

Depot welcomes new sergeant major

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Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels retired and turned over his duties as the sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region to Sgt. Maj. James K. Porterfield during a Post and Relief Ceremony at Shepherd Field, Oct. 25.

During the ceremony, the sword of office was taken from the current sergeant major by the commanding general, signifying the relinquishing of his duty. The sword was then given to the incoming sergeant major.

Porterfield was born November, 1970 in Jacksonville, Fla. He enlisted in the Marine Corps March 1989 and completed recruit training at MCRD San Diego.

Prior to his assignment to the depot, Porterfield was the sergeant major of Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. from December 2011 until his selection to his current post October 2013.

Porterfield holds numerous personal decorations, some in-



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Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, congratulates Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels after presenting him with the Legion of Merit medal (gold star in lieu of second award) during a Post and Relief Ceremony at Shepherd Field, Oct. 25. Daniels retires after 31 years of service.

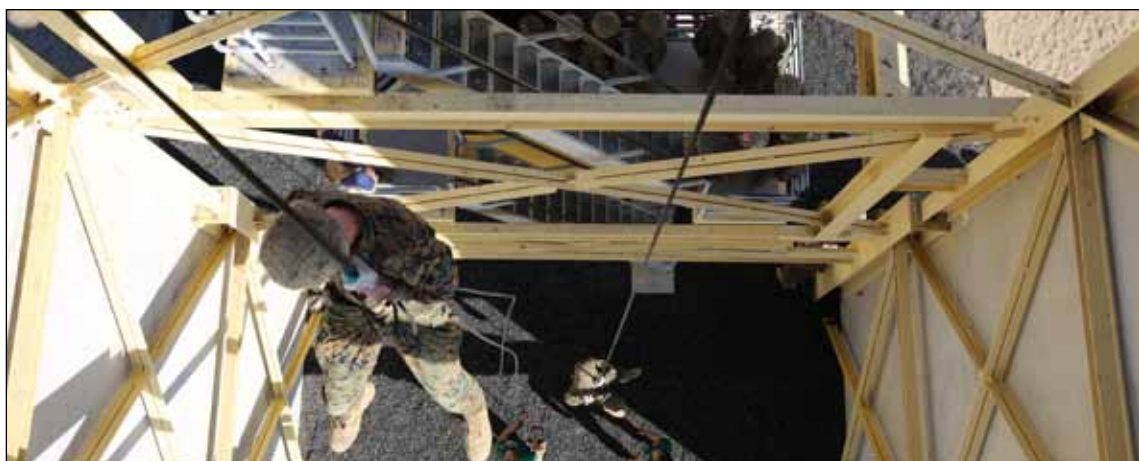
cluding the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

with Combat Distinguishing Device and two Gold Stars. Porterfield also has a Bachelors' Degree in Public Administration

from Roger Williams University and was a Distinguished Graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy.

During the ceremony, Porterfield addressed the Marines of

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Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, rappel down the “hell hole” during rappel tower training Oct. 18. The rappel tower consists of a 15-foot fast rope rappel station, a 60-foot side wall rappel station, and a 60-foot center hole (hell hole) rappel station.

Confidence overcomes fear on Rappel Tower

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As Recruit Andres S. Kashani climbed up the stairs of the 60-foot rappel tower, he became plagued with uncertainty. Staring at it for the past 10 weeks, his time had finally come to conquer not only the tower, but himself.

Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, built confidence in themselves by conquering the rappel tower aboard the depot, Oct. 18.

“The purpose of the rappel tower is to build confidence within the recruits,” said Sgt.

Robert A. Wharton, drill instructor, Platoon 3241. “There are recruits that haven’t been that high before so this is a big fear for some to overcome.”

Co. L recruits began the event by receiving a class from one of the Instructional Training Company instructors about the proper techniques to descend on the rope. They were taught how to use their “strong hand” and “brake hand” to control themselves.

Sitting there staring at the tower, a recruit was already battling with the challenge he was about to face.

“I always like to be in con-

trol so this was difficult for me to face,” said Kashani, an Eagle Pass, Texas native. “I imagined myself going up those first set of stairs and got real nervous, I was crippling myself before the event even began.”

