviewing Officer

Master Gunnery Sgt. Luis A. Adrianzen enlisted in the Marine Corps on September 16, 1984. Upon completion of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., he reported to Basic Combat Engineer MOS School, Camp Lejeune NC.

In February 1985 Adrianzen was assigned to 3rd Landing Support Battalion, Okinawa, Japan.

Adrianzen reported to First Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton Calif., in 1986.

In 1989, Adrianzen received orders to the Minefield Maintenance Section, Guantanamo Bay Cuba, where he worked in the world's largest active mine fields. While serving in Cuba, he was decorated for evacuating a fellow Marine after a fatal explosion in a minefield.

In July 1990, Adrianzen reported to First CEB where he deployed to South West Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

While in Saudi Arabia, Adrianzen was assigned to conduct reconnaissance into occupied Kuwait as a team member of The Deep Reconnaissance Platoon, First Recon Battalion. For his actions,

Adrianzen was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V.

After returning from the Gulf War, in December 1992, Adrianzen deployed with First CEB to Somalia, in support of Operation Restore Hope. While in Somalia, Adrianzen conducted land mine and road reconnaissance operations with the French Foreign Legion Engineers.

In June, 1993, Adrianzen reported for duty to Drill Instructor School MCRD San Diego.

Adrianzen had a successful tour on the drill field with Co. B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. In 1995 upon completion of DI duty, Adrianzen was assigned as an instructor at DI School where he was meritoriously promoted to gunnery sergeant.

In February 1996, Adrianzen reported for duty with First CEB once again.

Adrianzen was promoted to the rank of master sergeant in 1998, and received orders in March 1999 as an instructor at the Staff Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Camp Pendleton.

In February 2001, Adrianzen was assigned to III Marine Air Wing, Marine Wing Service Support 373 as engineer company operations chief.

While with the MWSS, the master sergeant deployed to Kuwait in preparation of the initial air/ground attack into Iraq.

At the end of the ground war and upon return to the United States, in July

2004 Adrianzen was promoted to the rank of master gunnery sergeant and reassigned to the billet of the engineer operations chief for III Marine Air Wing.

Adrianzen deployed to Iraq with III MAW in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In March 2005, he was selected and reassigned to serve as the deputy director for the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Camp Pendleton.

In March 2007, Adrianzen received orders to Camp H.M. Smith Hawaii, to serve as the force engineer chief, Marine Forces Pacific.

In April 2009 Adrianzen deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the lead engineer team for II Marine Expeditionary Brigade. In April 2010, he received orders to 7th Engineer Support Battalion as the battalion engineer operations chief.

In April 2011, Adrianzen deployed with the battalion to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 11.2.

Adrianzen's decorations and awards include the Bronze Star with Combat V, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars in lieu of second and 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 gold star in lieu of second award, and the Combat Action Ribbon with one gold star in lieu of second award.



"Marines of Company H, I want to congratulate you on a job well done in your basic training. I join your fellow Marines in welcoming you and your loved ones to our Marine Corps Family. You have accomplished a very significant event in your life and you should be proud. You have inherited the proud legacy and traditions of our Elite Corps, and are now among the selected few who have earned the title United States Marine. Once again, congratulations Marines."



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 Pvt. F. X. Robles
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Primary Marksmanship Instructors assist Company K recruits during firing week June 15 aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Many recruits have not shot the M16-A4 service rifle before so PMI's make sure the recruits understand the fundamentals of Marine Corps Marksmanship. Co. K also had the privilege of shooting with rifle combat optics, a new requirement for Marines in the fleet when qualifying.

Recruits use rifle combat optics at firing range

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Earplugs deafened the loud bangs coming from the M16-A4 service rifles recruits were firing as they tested their marksmanship during firing week June 12

aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif..

For recruits of Company K, this was their first time firing their rifle during recruit training. Since many recruits have never shot a rifle before, Primary

Marksmanship Instructor's assisted them throughout firing week.

These instructors also gave classes the week prior on Marine Corps Marksmanship fundamentals ensuring the recruits comprehend the basics.

Traditionally, every Marine has been trained using iron sights. These are usually metal alignments used to assist in aiming firearms at a target. Marines and recruits are taught to use proper rear and front sight alignment. The rear sight is mounted perpendicular to the line of the front sight and adjustable due to windage and elevation. Recruits are taught how to maneuver these sights to make an accurate aim during their classes the week before shooting.

However, many recruits are starting to learn a different way now that the Marine Corps is transitioning from iron sights to Rifle Combat Optics.

RCO's are attached to the firearms where the rear sight

aperture for iron sights would be located. Instead of using the front sight alignment to aim in on the target Marines now use a small red chevron that appears in the RCO scope.

When deployed, every Marine is issued a service rifle with an RCO attached.

"Recruits need to learn how to fire with RCO's, because when they go in-country they will be prepared," said Gunnery Sgt. Adrien Perez, PMI chief, Range B, Edson Range, WFTBn, MCB Camp Pendleton.

Every year Marines are required to qualify on the M16-A4 service rifle either shooting marksman, sharpshooter or expert. While many Marines were able to shoot expert, the highest qualification, they are more likely to achieve it now due to the advantages of the RCO.

"We've noticed higher scores on the range," said Perez. "The ratio of expert shooters is higher in the recruits and Marines that shoot with RCO's."

Although, the ability to see the target has changed, the fundamentals have not.

"Marines still apply natural point of aim and everything else they have learned with the iron sights. All of the fundamentals taught for iron sights are the same for RCO's," said Perez.

While every Marine has a different Military Occupational Specialty and not all regularly fire a weapon, they are still expected as a Marine to be a basic rifleman.

"No matter what your military occupation is, you're going to be in the fight sooner or later," said Sgt. David Tate, platoon sergeant, Range B, Edson Range, WFTBn., MCB Camp Pendleton. "So you need to know what you're doing, not only for your own wellbeing but for your fellow comrades."

Once the recruits of Co. K understand Marine Corps marksmanship and apply it during qualification, they will be more prepared to apply it when down range.



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A Company K recruit notes the sight adjustments he has made on his rifle during his company's firing week training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 15.



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A Primary Marksmanship instructor takes a close look at the technique a Company K recruit uses to send rounds down range during firing week June 15 aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. This is Co. K's first time shooting fundamentals of Marine Corps Marksmanship.