



## One tower, one company, one fear overcome

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II  
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While the rappel tower looks tall from the bottom, recruits say it looks even taller from the top.

Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, rappelled down a 60-foot tower aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot June 28.

For many recruits the fear of heights consumed them entirely.

“On a one-to-10 of fear, I was an eight,” said Recruit Gregorio Montes, guide, Platoon 2133. “When I got to the top my stomach tightened up, but I figured I might as well keep going because I was going to have to come down somehow.”

Drill instructors know from first-hand experience the fear recruits deal with. With that they do their best to keep the recruits calm during the exercise.

“I remember (as a recruit) being on top of the wall and not wanting to come down,” said Sgt. Bradley W. Havenar, senior drill instructor, Plt. 2134.

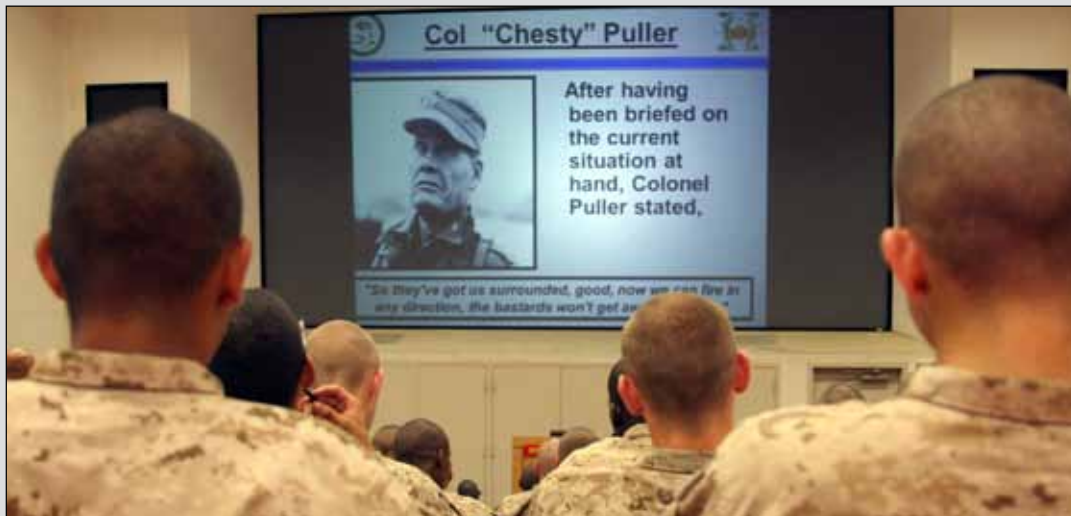
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Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, rappel down a 60-foot tower aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot June 28. Prior to rappelling, recruits learned how to properly tie their safety harness and the technique used to safely reach the bottom.



*Sgt. Liz Gleason*

Company H recruits read about Col. Chesty Puller during a history class June 28. For many recruits, this was the first time they learned about Marine Corps history.

## Recruits learn Marine Corps history

BY SGT. LIZ GLEASON  
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Some recruits arrive at the Depot with a good understanding of the Marine Corps' history and some arrive with no prior knowledge, however throughout their journey to becoming Marines, they are immersed in the illustrious past of the Corps.

On Training Day 10, recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, learned about the rich tradition of the Marine Corps during a history class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 28.

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

There are six phases of Marine Corps History classes which encompass everything from the birth of the Marine Corps to the recent war in Iraq and Afghanistan. However the knowledge isn't only taught in the classroom, drill instructors also help recruits review, understand and reinforce the information learned in preparation for the Comprehensive Exam on Training Day 55.

“We not only teach recruits the subjects they need to pass the Comprehensive Exam, we also teach them the Corps values, honor, courage and commitment, that we've lived by since 1775,” said Canlas. “Learning about the values and how

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## Co. L tests recruits combat fitness

BY LANCE CPL. PEDRO CARDENAS  
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Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, pushed through the Combat Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 27.

