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## MCMAP training teaches hand-to-hand combat skills

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Recruits of Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, punched their way through a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program session aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 13.

The MCMAP training is given to build the recruits knowledge of the MCMAP techniques and warrior ethos.

According to retired Col. Roderick Smith, warrior ethos are based on the willingness to subordinate individual thoughts and concerns, including the concern to protect one's own life, for the good of the group and the mission.

It's teamwork at its heart and teamwork in its most complex form.

"Each MCMAP session the recruits receive at recruit training gives them better survival skills if they are ever put in a combat situation," said Sgt. Mike C. Simonsen, drill instructor, Platoon 3267. "A Marine is a warrior and a gentleman. The recruits learn to be both through MCMAP training as they learn warrior ethos."

Company M learned upper body strikes throughout the MCMAP class to prepare them for



Mike Company recruits, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, practice delivering horizontal hammer strikes into a pad held by a sparring partner during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 13. Recruits are expected to learn the basics of MCMAP during their 12 weeks of recruit training aboard.

hand-to-hand combat. Because Marines find themselves in combat environments, it is important recruits pay close attention

to minor details now so they can execute each technique effectively later.

As a training requirement, re-

cruits are expected to learn the basics of MCMAP during their 12 weeks aboard the depot. Once recruits have earned their tan belt in

recruit training, they will be able to work toward attaining a higher

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Two Delta Company recruits knock their opponent off the platform during a pugil sticks match June 12. Pugil Sticks are a requirement for recruit training that helps develop confidence.

## Recruits do two-on-one pugil stick drills

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Only a few feet separated the three recruits from each other as they were given the order to attack. Armed with padded sticks, two of them attacked their single opponent.

Recruits of Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, conducted two-on-one pugil stick matches at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 12.

The matches ended when either the single fighter was knocked off the fighting platform, they received a blow to the head or if he knocked both opponents off the platform.

Although the recruits donned protected equipment such as a helmet, mouth piece and groin protector, there was nothing to protect them from the gut wrenching feeling before a fight.

Even though recruits were paired by weight, occasionally a smaller recruit was matched

against much larger recruits.

As Recruit Horacio J. Sotelo, Platoon 1065, awaited his turn, he couldn't help but notice his opponents were much taller than him.

"I have butterflies in my stomach because it worries me that they're bigger. But it doesn't bother me too much because I see it as just another challenge," said Sotelo, a De Queen, Ark., native. "I might be able to catch them by surprise. They are taller and will

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## Tailors set Corps' image with each new Marine

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The Marine Corps is known for looking a certain way, and when it comes to appearance, Marines are held to high expectations.

Recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, received their first uniform fitting aboard the Marine Corps Recruit Depot

San Diego, June 11.

"This is their initial fitting for every dress uniform they will receive," said Sgt. Roberto F. Gonzalez, drill instructor, Platoon 1021. "These will be the uniforms the recruits will wear once they become Marines."

During their time at the recruit clothing facility, recruits turned in camouflage combat

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Jack Morgenstern, tailor, marks a recruit's dress blue coat during Bravo Company's initial uniform issue June 11. Recruits will return when the tailoring process is completed to ensure a correct fit.



**Mike Company recruits execute the horizontal hammer strike during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program session. Company M learned upper body strikes throughout the MCMAP class, which prepares them for hand-to-hand combat.**

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belt with follow-on training in the Fleet Marine Force.

"We teach the basics here so they can build off of what they will already know in the fleet," said Simonsen, a Bozeman, Mont., native. "This is their second session of MCMAP training, and they will receive a lot more training toward earning their tan belts."

Executing numerous repetitions of each move not only worked on their combat conditioning, but built muscle

memory to ensure recruits can conduct each move proficiently.

"In combat, Marines don't always have a lot of time to think about a situation so they have to be able to react within seconds. That is where countless repetitions from practice comes in to place," said Recruit Zaine S. Wilcox, Platoon 3267. "The drill instructors make us keep pushing through each repetition even though we are exhausted because in a real life situation, it's a matter of life or death."

Before leaving the class, Sgt. Joseph

A. Kimmel, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Instructor, made sure the recruits felt comfortable with the MCMAP techniques and knew how it could effectively help them in a needed situation.

