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Company E reviews combat first aid care

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Recruits received hands-on training to help prepare them for an upcoming test on first aid knowledge aboard Marine Corps

Recruit Depot San Diego April 8th.

“Up, down, left, right, all clear! Are you alright? Are you okay?” shouted a recruit of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. He cleared the area

and laid down next to a simulated casualty, while continuing to ask questions and looking for a wound.

He quickly diagnosed the injury as a sucking chest wound and applied the proper bandages.

Afterwards, a drill instructor corrected him on what he missed and needed to fix.

“You have to cover the entire wound with the bandage,” said a drill instructor sternly.

This scene was repeated mul-

iple times to teach recruits the proper technique used in giving combat care. Recruits reviewed injuries such as the closed fracture, sucking chest wound and chemical burn. First aid knowledge is a graduation requirement and recruits are graded during a performance evaluation. The combat care test requires recruits to correctly assess and treat an injury on a simulated casualty.

Drill instructors review facts and scenarios with recruits periodically throughout training, but there is only so much knowledge recruits can retain from a verbal explanation.

“These scenarios are a little bit harder because you’re actually wrapping up a dummy and simulating that you’re taking care of a Marine,” said Recruit Brandon T. Webb, Platoon 2106, Co. E, 2nd RTBn.

If a recruit fails the test, they have another chance the following day. However, if the recruit fails their second opportunity, it could mean being held back in recruit training until they learn the material. Combat care is highly valued by drill instructors



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A recruit with Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, practices combat care on a simulated casualty aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8th. Recruits received an approximate one hour review in order to help prepare them for a combat care test. The test will require recruits to properly diagnose and treat an injury on a simulated casualty.

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Interior Guard training develops alertness, high levels of readiness

BY LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN E. WOODLE
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Recruit training introduces numerous topics, which recruits must master in order to graduate recruit training. Though all subjects are important, few exercises put the lives of an entire platoon or more in the hands of as few as two recruits.

Interior guard is one of the vital responsibilities Marines

assume throughout their career. Training for it is an essential need that all must learn and master.

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, received a class on interior guard aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11.

The purpose of the class was to teach recruits fundamentals of standing an interior guard post and the basic tasks and billets associated with it. Interior guard is utilized to ensure the safety of

their fellow Marines and to watch over and take charge of all government property in view.

If one thing is certain in the Marine Corps, it’s that every Marine will be assigned duty, where a Marine will have to stand on post on average for 24 hours. What may seem like a simple task is greatly intensified in a combat environment. Therefore, drill instructors emphasize the impor-

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Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, received a class on interior guard aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11. Recruits were taught the basic fundamentals for posting duty, tasks, and the ability to recognize key billets while going through recruit training.



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Dis loudly encourage recruits to exert maximum effort to excel during exercises such as the quarter-mile sprints.

Quarter-mile sprints build recruit fitness

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Recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, took part in the first of many physical training sessions, quarter-mile sprints, aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16.

“We’re basically introducing (recruits) to physical training and getting them used to it, building them up,” explained Sgt. Dustin Martin, drill instructor, Platoon 1041,

Co. C, 1st RTBn. “Like everything in recruit training, you start out at the bottom and build yourself to the top.”

Based on their initial strength test run times, recruits were broken up into three groups: slow, medium and fast. Drill instructors helped pace the recruits during each quarter-mile sprint. A short break was incorporated between each sprint and

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A drill instructor with Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, quizzes recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion on important aspects of combat care April 8th. Recruits then practiced combat care on simulated casualties in order to learn through hands-on experience.

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due to the fact that this knowledge can help save lives.

"The first responder can be anybody. Any rank at any time can be put in a situation to provide first aid to a fellow Marine," said Staff Sgt. Shawn M. Stallings, drill instructor, Platoon 2106, Co. E, 2nd RTBn. "I think it's good that we can stress first aid early, it is just as important as any other aspect of being a Marine."