The CFT is made up of three events that are used to simulate movements in combat.

All three events are completed in boots and combat utility uniforms. First, recruits com-

plete Movement-to-Contact, a 880-meter timed run. Then, they perform two-minutes of ammunition can lifts followed by the Maneuver Under Fire, consisting of various combat carries, crawls and obstacles which are timed.

The CFT helps drill instructors gauge their recruits' fitness levels and it is useful for recruits to seek improvement in events they struggled.

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*Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas*

A recruit of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, completes Movement-to-Contact an 880 yard run in boots and combat utility uniforms during their final Combat Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 27.





Sgt. Liz Gleason

**Sergeant Gersom Canales, an academic instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, reads a slide to recruits during a history class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 28. Academic instructors are trained drill instructors selected to teach recruits various Marine Corps subjects.**

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displayed throughout gives recruits a sense of inspiration and pride.”

The pride also brings motivation to recruits and helps them be successful during recruit training as well as during their Marine Corps careers, according to Canlas.

“I enlisted in the Marine Corps because they are the best,” said Recruit Patrick Salazar, Platoon 2174. “To be a Marine means so much, you have to work really hard to achieve it. I want to earn the title and be part of something

so big and historical. I want live up to the title and uphold the legacy with pride.”

While this class’s focus was Marine Corps history, recruits are taught everything from general military studies and history to combat first aid and financial classes.

“It’s good to have academically trained Marines,” said Salazar. “These classes are important because they teach us about the past and give us another aspect to being better, well-rounded Marines.”

All of the knowledge gained in re-

cruit training will stay with the recruits long after they graduate and become Marines. As for the instructors teaching the classes, it fills them with a different sense of pride.

“What really matters is showing recruits that you care about the Marine Corps and take pride in being a Marine, so that they too gain that pride as they strive to earn the title Marine,” said Canlas. “As an academic instructor and a sergeant, it’s an honor to be a part the Recruit Depot. Making an impact and helping transform recruits into United States Marines is priceless.”

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“The CFT is another tool to measure their physical capabilities to handle stress and combat situations,” said Alias R. Jimenez, drill instructor, Plt. 3254. “As the nation’s elite force, Marines are expected to perform their duties and you have to be physically fit to do that.”

To some, Maneuver Under Fire is perhaps the most challenging event because recruits must low crawl, high crawl and sprint around cones to get to a simulated casualty. They then buddy drag the casualty and fireman’s carry him back to the start.

Next, recruits pick up ammunition cans, run with them to the end of the course, throw a simulated grenade, perform three push-ups and then sprint back with the ammunition cans to the finish line.

“Maneuver Under Fire is tough. You have to move quick, fireman carry another recruit along with other exercises,” said Recruit Eric K. Myers. “Marines are the best so they have to be mentally and physically ready for combat.”

Once all three events are completed, each recruit receives a score based on their two times and the amount of ammunition can lifts performed.

Recruits can achieve a maximum score of 100 points in each of the three events



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

**A recruit of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, fireman carries a simulated casualty during their final Combat Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 27.**

for a maximum combined score of 300.

This score will help toward promotion and advancement in the Marine Corps. Therefore, it is important for recruits to push their hardest and obtain a high score.

Marines must stay physically fit throughout their careers as the CFT is taken annually for score, but more importantly for the call of duty.

“You have to be physically fit to do what we do,” said Jimenez.

Co. L must now complete their final test during recruit training, the Crucible. This event is a 54-hour test of endurance in which recruits must conquer more than 30 different obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation. This will be their last obstacle prior to earning the title “Marine.”

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-tors yelled and I got down as quickly as possible,” said Havenar with a chuckle.

Drill instructors were not the only ones trying to keep recruits calm. Recruit leadership did their best to set a good example.