"If the situation occurred, I want to feel confident utilizing the MCMAP techniques to save my life or save the life of a fellow Marine," said Wilcox, a Caldwell, Ind., native.

Company M is currently on week two and has several weeks and MCMAP sessions to go before earning their tan belts and earning the title Marine.

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probably attack high, I'll attack low."

Every time a trio of recruits attacked each other the clash could be heard like helmets at a football game. Each match not only produced intensity and force, but it also developed a valuable confidence in each recruit.

Sgt. John D. Weltzin, drill instructor, Platoon 1065, explained he believes pugil sticks are a confidence builder for recruits because he remembers the event instilling confidence in himself as a recruit.

"When I did pugil sticks, I was a real timid person. But, I gained confidence from it, and the next time we did it I was ready," said Weltzin. "I won my next fight."

Weltzin explained one bout of pugil sticks doesn't cure being timid or fix a lack of confidence, but in conjunction with the rest of recruit training, it helps build a stronger person.

"Some recruits are born fighters, they see an opponent and are ready," said Weltzin. "Some recruits are timid, we (drill instructors) focus a little more on the timid ones and try and get them there, too."

Sotelo agreed with Weltzin and said he's glad recruits participate in pugil sticks matches.

"It takes away a little fear and instills a little confidence, but I wouldn't recommend it for the elderly," said Sotelo with a grin.



**Recruit Horacio J. Sotelo, Platoon 1065, dons his helmet in preparation for a pugil sticks match.**

### TAILORS ◀ 1

utility uniforms to have name tapes sewn on, something they are not allowed to have until week eight. Each recruit also received a set of dress uniforms that were tailored to fit them.

Training day 43 was not only important for the recruits because they received their uniforms, but also because they reached another marker in their recruit training experience.

"This is another stepping stone in recruit training," said Chase W. Swann, Plt. 1023. "This is the next step in our pursuit to becoming Marines."

According to Swann, being able to put on the uniform and get it fit gave him a confidence and psychological boost to push on and complete the rest of recruit training.

"Putting on the uniform makes me proud that I have accomplished everything to make it to this point in training," said

Swann, a native of Scroggins, Texas. "Not everybody gets a chance to put these uniforms on."

The Marine Corps uniform dates back to the birthdate of the Marine Corps and distinguishes Marines from the other branches of service. Some details in the uniforms reflect the proud legacy of Marines who have worn them for the more than two centuries.

"We all wear the uniforms while we are in the Marine Corps," said Gonzalez, a native of Detroit. "What makes a difference is how they look. Since these recruits are receiving their initial issue, we want to make sure they are as squared away as possible."

Although recruits were fitted for their dress uniforms, they are not allowed to wear them until family day and graduation, after they have earned the title "Marine."

"We still have events to push through before we become Marines," said Swann. "We are going to take this and let it motivate us to do the best as we can until the end."

## BRIEFS

### 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 Bay View 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 Perilita Rodriguez via e-mail at perilita.rodriguez@usmc.mil, or visit [www.mccsmcrd.com](http://www.mccsmcrd.com).

### Freedom Run

The depot will sponsor a 5K Freedom Run/1 Mile Walk on June 27, starting from the Bay View Marina at 1 p.m.

### Depot Summer Concert

Marine Band San Diego will perform at the annual Depot Summer Concert June 28 at 4 p.m.

The concert will be held at Pendleton Hall on the Commanding General's Honors Lawn.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and spend a memorable afternoon filled with great music. The concert will feature selections from the band's varied repertoire of traditional classics, patriotic marches and newer favorites.

The concert is free and open to the public.

### A trip to Vegas

The Single Marine Program is sponsoring a trip to Las Vegas July 2 - 5.

Participants will travel in two 12-passenger vans and stay at the Quad Hotel across the strip from Caesar's Palace. Cost is \$50 for travel and lodging. Each person will cover food and entertainment expenses out of pocket.

There are only 20 places available and participants must be 21 or older. Reservations are required on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to sign up, contact Kelley Sitar at (619) 524-5655, or via e-mail at [sitark@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:sitark@usmc-mccs.org).

### MCRD chapel closure

The chapel is closed for renovations until July 25.