Recruits echoed that sentiment. "I feel that an injury is an injury and a Marine is a Marine," said Webb. "Just because you are a private doesn't mean that you can't help someone like the sergeant major of the Marine Corps—if they had a broken leg or something."

Although some recruits enter training with extensive first aid knowledge, they explained there is a difference in the intensity, importance and type of injuries they learn aboard the depot.

"This is very important knowledge to have," said Recruit Jonathan M. W. Zuchristian, Plt. 2106, Co. E, 2nd RTBn., who worked as a lifeguard for three years.

"The drill instructors do a very good job of instilling a combat mindset and breaking the information down into steps. They also let us know that we have to practice (combat care) with intensity and a combat mindset because there is intensity and chaos in combat."

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tance of the information passed during class.

"We want to establish a baseline of what is important since there is always a Marine on duty," said Sgt. Mark A. Peters, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3223, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. "It will introduce them to what they'll be doing, let them realize how important it is, and give them the ability to identify key billets."

Recruits learned about their 11 general orders and received grim examples of the consequences that can result from not following proper procedure during guard duty.

For some recruits, these examples emphasized the importance of the interior guard class.

"It was a shock for me to realize that if you don't know your duties and general orders, it's not just yourself you put in danger but everyone else," said Recruit Ryan S. Sullivan, Plt. 3226, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. "You learn that communication is vital; that it is critical to pass information on to everyone on a nearby post and especially the next person coming on duty."

Drill instructors watch over recruits during their nightly firewatch. Although this causes drill instructors to see virtually very little

sleep during recruit training, they understand the importance of it due to their own experiences.

"Drill instructors focus so much on interior guard duties because of what they've seen or been through in the fleet and out in combat," said Peters, who is now on his sixth cycle as a drill instructor. "They've come here to make better Marines and teach them about the mistakes of the past, so recruits can grow from it and be better."

Though this is just a classroom introduction, recruits will have many opportunities to practice guard duties during recruit training. After

hours, recruits take turns standing post in their squad bay while their fellow recruits are sleeping. During this time, drill instructors have simple, yet important, goals for recruits to take away from this.

"The main focus for recruits is to instill in them the ability to truly take charge of their post and to follow the general orders while on duty," said Peters. "This will help them apply these skills out in a combat environment so that they will have a high level of readiness."

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during this time drill instructors made sure all recruits were accounted for and physically capable of running another repetition.

"Some recruits struggle with this because a lot of them really didn't work out before coming to training; they're bodies are still getting used to everything," explained Martin, a 26-year-old Watertown, N.Y. native.

Sweat drenched and exhausted, recruits were ordered to line up to sprint another quarter mile. As they sprinted toward their next destination, recruits learned what levels their strength and endurance were at.

"Sprints help us because they can improve our run times for our final

physical fitness test," said Recruit Jeremiah Wine, Plt. 1041, Co. C, 1st RTBn. "But overall, I think this helps us build up our mental strength too."

Wine, an 18-year-old Chicago native, believed that mental and physical strength go hand-in-hand.

"In order to push yourself physically, your mind has to be strong to push through the fatigue," said Wine. "You can't give up just because you're tired."

Wine, along with many of his fellow recruits, hopes to improve his run time through this PT session and future sessions that Co. C will endure during their next 12 weeks aboard the depot.

According to Martin, recruits will see an overall improvement in their

physical strength and endurance near the end of Phase One.

"As they become stronger in training, they're motivation will go up which will help them with other events in recruit training," said Martin.

Although extremely fatigued, recruits of Co. C were able to complete their work-out.

However, this session is only one among many recruits will go through during the remainder of recruit training. Over the course of the next few months, they will be expected to continually improve their physical fitness for events such as hikes, the combat fitness test and crucible.

BRIEFS

Scholarship time

The Col. Nate Smith Memorial Scholarship Program will award three \$1,000 scholarships in July. All active duty enlisted personnel aboard the Depot and within the Western Recruiting Region, and dependents who are high school graduates and currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, are eligible to apply.

