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## Crucible confidence course challenges Co. M recruits

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During Marine Corps recruit training, each training event recruits go through serves a purpose beyond what it may seem. For example, the obstacle course is intended to challenge recruits with various difficulties they must navigate, but the additional effect is that it gives a recruit belief in their abilities to overcome challenges they may face in the future.

The Crucible confidence course is no different; it requires recruits to combine all their training into a series of events and challenges they must overcome to earn the title of Marine.

Recruits of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, ran through the Crucible confidence course at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. May 21.

The Crucible confidence course has similar challenges found in the Marine Corps Recruit Depot confidence course, with some minor variations. Recruits must go through the entire series of events wearing their full personal protective equipment and carry their M16-

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Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle

Recruits of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, work together to carry a large ammunition can across a rope during the Crucible confidence course at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 21. Communication and teamwork are some of the key tools recruits must utilize for them to navigate the various obstacles.



Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, sprint the first portion of the Combat Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 23. The CFT is an annual training event that simulates combat scenarios such as casualty evacuation and ammunition resupply.

### CFT simulates combat situations

BY CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE  
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Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, endured their final Combat Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 23.

The goal of the CFT is to push a Marine's mental and

physical strength. It is also a graduation requirement for recruits.

“The CFT is an important event because it's physically challenging,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel Hernandez, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2143, Co. G, 2nd RTBn. “Recruits

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## Combat readiness improved through Circuit Course

BY LANCE CPL. PEDRO CARDENAS  
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Recruit training is a test of body and mind. This 12 week test consists of countless hours exercising, performing drill movements, attending classes and mastering field environment skills.

Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, were physically challenged during the

Circuit Course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 23.

The Circuit Course challenges recruits' strength, endurance, and agility in order to improve physical fitness. A high level of physical fitness is demanded during recruit training because once recruits become Marines, it is essential for them to remain combat ready at all times.

“Physical fitness is demanded to maintain the requirements of

being a Marine. More, importantly to stay combat ready throughout their careers,” said Staff Sgt. Shawn M. Stallings, drill instructor, Platoon 2111, Co. E, 2nd RTBn. “It is also important for health reasons, performance and career advancement.”

The course begins with recruits running warm up laps and doing stretching exercises

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Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion perform inclined sit-ups during the Circuit Course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 23. The Circuit Course is a series of exercises designed to help recruits achieve high levels of physical fitness.



Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle

Recruits of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, perform a low crawl with their M16-A4 service rifles during the Crucible confidence course at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. May 21. The Crucible is designed to simulate real life combat situations that recruits must go through with minimal food and sleep.

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A4 service rifle as well. This greatly increases the difficulty of navigating the events, but the main challenge lies elsewhere.

"The main challenge recruits run into is working through the exhaustion from the sleep deprivation and lack of food," said Staff Sgt. Andrew S. Montreuil, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3262, Co. M, 3rd RTBn. "They must have the mental strength to push forward and keep moving."

The Crucible confidence course not only makes a recruit push through the physical and mental challenges, it also offers additional challenges that recruits may find will make their Crucible easier or much harder. "These events are designed to make

recruits work on teamwork, small unit leadership, and problem solving," said Montreuil, a Banning, Calif., native. "Recruits learn that they can't do it by themselves, can only move as fast as their weakest link, and realize how important it is to have good leadership."

For some recruits, this proved to be difficult to overcome during the course. Drill instructors assist and train the recruits to be disciplined, physically capable, and work in small groups, but during the Crucible it is up to them to take that knowledge and apply it.

"Our drill instructors gave us the tools to be prepared for the Crucible through physical fitness, discipline, and following commands through drill," said Recruit Leroy Coleman, Plt. 3262, Co. M, 3rd RTBn.

"Unfortunately right now we're really struggling with teamwork due to being tired and exhausted not just from the past couple of days, but from being worn down through the entire recruit training process."

The end result of all of the training events during Marine Corps Recruit Training is to make the best Marine to send to the Fleet Marine Force and maybe one day to combat. Each event helps recruits become better prepared to take on the challenges that they will face throughout their Marine Corps career.

"All of the training has helped us conquer our fears and learn to push forward through challenges," said Coleman. "Being better than we were at the beginning of recruit training will make us be better Marines."

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really push themselves and they learn what their bodies are capable of."

The CFT is made up of three timed events, starting with an 880-meter sprint in combat utility trousers and boots, known as movement-to-contact. The next event is two minutes of 30-pound ammunition-can lifts. The last and probably most demanding event is called maneuver under fire.