During the project Sunday Lutheran services will join the Protestant service in the Base Theater auditorium at 8:30 a.m. Catholic Mass will be held in the Bride Room next to the Chapel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:45 a.m.

For information contact Anna Torres, administrative support assistant for Religious Ministries at (619) 524-8820.

### Nate Smith Scholarship applications

The MCRD Museum Foundation is taking applications for the Colonel Nate Smith Memorial Scholarship program through July 8.

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.

Application forms and eligibility details may be found at [www.mcrd-mhs.org](http://www.mcrd-mhs.org). The forms are also available at the Foundation's office in Bldg. 26, at the MCRD Command Museum.

For more information, contact Lynn Stuart at (619) 524-4426.

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Lance Cpl. Kyle McNicholas, an infantryman with Black Sea Rotational Force 14 from 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, fires an AT-4 light anti-armor weapon during exercise Agile Spirit aboard Vaziani Training Area, Georgia, June 11, 2014. Agile Spirit 14 is an annually-scheduled multilateral engagement hosted by Georgia that began in 2011 in order to strengthen the two countries by conducting brigade and battalion-level training engagements, to include small-unit interaction between the Marines and Georgians that demonstrates their commitments toward collective, global security.

## Marines and sailors, Georgians conclude live-fire portion of Agile Spirit

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**VAZIANI TRAINING AREA, Georgia** – Exercise Agile Spirit 14 started with a “bang” as Marines and sailors with Black Sea Rotational Force 14, from 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, fired on various weapon ranges with soldiers of the Georgian Armed Forces in the Vaziani Training Area, Georgia, June 10-11, 2014.

Agile Spirit 14 is an annually-scheduled bilateral engagement hosted by Georgia that began in 2011 in order to strengthen interoperability between the two countries by conducting brigade and battalion-level training engagements, to include small-unit interaction between the Marines and Georgians that demonstrates their commitments toward collective, global security.

“The ranges were pretty well-paced,” said Lance Cpl. Patrick Phelan, a forward observer with 81mm Platoon, Weapons Company. “It gave some Marines the opportunity to fire a lot of weapon systems they don’t normally fire. There were known range shoots, which is always good practice for us. The machine gun range builds familiarity with those of us who don’t typically get time to fire (heavy machine guns).”

The Marines and Georgians fired the M2 .50-caliber heavy machine gun, the M249 light machine gun, the M240B medium machine gun, the AT-4 anti-tank weapon system and the light armor weapon trainers, along with their standard service rifles, the M4 and M16, and M27 Infantry

Automatic Rifle.

“These are weapons organic to an infantry unit,” Phelan said. “These are all things we should be familiar with. We won’t always be using our service rifles; we may have to pick up a machine gun and know how to use it.”

These live-fire weapon ranges set the tone for the rest of the exercise.

“This really joins the Marines and Georgian soldiers at the hips,” said Capt. Thomas Perna, the platoon commander for the Combined Anti-Armor Team, Weapons Company. “The more exposure we have to each other’s techniques, we can integrate and operate more effectively and focus on the nuts and bolts of making a cohesive unit together.” Next on tap for the Marines and Georgians is lane training, where they’ll train together in reacting to different scenarios, to include improvised explosive devices, cordoning and searching and security patrolling.

“I think (Agile Spirit) is a great opportunity to build those relationships,” Perna said. “We’re teaching them things, and they’re teaching us a lot as well. They do some things differently, which is good because it exposes us to a different mindset. I’m excited to see what happens during the rest of the exercise.”

Black Sea Rotational Force 14 is a rotational contingent of Marines and sailors positioned to build robust military relations with partner nations, increase regional stability and enable interoperability while providing the capability for contingency response, as directed by U.S. European Command, in the Black Sea, Balkan and Caucasus regions of Eastern Europe.



Lance Cpl. Aaron Keene, Black Sea Rotational Force, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, fires an M-249 light machine gun during a course of fire that also included the M-4 service rifle and the M-2 .50 caliber heavy machine gun during exercise Agile Spirit 14.



Gunnery Sgt. Matthew J. Richey, Black Sea Rotational Force 14, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, explains the components and functionality of the AT-4 light anti-armor weapon to Georgian soldiers during a live-fire exercise. This fourth iteration of the Agile Spirit exercise will run until June 21.

