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Recruits conquer ability run

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The Marine Corps is known to most as the world’s finest fighting force, to make that possible, Marines are expected to be in the best shape and ready for anything that comes their way. This all begins in the very beginning, recruit training.

Recruits of Echo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, worked on their speed, agility and endurance aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 15.

The ability run and circuit exercises was to prepare recruits physically for future events in recruit training such as the Physical Fitness Test and Combat Fitness Test.

“This course works on their agility and endurance,” said Sgt. Renaldo O. Wilson, drill instructor, Platoon 2106. “It helps the (recruits) that are not in the best shape and also maintains the (recruits) who are.”

At the beginning of the event, recruits were divided into different groups depending on their level of fitness. The fast recruits



Recruits of Echo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, conduct an ability group run aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 15. Drill instructors separated recruits into groups based on their running capability.

were in the front group while the slower recruits were in the rear.

“This isn’t a group effort,” said Wilson, a native of Fort Pierce, Fl.

“We want recruits to push themselves further than they think they can.”

The individual run was a total

of two miles and when they returned to where they started, recruits were given a few minutes to cool down before they started the

next exercise.

When the recruits were ready

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Leaders in recruit training inspire fellow recruits

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As Recruit Nicholas A. Rodriguez, Platoon 3235, Kilo

Company, lined up with his fellow recruits, he said his max set of pull-ups was 17. But at repetition 17, a drill instructor shouted, “one more!” and slowly but surely he did one more than he

thought possible.

Recruits of Co. K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, conducted their final physical fitness test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 15. The PFT is an annual test that is mandatory for Marines to ensure they are maintaining physical fitness. The test includes a timed three-mile run, a two-minute set of crunches and as many pull-ups as possible.

After finishing their pull-ups, recruits lined up and prepared to run as fast as they could for three miles.

Prior to joining the Marine Corps, many recruits did not make physical fitness a major priority. This was the case for Rodriguez, who said prior to recruit training he didn’t care about exercise, and was only able to do seven pull-ups.

“The PFT reminds me I can push myself farther than I think possible and that I don’t have to settle for less like I used to,” said the San Antonio native. “I have bigger goals now, like getting a perfect score on the PFT. Since I’ve been here, the bare minimum is not worth it anymore, perfection is.”

As Rodriguez became faster and stronger, he realized his motivation to continually improve came from his desire to

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Recruit Anthony R. Paoli, guide, Platoon 3235, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion does pull-ups during the company’s final Physical Fitness Test, May 15.



The new recruits assigned Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, meet their drill instructors for the first time.

Recruits meet their trainers

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They are recognized by their campaign covers, belts and intimidating facial expressions. Marine Corps drill instructors are famously known around the world and new recruits of Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, were just introduced to their own instructors for the first time aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 16.

While the recruits arrive on Monday, they spend several days conducting administrative tasks, and it isn’t until “Black Friday” that they are introduced to and have their

first experience with the leaders who will transform them from civilian to Marine in the next 12 weeks.

The “pick-up” process begins in the afternoon when the recruits are introduced to the company’s senior leaders.

“We sit them down in a classroom,” said Capt. Adam E. Moore, company commander, Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. “We brief them about the chain of command starting with myself down to the drill instructors.”

Recruits are instructed how to differentiate between Marines in their chain of command, which is the first thing

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Echo Company recruits hold the plank position during their ability run and circuit exercise, May 15. The planks were one of many exercises required for completion of the ability run.

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for the second portion of the event, they split into 10 different groups and began at one of the 10 stations. These stations included crunches, leg lifts, sprints, ammunition can lifts and agility drills.

“The most difficult part was the crunches,” said Recruit Nathaniel W. O’Connor. “After the running and all of the other exercises, it was hard to keep

pushing.”

Recruits were given two minutes at each station to execute the exercises and each station became more difficult because of fatigue, explained O’Connor, a native of Kansas City, Mo.

The event challenged recruits physically and mentally.

“During these types of events, recruits learn how to lead one another,” said 25-year-old Wilson. “We always want that

one recruit to stand out and help motivate the others.”

Although Kilo Co. has completed the ability run, they still have more to come to work on their fitness that will ultimately prepare them for what awaits them after recruit training.

“Being physically fit is a part of being a Marine,” said Wilson. “If it weren’t, the Marine Corps wouldn’t be as successful as it has been in history.”



