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## Body sparring gives recruits fighting opportunity

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Red boxing gloves punched with lighting speed as recruits battled each other during a body sparring exercise at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 1.

Recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, practiced body sparring in order to gain experience in hand-to-hand combat and utilize techniques learned in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

After donning protective head gear, flak jackets, groin protectors, mouthpieces and gloves, recruits attacked each other until a Marine instructor ended the match.

Unlike their previous hand to hand combat exercises, the recruits were not matched by height or weight. They either picked an opponent or simply fought whoever was next in line.

Various differences in height and weight were a commonality. Despite the discrepancies in size, many recruits relished in the opportunity to be challenged.

“If I have the opportunity, I’ll pick a hard opponent, for the challenge, to test my skills,” said Recruit Sam S. Trevisani, Platoon 1025.

Trevisani ultimately picked a recruit who was taller and out



**Recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, exchange punches during a body sparring exercise at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 1. The boxing was supervised by Marine drill instructors and ended if a recruit hit his opponent above the shoulders.**

weighed him by 20 pounds.

When the command was given, they attacked each other like two opponents in combat.

Flurries of punches were exchanged in rapid succession, and each punch to the torso created a drum-like sound.

Although the fighters did not want the fight to end, the bout was stopped when incidental punches landed above the shoul-

ders of each recruit, which was a safety violation.

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## Hours of practice leads to Final Drill

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On their first day of training, recruits are taught basic marching movements. From that basic platform, recruits march everywhere they go on base honing their synchronization and movement as a single unit.

Showing off their skills, the recruits conduct the Initial Drill test, and then for the next 37 training days, practice for a culminating final event.

On training day 54, Echo Company competed in their Final Drill evaluation aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., June 30.

For recruits and drill instructors, Final Drill is more about showing improvement than winning a competition against their peers.

“Final drill allows the drill instructors to show off their platoons and display how much better they have become at drill,” said Sgt. Steven R. Addis, drill instructor, Platoon 2106. “I’m confident my platoon will perform to the best of their capabilities.”

**see DRILL ▶ 2**



**Recruits of India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, take the weapon assembling and disassembling portion of the Practical Application exam, July 7.**

## Co. I passes through Practical Application

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During recruit training, recruits learn the knowledge of basically trained Marines. Because the information recruits receive is so important, they are tested at the end of training to ensure they retained the material.

India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, recently moved one step closer to graduation after completing their Practical Application exam, July 8.

According to Sgt. Aloha Tupou, drill instructor, Platoon 3207, the Practical Application exam

consists of information that recruits learned since the beginning of training.

“We start giving recruits knowledge the first day they are with us,” said 31-year-old Tupou. “Every day throughout training we try to make time to practice the knowledge. If they aren’t drilling, they are doing practical application.”

The exam itself is not until training day 55, which means recruits receive a lot of time reiterating what they know.

The recruits began with a written exam, covering Marine

**see EXAM ▶ 2**



**Recruits of Platoon 2103, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, execute the Present Arms drill movement during Final Drill aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., June 30. Platoons perform drill movements in formation and while marching during Final Drill.**



Recruit Sam S. Trevisani (left), Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, awaits the command to begin body sparring at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 1. The boxing was supervised by Marine drill instructors and ended if a recruit hit his opponent above the shoulders. Trevisani is a Dallas native and was recruited from Recruiting Substation Garland, Texas.

## BOXING ◀ 1

Despite the quick stoppage, Trevisani said he believed it was a good experience and only regretted not throwing more punching combinations.

"It was fun to see what he was made of," said Trevisani. "He's a good fighter. I

wanted the fight to continue."

Although many recruits had some fighting experience, there were also many who were entering the ring with none.

Recruit Nicholas A. Williams of Platoon 1025, was one such recruit. He had never been in a fight and believed, for that reason, the experience was a very

important one to have.

"You can't always depend on your weapon," said the Salt Lake City native. "You have to be able to hold your position should your weapon malfunction. The experience wasn't bad, it was a good fight, and I got in a couple good punches."



Drill masters grade recruits of Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, on their uniforms and positioning during Final Drill aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., June 30. Every platoon is graded in the event.

