

Co. F recruits learn what logs can teach

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Co. M cleared to graduate after Battalion Commander Inspection

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Some may feel that the culminating event of recruit training to becoming a Marine is the Crucible. Though recruits do earn their eagle, globe and anchor, it is up to their battalion commander on whether or not they are allowed to graduate recruit training and continue on.

Marines of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, stood strong during their Battalion Commander's Inspection aboard the depot, Dec. 10.

The purpose of the inspection was for the battalion commander to ensure the newly forged Marines were properly trained and met the basic requirement to move forward with their training.

“The battalion commander utilizes the inspection to inspect the final product, testing the Marines on the basic knowledge of their uniforms and weapons,” said Sgt. Andrew T. Hoopes, drill instructor, Platoon 3267. “It is essential that they graduate as the type of Marine they should be before going through further training.”

The inspection was initiated when one of the designated Marines, including the battalion commander, stood in front of a Co. M Marine in formation. The



Marines of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, stand strong during their Battalion Commander's Inspection aboard the depot, Dec. 10. During the inspection, Co. M Marines were asked various questions ranging from uniform regulations, Marine Corps knowledge and history, rank structure and why they joined.

Marine then conducted inspection arms before they passed their weapon off to be inspected. As their weapon was being checked for cleanliness, the Co. M Marine gave the proper greeting of the

day to the inspector and sounded off with their rank, name, hometown, Military Occupation Specialty and whether they were active or reserve. During that time, the inspector asked various ques-

tions ranging from uniform regulations, Marine Corps knowledge and history, rank structure and why they joined.

Co. M faced previous inspections during recruit training in-

cluding the Senior Drill Instructor Inspection and Company Commander's Inspection. However, this was the first time they

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Lance Cpl. Brendon M. Walsh, armorer, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, hands an M16-A4 service rifle to Recruit Johnathan Flores, Platoon 3255, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, during their rifle issue Nov. 25.

Recruits begin warrior creation with rifle issue

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To some, Marines are known as efficient warriors that can deliver consistent and effective shots at any target. The Marine and their rifle are infamously known worldwide, but this reputation could not be achieved without a strong basic foundation.

Recruits of Company L, 3rd

Recruit Training Battalion, were issued their M16-A4 service rifle aboard the depot, Nov. 25.

The purpose of receiving the rifles was for recruits to learn and train with them in order to gain proficiency as a marksman during recruit training. Regardless of their Military Occupation Specialty, recruits will learn marksmanship skills as it is a key attribute to being a Marine.

“Every Marine a rifleman,” said Recruit Wiley M. Kelly, Pla-

toon 3250. “It's another step we have to take in the process to becoming a Marine.”

Recruits received an M16-A4 service rifle, which is a lightweight, magazine feed, gas operated, air-cooled, shoulder fire weapon that is the weapon of choice for the Corps in combat operations. Getting their weapons on training day one, recruits began their transition and set in

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Haircuts emphasize uniformity

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A few hours after recruits arrive on the depot, they received their first military haircut. It is one of the first steps in the transformation of a civilian into a Marine.

Recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, received their weekly haircut Nov. 27.

The purpose of a weekly haircut is to remove individualism from each recruit and to break him down mentally. Once broken down they can begin working to form teams.

For drill instructors, recruits are all the same. They need to teach every recruit the same essential tools of a basic Marine.

“If everyone starts out the same, then everyone can be built the same,” said Staff Sgt. Antonio J. Curry, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1047. “You have different religions, backgrounds, and ethnicities but we let them know that you start from scratch here and it's a level playing field.”

Every week while on the depot, recruits of every company are marched to the barber shop

for a very short, almost shaved, haircut.

While breaking down individualism is one of the most important reasons for recruits to get weekly haircuts, they are also quick, practical and hygienic.

“It's for hygienic purposes to ensure they don't have lice and to get them in a habit of getting a haircut regularly,” said Curry, a Bossier City, La., native. “We teach them how to be well groomed.”

During training, it doesn't matter where recruits came from, how educated they are, how fashionable they are or what they did for a living before leaving home. Their purpose here is to become a basically trained Marine.

