



Co. K recruits learn hand-to-hand combat

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Co. H checks off Final Drill

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Platoon 2166 marched on to the parade deck in the midst of the morning and gave everything they had one last time.

Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, laced up their boots for Final Drill aboard the depot, Nov. 18.

From the day recruits stepped on the yellow foot prints, drill became part of their daily routine while in recruit training.

“Teaching recruits drill is to instill that discipline and instant obedience to orders,” said Sgt. Jeffery C. Dorsey, senior drill instructor, Plt. 2166.

According to Dorsey, a native of Snow Hill, Md., Final Drill was the last drill test recruits faced to show how far they had come since the beginning of recruit training.

Before Final Drill began, the senior drill instructor was instructed to pick a drill card with a specific set of drill movements for his platoon to execute.

The first half of Final Drill consisted of in-place movement and rifle manual, which are drill maneuvers such as port arms,



Platoon 2166, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, march their last stretch of Final Drill aboard the depot, Nov. 18. Recruits are taught every drill movement but what they will execute is decided on a random selection of a drill card right before the event begins.

order arms, about face, left face, right face, and others.

Recruits were graded on the precision of each movement and

small detail such as excessive movement that would cost the platoon points off their score.

“We know drill is a team ef-

fort, so when we go out there we can rely on each other to execute the right command and hopefully make us win the competition,”

said Private Jacob A. Williams.

The last half of Final Drill was

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New Zealand Army Maj. Logan A. Vaughan watches a pugil sticks bout at the depot, Nov. 19. The purpose of the visit was to introduce Vaughan to some of the methods used in the making of Marines.

New Zealand Army learns from Corps

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Marine Corps recruit training is regarded by some as the toughest entry level training in the world. Recruit training is often visited by other nations to learn from one of the world’s premier fighting forces.

New Zealand Army Maj. Logan J. Vaughan, company commander, Total Force Recruit Training, Training Area Depot,

was given an overview of recruit training during his visit to the depot, Nov. 19.

The purpose of the visit was for Vaughan to learn and gain exposure to some of the methods used in making Marines.

“Marine Corps recruit training is the premier initial enlisted training in the world; it is known for its discipline, leadership and toughness,” said Capt. John A. McNabb, future operations officer, Recruit Training Regiment. “That reputation precedes the

Marine Corps and stems from the foundation set in recruit training. A lot of foreign militaries want to see what we do and incorporate it to improve their training.”

Marines are an amphibious force ready to fight and deploy throughout the world in a moment’s notice. It is an attribute other forces attempt to emulate.

“We are trying to align our forces with other militaries in the

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Rancho Community Church donates Thanksgiving meals

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Some people use Thanksgiving to give thanks and appreciate everything in their lives. The Rancho Community Church found their own special way of thanking the service members of the depot during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The depot received 90 turkey baskets from the RCC for service members and their families, Nov. 26.

The RCC donated the turkey baskets to service members as a gift for what they have

done and do for the country.

“I am so happy we got to do this for our service members,” said Daryl S. Nagtalon, Impact Coordinator of Rancho Community Church Thanksgiving Box Program. “We are so thankful for the service members, allowing us to have this freedom in this awesome country.”

According to Nagtalon, a native of Hawaii, the turkey baskets that each family received consisted of one turkey, boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, canned vegetables, sweet potatoes, peanut butter,

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Service members from the depot helped the Rancho Community Church volunteers load turkey baskets on-to a pallet in order to get them to the depot, Nov. 26. The RCC donated 90 turkeys for service members and their families as a gift for their service.



Pfc. Edwin U. Rosales, Platoon 2166 makes sure he is one arms distance away during the dress right dress drill move during Final Drill aboard the depot, Nov. 18. Final Drill is one of the last tests the recruits face before earning the title "Marine."

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the marching portion. Recruits needed to stay in step with each other and execute each part of the maneuvers correctly while they stayed aligned and covered.

Throughout recruit training, recruits of Co. H thoroughly practiced all of the possible drill card movements. Therefore, regardless of the card picked, recruits would be prepared to properly execute any drill command.

"We practiced drill everywhere we

went while the recruits were training," said Dorsey. "We practiced while we marched and also inside the squad bay with something we call the mini grind."

According to Dorsey, the "mini grind" is when recruits transformed the squad bay into a large area by moving their racks for the platoon to practice in-place drill movements.

The platoon has improved since their initial drill competition during first phase, according to Williams, an Aurora, Colo. native.

"We did well. They looked good

from the front," said Williams. "I can definitely see an improvement with our platoon when it comes to drill."