For the application and further information see the website at www.mcrdmhs.org, or call (619) 524-4426.

CG Cup Tennis Tourney

Show off your tennis skills during the 2013 CG Cup Tennis Tournaments (singles and doubles). The one-day singles tournament is on April 30 and the one-day doubles tournament is on May 1. Start time and format for each tournament TBD.

For information contact Athletics at (619) 524-0548 or e-mail Rachel Dickinson at dickinsonr@usmc-mccs.org.

White Water Rafting

Join Single Marine Program members May 10, as they raft the Upper Kern River.

The trip consists of two nights camping and a full day of rafting (class III-IV rapids).

The trip cost \$100 for single service members and \$125 for non-single service members.

For more information or to register, contact Josh Davis (davisjp@usmc-mccs.org) or (619) 524-8240.

Dodgeball tournament

The second event in the 2013 MCRD Women's Sports Series will be held on May 8 at the depot's Fieldhouse.

Games will start at 9 a.m. The format will depend on the number of registrants.

For information or registration, contact (619) 524-5655.

Golf Tourney

The annual Semper Fit Golf Tournament will be held in the Mission Valley area at the Admiral Baker Golf Course on May 15.

There is an 8 a.m., check-in.

The event is a Shotgun, Singles and Foursomes Scramble Format.

Register on-line at <http://www.mcrdgolf.eventbrite.com> or at the MCRD MCX Cash Office (on the main exchange mall).

Sign up fees are \$320 per four-some or 80.00 per Single.

For information contact (619) 524-8237, or go to <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/golf/index.html>.

All-Marine Rugby Team

HQMC is looking for players for the all-marine rugby training camp in Annapolis, Md, May 25 to 29.

Twelve will be selected from the trial camp for the 2013 All-Marine rugby sevens team.

Interested Marines must submit a completed sports application NLT May 17. Application must contain command endorsement stating that if selected, the Marine will be made available to attend highest level of competition. All applicants must be a USA Rugby certified individual personnel player (CIPP).

For information contact the Semper Fit Athletic Director at (619) 524-6058.

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "As service members, why is it important to volunteer in the community?"



"Growing up, we weren't the most fortunate family and our community was always there for us when we needed it, so it's very important because you're able to give back (to the community.)"

Cpl. Alejandra Chavez, supply clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"It's important to volunteer in the community because it shows our good spirit and human nature in service members, as well as showing people we care without asking for anything in return."

Petty Officer 2nd Class Curtis Jones, inventory specialist, Maritime Safety and Security Team



"Its important because you get to go out and help the community, get to know people and create bonds with them."

Lance Cpl. Nicole Davis, legal administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion

The Flag Passes



Cpl. Liz Gleason

Col. Eric C. Hastings (center), commanding officer, 12th Marine Corps District passes off the 12th MCD colors to Sgt. Maj. Willie T. Ward III (right), sergeant major, 12th MCD, after assuming command from Col. Michael A. Biszak (left), during a change of command ceremony aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 23. Family, friends and colleagues gathered to watch as Biszak relinquished command of 12th Marine Corps District to Hastings. 12th MCD consists of eight recruiting stations which include Los Angeles, Orange County, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland and Salt Lake City.

Volunteer Recognition



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(Left to Right) Cpl. Tommy Diaz, volunteer, Single Marine Program, Josh Davis, SMP coordinator, and Cpl. Simone Morgan, volunteer, SMP stand together after the annual Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region Volunteer Recognition Ceremony aboard MCRD San Diego April 22. The SMP was awarded a Silver Trophy for their volunteer service. The ceremony was held this week in observation of National Volunteer Week. Over the past year, 313 volunteers from MCRD San Diego and the 12th Marine Corps District contributed approximately 20,000 hours in support of various programs. Volunteers received a Bronze, Silver, or Gold trophy and a gift bag based on the amount of hours contributed. After the ceremony, guests were treated to cake and refreshments.



