

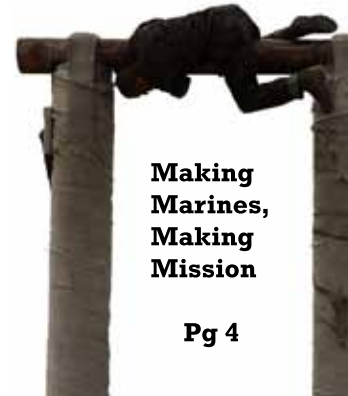


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## 2013 Year in Review

### Students cross Pacific to say thanks

MARCH

High school students from Kesennuma High School, Oshima Island, Japan came to the depot March 26, 2013, to visit with and thank Marines and sailors who assisted their nation following one of the deadliest natural disasters in history.

On March 11, 2011, a magnitude 9.0 under-



Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez

Each student from Kesennuma High School in Oshima, Japan, received gifts during their visit aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 26. The purpose of their visit was to show appreciation for service members who participated in Operation Tomodachi.

sea megathrust earthquake, now known as the Great East Japan Earthquake, occurred about 43 miles off the coast of Japan. The quake and the tsunami waves it generated, killed almost 16,000 people and injured 6,150. Another 2,643 are missing. The 133-foot waves traveled up to six-miles inland. The event destroyed almost 130,000 buildings, partially collapsed more than 254,000 others and damaged another 700,000.

The event also damaged the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant, generating the largest nuclear incident since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster in Russia, and the second (with Chernobyl) to measure Level 7 on the International Nuclear Event Scale.

Immediately following the tragedy the United States Marine Corps responded with Operation Tomodachi, a disaster relief operation.

More than two years later, the Kesennuma High School students came to say thanks to those who participated in the operation.

“I regretted not being able to thank the (Marines) then, because I couldn’t speak English really well,” said Mami Onodera, a 17-year-old, Oshima, Japan, native. “I couldn’t express my feelings of how thankful I felt. When the school announced the program to send students here, I immediately thought this is the time when I can personally go and thank them.”

The students were given a tour of the depot’s command museum and provided lunch, accompanied by service members. Also joining the students was the Honorary Consul General of Japan in San Diego, and members of the Japan Society, the leading U.S. organization committed to deepening mutual understanding between the United States and Japan.

### Make-A-Wish Marine visits

AUGUST



Lance Cpl. Tyler Viglione

Dalton Sanders (left), 14, a Duncan, Okla. native, practices martial arts techniques with Sgt. Matthew T. Owen (right) and Sgt. Erik A. Christianson (center), martial arts instructor trainers, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sanders, a leukemia patient, was granted his wish of being a Marine for a day through the Make-A-Wish foundation. He visited Aug. 13.

# Depot welcomes new commanding general

JULY

Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo relinquished his duties as commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruit Region to Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman Jr. during a change of command ceremony on the Commanding General's Honors Lawn aboard the depot, July 26.

The new commanding general, Bierman, was born April 1965 in Jacksonville, N.C. He completed Officer Candidates School in May 1987 and was commissioned as second lieutenant.

Since then, Bierman has been assigned to numerous duty stations which include Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., MCB Camp

Pendleton, Calif., MCB Quantico, Va. and has served as the commanding officer of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines aboard MCB Hawaii.

He has completed military courses such as the Marine Air Ground Task Force Officers Course in Virginia Beach, Va. and both the Amphibious Warfare School and School of Advanced War Fighting in Quantico, Va. His last assignment was as the military secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Bierman expressed his thanks to his family and friends that have supported him throughout his career, but also took the time to recognize his predecessor and his accomplishments, professionalism and leadership skills.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

**Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo passes the organizational colors to Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman during a change of command ceremony for Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region on the commanding general's lawn, July 26. Bierman comes to MCRD from Washington, D.C., where he served as Military Secretary to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Yoo will be taking over as Deputy Division Commander for 1st Marine Division aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif.**

## Depot sergeant major retires in Post and Relief ceremony



Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

**Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman presents an award to Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels during a post and relief ceremony for Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region on Shepherd Field, Oct. 25. Daniels retires after 31 years of service and Sgt. Maj. Porterfield assumes his duties.**

OCTOBER

Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels retired and turned over his duties as the sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region to Sgt. Maj. James K. Porterfield during a post and relief ceremony at Shepherd Field, Oct. 25.

