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Platoon Guide Pfc. Paul A. Silva, Platoon 3250, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, practices his hand salute simultaneously with his fellow platoon members prior to their Final Drill test aboard the depot, Jan. 28. The hand salute was just one of many drill movements recruits were evaluated on.

## Company L moves as one

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Marines of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, were evaluated on various drill and marching movements aboard the depot, Jan. 22.

The purpose of drill was to teach the Marines discipline, teamwork and to learn a specific set of drill maneuvers.

Each platoon was given time to review before their final drill assessment. Before stepping foot

onto the parade deck, drill instructors gave their Marines final words of encouragement as well as reviewed some of the drill movements.

Although some Marines appeared nervous, when the command to begin was given they seemed to disregard any distractions for their mission at hand.

Marines were tested on movements such as about face, hand salute and open ranks. They lost points for items such as excessive movements, bad uniform

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## Recruits learn meaning of Marine uniform

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Marine Corps uniforms are a representation of Marines. Therefore, it is critical that every

Marine learns all aspects of the uniform to create the best image possible.

Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, received a Marine Corps uniform class aboard the depot, Feb. 5.

Recruits received the class not

only to assure each recruit would know how to properly wear their uniform, but also to show the history behind the uniforms they will be wearing.

Marine Corps uniforms have

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Company B recruits, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, learn about Marine Corps uniforms during a Marine Corps uniform class, Feb. 5. The dress blue uniform is used for things such as recruiting or special events like the Marine Corps Ball.

## Depot hosts 7th annual Father-Daughter dance

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Service members danced and spent a special evening with their daughters during the 7th annual Father-Daughter Dance at the Fieldhouse aboard the depot, Jan. 31.

The dance theme was an enchanted fairy forest. For a \$10 fee, patrons enjoyed a dance floor, long lines of food and beverages along with music to dance along to. Daughters wore dresses that matched the theme of the dance; some even wore wings. Fathers wore suits or their military dress uniforms.

“Events such as these can take weeks to plan and we want to make it special because this annual dance is a time for fathers and their daughters to bond and build a strong relationship with each other,” said Sarah C. Heath, Links program trainer. “Every year this dance is well attended and it’s always a special night for all the fathers and daughters.”

A Marine’s job can take away a lot of time from their

families. Drill instructors, who work long-strenuous hours during the 13-week recruit training cycle, have little time to spend with their families and can sometimes make it stressful and hard to build a relationship with their family.

Events like the Father-Daughter Dance, allows Marines to take a few hours from their jobs and spend it making cherishable moments with their daughters.

“Between the drill field and deployments, I have to be away from my family quite often and when I am home my wife and kids are usually asleep,” said Staff Sgt. Glen Allen Jr., drill instructor. “Events like these are put together to show the Marine Corps cares and to show interest in its Marines.

“The memories that are made at the Father-Daughter Dance, I will always remember and so will my daughter, explained Allen.

According to Heath, the event will continue to be held each year because of the amount of participants and the joy the event brings out

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A Marine in his dress blue uniform, dances with his daughter during the 7th Annual Father-Daughter Dance aboard the depot, Jan. 31. The dance theme was an enchanted fairy forest.



**Gunnery Sgt. Michael H. Wampler, chief drill instructor, Special Training Company, Support Battalion, dances with his young daughter during the 7th annual Father-Daughter Dance aboard the depot, Jan. 31. A Marine's job can take a lot of time away from family, but events such as this helps get back some of the lost time.**

#### DANCE ◀ 1

when daughters get to spend quality time with their fathers.

"When there are events like this put together I take advantage because it gives me time away from work to be able to

spend time with my family," said Sgt. Joshua L. Waters-Jackson. "During the three deployments I was a part of, I missed my family a lot and this event helps me make up lost time with my daughter."

Activities such as Trunk or Treat, Turkey Trot, and the St. Patrick's Day 5K are

just a few events, other than the Father-Daughter Dance, that give service members an opportunity to spend time with their families. The relationship a Marine has with his family is important to keep morale high throughout the Marine Corps.

