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Company E recruits set off at the beginning of the 3-mile run portion of the final Physical Fitness Test Aug. 23. The final PFT, which consists of a 3-mile run, a maximum set of crunches and pull-ups, is one of the final events recruits must pass in order to move forward with the final stages of training.

Company E improves overall fitness

BY CPL. MATHEUS J. HERNANDEZ
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Marines are tested annually two times a year on their physical fitness and are graded based on their performance. One of the tests is known as the physical fitness test which consists of a 3-mile run, a maximum set of crunches in a time limit of two minutes and a maximum set of pull-ups.

Every Marine must be physically fit, regardless of age, grade, or duty assignment. Fitness is essential to the day-to-day effectiveness and combat readiness of the Marine Corps; an important reason why

recruits are testing their mental and physical fitness during their final PFT.

Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, completed their final physical fitness test in recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Aug. 23. The final PFT is one of two PFT test recruits have completed during training.

Recruits completed their initial PFT during their first phase of training and have since improved their overall fitness, according to Sgt. Jonathan

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Recruits learn war has rules, ethics

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
Chevron staff

There are rules and ethics Marines follow in war and their introduction to them starts in recruit training.

Recruits of Co. G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, received a Law of Land Warfare class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Aug. 27.

Staff Sgt. Van Black, academic instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, taught the class and believes recruits are able to learn easier if they are comfortable.

“A high school teacher I had inspired me,” said Black. “He taught from the heart and made you feel like you were actually in the event. He made you look at the material in more than one way and that’s the way I try and teach the recruits.”

While teaching them rules and ethics Black showed a small movie clip, made them laugh and engaged the recruits by asking

them questions on the material.

Black went over many principles such as Marines only fight enemy combatants, Marines do not harm enemy soldiers who surrender and Marines do not attack medical personnel or facilities.

After each rule Black would give a scenario and ask recruits to mentally put themselves into that situation. Afterwards he would ask them how they would feel about the rule considering the

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Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Staff Sgt. Van Black, academic instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, reviews key points of a Law of Land Warfare class with Company G recruits Aug. 27. To better get points across Black spent time getting recruits to relax by showing a short movie clip and getting some recruits to laugh.

Co. C issued rifle for recruit training

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
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Company C recruits were issued 529 M16-A4 service rifles Aug. 27.

As Co. C recruits take their first steps into the recruit training schedule, they also put their first hand on a Marine’s most iconic piece of equipment, the rifle.

“They (the recruits) go to immediate drilling all day, anywhere they go,” said Staff Sgt. Kevin Sanchez, drill instructor, Platoon 1045, Co. C. “That continues right up to final drill. They need to know the drill manual.”

The recruits have been preparing for issue day by reciting their four weapon safety rules and committing them completely to memory. Although they won’t be firing the weapons until Phase Two

of training, the recruits will learn various drill movements to prepare for their initial drill competition.

“I’m pretty excited to finally get to march with them (the weapons),” said Recruit Orlando Huertas-Collazo, guide, Plt. 1045. “It looks really nice when they are marching in step and doing the rifle movements.”

In addition to the safety rules, recruits must also memorize their individual weapon’s serial number. Throughout training they can be quizzed on the serial number, ensuring each recruit is responsible for his individual weapon.

“They have to write it down, and need to memorize it right away,” said Sanchez. “Last cycle we took their names off the rifles. They

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Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, were issued their M16-A4 service rifle on training day one aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Aug. 27. The company will begin marching with their rifles to become proficient in various drill movements.

Here Comes the Sun



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

(From left to right) Capt. Marko Medved, officer in charge of construction, Marine Corps Installations West, Bob Riel, Vice President of Dynalectric Company, Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region and Dave Guebert, director of San Diego Gas and Electric, get ready to cut a ribbon at the PhotoVoltaic Ribbon Cutting Ceremony aboard MCRD Aug. 29. The year-long project required Dynalectric to provide full engineering, procurement and testing of a ground-based solar power facility with minimum power production. The 7.1 Mega Watts Solar Farm was constructed on an existing parking lot and was made of 4,224 high-efficiency crystalline panels. The panels cover 154,000 square feet. The project accounts for 13 percent of MCRD's electrical usage.