“Everyone starts from scratch,” said 24-year-old Recruit Alexander S. Lefebvre. “We wear the uniform and everyone is held to the same standards.”

One of the skills developed in recruit training is teamwork. Much of the training is devoted to developing a cohesive unit of recruits who work together to complete their mission.

Whether the event is Final Drill, Team Week or the Crucible, individualism is discouraged.



Lt. Col. Tomas Carlos, commanding officer, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, inspects a rifle for cleanliness during the Battalion Commander's Inspection aboard the depot, Dec. 10. The purpose of the inspection was for the battalion commander to ensure the newly forged Marines have been properly trained and meet the basic requirement to continue on with their training.

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stood in front of and talked to such a high ranking Marine.

"It was a challenge to not be nervous and to try and settle yourself," said Pfc. Zachary T. Bramstedt. "Having the battalion commander in front of us was intimidating so a lot of us struggled with our bearing."

Going through the inspection, Marines had to be confident in their actions and fall back on their training.

"I told myself to stay calm, answer clearly and constantly reminded myself to keep a strong bearing," said Bramst-

edt, an Alhambra, Ill., native. "We were taught everything we needed to know so all I had to do was just remember my training."

The experience Co. M gained will be invaluable for their Marine Corps career. It has taught them the basic necessary interactions between a junior and senior Marine.

"They needed to learn to speak effectively and with confidence," said Hoopes, an Idaho Falls, Idaho native. "If they want to become a good leader within the Corps it's critical that they master this when speaking to both their higher command and Marines below them to ensure

what is said is understood."

With the battalion commander satisfied with the inspection, Co. M marched back to their squad bay knowing they had completed the last event that stood between them and their graduation. This was one of many interactions with higher ranking Marines they will have while in the Corps. Any experience is good experience.

"It was a good way for us to learn and get better with talking to senior Marines," said 18-year-old Bramstedt. "Experiences like that help get us out of recruit mode where we're scared to talk to somebody. We're Marines now."



Recruits attach the parade sling to their newly issued weapons. The M16-A4 service rifle is routinely issued to recruits on training day one.

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the mindset of becoming a Marine.

"It's a huge impact on them knowing they are holding a weapon designed to kill," said Staff Sgt. Christopher M. Thomas, drill instructor, Plt. 3255. "This is what they came here for. They now have these new responsibilities in taking care of and respecting their weapon."

Just as the Rifleman's Creed states, which all recruits are required to learn; recruits and their rifle will become inseparable and function as one throughout the remainder of recruit training.

"...My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother. I will learn its weaknesses, its strength, its parts, its accessories, its sights and its barrel. I will keep my rifle clean and ready, even as I am clean and ready. We will become part of each other. We will..."

Over the course of recruit training, re-

cruits will learn and understand the weapons safety, basic maintenance, and how to properly shoot the weapon, explained Thomas.

Drill instructors utilize the weapons with close-order drill, which has various training applicable features.

"The close-order drill with weapons will help us instill discipline in the recruits; that instant willingness to obey a command," said Thomas, a Snellville, Ga., native. "The more we do it, the more we see a change in them. It's only training day one but I can already see that difference."

Weapons training will help recruits in the Fleet Marine Force beyond the obedience to commands.

"It'll help us learn to keep things clean and in good working order, instill discipline, show our character, and live a life following honor, courage, and commitment," said Wiley, a Carthage, Miss., native.

The main focus of weapons training is

for combat application. Since every Marine may potentially be out in a combat environment, it is imperative for all to be efficiently trained.

"This training will keep not only themselves safe, but others around them on the battlefield," said Thomas. "Being a good marksman will help build their confidence, which in turn will help them go out and be an effective warrior."

Co. L recruits will continue on through recruit training with their weapon at their side in an effort to earn the title Marine. They will test their drill capabilities during Initial and Final Drill as well as their marksmanship skills at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

"We're going to build the basic foundations here," said Thomas. "We'll chip away at the civilian that arrived to the depot because deep inside there is a Marine waiting to be found."