#### DRILL ◀ 1

appearance and any mishaps in bearing.

"I was extremely nervous because I didn't want to be the reason my platoon failed," said Pfc. Deion J. Shields, Platoon 3250. "With how much work (the Marines) and our drill instructors put into it, we just wanted to do really good."

Shields, a Midland, Texas, native, explained that in order to succeed they needed teamwork leading up to and during final drill.

"We knew who our good and our bad drillers were and every night we would work the bad ones to get them up to speed," said Shields. "I think that taught us how we're supposed to act as Marines as far as teamwork."

During the final drill test, Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Shranko, senior drill instructor, marched Plt. 3250 with booming commands and his platoon answered with crisp drill movements—there were no major mistakes.

"The time we spend on drill reinforces discipline, unity and esprit de corps," said Shranko. "Marines build a bond during drill because they are all in it together. Sometimes it's not the best place to be when you're drilling for a couple hours and the sun is beating on you. They suffer

together and they bond, and they use that and they move forward."

Shranko explained he believes drill gave the Marines important traits that will help them in the Marine Corps.

"It transfers over into teamwork," said

Shranko. "They are going to be asked to do many different things when they get to the Fleet Marine Force. Once they have this teamwork foundation, they will be able to accomplish any task given to them."



**Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Shranko, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3250, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, takes a moment before giving his platoon another drill command during Final Drill, Jan. 28. Platoons are graded on areas such as bearing, uniform appearance and proper performance of each drill movement.**

#### UNIFORM ◀ 1

been adjusted and changed throughout their existence while also keeping traditions such as the red stripe that runs down the trousers of the dress blue uniform, also known as the blood stripe. The blood stripe was added to the uniform to honor the Marines in the Battle of Chapultepec that took place in 1847 during the Mexican War.

Traditionally a uniform article associated with recruit training is the drill instructor's campaign cover; however, that was not always the case.

The history of campaign cover dates back to 1898. The "Montana Peak" cover, known as the campaign cover, was officially regulated in 1912 for both enlisted and officer ranking Marines. On May 28, 1942, the United States Marine

Corps abolished the regulation to wear the hat, however, it was established again in 1956, but not as a standard issue; it was only issued to personnel serving as drill instructors. By the morning of July 21, 1956, all drill instructors aboard the depot obtained the campaign cover they wear in today's recruit training.

"The campaign cover sticks out the most to me because it has come full circle from when I was in recruit training to now being a drill instructor," said Staff. Sgt Allen D. Donaire, drill instructor. "It's a symbol of turning recruits in Marines."

The most well-known Marine uniform is the dress blue uniform. It is what some people usually visualize when they think of a Marine.

"Our uniforms show that we are warriors and gentlemen of the Marines

Corps," said 28-year-old Donaire, a Brooklyn native. "Marines go overseas and kick down doors and fight battles but can also be respectful gentlemen."

Recruits of Co. B learned the importance of the uniforms, history and special meaning behind each. Marines are known for having some of the best looking uniforms and showing pride while they wear them. However, a recruit must earn the title "Marine" before having the honor of putting on the uniform.

"It's an honor and pride fulfilling to be able to wear the uniform my father wore for 20 years in service," said Recruit Jonathon W. McKinley, Platoon 1034. "Marines walk, talk and act different from most. The uniform is a representation of us and our core values: honor, courage and commitment."

#### BRIEFS

##### Upcoming election dates

The following states have scheduled primary elections:

- Texas - Mar. 4
- Illinois - Mar. 18
- District of Columbia - Apr. 1

Help with registering to vote is available the unit Voting Assistance Officers. Voters may also register and request absentee ballots 24-hours a day, online at [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov).

##### February is African American/Black History Month.

This year's theme is Civil Rights in America and America celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. The act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 02, 1964.

There were many influential people and groups that helped the Civil Rights Act become a reality. To read more about some of those individuals, or about African American/Black History Month, visit the HRO SharePoint at <https://mcrdsintranet.mcdsus.mcds.usmc.mil/sites/g1/hro/EEO/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

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##### Military Pathways to College Success

The University of California San Diego hosts Military Pathways to College Success at their main campus Feb. 22 from 9 a.m., until 3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend this annual event in the Price Center Building, East Ballroom, at 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla.

