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Circuit Course poses training challenge

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Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, began their first Circuit Course event during forming week aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 19.

The purpose of the Circuit Course is to strengthen each recruit's strength and endurance for upcoming events in recruit training, explained Staff Sgt. Vince C. Mabalot, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1067.

“These recruits have not begun training yet,” said 31-year-old Mabalot. “The Circuit Course they ran today will better prepare them for the future.”

The Circuit Course is comprised of more than 20 exercise stations, each with its own purpose. These exercises included monkey bars, jump ropes and weight lifting.

Before they began the course however, the recruits performed the dynamic warm-ups series to get their blood flowing and also teach them how they will be forming up for physical training throughout the remainder of recruit training.

“This is their first experience forming up for physical training in recruit training,” said Mabalot, a native of Stockton, Calif.



Company D recruits participate in the Arm Stretcher exercise on the depot's Circuit Course, May 19. This is the first time the recruits have run the course. They will face it several times before they complete recruit training.

“We just want to get them familiar with the formations and routines.”

After recruits completed the warm-ups, they lined up by platoon and began a mile and a half run, which was part of the Circuit Course.

Once recruits completed the run, they moved on to the sta-

tions where a drill instructor was waiting for them to demonstrate each exercise.

By the time the recruits began the course, they were already

tired and fatigued, explained Recruit Alexander J. Tsai, Plt. 1067, Company D.

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Company I recruits hold logs over their heads as they conduct log drill training on the depot May 20.

Group log drills build teamwork

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As informative as a Hollywood movie can be at showing the difficulty men and women have at performing log drills, nothing is as revealing as the real thing.

Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion,

learned this as they pushed through log drill training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 20.

The purpose of the log training is to get the recruits to work together as a team to complete exercises such as log dips and shoulder raises. The recruits were broken down into teams of 10, but even then the exercises proved to be daunting tasks that

required them to use everything they had to finish.

“It was harder than I expected,” said Recruit Aaron M. Chicca, squad leader, Platoon 3230. “I think this was a good experience to toughen us up. There were times I just wanted to bend over and give up, but you just have to push through it.”

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Recruits learn rules of UCMJ

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The United States Marine Corps is known for having some of the best-rounded and disciplined individuals in the military. Customs and Courtesies are instilled into recruits when they make their first entry into the Marine Corps and they are expected to uphold the Corps' standards of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, at-

tended a class to learn about the UCMJ regulations aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 19.

The UCMJ is the military law of the United States, and it governs service members of every U.S. military around the globe.

“The UCMJ is important for the recruits to learn because it teaches them the discipline and expectations we as service members are required to uphold daily,” said Sgt. Daniel C. Rodriguez, Platoon 3205.

There are 146 articles in the

see UCMJ ▶ 2



Company I recruits learn about the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The UCMJ define the laws and conduct all service members are expected to follow while on active duty.



Company D Marines conduct exercises on the depot Circuit Course. The course is made up of a defined running course with 20 different exercise stations spaced along its length.

CIRCUIT ◀ 1

“The run wore me out fast,” said 19-year-old Tsai. “I didn’t know how I was going to make it through the rest of the course.”

Recruits were split up into groups of 15 and for 30 seconds, pushed them-

selves as hard as they could.

As much as the recruits wanted to quit, their drill instructors would not let them.

“At this point in recruit training, the recruit’s bodies are shocked,” said Mabalot. “We are letting them know that recruit training is no simple task, and

they need to prove themselves.”

Tired, dirty and weak, recruits of Delta Company have completed their first physical test and will continue on the path the becoming Marines.

“Recruit training is all about transformation,” said Mabalot. “It takes a lot of determination, and it starts here.”



Company I recruits prepare to put down the log they have been using for exercise during log drills May 20. This is the first time the recruits have used teamwork to complete a task.

LOG ◀ 1

For Chicca, the thought of family members looking up to him was what gave him the strength to finish.