“Being the guide, even if you are scared you have to hide that fear and be strong for your platoon,” said Recruit John W. Schulz, guide, Plt. 2134.

Schulz said he understands the importance of the exercise because he realizes

recruits learn and grow through difficult experiences.

“Something like this is very important because in their Marine Corps career they are most likely going to be asked to do something they will be scared of,” said Schulz. “Facing fear is part of a Marine’s job and that’s what I think they’re learning today.”

One-by-one recruits zipped down the tower. Though some recruits struggled, once finished, most appeared to walk a little taller after their accomplishment. “It

feels incredible. I feel like you can do a lot more than you think you can,” said Montes. “I overcame my fear of heights—or at least heights as high as the tower.”

The recruits finished their rappelling and in turn, now have learned the basics of a new skill.

“Some of these recruits have military occupational specialties that may never require this,” said Havenar. “But some might (use it in their MOS), and now they have some knowledge that will put them in a better position to succeed.”

## BRIEFS

### Spark Adventure Race

The depot Single Marine Program is sponsoring two five-person teams to participate in the Spark Adventure Race July 13.

The event is an exciting adventure race experience that combines all of the best aspects of urban adventure racing athletic events, games, puzzles, photo hunts and other fun and adventurous activities!

The race covers downtown San Diego from 11 a.m., until 5 p.m. starting at the Gaslamp District.

For information go to: <http://bgcspark.com/upcoming-event-spark-adventure-race/>.

To participate in this limited space event contact Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240; or via computer at [davisjp@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:davisjp@usmc-mccs.org) or on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/16fdrlv>.

### Library Closures

The depot library will close Sundays from July 14 until Sept. 30, due to the furlough.

Weekday and Saturday hours will remain 8:30 a.m., until 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Dan Cisco at 619-524-1850.

### Virtual Training and Trade Show

The depot HA Department hosts an International Military Community Executives’ Association free Virtual Training and Tradeshow July 22.

The event takes place at [www.imeca.org](http://www.imeca.org).

Register at <https://imcea.org/trade-show-online-registration>.

For the training agenda contact Joshua Collins at (619) 725-6228.

### Brown Bag Lunch Seminar

The depot hosts a Financial Brown Bag Lunch Seminar July 24, from 11:30 a.m., until 1 p.m., in the Personal & Professional Development Classroom, building 14.

The seminar will explore “Investment Basics - Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds.”

Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Register at (619) 524-5728. For information call Michel McIsaac at (619) 524-1204 or check the web at <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/PersonalAndProfessionalDevelopment/PersonalFinancialManagement/index.html>

### Military Retiree Appreciation Seminar and Resource Fair

The depot sponsors a Military Retiree Appreciation Seminar and Resource Fair on July 26. The event is scheduled for the McDougal Hall (the depot theater) from 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Learn about legislative updates on benefits, and exposure to community resources. For information call (619) 524-5301/5732/5728. Register at <http://smcrd2013rs-attendee.eventbrite.com>

### Car Show

The annual MCRD 101 Days of Summer Car Show is July 27. The event will be on the parking lot between the Recreation and Fitness Centers from 10 a.m., until 1 p.m.

For information call (619) 524-5240.

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## Around the depot

*This week the Chevron asks: "What is the importance of field day?"*



**"To keep away germs, the more you clean and wipe the less infections you get."** Brittny A. Jones, Hospital Nurse, Health Branch Clinic



**"Field day is about attention to detail and maintaining good hygiene standards."** Sgt. Wuinn M. Steege, drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion



**"To ensure everyone maintains good hygiene so they don't get sick."** Lance Cpl. Dennis A. Contreras, Postal, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion

## RTR Change of Command



*Cpl. Walter D. Marino II*

Sgt. Maj. Peter A. Siaw, Regimental Sergeant Major, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego salutes as Col. Michael J. Lee relinquishes command of RTR to Col. Jim G. Gruny, during a change of command ceremony aboard the depot July 3, 2013. The transfer of colors is a Marine Corps tradition that is symbolic of the transfer of command from the outgoing commanding officer to the incoming commanding officer.