During the post and relief ceremony, the sword of office is taken from the current sergeant major by the commanding general, signifying the relinquishing of their duty, and given to the incoming sergeant major.

Porterfield was born November, 1970 in Jacksonville, Fla. He enlisted in the Marine Corps March 1989 and completed recruit training at MCRD San Diego.

Prior to his assignment to the depot, Porterfield

was the sergeant major of Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. from December 2011 until his selection to his current post October 2013.

Porterfield holds numerous personal decorations, some including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and two Gold Stars. Porterfield also has a Bachelors' Degree in Public Administration from Roger Williams University and was a Distinguished Graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy.

During the ceremony, Porterfield addressed the Marines of the depot and laid out guidance for his tenure here.

## Local gunnery sergeant named Corps DI of the Year

DECEMBER

**G**unnery Sgt. Michael H. Wampler, chief drill instructor, Special Training Company, Support Battalion, was named the 2013 Drill Instructor of the Year and meritoriously promoted during a ceremony at the depot commanding general's courtyard, Dec. 12.

The Drill Instructor of the Year award was part of the 2013 Commandant of the Marine Corps' Combined Awards Program, which awarded a Drill Instructor of the Year, Recruiter of the Year, Prior Service Recruiter of the Year, Marine Combat Instructor of the Year, Marine Security Guard of the Year and Career Retention Specialist of the Year.

According to his citation, Wampler's leadership, diligence, enthusiasm and mentoring allowed his

recruits and fellow Marines to achieve a greater level of success than their peers during the recruit training cycle.

"It's a tribute to the professionalism of the drill instructors at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. It just shows what a standout and spectacular package he is," said MCRD San Diego and Western Recruiting Region Commanding General, Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman. "I can't think of anything that is more significant or honorable than to be selected as drill instructor of the year for the entire Marine Corps."

Wampler's career is characterized by resiliency and dedication to the mission of the Marine Corps as well as the development of all Marines.

Wampler enlisted in the Corps on Jan. 18, 2005 and

attended recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, S. C.

In early 2006 he was promoted to lance corporal and, by the end of the year, was promoted to corporal while deployed to Iraq. He deployed for a second tour to Iraq in Oct. 2007 in support of combat operations.

In March 2009, Wampler was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During 2012, Wampler reported to Drill Instructor School here. As a drill instructor, Wampler guided his platoons to perform at the highest level, earning them multiple awards. During his first cycle, Wampler was the recipient of the 2nd Battalion Gunnery Sergeant Nichols award along with the Company E Dan Daily Award for exceptional performance.



Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

**Sgt. Maj. James K. Porterfield, left, sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, reads the citation naming Gunnery Sgt. Michael H. Wampler, right, Drill Instructor of the Year, during his meritorious promotion ceremony Dec. 12. Wampler was meritoriously promoted by the MCRDSD and WRR Commanding General, Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman, center.**

### BRIEFS

#### College success

The Education Center and the University of California San Diego will host Military Pathways to College Success on the main UCSD campus Feb. 22 from 9 a.m., until 3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The event will be held in the UCSD - Price Center Building, East Ballroom, 9500 Gilman Drive in La Jolla.

For more information contact Timothy Borch via telephone at (858) 534-4831, or via e-mail at veteransinfo@ad.ucsd.edu

#### Sport Shooting

The Single Marine Program is hosting a trip Jan. 25, to the Camp Pendleton Sport Shooting Range for Skeet and Sporting Clays Shooting.

The event occurs from 10 a.m., until 3 p.m. Join SMP for a day shooting at Camp Pendleton. The cost is only \$5 to attend and

the price includes gun rental, ammo and protective gear.

