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## Recruits run their final Physical Fitness Test

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Marines complete a variety of tests throughout the year to maintain combat readiness. The Physical Fitness Test is one of the last things recruits face during recruit training.

Recruits of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, completed their final PFT aboard the depot, Aug. 29.

Marines are required to take the PFT annually, which is used to gauge their level of fitness.

“The PFT prepares Marines for combat conditions along with the Combat Fitness Test,” said Sgt. Julio A. Aguayo, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3270. “The PFT can go towards promotions and advancing to higher ranks.”

The test is made up of three events: a timed three-mile run, a maximum set of pull-ups and a maximum set of crunches in two minutes. For a maximum score, recruits have to perform an 18 minute three-mile run, 20 pull-ups and 100 crunches achieving 100 points per exercise for a total score of 300.

The PFT trains recruits to have high endurance, strong upper bodies and a strong core, explained Aguayo, a Stockton, Calif., native.

Recruits run an initial PFT during the first phase of recruit training to give them an idea of what to expect, see where they’re at and what they need to improve for the final PFT during third phase. The initial PFT is run for practice, but the final PFT is ran for a score and goes on their record.

“I brief all my recruits about the PFT and try to give them motivation before beginning the test,” said Aguayo. “Drill instructors will run the three mile course with the recruits and make them push themselves through the pull-ups and crunches for extra motivation.”

Most recruits notice a big improvement in their scores from their initial PFT to their final PFT, because of the training they go through in recruit training. Recruits are put through daily physical challenges with events such as long distance hikes, boots and utes runs, confidence course, obstacle course, circuit course, and several others throughout recruit training.

“I knew what to expect out of the course the second time I ran the PFT for my final score,” said Recruit Parker A. Dixon. “I can still use some

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(From left to right) Police Cpl. M. L. Hayden, Cpl. P. S. Powell, Staff Sgt. D. E. Cohn, and Police Cpl. K. P. Workman enter a building aboard the depot, Sept. 9. The special reaction team is part of the depot’s Provost Marshal Office and was a large part of their success during the accreditation process.

## Depot’s MP sets new standard

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It is one thing to pass an assessment but for the depot’s Provost Marshal Office, passing was an understatement.

The military police here became the first department in the Marine Corps to pass their accreditation assessment the first time coupled with high passing scores during the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, Aug. 19-22.

“This accreditation happens every three years

and it is rare that an office will pass the first time around,” said Grant V. Frey, accreditation team leader, executive director of Marine Corps Police Academy West. “Not only did they meet the minimum standards, they exceeded them greatly.”

The assessment is broken down into three sections or tiers. Tier one includes elements of safety, injury, and liability or authority. Tier two is the law enforcement skills and tier three consists of good order and discipline.

“The accreditation contains 16 functional areas,

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## Field Company brushes up on skills in Edson Range competition

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**Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.** – Marines of Field Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, raced in a squad competition at Edson

Range, Aug. 23.

The purpose of the competition was for the Marines to stay proficient in their infantry skills especially since they teach recruits infantry tactics.

Proficiency in their field skills is important for Marines of Field Company because recruits spend

the majority of week seven of recruit training, known as Field Week, implementing small unit tactics such as land navigation, patrolling, camouflaging, hand and arm signals and hiking.

“Most of the Marines in my company are infantrymen and in order for them to stay proficient

in their skills, we have to include those basic skills in their physical training,” said 1st Sgt. Randy L. Jackson, Field Co. first sergeant, WFTBn. “This training is going to help them when they give recruits classes, making them more effective instructors.”

Before the competition began, 10 items were placed on a mat for Marines to memorize. Then, the race started with a two-mile combat utility uniform and boots run to the Obstacle Course.

Once they arrived, each squad went through the O-Course twice without leaving any member behind.

The O-Course is a series of obstacles. First, Marines began by pulling their body weight over a raised bar. They then had to balance across wood beams, hurdle over walls and then climb to the top of a 20-foot rope.

If a Marine was not able to climb the rope, they had to perform 25 repetitions of a difficult workout.