Kilo Company recruits conduct the three-mile run portion of their final Physical Fitness Test. Recruits and Marines under 26-years of age, must complete the run in under 28-minutes. Older Marines have a little more time.

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beat their platoon guide.

“He was always my motivation. Seeing how fast he was and how many pull-ups he did—I always wanted to beat him,” said Rodriguez.

When Recruit Anthony R. Paoli, guide, learned that his fellow recruit had wanted to beat him throughout training, he cracked a wide smile.

“That motivates me because if Rodriguez and the others beat me, it means the platoon is getting better,” said 18 year-old Paoli. “It motivates me that I inspire them. Everything I do is to make the

platoon better, and it makes me feel good that I’m doing my job.”

Although Rodriguez did not beat Paoli in the run or pull-ups, he did try his best, and in that process improved his fitness greatly. As the end of recruit training nears, he explained he has a new mindset.

“I’m determined to have goals and standards for my life now,” said Rodriguez. “The Marine Corps has also taught me to be mindful of what we eat so our bodies can perform better and recover correctly.”

With his newfound motivation for fitness, Rodriguez is determined to reach his goal of 20 pull-ups and an 18-minute, three-mile run.

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recruits learn. In addition, they learned about the Uniform Code of Military Justice and which articles pertain to them while in recruit training.

Once the brief was completed, recruits were taken over to their respective squad bays where they will meet their drill instructors.

Capt. David R. Butters, lead series commander, Delta Co., 1st Recruit Training Battalion introduces the drill instructors to the recruits one by one. After he is finished, he instructs the drill instructors to raise their right hand and repeat after him and recited

the Drill Instructor Creed.

The creed was adopted in 1956 to set the guidelines for drill instructors will follow to ensure recruits received the same training as Marines before them.

When the Senior Drill Instructor says “drill instructors you got them,” the recruit’s world immediately becomes chaotic with the rapid commands being yelled out from the drill instructors from all angles of the squad bay, recruits running every which way and items being thrown to the deck.

According to Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Macvarish, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1061, Delta Co., 1st Recruit Training Battalion, this was one of the

most important parts of recruit training.

“From the first look the recruits give us, we want to as intimidating and intense as we can,” said 30-year-old Macvarish. “First Phase can really set the tone for the rest of recruit training.”

Recruits of Delta Co. will start slowly with the basics and gradually increase training by learning basic squad bay procedures such as how to make their racks, stand post and shave.

“Over the next three months these recruits will face some of the most demanding training they have ever had,” said Macvarish. “The transformation starts here.”

BRIEFS

Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive extended

The Active Duty Fund Drive for San Diego Marine and Navy installations has been extended until Wednesday. There is still time to make a contribution through your Active Duty Fund Drive Command Coordinator.

For more information, contact the MCRD Active Duty Fund Drive base coordinator, Capt. Joseph S. Meisel, Bldg 31, Rm 117, or call him at (619) 524-8790.

Military Appreciation Seminar & Resource Fair

Marine Corps Community Services and the depot will sponsor a Military Appreciation Seminar & Resource Fair June 7, from 9 a.m., until 1 p.m., at McDougal Hall (the depot theater).

Those attending will receive legislative updates on military benefits and will have the opportunity to get acquainted with community resources relevant to military retirement.

For more information call (619) 524-5732/5728/5301, or contact Perlita Rodriguez via e-mail at perlita.rodriguez@usmc.mil, or visit www.mccsmcrd.com.

Father’s Day Barbecue Buffet

There will be a Father’s Day Barbecue Buffet at the Bayview Restaurant June 15, from 11 a.m., until 2 p.m.

The menu will include barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian Sausages & chicken, with Boston baked beans and ice cream bars.

Cost is: \$14.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children ages 5 to 11. Children under 5 years-of-age eat free.

For reservations call (619) 725-6211 or 6478. For more information call (619) 524-5732/5728/5301, or contact Perlita Rodriguez via e-mail at perlita.rodriguez@usmc.mil, or visit www.mccsmcrd.com.

Car show on the bay

The depot will sponsor a car show on the bay June 22, from 11 a.m., until 3 p.m., at the new waterfront location on the Bayview Marina lawn.

There will be live entertainment, door prizes, awards, food and activities.

For more information call (619) 725-6484. Or call (619) 524-5732/5728/5301, or contact Perlita Rodriguez via e-mail at perlita.rodriguez@usmc.mil, or visit www.mccsmcrd.com.