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# Recruits complete first CFT

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Although no form of training can completely replicate the strains of combat, there are some exercises that can come close.

Recruits of Hotel Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, finished their first combat fitness test at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 11. The Combat Fitness Test includes a 880-yard run, ammunition-can lifts and a maneuver under fire.

The CFT is a 300-point physical fitness test with an emphasis on functional fitness related to operational demands such as combat.

The 880-yard run kicks off the beginning of the CFT, the ammunition-can lifts are the second exercise and the maneuver-under-fire concludes the CFT. All stages of the CFT are conducted in boots

and camouflage utilities.

Some of the combat-related exercises are conducted in the maneuver-under-fire portion of the event. In this section, recruits are required to perform a fireman's carry and throw a dummy grenade to a designated area.

"I think the CFT is beneficial because things like the fireman's carry are techniques you would use in combat, and that gives us a different outlook on what a combat experience could be like," said Recruit Tristan B. Butler, Platoon 2163.

Each section of the CFT was graded, but because it was the recruit's introduction to the exercise, it was not recorded.

Half way through the CFT, some recruits showed signs of fatigue and pain. Some recruits said they were trying hard despite being sick and others spoke of the minor injuries they were fighting through.

"My calf is killing me, and I'm pretty sure I pulled it," said Butler, Platoon, a Show Low, Ariz., native. "But I just visualize my wife and son waiting for me at the end of the exercise, and it gets me to perform better."

Recruit Hunter D. Buley, Platoon 2162, said his goal for the exercise was to get a perfect score. Each event is worth 100 points for a total of 300.

"To get a perfect score would give me a sense of pride because it takes a lot to accomplish that," said Buley. "If you push yourself, it's very difficult and even if you don't, the CFT is still difficult."

Although neither Buley nor Butler received a perfect score, they both explained it's not a failure but rather a new goal to work toward.

"I'm going to continue work out and get stronger," said Buley. "Every CFT after this my score will get better."



Hotel Company recruit Josue Torres, Platoon 2167, conducts ammunition-can lifts during the Combat Fitness Test. Torres is a Santa Maria, Calif., native.



Hotel Company recruits, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, begin their 880-yard run during the Combat Fitness Test at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 11. The recruits were told the requirements and techniques for each section of the CFT before they started the test.



Hotel Company recruit Hunter D. Buley, Platoon 2162, waits for the command to start the maneuver-under-fire portion of the Combat Fitness Test. The maneuver-under-fire exercise is the last exercise conducted in the CFT. Buley is a Harrah, Okla., native.



Hotel Company recruit Tristan B. Butler, Platoon 2163, conducts a fireman's carry during the Combat Fitness Test. Partners for the event must weigh within 10 pounds of each other. Butler comes from Show Low, Ariz.

# Haiti native becomes a U.S. citizen and U.S. Marine

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For centuries the U.S. has been a melting pot for people of all races, colors and religions who are searching for better opportunities for themselves and their families. For one new Marine, America offered much more than the hope of opportunity. The Marine Corps gave him the brotherhood for which he'd been searching, and the country offered him citizenship.

Pvt. Jean G. Volcy, Platoon 3243, Lima Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, participated in a ceremony yesterday, and was naturalized as a new citizen of the United States. Today he and his Lima Company brothers graduate from recruit training as U. S. Marines.

Volcy recruit training was born and raised in Haiti. While he enjoyed living there, Haiti suffers from deforestation, which causes frequent, massive flooding, leaving the country lacking in natural resources.

"It's a tropical environment, and I like that, but resources are very limited there," said Volcy. "Water would only come to us a few days out of the week, so we would store as much as we could in jugs or anything else that would hold water."

Volcy learned great discipline at an early age. He believes that is something that developed when he started catholic school.

"I've always been drawn to things that take great discipline to get through, and I knew by attending a catholic school I would have to stay very disciplined due to the strictness," said the native of Port-Au-Prince. "I think the discipline the Marine Corps displays is ultimately what sealed my decision to join."

His discipline was reinforced by his parents, who he said are hard workers, who always made sure he and his siblings had

everything they needed.