Although Platoon 2167 received a trophy for their accomplishment in winning Final Drill, recruits who did not win took away the valuable experiences as well as the discipline that comes with drill.

"If I learned anything from drill it is team work and how to move as one," said Williams.

"It will be something I remember for the rest of my life."



Capt. John A. McNabb, future operations officer, Recruit Training Regiment, explains the role of a series commander at the Confidence Course during the visit of New Zealand Army Maj. Logan A. Vaughan to the depot, Nov. 19

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world and are looking to begin an amphibious task force in the near future," said Vaughan, a Christchurch, New Zealand, native. "We wanted to look at some of the best military aspects of militaries around the world. We wanted to see how the Marine Corps solves and handles problems."

MCRD San Diego will graduate more than 14,000 Marines in fiscal year 2014 making it more than 20 times larger than New Zealand's entire initial training.

"The sheer size of recruit training here; it's huge," said 36-year-old Vaughan. "We

graduate roughly 700 recruits a year."

There are many aspects to recruit training from recruiting, screening, training, logistics and also rehabilitation.

Vaughan was especially impressed with the size of the establishment supporting the making of Marines. The depot is equipped with Walker Hall, a sports medicine facility dedicated to rehabilitate basic Marines who were injured during training. Marines are kept there until they are completely healthy to attend their follow-on training.

"We don't have a unit dedicated to rehabilitate our injured recruits although we

are developing one," said Vaughan.

The supporting establishment is essential for the welfare of recruits and ensuring recruit training mission sizes are accomplished, said 29-year-old McNabb, a San Jose, Calif., native.

Vaughan gathered plenty of information from the world's premier enlisted initial training to help support the New Zealand Army's training, but also with a positive impression of the Marine Corps.

"There are a lot of good things I saw," said Vaughan. "I was very impressed with the amount of emphasis, resources and support for your recruits."

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marshmallows, canned meat, cereal, dinner rolls, and pie.

Thanks to the generous donations from their church members, the church received approximately 2000 turkeys for families of the community.

Service members of the depot drove up to Temecula, Calif., to retrieve the baskets from the RCC.

Once back at the depot, Marines and sailors gathered to help pass out the turkey baskets to various offices on the installation.

After the baskets were divided by sections, they were then handed out to those who had requested one.

Not only were the turkey baskets given to the depot but also various churches and programs for those in need for the holidays.

The RCC has been donating to the de-

pot since 2006, according to Navy Chief Petty Officer Patricia Hernandez, religious program specialist chief.

"I moved to Temecula in 2005 and the next year I had asked the church if they were able to send some turkey baskets to the depot and they were very happy I had asked," said Hernandez. "Every year since then, they have donated about 70 baskets to us and this year they could do even more by giving us 90."

BRIEFS

Holiday Concert

Marine Band San Diego performs its annual Holiday Concert tomorrow at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego theater at 4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Guests are advised to enter through gate 5 off Washington Street and Interstate 5. Be prepared for security delays.

During the concert the band will perform a varied repertoire of holiday favorites and traditional classics for all ages. In addition, there will be donation boxes for canned goods and Toys for Tots for those interested in community giving.

Founded in 1921, Marine Band San Diego performs at more than 500 events each year throughout Southern California and the Marine Corps Western Recruiting Region. They carry on a tradition of excellence and service that has been the hallmark of the Marine Corps since 1775.

Golf outing

The Single Marine Program is sponsoring a golf outing Monday from noon to 4 p.m., at the Sail Ho Golf Course, Point Loma.

All depot personnel are invited. The event is free for single Marines and sailors and \$15 for everyone else. The price includes 9 holes of golf and lunch afterwards, as well as prizes for winning teams. The tournament is a four person scramble.

For information call Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240, or contact him at davisjp@usmc-mccs.org. Information and registration is available at <http://smpgolf.eventbrite.com>.

Tun Tavern Tea

Active duty service members, 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.

For information call (619) 524-4426.

Parents Day Out

Marine Corps Family Team Building is sponsoring a Parents Day Out Dec. 14, from noon to 4 p.m.

Parents get a break while kids two or older enjoy a day of holiday fun and crafts at Building 6E.

Parents must stay on the depot during the event.

For information, registration contact Tracy Genica via telephone at (619) 524-8030 or go to <http://MCRDholiday.eventbrite.com> or http://www.mccsmcrd.com/Downloads/CURRENT_EVENTS/13_MCFTB_Holiday_Kids_Events_flyer.pdf

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First public display of Osprey in mainland Japan

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JAPAN AIR SELF-DEFENSE FORCE NYUTABARU AIR BASE, Japan – Japan Air Self-Defense Force Nyutabaru Air Base, located in Miyazaki Prefecture, hosted its annual air show Dec. 1, 2013. While an overwhelming majority of attendees were from Japan, one of the most adored static display was American.

