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Marines of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, run the timed three mile portion of their final Physical Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 25. The run is one of three parts of the Physical Fitness Test that also includes a maximum set of crunches and a maximum set of pull-ups.

Recruits push through final PFT

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
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A Company of recruits ran as fast as possible for three miles and while it may have appeared like a green globe of chaos, it was merely a mass of recruits wearing green shorts and shirts running for the best time they could get.

Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, put forth their maximum effort during a Physical Fitness Test

aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 25.

The PFT consists of a timed run, a timed maximum set of crunches and maximum set of pull-ups. The results are calculated into a score that works toward promotion. The better their score, the more it will help recruits toward promotion in the Fleet Marine Force. Hence, every recruit gave the test everything they had.

After starting the PFT with the pull-ups section, recruits

lined together for their three mile run.

Although the Company started together, it was a different case coming across the finish line.

Recruit Adan E. Mendiola, squad leader, Platoon 1065, Company D, 1st RTBn. finished the run first in his company, and the rest of Co. D trickled in behind him.

“What motivates me, more than anything, when I’m tired is my dad,” said Recruit Adan

E. Mendiola, who finished in 17 minutes and 29 seconds. “My dad was a Marine and he got a 15 minute, 30 second (three-mile run time). I know whenever I feel bad, I know my dad probably felt worse—so I just push it.”

Mendiola explained what keeps him from being complacent is working to beat his own score every time and his distaste of being beat.

“If someone beats me, even if I beat my own score, I want to do better,” said Mendiola.

Drill instructors work with their recruits throughout recruit training to improve their recruit’s physical fitness.

“I tell them the Marine Corps is the strongest (military branch) and tell them to know yourself and seek self improvement. It’s motivating when you see them on their (off time) and before and after chow working out,” said Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Jackson, senior drill instructor, Plt. 1065, Co. D, 1st RTBn.

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Haircuts remove individuality

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Long hair, piercings and beards are some of the features recruits have prior to recruit training. Now, on their way to becoming Marines, recruits are learning how to uphold a Marine image with weekly buzz cuts and daily morning shaves

Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, held the Marine standard with their weekly haircut aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 25.

Upon entry to recruit training, recruits heads are shaved and soon after they are taught the standards they will have to comply with in the Marine Corps. Marines abide by rules that regulate hair length, weight, tattoos and piercings, and in recruit training drill

instructors teach and enforce these regulations.

“Of all the services, the Marines are the sharpest and (drill instructors) try and uphold

that standard to the recruits from day one,” said Staff Sgt. Miguel Cortes, drill instructor,

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A recruit with Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, receives a haircut aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 25th.

New Marines march on toward graduation

BY CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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Close order drill is an important foundation of recruit training. It helps drill instructors instill discipline, instant willing obedience to orders and individual weapons handling.

Even after recruits earn the title Marine, they still drill until the day they are dismissed by their senior drill instructors at graduation. While waiting for that day, new Marines practice for graduation in order to look flawless in front of their proud families.

Marines of Co. E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, practiced for their graduation

ceremony aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 22-25.

This was the first time that the new Marines didn’t handle weapons or wore a drill belt during close order drill.

“It’s starting to set in, we’re all taking (drill) a lot more serious than all those times before,” said Pvt. Stormy Starkey, Platoon 2106, Co. E, 2nd RTBn. “Graduation is a big day for us and we want to look good for all our families and all the other Marines.”

As families begin to occupy the depot days prior to graduation, some will stop at the parade deck and see their son for the first time marching as a Marine.

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PFT ◀ 1

After finishing the run, many recruits either hunched over gasping for air or put their hands over their heads; all recruits looked fatigued.

In order to gradually cool their recruits down, Drill instructors ordered recruits to walk in one large circle.

Before the sweat could dry on their backs, recruits were getting ready for their final part of their PFT—crunches.

Drill instructors separated recruits who had done the most pull-ups, and had the fastest run times into a small group of approximately six, to see who their strongest recruit was.

The margin of victory was minimal and afterwards the strongest recruit was still undecided.

However, finding the strongest recruit was not the goal of the exercise, it was another tool used by drill instructors to promote healthy competition. The ultimate goal for recruits was to put forth maximum effort on their PFT—which from the recruits' facial expressions and sweat, appeared successful.

"About five months ago I thought doing two pull-ups was good. I just kept going for it and now I'm doing 16," said Recruit Steven M. Mora, Plt. 1065, Co. D, 1st RTBn.

"I give thanks to my (senior drill instructor). My recruiter told me I would be doing 15 pull-ups, but I didn't believe it at the time. But here I am; It's really unexpected and it's a confidence booster."



