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Co. B recruits earn ‘Marine’ title

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Two-hundred and thirty-eight years ago, men at Tun Tavern in Phila-

delphia would sign up to join, what was called at the time, the Continental Marines during the American Revolutionary War; accepting the challenge of a lifetime that few would volunteer for today.

Recruits of Company B, 1st

Recruit Training Battalion, accepted and overcame the challenge when they completed the Crucible and earned their eagle, globe, and anchor at Edson Range.

The Crucible is a 54-hour test of endurance in which recruits

must conquer more than 30 different obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation.

The culminating event of the Crucible is a nine-mile hike that includes a hill known as the “Reaper.” Standing at 700-feet,

the Reaper alone pushed recruits to their limits to reach the top, but combining their physical fatigue from the Crucible events as well as sleep and food deprivation, the Reaper climb was demanding both physically and mentally.

“I was a little anxious when we reached the bottom of the Reaper,” said Sgt. Patrick J. Gartland, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1025. “They were pretty tired, though they’ve been physically trained more than enough up to this point, it became more mental at the bottom.”

Standing at the bottom, Recruit Geraldo Carrillo stared at the Reaper, knowing full well it was what stood between him and his eagle, globe, and anchor.

“In my mind I thought ‘this was the last step, stay positive and push through,’” said Carrillo, a Houston native. “All the aches, pains and soreness would be for nothing if I quit. I’ve come all this way and nothing was going to stop me now.”

Platoon by platoon started up the Reaper and eventually crossed over the top.

“I had relief and pride that the platoon successfully made it to the top,” said Gartland.

At the top, recruits held their eagle, globe, and anchor ceremony, where they would officially earn the title Marine. Drill



Tears fall from recruit Braden T. Kooiman, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, after he received his eagle, globe, and anchor during the emblem ceremony at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 31. The culminating event of the Crucible is a nine-mile hike that includes a 700-foot hill known as the “Reaper.”

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Building Marines

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Marines live by a code known as honor, courage and commitment, which makes every Marine a well-rounded warrior.

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, received a class on the Marine Corps core beliefs followed by a class on the meaning of courage

aboard the depot, Oct. 29.

The Marine Corps values, beliefs and traditions are instilled in every recruit from the moment they step foot on the yellow foot prints to when they receive their eagle, globe and anchor after completing the Crucible. They will continue to carry these values and traditions throughout their Marine Corps career.

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Company K recruits attend a class on core beliefs and courage, Oct. 29. Marine Corps values, beliefs and traditions are instilled in every recruit from the moment they arrive for recruit training to the day they receive the eagle, globe and anchor emblem and become Marines.



Sgt. John D. Mazurik, drill instructor, Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, ensures recruits are using proper form during a circuit course aboard the depot, Oct. 24. The circuit course is comprised of various exercises to include military press, inclined crunches, leg lifts, pull-ups, curls, declined push-ups and more.

Co. G recruits bond while facing adversity

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Recruit Kelly Cadena looked to his left and right and saw the pain on the faces of his fellow recruits. This was a challenge they would all struggle through together as one.

Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, pushed through interval sprints and the circuit course aboard the depot, Oct. 24.

The purpose of the event was to increase the recruits physical stamina and mental strength.

“This event got us out of our comfort zone,”

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A new Marine of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, is given his eagle, globe, and anchor during the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor ceremony at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 31. Being given the Marine Corps emblem signifies that a recruit has completed the transformation and has earned the title Marine.

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instructors formed their platoon up and handed out the emblem to their new brothers.

“That was a very proud moment for me,” said Gartland. “As a senior drill instructor you have a more personal connection to the recruits. You teach them everything from training day one to now. I’m not their father, but I was with them for a big moment in their life.”

After they received their emblem, the new Marines experienced their reward for all of their hard work over recruit training.

“I actually accomplished something both in teamwork and as an individual,” said 25-year-old Carrillo. “I did something and feel proud of myself for it. I

also came in here not knowing anybody but am now leaving with a whole new family and brotherhood.”

After the ceremony, drill instructors read Medal of Honor citations that were posted on the hill. It let the new Marines put the pieces together of their training and how they may one day bring it all together in combat.