First was the fast-rope. Fast roping is a method used to quickly insert troops into an area by air. For recruits, they would slide down a 15-foot rope while grabbing it tightly and wrapping their feet around. Due to the short distance of the rope, once a recruit hits the ground he needs

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Running for Semper Fi Fund

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Semper Fidelis is the official Marine Corps motto, Latin for always faithful. It is a permanent reminder of how Marines always look out for each other.

For Staff Sgt. Sara M. Pacheco, her passion for running lets her give back to injured Marines and the Corps.

She will be running the Boston Marathon in support of the Semper Fi Fund.

The Semper Fi Fund is a non-profit organization set up to provide financial help for needs that arise during hospitalization, recovery and assistance for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families.

“As a Marine, I feel what we do best is help each other out,”

said Pacheco, an Ottawa, Kan., native. “I thought, what better way to capitalize on the fact that I’m healthy enough to qualify and run the Boston Marathon.”

Pacheco, travel staff non-commissioned officer in charge, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, is an avid runner who keeps a tough training schedule. She considers her “rest days” to be days where she only runs three miles. According to Pacheco, she never thought

she was fast or disciplined enough to run marathons. Now, marathon running is her hobby.

Pacheco believes running is a powerful yet underused form

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Staff Sgt. Sara M. Pacheco, travel staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, runs through the streets of Washington D.C. during the 37th Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 27, 2012. Pacheco qualified for the Boston Marathon with a time of 3 hours, 23 minutes.



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Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, is ready to pass the sword of office to Sgt. Maj. James K. Porterfield during a Post and Relief Ceremony for MCRD San Diego and WRR, Oct. 25. The ceremonial passing of the sword of office represents the passing of duties and accomplishments from one sergeant major to another. Outgoing Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels (right) retires after 31-years of service.

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the depot and laid out guidance for his tenure here.

"I look forward to serving as your sergeant major, I look forward to getting out and seeing what you do, but most importantly, I look forward to being there when you need somebody," said Porterfield. "I will set the example for the depot because it's not about me, it's about our institution and our institutional core values of honor, courage, and commitment."

Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman, com-

manding general, MCRD San Diego and WRR, gave a speech with endless praises for the retiring Daniels.

"Thank you for putting your retirement on hold and for being my sergeant major for my first three months as the commanding general," said Bierman. "Our time here has been short, but I am really and truly honored to count you as a friend. I'm a better Marine, officer, and man from having spent these last 90 days with you. Know that you leave with the true respect and best wishes of myself and every single other Marine in this command."

Daniels took over as the depot sergeant major May 2010. During his time as sergeant major, Daniels advised and assisted over 2,239 recruiters and staff, 1,484 drill instructors, and 1,189 support personnel in obtaining and maintaining superior performance.

After 31 years of faithful service, Daniels said goodbye to the Corps and his fellow Marines.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart," said Daniels. "If ever I can do anything for you please let me know. Thank you for staying motivated and Semper Fidelis."

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to quickly get out of the way as the next recruit was already coming down above them.

The last, and most challenging, part of the event was the 60-foot rappel descent.

"This part is all about overcoming that fear of heights," said Wharton, an Oakland, Calif., native. "Recruits will say that they aren't afraid but once they get up there you can see that they really are."

For this rappel, recruits were taught how to tie a rappel seat with a rope. The ITC instructor showed recruits the safety precautions. He leaned off the edge of the platform without holding the rope, showing that recruits won't fall from the top and hit the ground. To further drive this point, drill instructors rappelled from the top and purposefully let go of the rope, entering a free-fall, but quickly came to a stop once the drill instructor at the bottom pulled the rope tight.

Recruits lined up, and one by one, ascended to the top of the tower.

"I tend to over think things," said Kashani. "As I was climbing to the top I had uncertainty in myself. It was really

hard to focus, and while up there, became clumsy and forgot everything I was just taught."

With each step up the tower, recruits were gaining confidence; a valuable asset required in their career in the Corps.

Once at the top recruits were put in one of two lines, the side-wall rappel or the center hole, which simulates the "hell hole" of a helicopter. After facing their fears and rappelling down the tower, recruits began to realize what this training accomplished for them.

"It all led back to building confidence," said Kashani. "You don't understand why you're doing it, but you get it at the end. We went in worried and unsure but left confident in our abilities."