Recruits use their strength and agility to move quickly through a course with combat situations, such as a casualty evacuation and ammunition resupply. Each event is worth 100 points for a total of 300 and the score is based off the performance of the recruit.

"It introduces (recruits) to how physically exhausting it would be in these similar scenarios," explained Hernandez, a 32-year-old San Antonio, Texas native. "The events are intended to recreate combat scenarios, like the ammo-can lift; in combat you might have to load ammunition on the back of a 7-ton truck or up a wall, your arms will get tired after a while."

The last event, maneuver under fire, consists of a sprint to a 25-yard crawl. Recruits then sprint through cones in a zigzag pattern to a simulated casualty. Once the recruit reaches the casualty, they use two different carries, the buddy drag and fireman's carry, to transport their buddy over 75 yards back to the starting point, where they then pick up two ammunition cans and run through the same zigzag course to a dummy hand grenade. He then picks up the grenade, throws it to a designated area, does three push-ups then sprints with the ammo-cans back to the starting point.

"I feel this is the hardest for recruits," said Hernandez. "They are exhausted and are used to carrying the two 30 pound ammo-cans then they have to pick up a (dummy) grenade,



Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

A recruit of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, sprints to complete the one of the last portions of the maneuver under fire event during the final Combat Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 23. After sprinting through a zig-zagged course with two ammunition cans, the recruit is required to pick up a dummy grenade and throw it to a designated area approximately 22 yards away.

which weighs (approximately) five pounds, it's hard for them to estimate how hard to throw it."

Even though the combined physical activity of each event is no more than an estimated time of 8 minutes, the energy that recruits put into the CFT is overwhelming.

"The (maneuver under fire) is the hardest part about the CFT," said Recruit Jake Korb, Plt. 2143, Co. G, 2nd RTBn. "By that time, you're so exhausted and you just want to finish. It tests you mentally and physically and you end up pushing yourself through it."

Physical and mental endurance are important traits that every Marine must possess. Although this was their final CFT of recruit training, the recruits of Co. G will encounter

it annually throughout their Marine Corps career.

"I try to stress to my recruits the importance of getting a high score on the CFT and other physical fitness tests because it could hinder them from being promoted on time of be the determining factor of a meritorious promotion," said Hernandez. "The score they get here will follow them to their first duty station, so it is important that they push themselves here."

Co. G pushed through their final CFT, displaying physical strength and endurance, which will allow them to continue through prolonged, stressful environments. This will let the new Marines be successful in any mission throughout their Marine Corps career.

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afterward to prevent injuries.

They are then assigned to a group which is led by a drill instructor. After jogging to their first station, they begin performing the assigned exercise at the sound of a whistle. Some of the stations include pull-ups, sit-ups, leg raises, upright rows and push-ups.

During their time at each station, recruits are expected to continuously exercise until they hear a second whistle blow. They then rotate to their next station until they have

performed every exercise at least once. The constant physical exertion and the amount of exercises performed make this event challenging for recruits.

While at each station, recruits must constantly "war-cry" or repeat cadence, as instructed by their drill instructors. This helps build lung capacity and transforms it into a stressful situation.

"Working out and physical interaction are good for the body and the mind. They help you push your body past failure," said Recruit David R. Capron, Plt. 2111, Co. E, 2nd RTBn.

"It is hard. You are moving all over the place and it's somewhat chaotic but working with others physically and mentally creates a stronger bond and camaraderie."

Physical fitness is essential for Marines and the Circuit Course is just another way to make recruits physically and mentally stronger.

Now that the third week of training is over and with only a few more physical tests ahead, recruits of Co. E must continue utilizing mental and physical strength to earn the title "Marine."

## BRIEFS

### Summer Concert & Family Day

The 2013 MCRD Summer Concert and Family Day is June 8. The concert will start at 11 a.m., and go to noon, at which time Family Day activities will begin. These activities include:

- Dunk Tank
- Game Truck
- Infatable Jumpers
- Magic Show
- Food and Beverages
- Lots More

The event will wrap up at 3 p.m.

The event will be held at the Bay View Marina Club (formerly the Boathouse). Parking is available on the grassy area behind the TOQ.

Summer Concert & Family Day activities are open to all MCRD personnel and their families.

For information contact Anna Nguyen at (619) 725-6445, or via email at [nguyena@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:nguyena@usmc-mccs.org).