## Battalion Gets New Top Enlisted Leadership



*Gunnery Sgt. Jefferson Edouasie*

Marines from Headquarters and Service Battalion participate in a Post and Relief ceremony conducted by their commanding officer, Col. Mark M. Tull, left, aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego July 9. Sgt. Maj. Jesse T. Mafnas Jr., right, is replacing Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Brookman as the sergeant major for the battalion.



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Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, execute an eye gouge during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program examination aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 26.



Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, execute a round-house kick during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program examination aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 26.

# MCMAP develops warrior ethos

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY LANCE CPL. PEDRO CARDENAS  
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Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, were graded on their knowledge of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 26.

MCMAP is taught throughout recruit training to instill confidence in recruits but it is also a graduation requirement. Recruits must pass a graded examination in order to earn their tan belt.

The program, like civilian martial arts programs, has different belt levels ranging from-- tan, gray, green, brown and black. Each belt level of MCMAP,

tan being the lowest, requires proficiency of different techniques and passing an examination to progress to the next belt.

Some recruits come with previous Mixed Martial Arts experience but learn new skills from the Marine Corps martial arts.

"MCMAP gives us skills to know how to protect ourselves and fellow Marines," said Recruit Manuel A. Velazquez, Platoon 3254. "I have previous MMA experience and I didn't know some moves, like the different types of chokes, but they are very effective."

MCMAP combines several martial arts moves into one program. It is made up of various techniques such as joint

manipulation, take-downs, strikes, bayonet techniques, rifle strikes and ground fighting. During every martial arts class, drill instructors ensure recruits are also taught when and where the moves are authorized.

"MCMAP is a set of warrior skills that encompasses the physical, discipline and moral character to distinguish right from wrong during war fighting," said Sgt. Benjamin G. Laca, drill instructor. "Some recruits have never been in a fight, MCMAP gives them a boost in confidence that way it (fighting) won't be something new to them."

After every session, instructors lead a guided discussion where they tie in not only the physical aspect of the pro-

gram for recruits but also, ethical and moral values.

"MCMAP is an introduction to physical, ethical, moral, courage and confidence in physical skill during hand-to-hand combat," said Laca. "The purpose of tie-in discussions is to reinforce the Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commitment-- to do what is right at all times."

Along with warrior ethos and character, MCMAP requires a Marine to be physically fit in order to be proficient.

Throughout recruit training recruits develop leadership skills, ethical and moral values. MCMAP is one of many training events designed to improve recruits mentally and physically throughout their journey to becoming Marines.



Co. L recruits perform a rear-choke during an examination aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 26. An examination is administered to make sure recruits are knowledgeable of all MCMAP moves taught throughout recruit training.



Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, give verbal commands to get down to other recruits during the Marine Corps Martial Art Program test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 26.



Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, executes a thrust with a rubber knife during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program examination aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 26. Weapon techniques are part of the MCMAP curriculum.



# Marine goes from “American Idol” to American warrior

BY LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN E. WOODLE  
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Patriotism is a powerful feeling. It can make one do things they wouldn't normally do. When a life of stardom and success is laid out in front of someone, most would take that path and enjoy the benefits that come with it.

Not everyone ends up taking the obvious path, choosing instead a path full of honor, pride, and sacrifice.

Pfc. John W. Schulz, Platoon 2134, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, decided to not answer the call of stardom, instead answering his call of duty by enlisting in the Marine Corps.

Schulz realized early on in his life that he had a natural gift when it came to singing. It was something he enjoyed doing with family and in front of other people.

“I've been singing in public ever since I was a little kid, whether it was in church or in a little band I started when I was fourteen,” said Schulz.

“We played at little dance halls all over the place, playing older traditional types of country or older Texas dance hall style music.”