Co. L recruits left the rappel tower with a new outlook and attitude in regards to what they could accomplish. They will need it as they head to the Crucible next; a 54-hour test of endurance in which recruits must conquer more than 30 different obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation.

"Everything you do, you need to be confident," said Wharton. "This is a huge self-accomplishment for them. If they can conquer this then they can conquer anything."

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of stress relief. Running allows her to clear her mind and be at peace. Her Marines can always tell the days she does not run.

"I've never regretted getting up and running 22 miles. I've always regretted not getting up and not running 22 miles," said Pacheco. "Sometimes, I get cranky."

"I never got competitive until last year when I ran the Marine Corps Marathon," said 28-year-old Pacheco. "Now I have a bucket list of marathons I want to run."

Pacheco qualified to run the Boston Marathon by running the Marine Corps Marathon with a time of 3 hours, 23 minutes. One must run another certified marathon under 3 hours, 35 minutes to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

When Pacheco qualified for the Boston Marathon, she was encouraged to

get sponsors for the race. As she began to look for sponsors, Pacheco realized she wanted to run for a good cause and not just get subsidized for the expenses.

"I couldn't do it," said Pacheco. "I have friends that have been helped by the Semper Fi Fund. I want people to know about it and the good things it does for Marines."

A fellow runner in Pacheco's office, Master Sgt. Teresa Arroyo, finance chief, is supportive of Pacheco.

I have witnessed the benefits of the Semper Fi Fund," said Arroyo. "It gives me chills to know one of my Marines is helping the fund that has so much meaning to me."

At a previous duty station, Arroyo observed the benefits of the Semper Fi Fund. One of her Marines was terminally ill. The government's maximum cap is to fund up to three members of a servicemember's immediate family to fly during life threatening illness. That

meant out of the five members of their family two would not be able to make the trip. However, thanks to the Semper Fi Fund, the whole family was able to make the trip and see the Marine one last time.

"When I told her (Pacheco) the story of the Marine and the special meaning that fund has for me, I think it gave her more motivation and drive to run the marathon," said Arroyo, a Freeport, Texas native.

Both Arroyo and Pacheco ran the San Francisco Women's Nike Marathon Oct. 20 in support of the Leukemia Foundation. Then, Pacheco ran the 38th Marine Corps Marathon on Oct. 27. She will run the Boston Marathon on April 21, 2014.

"I want 'I support our troops' to be more than a slogan," said Pacheco. "I want to entice people and get them to understand how amazing this organization is."

BRIEFS

Gas lanes closure

The depot's MCRD gas lanes will be closed Nov. 6 from approximately 7:45 a.m., until 4 p.m., for mandatory annual vapor testing.

The Mini Mart will be open for regular business hours.

For information like us on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/mcc-smcrdsd.mcx, or visit our Website <http://www.mcx-mcrdsandiego.com/saleevents.htm>

Benefits information

MCRD San Diego hosts a Civilian Employee Benefits Informational Session from 2 until 4 p.m., Nov. 6, at the Bayview Restaurant. The session features vendors from various companies including the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. Employees are encouraged to stop by and speak to these representatives as this is the perfect time to ask questions about current health insurance.

The Federal Health Benefits Open Season will commence from Nov. 11, and will continue through Dec. 9.

For additional information call Civil Service Human Resources at (619) 524-8460.

Ride to the Marine Corps Birthday Ball

The Single Marine Program will sponsor a "No Cost Limo Bus" to and from the Marine Corps Birthday Ball Nov. 8.

The bus will run from in front of Building 619 to the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel from 4 p.m., until 1:30 a.m.

No preregistration is necessary. For information go to <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/semperfit/singlemarineprogram/index.html>

Feed the Homeless

Single Marine Program volunteers will feed the homeless at Father Joe's Village., Nov. 11, from 3:30 until 7 p.m.

The monthly event is open to all depot personnel who wish to help support San Diego's homeless community.

For information call Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240, or e-mail at davisjp@usmc-mccs.org

CG Cup Wallyball Tourney

A Wallyball Tournament is scheduled for Nov. 13 on the MCRD Racquet Courts. The event is open to MCRD active duty military and DoD and NAFI employees only.

This is an official CG Cup event and teams must be registered. This will be a one day tournament. Earn CG Cup points for participating and extra points for female participation.