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Marines of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, perform crunches during their final Physical Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 25.



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Marines of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, respond to their drill instructor's command during graduation practice aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24.

PARADE ◀ 1

Although the Marines are focused on executing each drill movement, their eyes will wander and see family members watch them perform.

"It's still a team effort; we want to get as close to perfection as possible because everyone is watching," explained Starkey, a 20-year-old Seattle native. "I believe that perfection truly resembles being a Marine. Marines are always striving to improve themselves."

For a couple of hours in the morning and afternoon each day, every platoon of Co. E went through parade practice.

"You can tell that they are more excited while practicing," said Staff Sgt. Marvin Brown, drill instructor, Plt. 2106, Co. E, 2nd RTBn. "They're a lot louder and more eager to get it done right the first time because their families are here."

The 34-year-old Miami native explained how practicing for graduation is a final step of recruit training.

"Practicing for grad begins to give

them the full picture on what they've finally accomplished," said Brown. "They're just that much closer to moving on with their careers."

Co. E Marines graduated aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 26. Although some of the new Marines may think that their drilling days are over, ceremonies are constant in the Marine Corps and require Marines to perform each drill movement flawlessly as they once did on the parade deck during recruit training.

Standing tall, clean shaven and with a fresh hair cut, it would be hard to imagine Depwe with his old style.

Depwe was not alone; many recruits sacrifice their personal styles to become Marines. For some it is a culture shock, but a sacrifice worth making for their goal.

"This is the first time I've had short hair," said Recruit Jacob B. Marcussen, Plt. 2161, Co. H, 2nd RTBn. "But, I know I am bettering myself as a person—from a kid to an adult. It's a good feeling knowing I'm taking a step forward."

Marcussen explained it was hard to get rid of the hair because he felt it was his identity, but he understood the reason behind having a professional appearance.

"Appearance is everything," said Marcussen. "If you take care of the way you look, people are going to look at you in a different way—a more professional way."

As Co. H trickled out of the barber shop with fresh haircuts, none exited with grim faces. It appeared the recruits understood the importance of maintaining Marine standards.

HAIRCUTS ◀ 1

Platoon 2161, Co. H, 2nd RTBn. For some recruits, the transition is harder for others. Before recruit training, Recruit Tanner L. Depwe, Plt. 2163, Co. H, 2nd RTBn., had hair that reached his mid-back, pierced ears and a goatee that reached his chest.

"It was difficult to cut the hair, I had been growing it since junior high," said Depwe, a Vinton, La., native. "But it was necessary in order to complete the dream of my brother who passed away."

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.

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.

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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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "Mother's day is May 12. What does your mother mean to you?"



"My mom means everything to me, she's my best friend. I really don't know what I would do without her." Lance Cpl. Alison Vasquez, supply clerk, Service Battalion, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"She's everything to me. Growing up, she raised two sons by herself. She is someone I call for advice and to feel better when I'm down." Sgt. Cory Neal, drill instructor, Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion



"She means a lot to me because she raised me for 18 years and it's my responsibility to make sure she gets taken care of for the rest of her life." Staff Sgt. Mark Bautista, administrative chief, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

Face your fears



Staff Sgt. Clinton F. Firstbrook

Gunnery Sgt. Caesar Mazzeo, drill instructor, explains the importance of moving with speed and intensity to a poolee at Recruiting Substation St. Cloud's Garret Lee Voss during Recruiting Station Twin Cities' annual mini boot camp April 26. More than 650 aspiring Marines and guests attended the three-day event where they participated in a variety of activities to help prepare them for the rigors of recruit training.

Marines get ahead



Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Pfc. Jeremiah M. Childers, a Marine with Basic Marine Platoon, Support Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, gives a simulated five paragraph order to other Marines with the platoon aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 1. A five paragraph order is an effective tool Marines can use to execute missions. Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wahle, drill instructor, BMP, Support Bn., RTR, taught Marines with BMP how an order works and is given to help better the Marines' knowledge and to be a step ahead of their peers once they continue to the fleet. This gave Childers an opportunity to be evaluated by his peers as well as a chance to demonstrate his knowledge to his senior leadership.

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Co. H recruits prepare for final PFT

BY CPL. LIZ GLEASON
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Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, participated in a strength and endurance course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24.

"The event is made up of quarter-mile sprints and in between the quarter-mile sprints they do different exercises such as planks, push-ups, half-squats and bicycle crunches. It helps recruits not only build endurance but the overall basic strength required of Marines,"

said Staff Sgt. Frederick Favors, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2165, Co. H, 2nd RTBn.

