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AND THE WESTERN RECRUITING REGION



## Depot Command Museum offers inspiration

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The Command Museum's walls are decorated with illustrations of infamous Marine battles, and glass cases display prior

Marine uniforms, weapons and gear used in wars such as Vietnam and World War II.

Despite these grand visual displays, it is the museum's docents, former Marines, who have the largest impact on visitors.

Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, received a tour of the Command Museum by docents aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 17.

Company I was broken into

groups and led on a tour by docents who stopped in each room to describe the significance of art works, maps and gear. The docents spoke with conviction and passion that left recruits inspired to be future Marines.

“It's very motivating to hear what Marines before us went through and learn the progression of gear used,” said Recruit Axtell Charles, Plt. 3201, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. “I was nervous about the Crucible and this definitely helps out a lot. It gives us a mindset of what it is to be a Marine. I'm very excited about being a part of it.”

Docents are supposed to inspire recruits through personal stories and to show them esprit de corps, explained retired Capt. Joe Larkin, docent, MCRD Museum Historical Society.

Many recruits are given the tour of the museum prior to a demanding three day physical challenge—the crucible. The visit offers a history lesson, yet a majority of recruits take away much more.

“The history and tradition is being taught to them by Marines who have lived the experiences,” said Larkin. “We're supposed to fire them up for the crucible—their biggest hurdle coming up. We try to give them the inspiration of what the Corps is about,



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Retired Capt. Joe Larkin, docent, MCRD Museum Historical Society, explains the details of a topographical map of Vietnam to recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, in the Command Museum aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 17. Larkin and fellow docents gave recruits of Co. I a museum tour prior to their Crucible.

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## Hazing class eases worry with recruits

BY LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN E. WOODLE  
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There are many traditions and events that are held in the Marine Corps, however, not all are considered acceptable. Hazing is one such tradition and has been a top priority for the Marine Corps to ensure it is not taking place.

Serious punishments are handed out to those found responsible for hazing and, with a down-sizing Marine Corps, any punishment on a Marine's record

could spell the end of their career. The Marine Corps' zero tolerance for hazing makes it imperative all Marines learn what hazing is.

Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, received a class on hazing aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16.

The Marine Corps has sent a strong message over the past couple of years that hazing will not be tolerated. However, it was not long ago when hazing in the Corps was considered just another

part of the experience. Therefore, starting the education of the Corps hazing policy at recruit training is the best way to ensure it is upheld now and through the future of the Marine Corps.

“Being in the Marine Corps, a lot of hazing activities were going on, for example, the blood stripes tradition was being performed when I went through,” said Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Jackson, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1065, Co. D, 1st RTBn. “It's important for

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Captain Jeffrey C. Marston, company commander, company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, tells recruits that the primary function of a Marine is to be a rifleman during combat leadership class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 9.

## Future Marines learn combat leadership

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A large factor in the Marine Corps' success is strong leadership. Accordingly, combat leadership classes are incorporated in recruit training curriculum to give recruits the tools necessary to develop and sharpen their leadership qualities.

Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, analyzed the importance of leadership during a combat leadership class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 9.

The purpose of the class was to introduce recruits to the environment and special characteristics of battle in order to succeed during combat operations.

During the combat leadership class, recruits learned several characteristics of war; such as physical exhaustion, the fog of war and casualties. Recruits learned Marines are expected to take charge during stressful times and make effective decisions regardless of the circumstances.

Throughout the class, recruits learned that being a

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Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, look on as examples of hazing are given during a class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16. The Marine Corps delivers serious punishments to those involved in any hazing case.



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Recruits with Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, take a look at weapons used in Vietnam during a guided tour of the Command Museum aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 17. Recruits were also able to see historic Marine uniforms, war photography and topographical maps at the Command Museum.

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Esprit De Corps, and the only way to understand that is from a Marine."

Each time a docent spoke of a personal war experience, recruits appeared to have a look of astonishment and

admiration.