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An MV-22B Osprey with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262, refuels mid-air en route to the Singapore Air Show, Feb. 6, 2014. Three Ospreys from VMM-262 and two KC-130J Super Hercules planes of VMGR-152, part of the 1st Marine Air Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Okinawa, Japan, are participating in the Singapore Air Show 2014 to display their unique capabilities at the diverse international defense technology forum. The Ospreys conducted mid-air refueling en route to Singapore, demonstrating the ability of the Marines to self-deploy over long distances throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The Singapore Air Show 2014 is focuses on building stronger relations between the U.S. and Singapore, as well as among the international community. The event promotes military to military discussions on aircraft and equipment, which enables greater interoperability of aviation platforms, and furthers international military relationships and cooperation. The U.S. is committed to maintaining peace and stability in the region, and this event demonstrates a focus of the U.S. rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region.

## Ospreys refuel in mid-air en route to Singapore

STORY BY  
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**SINGAPORE** - Three MV-22B Ospreys with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262 conducted mid-air refueling while on the way to Singapore from Okinawa, Japan, for the Singapore Air Show, Feb. 6, 2014.

The Ospreys followed two KC-130J Super Hercules planes of Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 from Okinawa approximately 2,500 miles, landing once in the Philippines to refuel, and then on to Singapore.

"Mid-air tanking with the Osprey is a real enabler for us, it allows us to extend our already long reach even further," said Capt. Andrew Serpa, an

MV-22 Osprey pilot with VMM-262.

According to the pilots, although the Ospreys could have flown the distances involved without mid-air refueling, it gave them an opportunity to practice an important skill set.

Refueling mid-air also provided an opportunity to exercise the capability of the Marine aviation units to self-deploy over even longer distances when necessary.

Because of this capability, Ospreys and Super Hercules aircraft were able to respond quickly in Operation Damayan after Super Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines just a few months ago.

"We were able to respond to the Philippines in their time of need at a moment's notice, and were able to do that because of our self-deploying capabilities, with Ospreys and the C-130s working as a team," said Serpa.

The Marine aircraft are in Singapore to participate in the Singapore Air Show 2014, displaying their unique capabilities at the diverse international defense technology forum.

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VMGR-152 and VMM-265 are part of the 1st Marine Air Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Okinawa, Japan.



Cpl. Lena Wakayama

Three MV-22B Ospreys taxi down a flightline Feb. 6 at Changi Air Base in Singapore. The Ospreys are slated to appear in the Singapore Airshow 2014, taking place Feb. 11-16 alongside the KC-130J Super Hercules, U.S. Air Force aircraft and aircraft from other countries around the world. Singapore International Airshow 2014 is focused on building stronger relations between the U.S. and Singapore as well as amongst the international community. The Ospreys are with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 262, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

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Company D recruits wear boots that are pristine in appearance for inspection. These boots are never worn for other activities as the material would pick up and retain dust and dirt.



A recruit has his uniform inspected by drill instructor Sgt. Michael Pelaez, Platoon 1069 during the senior drill instructor inspection. Drill instructors also inspected weapons and questioned recruits on the Marine Corps knowledge they have studied during recruit training.

# Co. D experiences first Marine Corps inspection

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Company D recruits, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, were thoroughly inspected during their senior drill instructor inspection aboard the depot, Jan. 31.

The purpose of the inspection was to test recruits in several facets of the Marine Corps including history, regulations, confidence and bearing. It was also used to prepare the recruits for their battalion commander's inspection, which is a graduation requirement.

"The inspection prepares recruits because it's a graduation requirement and that's when we present the final product of

basically trained Marines; we test them on everything: knowledge, history, confidence and discipline," said Sgt. Kenyatta N. Ealey, drill instructor, Platoon 1071.

"The inspection also gives us (drill instructors) a guide point of where recruits should be and where they are."