Although this was the second time they went through the event and knew what to expect, it wasn't any less strenuous than the first time around. After completing the two-and-a-half-mile strength and endurance course, the tired recruits finished with a maximum set of pull-ups and crunches.

"Today was challenging because we just got back from hiking at Camp Pendleton and we had switched gears to hiking instead of running," said Recruit Eugenio

Padilla, Plt. 2167, Co. H, 2nd RTBn. "It felt like we were starting all over again."

From the beginning, drill instructors instill the importance of physical fitness in recruits through various events. They encourage recruits to break past mental barriers and physical challenges in order to help them achieve a strong fitness foundation.

This type of event helps recruits prepare for their final Physical Fitness Test, an annual requirement for all Marines. On Training Day 57, recruits are evaluated on a maximum set of crunches, pull-ups

and a timed three-mile run. In order to achieve a perfect PFT score of 300, they must complete 100 crunches, 20 pull-ups and run an 18-minute 3-mile.

While the strength and endurance course helps recruits in the present, it also helps set them up for success in the future.

"It's important to be physically fit because if you get deployed you have to be ready at any given moment and for any situation," said Padilla. "Being physically fit will help us complete our missions."

Developing a good fitness foundation is also important

because it helps build well-rounded Marines. Physically fit Marines are an essential part of mission readiness and accomplishment, according to Favors.

Although mission readiness and accomplishment are priorities, establishing a strong workout routine also helps recruits and Marines alike.

"It also helps their careers because the better PFT score they attain the more points they earn towards promotion," said Favors. "It helps them build character and helps ensure they are mentally, physically and spiritually sound."



Cpl. Liz Gleason

A drill instructor with Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, encourages a recruit to keep doing crunches during the strength and endurance course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24. Throughout the course recruits completed exercises such as crunches, planks, pull-ups and squats.



Cpl. Liz Gleason

A drill instructor with Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, calls cadence as recruits take off sprinting during the strength and endurance course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24. Drill instructors encourage recruits to push through the pain throughout the course.



Cpl. Liz Gleason

Recruits with Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, struggle to hold themselves up on the parallel bars during the strength and endurance course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24. The two-and-a-half-mile course consists of quarter-mile sprints with exercises in between.



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Recruits with Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, struggle to complete a maximum set of pull-ups during the strength and endurance course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24. The course helps recruits prepare for their final Physical Fitness Test on Training Day 57.



Cpl. Liz Gleason

A drill instructor with Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, motivates a recruit to keep squatting during the strength and endurance course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 24.

Marine fulfills dream, graduates

BY CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
Chevron staff

Pfc. Fred Edgar Trujillo, Platoon 1067, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, always took initiative while growing up and was more mature than his peers. The 23-year-old Fullerton, Calif. native was an only child raised by his mother until the age of 11, when she remarried his biological father. Less than five years later, his parents were divorced again. Trujillo's mother was left to raise three children on her own.

Witnessing the sacrifices and hardships of being a single parent, Trujillo felt obligated to step up and provide for his mother and two younger siblings.

"I took over being the father figure in my family," said Trujillo. "Ever since then, I did everything I could to provide for (them)."

The years passed and hardships continued, Trujillo worked nonstop supporting his family. Although he spent most of his time working, the few moments of free time he had he spent racing his car, which resulted in numerous tickets and a bad driving record.

As these issues began to pile up, Trujillo found himself lost. He walked into a local recruiting center and went to an Army recruiter.

"At that time, I would've been joining (the military) for the wrong reasons," explained Trujillo. "It was more of a way for me to run away from my problems."

Trujillo decided not to enlist and continued to work off his debt, support his family and go to a local community college for a degree in architecture. While

he went to school, he worked for a car detailing shop.

"I took everything I learned from the job, dropped out of college and started my own business," said Trujillo.

Shortly after starting his business, Trujillo began to think about all the possibilities he had in front of him in order to be successful in his future. He went back to the Army recruiter's office to find out how he could benefit from joining.

"When I went back this time, I started asking questions; I asked questions about the differences between the other branches of services," said Trujillo. "When he spoke of the Marine Corps, I felt that he was trying to talk me out of it, saying that it was too hard."

The more the recruiter tried to sway Trujillo's opinion, the more he wanted to be a Marine. He walked into the Marine Corps recruiting office and immediately felt a difference in the atmosphere.

"Just walking in there I knew I wanted to be a Marine," said Trujillo. "The recruiter invited me to the first physical training session and I was sold."

Trujillo began training every day for months, until he received news that he wasn't going to be able to enlist. Trujillo's tainted driving record was the one thing standing in his way of becoming a Marine.