"Seeing all the (docents) in the Museum, helps me know I'm going to be a part of a big family," said Recruit Zach Evetts, squad leader, Plt. 3201, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. "It's also really inspiring knowing all these (docents) have been through so

much. It makes me feel like I can (endure hardship) too."

No matter what history education level or Esprit De Corps each recruit had prior to their visit, it seemed all recruits were instilled with a little more of both after their tour.

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leader also includes being able to make sound, moral decisions.

"Combat leadership is being able to be in a field environment and take charge of Marines while still making ethical decisions," said Gunnery Sgt. Ryan S. Clagett, drill instructor, Platoon 1063, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "Past events have Marines making unethical decisions. We have rules and regulations to uphold as Marines."

Throughout recruit training, drill instructors attempt to replicate the stress and intensity of combat. Although no training can fully compare to combat, the intent is to get recruits used to working under duress.

"We want Marines to get a little taste of what combat is like during training," said Capt. Jeffrey C. Marston, company commander, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "We need Marines to go out into combat and excel."

Recruits learn the importance and factors of combat leadership in order to have a foundation to build upon in the Fleet Marine Force.

"They could hypothetically, by the end of the year, go into a combat zone and need to apply it immediately," said Clagett. "They have to learn it early on and start planning for it now."

The Marine Corps prides itself on being a service which demands leadership at the lowest level. Upon arrival to recruit training, some recruits are given leadership billets such as guide and squad leader. However, if they do not perform well in these positions, they are replaced by recruits who demonstrate superior abilities.

"Regardless of your job, you are a Marine rifleman first and foremost," said Marston. "Confusion and uncertainty during combat—you have to thrive in those conditions."

## HAZING ◀ 1

recruits to be able to recognize it and say stop; that they've been taught not to do this."

Not all recruits may have encountered hazing while growing up; therefore, some may be clueless to what would constitute hazing. The hazing class is a good opportunity to introduce the topic and educate them so that when they leave, there will be no doubt in their mind about the Corp's zero-tolerance policy on hazing.

"Some may be unaware of what hazing actually is or since most are

coming from high school sports or clubs, they think it's just the regular tradition," said Jackson, who has been in the Marine Corps for seven and a half years. "This class will help recruits identify hazing faster and be able to stop it; to have the courage to stand up for what is right."

For some recruits, hazing was a large concern coming into recruit training. Fortunately, drill instructors receive top-notch training to ensure that all rules and regulations of the Marine Corps are upheld and carried out. There are many other events taking place during recruit training to keep

them in a high-stress mindset, hazing is one they don't have to worry about.

"I was really worried that when we earn our Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, that it was going to be pinned on us in a way that would puncture our flesh similar to the blood-wing tradition," said Recruit Bryce R. Joonas, Plt. 1065, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "I had friends in the Marine Corps that said this happened, so I was relieved to see that it's not true."

A clear message was sent to the recruits of Co. D that the Marine Corps will not tolerate any hazing, and should any take place, those responsible will have to answer to their respective command and pay the consequences.

"It was great to see that the higher command is actively making sure that no hazing events take place," said Joonas, who is from Linn Kansas, Kan. "I'm really against hazing and since I had a lot of friends in high school and college who were hazed, it's really nice to see that the Marine Corps is being proactive about it."

The purpose of the class is to ensure recruits understand that hazing is unacceptable. When recruits start to gain rank and higher billets during their time in the Marine Corps, they will be charged with looking out for their fellow Marines to make sure no hazing takes place.

"I'm glad I received this class because it's good to know for now and my future development as a Marine," said Joonas. "When I become in charge of Marines I'm going to make sure that no hazing traditions start. There are already enough good traditions out there so why start a bad one."



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Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, receive a class on hazing aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16. Educating recruits on the Corps zero-tolerance hazing policy is essential for the development of recruits and the future Marine Corps.