“The Crucible was tough, with the lack of food and sleep, but the citations made me realize what other Marines in the past have gone through in real life,” said Carrillo. “This was just training for us.”

Co. B was brought back to reality when their first sergeant began his speech.

“I hate to burst your bubble, but this hike isn’t over,” said 1st Sgt. Wesley A. Purnell, company first sergeant.

Purnell reminded the recruits that

they still needed to dig deep and find the inner strength to finish the hike. He also explained to Co. B how proud he was of their accomplishments.

“I would proudly sit in any fighting position with you,” said Purnell. “Always remember this day with pride; we’re all one family now.”

With packs strapped on their backs, Co. B hiked back to Edson Range to conclude the Crucible. They would be rewarded with the Warrior’s Breakfast, where Co. B would be allowed to eat as much of the vast assortment of food available to them.

The newly forged United States Marines will continue the legacy started by those in a small tavern. Though missions may change, the heart of the Corps has stayed the same.

CIRCUIT ◀ 1

said Cadena, Platoon 2141. “We couldn’t quit physically or mentally on each other because the weakest link is the main link of the group.”

During the event, recruits ran two half-mile sprints immediately followed by the circuit course. The circuit course was comprised of various exercises to include: military press, inclined crunches, leg lifts, pull-ups, curls, declined push-ups and more. Each exercise was completed at different stations and executed non-stop for a period of time until a whistle was blown, signifying they needed to run to the next station.

“We like to use this event not only to make them stronger, but make them better as part of a team,” said Sgt. Isidro Cobos, drill instructor. “We use the physical adversity to get them to come together as one, form that unity with one another, and finish it as a team.”

The event pushes recruits’ physical limits through high cardio effort with little rest. Most recruits are not use to this high demand of physical ability, which causes them to doubt their capability.

“You see recruits start to struggle and want to quit on themselves,” said Cobos, an El Paso, Texas native. “They’re just not as physically strong yet since we’re still in the beginning of recruit training, but as we progress they’ll start to notice their physical abilities increase and then events like this won’t be as big of a challenge for them.”

Going through the event, recruits had to learn how to mentally stay strong and push their bodies through the physical gauntlet of exercises.

“I just tried to keep my mind on the event we were at and how to complete it, not about the other events we were going to do,” said Cadena, a San Antonio native. “I would look to my left and right and see that I was struggling with my brothers. It made it more bearable.”

Though exhausted, recruits had to pay attention to the details



Company G recruits navigate across the monkey bars during the circuit course Oct. 24. Going through the event, recruits had to learn how to mentally stay strong and push their bodies through the physical gauntlet of exercises.

of the instructions given to them and then needed to execute the exercises with proper form to prevent injury. Out in a combat environment, staying focused and sharp will increase the safety of a Marine and their squad.

“You must be prepared at all times,” said 26-year-old Cadena. “You should never have your guard down. The biggest blow is the punch you don’t see coming.”

Co. G recruits pushed through their physical training session, but many more lay out in front of them that will continually test their physical ability and mental strength. Some may say that is what makes the Corps’ training so unique.

“We train to push past the point of comfort, to go the extra mile in what we do that many wouldn’t,” said Cadena. “It’s what makes us the few and the proud.”

BUILDING ◀ 1

Recruits received these classes on training day one to begin building the foundation of a Marine early in training. Drill instructors train every recruit to uphold the title of a Marine and carry themselves as Marines.

“There are different kinds of courage that Marines have to display,” said Sgt. Eric W. McGarity, drill instructor, Platoon 3022. “Different situations demands different types of courage such as being on a combat deployment, fighting beside your fellow Marines, or just simply standing up for something you believe is right.”

It takes great courage to carry out

orders to complete a mission, explained McGarity, a 26-year-old Greenville, Texas native.

During the class, the instructor taught two types of courage. The first was moral courage, which is knowing what is right or wrong and having the inner strength to stand up for what is right. The second type of courage taught was physical courage, which is to be able to react even when there is a risk of physical danger.

Drill instructors place recruits in daily situations that force them to display their courage, whether it be moral or physical courage.

Marines take pride in being the first to fight and that requires a lot of courage

for them to do, explained Recruit Ahsan S. Gaskins, Plt. 3227.