### Emergency Preparedness: Safe and Well website

After a disaster, letting your family and friends know that you are safe and well can bring your loved ones great peace of mind.

This website: <https://safeandwell.com-munityos.org/cms/index.php>, is designed to help make communication easier and eliminate the overloading of telephone systems.

To register yourself as "Safe and Well" click on the "List Myself as Safe and Well" button. Concerned family and friends can search the list of those who have registered by clicking on the "Search Registrants" button.

The results of a successful search will display a loved one's first name, last name and a brief message.

For information and further guidance contact G3 Mission Assurance.

### Summer Wine Dinner

The Bayview Restaurant holds its Summer Wine Dinner June 21 from 6 until 9 p.m. The event features the wines of Clos Du Bois.

The price of \$55 per active duty member and \$65 per civilian attending includes dinner, wine and gratuity.

For information call Melanie DeCosta at (619) 725-6388. Information may also be found on the web at [http://www.mccsmcrd.com/downloads/BayViewRestaurant/13\\_BV\\_Clos\\_du\\_Bois\\_Summer\\_Wine\\_Dinner\\_at\\_MCRD\\_San\\_Diego\\_Bay\\_View\\_Restaurant.pdf](http://www.mccsmcrd.com/downloads/BayViewRestaurant/13_BV_Clos_du_Bois_Summer_Wine_Dinner_at_MCRD_San_Diego_Bay_View_Restaurant.pdf).

### 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.

### Children's Summer Reading Program

This on-going program is held in Building 7 West, on the Parade Deck, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m., until 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 until 5 p.m.

Readers from pre-school to age 14, earn weekly prizes. The program runs from June 1 to July 31. For information call (619) 524-1849. Information: 619-524-1849.

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## Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "How did Memorial Day change for you when you joined the military?"



"It means more to me now than when I was a civilian. I'm not on the outside looking in anymore, I'm living it." *Cpl. Amanda Schultz, Logistics non-commissioned officer, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



"Growing up it was all about barbecues and days off, now it's more personal and significant to me. It's a day to remember and honor all the friends and brothers I've lost in the past five years." *Cpl. Daniel Contois, military police, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



"Before coming to recruit training it was just a holiday, I didn't really know the significance but now after learning more about Marine Corps history and the Marines that served before us it means so much more." *Recruit Nick Gutreuter, Medical Rehabilitation Platoon, Support Battalion*

# More To Come



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Drill instructors from Support Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, give poolees a small dose of recruit training at El Prado Park, Torrance Calif., May 18. Recruit training is an intense 13-week transformation from civilian to Marine in which recruits are tested physically and mentally.

## National Physical Fitness Competition



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Marines assist teenagers from various high schools, across the nation while they compete against one another during the 2013 National High School and JROTC Physical Fitness Championships aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 18. The competition was at a team level and players competed for the best collective score of their group. Exercises included a standing long jump, crunches, push-ups, pull-ups and a 300-yard shuttle run.



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# Recruits apply MCMAP skills in Pugil Sticks II



Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodie

A recruit of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, gets mentally prepared for his match during the Pugil Sticks II event aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 23. Staying focused on mission accomplishment and remembering the techniques recruits were taught helped many become victorious.



Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodie

Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, fight through hits from the pugil sticks during the Pugil Sticks II event aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 23. The ability to take a blow but still push forward and keep fighting is one of the lessons recruits must take away from their training.

BY LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN E. WOODIE  
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The United States Marine Corps is viewed by some as one of the fiercest fighting forces in the country. Intense mental and physical training occurs at recruit training that instills aggression, discipline, and proficiency in order to complete the mission. All of this starts at recruit training through various training events, where recruits are taught techniques and expected to execute them with basic understanding. Pugil sticks is a training event that gives recruits the opportunity to apply what they have learned by sparring with other recruits.

Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, practiced Marine Corps Martial Arts Program maneuvers and then battled each other during the Pugil Sticks II event aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 23.

Pugil sticks II is a training event that allows recruits to spar with each other with padded sticks. The goal is for a recruit to land a "killing blow" on the opposing recruit that is determined by the drill instructor refereeing the match.

The purpose of these training events is to prepare recruits for hand-to-hand combat. Practicing the techniques they learn in the MCMAP program helps familiarize recruits with proper forms. Applying the techniques on an actual opponent helps them adjust and learn from the

fast paced action.