Free LEGO build event

Celebrate Flag Day with your child at the depot Museum by building an American flag out of LEGO blocks.

This is a free event and kids will take home the flags they build.

The event is open to the children of the depot’s active duty members and civilian employees, ages 5 to 12.

A separate open build area will be available for children of all ages to play.

The LEGO build will be held June 14 (Flag Day) from 1 to 3 p.m. Space is limited to the first 100 kids registered.

To register email the following information to joan.schwarz-wetter@usmc.mil:

- Parent’s name
- Parent’s cell phone number
- Parent’s email address
- Each child’s name
- Each child’s age

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A CH-46 with Marine Aircraft Group 39 makes a low pass to drop water on fires on the Las Pulgas wildfire area aboard Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 17. The Las Pulgas wildfire on Camp Pendleton burned 21,900 acres.

Wildfires burn hot as firefighters struggle to keep flames at bay

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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—More than 1,000 firefighters from local, state and federal agencies, along with military and civilian aircraft, worked around the clock to extinguish fires that burned 21,900 acres of the base and lead to the evacuation of several thousand base personnel and residents from several areas here since May 14.

The San Mateo, Las Pulgas and the Naval Weapons Station Fallbrook fires collectively referred to as the Basilone Complex, burned

approximately 18 percent of Camp Pendleton.

“The fact that a sense of normalcy has been established so quickly on base is a testament to the incredible efforts of our firefighters from throughout the state. On behalf of the Marines, sailors and families here, I want to thank every one of them for their bold and tireless efforts in fighting these fires,” said Brig. Gen. John W. Bullard, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West – Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

The first of the fires started on Naval Weapons Station Fallbrook

and grew to 5,400 acres before reaching 100 percent containment.

“I’d like to give my sincere thanks to Cal Fire, the U.S. Forest Service, Camp Pendleton Fire Department, I Marine Expeditionary Force, the Navy’s 3rd Fleet and all the various fire departments throughout California and Nevada for their incredible efforts in fighting these fires,” said Bullard. “I would also like to thank the Southern California Incident Management Team 2 for their effective management of this incident.”

During the course of this

fight, the fire management team was originally requested to assist and manage the fire on Naval Weapons Station Fallbrook.

With changing weather patterns, extreme temperatures and high winds, the Camp Pendleton Fire Department was able to coordinate and utilize the fire management team for focusing efforts and deploying resources to engage and fight the other fires here.

“Everyone came together to form an integrated team focused on protecting the lives of our Marines and their families here,” said Bullard.

As the week progressed, and

with exhausted crews and incident commanders, the Camp Pendleton Fire Department and the fire management team unified the incident command and collectively managed the remainder of fires aboard the base.

“Their execution was well planned and flawless,” said Bullard.

The Las Pulgas Fire first reported at 3:15 p.m., Thursday burned 15,000 acres.

The San Mateo Fire that was reported at 11:24 a.m., Friday burned 1,500.

The causes of the fires are under investigation.



U.S. Marine Corps Photo

Marines perform a water drop over Cocos fire in San Marcos, Calif., May 15, 2014. The Marines, assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, partnered with state officials to conduct aerial firefighting operations against several wildfires in San Diego County.



Cpl. Sarah Wolff

Firefighters work to save Camp Pendleton buildings as wildfires break out on three areas of the base. The fires scorched 18 percent of the installation’s total acreage.

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MCRD hosts National High School Physical Fitness Championships

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The National High School Physical Fitness Championship, held annually at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, is designed to not only test competitors' physical fitness, but also their ability to work as a team.

More than 25 teams from across the country participated in the event aboard the Depot May 16-17. The instillation, in cooperation with United States

Marine Youth Foundation, Inc., hosts the championships annually to promote youth physical fitness and encourage students to continue their quests of living healthier lifestyles.

The events included in the challenge consist of sit-ups, push-ups, long jumps, pull ups and a shuttle run, but earning the opportunity to compete in sunny San Diego doesn't come easy. The teams competing in the national championship had to qualify at the state level in order to advance to the finals.

These events require preparation from all of the competitors,

as coaches put their athletes through vigorous workouts to attain the ultimate goal of winning.

Fitness instructors or volunteer coaches can organize teams in their schools to participate in the state and national matches. Each team must consist of five or six members who are full-time students between grades 9-12 and obtain a score of at least 1875 (males) and 1250 (females) to continue to the next level.