BRIEFS

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 tomorrow, 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

Feed the Homeless

Join Single Marine Program volunteers Monday as they return to Father Joe's Village to feed the homeless and help support San Diego. Free transportation leaves from in front of Building 619 at 3:30 and returns at 7 p.m.

The event is open to all depot personnel.

For information and to register call Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240, or contact him via e-mail at davisjp@usmc-mccs.org. Information may also be found at <http://mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/SingleMarineProgram/index.html>

Habitat for Humanity

The depot's Single Marine Program volunteers join with Habitat for Humanity workers in National City Wednesday from 8 a.m., until 5 p.m., to help a local family in need by providing finishing work on a new house.

Space is limited so sign-up today.

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Personal & Professional Development

A Financial Brown Bag Lunch Seminar will be conducted in Building 14 Wednesday from 11:30 a.m., until 1 p.m. The topic to be covered is "Tax Planning - How to Reduce Your Taxes and Increase Your Refunds."

Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

For information or to register call Michael McIsaac at (619) 524-5728 or 1204, or contact him via e-mail at <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/PersonalAndProfessionalDevelopment/PersonalFinancialManagement/index.html>

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Brigadier Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group, addresses Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st MLG, after presenting them the National Defense Transportation Association Unit of the Year award during Exercise Steel Knight 14 aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 9. Every year, the NDTA recognizes a military unit that accomplished outstanding service in the field of transportation and logistics during operations. CLB-1 provided exceptional support to Regimental Combat Team 5 and other coalition forces during Operation Enduring Freedom from Oct. 2011 to Dec. 2012

CLB-1 wins Unit of the Year

STORY BY CPL. TIMOTHY CHILDERS
1st Marine Logistics Group

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The Marines of Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, were presented the National Defense Transportation Association Unit of the Year award by Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse, aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 9, 2013. The battalion was awarded for providing exceptional logistics and transportation support in Afghanistan from Oct. 2011 to Dec. 2012.

Every year the NDTA recognizes a military unit that accomplishes outstanding service in the field of transportation and logistics during operations. CLB-1 exceeded all expectations of the units they supported, earning this award in a competition against logistics units throughout all branches of the military.

“We’re being recognized for the work CLB-1 has put in during the last deployment and during training we have supported since,” said 1st Lt. Stephen C. Thomas, logistics officer, CLB-1, CLR-1, 1st MLG. “We supported operations by providing fuel,

ammunition, water, chow and equipment for the 1st Marine Division,” added the Leavenworth, Kan., native.

During their deployment to the Southern Helmand province of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, CLB-1 coordinated and supervised all transportation and distribution support to Regimental Combat Team 5’s four infantry battalions. CLB-1 processed more than 2,200 support requests received from RCT-5 and other coalition forces.

They also executed more than 300 combat logistics patrols, delivering 3,400 loads of supplies, and transported more than 1,250 personnel.

“This award provides closure to the timeless work our Marines performed over the deployment, and it lets them know their work did not go unnoticed,” said Gunnery Sgt. Charlie W. Collins, operations chief, CLB-1, CLR-1, 1st MLG, and native of Houston. “They did their jobs well and deserve this award.”

The battalion also supported six major engineering projects by distributing more than 234,000 gallons of fuel and 350,000 gallons of water to international units in its area of operation. These accomplishments are merely

part of the positive impact and success of this unit in the span of 14 months.

“CLB-1 lived up to and exceeded every expectation I had,” said First Sgt. Lance M. Oufnac, first sergeant, Motor Transportation Company, CLB-1, CLR-1, 1st MLG. “This unit is completely professional with hard work ethic and sound values. Their level of maturity is far greater than any unit I’ve been a part of,” added the Baton Rouge, La., native.

Brigadier Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse, commanding general, 1st MLG, praised the Marines for their achievement after presenting the award during Exercise Steel Knight 2014.

“CLB-1’s award is well deserved and indicative of so many other Marines and organizations within the MLG,” said Coglianesse. “I’m proud of the organization, and I’m proud of the Marines and all they’ve done over the past several years.”