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 displayed one of their MV-22 Osprey during the event, drawing both the eyes and interest of all in attendance.

The air show marked the first time an Osprey was on static display, for the public, on mainland Japan.

The Nyutabaru Air Base Public Relations Office announced approximately 120,000 people attended the air show, more than doubling the count of last year's event.

"I'm so grateful to have the Osprey at our JASDF open house event in consideration of the deepening and strengthening of the U.S.-Japan alliance," said Col. Tatsuya Saruwatari, head of the Public Affairs Office, Air Staff Office, Ministry of Defense for Japan. "I think this is critical to get a better understanding of the Osprey's capabilities, and its role in missions, to the Japanese public."

Saruwatari said he wishes for more events involving American aircraft to take place and welcomes more of America's aircraft in the future.

"I think this helps a lot to deepen and win the understanding of the Japanese public, by seeing the aircraft in the real world at a close distance," said Saruwatari. "Last year, the people didn't have that kind of



Marines from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, an MV-22 Osprey squadron stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan, attended the Japan Air Self-Defense Force Nyutabaru Air Base Air Show, Dec. 1, 2013. The air show was the first public display of an Osprey in Mainland Japan. Prior to the air show, VMM-265 hosted a media relations event Nov. 30, aboard the JASDF installation. The air show is an annual event hosted by the JASDF in Miyazaki, Miyazaki Prefecture.

first-hand experience with the Osprey, so there were rumors coming out about the Osprey crashing and that mindset was established. Through events like this, people have the opportunity to interact with crewmembers of the Osprey and see the Osprey up close. I think this will be a great opportunity to help them better understand the aircraft."

Japanese residents traveled from all parts of the country, some specifically coming to see

the Osprey.

"I came here because I heard the Osprey was going to be displayed at Nyutabaru Air Base during the open house event, and I was so looking forward to talking to the aircrew of the Osprey," said Toshikazu Tagawa, an Iwakuni resident. "Since they are deployed on Futenma on Okinawa, I don't have any good opportunities to talk to them. As part of the Osprey Fan Club, we clean up the base boundaries and organize cleanup effort

campaigns, so I wanted to tell them what we are doing in support of the Osprey."

Tagawa mentioned his wish to see more opportunities for public viewing of the Osprey in hopes of further informing other Japanese people about the new aircraft that now resides in their country.

"There are a lot of people in the Japanese public who support the Osprey's presence in this region, and who understand the safety record of the

Osprey, and the capabilities it brings," said Tagawa. "It's going to benefit the Japanese community, so I would like there to be more events like this in order to spread the idea throughout Japanese residents."

At the conclusion of the air show, spectators were able to witness the Osprey depart the airspace. While thousands of people stopped in their tracks, the aircraft lifted off the ground, rotated its engines, and disappeared into the horizon.



An MV-22 Osprey arrives at the Japan Air Self-Defense Force Nyutabaru Air Base Dec. 1, for its first public display in mainland Japan during a base air show. The aircraft belongs to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265, and is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan,

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A Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor demonstrates an air choke to Company K recruits during the MCMAP training session Nov. 18. Recruits learned two chokes, the blood choke and the air choke.



Recruits learn a counter to the rear bear hug hold during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training. They must earn their tan belts in MCMAP as a graduation requirement.



Company K recruits execute a knife thrust technique under the watchful eyes of drill instructors during training Nov. 18. Training in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program is an essential part of creating combat ready Marines.

Company K recruits train in hand-to-hand combat

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Gen. John “Black Jack” Pershing, U.S. Army Commander of American Forces in World War I, said, “The deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle.” Marines are also trained efficiently in hand-to-hand combat to take on

any threat.

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, learned Marine Corps Martial Arts Program knife techniques aboard the depot, Nov. 18.

The purpose was to teach basic MCMAP skills in hand-to-hand combat while instilling warrior ethos in recruits.

During the MCMAP session, recruits were taught two different chokes. One is defined as a blood choke and the other as an air choke.

The blood choke is used to constrict blood from entering the brain

while the air choke is used to compress oxygen from the brain.

Recruits then applied the technique on their partner. As a safety precaution, recruits tapped out before they passed out. Recruits also learned counter moves to the chokes they were taught.

“Recruits learn the basic fundamentals during recruit training before enhancing their skills in the fleet,” said Sgt. Joseph F. Neitzschman, drill instructor, Platoon 2126. “Warfare is a lot more close combat these days so it’s critical to have recruits up to par on the different techniques used in MCMAP.”