"We make recruits go through this for the practical application of the basic fundamentals," said Sgt. Luis A. Arteaga, drill instructor, Platoon 3251, Co. L, 3rd RTBn. "This way recruits will realize how beneficial and important aggression combined with proper techniques is."

Though the main focus for pugil sticks is for a recruit to apply their MCMAP skills in a simulated real world fight, it also helps with other aspects as well. Pugil sticks can help recruits develop their aggression, discipline, and sportsmanship.

"Pugil sticks is a great way to relieve stress and blow off steam. You can take all of that internal aggression you have out on another recruit," said Recruit Marwiljo D. Caballero, Plt. 3253, Co. L, 3rd RTBn. "At the same time it helps us develop the discipline to stop when the whistle blows and the sportsmanship/team bonding where later we can tell stories and laugh to each other about the battles that took place."

Every aspect of recruit training holds critical elements recruits need to learn and carry on through their career as a Marine. They may be called upon to utilize their skills to live up to the reputation seen by some. The end game can be read throughout all of the United States Marine Corps history.

"We're Marines and Marines win fights," said Arteaga. "In order to continue to do so we need to utilize the basics of our training that start here at recruit training."



Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodie

Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, battle it out as others watch on during the Pugil Sticks II event aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 23. Drill instructors use training events like this to see which recruits will bring the most aggression and intensity out during their match.



Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodie

Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, listen to instructions for the Pugil Sticks II event aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 23. Recruits warmed up with MCMAP training and sustainment before starting the event.

# 3rd generation Marine graduates as Company M honorman



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Lance Cpl. Joshua I. Ray, company honor man, Platoon 3266, Company M, awaits the command to start an obstacle during the Crucible at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 21. The crucible is a three-day training exercise that recruits must pass before becoming Marines.

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II  
Chevron staff

**H**is grandfather was a Marine, his father was a Marine and now Lance Cpl. Joshua I. Ray, company honor man, Platoon 3266, Company M, is a Marine.

As a child, Ray said his father instilled in him all the Marine Corps traits such as commitment and integrity. This was half of what inspired him to enlist. The other piece, Ray said, was the desire to amplify the levels of those traits so he can transfer them to his children.

Although Ray came into training confident in his ability to earn the guide position, he said he had no idea his drive would lead him to be named the company honor man.

"When I think of the Marine Corps, I think of the best, the strong and the elite," said Ray, a Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., native. "I put out everything I had, but I didn't know I would be selected over so many other recruits with the same motivation."

Gunnery Sgt. Agustin Juradosegova, senior drill instructor, Plt. 3266, Co. M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, explained he believes Ray was selected because he was the most well-rounded.

"He exhibited proficiency in physical fitness, leadership and self discipline," said Juradosegova.

During Ray's company honor man interview, Juradosegova recalled Ray saying something motivational about recruit training.

"He said, 'the ever personal fear of failing himself and his platoon,'" said Juradosegova.

Although being selected honor man for Co. M and a meritorious promotion to lance corporal is something to value, with graduation coming around the corner there may be something of equal or greater importance to Ray.

When talking about his father

coming to his graduation, Ray lit up with a proud smile.

"It's probably going to be almost breath taking for him because of everything he's put into me and because he knows what type of leadership it takes to be guide," said 19-year-old Ray. "He's always told me I'm a reflection of him."

Company honor men are not selected by chance. They work, study and compete against one another. Friend and fellow platoon member Private James E. Worth, helped Ray prepare for the company honor man competition by quizzing him on Marine knowledge.

Worth said he could see the leader in him and wanted to help.

"He's such a role model. We're the same age but he's so much older and stronger than me and that just makes me want to push on stronger," said Worth.

During training both recruits helped each other out through rough patches, by encouraging one another.

However, Ray said his faith got him through the hardest times.

"God gave me the strength to push on; didn't allow me to give up," said Ray.

Prior to recruit training, Ray was studying to work in law enforcement and once done with his Marine career, he plans to utilize what he learns in the Corps in the police force.

"Being in the Marine Corps will teach me to be confident under pressure, how to take control of situations and improve my decision making skills," said Ray.

As company honor man, Ray has proven he can take control of a situation and is off to a good start to his military career. The traits he has displayed in recruit training, such as leadership and dedication, are qualities that will benefit him in the Corps or in any career he chooses to follow later.

## Col. Scott D. Campbell

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Col. Scott D. Campbell was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Course Program at the University of Oklahoma in 1987, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Military History and subsequently attended The Basic School and Infantry Officer School in Quantico, Va., from 1987-1988.