Making tough decisions is something most great leaders will have to deal with while under the pressure of a possible life or death situation. Courage gives an individual the discipline and confidence needed to make the proper decision in a quick manner to keep their Marines alive.

“Courage helps Marines to push through challenging missions that not just anyone would volunteer themselves for,” said Gaskins, an 18-year-old Oakland, Calif., native. “During a combat deployment you have to have a lot of courage to stay in the fight and keep your fellow Marines alive around you.”

BRIEFS

Strong & Healthy Relationships Expo

Marines, sailors, spouses, children and civilians are invited to attend the Relationship EXPO November 19 from 10 a.m., until 1 p.m., (between the morning and afternoon safety stand down sessions) in front of the depot theater.

Build better relationships; have a better marriage; be a better parent. Dozens of specialists, organizational representatives and ministries for Warriors and their families will be on hand. There will be children’s activities and free food.

For information call 2nd Battalion Chaplain Lt. Steve Brown at (949) 235-9487, or e-mail him at Stephen.b.brown1@usmc.mil.

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

Financial Brown Bag Lunch

The depot hosts a Financial Brown Bag Lunch seminar Nov. 13, in the Personal and Professional Development Classroom, Building 14, from 11:30 a.m., until 1 p.m.

The lecture is on preparing for retirement using tax efficient investments.

Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

For information or to register call (619) 524-5728

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.

Racquetball Tournament

Get registered for the Nov. 19 SEMPER FIT CG CUP Racquetball Tournament. The event is open to MCRD active duty and DoD and NAFI employees.

This is a one-day tournament. The event will be held at the depot racquetball courts at a time TBD.

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

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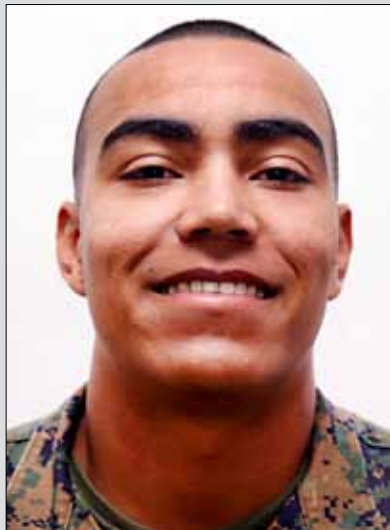
This week the Chevron asks: "Why is the Marine Corps birthday significant to you?"



"The Marine Corps Birthday is significant to me because it's the one time of the year Marines get to gather around and celebrate all of what the Marine Corps has accomplished." Lance Cpl. Bethanie C. Stroman, combat photographer, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"It celebrates the Marine Corps traditions and values and is a time Marines gather to celebrate our Corps' history." Pfc. Inez Valdez, graphic illustrator, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"It symbolizes our brotherhood and fallen brothers that fought for our country, so it's good to remember our fallen heroes and celebrate what the Corps has done." Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Hernandez, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion

Marine Corps celebrates birthday



Lance Cpl. Jericho W. Crutcher

Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, runs with his staff during the Marine Corps Birthday Dedication Run aboard the depot, Nov. 5. Marines of the depot take turns running one mile for every year since the birth of the Corps in 1775, for a total of 238 miles.

Marines practice safe Halloween



Lance Cpl. Jericho W. Crutcher

Col. Jim G. Gruny, commanding officer, Recruit Training Regiment, passes out candy to a child dressed as a drill instructor during the Trunk or Treat event aboard the depot, Nov. 1. The depot hosted event provides a safe, centralized area for children to come and trick or treat.



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Co. I recruits test for first MCMAP belt



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Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, were tested on their knowledge of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt syllabus during their 50th training day aboard the depot, Oct. 30.

Recruits were trained throughout recruit training in preparation for their MCMAP tan belt test, which is a graduation requirement.

According to Sgt. Erik G. Covington, Chief Martial Arts Trainer, Instructional Training Company, the recruits were taught 47 techniques in eight classes during first phase.

"Up to this point their drill instructors have reiterated and practiced the techniques with them," said Covington, a Bronx, N.Y. native.

For the test, recruits were divided into groups of 20 and assigned to a MCMAP Instructor, also known as a martial arts instructor, to begin their exam.

A martial arts instructor is a Marine who has excelled in MCMAP and has done the necessary requirements to teach MCMAP to recruits and Marines.