Once recruits finished their chokes and counter techniques, they were given rubber knives to learn knife techniques. Recruits practiced the vertical slash and vertical thrust.

“Knife techniques class gave us the proper training to be able to engage the enemy during close quarters combat,” said Recruit Sergio A. Adriano-Valdez, Plt. 3227. “War today is non-traditional so Marines have to train to take on any challenge or threat given.”

Recruits have to enhance their warrior ethos just as much as their hand-to-hand combat skills for their specific belt, explained 24-year-old Neitzschman, a New Orleans native.

Recruits earn their tan belts in

MCMAP as a graduation requirement during recruit training. Once recruits reach the Fleet Marine Force they will be able to advance their belts to the next level. Belt levels include, tan, gray, green, brown, black.

Recruits are tested for each belt level. They are expected to perform all techniques within the belt they are testing for and all other prior. Confidence and warrior ethos knowledge are demanded during the test.

With the class completed, recruits are trained in the basic MCMAP hand-to-hand combat skills.

“The class gave us more than just a basic understanding on how to perform different MCMAP techniques,” said 18-year-old Adriano-Valdez, a Phoenix native. “It taught us leadership skills, discipline and warrior ethos, which all are needed to be an established Marine.”

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, learn various Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques during training aboard the depot, Nov. 18. Once they have mastered the different chokes, they are taught techniques to counter the moves.

New Marine honors mother's memory

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Liberia, located in West Africa, is one of the world's poorest countries with some factions of its population having extreme religious views. These views led Pvt. Sampson P. Ogunti to the Marine Corps.

Ogunti, Platoon 2165, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, migrated to the United States and used the loss of his mother and past experiences as motivation to become a Marine.

Ogunti grew up in Liberia. His parents were divorced and he lived with his mother and grandfather. At the age of five, Ogunti was poisoned by his grandfather who was offering him as sacrifice as part of his religious practice. As a safety precaution, after he received medical attention, Ogunti began to live with his aunt because she was a medical doctor. As a result, distance grew between himself and his mother.

"I didn't get to see my mom as much because she lived on the other side of the city," said 24-year-old Ogunti. "I felt like one of my aunts kids because she raised me for six years."

After living six years with his aunt, his father decided to move Ogunti and his half-brother and half-sister to a different country because of Ogunti's grandfather. He was seeking to finish the religious ritual. Ogunti's father was very meticulous in his action to protect him. The family settled in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

"I constantly looked over my shoulder," said Ogunti. "I couldn't trust people."

In December 2003, Ogunti and his family migrated to the United States in search for a safer and better life. His mother stayed back in Liberia. The family kept in contact through phone and e-mail with his mother but never made a trip back to see her. In March 2012, Ogunti received news that his mother had died.

"I didn't know how to take it because I spoke with her on the phone three weeks prior," said Ogunti. "It was hard because I wanted to be there but couldn't because of the past situation."

Ogunti did not get to see his mother again but he wanted to make her proud. According to Ogunti, his mother always expected a lot from him and to always try to better himself. He used the memory of his mother as motivation to become an example to his siblings.

"The military was something I wanted to do," said Ogunti. "I decided the Corps was the place for me because I wanted to do something that mattered to make her proud."

Ogunti shipped off to recruit training on Sept. 12. His drill instructors, after they listened to his story, gained an insight to the difficulties some recruits overcame to become Marines.

"It's rare for someone to come into the Marine Corps after all those experiences," said Sgt. Justin M. Prophet, senior drill instructor, a Canton, Ohio native. "He makes sacrifices to help out others in the platoon. He is a team player and I can tell he tries hard."

The culture in which he grew up led him to the United States. He used the memory of his mother and his experiences as a child to become a better person. He will go on a 10-day leave period before he attends Marine Combat Training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to learn the basic skills of a rifleman. He can continue to honor the memory of his mother and set the example to his siblings as a United States Marine.



Pvt. Sampson P. Ogunti, Platoon 2165, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, throws a simulated grenade during the Crucible at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Ogunti, who is a native of Liberia, located in West Africa, graduates from recruit training during today's graduation ceremony.



Pvt. Sampson P. Ogunti buddy drags Pvt. Paulo Cagol during the Crucible at Edson Range, Nov. 26.



Pvt. Sampson P. Ogunti carries 35-pound ammunition cans during the Crucible. Ogunti migrated from Liberia in 2003.