“My mom wrote me a letter and told me that my godson ran 36 laps at a competition and when my mom asked him why he didn’t stop he said, ‘Because Aaron wouldn’t.’ He turned six today, and when I was tired I thought of him and couldn’t quit.”

The Marine Corps stresses the importance of teamwork in everything from daily clean up to combat operations, and this was a lesson in just that.

“One person alone was not going to hold that log,” said Recruit Caeden A. Baughman. “Most people see the movies and think it’s a

one man fight like the movie ‘Rambo’, but it’s not.”

Baughman explained whether you were short, tall, strong or weak it was important to contribute to the team in any way you can.

“If you can’t do your main task, you have to do what else you can to best help,” said the 19 year-old. “I was in the front, and I tried to do as much as I could by steering us in the right direction.”

When the recruits laid down their logs at the end of the exercise, it was apparent they had finished an intense work-out. More importantly however, it appeared many had learned much more from the experience.

“All the other exercise up to this were individual,” said Baughman. “This was the first time we worked together in an exercise, and we could help each other.”

UCMJ ◀ 1

UCMJ, which provides a set of behaviors that all service members are expected to uphold.

Rodriguez, an Ogden, Utah, native explained that Marines need to know their orders so they not only know what is expected of them but also how to enforce the regulations for fellow Marines.

“Recruits have to learn the UCMJ to know what to abide by because we are accountable for our own actions,” said Recruit Spencer M. Williams, Platoon 3207. “Having

good character is a trait we all must live by. We have to do the right things even when no one is looking.”

When Marines are found guilty of UCMJ violations, either by non-judicial punishment or the manual for court-martial is used to the punishment determine.

“If someone disobeys one of the articles, then they will suffer the consequences. The consequence will depend on how serious the misconduct was,” said Williams, a Grand Rapids, Mich., native. “We are all responsible for our actions while in the service, and in

order to maintain a good career and stay in the military, we must do the right thing in every situation.”

The UCMJ does not exclude service members from civilian laws. If a service member is found guilty of a wrongful act by a civilian police officer, he or she will also be charged by the UCMJ.

“Marines uphold a higher standard than most. We have to assure we are doing the right things and obeying the laws,” said 21-year-old Williams. “We must walk, talk and act as Marines.”

BRIEFS

Nate Smith Scholarship applications

The MCRD Museum Foundation is taking applications for the Colonel Nate Smith Memorial Scholarship program.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded during July. Applicants must be enlisted Marines, sailors or their dependents, and assigned to MCRD/WRR San Diego.

Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance, community and extracurricular activities, and future potential.

Application forms and eligibility details may be found at www.mcrd-mhs.org. The forms are also available at the Foundation’s office in Bldg. 26, at the MCRD Command Museum.

Deadline for applications is July 8, 2014. For more information, contact Lynn Stuart at (619) 524-4426.

Emergency preparedness for pets

Pets are members of the family. When preparing your family for a possible disaster, don’t forget your pet. Take some simple steps like creating a plan, assembling a pet’s emergency kit and search out what you might need to know if disaster were to strike.

Go to http://www.sddac.com/pet_disaster_plan.asp on the net and adapt what you need to your personal circumstances.

In the event of a disaster, make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities on the scene.

You can be ready for the unexpected. Those who take the time to prepare themselves, their families and their pets, will likely encounter less difficulty, stress, and worry.

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.

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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An assault amphibious vehicle churns up Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island's slipway on St. John's River, Jacksonville, Fla., May 15, marking the first time in several years tracks have splashed from a Maritime Prepositioning Force ship.

Marines return to their amphibious roots

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MARINE CORPS SUPPORT FACILITY, BLOUNT ISLAND, Fla. – Nine assault amphibious vehicles and their crews of Marines sped, one by one, down the ramp of a Maritime Prepositioning Force ship May 15 and into the Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island slipway adjacent to the St. John's River, Jacksonville, Florida, testing the operational capabilities of the AAVs.