As recruits stood in two rows of 10, it was up to the instructors to decide how they would test them. While the testing would take place, recruits who weren't being tested were not allowed to watch.

"I think the instructor made us turn around because they wanted to make sure we knew what each move was and executed it correctly," said Recruit Mitchell R. Doruff,

Platoon 3205. "We were being tested, not taught, so if we were caught looking around at other recruits, we would fail that technique."

Recruits were required to perform the techniques in specific detail; one error resulted in failing the technique.

Some recruits had an easier time with the test than others.

"I don't want to say it was easy, but if you paid attention during the classes and when the drill instructors were going over the techniques, it wasn't difficult," said Doruff, a Stillwater, Minn. native. "Some recruits froze and didn't even try to execute the technique while others mixed up the technique."

Recruits were given a score card for each technique. If the recruits failed a technique, the instructor would mark an "X." Recruits may miss up to 15 techniques. If they do not pass the test, they may be dropped into the next training company.

The test is the first stepping stone of MCMAP that recruits will face in their Marine Corps careers.

When recruits become Marines, they will have the opportunities in MCMAP such as earning all five MCMAP belts and eventually getting a chance to go through the Martial Arts Instructor Trainer Course to become MCMAP instructors themselves.

"MCMAP helps the recruits build small unit leadership. Some of them want to build on what they learn in recruit training," said 20-year-old Covington. "Maybe some of them will see us teaching and strive to become MAIs in their careers."



Company I recruits perform a takedown technique during their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt test. The recruits were divided into groups of 20 and assigned to a Martial Arts Instructor before they began the test.



Recruit Mitchell R. Doruff executes the counter to the rear choke on Recruit Connor J. Carroll, Oct. 30. After recruits graduate recruit training, they have the ability to excel in their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program skills.



Recruits execute the counter to the underhand grab during the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt test. After recruits receive classes on the MCMAP techniques, their drill instructors reiterate and practice them until testing day.



Recruit Mitchell R. Doruff executes the counter to the rear choke on Recruit Connor J. Carroll, during their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt test Oct. 30. Recruits are graded on each technique in specific detail, one error can result in failure of that technique.

Company I recruits execute the vertical buttstroke during the test of their knowledge of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program moves Oct. 30. Recruits carry a score card on them during the test and, if they get a technique wrong, the instructor will mark an "X" on the paper.

Marine finds motivation to complete training



Pfc. Aaron J. Dean, Platoon 2105, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, puts his 60 pound pack down after completing the Crucible. Dean watched a recruit training graduation earlier in his training career and found motivation to become the most improved recruit in his platoon.

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As Pfc. Aaron J. Dean marched back to his squad bay after completing his Physical Fitness Test, he knew he had come a long way from where he started. Dean, Platoon 1025, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, earned the most improved recruit in his platoon.

According to Sgt. Patrick J. Gartland, senior drill instructor, the most improved recruit is one who had an all-around improvement mentally and physically.

Gartland said Dean has put out a lot of extra effort and work. As a result, he has improved his physical fitness scores in every category from 75 to 100 crunches, 15 to 20 pull-ups and from a 24 to a 21-minute, 3-mile run. The biggest improvement, though, is in his discipline.

Dean grew up in Houston and after high school he attended San Jacinto Junior College to study criminology.

He lacked the drive to continue and decided to look for a different career. He began to research the military and the Marine Corps was his first choice.

Dean was inspired by his grandfather, a former Marine who once told him that being a Marine was special and one had to be the best.

"He told me it was going to be a challenge," said Dean. "He has a Semper Paratus tattoo on his shoulder and that adds to the motivation for me to become a part of something bigger than myself."

However, Dean found recruit training to be more than he bargained for. After the first few days, Dean lost the desire to continue with training.

Recruit training was a rude awakening from his previous lifestyle as he wasn't used to be-

ing told everything he could or couldn't do. His drill instructors noticed a decline in his enthusiasm and took action by sending him to a recruit motivation program.

"He didn't know we were going to demand so much of him at first," said Gartland. "Sometimes they don't see the light at the end of the tunnel and that is why they come here, to become Marines."

The program is a day long and recruits watch the graduation of another company. Afterward, recruits are interviewed by their battalion commander who decides to either dismiss or keep them in training.