His recruiter explained to him how the Marine Corps was strict when it came to the enlisting process and the number of tickets he had would put a hold on how long it would take for him to ship to recruit training.

Disappointed, Trujillo spoke with the Army recruiter, was given a waiver and began the process of enlistment. The night

before he was about to swear in, Trujillo had an inspiring dream.

"I dreamt that I was going through boot camp and that I was graduating a Marine," explained Trujillo. "I knew then that I was making the wrong decision (to join the Army)."

Trujillo went back to his Marine Corps recruiter and explained to him how he couldn't be a soldier.

"I told him I don't care how long it takes or how he does it, I was going to be a Marine," said Trujillo.

His recruiter saw his determination and commitment to start training and began to find a way for Trujillo to enlist.

"I waited, it seemed like forever but I was so focused on becoming a Marine, nothing else mattered," said Trujillo. "I even sold my car, which I loved, to pay off my traffic tickets. I really felt this was the best way to do something with my life."

On Aug. 20, 2012, Trujillo took the oath and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves. He shipped off to training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Feb. 14.

"He's more mature than the average recruit, you could tell he took on a lot of responsibility back home by the way he carried himself," explained Staff Sgt. Johnatan Lopez, senior drill instructor, Plt. 1067, Co. D, 1st RTBn. "He was very determined and focused."

Trujillo's mature demeanor was noticed by his drill instructors; however they also noticed his concerns for his family back home.

During training, Trujillo received a letter stating his mother was going into surgery. Although he was used to his mother going in for routine surgeries, he immediately



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Pfc. Fred Edgar Trujillo, Platoon 1067, Co. D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, posts security during the Crucible at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 30.

became uncomfortable because he wasn't there with his family.

"I kept thinking about my younger brother and sister and what would happen to them if something went wrong with my mom," said Trujillo. "I wanted to quit training."

Trujillo received a phone call home and was put at ease by his

mother's voice and three words, "Everything was okay."

Satisfied with his situation at home, Trujillo continued to push through training, learning about his mental and physical abilities. He now holds the title Marine, the title that he was determined to earn, despite the obstacles placed in front of him.

Sgt. Maj. Harrison L. Tanksley

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Tanksley enlisted into the Marines Corps in November 1980. In June 1981 he reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina for training. Upon graduating from Basic Warehouseman School at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Georgia in November 1981, he received the Military Occupational Specialty 3051 and subsequently reported to Supply Company, 3rd Supply Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

In December 1982, he transferred to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of sergeant.

In September 1986, he received orders to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon completion of Drill Instructor School, he was assigned to 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Company D.

In November 1988, he was

transferred to 2nd Supply Battalion for duty with Supply Company. In December 1988, he was screened and accepted as an instructor with Noncommissioned Officers Course, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

In January 1990, he was transferred to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment. The battalion deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit to the Mediterranean Sea and participated in Operation Provide Comfort. During June 1992, the battalion deployed to Okinawa for duty as a Unit Deployment Program Battalion with the 4th Marine Regiment. In November 1992, Sergeant Major Tanksley was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

In July 1993, he was transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina for duty with Headquarters and Service Battalion as the Non Commissioned Officer in Charge of recruit issues. He was transferred to 3rd Marine Division and assigned to Combat Assault Battalion as the Warehouse Chief in November 1995.

After returning from Okinawa he received orders to Marine Security Guard School. Upon graduating MSG school he reported to the

American Embassy Nicosia, Cyprus duty as the Detachment Commander. In September 1997, Tanksley was promoted to the rank of gunnery sergeant. During July 1998 he was transferred to the American Embassy, Brussels, Belgium for duty as the Detachment Commander. In January 2000, he was transferred to the American Consulate, Jerusalem for duty as Detachment Commander.

In July 2001, he was transferred to Marine Corps Communication School, Twentynine Palms, California as the first sergeant of Bravo Company in August 2001. In January 2004, he was transferred to 2nd Battalion,

7th Marine Regiment for duty as first sergeant of Echo Company and deployed to Iraq in support of Operational Iraqi Freedom II. In December 2004, Sergeant Major Tanksley was posted as the sergeant major, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. In January 2005, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

In May 2006, Tanksley reported to Quantico, Virginia for duty with Manpower Management Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps for duty as Sergeant Major, Manpower Management Support Branch 30. In July 2008, he was transferred to 1st Marine Logistics Group

for duty as sergeant major Combat Logistics Regiment 15. In February 2010, he was transferred to Twentynine Palms, California for duty as sergeant major, Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command. In 2011, he assumed duty as the sergeant major of I Marine Expeditionary Force Forward, Camp Pendleton, California.