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situation.

Black reminded recruits that they needed to keep in mind that Marines are brothers and, as such, certain emotions are probable in the event they were to see a Marine injured or killed.

At one point Black played a movie clip showing a military unit reacting angrily after an improvised explosive device attack.

After the clip Black asked, "do you

think their actions were justified?"

After a few moments of contemplation, very few recruits raised their hands.

The recruit's drill instructors felt the class was very beneficial in getting recruits to think about ethics in war.

"These classes make them think more morally and ethically," said Sgt. Bradley W. Havenar, drill instructor, Plt. 2147. "It puts them in situations in which they have to think about what they can do ethically."

Fellow Co. G drill instructor Sgt. Mark Garcia, Plt. 2145 agreed with Havenar in

the importance of the class and added that he believes it is important to teach it early and to follow on with more training.

Garcia explained that the Law of Land Warfare training will not only help prevent unethical decisions but will also protect the Marine Corps' image of honor, courage and commitment.

"Every decision they make can have a catastrophic consequence," said Garcia. "When you start early like this you can potentially save everything the United States Marine Corps is working for."

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Montalvo, drill instructor, Platoon 2105, Co. E.

"The initial PFT helps us see where they're at and lets their drill instructors know who is going to need the extra help improving their physical fitness," said Montalvo, a Huntsville, Alabama native "The final PFT helps us see who has improved."

Failure to pass the final PFT would prevent a recruit from moving forward with training, however, the company did not seem to have that issue.

"Our platoon has a decent fitness level across the board," said Pvt. David J. Dubose, Plt. 2107. "Starting out, we had a lot of work that needed to be done, but we've improved a lot since."

Many recruits in different platoons agreed that their overall performance has significantly improved, according to Pvt. Chase A. James, Plt. 2105.

"It's one of the main components to your level of fitness," said James, a St. Louis, Mo., native. "It's somewhat of a meter to ensure you're physically fit."

Staying physically fit is just as important as every other component to being a Marine, according to Dubose, a Chicago native.

The self-discipline required to gain and maintain a high level of physical fitness are inherent to the Marine Corps way of life and must be a part of the character of every Marine, said Montalvo.

During recruit training, it's up to the recruits to see how much they put out for them to improve, according to Dubose.

"It's important to have a decent fitness level and to be competitive," said Dubose. "If not, they're just going to end up waiting for things to come to them and the Marine Corps doesn't work that way."



Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Company C recruits were issued their constant companion, the M16-A4 service rifle, Aug. 24. The rifle is the basic piece of equipment for a Marine, and the recruits will care for and learn the use of the rifle during their training.

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need to be able to find their own by the number."

Recruits will spend countless hours cleaning and maintaining the rifles. This ensures the weapon is in working order when it comes time to use it. Recruits fire

their weapons in Phase Two for the rifle qualification badge, and again during the Crucible.

"Even when you get out (to the fleet) it's necessary to keep your weapon clean," said Sanchez.

Although recruit training can be draining, spirits are normally high on training

day one when the recruits begin physical training and are issued the rifle, according to Sanchez.

"It's exciting because today was our first workout," said Huertas-Collazo, an 18-year-old, Chicago native. "This also tells us we are getting closer to firing range, which I'm excited about."

BRIEFS

Family Disaster Plan

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. Disaster can force evacuation or trap people in their homes. Disasters can interrupt basic services; water, gas, electricity, telephones.

Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but cannot reach everyone right away.

Families can – and do – cope with disaster by preparing in advance and working together as a team. Follow the steps on <http://www.nationalterroralert.com/familyplan/> to create a family disaster plan.

Knowing what to do and when and how to do it is the best protection in disasters.

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Active duty military members will be able to participate in this year's Boot Camp Challenge at a special lower rate of \$19 per person. The rate for DoD/NAFi personnel is \$39 per person.

Active duty personnel should contact Diana Vuong for the special promo code needed for the registration page.

For more information, contact Diana Vuong at (619) 524-8083, or via e-mail at vuongd@usmc-mccs.org.

SMP Rec Center Night

The Single Marine Program will be taking over the Recreation Center once again Wednesday evening, for the monthly Rec Center Night.