## 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](http://www.mcrdmhs.org), or call (619) 524-4426.

### Bayview events

The Bayview Restaurant plays host to a **Dinner/Dance** May 10. Cost is \$23.95 per person for the buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. Dancing begins at 6 and continues until 9 p.m.

The restaurant also plays host to a **Mother's Day Champagne Brunch** on May 12. This event requires reservations which are for every half hour from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25.95 for active duty members and their spouses, \$32.95 for other adults, children 5 to 11 years old \$16.95. Children under 5 are free.

For information for both events call Melanie DeCosta at (619) 725-6388.

### 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>.

### Master Auto Workshop

The Auto Skills Center sponsors a Master Workshop Series May 18 from 9 a.m., until 1 p.m., in building 142.

The event is open to all authorized patrons and their guests.

Fundamentals and preventive car care will be covered.

Those attending should dress comfortably for a hands on environment.

For registration or information call (619) 524-5240.

### College 101

Active duty Marines who wish to attend college using tuition assistance are required to attend College 101 prior to being granted assistance.

The class starts at 8 a.m., on May 22, in Building 111, Room Alpha.

College 101 is a briefing intended to equip Marines for success as they seek to improve themselves personally and professionally through the pursuit of voluntary education. The class also provides guidance to first time students on how to apply for Tuition Assistance.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Call (619) 524-1275 or 5728.

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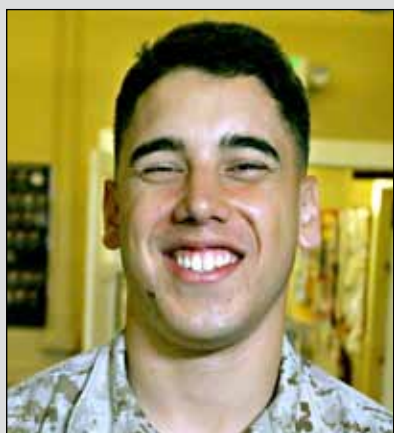
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## Around the depot

*This week the Chevron asks: "How are you making sure you and your Marines are staying combat ready?"*



**"My Marines and I continue to stay combat ready by working out on a daily basis as well as keeping up with current events in case we're called upon to fight our nation's battles."** *Cpl. Hakeem V. Shaffi, postal clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



**"Making sure I PT as well as taking advice and learning from my leaders, who have deployed before, how to prepare for combat."** *Lance Cpl. Joshua C. Franco, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



**"Ensuring they maintain that high standard of physical fitness as a Marine. Also talking to them on a daily basis to make sure they are mentally prepared."** *Cpl. Spshelle F. Mensah, passenger travel clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*

## Recognizing Top Tier DIs



*Cpl. Walter D. Marino II*

Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, and Jim Guerin, president, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Historical Society, present the Drill Instructor of the Year Award for 2nd Recruit Training Battalion to Staff Sgt. Joshua P. LeBlanc. Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth Williamson was named DI of the Year for the entire Marine Corps, for his work with Co. D, 1st RTBn., but was unable to attend the MCRD San Diego ceremony April 23. Other DI award recipients from MCRD San Diego were Staff Sgt. Neil Gregory Seip, who received DI of the Year award for 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, and Staff Sgt. Zachary D. Curran, DI of Year for Support Battalion.

## Like Father, Like Son



*Cpl. Bridget M. Keane*

Col. Julian Dale Alford, left, stands with his newly-graduated son, Pfc. Julian Connor Alford, Platoon 2103, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, after graduation aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 26. The senior Alford, an Atlanta native, has served more than 28 years in the Marine Corps at various duty stations and was given the honor to be the Parade Reviewing Officer at his son's graduation ceremony. The newly-minted private first class, a 21-year-old Knoxville, Tenn., native, hopes to fill his father's shoes as he continues with his journey in his Marine Corps career.



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# Fears conquered with confidence

by Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas  
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Recruit training has many mental and physical obstacles that require strength, courage and commitment to accomplish.

Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, received a boost of confidence after conquering the Confidence Course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16.