The inspection began when recruits formed in four columns and were instructed to go to parade rest with their rifles. Once one of their drill instructors stepped in front of them, recruits had to perform inspections arms; a process that required the recruits to physically verify that the chamber of their weapons was empty before they handed it over.

Recruits then had to report to the drill instructor by loudly stating their name, hometown and the force component they are entering; active or reservist.

Once the recruit reported to the drill instructor, they were asked a multitude of knowledge questions such as general orders, history, rank structure and chain of command.

After the general knowledge portion, drill instructors thoroughly inspected the recruit's uniform. Everything the recruits had learned up to that point was testable.

Aside from correct answers, drill instructors were looking for confidence and bearing in each recruit because those were traits every Marine needed to possess. The inspection may sound fairly straight forward, however, drill instructors created chaos and stress by yelling and not giving recruits time to think; they were given one question after another.

"It was overwhelming because I've never had that experience before of

someone screaming in my face; it blindsided me," said Recruit Joshua M. Fogata, Plt. 1073. "I was trying to not make a mistake and keep my composure as best as I could."

Another purpose of the inspection was to give drill instructors a measure of what areas their platoon was weak in. Drill instructors spend numerous hours working with recruits to improve those deficiencies and to ensure they are ready for later inspections, explained Ealey, a native of Oceanside, Calif.

"This was my first inspection; for the next one I know what to expect and what to study," said Fogata, a native of Ventura, Calif. "Part of being a Marine is being organized and almost perfect."

Now that Co. D recruits experienced their first inspection, they know what to expect with future inspections by the series and company commanders. Lastly, recruits will be reviewed by their battalion commander to ensure they are worthy of the title "Marine."

"They are a direct reflection of us," said Ealey. "We want to produce the best possible Marine."



Company D drill instructors, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, encourage Recruit Joshua M. Fogata, Platoon 1073, to work harder to learn his general orders during the senior drill instructor inspection aboard the depot, Jan. 31. Drill instructors created chaos and stress to for recruits to test that they can maintain discipline and bearing.



Recruit Kevin W. Bennett, Platoon 1073, is inspected by Sgt. Ronnie A. Ertel, drill instructor, during the senior drill instructor inspection.

# New Marine follows his father's footsteps

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Some kids dream of becoming like their parents in one way or another. Pvt. Thomas J. Shevlin mirrors his life after his father's.

Shevlin, Platoon 3249, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, sets his life goals by drawing inspiration from his father's life accomplishments.

His father left his home after being thrown out by his parents when he was a teenager. He was constantly on the move from house to house. To make something of himself, Shevlin's father made the choice to enlist in the Marine Corps, where he found a career, explained Shevlin.

For Shevlin, his father's choice to enlist in the Corps became his motivation.

"I was inspired by my father (to become a Marine). I have never met a man better than my father," said 19-year-old Shevlin. "He was able to make something of himself after going through a rough time."

As a result, Shevlin, a native of Bend, Ore., enlisted and shipped to recruit training Nov. 4, 2013. Before he shipped to recruit training, his father said, "I don't know if you are trying to follow in my footsteps. If you are, you've made me the happiest and proudest father on the face of the earth."

Shevlin grew up around Marines at different Marine Corps installations including Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"The Marine Corps is embedded in me and it's a part of my nature, how I grew up," said Shevlin.



Pvt. Thomas J. Shevlin, Platoon 3249, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, is the son of a retired gunnery sergeant and is following his father's footsteps by becoming a Marine.

"The Marine Corps is a lifestyle and it stands above the rest."

His father, now a retired gunnery sergeant, deployed many times and was gone a lot. However, Shevlin explained, his father always managed to spend time with the family regardless of his schedule; he was always present at his football games. His father was equally committed to his work and to his family.

According to Shevlin, he learned a lot from his father, not only commitment, but also attention to detail. While growing up, Shevlin was indirectly being trained by his

father. He instilled many traits and routines of a Marine such as proper customs and courtesies, discipline and leadership.

"He definitely had a good base when training started. He has the ability to lead from the front and that is important," said Sgt. Elias R. Jimenez, senior drill instructor. "People have to be able to trust you; they won't trust you if you can't do things you are asking them to do."