"He talked to us about not giving up and staying motivated to keep going," said Dean of the battalion commander.

Lt. Col. Louis M. Schotemeyer, commanding officer, 1st Bn, decided to keep Dean in training. The program's intent, to motivate recruits, worked. Dean was inspired after watching the graduation and the opportunity to see Marines marching on the parade deck.

"It gave me a new perspective and now I want to give 110 percent. I want to be on that parade deck. At home, I used to do what I wanted whenever I wanted," said Dean. "Now, I have the discipline to be told what to do and I do it because I know it needs to be done."

Once he graduates, Dean will attend the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to follow his grandfather's footsteps and train as an infantryman. He is looking forward to seeing his family as a newly forged Marine.

"He knows he is making a positive change in his life and that he needed to stay here," said Gartland, a Pittsburg, Penn., native. "He has more confidence, bearing and he looks a little taller when he stands."



Pfc. Aaron J. Dean, Platoon 2105, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, listens to a safety brief before descending on a Rappel Tower aboard the depot, Oct. 25.

Maj. Gen. Steven W. Busby

Parade Reviewing Officer

Maj. Gen. Steven W. Busby assumed the duties of commanding general, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., on Aug. 10, 2012. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1979 and was commissioned through the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1980.

Busby was designated a naval

aviator in 1983. He was assigned to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University by the college degree program in 1985 and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in 1987.

His subsequent assignments include: quality assurance officer and assistant aircraft maintenance officer, H&HMS-32; operations officer and aircraft maintenance officer, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 (VMGR-152); executive officer, VMGR-252; assistant operations officer and air officer, 26th Marine Expedi-

tionary Unit; and assistant chief of staff operations, 1st Marine Air Wing.

Busby commanded VMGR-352, Marine Aircraft Group 36 and Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Unified Assistance in support of South Asia Tsunami Humanitarian Assistance Operations.

He served as the senior advisor for joint experimentation and Marine Corps matters in the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Resources and Plans; as the commandant's fellow at the

council on foreign relations in New York City; as the executive assistant for the deputy commandant for aviation; and as the director of the joint capabilities assessment and integration division.

As a general officer, Busby has served as the deputy director, force management, application and support, joint staff J-8.

Busby is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and was presented the Alfred A. Cunningham Award as the Marine Corps Aviator of the Year in 2001.





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Pvt. J. J. Rodriguez
Pvt. A. L. Rood
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Pfc. D. C. Campbell
Pvt. F. R. Cardenas
Pvt. R. R. Cuellar
Pfc. A. Davila Jr.
Pfc. M. N. Duran-Bautista
Pvt. C. M. Ferre
Pfc. J. R. Fishbaugh
Pvt. S. A. Frank Jr.
Pfc. N. C. Ganley
Pfc. J. R. Gearhart
Pvt. C. J. Hairston
Pvt. J. D. Hewitt
Pvt. M. M. Hoecker
Pfc. M. C. Howard
Pvt. C. D. Hurtado
Pvt. L. S. Ison
Pvt. J. R. Jones
Pvt. W. J. Kirby III
Pvt. J. H. Kischel
*Pfc. D. R. Leon II
Pfc. L. A. Leyva-Talamantes
Pvt. T. M. Lonchair
*Pfc. I. Martinez
Pvt. C. L. Massoth
Pvt. A. B. Mendoza
Pfc. I. G. Montgomery