Registration deadline is Jan. 22. Space is limited! For information and registration call Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240, or send an e-mail todavisjp@usmc-mccs.org. Information is also available at [http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/SingleMarinePro-](http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/SingleMarinePro-gram/index.html)

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# Depot celebrates Marine Corps' 238th birthday

NOVEMBER



Lance Cpl. Jericho W. Crutcher

Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, cuts a slice from the Marine Corps birthday cake during the depot's Morning Colors Ceremony, Nov. 8. It is part of the Marine Corps birthday tradition to hold a ceremony in which the birthday cake is cut and the first piece is given to the guest of honor. The second piece is then given to the oldest Marine present and handed down to the youngest Marine present to signify the passing of knowledge and experience.

It doesn't matter where Marines are or what they are doing this time of year, there is always one thing that they are doing: celebrating the Marine Corps birthday.

Even though the birthday is on November 10, Marines from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego participated in several ceremonies and events throughout the week celebrating the Corps' 238th birthday.

The first event was the annual Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremonies at the veterans hospital and Naval Medical Center San Diego Nov. 4. These ceremonies are held to help former Marines and those unable to attend ceremonies elsewhere to share in the tradition of remembering the birth of the Corps and honoring those who served throughout its rich history.

"This is my first birthday ceremony and it motivates me," said Pfc. Alexander A. Strickrodt, Wounded Warrior Battalion West. "Being a part of all of the history and tradi-

tions makes me feel connected to all of the Marines before me."

Another depot tradition honoring the birthday was the 2013 Marine Corps Birthday Dedication Run held from November 5 to 7. Marines took turns running continuous one-mile laps around the area of Shepherd Field over two days. The event kicked off with Brig. Gen. James W. Bierman, commanding general of the depot and the Western Recruiting Region, running the first mile. Marines from depot units then took turns running the one-mile lap with the depot colors and handing the colors to the next runner in relay-style. The dedication run continued throughout the days and nights until it was time for the final three miles which were ran by all depot Marines in formation.

The annual depot Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony and Uniform Pageant was held Nov. 8 after Morning Colors.

## Father-Daughter Dance

MARCH



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Staff Sgt. David Morales, Marine Aviation Logistic Squadron Individual Material Readiness List manager, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, holds his daughter Nidae, 2, during the 6th Annual Father-Daughter Dance aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 8. The event gives busy fathers a chance to bond with their daughters.

## Marines become new citizens

JUNE



Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle

Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, left, talks with three new Americans – Marines who have just become new citizens of the United States of America in a June 28 depot naturalization ceremony. The new citizens are, left to right, Pvt. Juan Morales, Platoon 3225; and Pvt. Karanpreet Brar and Pfc. Julio Aguirre, both of Platoon 3227. Naturalized but not pictured are Pvt. Alejandro Leon-Hernandez and Pfc. Ellior Cameron, both of Platoon 3227.