"My mother has always been disciplined, even when it comes to her job. She has worked at a bank for 30 years," said 25-year-old Volcy. "My father is an accountant and received his education in New York City, while my mother attended school in Haiti."

By the time Volcy turned 15, the political environment of Haiti was a hotbed of corruption and safety was a major concern for many families. His parents made the difficult decision to have him and his younger sister move to America to live with his older brother, a member of the United States Air Force.

"Haiti became politically unstable and kidnappings were starting to occur very often," said Volcy. "My mother feared something would happen to me and my sister if we stayed in Haiti, which is why she sent us to live with my brother in America."

The children began school in Fayetteville, N.C., where Volcy participated in sports such as soccer and track. He was interested in anything that took a great amount of discipline.

The three siblings lived in North Carolina for a year, and then moved to San Antonio, Texas when his brother became an Air Force instructor at Lackland Air Force Base.

"My brother took me to work with him a couple of times when he became an instructor, and it was cool to see how they trained their recruits to become airmen," said Volcy.

The high school senior knew he wanted to join the military, but did not take the step right away, choosing to further his education instead.

"At first I wanted to go to college. I couldn't get the financial aid I needed to help pay for it, so I just got a job and went to work," said Volcy. "After six years, I decided I was tired of doing the same thing. I felt like it was my calling to join the



**Before Pvt. Jean G. Volcy, Platoon 3243, Lima Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, receives his naturalization papers following a naturalization ceremony aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., June 19. Volcy was born and raised in Haiti before coming to America. For centuries the U.S. has been a melting pot for people of all races, colors and religions searching for opportunities for themselves and their families. For this new Marine, America offered much more than the hope of opportunity.**

Marine Corps, so I talked to the recruiter, and he told me about the amount of discipline it would take and the brotherhood the Marine Corps offers."

Volcy explained he is a man who is committed to his family and the Marine Corps reinforces that trait.

"My recruiter told me if I was looking for brotherhood and discipline, then I was joining the right branch of military," said Volcy. "Honor, courage and commitment are things I really cherish close to my heart."

After going through recruit training, Volcy realized he found the brotherhood he had been looking for.

"We've all experienced a lot in the few months we have been at recruit training," said Volcy. "The thing I love the most is the fact that I can look to the Marines on my left and right and know they will always be there no matter what. We look out for each other."

Now that Volcy has graduated recruit training, he will attend four weeks of Marine Combat

Training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., for further training. Once that is completed, he will continue to follow-on training to learn his marine occupational specialty as a motor transportation operator.

Volcy has his future goals set high. Upon completion of his four years as an enlisted Marine, he would like to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., to become an officer and Marine Corps leader. He has aspirations of making the Corps a career.

## Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Lt. Gen. Terry G. Robling is the commander, U. S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.

Robling entered the Marine Corps in 1976 after graduating from Central Washington University with a degree in business administration. Following graduation from the Basic School in April 1977, he began flight training and earned his wings in November 1978.

Upon completion of F-4 Phantom transition training at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., he reported to MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and joined the "Lancers" of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 212. As a "Lancer," Robling attended the United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program (Top Gun), and participated in two Western Pacific (WestPac) deployments to Iwakuni, Japan. During his three-year tour with VMFA-212, he held various billets including maintenance control officer, assistant maintenance officer, and aircraft maintenance officer.

In June 1983, Robling reported to Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico, Va., and upon graduation returned

to MCAS Kaneohe Bay for duty with VMFA-235. As a "Death Angel," he held assignments as the assistant operations officer and aircraft maintenance officer, completed two more WestPac deployments and attended the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course.

In June 1987, Robling reported to Headquarters Marine Corps where he served as aviation programs officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation. During this tour, he was one of 24 officers selected for training on the F/A-18D Hornet on the first "Delta" transition board. In August 1989, he reported to Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron (VMFAT) 101 at MCAS El Toro for F/A-18 Hornet transition training. When he completed training, Robling he remained with the "Sharpshooters" as the aircraft maintenance officer as well as a pilot and weapon systems officer instructor.

In December 1990, Robling reported to the newly redesignated Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA - AW) 242 and assumed the duties as executive officer. In June 1992, he was reassigned as the commanding officer of the unit and completed another WestPac deployment to Iwakuni, Japan. As the commanding officer, Robling was selected as the Marine Corps Naval Flight Officer of the Year in 1993.