The hulls of the AAVs were hidden in spray as each one collided with a wall of seawater.

As officials at Blount Island Command looked on intently, thick, black smoke filled the air when the AAV engines roared as each one disembarked.

This was the scene as Marines with 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California, splashed nine prepositioned AAVs during an amphibious assault training exercise.

The launching of the AAVs, from Bobo Class Ship U.S. Naval Ship Pfc. Dewayne T. Williams, marked the first time in several years that tracks have splashed from a MPF ship, according to Col. Matthew R. Crabill, commanding officer, BIC.

"We are going back to what we traditionally do, which is perfect the art of coming from the sea," Crabill said. "We have been engaged in Iraq and Afghanistan now for 13 years and this is part of the Marine Corps' deliberate effort to return to our naval expeditionary roots. Rehearsing (the AAV launch) is very important and is different for each ship."

The exercise is the first

step in a program that will be executed during the next 18 months to two years where AAVs will be launched from each type of MPF ship, according to Crabill.

Crabill said the exercise tested the Marines' and the ship crew's capabilities.

"We want the ship's ramp to be exactly 15 degrees," he said. "We need at least two feet of water above the end of the ramp and the amtracks have to maintain a certain speed to clear the ship's ramp."

Once the launch was completed, the AAVs were piloted down the slipway to a nearby landing beach.

The evolution, which took about 10 minutes with a 45-second interval of separation between each vehicle, was successful, according to Crabill.

Crabill said the AAVs can be used in almost any contingency for carrying troops on land to transporting supplies back and forth from a ship.

Jacksonville, Fla., was the best site to conduct this type of training, he added.

"It's the best location for us because we periodically have the ships come through here," the commanding officer said. "We have 12 ships in the program, and each ship comes here once every three years."

"We unload the entire ship and use a contractor to refurbish everything including vehicles, tanks (and) trucks, to the supplies on the ship," he said. "We reload the ship and make sure everything is pristine and send the ship back out to sea."

The MPF program is a fleet of 12 ships that are divided into two squadrons: one in the Pacific Ocean and the other in the Indian Ocean.

"(The) program prepositions material around the world on ships and landward locations," Crabill said. "What we



The U.S. Naval Ship Pfc. Dewayne T. Williams holds steady in Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island's slipway adjacent to the St. John's River, as an assault amphibious vehicle launches. Nine AAVs were launched making this the first time in several years that tracks have splashed from a Maritime Prepositioning Force ship.



Marines wait for the rest of their unit's assault amphibious vehicles to complete operational capabilities testing.

do is support the rapid closure of Marine forces in a time of crisis, whether it is a typhoon relief, humanitarian disaster or whether the nation is calling on the Corps to go back to war."

According to Military Sealift Command at the website,

www.msc.navy.mil/PM3/, these ships carry a variety of Marine Corps equipment and supplies, including tanks, ammunition, food, water, cargo, hospital equipment, petroleum products and spare parts - ready for rapid delivery ashore when

needed.

Each MPS squadron carries sufficient equipment and supplies to sustain more than 16,000 Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Navy personnel for up to 30 days, according to the website.

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Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, conduct a 25-meter swim aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 19. The exercise was part of a swim qualification all recruits must pass in order to become Marines.

Fear of swimming not an option for recruits

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Swimming while wearing camouflage utilities and boots can be very difficult, and if a Marine recruit has limited swimming skills it is quite possible fear will set in. For many people, fear and swimming go hand in hand.

Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, conducted swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 19.

During the qualification recruits were taught two floating techniques, four swimming strokes, how to remove their combat gear in water and how to properly conduct an abandon ship jump from the three-meter board.

While many recruits learn these techniques easily, some struggle to be comfortable in the water.

At the beginning of the evolution the recruits are told to swim the width of the pool. The recruits who cannot complete the distance without touching the pool floor are given the opportunity for remediation before beginning the qualification.