For information or to register call Rachel Dickinson at (619) 524-0548, or e-mail at dickinsonr@usmc-mccs.org.

Go Karts at K1 Speedway

The depot's Single Marine Program is sponsoring an event Nov. 15, at the K1 Go Kart Speedway in Carlsbad from 5 until 11:59 p.m.

The event is open to SMP members and geographical bachelors.

The cost is \$10 and space is limited. Sign-up deadline is Nov. 13. Transportation is included.

For information or to sign up call Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240, or e-mail at davisjp@usmc-mccs.org.

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "What's the best advice you can give to junior Marines who are new to the depot?"



"The new Marines coming aboard the depot should make sure they're doing what their noncommissioned officers and other leadership is asking of them so it makes them a better Marine and better person." Sgt. Paris F. Milton, postal clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"Take advantage of as many opportunities as you can here, things you can do in the surrounding community, and take as much advice as you can from your leaders." Sgt. Bridgette M. Ross, Headquarters Company training noncommissioned officer, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"Learn as much as you can while you're here and take in as much information as you can from the leadership appointed over you to make you a well-rounded Marine." Lance Cpl. Chelsi B. Johnson, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion

Marines take combat conditioning test



Cpl. Crystal J. Druery

Marines from Headquarters and Service Battalion perform a combat fitness circuit course during a monthly battalion physical fitness session aboard the depot, Oct. 30. Since it is Combat Fitness Test season the Marines performed a variety of exercises to help prepare them for their CFT. The course started with a sprint around the track followed by push-ups, squats, combat carries, ammunition can lifts and more. The Marines ended their PT session with a cool-down run and stretches.

USMC Marathon draws thousands of runners



U.S. Marine Corps photo by James Frank

The United States flag measured at 7,800 square feet is flown by a parachutist above the starting line of the 38th annual Marine Corps Marathon, Arlington, Va., Oct. 27. Known as "The People's Marathon," the 26.2 mile race, rated the 3rd largest marathon in the United States in 2012, drew more than 30,000 participants.



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Recruits map out land navigation

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – In this day and age of smart phones and Global Positioning Systems, most people don't know how to use a compass or map. For a Marine this knowledge must be second nature.

Armed with compasses and maps, recruits of Company I, 3rd

Recruit Training Battalion, maneuvered through the Land Navigation Course at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Oct. 15.

During Field Week or week seven of recruit training, throughout the hilly terrain of Camp Pendleton recruits learned the basic fundamentals of combat, to include land navigation.

"Before the recruits are released to find their points, they have a class on how to shoot an azimuth, get their pace counts, and how to read a map," said Sgt. Britt Castillo, drill instructor, Platoon 3202. "They also practice mapping points while in the class."

The recruits learned how to measure ground distance using

pace count. A pace count is how many steps it takes a person to walk a known distance. It allowed them to keep track of how far they had traveled from their starting points.

"The recruits split into teams of two and receive five different points that they have to find using the techniques that they learned," said Castillo, a Dallas, Texas native.

Each navigation point is marked with a numbered ammunition can. Each pair of recruits were given a different route.

"Once recruits believe that they have found all of their points, they bring the points that they found to the instructor," said Castillo. "If they got all of them right they are finished, if not then they have to go back out."

The recruits were allotted approximately four hours to complete the course.

"At first, I felt like I forgot everything I learned in the class," said Recruit Jose F. Ranguel, Plt. 3201.

"It got easier as I kept going

through my points."

For Ranguel, this was more than just a land navigation exercise.

"This was the first time we were given a chance to do something on our own," said Ranguel. I feel like it was a leadership and team building exercise as well."

During recruit training, recruits learn how to take initiative and to lead each other. Events like land navigation allow recruits to practice those skills.

Recruits will be able to utilize their land navigation skills again after recruit training, while at the school of infantry.

According to Castillo, recruits are given the basic fundamentals in order for them to develop those skills throughout their Marine Corps careers.



Recruits (left to right) Guy T. Huches and Benjamin I. Smith find their next navigation point during the Land Navigation Course aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Oct. 15. Recruits are divided into teams of two for the course.



Recruits (left to right) Minori Mori and John E. Mercer double check their data on the way to finding their next navigation point.