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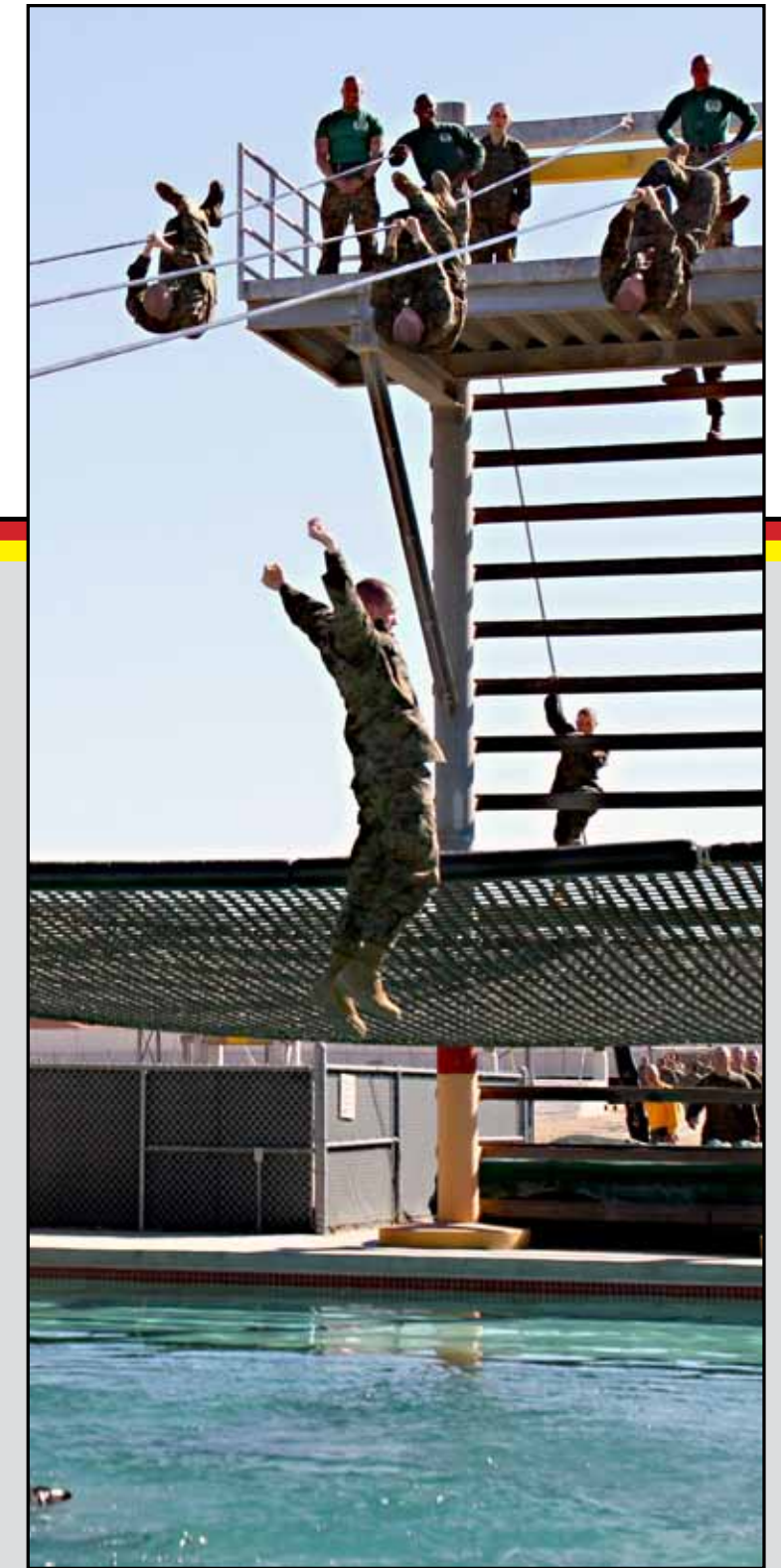
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APRIL

A recruit of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, steps off a ten-foot platform into the deep end of the pool during swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, April 8. Recruits must pass five events to qualify at the basic water survival level.

## Marines get water survival training

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's function is to make new Marines. Part of making those Marines is to see to it that, even if they may not be comfortable in the water, they can function there.

Recruit training goes on year round and each recruit must spend time in the water learning how to survive, how to take care of his fellow Marines and how to achieve his mission.

"Companies come to the swim tank during week four to get their water survival certification," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Sheedy, Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival, ITC, Support Bn. "In order to receive a certification they must pass the

basic swim qualification requirements."

Recruits are tested in five different events. The first event is a 25-meter swim in the shallow end of the pool wearing combat utilities and boots.

Upon completion, they move on to the second event where they jump off a ten-foot tower into the deep end of the pool and swim 25 meters. For the third event, they must tread water for four minutes.

During the fourth event, recruits jump into the shallow end wearing a flak jacket, Kevlar helmet and a simulated rifle. They then have ten seconds to shed the gear while submerged.

The final event consists of a 25-meter swim with a pack in the deep end of the pool.