Campbell first served with 3rd Light Armored Vehicle Battalion, Twentynine Palms, Calif., as a platoon commander, Tube-launched Optically-tracked Wire-guided missile platoon commander and company commander from 1988 to 1991 and completed two unit deployments to Okinawa. He was reassigned as executive officer and guard officer for Marine Corps Security Force Company, Bermuda in 1991. Upon closure of that unit, Campbell was reassigned to Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company, 5th Platoon in Norfolk, Va., from 1992 to 1994. While there he deployed to Somalia in support of

Operation Restore Hope.

From 1994 to 1995, the colonel was assigned to USMC Technical Assistance Field Team in Saudi Arabia as the Schools and Naval Special Forces advisor. He then attended Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico from 1995 to 1996. Upon graduation, he was assigned as the inspector instructor, Co. E, 4th Reconnaissance Bn., Anchorage, Alaska from 1996 to 1999.

Campbell was then assigned as the executive officer, 2nd Reconnaissance Bn., Camp Lejeune, N.C., from 1999 to 2000. He was reassigned as the commanding officer, 2nd Force Reconnaissance Co., from 2000 to 2001. After completing his assignment, he was assigned as executive officer, 2nd Bn., 6th Marines, Camp Lejeune, from 2001 to 2002 and deployed with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), with the additional duty as Maritime Special Purpose Force Commander. Campbell was then assigned to command the Georgia Train and Equip Program in the Republic of Georgia from 2002 to 2003. He was then reassigned to a regional support office, Fort Belvoir,

Va., as the Marine liaison officer from 2003 to 2004, where he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Campbell was selected to command 2nd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Camp Lejeune, and deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, from 2004 to 2006. In 2006, he was assigned to the Naval War College as a student, graduating in November 2007 with a master's degree in international and strategic studies. From 2008 to 2010,

Campbell was assigned to U.S. Africa Command, Operations and Logistics Directorate, Stuttgart, Germany, as the Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Division chief while concurrently serving as the Counter Terrorism Branch chief.

In March 2011, he assumed his present duties as the commanding officer of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Col. Campbell's personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with

combat distinguishing device, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (third award), Joint Commendation Medal (second award), Navy Commendation Medal (fourth award), Navy Achievement Medal (second award) and the Combat Action Ribbon with Gold Star in lieu of second award. He is also a qualified combatant diver and military free-fall parachutist.

***"Marines - Congratulations to each of you on successfully completing recruit training. You have joined the many that have come before you in an elite organization that is rich in tradition. Throughout your time in the Marine Corps you will be entrusted with more responsibility than many of you are used to. You will all be challenged over the next few years whether in training or forward-deployed. The world is a dangerous place and there is no shortage of work for United States Marines in the coming years. We as Marines must be prepared to answer our nation's call. I expect each of you to uphold the proud legacy your predecessors earned throughout our Corps' illustrious history. Semper Fidelis, Marines."***





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- Pvt. J. A. Hill
- Pfc. C. J. Himmelspach
- Pvt. D. W. Hoke
- Pvt. L. E. Hostetter
- Pvt. P. N. Jim Jr.
- Pfc. S. W. Kelley
- Pvt. R. R. Keske
- Pfc. R. A. Lee
- \*Pfc. T. J. Lewis Jr.
- Pvt. D. Lujan
- Pvt. J. L. Luna
- Pfc. S. Madrid
- Pfc. I. P. Mahan
- Pvt. A. M. Mann
- Pvt. F. J. Martinez
- Pvt. R. M. Matthews
- Pfc. P. H. Mccann
- Pvt. O. Monge Jr.
- Pvt. J. J. Moran
- Pfc. R. W. Morelock
- Pfc. A. W. Mousser
- Pvt. T. Ngiraswei
- Pvt. A. Ortiz
- Pfc. A. C. Ouillette
- \*Pfc. L. K. Pearson
- Pfc. J. E. Peloquin
- Pvt. D. R. Perkins
- Pvt. K. W. Purington
- \*Pfc. D. B. Ramthun
- Pfc. G. T. Rigby
- Pfc. N. Rios Iii
- Pfc. M. D. Rissler
- Pvt. S. D. Robertson
- Pfc. R. D. Rorabaugh
- Pvt. B. R. Sluis
- Pfc. J. D. Sporleder
- Pfc. M. J. Staats
- Pvt. K. H. Stone
- Pfc. J. D. Tiemann
- Pvt. F. Trejo
- Pfc. R. Vega
- Pvt. C. J. Venegas
- Pvt. M. O. Wallace
- Pfc. J. B. White