For Shevlin, his father was not only a mentor, but also a friend.

"I've always had a close bond with him," said Shevlin. "Our rela-

tionship was close, as if I had come across somebody at school and knew I had found a best friend."

Shevlin said his father is now a police officer, but he is still very competitive, a trait which most Marines possess. According to Shevlin, even after retirement, his father aspires to be the greatest in everything he does; something Shevlin attempts to mirror in his life.

"I picked him to be one of my squad leaders because he stood out amongst recruits in the platoon. He is determined and you can tell he wants to be here," said 26-year-old

Jimenez, a native of Miami. "You can tell who is moving as fast as they can and who is giving 100 percent effort; he was one of those."

For the next step in his training, Shevlin will attend the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to become a rifleman and continue in his journey to be like his father.

"I have what it takes to be like my father," said Shevlin. "I want to make it a full 20-year career because I've been around the Marine Corps my whole life and I wouldn't want it any other way."

## Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kimble

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kimble enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on Feb. 23, 1987. He reported for boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., the next day, and graduated from boot camp in May as the 3rd Battalion, Company H honorman. He was meritoriously promoted to the rank of lance corporal.

Kimble attended his Military Occupational Specialty School at Camp Pendleton, for training as a legal service specialist. Upon completion of primary and secondary schooling in December 1987, Kimble was assigned to Legal Services Support Section, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan. While on this assignment he deployed in Operation Bear Hunt '89 to Unchon, South Korea.

Upon his return to the United States, Kimble was assigned to Legal Services Support Section, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C., from January 1989 to February 1991. During this period of service, Kimble attended the Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School in fall 1989 and was awarded an NCO sword for earning the Sergeant Major's Leadership Award. He received a Navy Achievement Medal. During this tour he was meritoriously promoted to the ranks of corporal and sergeant before departing Camp Lejeune for MCRD San Diego for drill

instructor duty.

Kimble completed D.I. School on June 20, 1991 and seven successful cycles with 3rd Recruit Training Battalion until August 1993. He was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant on July 2, 1993 and earned a second award, Navy Achievement Medal.

In September 1993, Kimble reported to Marine Security Guard Battalion, at Quantico, Va., to serve as the battalion legal chief. While there he completed the Legal Officer's Course at Newport, R.I., attended the Staff NCO Academy, and received a Navy Commendation Medal.

Kimble attended Marine Security Guard School, graduated as honorman and was posted as the detachment commander at the American Embassies in: Santiago, Chile, South America; Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, Africa; and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa.

Kimble was meritoriously promoted to gunnery sergeant on Jan. 2, 1998. He received two Navy Commendation Medals during these tours of duty: a second award for deactivating the MSG Detachment at the American Embassy in Djibouti, and a third award for heroic acts during the terrorist bombing of the American Embassy in Dar es Salaam on August 7, 1998.

Kimble reported for duty as an Instructor/Advisor at Marine Security Guard School in late September 1998 at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. He trained nine classes of MSG students over a period of two years in areas such as PR-24 control baton, pressure point control

tactics, shotgun and 9mm weapons, edged weapons defense, react procedures, customs and courtesies, and uniform and clothing.

Kimble received a another Navy Commendation Medal for his achievements as an instructor and advisor at MSG Battalion.

Kimble reported for duty as a senior paralegal instructor at the Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I., on July 5, 2000. He developed and taught both the Mid-Level Legal Specialist Course and Battalion Legal Clerk Course. During this tour of duty he also assisted in the instruction of the Navy and Marine Corps lawyers, officers, senior enlisted and the Navy legalman courses. He projected and coordinated movement of the Marine Corps' MOS School for Legal Services Specialist to Naval Station, Newport from Camp Johnson, N.C.

Upon completion of duty at the Naval Justice School, he received a fifth Navy Commendation Medal.

Kimble was frocked to the rank of first sergeant on May 31, 2001 and reported for duty at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., in June 2001 as the company first sergeant for Marine Corps Security Force Company. He was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for coordinating the Young Marine Program, coaching local youth sports and coordinating exam proctors for community schools.