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Recruits with Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, practice Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques during recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11. Counter techniques are taught to help recruits defend themselves in the event an enemy attempts to take their weapon.



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Recruits with Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, listen to an award citation prior to a pugil sticks event aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11. Award citations are often read to recruits, throughout recruit training, to teach and illustrate past Marine's hardships and achievements.



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Staff Sgt. Sergio Ramirez, Martial Arts Instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, gives recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, a safety brief before a pugil sticks event aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11.



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A Recruit with Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion waits for his turn to duel with a fellow recruit during a pugil sticks match aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11. Recruits wear proper protective gear such as a mouth piece, helmet and groin protection to prevent injury.



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Recruits with Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, face-off during a pugil sticks match aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11. Recruits must rely on Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques and confidence gained throughout recruit training to defeat their opponent.

Corps' martial arts program lays foundation for combat

BY CPL. LIZ GLEASON
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The Marine Corps is known as the nation's 9-1-1 force which is why Marines must be always ready to adapt and overcome in any situation. During recruit training, recruits are exposed to many mental and physical challenges that will help prepare them for future experiences they may encounter in the Marine Corps.

Drill instructors work together with instructors from Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, to mold recruits into combat-ready Marines. An integral part of the foundation of recruit training is the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, spent the day learning MCMAP weapon techniques during a pugil sticks event aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11.

"Today we did a combined event," said Staff Sgt. Sergio Ramirez, martial arts instructor, ITC, Support Bn. "During the first part, we went over all the counters which include the overhand grab counter, underhand grab counter and muzzle grab counter. These techniques help recruits learn how to get the enemy off their weapon. It's important for them to learn because it's their rifle. If they go to combat it's like their wife or girlfriend; they can't let go of it, and they must protect it."

Recruits are introduced to MCMAP during

phase one and continue to learn and reinforce their techniques throughout training. There are five levels in MCMAP; tan, grey, green, brown and black. Each new level brings advanced techniques and greater challenges.

While a big part of MCMAP is learning proper fighting and self-defense techniques, there is more to it than that.

"It also helps them mentally," said Ramirez. "It gives them the warrior mindset and it helps build their confidence, which is very important to being a Marine, especially in combat."

Once they completed the first portion of the event the recruits were formed up for a safety brief for the second event—pugil sticks.

Pugil stick training allows recruits to practice the bayonet techniques they learn through MCMAP.

There are three levels of pugil stick training. In level one, recruits are introduced to pugil sticks and learn the safety precautions and rules of fighting. Level two brings more of a challenge as recruits must fight on wooden bridges approximately two feet above the ground. The final level is conducted in simulated trenches and confined spaces.

"We're finishing off this afternoon with pugil sticks two," said Recruit Martin Belden, Platoon 1003, Co. A, 1st RTBn. "It's harder than pugil sticks one because you're on a raised platform, the footing is more treacherous and you can fall off the platform easier."

Pugil sticks are heavily padded poles used to teach recruits combat techniques and develop their intensity and confidence.

When facing their opponent, recruits must rely on quick thinking and self-defense techniques such as proper fighting stance and blocking.

After a safety brief given by the instructor, recruits helped one another suit up with gloves, head protection and groin protection. It was the second time recruits of Co. A duelled with pugil sticks.

Like many other recruits, Belden never fought prior to recruit training. However, through proper training, they've become ready to take on any opponent.

"I was a little nervous when I had to go up against two people but I did well and knocked them both off," said Belden. "It's all about being confident and aggressive."

As recruits of Co. A completed their pugil stick bouts, they left with important lessons that will stick with them through their Marine Corps careers.

"MCMAP prepares us for future deployments and situations we may face," said Belden. "It teaches us how to display aggression when warranted and gives us the confidence in knowing we can face and overcome any fears we have about close combat; we are strong enough to face our opponents."