"The tournament is an awesome and pleasant experience for the kids, and it teaches them discipline to maintain physi-

cal fitness by preparing for it each year," said Jen L. Scubzda, mother of competitor Emma C. Scubzda. "It requires a lot of teamwork and spirit from everyone to push each other to their maximum capabilities."

Scubzda, an Allentown, Penn., native believes the competition aboard the Depot is a great way for students to have a positive introduction with the military and servicemembers.

Maria C. Justus, Emmaus Fitness team, trained alongside her fellow athletes to win a team championship for this year's National High School Physical

Fitness Championships.

"I feel like the overall team's performance was really good," said 17-year-old Maria C. Justus. "We helped each other push through and pull out the victory, and I'm happy overall with the way that I performed during the event."

Justus performed 100 sit-ups within two minutes, 29 pull-ups and jumped an event high long jump at eight feet, six inches.

More information about The National High School Fitness Championship can be found at www.marineyouthfoundation.org.



An athlete from Emmaus Fitness conducts pull-ups during The National High School Physical Fitness Championships aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 16-17. To earn a spot at the National High School Physical Fitness Championships, high schools have to attain a qualifying score at state level. The Emmaus fitness team went on to win the championships.



Athletes compete in a timed sit-up event during The National High School Physical Fitness Championships aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 16-17. To earn a spot at the National High School Physical Fitness Championships, high schools have to attain a qualifying score at state level.



Maria C. Justus performs push-ups during The National High School Physical Fitness Championships aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 16-17. To earn a spot at the National High School Physical Fitness Championships, high schools have to attain a qualifying score at state level.



Students line up to compete in a shuttle run during The National High School Physical Fitness Championships aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 16-17. To earn a spot at the National High School Physical Fitness Championships, teams had to attain a qualifying score at state level.



Shaelyn Weida performs the long jump during The National High School Physical Fitness Championships aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 16-17. The event consisted of each team performing sit-ups, push-ups, five long jumps, pull ups and a shuttle run.



Kristen S. Brag sprints down the field during the shuttle run portion of The National High School Physical Fitness Championships aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 16-17. To earn a spot at the National High School Physical Fitness Championships, high schools have to attain a qualifying score at state level.



Pfc. Mohammed N. Yahya, Platoon 2134, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, breathes fresh air after completing the Confidence Chamber on May 12. He joined the United States Marine Corps after leaving Iraq and coming to America in search of a better life. Yahya was born and raised in Baghdad and lived there during the initial invasion of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

Baghdad native becomes US Marine

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War, high cost of living and a desire for better opportunities are what led Pfc. Mohammed N. Yahya, Platoon 2134, Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, and his mother to make the difficult choice to leave their home in Baghdad, Iraq, and find a new life in America.

Yahya was born and raised in Baghdad and was only 13-years-old during the initial invasion of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

In Iraq, homes were restricted to three television channels and the cost of living was extremely high. His mother received only three dollars a month for teaching English at a local school, however basic necessities such as fruit cost up to two dollars.

His mother taught him to speak English as a child, which enabled him to help the troops who patrolled through his town.

Yahya explained he jumped

at opportunities to work as an interpreter for Marines because he knew they kept locals from harm's way. He believes being local made it incredibly easy to gather information Marines needed and delineate between innocent locals and terrorist.

"I wanted to give back to the Marines because the Marines took care of me," said Yahya.

His interactions with the Marines in Baghdad gave him a deep respect for service members and contributed to his decision to join the Corps.

His decision to enlist was cemented when step-father, a former Marine drill instructor, supported his choice.

"I knew once I came to America I was going to become a Marine," said Yahya.

Looking back, Yahya explained there are similarities between his hometown and recruit training.

"In school, we were not allowed to speak unless spoken to, we were told what we could and couldn't eat and we weren't allowed to laugh," said Yahya.

Regardless of similarities or differences, his senior drill

instructor believed he came into training with the right attitude. So far Yahya has tested to be certified in four different languages.

"He's endured a lot in his teenage years, and he came to recruit training with a mindset to do great things," said SSgt. Gunnar K. Belton, senior drill instructor. "The sky is the limit for him."

Yahya wants to be a part of Explosive Ordnance Disposal and help locate and disarm improvised explosive devices. He believes his experiences in Operation Iraqi Freedom can be very effective toward locating these hidden devices.