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- Pvt. D. D. Akins
- Pvt. J. C. Aschbrenner

- Pvt. I. A. Barron
- Pfc. E. R. Blonn
- Pvt. C. A. Boaz
- Pvt. B. M. Bouwman
- \*Pfc. N. A. Burd
- Pfc. P. T. Burke
- Pvt. M. S. Burnett
- Pvt. J. L. Carter
- Pfc. J. C. Clow
- Pvt. L. Coleman Iii
- Pfc. G. G. Cunningham
- Pvt. A. M. Dizon
- \*Pfc. E. E. Dominguez Jr.
- Pvt. J. K. Figueroa
- \*Pfc. C. R. Finch
- Pvt. H. Garza Jr.
- Pvt. Z. A. Ghani-Simpson
- Pvt. T. C. Gil
- \*Pfc. C. D. Gonzales
- Pvt. M. R. Graham
- Pfc. C. M. Hamilton
- Pfc. J. L. Hanson
- Pvt. J. E. Hernandez-Romero
- Pvt. R. X. Hodowany
- Pvt. B. J. Huddleson
- Pfc. T. S. Huey
- Pvt. A. C. Iversen
- Pvt. Z. R. Jester
- Pvt. B. T. Johnson
- \*Pfc. I. E. Kelly
- Pfc. L. E. Kesterson
- Pfc. B. T. Kinsey
- Pvt. G. R. Kriewaldt
- Pfc. D. C. Kyle
- Pvt. T. K. Labby
- Pvt. C. W. Lane
- Pvt. D. N. Lehman
- Pfc. J. Liang
- Pfc. R. Licea
- Pvt. A. A. Lippert
- Pvt. R. D. Little
- Pvt. K. R. Logan
- Pvt. J. L. Marroquin
- Pvt. S. A. Marshall Jr.
- Pvt. S. Martinez Jr.
- Pvt. G. Masiel
- Pvt. S. R. Mattson
- Pvt. C. M. McCloskey
- Pvt. C. R. McGaughey
- Pfc. T. Z. Meyers
- Pvt. D. R. Middleton
- Pvt. T. W. Miller
- Pvt. A. D. Minogue
- Pfc. C. A. Montes-Castillo
- Pfc. B. A. Moore
- Pfc. C. Moreno
- Pfc. E. S. Morones
- Pvt. B. R. Mosley
- Pfc. C. A. Nieto
- Pfc. A. J. Riley

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- Pfc. J. C. Arteaga
- Pvt. A. E. Ayala
- Pvt. M. Baker
- Pvt. C. K. Bechtold
- \*Pfc. K. C. Boespfug

- Pfc. D. J. Bonati
- Pfc. B. V. Booher
- Pvt. B. A. Bostock
- Pvt. K. A. Boyer
- Pfc. J. H. Brizuela
- Pvt. S. A. Brutsch
- Pfc. D. D. Bui
- Pvt. K. A. Carvey
- Pvt. D. R. Castro
- Pvt. N. J. Christopher
- Pfc. A. M. Cioranu
- Pvt. Z. L. Claus
- Pvt. M. M. Cogdell
- Pvt. C. W. English
- Pfc. C. R. Engstrum
- Pvt. S. D. Fiebelkorn
- Pvt. W. R. Frank
- Pvt. T. J. Franks-Love
- Pfc. K. A. Gallardo
- Pvt. M. Gaxiola
- Pfc. D. A. Gentile
- Pvt. J. D. Gershon
- Pvt. D. P. Gibbs
- Pfc. K. E. Gilfillan
- Pvt. M. K. Good-Andrade
- Pfc. N. T. Grannan
- Pfc. C. E. Guzman
- Pvt. K. A. Harriot
- Pfc. B. P. Havard
- Pfc. J. A. Hayes
- \*Pfc. J. T. Heard
- Pvt. C. F. Henderson
- Pfc. J. Hernandez Jr.
- Pvt. J. Hilton
- Pfc. J. R. Hodshire
- Pvt. G. M. Jay
- Pfc. E. A. Johnson
- Pfc. S. M. Johnson
- \*Pfc. S. S. Jones
- Pfc. B. Juarez-Servin
- Pfc. D. A. Kakuk
- Pvt. M. D. Kennedy
- Pvt. R. K. Kennedy
- Pvt. J. A. Kimbrough
- Pfc. S. G. Kissler-O'Bergin
- \*Pfc. S. E. Kuntz
- Pvt. B. A. Madey
- Pvt. A. Magana
- Pvt. A. N. Major
- Pvt. D. A. Malish
- Pvt. P. A. Martin
- Pvt. P. C. Mathews
- Pvt. C. M. McDowell
- Pvt. M. D. McLean
- Pvt. N. W. Meeks
- Pvt. T. R. Mesa
- Pvt. K. M. Mikkelson
- Pvt. T. J. Moen
- \*Pfc. C. W. Moss
- Pvt. C. W. Murrieta
- Pvt. C. A. Nava