Upon the first completion of the O-Course, the squad leader requested a fire mission. A call for fire usually contains the type

of fire and location of the target. Once the request went through, the squad had to complete the course a second time.

After the O-course, the Marines performed a casualty evacuation drill. The squad leaders received an injury card, stating the body part and injury to the casualty, while a designated member of the squad performed first aid on a simulated victim. Then, the squad transported the injured Marine to an evacuation zone, which was marked by an orange cone.

Some squads took turns carrying their simulated casualty while other squads decided to carry the casualty on a stretcher, which distributed the weight evenly.

Once they arrived to the evacuation zone, Marines had to set a security perimeter of 40 feet by 40 feet to provide a landing zone for a medical evacuation aircraft.

“The landing zone drill is important during a medical evacuation. Especially in Afghanistan, you have to establish an LZ. You

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Sgt. Fernando Sotelo (far right), field instructor, Field Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, leads a medical evacuation drill with members of his squad during a squad competition at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 23. The simulated casualty was hit with an Improvised Explosive Device blast and was missing his left leg from the knee down.



Recruits with Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, complete their timed three mile run for the final Physical Fitness Test aboard the depot, Aug. 29. Co. M then performed their timed crunches for two minutes to complete the PFT.

#### PFT ◀ 1

improvement on my pull-ups, but I felt a lot better the second time running the course.”

Motivation from the drill instructors

helped the whole platoon push through the pain when it was getting difficult, explained Dixon, a Carnation, Wash. native.

“Holding my position as guide, I knew I had to push myself for a high score to

uphold my spot as a leader,” said 18-year-old Dixon.

High physical fitness is demanded of Marines. The PFT trains recruits to reach the peak of their fitness and prepare them for their future in the Marine Corps.



Sgt. Jason E. Aldrich, field instructor, Field Company, Weapons Field Training Battalion, carries a stretcher with other members of his squad to a landing zone during a squad competition at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 23. The Marines needed to reach the landing zone to medically evacuate the simulated casualty via aircraft.

#### FIELD ◀ 1

have to account for your environment because you can't just land a bird just anywhere,” said Sgt. Fernando Sotelo, field instructor and a San Diego native.

When the evacuation drill concluded, the Marines ran approximately two miles back to base camp. There, they wrote down and described in detail all 10 objects shown

to them at the beginning of the race in an allotted amount of time. This was part of a game known as a K.I.M., or Keep in Memory, which is used for Marines to observe the environment around them for intelligence gathering.

Throughout the competition, Marines of each squad had to remain together, which promoted team work.

Every part of the course was a simulation

of a combat environment. During a combat deployment, their expertise may help during a mission or save the life of a fellow Marine.

“Everything we did today, call for fire, casualty evacuation and establishing landing zones, you will encounter in an active combat area,” said Sotelo. “That little thing you may have remembered on that patrol can probably help you the next time around.”

#### PMO ◀ 1

which contain a total of 272 data points that are pulled from a published directive,” said Frey, a Honolulu, HI native.

“We scored a 100 percent on tier one, a 96.6 percent on tier two, and a 95 percent on tier three,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel E. Cohn, Assistant special reaction team commander and team leader.

The minimum passing scores for this accreditation process was a 100 percent for tier one, an 85 percent for tier two and a 75

percent for tier three.

Although the assessment took four days to complete, the PMO had 18 months to prepare for it.

“It's hard to keep up on things for 18 months, we really started cracking down with getting things prepared and ready in about January 2013,” said Cohn. A native of Bronx, NY.

According to Sandra K. Quamme, military police administrative clerk, there was not one person who can take all of the credit for achieving the scores that the PMO of-

fice did, it was a collaborative effort.

“Everyone in the office came together as a team and gets the office ready for inspection. Even if it included long hours of preparation, it all paid off at the end,” said Quamme, a Santee, Calif. native. “We have always kept up on our work so when it came down to it, really nothing had to be done except for making sure everything was cleaned and organized.”

Although the PMO passed the accreditation assessment, the entire process will be completed in November 2013.