"I failed at the very beginning. I don't know how to float at all," said Recruit Garethmarc

V. Cesar, Platoon 2102. "I can paddle a little, but I can't float."

Cesar explained he had very little swimming experience, but strongly believed he would learn from the swim instructors because he was extremely motivated.

"I just want to become a Marine," said the Fairfield, Calif., native.

Cesar was not alone in his struggle. Fellow platoon member Recruit Urbano Guerrero Garcia also had difficulty during the initial test and was with Cesar learning the fundamentals of swimming.

"I came here with zero skills in the water, and this exercise had me terrified thinking about it," said Garcia. "If I can get pass this, I will be okay with everything else. Recruit training is no joke. You have to prepare mentally and physically for it, and if you can't swim, take lessons before you get here."

Recruits are given up to four days of practice before being tested on the techniques. However, the swim instructors explained a vast majority of the recruits remediate and pass their test in the same day.

"When we're pushed, it only makes us want the title more," said Cesar, confidently. "I'm a quick learner, and I'll get through this to become a Marine."



Recruits Urbano Guerrero-Garcia, right, and Garethmarc V. Cesar, both of Platoon 2102, stage gear around the pool while waiting to remediate their swimming techniques.



Company E recruits await the command to commence pool techniques. Recruits must demonstrate they can float in order to pass swim qualification in recruit training.



Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, demonstrate their proficiency in treading water and staying afloat in the depot's swimming pool during their swim qualification May 19. During the event swim instructors kept a watchful eye out for recruits who struggled with the exercise and needed remediation.

Marine seeks brotherhood through the Corps

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Pvt. Trenton Brian, Platoon 3230, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, has already faced a lifetime of hardship, which led him to join the Marine Corps in search of a different type of belonging.

"I wanted to join the Marine Corps, for not only myself, but for my family too," said Brian. "They are my biggest motivation."

Brian is a native of Centralia, Ill., and was separated from his parents at the age of three when he was adopted into a new family with his two sisters and brother.

He said his adopted family treated him like he was there by birth, and he didn't realize until many years later he was adopted.

Just two short years after being adopted, he faced an emotional hurdle.

"When I was five, my adoptive father and brother were in a car accident," said 20-year-old Brian. "They were hit by a drunk driver and killed."

Brian describes life at the time as being rough, but his mother was always there to love and support him and his two siblings.

"I had to grow up without a dad," said Brian. "No one was there to play catch with me, teach me how to shave or do father and son things."

After the accident his family moved to Shepherdsville, Ky., where he began school at North Bullet High School.

Several years ago, Brian and his family faced another challenge when his adopted mother was diagnosed with cancer and she took immediate action to beat it.

"She started her treatments and surgeries," said Brian. "It was getting harder and harder on me and my sisters."

After realizing he and his mother had differences of opinion on most topics, he moved out of his house and moved in with the pastor of his church.

Once he started attending Little Flock Baptist Church regularly, he regarded the sanctuary his safe place.

While his mother was undergoing treatment, Brian tried as much as he could to help her, whether it was driving her to her appointments or helping with the finances.

Even though Brian and his

mother had their arguments, it never effected their relationship.

"I started a job at a warehouse that ships items that are bought on Ebay," said Brian. "The money wasn't bad. I was able to support myself and my mom, to a point."

While he always attended church, he never felt like he found a "home" and moved around high schools and homes by himself.

"Everywhere I went, I would still keep in contact with my mom," said Brian. "She seemed to be doing better, and I would call her about small things like advice with girls."

Brian graduated high school in 2012 from the Nelson County High School in Kentucky and the following year met with a Marine recruiter to talk about his options.

"I remember my uncle telling me stories about his time in the Marine Corps," said Brian. "He always talked about how respectful they were and just how great being a Marine was, so I decided to follow his footsteps."