Cpl. Liz Gleason

APRIL

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, try to stay afloat during the third event of the swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8. Recruits must use techniques learned in order to tread water for four minutes.



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

FEBRUARY

Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, practice diving into a pool using proper technique aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Feb. 11. Marine Corps Instructors of Water Survival taught recruits of Company L techniques to stay afloat in water such as treading water and using their camouflage uniforms as flotation devices.

### The Honorable Raymond E. Mabus, Jr.

#### Parade Reviewing Officer

Ray Mabus is the 75th United States Secretary of the Navy and leads America's Navy and Marine Corps.

As Secretary of the Navy, Mabus is responsible for conducting the affairs of the Department of the Navy, including recruiting, organizing, equipping, training and mobilizing. Additionally, he oversees the construction and repair of naval ships, aircraft, and facilities, and formulates and implements policies and programs consistent with the national security policies established by the President and the Secretary of Defense. Secretary Mabus is responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$170 billion and leadership of almost 900,000 people.

Upon assumption of office and throughout his tenure,

Mabus has prioritized improving the quality of life of Sailors, Marines and their families, decreasing the Department's dependence on fossil fuels, strengthening partnerships and revitalizing the Navy's ship-building program.

Leading the world's only global Navy, Mabus has traveled nearly 715,000 miles to more than 95 countries to maintain and develop relationships with national and international officials and visit with Sailors and Marines forward deployed or stationed around the world. He has traveled to Afghanistan on 11 separate occasions, in recognition of the sacrifice and service of Sailors and Marines deployed in combat zones.

To prepare service members and their families for the high tempo operations of today's Navy and Marine Corps, Mabus announced in 2012 the "21st Century Sailor and Marine" initiative, designed to build and maintain the most resilient and ready force possible.

Mabus also directed the Navy

and Marine Corps to change the way they use, produce and acquire energy, and set an aggressive goal that no later than 2020, the Navy and Marine Corps obtain at least 50% of their energy from alternative sources. In pursuit of that goal the Department has achieved several milestones. In 2012, President Obama announced in his State of the Union address that the Department will purchase or facilitate the production of IGW of renewable energy for use on Navy and Marine Corps installations. The Navy also demonstrated the Great Green Fleet in 2012, a carrier strike group in which every participating U.S. Navy ship and type of aircraft operated on alternative energy sources including nuclear energy and biofuels.

Secretary Mabus has made increasing the size of the naval fleet and protecting the industrial base a top budget priority of the Department. During his tenure, the Navy went from building fewer than five ships a year to having more than 40 ships

under contract, most of them in fixed-price, multi-year deals that assure value for taxpayers, certainty for industry partners and strength for our nation.

In June 2010, as an additional duty, President Obama appointed Mabus to prepare the long-term recovery plan for the Gulf of Mexico in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Mabus' report was released in September 2010 and met with broad bi-partisan support with most recommendations passed into law by Congress as the Restore Act. Included in the legislation was a fund to aid in the Gulf Coast's recovery by distributing 80 percent of any civil penalties awarded as a result of the damage caused by the disaster. To date, civil penalties total more than one billion dollars.

Before his appointment, Mabus held a variety of leadership positions. From 1988 to 1992, Mabus served as Governor of Mississippi, the youngest elected to that office in more than 150 years. Mabus was Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

from 1994-1996 and later was Chairman and CEO of a manufacturing company.

Mabus has been recognized for his leadership of the Navy and Marine Corps on multiple occasions. In 2013, he was named one of the top 50 highest rated CEOs by Glassdoor, an online jobs and career community. Mabus was the only leader of a federal agency to receive this award.





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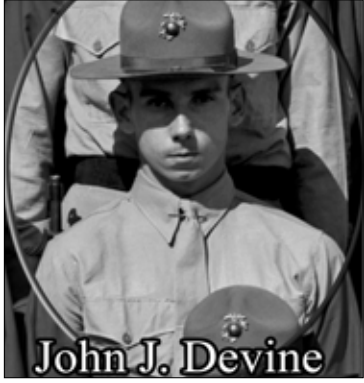
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# Marine Iwo Jima vet visits MCRD

AUGUST

(Editor's Note: John J. Devine lives in Chicago. He celebrated his 92nd birthday on Jan. 6.)