Recruits (left to right) John E. Mercer and Dylan L. Schiltz, Company I, find their next navigation point on the map during the Land Navigation Course at Edson Range. Recruits must find all five of their navigation points in a time limit of four hours.



Recruits (left to right) John E. Mercer and Dylan L. Schiltz, find their next destination during the Land Navigation Course at Edson Range. During the course recruits work to find five different navigation points along a course using only a compass and map.

Marine finds home in Corps

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Pvt. Sovaja R. Knox, Platoon 3241, Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, learned life lessons and developed mental toughness at a young age. Every challenge in his path made him stronger and inspired him to become a Marine.

Knox's mother was 16 at the time of his birth. She worked three jobs to support Knox after his father left to enlist in the Navy.

Knox attended Ronald Wilson Reagan High School in Milwaukee, a predominantly white school. It was a tough time being one of the few black students in the school. His mother's advice, according to Knox, "If it's not

true then don't listen to people."

"Kids wouldn't let me sit with them on the bus," said 18-year-old Knox. "They called me names and made noises."

Despite the bullying, Knox managed to make the correct decisions to keep him in a path to better himself. He stayed focused mentally and physically. He applied

himself academically and achieved mostly As and Bs and played basketball in high school.

Knox found solace by going to church. However, he was regarded an outsider in his community as well.

"They figured since I was attending school with the white kids that I wasn't black enough," said Knox. "I felt like I was misplaced."

As high school graduation approached, Knox began to search for a place where he would fit in; a place where he would make a difference for someone else. He drew his inspiration from his basketball coach, a former soldier, and began juggling the idea to enlist.

"There are always people that are in a worse situation than me," said Knox. "Even if I don't change the world, I will spark the brain of someone who will change the world."

Knox enlisted in the Marine Corps and shipped off to recruit training Aug. 5. He found the challenge he was looking for and

much more.

"I feel the Marine Corps is the place for me. It pushes me to my limits," said Knox.

At the beginning, Knox had to make an imposing adjustment. During recruit training, every facet is systematized from the eating schedule to how long recruits are able to use the restroom or shower.

"He struggled at first and had to make a life adjustment of being told what to do, when to do it and how to do it," said Sgt. Elias R. Jimenez, senior drill instructor. "He always had to do things for himself (before recruit training) so it was an adjustment for him."

Knox said he always pushes himself to prove his critics wrong and recruit training was not the exception. When drill instructors asked whether he would meet marksmanship qualification or be dropped to the next training company, Knox responded by qualifying as a high sharpshooter. Knox's success stemmed from his additional effort.

"Every night I practiced my breathing and trigger control," said Knox. "I wanted to prove them wrong so I kept practicing."

Knox's strong work ethic, mental toughness and dedication to duty have helped him throughout recruit training. With these same traits he hopes to achieve his life-long goals, to include attending Marquette University to major in music production and entrepreneur business.

"I love music," said Knox. "It was a way for me to express myself and also helped me get through tough times by listening to the lyrics and realizing that other people have gone through similar situations."

Once he graduates, Knox will attend the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to train as an infantryman. "He is definitely a team player. He just needs to remember what he came here for and never lose sight of that," said 26-year-old Jimenez.



Pvt. Sovaja R. Knox, Platoon 3241, Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, runs the 3-mile portion of the PFT aboard the depot, Oct. 17. Knox joined the Marine Corps to make a difference in the world and to inspire others.



Pvt. Sovaja R. Knox listens to the route brief of the 3-mile portion of the PFT. Knox said he found sanctuary through music and wants to study music production after his service in the Marine Corps.

Sgt. Maj. Mark A. Arvizu

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sergeant Major Mark A. Arvizu enlisted in the Marine Corps in June, 1986. He attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif.

Upon completion of recruit training, he received training at Naval Air Station Millington, Tenn., where he was designated as a CH-46 Sea Knight aircraft structural mechanic on Sea Knight helicopters.

On completion of training, Arvizu reported to Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., where he was attached to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 266. During this assignment he participated in various field training exercises and deployments.

In May 1992, Arvizu reported to Naval Air Station Belle Chasse, La., and was attached to Marine Air Group 46, Detachment C, 4th Marine Air Wing. During this period he served as the assistant noncommissioned officer-in-charge of airframes division, and was also designated as an aerial gunner/observer on

UH-1N Huey helicopters.

