

Co. K recruits push themselves through the CCX

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Recruits tour Command Museum

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Recruits of Company D, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, learned the roots of Marine Corps history during their Nov. 13 visit to the depot's Command Museum.

Co. D was led around the museum by docents, Marine Corps veterans who have lived through history as early as the Korean War. Each docent has his own way of teaching the recruits.

“A lot of displays do not give the recruits the inside story, the background of what this image, weapon, or piece of history actually means and how it was used,” said Retired Lt. Col. Leonard M. Howard, museum docent. “We only have two hours with these recruits and that's not nearly enough time to cover a museum that is so rich in history.”

Sections of the tour include the Korean War, Waterhouse Room, Vietnam Gallery, World War II, Medals and Decorations, and Modern Warfare which recruits all visit within two hours.

According to Howard, a na-



Recruits of Co. D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, listen to retired Lt. Col. Leonard M. Howard, museum docent, about the Vietnam War during their Training Day 55 aboard the depot, Nov. 13. A few days after recruits visit the museum they set out on their final test, the Crucible, before they earn the title Marine.

tive of San Diego, he did not want to let the recruits wander around the museum just looking at the displays.

“I didn't feel the need to look around by myself,” said Recruit John R. Hamby, Platoon 1062. “I was learning a lot more about

each display or item by listening to the docent.”

The museum itself houses more than 2,000 artifacts which

date back to the early days of the Marine Corps to items we

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Recruit Tyler J. Bobowski, Platoon 1002, Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, takes a compass reading during a Field Week exercise at Edson Range, Nov. 13. Recruit Steven M. Culver, kept notes on their map grid.

Co. A navigates during Field Week

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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Although Marines are amphibious by nature, when performing land operations Marines must rely on their field skills to operate efficiently.

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, learned and applied small unit, field environment skills dur-

ing Field Week at Edson Range, Nov. 13.

During combat operations, Marines operate in small squads of 12 to 13 men. For that reason, second phase of recruit training is devoted to teaching recruits the basics of land navigation, patrol formations and small unit leadership.

“Field Week provides the basic understanding of how Marines to operate in small units and teaches the basics of trained

rifleman,” said Sgt. Ryan R. Crider, drill instructor, Platoon 1002. “Basic patrols require fire team leaders to use their leadership to accomplish their assigned mission.”

First, recruits learned the basics of patrol formations and their importance, incorporating hand and arm signals and individual positions. Then, they were taken out to the field under

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Co. C learns Corps history

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People join the Corps for different reasons but it all stems from what they have heard and seen about the Marines in the past.

Recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, received history classes aboard the depot, Nov. 15.

“History is one of the things that keeps Marines united, it is what we have in common,” said Sgt. Gersom C. Canlas, academic instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion.

While in recruit training, recruits receive six classes on his-

tory, dating back to the birth of the Marine Corps at Tun Tavern in 1775 to present day wars in the Middle East. Recruits are expected to retain this information for Training Day 55 when they will take a comprehensive exam about everything they learned in the classroom during recruit training. The history they learn not only prepares them for the test but also prepares them to continue the legacy of the Corps.

“We not only teach recruits the subjects they need to pass the comprehensive exam, we also teach them the core values, and how important they are to Marines past and present,” said Canlas, a San Jose, Calif., native.

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Sgt. Gersom C. Canlas, academic instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, teaches Company D recruits about the Inchon Landing during their history and honor class Nov. 15.



Retired Lt. Col. Leonard M. Howard, museum docent, explains to the recruits about World War II battles during a Company D museum visit aboard the depot, Nov. 13. Once the recruits have earned the title Marine they are allowed to bring their families into the museum and teach them about the history of the Marine Corps.

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use today which includes some interactive displays for recruits to use.

"The whole reasoning behind the recruits coming and visiting the museum is to motivate them for the Crucible that is coming up for them in a few days," said Howard, 64. "When they become Ma-

rine, they will visit the museum again with their family and they will be the docents."

The Crucible is a 54-hour test of endurance where recruits must conquer more than 30 obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation; this is the last test the recruits face until they earn the title of Marine. When recruits have earned

the title of Marine they will be allowed to bring their families into the museum on Family Day and teach them everything they have learned.

"I feel as though the museum motivated me a lot," said Hamby, a native of Little Rock, Ark. "It makes me want to push through the Crucible and maybe one day do something as great as these men did."