The purpose of the Confidence Course is for recruits to realize what they can accomplish with confidence and self-assurance. It is a test of will, where recruits must learn to adapt and overcome.

"It is there to build confidence, to show recruits they can climb walls and their fears of heights. It's suppose to show them they can accomplish anything if they put their minds to it," said Staff Sgt. Dwaine D. Carlino, drill instructor, Platoon 2146, Co. G, 2nd RTBn. "Every Marine needs confidence, it is in a leader and it is a trait we are looking for and you can't succeed without it."

The course is designed to remove mental blocks and fears that can hinder mission accomplishment.

"Some people have a wall on their mind and once they push past that point they realize 'wow I can actually do more,'" said Recruit Taylor D. Galbraith, Plt.

2142, Co. G, 2nd RTBn. "Having that mental mindset that you are going to get through all of it—helps you overcome your fears and realize what you can accomplish."

The Confidence Course requires strength, agility and endurance. Recruits have to climb walls, swing across ditches with a rope and weave over and under logs without falling to the ground. There are 12 obstacles recruits must complete in order to finish the event.

One of the exercises, known as stairway to heaven, requires recruits to climb up and over a giant log ladder. Near the top of the ladder, logs are set farther apart to give recruits a difficult challenge.

Regardless of any fear of heights, recruits must make their way over. For some recruits, their fear does not exempt them from completing the obstacle. Recruits are required to adapt and overcome in order to progress to their next step in training.

Although the course's obstacles may appear daunting, they are designed to increase a recruit's confidence. With many more obstacles ahead of Co. G, an increase in their physical and mental toughness will assist them on their journey to becoming Marines.



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, slide down a thick cable in an obstacle known as Slide for Life during the Confidence Course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16. Recruits must stop in the middle of the cable and change grips without falling into the water.



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, climb the infamous Stairway to Heaven during the Confidence Course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16. Recruits must overcome their fear of heights in order to successfully conquer the obstacle.



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, walk across the Log Walk during the Confidence Course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16. Recruits cannot fall or stop during their attempt to cross otherwise they must start all over again.



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

A recruit of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, uses a rope to swing across a ditch during the Confidence Course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16.

# Marine learns leadership through adversity

BY CPL LIZ GLEASON  
Chevron staff

Every recruit that steps onto the famous yellow footprints aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego has their own story. They come to recruit training at various ages, with different backgrounds, life experiences and goals.

While some may have joined on a whim or tradition, Pfc. Spencer Knudson, Platoon 3201, Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion meticulously planned it out.

From the first day he walked into a Marine Corps recruiter's office four years ago as a college student, it was clear to him that it was where he wanted and needed to be.

"I feel like being a Marine is my calling—it feels like I'm meant to do this," said Knudson, a 24 year old.

Knudson decided to join the Marine Corps' Officer Candidate School program while finishing his biology degree.

Just as recruit training molds recruits into enlisted Marines, OCS is a program created to make college students into well-rounded officers. Candidates are challenged physically, academically and in leadership abilities.

Knudson was determined to become a Marine, but was unable to meet the rigorous demands of OCS. He struggled with exuding confidence and delegating orders and was dropped for leadership failure.

"My head just wasn't in it," said Knudson, the Ogden, Utah, native. "There were a lot of little things going on at the same time and I couldn't handle it. I wasn't mature enough yet."

Although he was dropped from OCS and felt he was a disappointment to himself, family and friends, Knudson did not let it deter him. After earning his



Cpl. Liz Gleason

**Pfc. Spencer Knudson, Platoon 3201, Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, posts security during a Crucible event on Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.**

degree he decided to try again, however, the second time around he chose to go enlisted.

Soon after arriving at MCRD San Diego, Knudson's drill instructors thrust him into the top leadership position at recruit training; he became the guide of his platoon.

A guide serves as a liaison between drill instructors and the recruits. He has four squad leaders that help him with mission accomplishments. In order to be guide, one must display strong leadership qualities and be able to find a balance with their peers.