His personal decorations and awards include; Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star and Combat Action Ribbon.

"Marines, I am proud to have each one of you in our ranks. You have spent the last 13 weeks earning the title I have worn for the last 32 years and I am privileged to share it with each of you. You are now amongst the ranks of legacies you have learned about the last few months. I challenge you to wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor with pride and create your own legacy. You will forever be known as a Marine, so wear it with distinction. Congratulations and Semper Fidelis."





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- Pfc. C. J. Lanenberg
- Pvt. V. E. Lewis
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- Pfc. T. D. Aguilar
- Pvt. C. M. Allen
- Pvt. S. Almodovar IV
- Pvt. R. Alvarez Jr.
- Pvt. D. A. Avalosviolante
- Pvt. E. S. Barrera
- Pvt. L. R. Bose
- Pvt. B. R. Bosquez
- Pvt. G. A. Brandt
- Pvt. C. L. Brazile
- Pvt. D. T. Brewer
- Pvt. J. W. Buch
- Pvt. E. M. Carie
- Pvt. G. E. Carr
- *Pfc. J. E. Casbeer
- Pvt. H. A. Castellon
- Pfc. D. Castro Jr.
- *Pfc. T. A. Coffee
- Pvt. M. J. Coleman
- Pvt. A. M. Dahir
- Pvt. J. Davila Jr.
- Pfc. J. M. Davis
- *Pfc. B. J. Day
- Pvt. J. J. Day
- Pvt. H. Del Castillo-Mestanz
- Pvt. F. M. Dickinson
- Pvt. B. A. Duniphin
- *Lance Cpl. M. E. Edmonds Jr.
- Pvt. W. B. Elledge
- Pvt. J. M. Fairres
- Pvt. B. A. Ferguson
- Pfc. D. R. Flickinger
- Pvt. S. A. Flores
- Pvt. M. A. Fountain
- Pfc. R. L. Gadberry
- Pfc. E. Garcia
- Pvt. M. W. Gonzales
- Pvt. C. Gonzalez
- Pvt. L. L. Harper
- Pvt. E. S. Hedrick
- Pvt. V. L. Heidank
- *Pfc. A. M. Hess
- Pfc. B. M. Heuser
- Pvt. C. D. Ivy
- Pfc. C. G. James
- Pvt. C. T. Janish
- Pfc. P. G. Jansen
- Pvt. B. R. Johnson
- Pfc. J. A. Just
- Pfc. D. C. Miles
- Pvt. G. K. Souza
- Pvt. A. D. Westermeier

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- Pvt. M. R. Biesack
- Pvt. S. K. Boulton
- Pvt. J. M. Briggs
- Pvt. J. Brown
- Pvt. S. J. Brummel
- Pvt. N. S. Carroll
- Pvt. J. C. Carughi
- Pvt. J. Castanon
- Pvt. R. Cervantes Jr.
- Pvt. A. J. Compton
- Pvt. B. D. Copca
- Pvt. T. M. Coppin
- Pvt. P. J. Cronk
- Pvt. E. A. Dale
- Pvt. V. M. Dominguez
- Pvt. P. J. Ewert
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- Pvt. B. R. Foster
- Pvt. G. G. Fujita
- Pfc. C. A. Gomez-Moreno
- Pvt. E. T. Grinder
- Pvt. B. A. Groce
- Pvt. C. B. Heth
- *Pfc. W. R. Kerr II
- Pvt. J. D. Kinzer
- Pvt. S. M. Kobe
- Pvt. G. M. Kutz
- Pvt. R. E. Lashbrook
- Pvt. J. Q. Mata
- *Pfc. S. K. McFadden
- Pvt. B. H. McKinley
- Pvt. D. V. Muskiet III
- Pvt. R. S. Parker
- Pvt. M. A. Quijada
- Pfc. J. F. Quilantang
- Pvt. S. P. Riegler
- Pvt. J. J. Rosenj
- Pvt. A. Ruiz II
- Pvt. S. Sanchez-Linares
- Pvt. R. M. Seanor
- Pvt. R. J. Segura
- Pvt. M. W. Sheldon
- Pvt. S. F. Sheppard
- Pvt. C. R. Sirey
- Pvt. C. Spires
- *Pfc. M. A. Steiner
- Pvt. A. M. Temple
- *Pfc. C. M. Thompson
- Pvt. K. Tomas
- Pvt. N. J. Trilk
- Pvt. A. Wentworth
- Pvt. D. D. Westdayton
- Pvt. J. A. Whiting
- Pvt. K. T. Wineberg
- Pvt. L. A. Woodard
- Pfc. X. Yin