In October 1994, Arvizu received orders to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 164, MCAS Tustin, Santa Ana, Calif., where he served as the airframes division NCOIC, and aerial gunner/observer on the CH-46. In June 1995, he deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

In June 1997, Arvizu received orders to Drill Instructor School, MCRD San Diego. Upon graduation was assigned to Company D, where he served as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor and series gunnery sergeant.

In 1999, Arvizu was reassigned to Instructional Training Company (ITC) and served as a Martial Arts Instructor/Trainer.

In May 2000, Arvizu reported to MCAS Miramar and was attached to Marine Medium Helicopter (HMM) 161 where he served as staff NCOIC of the airframes division. In August 2000, he deployed with the 13th MEU and participated in Operation Determined Response, recovery of the USS Cole. He also assisted in humanitarian assistance operations in East Timor, a nation on an island in the Indonesian Archipelago

between the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean.

In January 2003, Arvizu deployed with the 15th MEU in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and in February 2004, he deployed with 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

In January 2005, Arvizu transferred to MCRD San Diego where he served as first sergeant for Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

On Aug. 21, 2006, Arvizu was reassigned to Recruit Training Regiment and assumed the duties as first sergeant of Drill Instructor School, MCRD San Diego.

In June 2008, Arvizu was transferred to Okinawa, Japan where he reported to 3rd Marine Logistics Group, 3rd Maintenance Battalion where he served company first sergeant, Electronics Maintenance Company.

Frocked to his current rank on Nov. 21, 2008, Arvizu reported to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines to assume the duties as the battalion sergeant major.

In March 2010, Arvizu was transferred and assumed the duties as sergeant major for 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and de-

ployed for Operation Enduring Freedom 11.1 with 2nd Marine Division (Forward).

In March 2012, Arvizu reported to 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and assumed the duties as sergeant major for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11.

In August 2013, Arvizu reported to 1st Marine Division and assumed the duties as sergeant major for 11th Marine Regiment.





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Company H recruits practice weapons handling by assuming a proper sitting position with legs crossed and both elbows on their knees as taught by the Primary Marksmanship Instructor during grass week at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 15. In addition to firing positions recruits are taught marksmanship fundamentals such as sight picture, trigger control, breathing control, sight alignment and natural point of aim during grass week.

Recruits learn basic marksmanship skills

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – “Every Marine is a rifleman” is a popular saying in the Corps and recruits get their shot at marksmanship training during second phase of recruit training.

Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, were taught marksmanship fundamentals to be a rifleman during grass week at Edson Range, Oct. 15.

The purpose of grass week is to teach recruits the basic fundamentals on how to properly operate the M16-A4 service rifle.

“Every Marine has to be a trained rifleman to be combat efficient,” said Cpl. Eric A. Rauzi, a Primary Marksmanship Instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. “You have to know how to operate your weapon so all of the basic fundamentals are taught through recruit training.”

Each platoon from Co. H was assigned a PMI. PMIs are experts on how to properly sight in on targets and fire the rifle. Their jobs are to educate and coach recruits to become qualified riflemen. Recruits not only learned how to properly use the M16-A4 service rifle, but know the mechanical functions that make the rifle operational.

It’s important to make sure all recruits are trained to be well rounded warriors, especially with their rifle, because every Marine is a trained marksman, explained Rauzi, a 25-year-old Gillespie, Ill., native.

Some of the different marksman fundamentals recruits are taught during grass week are: sight picture, trigger control, breathing control, sight alignment and natural point of aim. These are the basic fundamentals needed for recruits to qualify on the rifle range.

Recruits sat in a classroom where the PMI gave them instructions on how to properly perform each technique. Then, recruits practiced by making a half circle and sighted their rifles in on a barrel placed in the center. Recruits spent several hours in the sitting, kneeling, and prone firing positions, adjusting to each position using the proper fundamentals.