While going through recruit training, Brian received the news that his adopted mother had lost her battle with cancer. He was given the option to leave recruit training immediately or stay and train.

He chose to stay.

"You don't realize how much you love someone until they get sick and something like this happens," said Brian. "I'm doing this to protect the ones I love."

Brian's drill instructors noticed his tenacity and heart as well.

"When he first got to recruit training, he was just a regular recruit," said Sgt. Eric F. Pressman, drill instructor. "After he got the news, we saw the change in his drive, and we could tell he wanted to earn the title more than anyone else in the platoon."

Brian has successfully completed recruit training and will take on the next step of his career by attending the School of Infantry. There he will learn basic infantry skills and hopes to find a new brotherhood in the Corps.

"I have lost a lot in my life," said Brian. "The Corps has a lot to offer me, but a chance to be able to support the ones I love, both at home or where ever I am, is something that I will be forever grateful for."



Pvt. Trenton Brian, Platoon 3230, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion executes Star Jumpers during the Crucible at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 21.

Bob Parsons

Parade Reviewing Officer

Bob Parsons, chairman and founder of GoDaddy.com, is widely recognized for his entrepreneurial and philanthropic efforts. He is the CEO and founder of Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale, Go AZ Motorcycles, Southern Thunder Harley-Davidson, Scottsdale National Golf Club and a number of other businesses based in the greater Phoenix Area.

Parsons is a U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran and a recipient of the Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and Purple Heart Medal. He attended college at the University of

Baltimore using his G.I. Bill and graduated magna cum laude. His alma mater presented him with an honorary doctorate in 2008 and named him Distinguished Entrepreneur in 2010.

Parsons' first endeavor was Parsons Technology, a software company he started in his basement in 1984 after teaching himself how to write computer programs.

In 1994, Parsons Technology was sold to Intuit, Inc., for \$64 million dollars. At the time, the company had nearly 1,000 employees, \$100 million in annual revenue and three million customers.

In 1999, Parsons started GoDaddy.com, and today it is the world's largest provider of domain names, Web hosting and new SSL Certificates.

In 2011, Parsons sold a majority stake in GoDaddy in a deal that valued the company at \$2.3 billion. Bob remains the single largest shareholder of the company.

In 2012, Parsons and his wife Renee founded The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation, which has awarded more than \$46 million in critical funds to charitable organizations to date.

Parsons was awarded Arizona Business Leader of the Year in 2007 and the Celebrity Fight Night Muhammad Ali Entrepreneur Award in 2011. In 2013, he was presented with the Visionary Award given to an individual whose achievements, ideas and vision have provided invaluable direction, leadership and voice to the Greater Phoenix area.





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Pvt. A. R. James
*Pfc. J. Jaramillo
Pvt. A. M. Jaspering
Pvt. R. A. Joseph
Pfc. A. D. Kaminski
Pfc. C. M. Marriott

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Pvt. M. A. Anderson
Pvt. D. A. Baez
Pvt. G. R. Barias
Pvt. D. R. Bilynsky
*Pfc. R. D. Bocanegra

Pvt. R. K. Braim Jr.
Pvt. I. Cazarez
Pvt. J. P. Delgado
Pfc. P. S. Derouin
Pfc. T. S. Draper
Pvt. J. A. Espinoza
Pvt. D. J. Giguere
Pfc. O. Gonzalez
Pfc. B. H. Gorham
Pvt. J. E. Graham
Pvt. L. F. Guzman
Pvt. D. A. Halttunen
Pfc. A. L. Hardin
Pfc. B. E. Hatill
Pvt. L. Holloway
Pvt. Z. B. Ingham
Pfc. Z. P. Iona-Schopp
*Pfc. D. A. Johnson
Pvt. H. T. Karr
Pfc. J. Luk
*Pfc. G. M. Markve
Pfc. R. C. McBride
Pvt. K. A. McRae
Pfc. J. R. Muller
Pvt. M. D. Oliver
Pvt. D. T. Orr
Pvt. T. J. Putzke
Pfc. S. D. Quintana
Pvt. J. P. Radd
Pfc. J. E. Ramirez
Pvt. Q. M. Randolph
Pvt. D. O. Rangel
Pvt. T. R. Reano
Pvt. J. V. Starks
Pfc. S. E. Stonestreet
Pvt. A. H. Torres
Pfc. J. T. Vu
Pfc. J. S. Wood
Pvt. L. R. Woolridge
Pfc. D. L. Zebro