Kimble was selected and reassigned as the company first sergeant for a one-year tour of

duty with Marine Corps Security Force Company Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in July 2003. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his service while at Patuxent River and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On August 7, 2004, Kimble reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii as the Weapons Company first sergeant. He participated in Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise with 3rd Marines during September and October 2004, on the Big Island of Hawaii in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan in 2005. He was selected and frocked to the rank of sergeant major, and was posted with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay from December 30, 2004 until November 30, 2006.

Kimble was awarded a second Meritorious Service Medal for achievements while with MALS-24.

Kimble was reassigned in December 2006, for duty with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He deployed with 1/1 to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08 from July 18, 2007 to February 13, 2008.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

On June 4, 2008, Kimble reported as the sergeant major for Helicopter Training Squadron Marine Light Attack Helicopter Training Squadron 303 at MCAS Camp Pendleton and received a sixth Navy Commendation Medal.

On November 5, 2008, Kimble posted as the sergeant major of Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, Quantico, Va. He traveled worldwide during this assignment, ensuring Marines stationed at U.S. Embassies were ready, capable, and of the highest caliber, while acting as good ambassadors. He was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for achievements with MCESG.

On March 29, 2011 Kimble posted as the sergeant major for Marine Corps Bases, Japan and Camp Smedley D. Butler at Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan.

On September 30, 2011, all USMC installations located in the Pacific were reorganized as Marine Corps Installations Pacific, making Kimble the MCIPAC sergeant major.

On September 13, 2013, Kimble was assigned to his current duties as the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing sergeant major.





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Sgt. S. Ocampo

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Staff Sgt. C. P. Shranko  
Drill instructors  
Staff Sgt. D. Dail  
Staff Sgt. J. Lara  
Sgt. J. A. Kimmel  
Sgt. M. Wharton

**PLATOON 3251**  
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Sgt. M. D. Clark  
Drill instructors  
Sgt. B. J. Cobb  
Sgt. E. Martinez  
Sgt. R. C. Weinhardt

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Series Commander  
1st Lt. T. A. Clarke  
Chief Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. D. B. Buena-Ventura

**PLATOON 3253**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. A. Cordero  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. J. A. Green  
Sgt. B. G. Laca  
Sgt. M. Madrigal  
Sgt. M. P. McLellan

**PLATOON 3254**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. A. E. Caldwell  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. I. Alvarez  
Sgt. A. L. Williams

**PLATOON 3255**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. G. A. Diaz  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. B. Gooden  
Staff Sgt. C. M. Thomas  
Sgt. C. H. Kratz

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Pvt. A. M. Arneson  
Pvt. M. A. Bachmann  
Pvt. N. J. Biglione  
Pvt. D. M. Bisig  
Pvt. R. J. Cerda  
Pvt. D. Chavez-Herrera Jr.  
Pvt. C. J. Crouch  
Pvt. D. M. Daniels  
Pvt. M. A. Davalos  
Pfc. B. A. De Leon  
Pvt. C. A. Diaz-Santibanez  
Pfc. A. D. Edwards  
Pvt. R. G. Espinosa  
Pvt. M. Espinoza  
Pfc. Q. O. Farley  
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Pvt. G. R. Flores  
Pvt. J. L. Izquierdo  
Pfc. O. E. Jarquin-Pablo  
Pfc. D. J. Jones  
Pfc. R. M. Jones  
Pvt. B. R. Lahti  
Pfc. D. P. Leffler  
Pvt. J. A. Martinez  
Pfc. L. Mataaraujo  
Pvt. L. R. Matthews  
Pvt. K. S. Moffatt  
Pvt. D. R. Neumann  
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Pfc. A. A. Romero  
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Pvt. C. D. Smith  
Pfc. A. M. Sumpter