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the supervision of several field instructors for the practical application. As they patrolled, recruits encountered different signs indicating specific formations. At that point, the fire-team leader called for the attention of his team and gave the proper hand and arm signals for the team to shift formation.

"We have to be very careful and give the proper formation signal," said Recruit Scott W. Johnson. "They help provide fire support to specific situations and using the wrong formation in a real scenario could cost lives."

Formations vary in design, but their purpose is the same—concentration of fire power. Depending on the formation, each is designed to provide fire power to the rear, flanks or all-around.

Every member of that team has a responsibility and they have to work together knowing each role is equally important as the next, explains Crider, a Garland, Texas native.

The ultimate goal is to work as a team whether on a patrol or navigating using a map and compass. Part of field week includes a land navigation class where recruits learn the proper method to read a map, follow the direction of a compass and how to keep a proper pace count to know the distance traveled.

"You have to know where you are going and to be there on time," said Recruit Johnson, a Tecumseh, Neb., native. "If you can't read a map and navigate, you're going to fail your mission."

Recruits were tested on day and night land navigation sessions. Teams of two recruits were given a map and a compass with five coordinate points to find in an allotted amount of time. At each of the points was an ammunition can with a code written on it which recruits had to write on their test sheets. At the end of the test, recruits passed if they reached four out of the five points correctly.

As field week concluded, recruits gained confidence in their ability to patrol through any terrain and find their way to any objective.



Recruit Scott S. McDonnell, Plt. 1003, Company A, keeps track of his pace count during a Field Week exercise at Edson Range Nov. 13. Pace counts help recruits keep track of the distance they travel from their starting point.

great thing," said Recruit Jerry Yinka, Platoon 1042. "Everyone in recruit training is striving to become a Marine and the only way we can become a well-rounded Marine is to not take these classes for granted and soak in as much as we can."

According to Canlas, 33, the classes are more than just teaching the recruits but its also about showing them the pride Marines hold.

"History is the foundation that makes us who we are, past, present and future.

It's important to teach it to recruits so they have that foundation to build upon," said Canlas.

While these recruits have just begun recruit training, they are now armed with the Corps' history and may continue to pursue their goal of becoming Marines.

"I am excited for the rest of recruit training," said Yinka, a Tucson, Ariz., native. "From here on out I will learn as much as I can and when the time comes, be the best Marine I can be."

BRIEFS

Thanksgiving gate hours

- Gate 2
 - Nov. 27 close 6 p.m.
 - Nov. 29 reopen 6 a.m.
- Gate 4
 - close 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 1 reopen 6 a.m.
- Gate 5
 - Open 24/7
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 - Dec. 27 reopen 6 a.m.

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Thanksgiving meal service

Duncan Hall will serve Thanksgiving Dinner for active duty servicemembers, their family members, retirees, depot civilian employees, and guests tomorrow, from 3 until 5 p.m.

Turkey, ham, roast beef and all the holiday fixings will be served. Cost is \$7.60. Discounted cost is \$6.45 for dependents of corporals and below.

Thanksgiving buffet

The Bayview Restaurant is offering a Thanksgiving buffet from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., tomorrow.

The meal will cost:

- \$24.95 for Active Duty
- \$29.95 for adults
- \$24.95 for seniors
- \$14.95 for children (ages 4 to 12)

For information go to <http://mccsmcrd.com/dining/Bay-ViewRestaurant/Brunch/index.html>

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The Vehicle Registration Office will be closed Friday. If you need more information about this, please call extension 4202.

Tun Tavern Tea

Active duty servicemembers, civilian Marines, family members and guests are invited to attend the 25th annual Tun Tavern Tea Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Museum Foundation, the event will take place in the depot's Command Museum, and is a thank you to the foundation's members, volunteers and supporters.

Dress is civilian informal. There will be cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Those who wish to attend should RSVP by Dec. 6.

The Foundation requests those who attend bring a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

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While the classes were on the history of the Marine Corps, recruits also received academic instruction on uniform care, customs and courtesies and a variety of classes essential for a basically trained Marine.

During the class, Canlas, showed videos and clips to engage the recruits and get them interested in the subject.

"Teaching recruits these classes is a

Depot hosts Junior Chargers Training Camp



Master Sgt. Arsenio R. Cortez Jr.