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Pfc. Z. H. Alithawi
Pvt. R. Allen
Pvt. E. M. Avila
Pfc. J. M. Balzer
*Pfc. J. E. Benavides
Pvt. Z. R. Bradley
Pvt. A. Bravo
Pfc. Z. T. Brown
Pvt. T. W. Carmichael
Pvt. D. A. Collier

Pfc. A. W. Crawford
Pvt. O. J. Cruz-Lopez
Pvt. D. A. Culbertson
Pfc. E. B. Day
Pvt. S. A. Evers
Pfc. C. R. Follet
Pvt. V. M. Gonzalez
Pfc. G. D. Hagler
Pfc. A. Hakobian
Pfc. L. J. Hall
Pfc. A. S. Henriquez
Pvt. D. A. Hermann
Pvt. A. W. Ihrig
*Pfc. E. W. Johnson
Pfc. J. B. Kieffer
Pfc. S. Kim
Pfc. C. W. Kinkade
Pvt. R. M. Koenigsberg
Pvt. C. P. Lambert
Pvt. C. Martinez-Corona
*Pfc. J. R. Norton
Pvt. O. A. Paz
Pvt. C. M. Richardson
Pvt. J. R. Rivera
Pfc. M. A. Rivera
Pfc. J. R. Santos
Pfc. T. E. Shanahan
Pvt. A. Sixtos
Pvt. J. R. Smith
Pvt. M. T. Surrat
Pvt. C. E. Thompson
Pvt. R. J. Vachrozsa
Pfc. D. U. Valadez
*Pfc. W. M. Virtue
Pfc. S. Wang
Pfc. A. W. West
Pvt. D. B. Williams
Pvt. J. D. Witkowski

PLATOON 3234

Pvt. W. R. Bryant
Pvt. K. C. Meyers
Pvt. J. P. Nelson
Pvt. E. Ornelas
Pvt. D. L. Ortega
Pvt. D. L. Peltier
Pvt. U. R. Perez
Pvt. A. R. Pulido
Pfc. N. K. Ristrom
Pfc. K. J. Roach
Pvt. C. I. Rodriguez
Pvt. A. I. Rogers

Pvt. A. J. Rudesill
Pvt. A. T. Smith
Pvt. J. A. Smith
Pvt. S. D. Steel
Pvt. I. G. Stephens
Pfc. B. J. Stiles
Pvt. B. L. Stites
Pfc. S. V. Stover
Pvt. G. R. Strehl
Pvt. J. E. Swanson Jr.
Pvt. G. W. Sweatt
Pvt. W. T. Swarc
Pfc. P. W. Thaelke
Pfc. H. O. Thorner
Pvt. I. S. Tielking
Pvt. D. I. Trejo
Pvt. A. W. Troncale
*Pfc. J. R. Trumble
Pvt. Y. A. Tsygankov
Pvt. E. F. Ugarte
Pvt. G. A. Umanzor
Pvt. M. J. Urick
Pvt. C. Valadez
Pvt. K. J. Valentine
Pvt. V. Vang
Pfc. M. Vilaysane
Pvt. R. M. Villapudua
Pfc. M. B. Villegas
Pvt. S. M. Wancho
Pfc. V. M. Watychowicz
Pvt. R. J. Weiss
*Pfc. T. J. White
Pfc. D. T. Wilkins
Pfc. J. A. Zamudio
*Pfc. J. J. Zimmermann