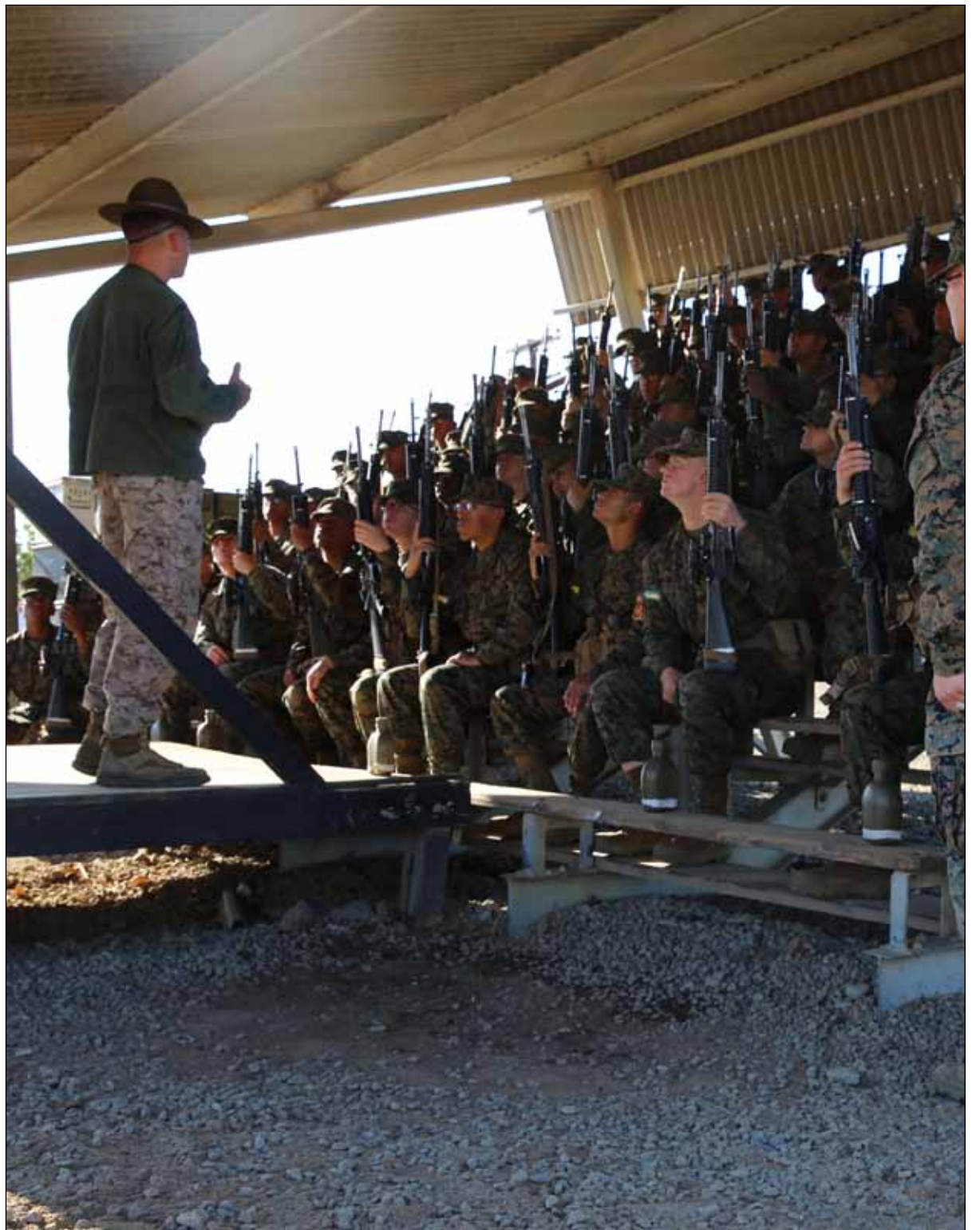
PMIs made adjustments to each recruits’ position as needed.

Recruits learned how to operate their weapons and, just as importantly, learned how to fix their weapons in case of malfunctions or jams by performing corrective procedures called tap, rack, bang.

During week six, recruits will take everything they have learned to the rifle range and attempt to qualify as riflemen.

“After our training, if we are sent to the field, we will know how to fully operate, disassemble and reassemble our rifles,” said Recruit Martin Cazares, Platoon 2165.

Every Marine is a rifleman, and every Marine should be able to complete their mission while on combat deployments along with keeping their fellow Marines alive, explained Cazarez, an 18-year-old El Paso, Texas native.



Cpl. Eric A. Rauzi, Primary Marksmanship Instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, teaches fundamentals of marksmanship and how to properly operate the M16-A4 service rifle to Company H recruits during grass week training.

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