Oregon native pushes through tragedy, becomes Marine



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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Young men and women from different walks of life go to recruit training with one common goal—to become a U.S. Marine. During their 12-week journey, recruits are expected to focus all their physical and mental strength on training to earn their Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

That was the case for Pvt. Jeremy Starner, Platoon 2103, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, until he learned that his mother had one week to live while he was in training.

The 19-year-old Grant Pass, Ore., native, always believed that the best way for him to be successful in life was to serve his country. He chose the Marine Corps over other branches of service because he felt the training was above standard and he admired Marines' physical strength and endurance.

Starner left home and shipped to recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Jan. 22.

"Everything was fine when I left; my mother was perfectly healthy," said Starner. "I came to training with no worries but to make it through and become a Marine."

Starner originally started recruit training with Plt. 1022, Co. B, 1st RTBn. He was on his second phase of training at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., when he was taken to the chaplain's office March 1.

"I didn't know what was happening; I thought I was being dropped from training for no reason," explained Starner. "I was then told that there was a family emergency and the worse went through my mind."

A number of scenarios played out in his mind, from car crashes to freak accidents, but even those ghastly images couldn't prepare him for what he was about to hear.

"I was told that my mother was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer that was spreading quickly; doctors only gave her one week to live," said Starner. "I was in shock and disbelief."

The following morning, he was on a plane to Oregon. The confused, heartbroken Starner received 10 days of emergency leave, spending every moment he could with his mother at the hospital.

"My mom didn't even want me to come home, she wanted me to focus on training and becoming a Marine," said Starner. "She told me how proud she was that I was starting my life; she told me to keep doing what I was doing."

On March 6, Starner's 49-year-old mother, passed away. Once his 10 days expired, Starner was on a plane back to the depot. Although Starner was grateful he was able to see his mother before she passed, he was discouraged by the fact that he wasn't going to complete training with his original platoon.

"It was really hard at first, but I knew my mom wanted me to move on from this," explained Starner.

Starner picked up training where he left off, during grass week aboard MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif., with Plt. 2103, Co.E, 2nd RTBn. Despite the adversity he faced, Starner continued with his training, keeping his mother's encouraging words in the back of his mind.

"We knew about his mother's death and I made sure to tell him that if he needed to talk about it, that I was here," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Mast, senior drill instructor, Plt. 2103, Co. E, 2nd RTBn. "He never let it affect his performance in any shape or form; he knew what he wanted."

The transition of training with his new platoon wasn't as difficult as he thought it was going to be. Starner's drill instructors still treated him like a recruit, pushing him to his limits, but allowed him time to grieve.

"Coming back to training really helped with keeping my mind off of (my mother's death)," said Starner. "I knew I had the option to speak with my senior (drill instructor) if I wanted, which was comforting."

Starner pushed through training and now holds the title Marine. His courage and commitment to finish training, despite his loss, made him stand out to his superiors.

"Even with the adversity that he has gone through, he still completed tasks with little to no supervision making him an above average performer," said Mast. "He wanted the title and wanted to make his family proud."

Pvt. Jeremy Starner, Platoon 2103, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

Col. Julian D. Alford

Parade Reviewing Officer

Col. Julian D. Alford attended West Georgia College in Carrollton and, as a sophomore, enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves in 1985. Following graduation from college he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in December 1987.

Alford is currently the Marine Corps Military Fellow at The Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

As a lieutenant, Alford's commands have included: rifle platoon commander 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, during Operation Just Cause in the Republic of Panama and 81's platoon commander during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; light armored infantry detachment commander for 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

As a captain, Alford served as a series commander and company commander with 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.; company

commander with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division during Operation Assured Response in the U.S. Embassy, Monrovia, Liberia; Operation Quick Response in the U.S. Embassy, Central African Republic; and Operation Marathon, Guantanamo Bay Cuba.