In August 1994, Robling reported

to the National War College where he earned a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy. Following graduation, he reported to the chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C., for duty as the current operations officer, Central Command Division of the Joint Operations Department.

In August 1998, Robling was selected for a foreign affairs fellowship, and attended Johns Hopkins University at the School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of the fellowship, he was reassigned to the Director of Expeditionary Warfare, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, as the resource and requirements officer for unmanned aerial vehicles.

In January 2000, Robling assumed command of Marine Aircraft Group 11. In August 2001, he assumed the duties of chief of staff for the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at MCAS Miramar, Calif.

In June 2002, Robling assumed the duties of assistant wing commander for the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

In January 2003, Robling deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was designated commanding general, 3rd MAF Forward in June 2003, and returned to Miramar in September 2003. In July 2004, he assumed duty as chief of staff, Striking and Support Forces NATO, in Naples, Italy.

In July 2006, Robling was assigned to serve as the director, Strategy and Plans Division in Plans, Policy and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

In July 2007, Robling assumed command of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, where he served until August of 2009. In September 2009, he assumed command of the III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan until he transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps in January 2011, as Deputy Commandant for Aviation.

Robling took command of Marine Forces Pacific in August 2012.





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 Pvt. D. Rodriguez-Salinas  
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 Pvt. C. J. James

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 Pfc. J. L. Jester  
 Pvt. J. J. Jones  
 Pvt. P. H. Kaufman  
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 Pvt. V. A. Chacon  
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 Pfc. N. C. Estrada  
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 Pfc. K. L. Young  
 Pvt. E. Zambrano



Staff Sgt. Ramiro A. Castaneda, drill instructor, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, works on his engine with Tracey C. Clue, mechanic, Auto Hobby Shop aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 18. The Hobby Shop offers everything from car and motorcycle lifts to every tool required for most automotive needs.

## Depot's Auto Hobby Shop to help save, teach

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Nowadays vehicles are a necessity for most people in their daily lives, but repairing them can be very pricey.

The Auto Hobby Shop on Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego is here to assist DOD employees and their dependents when it comes to repairing their vehicles at just a fraction of what they would pay a mechanic in town.

For those who have no experience with repairing their own vehicles, the Hobby Shop helps customers and teaches them everything they need to know about what needs to be done to make a repair correctly.

"We have two mechanics who work with us," said Jose O. Garcia, manager, Auto Hobby Shop. "We are all here to help supervise and give information to anybody with a valid military identification card."

The Auto Hobby Shop has four lifts specifically for oil changes, as well as an additional four lifts for repairs such as changing breaks, repairing engines or simply any small fix.

"The shop has a contract with Napa and O'Riley Automotive Parts that enables us to order parts for the base price with no tax," said Garcia.

The price of parts alone can really add up quickly, but it's the installation and labor that cost even more. Because everything at the Auto Hobby Shop is independent work, people save the extra labor cost by doing the repairs themselves.

According to Dan Plitt,

production, Combat Camera, MCRD San Diego, he prefers it that way.

"I use auto hobby shops multiple times a year," said the 53-year-old Plitt. "I can do a repair that would cost \$250 anywhere else for \$30."

This was Plitt's first experience at the depot's hobby shop, but said he prefers it more than other shops he has been to in the past.

"The people are really helpful," said Plitt, a native of New York, N.Y. "I can take my time and do the work without feeling rushed like I have been in other shops."

While the shop can offer just about every tool or part one would need for motorcycle, car or truck, Garcia thought out of the box when he first took charge of the shop.