The battalion is equally proud of their organization. They truly understand the sacrifices they made and are gratified to be recognized for their accomplishments.

“It was no surprise to me when I found out the battalion was selected for the



Courtesy Photo

Brigadier Gen. Vincent A. Coglianesse, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group, poses for a photo with Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st MLG, after presenting them the National Defense Transportation Association Unit of the Year award during Exercise Steel Knight 14 aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 9.

award,” said Maj. Gary D. Thompson, operations officer, CLB-1. “They worked hard to get here. I am just humbled to be a part of the organization.”

When the battalion returned from their deployment, they did not take a break from their duties; they quickly assumed the responsibility of supporting the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade and continued to train

and prepare for any contingencies the future might hold, including a slated deployment to Afghanistan next year.

“It’s nice to be recognized, but we have another task ahead of us,” said Thompson, a native of Jourdan, Texas. “We will continue to train as we prepare for another historic moment: what could be the last push in Afghanistan.”

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Recruits perform log lifts Nov. 26. The sheer weight of the log posed challenges for the recruits. They had to figure out how to push through and not fall their group.



Recruits prepare to pick up a log during drills. Recruits lined up from tallest to shortest to equalize the weight each recruit carried during the event.



Recruits wait for the whistle to perform log curls as a unit during log drill, Nov. 26. The purpose of log drills was to put recruits in a physically straining environment while working as a team to accomplish the event.



Recruits struggle to perform log squats. Recruits stopped at every station of the depot's track to execute various exercises including log squats, curls, side benders, and lifts.

Log drills demand small unit leadership

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Small unit leadership is one of the main principles in the Marine Corps. Great emphasis is put on leadership

during recruit training for recruits to learn and execute on their own, however, it is not an attribute that can easily be taught in the classroom. Recruits will develop it in the toughest of conditions to continue the leadership reputation Marines carry.

Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, came together and conquered log drills aboard the depot, Nov. 26.

The purpose of log drills was to put recruits in a physically straining environment while having to utilize teamwork to accomplish the event.

"This event is good for physical training, but the main aspect is that log drills instill the concept of a team, to move as one unit as they carry the heavy log," said Sgt. Aubrey B. Childree, drill instructor, Platoon 2131. "This is the early stages of teaching teamwork so this event will help them learn to not focus on themselves."

During the log drill event, groups of eight recruits each carried one heavy log around a half-mile dirt track. Recruits stopped at every corner of the track to execute various exercises including log squats, curls, side benders, and lifts.

Recruits started the event by forming a school circle around one of the log pickup/drop-off stations

to be taught the proper ways to execute all areas of the event including the carries and exercises. Afterward, recruits were lined up from tallest to shortest in order to ensure that no one recruit carried more or less weight since the log rested on their shoulders the majority of the event.

Recruits then picked up the log and stood by for the whistle to blow, signaling all the groups around the track to begin their trek to their first exercise station. In order to successfully transport the log, recruits needed to utilize coordinated cadence, "left, right, left, right," to keep their feet synchronized and not step on one another. This would ensure the smoothest way to get the log from station to station.

It was up to one recruit to stand out and become the leader for that group. As it turned out, it wasn't as easy of a task for the recruits.

"They had a hard time figuring out to let just one recruit lead them," said Aubrey, an Ozark, Ala., native. "As the event went on they got tired and started arguing with each other more."

The sheer weight of the log posed great challenges for the recruits. They had to figure out how to push through and not fail their group.

"The log got heavy after a while," said Recruit Matthew J. Oliver. "We all had to have great discipline to stay in the proper position and carry our own weight."