Pvt. D. Navarrete
Pvt. R. T. Olvera
Pvt. M. L. Patrino
Pvt. N. C. Pfeiffer
Pvt. S. D. Powell
Pfc. A. J. Powers
Pvt. G. A. Rish
Pfc. L. F. Sanjuan
Pvt. E. Saucedo
Pvt. D. W. Saunders
Pvt. B. Q. Schimmers
Pvt. J. L. Siedschlag
Pvt. F. S. Silva
Pvt. B. M. Smith
Pfc. N. Sosa
Pfc. L. Sotelo Jr.
Pvt. R. W. Souter
Pfc. T. D. Stetson
Pfc. N. W. Stewart
Pvt. T. M. Stout
Pvt. A. R. Streeter
Pfc. K. D. Sullivan
Pfc. M. D. Swarthout
Pvt. J. M. Taylor
Pvt. N. R. Taylor
Pfc. R. T. Teachenor Jr.
*Pfc. J. J. Thomas
Pvt. J. Thompson
Pvt. I. D. Tirado
Pfc. D. V. Tran
Pfc. C. J. Treacher
Pvt. J. E. Tredway
Pfc. D. J. Turner
Pvt. F. B. Twet
Pvt. K. R. Ulloa
Pfc. I. A. Urbina
Pfc. W. H. Vander-sanden
Pvt. L. Vang
Pvt. R. M. Vasquez
Pvt. A. Velasquez Jr.
Pfc. J. Velazquez
Pfc. A. D. Ver
*Pfc. M. S. Verity
Pvt. L. M. Vilchis
Pfc. J. W. Voith
Pvt. D. K. Wadebandini
Pvt. B. M. Wagman
Pvt. J. J. Waterman
Pfc. R. F. Weiler
*Pfc. P. T. Weix
Pvt. D. D. Winslow
Pvt. W. K. Xiong
Pfc. F. Yang
Pfc. L. J. Yoder

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Pvt. R. I. Acosta
Pvt. M. K. Akay

Pfc. G. D. Alexander
Pvt. A. R. Ayala
Pfc. D. L. Ball
Pfc. D. C. Barnhart
Pvt. T. L. Begaye
Pvt. N. E. Bermudez
Pvt. P. A. Boruda
Pvt. J. E. Boyer
Pvt. D. J. Boyer
Pvt. K. D. Brawner
Pfc. G. M. Brownlee
Pvt. B. A. Brunell
Pvt. R. A. Bunker
Pvt. M. D. Callander
Pfc. A. P. Castro
Pvt. M. A. Colmenero-Posada
Pvt. J. A. Cortez
Pvt. S. R. Cross
Pvt. K. W. De Sousa
Pvt. R. J. Dohm
Pfc. J. R. Erese
Pvt. L. C. Ewing
Pfc. J. S. Flores
Pvt. E. L. Fontes
Pvt. B. F. Fuentes
Pvt. M. Garcia
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Pvt. L. E. Hallam
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*Pfc. T. W. Hillenbrand
Pvt. M. J. Hutchinson
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Pvt. D. C. Jennings
Pfc. S. J. Kido
*Pfc. B. T. Kooiman
Pvt. D. M. Krohnke
Pvt. S. M. Kuttner
Pvt. Z. R. Lange
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Pfc. J. C. Leckey
Pvt. D. L. Lehr
Pvt. A. C. Lindburg
Pvt. M. K. Lydonbell
Pvt. D. J. Magnan
Pvt. C. S. Maltby
Pvt. K. M. Maradiaga
Pfc. E. Martinez
Pvt. M. A. Martinez
Pvt. C. K. McGrath
Pfc. R. E. Medrano
Pfc. O. I. Melgarejo
Pfc. T. M. Meredith

*Pfc. C. R. Miller
Pvt. B. D. Mitchell
Pvt. D. Mondragon
Pvt. B. W. Mulder
*Pfc. P. A. Newcomb
Pvt. A. Noori
Pvt. T. W. Parr
Pvt. K. T. Peterson
Pvt. N. H. Phan
Pvt. J. Puga-Gomez
Pvt. A. J. Ramos
Pvt. J. A. Ramos
Pvt. D. L. Ransom
Pvt. A. J. Reif
Pvt. E. T. Roberts
Pfc. M. Rodriguez
Pvt. J. P. Rosas
Pfc. F. S. Ross
Pvt. J. R. Rush
Pvt. B. S. Sansoucie
Pvt. C. W. Shockey
Pfc. A. L. Shoemaker
Pvt. J. R. Shugart
Pvt. L. Slater
Pvt. I. Zauner