Col. Tracy W. King

Parade Reviewing Officer

Col. Tracy W. King is the commanding officer, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He was born in Oklahoma City, Okla., and was commissioned in 1988 after he graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

King has served in all three Marine Expeditionary Forces and with all four elements of

the Marine Air Ground Task Force. His tours of duty include the Mountain Warfare Training Center, Bridgeport, Calif.; Marine Force Reserves in New Orleans; Marine Corps University as the director of the School of Advanced Warfighting, Joint Duty with the Institute for Defense Analyses, as assistant chief of staff logistics, 1st Marine Logistics Group; and as the chief of staff, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

In 2003, King was assigned to I MEF for Operation Iraqi Freedom. During that same year he reported to II MEF where he

served as the Pacific & European Command regional plans officer and as the future operations officer for II MEF (Forward).

In 2005, King reported to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing for duty as the commanding general's staff secretary and as commanding officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172.

King's experiences include patrolling and base defense with Marine Barracks Philippine Islands, humanitarian relief operations in the Federated States of Micronesia, Urban Warrior, various planning billets during Operation Iraqi Freedom I, III,

& IV, compartmentalized planning with Special Operations Command, and Service level planning to develop the Marine Corps' Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Campaign Plan.

King is a graduate of Summer/Winter Mountain Leaders, Amphibious Warfare School, School of Advanced Warfighting, Naval Command and Staff, and the National War College. He holds a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a Master of Science in National Policy from National Defense University.





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Pvt. N. T. Muench
Pvt. C. R. Netz
Pvt. D. Nguyen
Pvt. A. J. Nowicki
Pvt. J. A. Olivencia
Pfc. K. D. Parker
Pvt. J. Pena IV
Pvt. M. R. Perrin
Pvt. C. L. Porter
Pfc. D. D. Quichocho Jr.
Pvt. C. L. Quintero
Pvt. J. R. Wheeler

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Pvt. E. M. Aguilar
Pvt. N. J. Aguirre
Pfc. G. M. Aho
Pvt. J. S. Alsup
Pvt. P. P. Aparshev
Pvt. J. Arreola
Pvt. G. V. Arroyo
Pvt. W. R. Badders
Pfc. M. R. Badia
Pvt. S. L. Barajas
*Pfc. R. R. Barela III
Pvt. J. M. Basulto-Montes
Pvt. C. P. Beebe
*Pfc. W. J. Benitez-Contreras
Pvt. J. A. Brickley
Pfc. R. M. Caasi
*Pfc. D. Camarillo
Pfc. J. T. Carreon
Pvt. J. N. Carter-Franks
Pvt. A. C. Chatfield
Pfc. C. T. Coulter
Pfc. P. E. Croft
Pvt. T. D. Davis
Pvt. M. De La Torre
Pvt. M. D. Dilger-Price
Pvt. N. R. Erickson-Ardagna
Pvt. V. C. Espinoza
Pvt. D. L. Farmer Jr.

Pvt. J. S. Fernandez
Pvt. H. Garcia Jr.
Pvt. R. W. Gardner
Pvt. B. A. Garmendez
Pfc. B. L. Gibson
Pvt. R. S. Godina
Pvt. Z. P. Goerger
Pvt. K. M. Haggard
Pvt. B. B. Hamrick
Pvt. M. B. Harding
Pvt. J. M. Haynes
Pvt. A. W. Hernandez-Guzman
Pfc. M. D. Highley
Pfc. M. C. Hoard
Pvt. T. B. Houser
*Pfc. L. R. James Jr.
Pfc. N. C. Jarrett
*Pfc. M. S. Kacor
Pvt. J. A. Kearse
Pvt. B. M. Kendrick
Pvt. B. E. Kilkenny
*Lance Cpl. G. I. Kinyaevesky
Pfc. N. A. Lavongsar
Pvt. A. L. Lenerville
Pvt. J. Luna Jr.
Pfc. T. D. Ly
Pfc. I. Marroquin
Pvt. S. E. Maune
Pfc. J. J. Medcalf
Pvt. J. S. Miller
Pvt. S. M. Million
Pvt. A. R. Minks-Winberg
Pvt. A. M. Moncada
Pfc. K. A. Morano
Pvt. J. A. Moultrie Jr.
Pvt. M. D. Munch
Pvt. T. R. Murillo
Pfc. N. J. Nelson
Pvt. C. M. Newcomer
Pfc. L. R. Nunez
Pvt. V. Nungaray Jr.
Pvt. G. O. Orozco
Pvt. J. A. Ortiz
Pfc. T. L. Parks II

Pvt. L. C. Turner
Pfc. B. W. Wilson Jr.