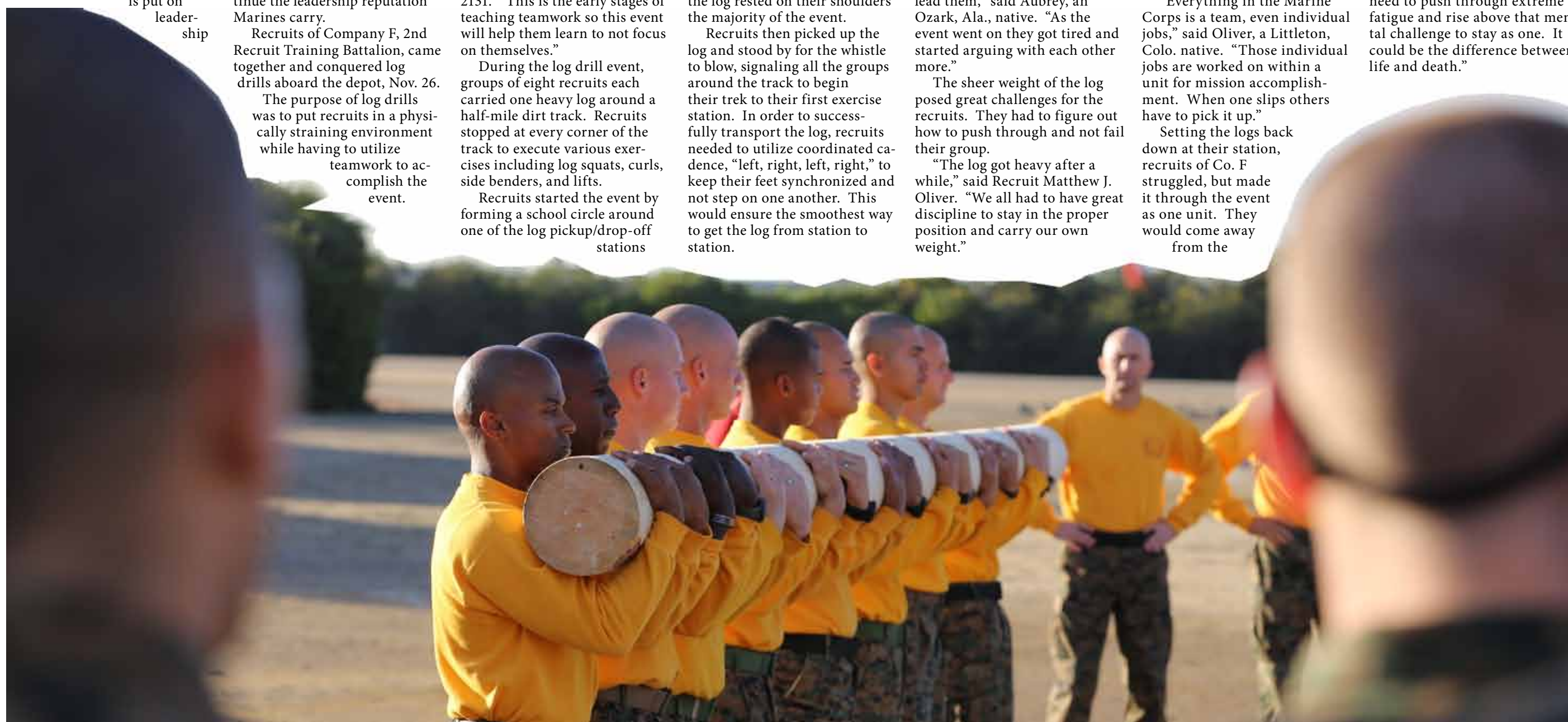
During recruit training, recruit are taught the significance and importance of teamwork. Team focused events like the log drills, helped instill the urgency of good teamwork and how important it is.

"Everything in the Marine Corps is a team, even individual jobs," said Oliver, a Littleton, Colo. native. "Those individual jobs are worked on within a unit for mission accomplishment. When one slips others have to pick it up."

Setting the logs back down at their station, recruits of Co. F struggled, but made it through the event as one unit. They would come away from the

event with a new understanding of the importance of teamwork and small unit leadership.

"You learn to work together, put pride aside, and let one person lead," said Childree. "Out in combat your team will need to push through extreme fatigue and rise above that mental challenge to stay as one. It could be the difference between life and death."



Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, drill instructors demonstrate how to properly carry and perform exercises with a log to recruits during depot recruit training, Nov. 26. Team focused events such as log drills, help instill the importance of good teamwork and how important it is.