With his goal of becoming a Marine accomplished, he can now work toward his new goal of working with EOD. However, in his immediate future, the only thing he is looking forward to is seeing his mother at graduation.

"My decision to join the Marine Corps is the best decision I have made, and I know my mother is going to be excited to see me graduate," said Yahya. "I'm looking forward to being an infantryman and fighting alongside Marines."



Pfc. Mohammed N. Yahya, Platoon 2134, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, washes his gas mask after completing the Confidence Chamber on May 12. Yahya and his mother had to make a difficult choice to leave their home in Baghdad, Iraq, and find a new life in America.

Maj. Gen. Ed Davis

Parade Reviewing Officer

Major General Ed Davis was born in Hereford, England, and educated at Coleraine Academical Institution, Northern Ireland.

He was commissioned into the Royal Marines in 1981 and spent his early years in the Corps at regimental duty in the United Kingdom, the Falkland Islands,

Cyprus, Norway and Belize.

He commanded a Royal Marines Commando unit from 2002-2004, which included Operation Telic 1 in Iraq, and subsequently commanded 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines from 2010-2011, when he deployed to Afghanistan as Commander Task Force Helmand on Operation Herrick 14.

Senior staff appointments include two years as the Director of Equipment Capability (Special Projects) in the Min-

istry of Defence, an operational tour to Afghanistan as Chief of Joint Effects in NATO's Headquarters International Security Assistance Force and an appointment in the Operational Commitments Directorate of the Ministry of Defense.

His staff training includes the Army Command and Staff Course in 1996, the Higher Command and Staff Course in 2009 and the United States Marine Corps' General Officer Warfare Program in 2010.





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Pvt. D. M. Bagget | PLATOON 2153
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Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, perform horizontal butt strokes during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Calif., May 14.

Co. I recruits slice through bayonet techniques



Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, execute bayonet techniques during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Calif., May 14. During the event, recruits were taught to perform horizontal and vertical butt strokes, vertical and horizontal slashes, disrupt, and offensive and defensive weapon maneuvers.

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Marines are trained to be superior fighters in all situations. Whether they use their hands and feet to grapple, or their rifle to fight in close quarter combat, they are ready for everything.

Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, learned how to employ their bayonets during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Calif., May 14.

The purpose of MCMAP is to teach recruits hand-to-hand combat techniques and instill in them the warrior ethos. Part of this training focuses on how to fix bayonets to the M16-A4 service rifle and utilize it in close quarters combat.

“Bayonet techniques teach recruits the proper control of their weapon and how to effectively use it in combat

scenarios,” said Staff Sgt. Brian J. Barlock, Platoon 3201. “If recruits do not have proper control of the weapon, the bayonet techniques will not effectively work. Recruits must become familiarized with weapons re-orientation and positive control.”

Recruits begin learning the basic MCMAP moves and then build off of skills they learn throughout the rest of recruit training, explained 29-year-old Barlock.

During the event, recruits honed the skills of a horizontal and vertical butt strokes, vertical and horizontal slashes, disrupt and offensive and defensive weapon maneuvers.

The MCMAP instructor ensured the recruits could correctly conduct each individual skill before moving on to the next one, assuring they understood the proper form.

Drill instructors monitored the company by walking through the formation as the recruits practiced the techniques. If a recruit executed the move incorrectly, a drill instructor

would supervise that recruit until it was executed using the proper form.

“Every Marine is a rifleman, and every Marine trains to be a well-rounded warrior,” said Recruit Jonathan M. Ochi, Platoon 3201. “Marines deploy often and find themselves in close combat situations. That’s when the bayonet training could possibly become useful in life or death situations.”

Ochi explained the reason why he believes this skill is so important. Should he be in a hand-to-hand combat situation, and his fellow Marines’ lives were on the line, he wants to feel comfortable with his ability to stay in the fight and reach mission accomplishment without losing any lives.

Company I recruits will continue to learn more advanced MCMAP techniques during recruit training and in the Marine Fleet Force as well. These techniques are some of the tools the United States Marines utilize to stay combat efficient and ready to fight.



Sgt. Brian W. Hayes, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor, teaches Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, how to perform bayonet techniques during a MCMAP class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Calif., May 14. As recruits progress through their training, they will learn hand-to-hand combat techniques and warrior ethos.