About 150 children of military families around San Diego surround Chargers linebacker Thomas Keiser as they shout "Oorah Chargers!" during the second on-base Junior Chargers Training Camp held at the depot's Sports Complex Football Field, Nov. 19. The depot's Youth Sports, in partnership with Sports Training, Academics, Recreation/Police Athletic League (STAR/PAL) and San Diego Chargers hosted the clinic with volunteers from city and county enforcement agencies. Keiser took the opportunity to huddle up with the children and gave them a motivational talk about the importance of mental and physical fitness, which is achieved by staying in school.

Efforts in Guiuan shift from relief to recovery

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GUIUAN, Philippines – Two weeks after Typhoon Haiyan ravaged 36 provinces here, relief efforts are shifting toward recovery.

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, Marines have supported the Government of the Philippines and the U.S. Agency for International Development in their efforts to provide disaster relief and aid to the nearly 4.2 million citizens affected by the typhoon.

With the unique relief capabilities provided by the Marine Corps no longer needed, the Government of the Philippines, international non-government organizations and USAID are now shifting focus toward recovery operations.

"Right now we're retrograding out of Guiuan Airfield because all of the capabilities we brought are no longer required," said Capt. Akeem O. Adelagun, a civil affairs officer with the Civil Affairs Team, currently assigned to 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in support of Joint Task Force 505 during Operation Damayan. "The non-government organizations, the mayor of Guiuan and the (Armed Forces of the Philippines) are (still) in charge."

The Marine Corps maintains significant capability forward-deployed throughout the Asia-Pacific region, ready to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. With forward-deployed forces, rapid and fully capable deployments to disasters like Typhoon Haiyan are made possible.

"The biggest determination (in how long we stay) is the fact that we are here to fill a specific capability, whether it is with air traffic control or to support USAID with civil assessment," said Adelagun.

The Marine Corps' ability to rapidly respond to the Philippine government's request for assistance reaffirms the value of the close cooperation shared between the U.S. and the Philippines.

"At first, we needed all the help we could get from anyone willing, but now we have things under control on our own here at Guiuan," said Col. Wilson M. Leyva, commander of the 801st Brigade, 8th Infantry Division, Philippine Army and the task group commander of Guiuan Airfield. "It would be incredibly difficult to help the people of Guiuan and others affected by the disaster without the support of the (U.S. Marines), their friendship and cooperation."

The role of the U.S. military forces during any foreign



A group of Marines make their way to an MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft Nov. 22 at Guiuan Airfield, Republic of the Philippines. The Marines deployed to Guiuan to provide their capabilities to Typhoon Haiyan survivors at the request of the Government of the Philippines. After several days of support and a shift from a relief effort to one of recovery, it was determined the Philippine government, international non-governmental organizations and the U.S. Agency for International Development no longer require the unique capabilities provided by the U.S. Marine Corps. The Marines are currently assigned to 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade in support of Joint Task Force 505

humanitarian assistance event is to rapidly respond with support to help mitigate human suffering and prevent further loss of life and mitigate greater property damage.

"It is nice to have the Marines here in Guiuan to help us get supplies to the (victims of the typhoon); they are a big help," said Tech. Sgt. Romeo A. Besarra, a motor vehicle operator with the

8th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army. "I made friends with a few of the Marines just talking about our jobs. One of the Marines I made good friends with has the same job as I do, so we had a lot to talk about."

Since 1990, the U.S. Government has responded to more than 40 disasters in the Philippines at the request of their government, ranging from volcanic

eruptions, drought and population displacement.

"In a time like this, it makes me happy to see that my soldiers and the U.S. can get along together so well and become friends," said Leyva. "I want the Marines to know that we are thankful for them being here in our time of need, without them this would have been very difficult."

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CCX develops grit and strength



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“Mind over matter; If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter,” is a mentality Marines develop during their careers. Marines push their physical limits to become a part of one of the best fighting forces in the world.

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion,

pushed their bodies beyond the point of exhaustion during Combat Conditioning Exercises Nov. 16.

The purpose of the Combat Conditioning Exercises is to prepare recruits physically and mentally for the rigors of combat.

“It helps push the recruits beyond what they thought their physical limitations are,” said Sgt. Joel D. Bailey, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3222. “They are constantly moving and it’s one of the hardest physical training sessions recruits will face.”

Before recruits take on the event, drill instructors demonstrated the proper way to perform each of the 20 stations. Then, recruits were split into groups of about 15 and the sound of a whistle was the signal for recruits to commence exercising. Recruits performed each exercise continuously until the next whistle. Their only rest time was the rotation from one station to the next.

Some of the stations included exercises such as low-crawls, buddy drags, fireman’s carry, star jumpers and lunges.