New Marine adopted by Corps, family

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Pvt. Benjamin L. Otis was nicknamed “blind side” by his peers based on the movie *“The Blind Side.”* Like the film, Otis was adopted by a white family that took him in and guided him to a better life.

Otis, Platoon 3265, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, with the love and guidance of his adoptive mother, enlisted in the Marine Corps to make her proud.

Otis grew up without a father in Klamath Falls, Ore., in 2001. At the age of 6, he was taken by child services from an abusive home. He was put in a foster home where he found a family who took him in as one of their own.

“It was weird at first but, looking back, it was a better situation,” said 18-year-old Otis. “They treated me like one more of their kids. I started feeling more like at home.”

In 2004, the family adopted Otis and changed his future.

“When they asked if I would like to be adopted I said ‘yes,’” said the self-described momma’s boy. “I didn’t want to go back to my biological mother and wanted to stay with them.”

According to Otis, his adoptive mother, Sybil M. Otis, always knew what to say. She gave him advice and spoke with him every time he needed to make a tough decision. Her advices stemmed from her life experience. He had the final choice in the matter. She always supported him.

“She always looks out for me regardless of what I do,” said Otis. “She was always strong and steady with her advice and kept me going in the right direction.”

His stepfather was a Marine but, unfortunately, he died in 2005. A year later his mother decided to move the family to Anchorage, Alaska. There, Otis spent high school find-



Pvt. Benjamin L. Otis, Platoon 3265, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, reads a citation before performing an obstacle with his fire team during Crucible at Edson Range, Dec. 4. Otis’ mother wanted him to enlist in the Air Force but he felt passionate about enlisting in the Marine Corps.

ing a way to make his mother proud.

“I love her to death,” said Otis. “I never really had a father and since I was little she took care of me. I wanted to make her proud.”

His mother wanted Otis to join the Air Force but he was passionate about joining the Marine Corps. He said he liked the way Marines carried themselves, especially the pride they show while in uniform. Inspired by his mother and adoptive father’s military background, Otis enlisted in the Marine Corps. To Otis,

becoming a Marine is a way to give back to the people who gave him a home and a better life.

He shipped off to recruit training Sept. 16. However, there have been obstacles along the way. According to Sgt. Julio A. Aguayo, senior drill instructor, he was going to put Otis on a mandatory diet because he was a few pounds overweight. Otis asked Aguayo to allow him to lose the excess weight on his own.

“He wanted to take on any challenge. He proved that he could do it on his own,” said

Aguayo. “He is a great kid; he will be a good leader and a good Marine.”

Otis lost the weight. He needed some extra motivation from his mother, through her letters and words of wisdom.

“Every letter I’ve gotten, in recruit training, she says ‘I’m proud of you,’” said Otis. “The letters and what she wrote gave me the strength to keep going.”

According to Otis, his mother told him before he enlisted that the military always takes care of service member’s family.

“She is one of the reasons why I’m doing this. I want to take care of my family,” said Otis. “I wouldn’t be anywhere near where I am today without her. Everything I’ve done and the direction I’m heading toward is because of her.”

Now that Otis has earned the title Marine, he will have 10 days of leave to spend with his mother. He will attend Marine Combat Training to learn basic rifleman skills. Then he will attend a Military Occupational Specialty school to become a basic aircraft maintenance Marine.

Col. Rick A. Uribe

Parade Reviewing Officer

Col. Rick A. Uribe graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif., with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and received his commission as a Marine second lieutenant during the summer of 1989.

Uribe completed The Basic School in 1990 as his company’s “Iron Mike,” and was selected to participate on the U.S. Military Pentathlon Team. He graduated from flight school on the Commodore’s List for flight and academic achievement, receiving his gold aviator wings in August 1992 and reporting to Cherry Point, N.C., for conversion training to the KC-130 Hercules.

During 1993, Uribe was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif., where he was the logistics and airframes officer and assistant aircraft maintenance officer.

While there he participated in Operations Restore Hope, Continue Hope and Distant Runner.

Uribe received orders to 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., during 1996, and was assigned as the Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company detachment commander with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) earning his gold jump wings.