PLATOON 2163
Pfc. S. F. Aceret
Pvt. R. D. Adams
*Pfc. R. Aguilar
Pvt. R. C. Bailey
Pvt. P. L. Banda
Pfc. N. A. Brack
*Pfc. R. A. Bramble
Pvt. C. R. Branson
Pvt. J. L. Breigenger
Pvt. J. J. Brent
Pfc. D. C. Brock
Pfc. J. L. Brown
Pvt. S. D. Brown
Pvt. E. G. Canales
Pvt. Q. E. Celaya
Pvt. C. C. Cervantes
Pvt. L. Cheng
Pvt. T. J. Collins
Pvt. A. S. Curcio
Pvt. J. K. Davis
Pvt. C. M. Dean
Pvt. S. C. Debes-Rueter
Pvt. A. M. Deshler
Pvt. C. E. Figueroa-Aguilar
Pfc. A. Figuero-Arincon
Pvt. T. J. Fries Jr.
Pvt. P. M. Furtado
Pvt. M. J. Garcia
Pfc. J. D. Garivay
Pvt. J. Garza
Pvt. E. T. Gonzalez
Pvt. T. J. Greene
Pvt. J. U. Guerrero-Perez
Pvt. I. J. Guillen
*Pfc. D. O. Gum
Pvt. A. D. Gurdian
Pfc. W. D. Haines
Pvt. C. J. Hanink
Pfc. J. J. Harmon
Pvt. J. M. Houchin
Pfc. P. A. Isaako
Pvt. J. C. Jaquez
Pfc. L. J. Jendrusch
Pfc. G. A. Jones
Pvt. D. S. Keiser
Pvt. S. P. Kenneavy
Pvt. D. W. Kinney
Pvt. S. R. Klaiber
Pfc. S. E. Kramer
Pvt. W. M. Kurth

Pfc. R. W. Lancaster
Pfc. C. A. Lapoint
Pvt. A. R. Leighton
Pfc. J. R. Litza
Pvt. A. J. Mason
*Pfc. A. T. McCandless
Pvt. C. T. McGinnis
Pvt. J. A. McGraw
Pvt. T. P. McKeon Jr.
Pvt. A. J. Meifert
Pvt. R. R. Miller
Pvt. Y. G. Mojica
Pvt. T. P. Mudd Jr.
*Pfc. W. A. Nelson
Pvt. A. S. Nemece
Pfc. T. Nguyen
Pvt. T. L. Ogle
Pvt. D. O. Olson
Pvt. A. D. Ormsby
Pvt. O. F. Ortiz-Rocha
Pvt. G. T. Parente
Pvt. T. J. Person
Pvt. M. Pineda
Pvt. C. J. Plant
Pvt. A. A. Quintanilla
Pvt. E. C. Sanchez
Pvt. A. P. Smith

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Pvt. E. M. Aguilar
Pvt. N. J. Aguirre
Pvt. K. C. Akland
Pfc. K. E. Alvarado
Pvt. R. Alvarez
Pvt. T. C. Anderson
Pvt. D. D. Bates-Thomas
Pvt. R. J. Becker
Pvt. C. G. Berenda
Pfc. K. N. Bigornia
Pvt. D. T. Boaz
Pvt. C. S. Bodle
Pvt. A. G. Browne
Pfc. J. E. Brownebob
Pfc. J. Bzdyk
Pvt. P. Gagol
Pvt. D. A. Carating
Lance Cpl. M. Cazares
Pvt. P. A. Chavez
Pvt. K. E. Conduragis
Pvt. M. J. Cortez
Pvt. A. C. Cox
Pvt. A. D. Crowley
Pfc. J. S. Dang
Pvt. M. W. Dewett
Pvt. J. A. Dillon
Pvt. T. E. Downham