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- Pvt. D. R. Bramhall
- \*Pfc. B. D. Brewer
- Pfc. D. A. Brown
- Pfc. S. E. Burchfield

- Pvt. E. Carrillo
- Pfc. J. A. Carrillo-Hernandez
- Pvt. P. A. Cedeno
- Pvt. W. Chavarria
- Pfc. T. L. Cook
- Pvt. C. C. Davis
- Pvt. M. A. Davis
- Pvt. K. A. De La Roacha
- Pfc. N. D. DeWitt
- Pvt. J. W. Doty
- Pvt. D. R. Drummond
- Pvt. J. F. Getz
- Pvt. G. A. Gomez
- Pvt. N. L. Hardemon
- Pvt. X. A. Jones
- Pvt. S. A. Ledbetter
- Pvt. D. Martinez
- \*Pfc. W. C. McCastle
- Pvt. K. T. Nichols
- Pvt. K. A. Pena
- Pfc. B. A. Probert
- Pvt. T. J. Reihl
- Pvt. J. C. Reyes
- Pvt. R. Rodriguez
- \*Pfc. R. Roetcisoender
- Pvt. J. E. Rogers
- Pvt. E. G. Romero
- Pvt. W. J. Rowbal
- Pvt. C. D. Salazar
- Pfc. J. Salter
- Pvt. R. M. Sanchez
- Pvt. T. A. Sargent
- Pvt. P. T. Schaufele
- Pfc. N. Shepard
- Pvt. K. J. Smith
- Pvt. P. B. Smith
- Pvt. T. J. Smith
- Pvt. E. J. Solorio-Mendez
- Pfc. R. A. Stack
- Pvt. J. L. Strand
- Pvt. T. C. Strickland
- Pvt. S. A. Stroup
- Pvt. R. Suarez
- Pfc. K. B. Summers
- Pvt. T. D. Sundsmo
- Pvt. J. D. Swift
- Pvt. G. Tafoya
- Pfc. J. D. Tapang
- Pvt. D. W. Thomas
- Pvt. E. A. Twitchell
- Pvt. H. Vasquez Jr.
- Pvt. L. E. Velazquez
- Pfc. H. T. Vickroy
- Pvt. T. A. Vollmer
- Pvt. N. D. Ward
- Pfc. C. J. Warner
- Pfc. J. P. Washington
- Pvt. T. D. Watts
- Pvt. M. Wilson
- Pvt. T. W. Wright
- \*Pfc. T. J. Wright
- Pvt. J. Yang
- Pvt. D. L. Zimmerman

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- Pvt. C. B. Aaron
- Pfc. C. D. Amaro