As a major, Alford commanded Recruiting Station, Nashville, Tennessee.

As a lieutenant colonel, Alford commanded 3rd Battalion 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division where he deployed to Eastern Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He again deployed to Western Iraq as the 3/6 battalion commander of 3/6 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As a colonel he was the commanding officer, The Basic School in Quantico, Va.

Alford's staff assignments have included tours as the battalion operations officer with the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion MCRD Parris Island; battalion operations officer with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division; executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He served as the operations

officer, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division and was a faculty advisor at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and served as a joint operations analysis officer with the Institute for Defense Analyses. During the assignment with IDA, he deployed and served as the director of strategic effects CJ5, ISAF HQ, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Alford has attended The Basic School, the Infantry Officers Course, the Amphibious Warfare

School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Marine Corps War College.

The colonel's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Combat V (with two gold stars), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), 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 and Combat Action Ribbon (with three gold stars).

In 1997, Alford was the recipient of the Leftwich Trophy, an annual trophy given for outstanding leadership in memory of Lieutenant Colonel William Groom Leftwich, United States Marine Corps, who was killed in action in the Republic of Vietnam in November 1970.

"Congratulations Marines! You are now part of the world's most feared and trusted fighting force, the United States Marine Corps. Always prepare yourself and your unit to defend this great nation. At all times be ready, because you will be called upon and you will make us proud, as all Marines have that have gone before you. Again, congratulations Marines to you and your families for this great achievement. Semper Fidelis."





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*Pfc. C. A. Moreno
Pvt. J. H. Moreno-Gomez
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Pvt. T. R. Naber
Pvt. Z. A. Novotny

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Pvt. A. J. Nunn
Pfc. C. A. Orozco
Pvt. Z. I. Palacio
Pvt. K. D. Park
Pfc. Y. U. Park
Pvt. Z. J. Pearson
Pvt. A. O. Pena
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Pvt. W. J. Bessette
Pvt. R. L. Bolton
Pvt. B. D. Brasfield
Pvt. M. L. Brissey
Pfc. T. C. Burge
Pfc. J. A. Campbell
Pfc. T. P. Caple
Pvt. N. E. Caraballo
Pvt. D. R. Carpentar
Pvt. T. S. Carpentar
Pvt. S. Castro
Pvt. J. E. Chacon
Pvt. J. E. Charboneau
Pfc. M. E. Danes
Pvt. B. J. Davis
Pvt. C. K. Davis
Pfc. J. A. Deseife
Pvt. R. I. Dial IV
Pvt. A. Diaz
Pvt. D. S. Duran
Pvt. S. E. Dwy
Pvt. K. C. Earnest
Pfc. C. M. Eckert
Pfc. K. D. Forrest Jr.
Pfc. B. I. Franco
Pvt. K. L. Frank
Pvt. A. Gallardo
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Pvt. T. A. Gilpin Jr.
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Pvt. C. J. Krueger
Pfc. A. Lara Jr.
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Pvt. L. M. McCoy
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Pfc. M. D. Moore
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*Pfc. J. R. Orr
Pvt. J. W. Owen-King
Pvt. B. A. Paradine
Pfc. A. J. Parenteau
Pvt. D. M. Polera
Pvt. J. R. Pearce
Pvt. M. S. Pendergrass
Pvt. O. Perea-Rodriguez
Pfc. D. L. Perez
Pvt. T. R. Perry
Pvt. M. M. Ramsey
Pvt. E. Romero
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Pfc. J. E. Berger
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Pvt. N. A. Bonomo
Pvt. M. H. Bray
Pvt. B. M. Brooks
Pvt. C. A. Brown
Pvt. S. T. Burdge
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Pfc. B. W. Johnson
Pvt. N. W. Joiner
Pvt. B. E. Jones
Pvt. D. S. Jones
Pfc. I. R. Jones
Pfc. F. W. Kemp
Pvt. S. E. Kersch
Pvt. A. M. Kimbler
Pvt. K. P. Kircher
Pvt. C. J. Kirkbride
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Pvt. N. A. LeBeau
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Pvt. C. K. Norton
Pvt. J. L. Nunez
Pvt. K. I. Painter
Pvt. E. D. Palomo
*Pfc. C. R. Parrott
Pfc. A. J. Pawlowski
Pvt. J. R. Ramirez Jr.
*Pfc. B. I. Robles
Pvt. J. E. Starner