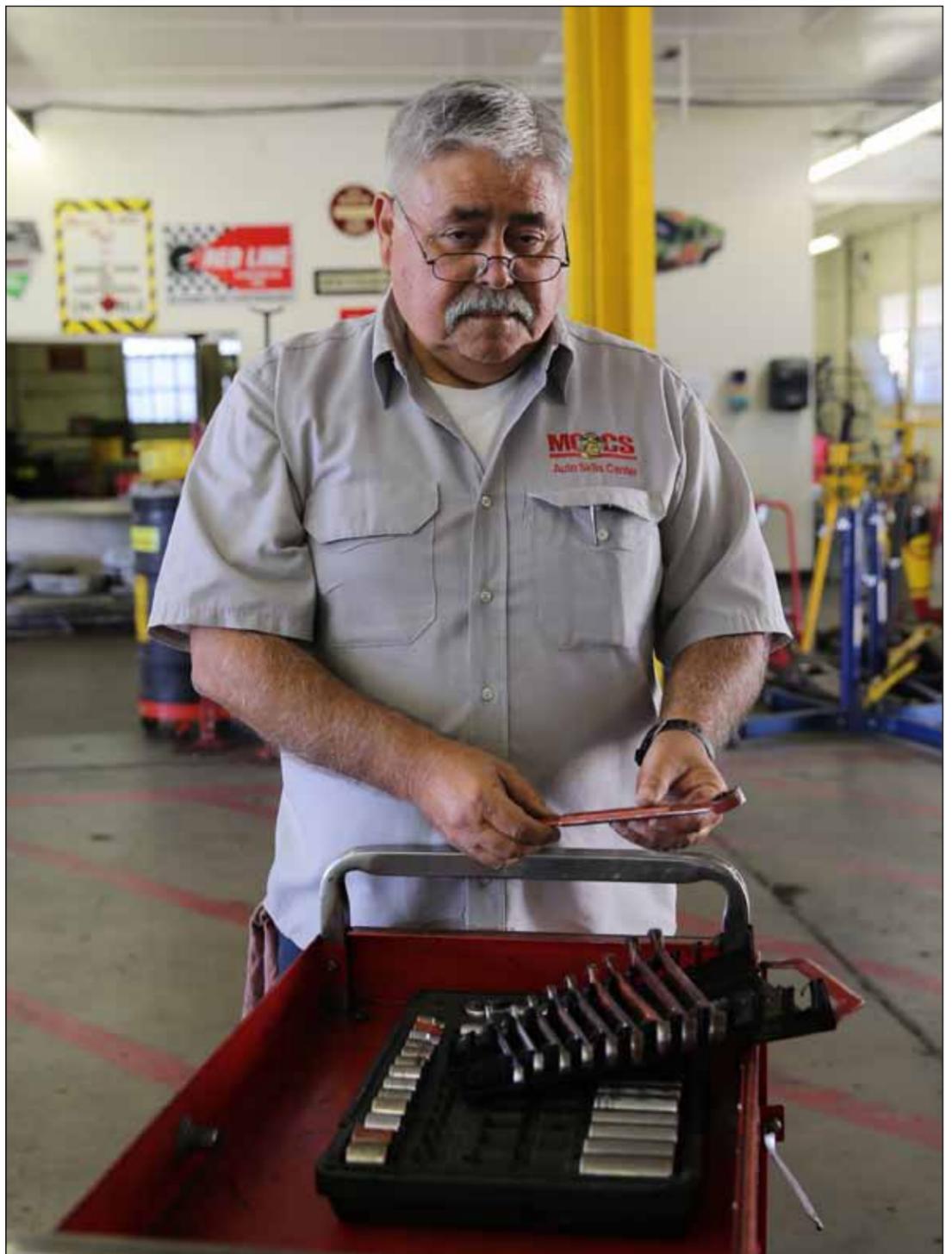
"I created a family play area," said the 62-year-old Garcia. "When someone's wife, girlfriend or child comes in, it can be unsafe for them to be running around the shop. The play area has toys, a television, magazines and more to entertain the families."

The shop is open Wednesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30

For more information, contact the Auto Hobby Shop at (619) 524-5240 or visit them online at [mccsmcrd.com](http://mccsmcrd.com).

The Auto Hobby Shop will be hosting their annual Car Show on the Bay Sunday. The event is open to the public. There will be door prizes, awards, activities and refreshments.

For more information call (619) 725-6484, or go online at [mcrd-sd-carshow.eventbrite.com](http://mcrd-sd-carshow.eventbrite.com).



Jose O. Garcia, Auto Hobby Shop manager, displays a set of wrenches aboard the depot, June 18. The Auto Hobby Shop can be used by anybody with a valid military identification card.