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Pfc. J. E. Abril
Pvt. V. Aganikian
Pvt. J. W. Allen
Pvt. L. A. Alvarado
Pvt. S. J. Amundson
Pfc. B. Andrade
Pfc. D. G. Apkarian
Pfc. C. M. Armenta
Pfc. T. W. Arrowsmith
Pvt. T. E. Asplund
Pfc. S. A. Balda
Pfc. S. J. Baldwin
Pvt. T. J. Barnicoat
Pvt. J. L. Bayless
Pfc. N. S. Bolka
Pfc. J. A. Bonilla
Pvt. J. A. Burrell
Pvt. F. Carrasco
Pfc. G. Carrillo
Pfc. J. X. Case
Pvt. S. M. Cernobyl
Pvt. C. A. Cervantes-Munoz
Pvt. C. J. Church
Pfc. A. B. Cole
Pfc. C. J. Colon
Pvt. C. D. Coulter
Pvt. J. D. Dale IV
Pvt. C. D. Dannelly
Pvt. L. P. Dauwe
Pvt. J. D. Davis
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Pfc. A. Diaz
Pfc. P. M. Doan
Pfc. N. A. Dugovic
Pvt. K. A. Durham
Pvt. I. Dzafic
Pvt. J. L. Gonzalez
Pvt. N. D. Grandon
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Pvt. R. G. Harvey
Pvt. B. E. Hendricks
Pvt. T. L. Henning
Pvt. K. A. Henriquez
*Pfc. X. L. Hooten
Pvt. H. J. Jackson
Pfc. A. R. Johnson
Pvt. E. J. Johnson
*Pfc. J. D. Johnson
Pvt. J. C. Kline
*Pfc. S. P. Kramer
Pfc. S. C. Kratzer
Pvt. D. M. Lammers
Pvt. A. W. Lee
*Pfc. C. C. Logan
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Pvt. K. R. Marler
Pvt. Z. L. Martinez
Pvt. A. J. Mata
Pvt. F. Mendoza-Cervantes
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Pvt. R. R. Morris
Pvt. C. J. Moses
Pvt. S. W. Nurrick
Pfc. D. J. Ortiz
Pvt. K. R. Palmer
Pvt. J. G. Palomo
Pvt. F. J. Perez-Lucero
Pfc. D. S. Pietsch
Pvt. E. Porcayo
Pvt. W. A. Prentice
Pvt. C. Quiroga
Pvt. A. K. Ramirez
Pfc. O. E. Ramirez
Pfc. B. I. Reagan
Pfc. J. T. Reagan
Pvt. A. G. Reeves
Pvt. J. Rivas
Pvt. J. H. Roach

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Pvt. A. B. Ahlstrom
Pfc. R. A. Alfaro
Pfc. E. S. Alvarado
Pvt. E. Alvarez Jr.

Pvt. B. J. Arellano
Pfc. N. A. Ball
Pvt. D. K. Barrick
Pfc. M. R. Baty
Pfc. M. Becerra-Arreola
Pfc. J. A. Bery
Pfc. J. K. Bilyeu
Pfc. D. M. Bottorff
Pvt. E. J. Brundy
Pvt. D. Camerena
Pfc. J. Campbell
Pvt. R. D. Carlson
Pfc. D. L. Castey
Pfc. G. J. Castaneda
Pvt. M. A. Castillo
Pfc. E. G. Castro
Pvt. D. A. Cienfuegos
Pvt. A. Contreras Jr.
Pvt. S. H. Copeland
Pvt. A. Coronado
Pvt. D. M. Daniels
Pvt. D. H. Ellis
Pfc. A. M. Flores
Pvt. D. T. Flores
Pvt. E. M. Flores
Pvt. J. D. Fravier
Pvt. H. D. Garcia
Pvt. D. A. Garza
Pvt. C. L. Gawriluk
Pvt. A. B. Gelsingier
Pvt. R. M. Gilberston
Pvt. J. Gomez
Pvt. M. R. Gonzalez-Guzman
Pvt. M. E. Harris
Pfc. J. D. Hazelip
Pvt. A. R. Hernandez
Pvt. K. T. Hernandez
Pvt. J. D. Hill
Pvt. P. Ho
Pvt. A. J. Hodges
Pvt. D. A. Holm
Pvt. J. M. Hufana
Pfc. B. J. Hugle
Pfc. C. J. Hutton
Pvt. J. T. Jordan
Pvt. A. A. Juarez
Pvt. L. T. Lamb
Pvt. M. T. Lavrenz
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Co. E endures sustainment hike

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Throughout America's history, Marines have fought in every type of environment. Ground operations require Marines on foot patrols with full combat gear.

Sustainment hikes are used to prepare Marines for future combat operations.