Pvt. C. D. Taylor  
Pvt. C. L. Terrill  
Pvt. J. A. Traugott  
Pfc. J. M. Trevino  
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Pvt. D. M. Halliburton  
Pvt. L. A. Hansen  
Pvt. J. J. Hauschen  
Pvt. R. Hernandez-Garcia  
Pvt. E. J. Hollon  
Pvt. M. R. Holmes  
Pvt. E. D. Ibarra  
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Pvt. M. S. Jastowski  
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Pvt. C. W. Jones  
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Pvt. A. A. Martinez  
Pvt. B. J. Mayhew  
Pvt. J. J. McGee  
Pvt. D. M. Meleen  
Pvt. D. K. Melendez  
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Pvt. R. Mijares  
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\*Pfc. D. H. Moreno  
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Pvt. A. T. Ramos  
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Pfc. J. R. Rock  
Pvt. D. Rodriguez  
Pvt. A. J. Alden  
Pvt. S. Ruizlopez  
\*Pfc. S. C. Rung-Aroon  
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Pvt. S. D. Salas

Pfc. E. Salazar  
\*Pfc. D. J. Shields  
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Pvt. E. D. Sollars  
Pvt. A. K. Sorenson  
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Pvt. J. D. Vance  
Pvt. L. R. Vanden Bosch  
Pvt. R. A. Vargas  
Pvt. N. R. Vergil  
Pvt. M. J. Wells  
Pvt. K. M. Wiley  
Pvt. E. B. Williams  
Pvt. C. R. Wolf  
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\*Pfc. N. J. Bagwell  
Pvt. C. C. Baker  
Pfc. J. P. Basden  
Pvt. J. D. Becker  
Pvt. D. C. Bell  
Pvt. J. W. Berg  
Pvt. A. G. Bermudez  
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Pvt. T. M. Borba  
Pvt. K. E. Brown  
Pvt. J. W. Burkert  
Pvt. C. Calvillo  
Pfc. M. E. Camacho  
Pvt. J. M. Cardiel  
Pvt. S. E. Castillo  
Pvt. D. Cervantes  
Pfc. D. J. Chowritmootoo  
Pvt. F. J. Cisneros  
Pvt. Q. C. Coate  
Pvt. Z. Cole  
Pfc. A. R. Conover  
Pvt. A. Contreras

Pvt. A. L. De La Cruz  
Pvt. D. C. De La Cruz  
Pvt. M. J. De Leon  
Pfc. J. W. Downs  
Pvt. M. G. Downs  
Pvt. C. F. Dunlap  
Pfc. C. Durazo  
Pfc. R. S. Elias  
Pvt. G. H. Ener  
Pfc. H. D. Evans  
Pvt. D. W. Faulkner  
Pfc. I. C. Foulger  
Pvt. J. G. Francis  
Pvt. A. Garcia  
Pvt. J. A. Garcia-Rojas  
Pfc. D. C. Gentry  
Pvt. Z. A. Goble  
Pvt. A. D. Grable  
Pfc. J. W. Hance  
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Pvt. K. M. Herman  
Pfc. A. E. Hernandez  
Pvt. D. S. Kervran  
\*Pfc. C. M. VanBuskirk  
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Pvt. J. A. Aguilar  
Pvt. R. T. Alcantara  
Pvt. C. A. Alegria-Mendoza  
Pvt. C. T. Alexander  
Pvt. F. J. Alferes Jr.  
Pvt. N. R. Anderson  
Pvt. J. A. Arnold  
\*Pfc. J. M. Bailey  
Pvt. S. A. Bainbridge  
Pfc. M. W. Barnhill  
Pvt. L. W. Bayer  
Pvt. J. R. Bermudez  
Pfc. D. Blanco  
Pvt. J. E. Blanton  
Pfc. C. E. Bohannon  
Pfc. A. G. Bowman  
Pvt. C. A. Boyd  
Pvt. N. D. Brenneman  
Pvt. A. Bustamante  
\*Pfc. B. A. Carroll  
\*Pfc. M. G. Ceccaldi  
Pvt. M. J. Cinnick  
Pvt. M. Dominguez