Pvt. J. A. Duran
Pvt. B. C. Eggers
Pfc. B. M. Elliot
Pfc. A. D. Emfield
Pvt. J. Fernandez
Pvt. J. D. Flores
Pvt. F. J. Garcia
Pvt. C. A. Gerber
Pfc. M. N. Ghanavati
Pvt. B. K. Gil
Pfc. W. C. Ginn
Pvt. C. A. Goble
Pfc. J. J. Guerra
*Pfc. D. A. Gunn
Pvt. A. Guzman-Rodriguez
*Pfc. J. P. Hall Jr.
Pfc. S. A. Hamid
Pvt. K. J. Hathaway
Pvt. M. J. Hayes
Pfc. T. L. Henson
Pfc. D. V. Hernandez
Pfc. E. R. Hickman
Pfc. D. J. Hines
Pvt. J. R. Howdle
Pvt. D. R. Hurt
*Pfc. D. R. Idol
Pvt. D. L. Jacque
Pvt. C. H. Kayl
*Pfc. Z. R. Kingadams
Pfc. A. T. Kline
Pvt. A. Kraja
Pvt. N. F. Kuba
Pvt. T. S. Leonard
*Pfc. A. E. Malley
Pvt. D. J. Mardis
Pvt. Z. J. McCarthy
Pfc. D. W. McClain
Pvt. C. A. McCoy
Pvt. O. J. McEveven
Pfc. J. T. McRae
Pvt. C. L. Munos
Pvt. F. B. Muya Jr.
Pvt. S. A. Newton
Pvt. S. M. O'Brien
Pvt. D. L. O'Bryant
Pvt. S. P. Ogunti
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Pfc. R. H. Ostrander
Pfc. A. A. Paragas
Pvt. J. A. Peres-Santos
Pfc. T. D. Perrou
Pvt. I. A. Pierce
Pvt. W. H. Plemons
Pvt. J. R. Quintero
Pvt. L. I. Rainwater

Pfc. D. P. Sodsakitch
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Pvt. M. A. Amaya Jr.
Pvt. A. V. Boltes
Pvt. N. W. Johnson
Pvt. R. Navarro-Gutierrez
Pvt. A. E. Orozco
Pfc. J. T. Ostrow
Pvt. C. J. Pechak
Pvt. M. Perez
Pfc. J. J. Petrus
Pvt. I. R. Pfeiffer
Pvt. A. R. Podraza
Pvt. S. A. Pontious
Pvt. R. D. Pufall
Pvt. R. Quiroga
Pfc. J. M. Reyes
Pvt. R. Reyes
Pvt. R. E. Reyes
Pfc. K. G. Rios
Pvt. C. A. Rivera
Pvt. J. R. Rizzo
Pvt. J. G. Robles
Pfc. J. V. Rodgers Jr.
Pvt. G. Rodriguez II
Pfc. G. A. Rodriguez III
Pvt. J. A. Romero
Pfc. J. P. Romero
Pfc. E. U. Rosales
Pfc. S. J. Rueve
Pvt. C. L. Ruffcorn
Pfc. A. W. Ruiz
Pvt. K. J. Russel
*Pfc. E. Saenz
Pvt. C. A. Sanchez
Pvt. J. C. Sanchez
Pvt. S. A. Sanchez
Pvt. B. Sanchez Jr.
Pvt. B. A. Santos
Pvt. D. Sarabia
Pfc. A. L. Sarmiento
Pvt. N. S. Schunk
Pvt. B. M. Shelby
Pvt. R. O. Shields
Pvt. D. J. Shipman
Pfc. J. R. Smith
Pvt. T. L. Sommer
Pvt. M. J. Sondag
Pvt. J. J. Song
Pfc. F. A. Standerfer
Pvt. G. L. Stone III
Pfc. R. F. Stowe



Headquarters and Service Battalion Marines gather together to build camaraderie and have a Thanksgiving lunch to kick off the holiday season with the Single Marine Program aboard the depot, Nov. 26. Each base has an SMP council that meets on a regular basis. The SMP continues tradition, responsibilities and leadership opportunities offered to the Marines that make up most of the Marine Corps, which are the single Marines.

Marines gather for Thanksgiving lunch, companionship

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The depot's Headquarters and Service Battalion Marines gathered together for a Thanksgiving lunch Nov. 26, to kick off the holiday season with the Single Marine Program.

The lunch honored all members of the battalion but was an opportunity to extend special appreciation to the single Marines and Sailors who otherwise would not have had a formal dinner during the holiday season.

The gathering promoted camaraderie with fellow Marines. The lunch, put together by H&S Battalion and the SMP, represented a shared moment for Marines who were not able to spend Thanksgiving with their families, and a shared holiday meal with fellow Marines.

"The Single Marine Program is a great way to continue to build the brotherhood for which the Marine Corps is known," said Lance Cpl. Hayden Howard-Brown, combat photographer, Combat Camera, Service Company, H&S Battalion. "The Thanksgiving meal allowed us all to come together and bond while we shared and enjoyed some delicious turkey."

Each Marine Corps installation has an SMP council that meets on a regular basis. The SMP continues tradition,

responsibilities and leadership opportunities offered to the Marines who make up most of the Marine Corps – single Marines.

Officers and senior enlisted Marines served the junior Marines an array of food including yams, stuffing, ham and turkey. Senior leadership waited for junior Marines to eat before serving themselves as it is tradition within the Marine Corps.