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Pvt. B. M. Aldrich
Pfc. N. B. Alonso
Pvt. B. D. Alvarado
Pvt. J. S. Azali
Pvt. L. K. Bird Jr.
Pvt. P. H. Biscontin
Pvt. T. S. Bocanegra
Pvt. N. D. Boening
Pvt. J. M. Bosch
Pfc. S. T. Burhoe
Pvt. J. J. Burke
Pfc. T. D. Cauthon
Pvt. G. M. Cayabyab
Pvt. M. J. Cisneros
Pvt. L. B. Cloud
*Pfc. L. R. Clouse
Pvt. N. D. Constantino
Pvt. D. J. Creedon
Pvt. N. M. Crowley
Pvt. J. J. Cunnane
Pvt. L. I. Dale
Pvt. K. A. Derry
Pvt. D. Diaz-Mondragon
Pfc. T. J. Downard
Pfc. M. L. Drake
*Pfc. L. S. Duhan-Waring
Pvt. M. A. Dyer
Pvt. N. G. Fasano
Pvt. W. Flores
Pvt. S. D. Garcia
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Pvt. C. J. Halamek
Pvt. T. W. Hanke

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Pvt. D. T. Hill
Pvt. Z. B. Hoffman
Pfc. R. D. Hole
Pvt. A. T. Hubbard
Pvt. G. R. Hussey
Pfc. A. L. Jones
Pvt. A. J. Kaviani-Far
Pvt. A. S. Khalek
Pvt. S. R. King
Pvt. W. J. Knight Jr.
Pvt. R. P. Kruckenberg
Pvt. R. C. Lee
Pfc. G. Lorang
*Pfc. L. D. Lucy
Pfc. M. A. Luevano
Pvt. N. J. Maciolek
Pvt. D. Madjlessi
Pfc. J. M. Magana
Pfc. C. L. Mallonee
*Pfc. R. E. Martinez-Juarez
*Pfc. C. K. Matsuyama
Pfc. K. R. Mayfield
Pfc. L. A. Mendez Jr.
Pvt. C. A. Mendoza
Pfc. J. C. Moncada
Pvt. A. J. Moore III
Pvt. W. C. Morgan
Pvt. B. J. Myers
Pvt. A. G. Nevarez
Pvt. S. R. Ochoa
Pvt. R. Otzoy
Pvt. R. Padilla Jr.
Pvt. C. R. Palmer
Pvt. B. J. Penamejia

Pvt. C. Sotelo
Pvt. A. Soto
Pvt. S. C. Starkey
Pvt. D. R. Starr III
Pvt. G. H. Stavena
Pvt. W. T. Stokes
Pvt. P. T. Stott
Pvt. M. G. Straley III
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Pvt. A. P. Suarez
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Pvt. A. T. Tamboury
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Pvt. B. P. Tully
Pvt. T. J. Vernoy
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Pfc. A. N. Villa-Teschler
Pvt. E. A. Waite
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Pvt. R. Rangle Jr.
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Pvt. A. L. Resch
Pvt. D. Reyes
Pvt. A. Richards
Pvt. R. J. Rivera
Pvt. A. T. Rocci
Pvt. R. Rojo Jr.
Pvt. F. Roman
Pvt. G. Ruiz-Delgado
Pvt. A. J. Rundall-Darby
*Pfc. M. S. Samuelson
Pvt. J. Sanchez-Diaz
Pvt. M. J. Sanders
Pvt. A. Sandoval
Pvt. J. M. Sandoval
Pvt. A. Serna III
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Pvt. T. J. Shigena
Pvt. J. R. Shinpaugh
Pfc. C. T. Siders
*Pfc. J. J. Skomp
Pvt. R. E. Slankard
Pvt. S. J. Smith