The Bowling alley will be open and there will be X-box games. There will be gift card prizes for tournament winners.

For more information check out the event on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/Nmlmkj>.

SMP volunteer opportunity

The Single Marine Program is looking for volunteers to help feed the homeless at Father Joe's Village.

SMP will serve the evening meal Sept. 17, from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

Transportation is provided.

Sign-up now, space is limited.

Contact Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240, or via davisjp@usmc-mccs.org, for more information.

Career and education fair

MCCR/MCRD is sponsoring a Personal and Professional Development Career and Education Fair on Sept. 19.

Those who attend should bring multiple resume copies.

Attendees will meet face to face with representatives from dozens of top employers.

Those interested in continuing education should bring copies of college transcripts and SMART documents.

For more Career Fair information call (619) 524-1283. For more Education Fair information call (619) 524 6865/1275/8158. Or contact <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/PersonalAndProfessionalDevelopment/CareerResourceManagementCenter/CareerFair/index.html> or <http://www.facebook.com/mccsmcrdspd>

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "Where were you when 9/11 happened?"



"I was deployed mid-float right outside of Kosovo. I was concerned and confused because we didn't really have a lot of information." Staff Sgt. David Walker, student, Career Planner Course



"I was in my freshman year of college. I was in class and they stopped it, I was confused because I didn't know what was going on." Cpl. John Stroman, Commanding General's driver, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"I was in Mobile, Ala., in my high school English class. I was in disbelief when I found out." Petty Officer 1st Class Glenn Hyzak, maritime enforcement specialist, Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team

Making a Marine Corps drill instructor

BY SGT. CRISTINA N. PORRAS
Chevron staff

"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 Corps and Country. I will demand of them, and demonstrate by my own example, the highest standards of personal conduct, morality and professional skill."

To a Marine Corps drill instructor, this creed is more than just words. It's a creed all drill instructors must live by and use as the standard to which they perform their duties. They are entrusted with the challenging mission of transforming civilians into a reflection of themselves -- tough, combat-ready and professional soldiers of the sea.

"The creed mirrors everything a drill instructor stands for," said Staff Sgt. Bakhit McBride, squad instructor, Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. "It was written by drill instructors for drill instructors and it was written for a reason. Drill instructors are a walking, breathing embodiment of everything that is right."

Drill instructor candidates are carefully screened and must meet certain criteria in order to be eligible. Along with physical and medical requirements, potential drill instructors must be recommended by their command to stand the demanding duty. Once a Marine is determined to be eligible, they report to Drill Instructor School, where they must prove they have the maturity, drive and most importantly, leadership skills required to make Marines.

"The drill instructor is one of the first Marines a recruit meets. He's the man who's going to mentor them and challenge them for 13 weeks" said 1st Sgt. Sean P. Farrow, first sergeant, DI School, MCRD San Diego. "Our job (at DI School) is to produce the best example of a Marine a recruit will ever see."

Throughout 57 training days, DI School squad instructors lead Marines through a physically and mentally demanding curriculum. These squad instructors are seasoned drill instructors who have completed multiple successful cycles on the drill field.

Of all the topics squad instructors cover with the students, leadership is highly emphasized. While DI School students are noncommissioned officers and many are combat-hardened leaders, they must open their minds to a new form of leadership.

"Leading Marines and leading recruits are two different things," said Master Sgt. Jason E. Jenks, academics chief, DI School, MCRD San Diego. "We can't



Sgt. Cristina N. Porras

Staff Sgt. James Foster, squad instructor, Drill Instructor School, MCRD San Diego, demonstrates sword manual to DI School students on the parade deck aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Foster and other seasoned drill instructors serve as mentors for Marines who come to MCRD San Diego to become drill instructors.

forget who these recruits are -- they are patriotic volunteers who want to be us. They're someone's son and they want to be part of something greater than themselves."

In order to understand the complexity of creating Marines, students must understand that recruits come from different walks of life, morals and values. They learn about the many challenges they will face and how to overcome difficult situations, and the many tools at their disposal that they must be aware of in order to consistently train recruits with fairness and dignity. Squad instructors share their personal experiences with the students to prepare them for what lies ahead after they graduate the course.