## BRIEFS

### Are you prepared?

September is National Preparedness Month! Be the Hero! Make a difference for yourself, your community and our nation. Do one or all of the following:

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For information contact G-3, Mission Assurance, at (619) 524-8432.

### Youth sports

Flag football and cheerleading registration is on-going and will continue through Oct. 4, for the up-coming season.

Participants may register and pay fees at Building 6 East. The fee for flag football is \$40 for active, and \$45 for non-active duty. The cheerleading fee is \$88.

Game and practice dates are to be determined. For information call Rafa Aceves at (619) 524-8382 or go to [www.mccsmcrd.com/FamilyCare/YouthSports/index.html](http://www.mccsmcrd.com/FamilyCare/YouthSports/index.html)

### Feed the Homeless

The Single Marine Program monthly trip to Father Joe's Village is Monday from 3:30 until 7 p.m.

Support San Diego's homeless community.

For information contact Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240, or via e-mail at [davisjp@usmc.mccs.org](mailto:davisjp@usmc.mccs.org)

### MCRD Bowling League

The MCRD Bowling League kicks off Tuesday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Recreation Center.

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For information, or to register, contact Brent Poser from Semper Fit [poserb@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:poserb@usmc-mccs.org), or by calling (619) 524-8237.

### Bayview closure

The Bay View Restaurant will be closed for lunch Sept. 20.

The Bay View will serve breakfast from 6:30 until 9 a.m., Friday.

Additional depot lunch options include:

- The Locker Room, Recreation Center
- Starbucks
- Marine Mart
- The Food Trucks Exchange Mall

### Brown Bag seminar

There will be a Financial Brown Bag Seminar Friday, in the Personal and Professional Development Classroom, Building 14, from 11:30 a.m., until 1 p.m. The topic is “Rental Property Ownership as an Investment.”

Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

To register call (619) 524-5728. For information call Michael McIsaac at (619) 524-1204.

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# Around the depot

**This week the Chevron asks: "How did 9/11 affect you?"**



"I was only six or seven but just knew we were attacked. It still had a big impact on me though as from that point forward I knew I would join the military and help fight back." *Pfc. Adam D. Glasser, supply clerk, Recruit Training Regiment*



"It affected the way I saw the world. I always thought America was untouchable, but at the same time it showed how well and strong we can come together as a nation." *Lance Cpl. Jesus A. Palma, new joins clerk, Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



"It was the basis and motivation for me to join, supporting the cause to go after the organization behind the attacks." *Lance Cpl. Hunter A. Wagner, separations clerk, finance office, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



"9-11 shocked me. I don't want that to ever happen again and do what I can to protect family and country." *Lance Cpl. Gabriel Nava, order and promotions clerk, 12th Marine Corps District*

# 101 Days of Summer finale



*Pfc. Jericho Crutcher*

Cpl. Christopher J. Rosakranse, escort, Marine Corps Absentee Collection Unit, right, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Luke Sweeny, hospitalman, left, perform 10 pull-ups at the first station of the 101 Days of Summer competition finale aboard the depot, Aug. 30. Challengers in the competition must race through the course two at a time while being timed, performing pull-ups, box jumps, dead lifts and jumping ropes along the way. The 101 Days of Summer program hosts various fitness challenges throughout the summer, in which participants are awarded points that go toward their command's total. The command with the most participation points at the end of the summer is awarded a cash prize.

## Montford Point graduate visits DI reunion barbecue



*Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle*

Retired Sgt. Maj. E. L. Mayfield, left, former sergeant major of the Marine Forces Reserve, retired Gunnery Sgt. J. T. Inge, center, Camp Montford Point graduate and retired Sgt. Maj. Harold G. Overstreet, right, 12th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, reminisce about their time in the Corps during the West Coast Drill Instructor Association reunion barbecue aboard the depot, Sept. 6. Inge, who currently resides in San Diego, attended the original segregated recruit training depot, Camp Montford Point, in Jacksonville, N.C., in 1946. On June 25, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802, which barred government agencies and federal contractors from refusing employment in industries engaged in defense production on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin. On June 28, 2012, Inge, along with other Montford Point graduates, were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for performing "an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture," according to a Montford Point Marine Association press release.