It has been 68 years since World War II ended. Not many people are given the opportunity to see or even speak to a World



John J. Devine

Courtesy photo

John J. Devine, a World War II veteran who also fought on Iwo Jima, poses during his recruit training platoon photo taken aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, August 1940.

War II veteran now. The Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego was given the opportunity to not only meet a Marine Corps World War II veteran, but also got a chance to hear him tell his story.

John J. Devine, who is also one of the last remaining Iwo Jima survivors, spoke about his World War II experience at the depot, July 12.

In 1940, Devine joined the Marine Corps right out of high school at the age of 18. He had been looking for a different type of life, one that would give him the opportunity to see the world.

"I had joined the military for the travel and adventure," said Devine. "I originally tried to get into the Navy but the Marine Corps was always in the back of my mind because they have so much respect. Since the Navy

was slow to process me I went to the Marines and am glad I ended up there."

Coming back to MCRD brought back memories of Devine's own recruit training experience. Devine recalled his training as a hard but an overall positive experience. Devine said that his drill instructor was a good man and had nothing but good memories of him.

"I just went along with the program and didn't fight it," said Devine. "The hardest part of recruit training was the bayonet course. I had stabbed the dummy so hard with the bayonet that I wasn't able to pull it out!"

Devine had joined the military before America was at war. It wasn't long after though that he would learn he would be sent to war to defend his country.



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John J. Devine, a World War II veteran who also fought on Iwo Jima, sits in the reviewing stand aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 12. Devine came to MCRD to watch recruit training graduation and speak about his experiences during World War II.

## A depot Christmas concert

DECEMBER



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Marine Band San Diego played a Winter Concert for members of the local community offered at the depot, Dec. 13. The annual winter concert was free and open to the public.

## Marine Vietnam vets awarded Silver, Bronze Stars

SEPTEMBER

Forty-six years ago, a company of Marines fought up Hill 881 South during the First Battle of Khe Sanh April 30, 1967, one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam conflict.

Courageous and heroic efforts were common, but with a 75 percent casualty rate, heroic actions of some Marines were left untold until two Vietnam veterans were awarded the Silver and Bronze

Star medals in ceremonies held at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 20.

Joe B. Cordileone was awarded the Silver Star medal and Robert T. Moffatt was awarded the Bronze Star medal with combat distinguishing device aboard the depot.

Cordileone, who was serving as a rifleman with Company M, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment,



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Robert T. Moffatt, Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device recipient (left), and Joe B. Cordileone, Silver Star medal recipient (right), speak to the media during a press conference after a morning colors ceremony aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 20. Both men were awarded their medals for their actions during the first Battle of Khe Sanh on April 30, 1967 while serving with Company M, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division.

## San Diego takes on Bootcamp Challenge

SEPTEMBER

"You are running! You are not stopping on my course!" said Sgt. Kenneth G. West, drill instructor. "No one cares if you're tired!"

Those were some of the "motivational" words used by drill instructors while encouraging the more than 3,000 runners who took the Marine Corps Recruit Depot's 12th Annual Bootcamp Challenge, Sept. 28.

Bootcamp Challenge is a 3-mile endurance run that features obstacles used only by Marine Corps recruits. There were 45 obstacles to include hay jumps, tunnel crawls, log hurdles, push-up stations and wall climbs.

The purpose of the event is to promote relations with the local community by showcasing the installation, Marines,

sailors and civilian personnel.

"The public gets to see a small glimpse of the behind the scenes of what a drill instructor does and the obstacles recruits have to conquer every day," said Sgt. Scott Ruby, drill instructor.

When I went to recruit training nine years ago and my mind and body wanted to stop, I had a drill instructor there making sure I didn't."



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Two runners low crawl through an obstacle under cargo netting during MCRD's Bootcamp Challenge.

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