One can easily say that Schulz has a gift for singing after hearing him sing just one note. His success with singing was noticed not by just his friends and family, but by the world.

“Back in 2010 my mom was diagnosed with cancer,” said Schulz. “I said to my mom, ‘Mom, I love you, I'd do anything in the world for you,’ and she said ‘Anything?’ and I said ‘yes.’ She then said ‘Well I would like for you to try out for ‘American Idol.’” I was like gosh, out of all the things she could ask for, bake her one of her favorite cakes or do something for her, but she asked me to try out for the show. I thought ‘oh man, I wear a cowboy hat, boots and belt buckle, I don't feel like I really fit in on that show.’”

Coming from a small town in Texas, Karnes City, Schulz was your stereotypical country boy. He looked the part, sang traditional country music, and loved to rodeo competitively. Schulz though had made a promise to his mother that he would audition.

His opportunity came in 2010 when the “American Idol” auditions came to Austin, Texas.

“We all went to the auditions but I didn't have that great of hopes because I felt as though I hadn't done anything special, just a small town kid singing in some dance halls,” said Schulz.

“Before I knew it I had made it past all of the pre-auditions, got a ticket to Hollywood and then got a ticket to Las Vegas to become one of the top twenty guys, top forty overall when you include

the girls.”

Unfortunately for Schulz, his ticket wasn't punched for the next level of the competition. With there being one other country singer, it was decided one must go.

Schulz ended up getting cut while the other country singer, Scotty McCreery, would go on to win the “American Idol” season 10 show.

Schulz had fulfilled his mother's promise and tried out for American Idol. It brought him on an unexpected journey that his mother got to enjoy watching every step of the way. Her happiness during that time will be something he will never forget.

“Before American Idol my mom was in remission, but when I got on the show the cancer came back,” said Schulz. “Not long after I got cut it got really bad; she passed away a year and a half ago.”

Though Schulz suffered the loss of his mother, he had great opportunity ahead of him.

“After ‘American Idol,’ I was given the opportunity to go on a worldwide tour with the Armed Forces Entertainment, singing for troops stationed overseas” said Schulz. “We were on tour for about a year and a half, and during that time I would realize what my next big decision would be.”

While on tour, Schulz was exposed to the military life, witnessing the dedication and sacrifice military members and families were making to serve their country. This and the fact that every generation of his family has served in the military dating back to the civil war were his main inspirations for joining.

“I see joining the Marine Corps as another goal in life that I wanted to accomplish,” said Schulz. “I had this huge fear that I'd become an old man, never having served in the military just like my relatives before me, and it made me sick to my stomach on the thought of missing out on that.”

Schulz's previous experiences have allowed him to excel and become the guide of his platoon. His maturity, being older than most recruits at the age of 25, and well-rounded decision making skills got him noticed by his drill instructors.

“He was always trying to lead even when he didn't hold a leadership billet,” said Sgt. Bradley W. Havenar, senior drill instructor.

“He is also very strong with his faith and just believes in good, constantly trying to be the good guy, but at the same time be firm and fair. I think he's seen somebody, either in his past or while he was on tour, which he's trying to be like that has really opened up his heart to say this is how I want to be like and be part of.”



Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle

**Pfc. John W. Schulz, who graduates recruit training today with Company F, Platoon 2134, enjoyed a taste of what musical stardom might be like when he auditioned for and competed on “American Idol” at his mother's request.**

Schulz has taken a wild rollercoaster through his life, experiencing success, worldwide stardom, failure and the loss of a loved one. He has been able to take his life experiences and grow as a person, helping him realize what matters most to him.

“Always remembering what's most im-

portant in life; that the freedoms we enjoy, the high standards of living we're accustomed to, remembering that we're fighting to keep those freedoms and liberties,” said Schulz. “You're here doing this so other people don't have to do this and dedicating this time for the protection and happiness of others.”