"Whatever experience we have is transformed into a tool they can use to be successful. Our goal is to help them be more successful drill instructors than we were," said McBride.

DI School fosters an environment which encourages open-discussion among the students and instructors. Many classes involve recruit training scenarios where students are afforded the opportunity to discuss how they would correct a given deficiency, and their course of action is critiqued by the instructor.

Along with many hours of drill, physical training and leadership training, students spend more than 51 hours learning depot regulations and Standard Operating Procedures or SOP. These regulations outline controls and policies set in place

to make recruit training as safe and efficient as possible. Every drill instructor must know what they can and can't do in order to ensure their authority is not being misused.

"Leadership may not be black and white, but our SOP isn't. There is no deviation from the rules," said Farrow. "It's been proven over many years that you can make a great product simply by being demanding, holding recruits accountable and following the SOP. Deviance from the SOP and misconduct of any kind is not tolerated."

The day-to-day curriculum tests the students' understanding of these regulations, as well as their judgment and decision-making ability. Squad instructors are highly trained and qualified to evaluate the students' performance and identify students who wouldn't make the cut as a drill instructor.

"Students are given every opportunity to correct deficiencies -- they are counseled and mentored and hopefully they get back on the right path," said Jenks. "But if any student shows that they lack the maturity and responsibility expected of a DI, they will not graduate."

One of the biggest lessons they must learn as leaders is that every action they take must serve a purpose. For example, one of the most basic acts a drill instructor must perform is to create controlled chaos for the recruits to enable them to learn how to operate effectively under stress. They must also learn how to properly apply Incentive

Training, where recruits perform exercises to a level of exhaustion. It is used as a tool to correct deficiencies so recruits are less likely to make the same mistake twice.

"The drill instructor creed says 'I will train them to the best of my ability,'" said McBride. "That alone explains what is expected of a drill instructor. Everything we do, we do it for a reason. We can't sell the recruits short, and that's what we teach them here since day one."

McBride emphasized the importance of making the students understand their role as drill instructors.

"Yelling is probably the easiest and most effortless part of being a drill instructor. The hard part is the instructor portion of drill instructor, and that's what we want them to take away," said McBride. "You're a teacher, a coach, a mentor. Take every person that has ever influenced you in your life and roll them into one -- that's what a drill instructor is."

While drill instructor duty is known for being a demanding job, squad instructors ensure all future drill instructors understand the influence they have on hundreds of recruit they'll encounter and that he serves a cause much bigger than himself.

"It's not the duty belt or the campaign cover that make a drill instructor," said Jenks. "It's what's inside of us as Marines that sets us apart; it's our core values that we'll never compromise. The future of our Corps is in their hands and it's something that can't be taken lightly."

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Combat Conditioning Course teaches recruits to fight through pain

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
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The Combat Conditioning Course is an event in recruit training designed to help recruits physically and mentally prepare for fleet Marine force.

There are approximately 16 different stations in the course, which are designed to be used back-to-back. The stations are filled with Marine Corps Martial Arts exercises that can be used to produce the physical and mental fatigue that could occur in a combat scenario.

Recruits of Co. G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion went through the CCX aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Aug. 29.

Although the weather was overcast and cool, the demands of the various exercises had recruits sweating like it was sunny and humid.

The exercise started with a lap around the course and included exercises such as leg sweeps, buddy drags, low crawls and knee strikes.

After a few minutes at an exercise a whistle was blown

to signal for recruits to move onto the next exercise.

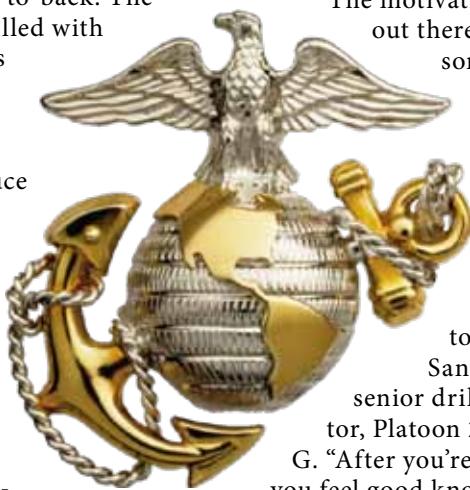
Anywhere there was a recruit there were drill instructors making sure recruits knew what they were doing. Drill instructors also kept a sharp eye out for any recruits taking it easy. If they spotted a recruit slowing down their tempo they immediately ordered them to pick it up.