The constant movement is designed to simulate combat situations when Marines are fatigued and hungry. During combat operations, fire fights can last several hours. Marines are trained to push their bodies even after fatigue, stress and hunger have

set it.

“They don’t have any rest time and it becomes stressful,” said Bailey, a Camarillo, Calif., native. “The CCX is done for a relatively long period of time and it mirrors a possible fire fight.”

After a few stations, recruits became fatigued because of the constant exertion, however, Marines are expected to accomplish the mission regardless of the circumstances. Sometimes, Marines become casualties during fire fights and other Marines are trained to never leave a man behind. Different techniques are used to move a fallen comrade to safety.

“The buddy bear crawl are hardest because you have to carry your weight and your buddy’s,” Recruit Landon B. Terry, Platoon 3221. “At any moment, a fellow Marine can go down and you have to be ready to carry him even if you are tired.”

Drill instructors demanded constant movement from recruits. This developed the mental grit and strength of each recruit, realizing the body goes only as far as the mind wants it to go.

“I just want to be a Marine and I’m ready to fight through anything to make it to the end,” said Terry, a Roby, Texas native. “Combat is a stressful situation and you have to be mentally tough to keep going, that way, the Marines next to you don’t have to carry your load.”

Co. K recruits can walk away from the CCX experience with mental and physical confidence in their abilities to perform beyond their limits in stressful environments.



Company K recruits use buddy bear crawls to move each other out of potential danger during Combat Conditioning Exercises. Combat conditioning helps prepare recruits for the demands of long strenuous fire fights.



Company K recruits use the fireman’s carry during Combat Conditioning Exercises, to move simulated victims to safety. Carrying someone in this manner has several advantages over other methods of moving another person. The subject’s torso is fairly level, which helps prevent further injuries, and the subject’s weight is evenly distributed over both shoulders making it easier to support the load over a longer distance.



Recruit Cameron V. Bowers, Platoon 3227, buddy drags another recruit during Combat Conditioning Exercises. During combat situations buddy drags are used to carry fallen Marines out of danger.



Recruits lunge across the training field under the supervision and guidance of a drill instructor during Combat Conditioning Exercises. The purpose of combat conditioning is to prepare recruits physically and mentally for the rigors of combat.

Soldier accomplishes dream, becomes a Marine



Pfc. Ethan M. Eckermann, Platoon 1061, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, is checked by an Instructional Training Company drill instructor before he rappels down the "Hell Hole" at the Rappel Tower aboard the depot, Nov. 15. Eckermann overcame many obstacles to achieve his dream of becoming a Marine including an eight month wait for a tattoo waiver.

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Not many people would turn down an offer to play football in college to enlist in military service, for Pfc. Ethan M. Eckermann becoming a Marine was the right decision.

Eckermann, Platoon 1061, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, declined football scholarships and left the Army to achieve his dream of becoming a Marine.

The athletic Aurora, Colo., native was a skillful multi-functional player and played defensive end, defensive and offensive tackle in high school. The 265-pound Eckermann was offered a scholarship by Concordia University, Nebraska to play football as a defensive tackle.

"I wanted to play football but also wanted to serve," said 20-year-old Eckermann. "However, I couldn't do both even though I tried."

As he met with recruiters, Eckermann originally wanted to enlist in the Marine Corps but because of the length of training, and the scheduling conflict with the football season, he chose his secondary plan, the Army.

Eckermann attempted to work out a schedule that would allow him to go to basic training, military occupational specialty school and report to his unit in time before the start of football season.

He enlisted in the Army Reserves as a Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Automated Tactical Data Systems Specialist. But to enlist in the military, the 5-foot-10-inch Eckermann needed to lose 75 lbs. He changed his diet, kept his workout schedule and lost a total of 80 pounds.

Before the season began, the coaching staff at Concordia left for a coaching job at a different school. As a consequence, Eckermann decided to decline the offer to play football and became an active-reservist, but he felt there was still something missing.

"I realized that the military was my passion," said Eckermann. "But I wanted to be a Marine."

After two years in the Army, Eckermann applied

for the Marine Corps, but needed his unit's approval before he could ship off to recruit training. His commanding officer at Fort Carson, sat down with him to talk about the Marine Corps. According to Eckermann, he thought his commanding officer was going to decline his conditional release from the Army Reserves. Though, as it turns out, his commanding officer was a former Marine.

"He said to me, 'The Marine Corps is something near and dear to my heart,'" said Eckermann. "I felt I was making the right decision when he said that."