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Pvt. X. Alejandro
Pvt. J. P. Clendenen
Pvt. R. E. Conlin
*Pfc. J. L. Elifrits
Pvt. J. D. Little
Pvt. E. R. Martin
Pfc. A. M. Mazurkiewicz
Pvt. C. J. McPhan
Pfc. S. Medrano
Pvt. F. F. Mendez
Pfc. D. L. Miller
Pfc. A. J. Monobe-Luna
Pvt. A. M. Montelongo
Pvt. T. D. Moore
Pvt. A. Moreno

Pvt. G. Murguia
*Pfc. A. R. Paoli
Pvt. R. A. Parker
Pfc. E. M. Perez
Pvt. O. S. Quintana
Pfc. J. A. Reeves
Pvt. K. M. Rigdon
Pfc. N. Rivera
Pfc. A. J. Rivera-Luis
Pvt. E. G. Rivera-Luis
Pvt. R. V. Roberto
Pvt. G. L. Robertson
Pvt. N. A. Rodriguez
Pvt. J. A. Rojasruiz
Pfc. E. N. Ruvalcaba
Pfc. R. M. Santiago
Pfc. J. Santos
Pfc. N. E. Scheffler
*Pfc. C. E. Scott
Pvt. W. S. Seton
Pfc. E. M. Slater
Pvt. J. R. Smith
Pfc. K. M. Smith
Pvt. J. L. Steiner III
Pvt. C. A. Stout
Pvt. J. M. Thouvenot
Pvt. A. R. Trader
Pfc. J. Turello
Pvt. C. W. Ziems



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New Marines set out to make Marine Corps history

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The United States Marine Corps has been making its mark in America's military since 1775.

Marines of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, visited the Command Museum aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego May 21 in order to learn more about Corps history.

Museum docents introduced recruits to displays depicting the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam; World War I; World War II; military medals and decorations; weapons and Marine Corps recruit training.

Docents explained facts about different battles and wars and why each is a part of Marine Corps history.

"Our goal is to teach Marines the Corps' role in history," said retired Sgt. Bud T. Tate, museum docent. "The thing I love most about the Marine Corps is no matter where you go or what you do after, being a Ma-

rine is always the highlight of your accomplishments."

According to Tate, a 69-year-old Providence, R.I., native, he wanted to make sure the Marines fully understood each piece of history.

"They showed great interest in all of the pieces of history that were displayed throughout the museum," said Tate.

The Marines were with the docents for approximately two hours soaking up as much history as they could.

Every Marine visited the museum during training week 10, to view the artifacts that tell the Marine Corps' story.

The docents spent a little more time on the larger battles in which the Corps has participated in, such as the battle for the Pacific island of Iwo Jima.

World War II was the global war that lasted from 1939 to 1945. The majority of the world's nations were involved in World War II. It involved more than 100 million people and millions of fatalities world wide, according to the National World War II Museum.

"There are a lot of artifacts in the museum, and they're all a piece of history that played a role in our Marine Corps," said Pfc. William R. Puckett, Platoon 1054. "Our uniforms, gear and weapons have all drastically changed over time, but it's cool to see what they used to use to fight with and win battles."

Being able to see what Marines once did makes it truly an honor to be a Marine, explained 19-year-old Puckett.

"With the Crucible coming up, this is definitely something that will motivate us to finish recruit training strong," said Puckett, a Seattle, Wash., native. "Reading about the Marines who gave their lives to defend this country reminds me of what it truly means to be called a Marine."

Marines move on to the Crucible with the knowledge of how past Marines once fought battles before them.

Now that Co. C has earned the title Marine, they will become part of Marine Corps history.



Company C Marines tour the Command Museum and examine artifacts from Marine Corps history. As part of training, the museum visit lets recruits explore Marine Corps history.