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- Pfc. B. O. Adetiba
- Pfc. J. A. Alvarado
- Pfc. L. Amisone Jr
- Pfc. M. J. Bedard
- Pvt. A. P. Cale
- Pvt. J. P. Chavez
- Pvt. J. H. Choy
- *Pfc. B. T. Eddins
- Pvt. F. A. Flores
- Pfc. T. J. Gershaneck
- Pvt. J. L. Hernandez-Villanueva
- Pfc. N. J. Howard
- Pvt. J. T. Jenkinson
- Pvt. G. S. Johnson
- Pfc. B. R. Joonas
- Pvt. B. M. Jyllonen
- Pfc. V. H. King
- Pvt. A. J. Laplaca
- Pfc. D. J. Larsen
- Pfc. N. I. Larson
- *Pfc. J. R. Lazo-Vasquez
- *Pfc. J. A. Ledesma
- Pvt. A. J. Lee
- Pvt. D. Lee
- Pfc. C. W. Lehner
- Pfc. D. Linn
- Pfc. A. A. Lowe
- Pvt. A. K. Lucero
- Pvt. D. T. MacFarlane
- *Pfc. C. Marin
- Pfc. G. V. Martinez
- Pvt. J. A. Matamoros
- Pfc. C. E. Meeks
- Pfc. A. E. Mendiola
- Pvt. H. H. Montgomery
- Pvt. S. M. Mora
- Pfc. R. Moreno
- Pfc. C. G. Murillo
- Pvt. J. U. Orozco
- Pvt. C. C. Picou
- Pfc. W. B. Polk II
- Pvt. S. E. Ramos
- Pvt. S. Revak
- Pvt. C. X. Rivera
- Pfc. J. S. Rojas
- Pvt. D. A. Shy
- Pvt. B. A. Smith
- Pvt. J. A. Smith
- Pvt. C. C. Sualong
- Pvt. J. L. Tijerina Jr.
- Pvt. L. E. Tistamartinez
- Pvt. J. T. Tui
- Pvt. T. L. Utsler
- Pvt. M. L. Vohs

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- Pvt. I. C. Lowe-Wilkins
- Pvt. V. Manriquez
- Pvt. J. R. Martinez
- Pvt. R. A. Medina
- Pvt. A. Millan
- Pvt. K. J. Monsrud
- Pfc. H. I. Montes
- Pvt. K. Moore
- Pvt. R. A. Moore
- Pvt. Z. M. Murphy
- Pvt. S. Noguez
- Pvt. T. A. Olson
- Pvt. D. A. Olvera
- Pvt. B. C. Ong
- Pfc. Z. H. Panik
- Pvt. D. L. Perkins
- Pvt. D. J. Peyton
- Pvt. K. H. Pham
- Pvt. K. S. Pineda
- Pvt. L. Pintacasi-Custodio
- Pvt. G. D. Plaster III
- *Pfc. D. C. Plemons
- Pfc. M. A. Prater
- Pvt. J. A. Purrington
- Pfc. A. H. Putnam
- Pvt. L. N. Ramos Jr.
- Pvt. D. Reyna
- Pfc. T. J. Roberts
- Pfc. C. H. Runzo
- Pvt. A. Russell
- Pvt. W. H. Rybczynski
- Pvt. O. Sanchez-Beltran
- Pvt. L. A. Sanchez-Delgado
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- Pvt. B. J. Schwing
- Pvt. S. D. Sendejo
- Pfc. J. A. Sharp
- Pvt. A. T. Shepherd
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- Pfc. K. M. Short
- Pfc. E. D. Sickler
- Pvt. M. S. Siskler
- Pvt. R. L. Smith
- *Pfc. C. D. Springsteen
- Pfc. J. K. Stewart
- Pvt. W. A. Swift Jr.
- Pvt. F. C. Taylor
- *Pfc. E. Telles
- Pfc. C. Vale
- Pvt. E. A. Vasquez Jr.
- Pfc. S. D. Vega
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- Pvt. C. A. Zazueta
- Pvt. J. A. Zimmerman