Eckermann's commanding officer authorized his conditional release and wished him luck. Another obstacle appeared in Eckermann's path. He needed a tattoo waiver for multiple tattoos on his right arm. The process took eight months before Eckermann was cleared to attend recruit training and shipped off on Sept. 3.

"I like it more here than the Army. Drill instructors build a sense of brotherhood here," said Eckermann. "We focus on teamwork and there is a lot of attention to detail and pride in your uniform."

Eckermann wants to be the best Marine he can possibly be. His actions during recruit training have been noticed by his drill instructors.

"He inspires the rest of the platoon. He assists the leadership in the platoon to keep it tight and running, especially for big events," said Staff Sgt. Vince C. Mabalot. "Not many people would sacrifice a football scholarship to instead serve and become a Marine. It shows he is committed to the Corps."

Now that Eckermann has earned the title Marine, after his 10 days of leave, he will attend Marine Combat Training to learn basic rifleman skills. Then he will attend Communication Electronics Maintenance School aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., to become a basic electronics maintenance Marine.

"It makes me feel proud to become a part of this branch," said Eckermann. "I accomplished my goal of becoming a Marine."

Sgt. Maj. Frank Cirou

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Frank Cirou grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he attended the Florida Military Academy for high school. He enlisted in the Marine Corps July 31, 1941, and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

After recruit training, Cirou was stationed at Quantico, Va. He was then transferred back to MCRD Parris Island as a drill instructor.

Cirou was transferred to the Central Asian Theater in

December 1944. In April 1945, he participated in the beachhead landing at Tinian.

On Sept. 23, 1945, Cirou landed at Nagasaki, Japan as a member of America's occupation forces.

In April 1946, Cirou moved to his next assignment, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Marine Division at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

In January 1949, Cirou was promoted to technical sergeant while at Camp Pendleton, and was transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in 1950, where he served as the special services chief.

From Sept. 1, 1952 to July 20, 1953, Cirou served in Korea and

was meritoriously promoted to master sergeant.

In 1953, Cirou was transferred to Recruiting Station Los Angeles. While there he attended recruiters school and a refresher drill instructors course. One of his duties while at RS LA was as a liaison between the Corps and movie studios on movies that depicted the Marine Corps.

In 1956, he was transferred to El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in Irvine, Calif., where he served as the special services chief. In 1958, Cirou became crash crew chief.

In August 1959, Cirou was transferred to Atsugi, Japan and, on April 1, 1961, was promoted to first sergeant and transferred

back to El Toro, to VMCJ-1, 3rd Marine Air Wing.

From 1964 to 1965, his squadron was sent to Iwakuni, Japan, and then to Da Nang, Vietnam.

In 1966, Cirou was transferred to Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Training Regiment, Camp Pendleton. On July 1, 1967, he was promoted to sergeant major.

In November 1967, Cirou was again transferred to Vietnam, where he served at Chu Lai and then Da Nang as sergeant major of 5th Command Battalion.

In April 1968, Cirou served as sergeant major of Marine Wing Support Group, 3rd MAW until he retired on Aug. 31, 1971.

Cirou's personal awards in-

clude the Bronze Star medal, the Purple Heart medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Air Medal.





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 Pvt. J. K. Rucker
 Pvt. S. A. Saavedra
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 Pvt. K. L. Blackburn
 Pvt. R. Blanco III
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 Pvt. H. J. Cotton
 Pvt. P. J. Davis
 Pvt. J. Delgado
 Pvt. J. R. Diltz
 Pvt. A. K. Dooley
 Pvt. B. A. Dubray
 Pvt. T. R. Elkins
 Pfc. V. Esparza Jr.
 Pvt. J. A. Feipel
 Pvt. R. J. Flores
 Pvt. A. S. Franco-Rodriguez
 Pfc. B. B. Frank
 Pvt. D. J. French
 Pfc. L. A. Galiana
 Pvt. D. E. Garcia
 Pvt. M. Garcia Jr.
 Pfc. C. M. Garrard
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 Pvt. A. D. White
 Pvt. M. V. Woodring
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 Pvt. R. T. Zecha
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 Pvt. M. P. Anderson
 Pvt. T. J. Arndt
 Pvt. Z. W. Atchison
 Pfc. J. J. Baker
 Pfc. M. C. Baker