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## Recruits introduced to close quarter combat

STORY & PHOTOS  
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Marines are trained to be prepared for any combat situations they may find themselves in, including close combat with a bayonet and rifle. Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, took their first strikes in Bayonet Techniques and Pugil Sticks training aboard the depot, Aug. 28.

Bayonet Techniques and Pugil Sticks are both part of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, which is taught throughout recruit training. It is meant to instill hand-to-hand combat skills.

"These techniques are the basic fundamentals on how to defend yourself against an enemy when you run out of ammunition or your weapon malfunctions," said Sgt. Richard E. Merryman, drill instructor, Platoon 1025.

During this event, recruits learned the vertical slash, horizontal and vertical butt stroke, disrupt, combat glide, and offensive and defensive maneuvers.

There are two different ways recruits are taught while in recruit training, verbally with demonstration and through repetition. Drill instructors prefer verbal method with demonstration because they can break down each part of the technique step by step, ac-

ording to Merryman, a native of Washington D.C.

After the recruits are taught verbally and shown a demonstration, they practice the move to ensure they understand how to properly perform it. Then they are put to the test.

Recruits went through the Bayonet Assault Course which contains obstacles, such as tires that resemble enemies and trenches that recruits must jump into in order to reach the target. Recruits work together as a team to help them understand the fundamentals of team work.

"We put them through half of the bayonet assault course so they can practice what they learned," said Merryman. They will return in about a week or so to complete the course."

Practicing these techniques gets the recruits ready for the main event of the day, Pugil Sticks I.

"Recruits always get excited to do Pugil Sticks," said Recruit Devan R. Woodruff, guide, platoon 1027. "I was looking forward to it."

During Pugil Sticks I, recruits put on protective gear such as a helmet, mouth guard, groin protector and flak jacket to battle another recruit within ten pounds of their weight.

Recruits use a Pugil Stick, a stick with a cushion on each end, one red and one black. The red part simulates a bayonet on a rifle while the black part simulates the butt stock.

Each recruit has three 30 second matches; one for offense, one for defense and one for a free-for-all in which the recruits battle each other using both offensive and defensive techniques.

"Recruits are put into different positions to know how to react if they are defending themselves or being the attacker," said Merryman.

There are three stages of bayonet techniques and Pugil Sticks in recruit training. Each stage gets more advanced for the recruits and is harder to execute.

The recruits of Co. B are just beginning their MCMAP training, they have two more Pugil Stick events to go through. The next one is at the end of Phase One and the final event is at the end of recruit training.



Recruit Mitchell E. Payonk, Platoon 1027, Company B, is next in line to compete against another recruit in Pugil Sticks aboard the depot, Aug. 28. Recruits must run into the pit with their Pugil Stick up and war crying when it is their turn to battle.



Company B recruits use teamwork while running the depot's Bayonet Assault Course because some of the obstacles cannot be done by one person.



Two recruits go head to head in Pugil Sticks I aboard the depot, Aug. 28. Recruits fought until one received a deadly blow from his opponent.



Another purpose of the Bayonet Assault Course is to give recruits an opportunity to practice techniques they have just learned.



Recruits of Company B get into the prone position during an obstacle on the Bayonet Assault Course. Recruits learn how to work as a team during this course.



**Pfc. Ryan T. Bobbit of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, rushes to complete Copeland's Assault Course during the Crucible at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 4. Bobbit was meritoriously promoted to private first class for his performance during recruit training.**

## Determined Marine steamrolls recruit training

STORY & PHOTO BY  
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To some the Marine Corps provides an opportunity to travel the world while serving their nation. For others, the Corps is a gateway to a better life.

Pfc. Ryan T. Bobbit of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, grew up in San Antonio in an underprivileged home without a father, but it is through the Corps he begins to thrive and prosper.

Bobbit's mother spent most of her time working to provide for him and his sister.

Bobbit explained there were times his mother would come home from work and he would ask her what the family was going to eat for dinner, only to realize there wasn't much.