"Being guide was a big challenge and a bit scary," said Knudson. "It brought back thoughts of OCS. It shook my confidence because I was put into a high leadership position and that is what had happened at OCS

and I failed."

Even though Knudson lacked confidence in his abilities, his drill instructors believed in him and encouraged him to push through the insecurities.

"In the beginning he really struggled with taking charge of his peers and telling them what to do," said Sgt. Jeffery Tarvis, drill instructor, Plt. 3201, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. "We coached him and helped him find the balance with his peers as a leader. We helped him understand that being a leader isn't about how many friends you have—sometimes you just have to be the guy no one likes. You have to make sure they do what they're told or the mission won't be accomplished."

With the encouragement of his drill instructors and learning from his mistakes at

OCS, Knudson was able to push through his insecurities and sustain the position of guide throughout the duration of recruit training.

"He's a great guide," said Pfc. Evetts Zachariah, squad leader, Plt. 3201, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. "He always made sure that the squad leaders and recruits knew what to do, he kept the platoon in check and he didn't just stand around and give orders, he led by example and completed tasks with everyone else. He was always on-the-go trying to help everyone out."

After graduating from recruit training, Knudson will continue training at the School of Infantry and one day aspires to commission as a Marine Corps officer.

"With the right guidance he's

going to do well in the Marine Corps," said Tarvis. "He's taken everything we've taught him, applied it and improved."

Through all the hard times and disappointments, there has always been one constant for Knudson, his desire to become a Marine. He's taken his failures, learned from them and embraced them.

"The hard times are only moments," said Knudson. "I want to be a Marine—I want to get dressed up in my dress blues. I want everyone to know I'm a Marine. This is the goal that I've always wanted to accomplish, nothing else matters."

## Brig. Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Brig. Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse is the commanding general, Marine Corps Installations – West and the commander, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Coglianesse was born in New Jersey in 1960. He was commissioned a second lieutenant following graduation from Indiana University in 1983. Upon graduation from The Basic School and Motor Transport Officer's Course, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines as the Battalion Motor Transport Officer at Camp Foster, Okinawa.

In 1985, Coglianesse was assigned to Detachment Bravo, 2nd Marine Wing Support Group 27 as the Engineer Officer at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C. In 1987, he served as the Motor Transport Officer for Marine Wing Support Squadron 273.

Following completion of the Army Transportation Officer's Advance Course in Newport News, Va., in 1988, Coglianesse was assigned to 2nd Surveillance Reconnaissance Intelligence Group as the Group Motor Transport and Engineer Officer

at Camp Lejeune, N.C. In 1989, he was assigned as the company commander, Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd SRIG, and in that billet deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Upon his return to the United States, Coglianesse was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion to serve as the logistics officer. In 1993, he was assigned to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. to serve as the Marine Corps representative.

In 1996 the brigadier general attended the Naval Command and Staff course at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., earning a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Upon graduation, Coglianesse was assigned to Combat Service Support Group-3, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where he served as the operations officer. In 1998, he became the Group's executive officer. He also served as the Combat Service Support Detachment 78 commander in support of Operation Crocodile '99 in Australia.

In 2000, Coglianesse reported to Central Command as a member of the Joint Security Directorate at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. In November 2001, he deployed to Afghanistan as the

assistant operations officer for Task Force Bowie in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In June 2002, Coglianesse became the first Marine to be assigned as the J-4 for Special Operations Command, Central Command. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and served as the J-4 Directorate for Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command.

In 2003, Coglianesse took command of the Marine Expeditionary Unit's Service Support Group 24.

In June 2004, Coglianesse deployed with the 24th MEU to Iraq's Northern Babil Province

in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. On returning from this deployment, he attended Penn State University as the senior Marine Fellow, Supply Chain and Information Systems Program.

In 2006, Coglianesse returned to Camp Lejeune and began serving as deputy commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command.