"The motivation to get out there and do something like that comes from the outcome," said Sgt. Christopher A. Sanchez,

senior drill instructor, Platoon 2141, Co. G. "After you're done you feel good knowing you pushed your mind and body to its limits. Your mind gets stronger from it."

Drill instructors also noticed that the exercise included a valuable learning lesson as well as being an obvious physical fitness tool.

"It's good for your strength and endurance," said Staff Sgt. Joshua P. LeBlanc, senior drill instructor, Plt. 2146, Co. G. "But it's also good for them to see what it's like to be completely fatigued and have to keep fighting."



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Recruits are supervised by drill instructors to ensure proper form while working through a Combat Conditioning Course Aug. 29. Recruits practiced throwing elbow strikes, doing leg kicks and battlefield rescue with buddy drags.



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Recruits practice elbow strikes during their Combat Conditioning Course. Elbow strikes are just one exercise of approximately 16 designed to help recruits not only improve their Marine Corps Martial Arts skills, but also to help mentally and physically prepare them for combat.



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Two Company G recruits exchange an intense series of elbow strikes and blocks, a Marine Corps Martial Arts technique, during a Combat Conditioning Course. The exercise lasted about an hour and half with drill instructors supervising from beginning to end to ensure recruits are safety and properly executing the techniques.



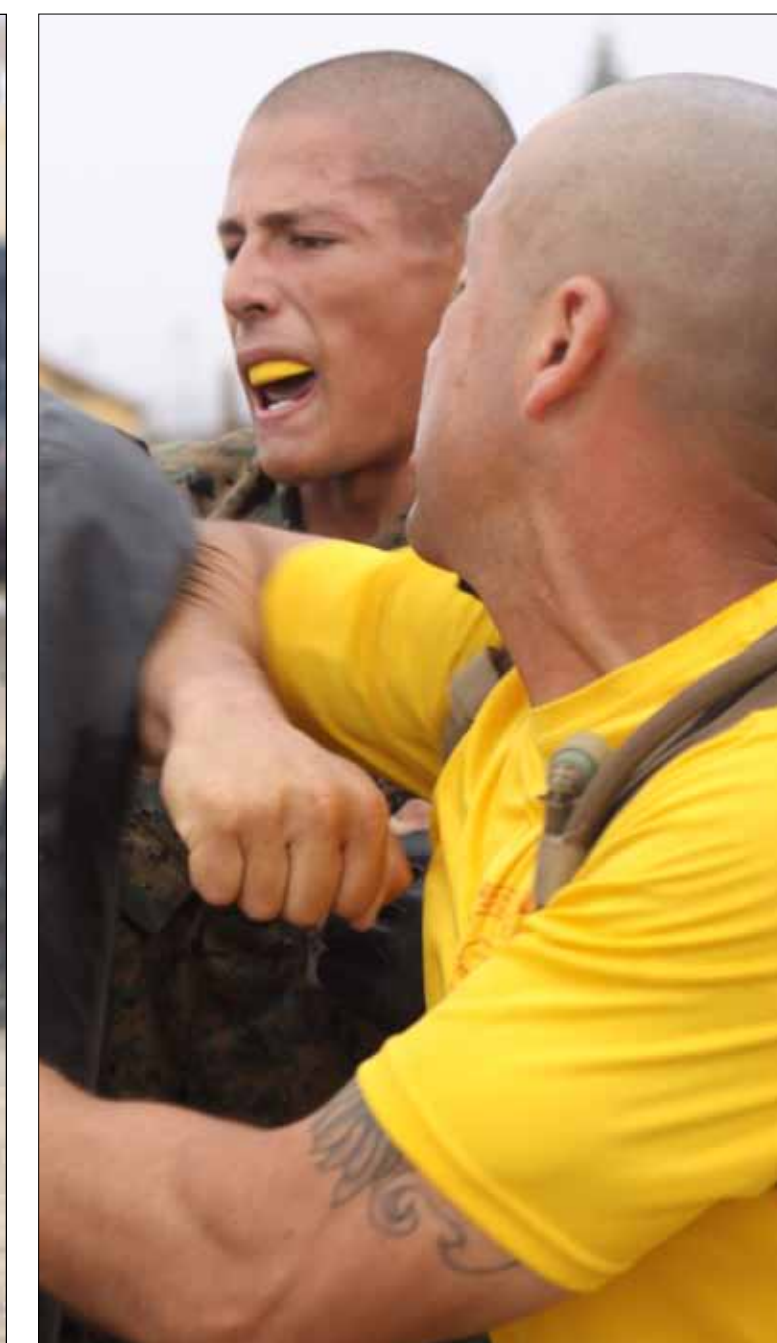
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Knee strikes and how to counter them are also part of the Combat Conditioning Course.