## Sgt. Maj. Scott R. Helms

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Scott R. Helms was born in St. Louis, Mo., March 15, 1968. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1985 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., July 1986.

After completing M60A1 Tank School at Fort Knox, Ky., Helms was assigned to Marine Security Forces, Cuba.

In 1987, Helms was transferred to Company A, 3rd Tank Battalion, Twentynine Palms, Calif. During this assignment he served as a tank commander in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 1992, Helms returned from deployment and served

as an instructor at the Basic Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky. In 1995, he was transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island S.C., to serve as a drill instructor with 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

Upon completion of drill instructor duty in 1997, Helms was assigned to Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., as platoon sergeant and company master gunner.

In 2000, the gunnery sergeant reported to Company A, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, New Orleans, La., to serve as an inspector/instructor.

First sergeant Helms reported to Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines (BLT 1/6), 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., in July 2003 where he deployed with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC) to Afghanistan in support of Op-

eration Enduring Freedom. BLT 1/6 deployed again to Fallujah, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In October 2006, Helms assumed his Post as the Battalion Sergeant Major for 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion until transferring to 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in May 2009, where he was later assigned as sergeant major for Headquarters and Service Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command in July 2011.

Sergeant Major Helms is married and has two sons. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat distinguishing device “V” and four gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star and Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars.







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# Company E learns fundamentals of marksmanship

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Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, utilized the fundamentals of combat marksmanship during firing week at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 25.

During the Second Phase of training, recruits are taught and employ the fundamentals of marksmanship. Every Marine is required to be proficient using the M-16 A4 service rifle.

“We want to build confidence in how to properly handle the weapon. You want to build that foundation early in recruit training,” said Sgt. Senovio H. Reyes, drill instructor, Platoon 2113. “They learn the basic shooting positions and the fundamentals of shooting including breathing control, muscle relaxation and trigger control.”

Recruits are trained how to shoot effectively during a two week period. During the first week, recruits learn the fundamentals of Marine Corps marksmanship including trigger control, breath control, muscle relaxation and proper sight alignment.

Along with the fundamentals, recruits are trained in different shooting positions such as the kneeling, sitting, standing and the prone. Recruits practice the positions for several hours a day for that week span.

“There is so much to learn but it’s all about repetitiveness and muscle memory,” Recruit Zach M. Spindlow, Plt. 2114. “We do it so much that when it’s

applied, we don’t have to think about it.”

The second week, known as firing week, consists of recruits applying the skills by shooting live fire for four days. Recruits engage human silhouettes at varying distances, positions, and scenarios within an allotted time. They must shoot from distances of 200, 300 and 500-yards in different shooting positions.

Firing week concludes on the fifth day with recruits qualifying for an official score.

This score will help toward promotion. Thus, it is imperative for recruits to learn quickly and apply these skills to attain the best possible score.

“Career-wise it will help them. If they do well (during rifle qualification), their cutting scores will be higher and better chances at getting promoted,” said Reyes.

Rifle qualification is one of the many graduation requirements and recruits who fail to score a minimum of 250 points will re-qualify. If they fail again, they risk being dropped from training.

Marksmanship is an essential tool in the Marine Corps as they take pride in claiming every Marine is a rifleman.

“Every Marine is a rifleman and this (rifle qualification) is where it all starts, with the basics,” said Reyes.

For recruits qualifying is only the beginning, once they are Marines qualification is annual, so they must continue to polish their shooting skills as they continue their journey to become a United States Marine.



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**A recruit of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, shoots from the kneeling position during qualification week at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton June 25.**



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**A Primary Marksmanship Instructor, Weapons Field Training Battalion, gives a recruit advice while he (the recruit) takes aim during qualification week at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 25.**



*Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas*

**Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, shoot from the kneeling position during qualification week at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton June 25. There are four positions recruits must master--the prone, the sitting, standing and kneeling.**