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- Pvt. B. D. Balfanz
- Pvt. C. D. Boren
- *Pfc. J. T. Botts
- Pfc. D. E. Denault
- Pvt. D. J. Edes
- Pfc. C. R. Gonzalez
- Pvt. P. R. Gregory
- Pvt. S. R. Gregory
- Pvt. D. L. Hampton
- Pfc. A. P. Hartel
- Pvt. R. J. Horton
- Pvt. D. A. Jackson
- Pfc. D. C. Lewis
- LCpl. R. C. Maxwell
- Pfc. B. C. Morrison
- Pfc. M. R. Morrison
- Pvt. C. S. Nash
- Pfc. C. J. Pedersen
- Pvt. A. Plascencia
- Pvt. A. T. Plein
- Pvt. J. A. Porath
- Pvt. B. S. Raby
- Pvt. C. A. Radtke
- Pfc. J. R. Ramos
- *Pfc. R. G. Reliford Jr.
- Pfc. E. D. Rhein
- Pvt. T. W. Rice
- Pvt. E. A. Robinson Jr.
- *Pfc. A. S. Romero
- *Pfc. J. D. Romero
- Pvt. J. D. Royce
- Pvt. N. J. Ruterbories
- Pfc. T. W. Sailer
- Pvt. J. Sanchez
- Pvt. D. J. Sayers
- Pvt. J. T. Schinnow
- Pvt. J. C. Schvab Jr.
- Pvt. D. L. Shaw
- Pfc. N. L. Smith
- Pfc. A. J. Sondergaard
- Pfc. A. B. Story
- Pfc. C. R. Street
- Pfc. P. F. Tompkins
- Pfc. B. P. Tornquist
- Pvt. J. A. Trevino
- Pvt. J. A. Trotter
- Pfc. F. E. Trujillo
- Pvt. D. A. Vaira
- Pvt. A. G. Valdez
- Pvt. R. O. Villagomez
- Pfc. R. D. Wenninger
- Pfc. K. A. Wentz
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- Pfc. S. G. Wilson
- Pvt. A. D. Young
- Pvt. J. A. Young



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Capt. James Sherwood, series commander, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, teaches recruits about their right to equal opportunity aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 26. Recruits are encouraged to confide in their drill instructors if they experience discrimination so that proper measures may be taken to resolve the issue.

Equal opportunity for all Marines

BY CPL. LIZ GLEASON
Chevron staff

After carefully stacking their weapons, recruits with Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, quickly filed into the classroom and waited for their second class of the day aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 26.

"Today the recruits had a class on equal opportunity," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Jackson, drill instructor, Platoon 2129, Co. F, 2nd RTBn.

"They learned about the Marine Corps' Policy on equal opportunity and that they are all afforded a chance to obtain the same privileges and rights. It's important that they know early on that we all treat each other equally in the Marine Corps—we're a brotherhood."

As detailed in Marine Corps Order P5354.1D, the Marine Corps will provide equal opportunity for all military members without regard to age,

color, gender, race, religion or national origin, consistent with the law, regulations and the requirements for physical and mental abilities.

If recruits experience discrimination or any other equal opportunity issue they are encouraged to bring it up to their senior drill instructor so that correct measures can be taken to resolve the issue, according to Jackson.

Unlawful discriminatory practices within the Marine Corps are counterproductive and unacceptable.

Discrimination undermines morale, reduces combat readiness, and prevents maximum utilization and development of the Marine Corps' most vital asset its Marines. The policy of the Marine Corps is to provide equality of treatment and the opportunity for all Marines to achieve their full potential based solely upon individual merit, fitness, and ability, according to

Marine Corps Order P5354.1D.

"Unfortunately, I have dealt with some discrimination in the past," said Jackson. "However the Marine Corps has done a good job at educating Marines on equal opportunity.

If a problem does arise they have a good plan in place to mediate and resolve cases of unequal treatment." Just as recruits can entrust violations to their drill instructors, Equal Opportunity representatives and advocates are assigned to every command for Marines to turn to for help.

"The Marine Corps has become very diverse and has no tolerance for discrimination," said Jackson.

During the class recruits are taught about the informal and formal complaint procedures.

The informal resolution system includes three different approach methods; the first is the direct approach in which the offender is confronted in person or through a letter

stating the facts, feelings toward the behavior, and the expected resolution. Secondly, the informal third party in which a third person stands present during the confrontation. The third consists of the offended person requesting training or resource materials for presentation to the work place in areas of discrimination, harassment or inappropriate behavior.

If Marines decide to use the formal resolution system they have the option to Request Mast, file a complaint through Article 138 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, redress of wrong committed by a superior, communicate with the Inspector General or individually communicate with Congress. In the Marine Corps, diversity isn't seen as a deterrent but instead as an advantage.