Pvt. A. E. Fisher  
Pvt. A. R. Foulk  
Pfc. T. J. Griffin  
Pfc. T. R. Garcia Jr.  
Pfc. J. S. Garza  
Pfc. A. K. Gervacio  
Pvt. W. B. Guzman  
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Pvt. S. S. Khuth  
Pvt. D. I. Lucas  
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Pfc. J. D. McLellan  
Pfc. G. J. Minter  
Pvt. V. A. Mira  
Pvt. M. D. Morris  
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Pfc. B. L. Hough  
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Pvt. E. A. Kroll  
Pvt. D. G. Kurtz  
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Pvt. C. R. Lawler  
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Pvt. J. Montano  
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Pvt. B. F. Morales  
Pvt. R. M. Morey  
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Pvt. T. C. Bullock  
Pfc. B. D. Bush  
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Pfc. C. I. Cook

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Pvt. A. P. Dadios-Nicolau  
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Pfc. J. B. Flores  
Pvt. T. J. Foster  
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Pvt. Z. M. Gallimore  
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Pvt. E. C. Guffey  
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Pvt. C. A. Hasty  
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Pfc. A. H. Hepworth  
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Pfc. C. M. Olson  
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Pfc. N. A. Otero  
Pvt. B. E. Palicki  
Pvt. N. D. Palmer  
Pvt. C. A. Perez  
Pfc. M. A. Peterson  
Pfc. W. D. Philyaw III  
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Company I recruits, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, fire from the 300-yard line target at Edson Range, Jan. 27. Recruits received a week of practice called Grass Week before they fired live rounds.

## Recruits sight in on rifle qualification



Recruit Jose M. Guerrero, Platoon 3215, aims at a target from the standing position from the 300-yard line at Edson Range, Jan. 27. Recruits fired from the 200, 300 and 500-yard lines in order to qualify.

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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – One of the most famous Marine Corps mottos is ‘Every Marine a rifleman.’ Because of that standard, rifle training starts early in recruit training.

Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, fired their rifles during Table One of their rifle qualification at Edson Range, Jan. 27.

Rifle qualification is one of many graduation requirements in recruit training, which is why recruits received ample training on the rifle and how to fire it properly.

“Most recruits have never fired a weapon before recruit training,” said Sgt. Britt Castillo, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3215. “Their biggest challenge is being timid with the weapon and being scared of the first shot.”

During rifle qualification, recruits fired the M16-A4 service rifle from the 200, 300 and 500-yard lines utilizing four different shooting positions: standing, kneeling, sitting and prone.

“These positions help recruits stabilize the weapon,” said Castillo, a native of Dallas. “Even though they are not comfortable positions, they help the recruits get a steady shot at the target.”

Other than stability, relaxation was another key aspect of firing the rifle, according to 28-year-old Castillo.

“When the recruits fire the rifle, they

anticipate the shot,” said Castillo. “We try to teach them to just take a deep breath and focus on the target.”

On the range, there were three different types of targets that varied between each yard line: the bull’s-eye target or ‘Able’, the low-profile silhouette target or ‘Dog’ and the larger silhouette or ‘B-Modified.’

Prior to Firing Week, recruits went through Grass Week, which was a week of dry firing the rifle at the targets to practice their breathing and firing techniques.

“Grass Week helped me a lot,” said Recruit Justin B. Rogers. “The more I snapped in with the rifle it felt more natural in each position; I was more confident when it was time to shoot.”

Although there were many basic skills to learn prior to firing the rifle, recruits had a Primary Marksmanship Instructor who taught them marksmanship fundamentals during Grass Week and a range coach while they fired to reiterate the techniques.

“The PMI helped me a lot,” said Rogers, a Denver native. “I realized that even the smallest movement can throw off your shot.”

Depending on the score, recruits earned marksman, sharpshooter or expert qualification.

“This is one of the most important things that the recruits learn in recruit training,” said Castillo. “It doesn’t matter what your Military Occupation Specialty is, every Marine needs to be combat ready and that is what makes us stand out from all of the other branches.”



Recruit Colton E. Dirks, Platoon 3215, records his last shot in his rifle data book at Edson Range, Jan. 27. Each recruit received a rifle data book and had to record all of their shots for each target they fired at.