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Pvt. J. M. Anders
Pvt. E. Cantero
Pfc. J. A. Castillo
Pvt. J. J. Fall
Pfc. R. Flores Jr.
Pfc. T. D. Franklin
Pfc. I. W. Gifford
Pvt. J. J. Hoffmann
Pfc. C. A. Huston
Pvt. J. G. Love
Pfc. J. A. Mireles
*Pfc. C. L. Muir
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Pvt. D. Pereira Jr.
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Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, await further orders from their drill instructors after receiving their M-16 A4 service rifle aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8. Recruits will be required to learn how to disassemble and reconfigure their rifle.

Rifle issue instills responsibility early in training

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Throughout history, Marines have been known to possess a one shot, one kill mindset that allows them to manipulate a rifle to deliver accurate shots with desired results. This state of mind and skill begins when a recruit is first introduced to his rifle in recruit training.

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, went through rifle issue aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8.

A day prior to Training Day One, each recruit receives their M-16 A4 service rifle. The rifle is a light-weight, magazine fed, gas operated, air-cooled weapon that has evolved through the years and has become the favored weapon of the Marine Corps.

During the 12-week training cycle, recruits have the responsibility of maintaining their issued M-16 A4. With it, they learn discipline and obedience through individual weapons handling during drill, and the fundamentals of marksmanship at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Although it is important for recruits to learn marksmanship and rifle manual during training, owning a rifle primarily teaches responsibility.

“Being issued a rifle teaches (recruits) responsibility,” said Sgt. Paul White, drill instructor, Platoon 3223, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. “It instills more discipline because it is another component added to training.”

The responsibility that comes with caring for a weapon includes learning the rifle’s serial number, keeping the weapon clean and learning the fundamentals of marksmanship, explained White, a 25-year-old Tampa, Fla. native.

“For a lot of (recruits), recruit training is a first for everything,” said White. “This is probably the first time they



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A Company K recruit grabs his issued M-16 A4 service rifle for the first time. Recruits will learn to fire the weapon accurately at various distances and shooting positions.



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A Company K drill instructor makes sure rifles are labeled correctly. Each recruit is responsible for their M-16 A4 service rifle during recruit training.

have held a weapon and they need to learn about the power that comes with it.”

Recruits lined up and waited for their turn to finally hold their weapon. The M-16 A4 is one of the few items in recruit training that a recruit can call his own. There are a small number of times a recruit is separated from his rifle; and even then, there is always a set of watchful eyes on it.

“Being issued a rifle definite

ly teaches you to hold yourself and others accountable,” said Recruit Todd Lawlor, Plt. 3223, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. “But I feel it’s more important to learn and understand the power of handling the weapon.”

Lawlor, a 23-year-old Frisco, Texas native, explained most recruits have never handled weapons before training and it is very important for them to learn weapon safety rules and muzzle awareness; especially when handling a loaded

weapon.

“You should be aware of where your muzzle is pointed at all times; even when it’s not loaded,” said Lawlor. “You’ll get used to always pointing it down range or away from objects that you don’t want to shoot.”

While this may be the first time that some recruits have ever held a weapon, it won’t be their last. Every Marine is required to do annual marksmanship training

throughout their career. Scores they receive from qualifying can help a Marine toward future promotions and awards.

Recruits of Co. K will now move on in training with rifles by their sides to learn drill movements, how to use their rifles in close-quarter combat and to become proficient in basic marksmanship skills, while continuing to practice safe handling at all times.



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Company K recruits familiarize themselves with their newly issued M-16 A4 service rifles. Recruits are responsible for their rifles throughout their entire training cycle.