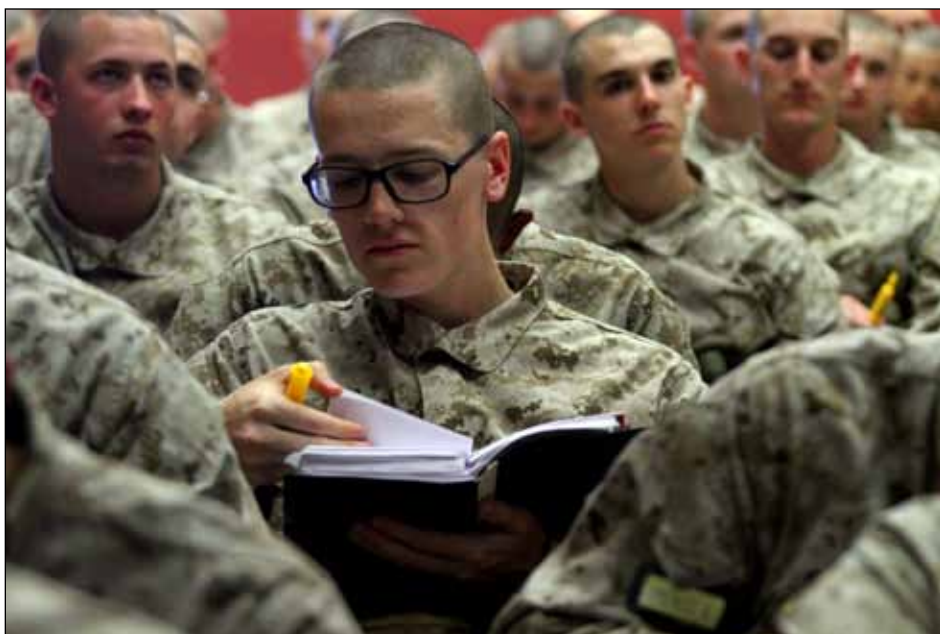
"Diversity is an asset to the Marine Corps," said Jackson. "We're not all from the same place; we don't all have the same

backgrounds, upbringings or life experiences. We all bring something different to the table. By coming together and sharing our diverse values we can help each other and offer more to the Marine Corps."

Recruits arrive on the yellow footprints with their own unique story and learn to accept diversity from the beginning of recruit training.

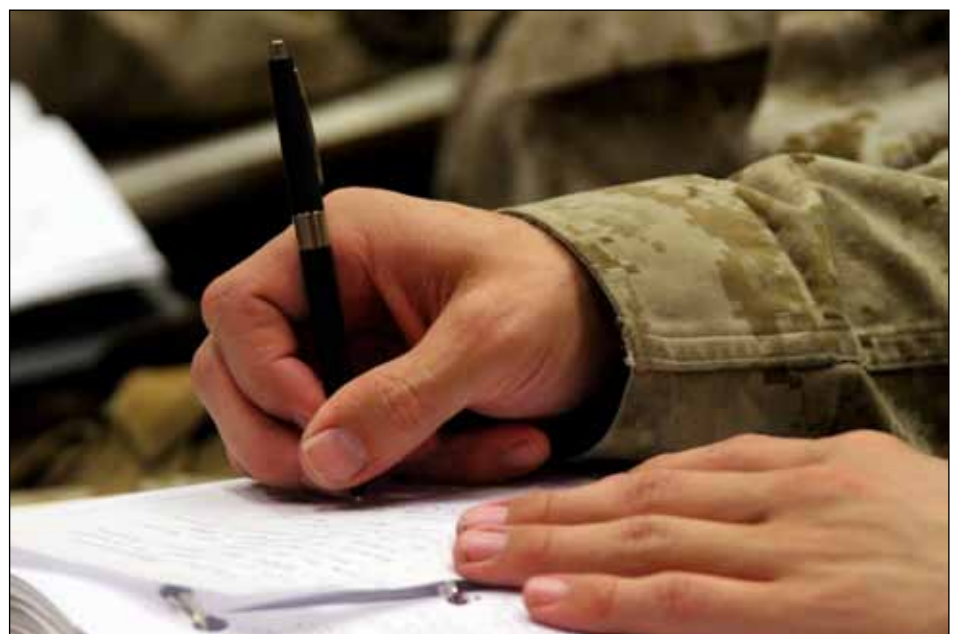
"The first couple weeks of training were so busy and we were so taken up in the process that we weren't focused on getting to know each other well," said recruit Connor Borak, Plt. 2130, Co. F, 2nd RTBn.

"We're just now starting to get to know each other and are beginning to realize how different we really are. It's a crucial moment now that the process is starting and we are discovering that the diversity is great and that all differences aside we are all here to achieve a common goal to become a Marine."



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A recruit with Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, follows along in his textbook during the Equal Opportunity class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 26. During the class, recruits learned about the resources available to them in case they experience discrimination.



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A recruit with Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, takes notes during a class on equal opportunity aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 26. During the class, recruits learned about different ways to approach and resolve an offensive situation.