Coglianesse assumed command of Combat Logistics Regiment 27, 2nd Marine Logistics Group in 2007. In 2008, he deployed as the 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Fwd) chief of staff and subsequently assumed command of Combat Logistics

Regiment 27 (Fwd).

In December 2009, Coglianesse returned from deployment and again assumed command of CLR-27. In July 2010 he was assigned to the Pentagon as deputy director for Operations, J3, Joint Staff.

In November 2011, Coglianesse assumed his current position as the commanding general, Marine Corps Installations West, headquartered at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, where he oversees five Marine Corps bases and stations.

***"I congratulate every new Marine in this graduating company on the achievements, sacrifices and struggles that the ceremony today signifies. Every one of you have earned the title of Marine and a place in our elite Corps, a step that few will attempt and fewer will accomplish. Enjoy today, and recognize this as a milestone in your life. However, remember that this is only the beginning of your Marine Corps journey. From one Marine to another, congratulations and Semper Par!"***





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Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, drag their partners while bear crawling as they transition between exercises during a Combat Conditioning Exercise aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24. Recruits were required to perform a number of exercises while maintaining a combat mindset as they moved from one station to the next.

## Drill instructors create hectic environment for recruits

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In combat, Marines are expected to push through chaotic situations, pain and fatigue, engage their enemy and accomplish the mission. When recruits first arrive aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, their drill instructors are there to provide them with that type of stress in order to develop combat ready Marines.

Drill instructors of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, pushed recruits to their limits during the Combat Conditioning Exercise aboard MCRD San Diego April 24.

The purpose of the CCX is to reiterate all Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques they have learned during their first few weeks of training and to be able to apply them effectively while in a chaotic environment.

Although the exercise is a majority of MCMAP sustainment, one of the main purposes is learning to apply the techniques during a time of stress.

"We are introducing them to a stressful (simulated) combat environment; we want to see how they'll react under that stress," said Sgt. Melvin Rodriguez, drill instructor, Platoon 3226, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. "We want them to be able to react correctly and be able to fight through."

Before the course begins, the recruits run a lap around the course.

"They do this to get their blood pumping and heart rate up," explained Rodriguez. "We want to put a lot of pressure on them."

A whistle blast indicated the beginning of the course. Recruits split into groups to different stations, each led by a drill instructor.

The stations included MCMAP techniques such as break falls, lead-hand punches, knee strikes, leg-sweeps and combat rolls. Every recruit was expected to perform them properly while

drill instructors continuously pushed them to their limits.

The second blow of the whistle indicated a transition between stations. The transitions included lunges, star-jumpers, low and high crawls, fireman's carry, buddy drags and the bear-buddy drag. Recruits repeated these drags until they moved to the next station and continued with the exercise.

"Everything about the course is physically and mentally demanding," said Rodriguez. "It's important for recruits to build up their endurance because you can't quit in the middle of combat."

The stress caused during the CCX allows recruits to start building a combat mindset and makes them more aware of what they can accomplish when they push through exhaustion and pain.

"It takes a lot to go through this course, more mentally," explained Recruit Dakota Johnson, Plt. 3225, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. "I feel that you have to muster up a lot of courage to push yourself mentally. Your body might be tired, but your mind has to be stronger."

Johnson, a 19-year-old, Littleton, Colo. native, explained that the course gives you a different perspective when performing under stress.

"I feel this course also builds up your confidence," said Johnson. "Once you see how you can get through the course and realize it was all in your head, it makes the next physically demanding exercise not that bad."

Co. K recruits pushed through the pain, fatigue and stress caused by the CCX. They can walk away from the experience with mental and physical confidence in their abilities to perform in a stressful environment.

"You have to push yourself 100 percent with everything in recruit training," said Johnson. "Once you see how you perform under pressure, you should be able to do anything."



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A recruit of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, executes a leg-sweep during the Combat Conditioning Exercise aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24. Recruits performed Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques as sustainment during the exercise.