"We had food but it was al-

ways the same, beans and rice," said Bobbit. "It was hard going back to school, seeing other kids with brand new shoes and clothes all the time and I was still wearing the same clothes from the year before that didn't really fit anymore."

Bobbit did not have a father in his childhood. Growing up in a poor household without a father, he looked up to his uncle, a retired Army soldier, to guide him.

Bobbit took on the role as the man of the house, and as such, began to look for ways to provide for his family. His uncle offered him a job in the construction field at the age of 14. As he began to earn money, he helped with the essentials of his home by assisting his mother to pay some of the household bills.

Nevertheless, he did not let his household role interfere with his education. He played

football and, even with work and extra-curricular activities, graduated high school with a 3.7 grade point average.

"You realize you don't have a whole lot there for you, so I decided to enlist in the Marine Corps," said 18-year-old Bobbit, who shipped to recruit training June 17.

Most aspects of Bobbit's life have been difficult, including recruit training.

"Nothing has been easy for him. Everything was a challenge but he won't quit, he won't stop. He is a determined kid," said Staff Sgt. Andrew S. Montreuil, senior drill instructor. "You put a wall in front of him and he will find a way to get through it."

During the second phase of training at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Bobbit rolled his ankle several times during company

hikes. He was diagnosed with a convulsion fracture, where the ligaments around the ankle are so tight they begin to chip away the bone around it.

"I fractured my ankle, which was swollen about three times its regular size," said Bobbit. "I was able to push through it and finish all the hikes with my platoon."

Bobbit's senior drill instructor attests to his determination. Montreuil explained, Bobbit did not stop pushing his body during training, even after he had just recovered from his injury.

Montreuil said Bobbit has potential to excel in the Marine Corps and has demonstrated just that during recruit training; he was meritoriously promoted to private first class.

"He wants a better life than where he came from and that's his motivation," said Montreuil, a Banning, Calif., native. "He

has limitless potential. I would not be surprised if he comes back in 10 years as a drill instructor to give a little bit back to the Marine Corps."

For Bobbit, finishing recruit training was more than just pride, it was about moving away from his childhood life and succeeding.

"You can't get anywhere in life without honesty. I want to be a better person and live an honest life," said Bobbit. "The Marine Corps is all about Honor, Courage and Commitment and I want to be committed to what I'm about to do."

After graduation, Bobbit is scheduled to attend Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Then, he will move on to technical school in Pensacola, Fla., where he will learn his Military Occupation Specialty, aviation rotor technician.

### Brig. Gen. John P. Brickley

#### Parade Reviewing Officer

Brig. Gen. John P. Brickley retired from the Marine Corps on August 1, 1991 after 30 years of active service. Brickley was born in Somerville, Mass. He attended the College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., earning a Bachelor of Science degree in history. He was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation in June 1961.

Upon completion of the Officers' Basic School in Quantico, Va., Brickley was assigned as a rifle platoon commander in 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan. He was promoted to first lieutenant in December 1962.

Brickley's next assignment was as the guard officer and executive officer for Marine Barracks, Newport, R.I. He was promoted to captain in September 1965, and returned to Quantico in July 1966, where he served as an instructor, platoon commander, and company executive of-

ficer at The Basic School.

In November 1967, Brickley reported to the 3rd Marine Division, where he served as a company commander in the 9th Marine Air Base and 26th Marine Regiment at Khe Sanh, Vietnam. He was assigned to Marine Barracks, U.S. Naval Base, Boston, Mass., while recovering from wounds. He was promoted to major in November 1969.

Upon graduation in 1971, Brickley was assigned to Headquarters, Fleet Marine Forces Pacific, where he served in the Plans and Policy Branch, the G-1, and as Aide-de-Camp for the commanding general, FMFPAC.

Brickley reported to the 2nd Marine Division in April 1974 and served as the 8th Marine Regiment S-3, the 34th MAU (LF6F 1-76) S-3, and the division staff secretary. He attended the Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I., in 1977, where he was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

After graduating in June 1978, Brickley returned to Okinawa and served as the commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. From July 1979 to June 1980, he attended the Air

War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Upon graduation, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., where he served as the head, Allocations Section, Manpower Control Branch.