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Recruits do a low crawl exercise during the Combat Conditioning Course. The course includes 16 different exercises and incorporates many Marine Corps Martial Arts techniques.



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Drill instructors give personal guidance to the recruits in their charge while the recruits work through a Combat Conditioning Course.

California native aspires to be Marine officer

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
Chevron staff

He's 26-years-old and starting his military career. Some would question his strategy, but they would be wrong to think his joining at 26 is without purpose. John M. Lemus, Platoon 2105, Co. E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, has a family history of enlisting in the Corps. However no one in his family has attempted getting a degree before serving.

After getting a bachelors degree in business economics he submitted a packet for Officer Candidate School.

However, when he received a call that he was not selected for OCS Lemus decided to take a new path. He picked up the phone and called his local recruiter to inquire about going enlisted instead.

"I don't know why I wasn't selected but I plan to ask some questions after boot camp," said Lemus. "Some people might ask why, 'did I join anyways,' I say, 'If you really want something you just keep going after it.'"

As a 26-years-old recruit, he is one of the oldest in his company but Lemus believes his age gives him an edge; his maturity.

It's that trait that caught the eye of his drill instructors.

"He's shown leadership since the beginning of recruit training," said Sgt. Salvador E. Sanchez, drill instructor, Platoon 2105, Co. E. "You could see his maturity in his stature and that he stood out in the world."

As a squad leader in recruit training, Lemus's leadership was felt by Recruit Mark A. Johnson, Plt. 2105, Co. E. Johnson explained Lemus's leadership was different than others in the platoon.

"He doesn't put down recruits or just tell you what to do," said Johnson. "He explains why something needs to be done instead of just screaming it."

Through his effective leadership, Lemus earned the admiration of recruits. Johnson described Lemus as wiser and more mature than the other recruits.

"He's brave for his decision to go enlisted," said Johnson. "I don't know why they didn't take him. I think he would make a good officer, I'd take orders from him. Either way, I think if he becomes an officer later on I think people will respect the fact that he went enlisted first."

Both drill instructors and fellow Marines believe he's displayed officer traits during recruit training and have no idea why his package would not be selected.

The San Bernardino, Calif., native says his plan is to eventually get into OCS through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program and pass on his knowledge of both sides of the service during a full 20-year-career in the Marines.

Marines who go from enlisted to officer are often called Mustangs by other Marines. Many enlisted believe Mustangs are a valuable asset to the Marine Corps because of their experience in the enlisted and officer side of the Corps.

"Some of the better officers I've had were Mustangs because they know both sides - it makes for a more well rounded leader," said Sanchez. "Lemus will do good in MECEP as long as he keeps his drive and his head up. Lemus will be a good asset to the Marine Corps, I know he will. He could be our next commandant, you never know."



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Recruit John M. Lemus, squad leader, Platoon 2105, Co. E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, works himself through an exercise during the crucible aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Lemus has a bachelors degree in business economics and plans to become an officer through the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program.

Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Eriksson

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Eriksson enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 1984. After completing recruit training, he received orders to 1st Battalion 12th Marines, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii as a field artillery cannoneer. During this tour Eriksson was meritoriously promoted to lance corporal and corporal.

In September 1988, Eriksson was ordered to 4th Battalion, 10th Marines, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., as a gun section chief.