With helmet, rifle and 60 pound pack, the recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, took on a 5.7 mile sustainment hike aboard the depot, Oct. 26.

The purpose of the sustainment hike is to keep recruits accustomed to the demands of long distance hiking and prepare them for the Crucible. The hike helps build endurance and stamina while wearing combat gear.

During second phase of recruit training, recruits began to learn

field environment skills. They learned about land navigation, patrol formations, combat marksmanship and hiking. Hikes slowly progressed from small range movements to hikes five and eight miles.

"During combat you are going to carry a heavy gear load," said Staff Sgt. Shawn M. Stallings, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2101. "Combat readiness is the overall purpose."

Every hike is executed the same way; the company commander leads from the front, while each platoon is led by its senior drill instructor with the guide at the front of the formation.

While hiking, drill instructors called cadence and the recruits repeated or chanted the appropriate response. Talking or yelling while performing a cardiovascular activity spurs lung expansion and improves recruit's stamina and endurance.

"We have to have endurance to keep going," said Recruit Justice D. Palmer. "If you quit on a training hike you will probably quit on a real mission."

Each platoon within the company stayed close together. Slower recruits were sent to the front of the formation as the better hikers stayed in the back to motivate those who fell back.

"We have to keep going," said Palmer, a Chicago native. "We

have to push each other to the end."

The hike helped develop teamwork and strong cohesion to finish together.

"Every Marine needs to be able to hike and carry his load, otherwise someone else is going to carry it for him and he will bring down that unit. One person can make an entire unit slower," said Stallings, a Pittsburgh native. "You have to hold up your responsibility."

Half-way through the hike, the company stopped for rest and hydration. Recruits were instructed to change their socks to avoid any foot injuries or blisters. At the end of the hike, a Navy corpsman ensured every recruit was injury free.

The sustainment hike helps prepare recruits for the challenges they'll face during Crucible. The Crucible is a 54-hour test of endurance in which recruits must conquer more than 30 different obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation.

During the Crucible recruits hike 40-miles over the rugged terrain of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton during the three day test. The Crucible culminates with a 9-mile hike up the steep hill known as the Reaper.

Once Co. E reaches the top of the hill, recruits will be awarded their eagle, globe and anchor emblem, along with the title Marine.



Recruits carry a full combat load during a sustainment hike. A combat load includes a Kevlar helmet, a rifle and a 60 pound pack.



Capt. Daric Kleppe, lead series commander, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, along with Staff Sgt. Shawn M. Stallings, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2101, guide lead series recruits through the hiking route around the perimeter of the depot, Oct. 26. The hike is meant to build stamina and endurance for recruits along with preparing them for the rigors of future combat operations.

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Pvt. D. A. Simmons
Pfc. N. D. Simonds
Pvt. J. N. Smith
Pvt. D. W. Starkweather III
Pvt. J. R. Steen
Pfc. E. M. Stephens
Pvt. J. F. Thompson-Anderson

Pvt. E. Torres-Rodriguez
Pfc. D. J. Urive Jr.

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Pvt. J. M. Bennett
*Pfc. S. H. Bradford
Pvt. J. N. Campbell
*Pfc. S. J. Cool
Pvt. N. D. Coy
Pvt. A. Esparza
Pfc. J. R. Ewart
Pvt. H. J. Falbe
Pvt. D. J. Franklin

Pvt. A. Galena-Palafox
Pvt. P. A. Gomez
*Pfc. T. A. Green
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Pvt. B. R. Odle
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Pfc. E. A. Robinson
Pvt. J. A. Rock
Pvt. D. S. Romero
Pfc. J. S. Ruelas
Pfc. Z. J. Russell

Pfc. M. D. Ryan
Pfc. I. M. Saavedra
Pfc. M. J. Salinas
Pvt. A. I. Sanchez-Mejia
Pfc. F. D. Sarabia
Pvt. J. J. Schuett
Pvt. C. G. Setmour
Pfc. J. A. Silva
Pvt. W. D. Simmons
Pfc. C. C. Smith
Pvt. J. D. Smith
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Pfc. A. J. Stone
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Pfc. E. Terrones
Pvt. T. I. Thomas
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Pfc. C. H. Turpin
Pvt. J. N. Vance
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