In June 1982, he was reassigned as the special assistant and military aide to the Secretary of the Navy. He was promoted to colonel in October 1982.

In May 1984, Brickley returned to Camp Lejeune and served as the commanding officer, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. Upon his change of command in November 1986, he served as the A/CS G-1 for 2nd Marine Division. In December 1986 he was selected for promotion to brigadier general, and was promoted in October 1987.

In August 1987, Brickley was assigned as the director, Education Center/commander, Marine Corps Schools. In May 1988, Brickley was designated deputy director, Marine Air-Ground Training and Education Center, and as Inspector General of the Marine Corps. He then served as commanding general, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, Calif., until August 1991.

Brickley's personal decorations include: the Distinguished Service Medal; the Legion of Merit with one gold star; Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; Purple Heart; Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V"; Combat Action Ribbon; Presidential Unit Citation; Navy Unit Commendation; and the Meritorious Unit Commendation with two bronze stars.





**Platoon 3274** COMPANY HONOR MAN Lance Cpl. B. C. Armbruster Santa Clarita, Calif. Recruited by Sgt. J. Ruiz  
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A drill instructor leads recruits from Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, around a half-mile course as they carried a log during log drills aboard the depot, Aug. 27. The recruits performed various exercises such as squats, curls and overhead presses using teamwork to keep the log aloft as they made their way around the course.

## Recruits perform log drills using teamwork

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During the third week of recruit training, recruits find challenges that force them to come together as a platoon.

Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, learned how to work as a unit and the meaning of camaraderie as they made their way through log drills aboard the depot, Aug. 27.

The log drill event requires

recruits to work as a team as they carry a log through a half-mile course.

"The course teaches recruits leadership and how to work together in a stressful situation or environment," said Staff Sgt. Victor Rodriguez, drill instructor, Platoon. 3245. "They start and finish together, building the camaraderie needed to complete the mission as a unit."

Marines are trained to be a unified force, explained Rodriguez, a San Diego, Calif., native.

Before the course began,

recruits warm up with stretches and sprints in their boots and woodland combat utility uniforms. The recruits are separated into squads of 13 and given a period of instruction on what will be demanded of them during the drill. Recruits are expected to carry a log for a half-mile performing various exercises together.

Recruits at first struggled working as a small unit, but soon realized the only way to get through the course is by working together using small unit leadership. In order for

the drills to go smoothly, one recruit will take charge by synchronizing everyone's footsteps as they march with the log on their right shoulder.

Cadence commands such as "left foot, right foot" were given by the squad leader to prevent recruits from tripping over each other and move more smoothly through the course.

"In order for the exercises to work smoothly, we had to come together as one, which didn't happen in the beginning," said Recruit Jonathan J. Velarde, Plt. 3246. "Once our group realized

the techniques were easier to perform as a team effort, things became a lot easier."

It's easier to work smarter not harder, and the easiest way to work this course is as a unit, explained Velarde, a Newburg, Calif., native.

The log drills consist of squats, push-ups and curls that each squad of recruits perform together.

At certain areas of the circular course, recruits were instructed to stop and perform one of the exercises, such as squats.

Recruits simultaneously squat down with the log on their right shoulder until their legs were at a 90 degree angle. When given the command by a drill instructor, recruits repeat the exercise until a whistle is blown signaling them to march in step to the next portion of the course.

After they made their way around the entire half-mile course, recruits gladly returned the log to the ground together, completing the course.

While making the transition into Marines, recruits will use teamwork during their final test, the Crucible.

The Crucible is a 54-hour test of endurance, requiring joint effort, in which recruits must conquer more than 30 different obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation.

Recruits of Co. L continue to learn the importance of teamwork which will help them throughout recruit training.



Recruits carried logs around a half-mile course during log drills. Teamwork played a key roll in overcoming the log drill event as the recruits marched to cadences from one exercise site to the next, helping them to stay in step.

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