- Pfc. C. J. Besario
- Pfc. M. J. Casterline
- Pvt. T. L. Evans Jr.
- Pvt. J. Z. Garcia
- Pvt. D. M. Lang
- Pfc. K. M. Lintner
- Pfc. C. C. Markee
- Pvt. M. J. Mefferd
- Pfc. N. E. Michels
- Pfc. Z. T. Miller
- Pvt. B. A. Morris
- Pvt. C. D. Neal
- Pvt. J. N. Neyer
- Pvt. J. V. Nordstrom
- Pvt. B. D. Norseen
- Pvt. T. A. Nutt
- Pfc. I. H. Orozco
- Pfc. C. S. Oxender
- Pvt. R. D. Parish Iii
- Pvt. M. E. Parks
- Pfc. N. V. Pedroza
- \*Pfc. A. Pena
- Pvt. C. T. Phillips
- Pfc. B. T. Piper
- Pvt. C. L. Ragozzino
- \*Pfc. A. G. Ramirez
- Pvt. J. R. Raney
- Pvt. J. M. Rasmussen
- \*Lance Cpl. J. I. Ray
- Pfc. W. A. Reau
- Pfc. J. D. Reineccius
- Pfc. M. T. Reisinger Jr.
- Pfc. J. A. Rendon Jr.
- Pvt. R. A. Rivera-Alvarado
- Pvt. D. L. Roberds
- Pvt. S. T. Robin
- Pvt. O. Rodriguez
- \*Pfc. N. D. Romero-Maldonado
- \*Pfc. J. L. Ross
- Pvt. M. L. Sann
- Pfc. C. A. Schultz
- Pfc. A. H. Scott
- Pvt. R. Serrano
- Pfc. K. A. Shalloup
- \*Pfc. S. M. Sharaf
- Pfc. C. D. Silva
- Pvt. J. Singh
- Pvt. M. T. Smith
- Pvt. T. K. Smith
- Pvt. R. Sosagarcia
- Pvt. G. M. Spano
- Pfc. D. D. Stegman
- Pvt. N. L. Tipton
- Pvt. A. Velador
- Pfc. C. M. Vielstich
- Pvt. D. E. Walsh
- Pvt. T. J. Ward
- Pvt. C. J. Welker
- Pvt. T. M. Wildman
- Pvt. J. S. Wilson
- Pvt. B. R. Wood
- Pvt. K. N. Wooters
- Pfc. D. C. Worrell
- Pvt. J. E. Worth
- Pfc. N. L. York
- Pvt. G. Zapata
- Pvt. C. A. Zuniga-Hernandez



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, perform a function check on an M16-A4 service rifle during the practical application test May 21. Recruits must know how to properly disassemble and reassemble the weapon, and complete a function check to ensure it can properly fire

## Co. A excels during basic skills examination

BY LANCE CPL. PEDRO CARDENAS  
*Chevron staff*

During recruit training, future Marines must learn and master many new skills in order to graduate.

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, took their final academic evaluation aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 21. The evaluation, a practical application, requires extreme concentration because it covers so much information, testing recruits' mastery of combat first aid, weapons functionality, general Marine Corps knowledge and procedures to be followed when reporting to a newly-assigned duty station.

Recruits must pass this test in

order to graduate recruit training and because proficiency in these skills will be required throughout their military careers.

"The biggest thing is knowing the basics about uniforms, rank structures and basic first aid," said Sgt. Logan P. Thompson, drill instructor, Platoon 1003, Co. A, 1st RTBn.

"They have to understand that this material can be used in combat or in the fleet during their careers.

"They need to apply their knowledge so they are not one step behind everyone else," he continued. "This affects every part of their career."

The practical application test is designed to prepare recruits for what will be expected of them after graduating from recruit training.

The test begins with recruits answering basic knowledge questions from various topics, such as Marine Corps history, articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Marine Corps regulations and field environment skills.

Recruits must know uniform regulations and be able to recognize rank indicators.

They (the recruits) must assemble an M16-A4 service rifle and perform a function check on it.

The next step in the evaluation is to perform a new duty station check-in procedure before they finally perform combat first aid on a simulated casualty.

During the combat first aid portion of the evaluation, recruits must low-crawl to their simulated

victim (a life-size dummy) and diagnose one of three possible wounds – a sucking chest wound, a chemical burn or an open fracture.

Once they have made their diagnoses, the recruits are expected to give the simulated victim the proper treatment, then provide security until further assistance arrives.

While providing aid, recruits must constantly talk to the simulated victim to prevent them from entering a state of shock in order to successfully pass the evaluation.

Recruits must know the correct first aid procedures and perform them confidently.

"Combat first aid is very important because it lets us build that base that may be necessary out in

the fleet. It gives recruits a chance to learn and develop skills and practices that are life-saving for Marines," said Recruit Martin W. Belden, Plt. 1003, Co. A, 1st RTBn. "We practice different scenarios generally for at least an hour, five to six days a week. It gives the basic skills necessary during our career as Marines."

Passing the practical examination means recruits move on to the next phase of training. If they fail they must stay back until they are proficient in every area.

Although some of these skills and knowledge seem basic, they are designed to set up recruits for success. With only a few physical tests ahead, polishing their basic skills will assist recruits of Co. A in their journey as they become United States Marines.



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

A recruit from Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, demonstrates proficiency in combat first aid during the practical application test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 21. Recruits must perform proper first aid techniques with confidence on a simulated casualty in order to pass this portion of the test.