"We as officers enjoy serving the younger Marines chow to show mutual respect that is given back to us on a daily basis," said Lt. Col. George A. Williams, executive officer, H&S Battalion.

The Single Marine Program sets up these events to give young Marines a chance to bond and draw together.

"The lunch allowed us to connect with each other and boost the morale of depot Marines while we feasted on some Thanksgiving turkey," explained Pfc. Enez Juan Valdes, production specialist, Service Company, H&S Battalion.

"The Marine Corps motto is no Marine left behind," said the 18-year-old Valdes, a Montgomery, Texas native. "That doesn't just apply to combat; it applies to everyday life in the Marine Corps, even if it's having a Thanksgiving meal with your fellow Marine brothers and sisters to ensure they have someone to spend the holiday with."



Lance Cpl. Hunter A. Wagner, separations clerk, Finance Office, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, spends a Thanksgiving lunch with his fellow Marines to kick off the holiday season.



Senior enlisted Marines and officers serve the younger Marines before serving themselves as a tradition within the Marine Corps during a Thanksgiving lunch put together by the Single Marine Program.

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Pvt. A. R. Subia Jr.
Pvt. I. Teutla
Pvt. L. Tho
Pvt. J. A. Thomas
Pvt. Z. B. Thomas
Pvt. K. M. Thompson
Pfc. O. U. Ubongen
Pvt. D. L. Vaden
Pvt. M. M. Vasa
Pvt. J. Vasquez
Pvt. P. S. Vaughan
*Pfc. D. A. Verdugo
Pfc. C. R. Vessey
*Pfc. J. Villanueva

Pvt. D. L. Vinson
*Pfc. T. J. Wedge
Pvt. C. J. Wessels
Pvt. J. A. Williams
Pvt. C. N. Wilson
*Pfc. T. B. Wood
Pvt. T. S. Woolman
Pfc. A. S. Wright
Pvt. D. M. Zamora-Kinstler
Pfc. S. H. Zubiategui
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Pvt. R. J. Black
Pvt. D. M. Bullimore
Pfc. B. J. Bumbernick

*Pfc. G. Castillo
Pvt. D. J. Craft
Pfc. T. R. Craig
Pvt. K. G. Damyen
Pvt. C. E. De La Rosa
Pvt. A. J. Dishman
Pvt. N. J. Dotzler
Pvt. T. W. Fleming
Pvt. G. W. Grimes
Pvt. J. Z. Harrison
Pvt. J. C. Hawkins
Pvt. N. A. Herold
Pvt. J. A. Kelly
Pvt. K. G. Largent
Pfc. S. A. Loska
Pvt. P. J. Luna
Pvt. K. A. Nelson
Pvt. J. A. Olds
Pvt. L. W. Oliver

Pvt. G. W. Parton
Pfc. A. T. Pearce
Pvt. D. F. Pockrandt
Pfc. C. K. Pringle
*Pfc. F. O. Pruitt
Pvt. D. R. Quick
Pvt. L. J. Quiroz-Soliz
Pvt. C. J. Ramirez
*Pfc. E. W. Randall
Pfc. B. D. Reyes
Pvt. M. Rincon Jr.
Pvt. M. A. Roberts
Pvt. J. A. Romero-Hernandez
Pfc. E. Romero-Martinez
Pvt. A. A. Schwendeman
Pfc. J. J. Segura

Pvt. Z. T. Shean
Pvt. C. A. Simon
Pvt. J. M. Sims
Pvt. M. Singh
*Pfc. A. J. Singleton
Pvt. J. A. Singleton
Pfc. L. S. Sommers
Pfc. J. D. Spear
Pvt. C. G. Steele
Pvt. R. J. Stranzin Jr.
Pvt. B. M. Szczesny
Pfc. S. J. Szymanski
Pvt. G. Romero-Hernandez
Pvt. N. T. Tarquin
Pfc. A. S. Tello
Pvt. R. L. Thomas
Pvt. A. Torres
Pfc. M. T. Tran
Pvt. C. C. Tuttle

Pvt. M. W. Vanderslice
Pvt. A. Vang
Pfc. V. R. Venegas
Pvt. E. M. Verdin
Pvt. S. J. Vilipski
Pvt. D. H. Vo
Pvt. E. M. Wade
Pvt. D. M. Walter
Pvt. C. G. Steele
Pvt. M. D. Wenzel
Pvt. B. J. Whitaker
Pvt. Z. A. White
Pvt. R. F. Whitedirt Jr.
Pvt. W. A. Wiik
Pvt. Z. M. Williams
*Pfc. G. S. Wilson
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