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 Pvt. T. R. Barthen
 Pvt. K. P. Berkey
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 Pfc. D. H. Brabo
 Pvt. R. M. Brindle
 Pvt. J. D. Brown
 Pfc. J. D. Calahan
 Pvt. M. A. Campos
 Pvt. R. A. Cardenas
 Pfc. K. S. Chavez
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 Pvt. D. R. Herrera-Zavala
 Pvt. T. W. Herrington
 Pvt. D. T. Hill
 Pfc. E. D. Hill
 Pfc. M. C. Holmes
 Pvt. S. R. Hornbacher
 Pvt. K. A. Hueso
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 *Pfc. J. Huynhnguyen
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 Pvt. A. S. Lavoie
 Pvt. D. J. Lesui
 Pfc. M. B. Lindstrom
 Pfc. C. M. Littlefield
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 Pvt. K. B. Lopez-Juarez
 Pvt. D. I. Martin
 Pvt. S. M. Mavis-Watts
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 Pvt. D. M. Metzling
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 Pfc. D. D. Montanez
 Pvt. D. Navarro
 Pvt. W. E. Nestel
 Pfc. J. H. Nguyen
 Pvt. N. D. Owens
 Pvt. M. L. Parsons
 Pvt. C. A. Paxton
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 Pvt. J. L. Verrett

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 Pvt. L. M. Adson
 Pfc. J. H. Arellano
 Pvt. J. A. Bailey
 Pvt. S. C. Bailor
 Pvt. C. R. Baker
 *Pfc. K. Baker-Griffin
 Pvt. A. R. Barcelo
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 Pvt. K. C. Manzanares
 Pvt. J. R. McDermott
 Pvt. J. P. Miller
 Pvt. Z. C. Miller
 Pvt. D. A. Moody
 Pvt. R. M. Moore
 Pvt. J. T. Morris
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 Pvt. K. A. Thao
 Pfc. E. Torneshopolito
 Pvt. S. M. Torres Jr.
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 Pfc. H. Tran
 Pvt. J. Uriarte
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Company G recruits, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, suited up in protective gear, execute rifle bayonet techniques while battling each other in Pugil Sticks II aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Nov. 14. Instructors looked for the recruits to execute proper MCMAP techniques they've learned, to ensure they are familiar with each technique taught in hand-to-hand combat.

Recruits apply controlled aggression

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Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, sparred with each other during Pugil Sticks II aboard the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Nov. 14.

The event allows recruits to use the different rifle bayonet techniques they have been taught during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training.

The main focus for recruits during Pugil Sticks II is to develop their MCMAP skills while also learning discipline and sportsmanship.

Recruits helped fellow recruits put on protective sparring gear before running onto the platform to fight. That gear consisted of a helmet, chest and neck protector and a mouthpiece.

Each recruit used a padded stick as their weapon, simulating an M16 A-4 service rifle.

When a recruit's turn to fight arrived, he would run to the center of the platform yelling his weight. This helped instructors confirm each recruit and his opponent were within 10 pounds of each other.

The instructor supervising

each fight was looking for a "kill blow," or shot to the head, as they kept a keen eye for the recruit's safety. After each bout, the instructor announced the winner.

"Pugil Sticks II allows the recruits to grow comfortable with rifle bayonet techniques while actually utilizing them in a combat scenario," said 23-year old Sgt. Joshua M. Calkins, a Dixon, Ill., native.

"Recruits earn their MC-MAP tan belt while going through recruit training. We put them through combat situations such as the Pugil Sticks II to give them a good foundation for when they try to rank up in belts in the Fleet Marine Force."

Instructors looked for the recruits to execute the different MCMAP techniques they've learned to help familiarize them with each technique taught in hand-to-hand combat. Marines train this way and learn to use anything as a weapon, including their own bodies.

"Close quarters combat is something Marines rely on and are well trained at when your weapon jams or all rounds have been put down range," said Recruit Jordan J. Pollard, Platoon 2147. "The enemy could be lurking just around the corner,



Company G recruits practice Marine Corps Martial Arts Program rifle skills before engaging in Pugil Sticks II exercises. Pugil Sticks II allows the recruits to practice the skills they learned in a simulated close combat situation.

so Marines stay close-combat ready."

Everything recruits are taught serves an important purpose and will be carried

throughout their Marine Corps careers.

"The Pugil Sticks II is a great way to relieve some of the stress we as recruits have built

up going throughout recruit training," said 23-year-old Pollard, a Detroit, Mich. native. "Although we are sparing with each other and letting out ag-

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Pvt. K. D. Wyatt
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