Uribe deployed to the Western Pacific aboard the USS Peleliu and served as the liaison officer to Commander, Carrier Group 7, aboard the USS Nimitz. He participated in Operations Silent Assurance and Southern Watch, along with numerous exercises in support of coalition forces. He returned to the Raiders of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 at MCAS Miramar, Calif., during 1998, where he became a Weapons and Tactics Instructor.

Uribe served as the director of Safety and Standardization,

Squadron WTI, Operations Officer, and Group Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization Evaluator. He deployed as the KC-130 Detachment Commander for Operation Northern Watch.

During 2001, Uribe was directed to head the operational evaluation of the KC-130J at Naval Air Station Patuxent River where he served as the Office of Training Director for KC-130 projects at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron ONE at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. While there he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, completed the operational evaluation, and was selected Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force’s 2003 Tester of the Year.

Uribe reported to the Pentagon with orders to Headquarters Marine Corps Aviation, Plans and Policies Branch during May 2004. In September 2004, he deployed to Iraq as a forward air controller with 1st Marine Division supporting numerous

Marine, coalition and special operations units. He returned to HQMC Aviation in May 2005, and was assigned to Weapons Requirements Branch.

Uribe slated to command VMGR-352 in MCAS Miramar, and assumed command of the Raiders in October 2006. Under his command the Raiders were continually deployed in support of combat operations.

Uribe relinquished command in 2008 and reported as a student to the United States Army War College.

Upon graduation from the USAWC, Uribe reported to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and assumed duties in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate serving as an executive assistant to the vice director of Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate and battle captain in the National Military Command Center.

During 2011, Uribe reported to the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Staff Training Program at Marine Corps Base Quantico,

Va., as the deputy director until 2013.

He is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School; the Marine Corps Command and Staff College; and the USAWC where he received a master’s degree in strategic studies. He has flown over 3,800 hours in various aircraft.





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Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion run with their drill instructors during the motivation run before being released to their loved ones on Family Day aboard the depot, Dec. 5. Military cadence is a traditional call that can be used as a song during a running formation.

Morale of Marines boosted through cadence

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Military cadence is a traditional call that is used as a song during running and marching formations. Cadences are used to instill teamwork, build camaraderie and to boost the morale of a unit.

Cadence commands such as “left foot, right foot” keep the platoon synchronized while in a running formation. However, there is more to cadence than to just stay in step. Military cadence is also used to motivate

and inspire military personnel to push through fatigue.

“When you’re out training and running with your unit to cadences it gives you a sense of pride, keeps you and your fellow Marines motivated and builds up camaraderie with the people you train with everyday,” said Staff Sgt. Glen E. Allen, drill instructor, Platoon 2129, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. “Morale is always important to keep high within a unit. Cadence is one of those things used to keep it high.”

A cadence requires a caller to give out the commands of

the cadence, which lets an individual lead a platoon displaying their unit leadership. Some cadences have a call and response structure in which the unit leader initiates a line and the remaining members of the formation complete it, instilling teamwork and camaraderie.

During recruit training, cadence is also used to teach close order drill. Calls such as “left shoulder arms” indicate a drill recruits must perform on command. Drill instructors march their platoons to every event including classes, physical training events and chow.

Using cadence with recruits during recruit training helps instill discipline and instantaneous obedience to orders.

A popular saying in the Marine Corps is no Marine left behind. While marching, performing close order drill or running, cadence teaches Marines to stay in step with each other and leave no one behind, explained 30-year-old Allen, a Riverside, Calif., native.

Military cadences have been around since the Revolutionary War. Close order drill used a particular cadence count during the sequence of loading and firing a musket. Units also

have used cadences to maneuver into different tactical formations.

Cadences are part of the military foundation and what it represents, explained Recruit Aaron R. Rains, an Indianapolis, Ind., native.

Cadence can be based on songs, sayings or even tell a story.

“Cadence tells history, stories of battles and traditions as we run together, collecting all as a unit boosting high morale with the Marines to your right and left,” said 21-year-old Rains. “Cadences link everyone together”

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