In June 1989, Eriksson was reassigned to the School of Infantry, where he served as a troop handler, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

In January 1990, the sergeant major was reassigned to 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, where he served as the local security chief.

In August 1991, Eriksson was transferred to 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, where he served as a gun section chief.

In September 1992, he received orders to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines where he served as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor. While in San Diego, he was promoted to staff sergeant in September 1994.

In January 1995, Eriksson was ordered to 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, where he served as the guns platoon sergeant and battery gunnery sergeant.

In March 1998, Eriksson received orders returning him to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, where served as a series chief drill instructor, company first sergeant, and district drill instructor. He was promoted to gunnery sergeant in November 1998.

In June 2002, Eriksson was promoted to first sergeant and assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

In August 2005, the sergeant major was returned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, where served as company first sergeant and battalion sergeant major.

Eriksson was promoted to sergeant major in August of 2006.

In July 2008, Eriksson was transferred to 3rd Marine Logistics Group, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as

battalion sergeant major for Combat Logistics Battalion 4 until October 2009.

In October 2009, Eriksson was transferred to Marine Air Control Group 18, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as the group sergeant major.

In April 2011, Eriksson was transferred to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, to serve as the

base sergeant major.

Eriksson's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars in lieu of 3rd award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star in lieu of 2nd award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon with one gold star in lieu of 2nd award.



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President Ronald Regan once said; 'Some people wonder all their lives if they've made a difference.

The Marines don't have that problem.' Today, Marines, you don't have that problem!

Congratulations and Semper Fidelis!"



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Recruits hone marksmanship skills at Pendleton range

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Company M recruits fired their M16-A4 service rifles, Aug. 28, testing their marksmanship skills during firing week aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

During training, all recruits must learn the fundamentals of marksmanship. Primary Marksmanship Instructors, who assisted the recruits during firing week, also give classes on

Marine Corps Marksmanship fundamentals the week before, ensuring recruits comprehended the basics.

“That’s why we’re here, to reinforce the fundamentals,” said Cpl. Suzanne S. Speed, marksmanship coach, Weapons Field Training Battalion. “Some of the main things I have to reinforce all the time is follow-through, and slow steady squeeze. During rapid fire, they’re usually afraid they won’t get all their rounds off, so they’ll completely forget the basics and just shoot.”

Follow-through is the imme-

diated reaction after firing a shot.

A Slow steady squeeze is referred to when slowly squeezing the trigger as opposed to pulling it which would ruin the accuracy.

Marines are required to qualify on the M16-A4 service rifle qualifying in marksman, sharpshooter or expert. They are required to shoot from the 200, 300 and 500-yard line from multiple positions.

For some recruits, recruit training is the first time they have had to hold a rifle, much less fire one on the range.

“It’s a lot of fun,” said Recruit

Stephen C. Beard, guide, Platoon 3266, Co. M. “I’ve never shot a rifle before. It’s definitely different than most people would think. There are a lot of fundamentals that come into play when trying to shoot well.”

So far, recruits of Co. M have only practiced shooting, but have not qualified yet. The last two days of firing week are qualifications and with marksmanship coaches supervising, Co. M recruits are all expected to qualify. Failure to qualify would prevent the recruit from moving forward with training.

“It’s a lot more difficult than

most people would think,” said Domonic L. Fox, Plt. 3265. “It’s hard to apply the fundamentals, but when you have a coach that’s helping you, reminding you what to do, it kind of gets drilled in your head and then it just becomes muscle memory.”

Regardless of a Marine’s Military Occupational Specialty, or job, everyone is still expected to know the fundamentals in order to be a basic rifleman.

“I think rifle range is the most important thing you can learn in recruit training,” said Speed. “After all, every Marine is a rifleman.”



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A Primary Marksmanship Instructor monitors a Company M recruit Aug. 28, as he fires his M16-A4 service rifle, testing his marksmanship skills during firing week at Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.



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A marksmanship coach speaks to Company M recruits concerning their marksmanship skills during firing week at Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 28. Coaches help recruits during firing week, ensuring recruits apply marksmanship fundamentals.



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A recruit picks up brass from the 300-yard firing line during firing week at Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.