## DRILL ◀ 1

Before Final Drill begins, senior drill instructors are instructed to pick one of four drill cards labeled with a specific set of drill movements he will order his platoon to perform.

Each card contains rifle movements such as order arms, port arms, left face, right face and about face. The platoons also execute different drill maneuvers and in-place movements.

Drill masters from each battalion grade the recruits on small details and precision of each of their movements as they progress through the event.

"We've been training a lot and for long periods of time for this moment. We'll do great," said Recruit Nathaniel W. O'Connor, guide, Platoon 2106.

Once recruits are finished with the in-place movements, they continue with the marching portion. They are judged on areas of alignment, staying in step and recruit's personal bearing.

O'Connor explained his platoon wasn't worried about their performance because they were confident from all the training they received from their drill instructors.

"I wasn't nervous for any particular card because we've practiced all of them repetitively," said O'Connor, a Kansas City, Mo., native.

O'Connor said his drill instructors made sure they practiced frequently by being very creative in finding times and places for the recruits to practice drill.

"We would turn the squad bay into an open area by moving our racks and footlockers against the walls so we could practice drill," said O'Connor.

Although not every platoon can have the honor of winning the Final Drill competition, all recruits can take pride in knowing they gave their all.

"Win or lose, I'm proud our platoon was able to work hard together for one goal," said O'Connor.

## EXAM ◀ 1

Corps history, knowledge such as General Orders and labeling parts of the M16-A4 service rifle.

Once the recruits completed the written exam, they began a recognition quiz where they matched labeled magnets to its appropriate specified areas. Uniforms, ranks and parts of the M16-A4 service rifle were some of the items that the recruits had to correctly match.

After recruits completed the recognition quiz, they continued to the combat first aid station where they were presented with a dummy with common combat envi-

ronment injuries such as a chemical burn, open-wound fracture or sucking chest wound.

The last portion of the test required recruits to assemble and disassemble a service rifle and execute a functions check in order to ensure the weapon was functional after they put it back together.

For some recruits, the most challenging thing about the exam was not the information itself but rather the pressures of being watched, explained Recruit Eric C. Mize, Platoon 3201.

"Having someone behind me while I was trying to concentrate made the exam harder," said 19-year-old Mize. "I knew

the information, but I felt like I was second guessing myself on every question because I was nervous of failing."

If recruits fail the exam, they risk being dropped into the next training company, but first they receive another chance to remediate and pass.

Although India Company is nearing the end of recruit training, they still have one more event to overcome, the Crucible, before earning the title Marine.

"Overall we are the only branch that focuses on history and knowledge," said Tupou. "That's what gives these recruits a good foundation when they get to the fleet and do great things."

## BRIEFS

### 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.

### NASA event

Astronaut Chris Cassidy will be at Murphy Canyon Chaple, 3200 Santo Rd., Naval Base San Diego's 32nd Street Station Monday, to meet military members and their families Monday, from 2 until 8 p.m.

Cassidy is in San Diego with "Driven to Explore," a mobile multimedia exhibit that features an actual moon rock visitors can touch, and showcases what it's like to live on the International Space Station.

Cassidy will discuss his experiences aboard the ISS during his recent mission, and families will be able to participate in "Train like an Astronaut" in the mobile exhibit.

### Event times are:

- 2 until 5 p.m.  
Exhibit Open
- 4:45 until 5:30  
Train like an Astronaut
- 6:45 until 7:30  
Presentation and Q&As

For information about the Murphy Canyon event, contact Lt. Benjamin Addison at (619) 532-1430. For information about other NASA Destination Station events in San Diego next week go to <http://www.nasa.gov/content/destination-station-san-diego/>.

### Sand, sun and fun

The depot's Single Marine Program has planned a beach outing on Coronado's Breaker's Beach for July 20.

It's the beach, barbecue and a bonfire from noon to 7 p.m., with transportation provided. According to SMP representative Kelley Sitar, "there's no cost and we welcome any single Marine who is looking for something to do."

For information on this and other SMP activities call Kelley at (619) 524-5655, or contact at [sitark@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:sitark@usmc-mccs.org).

### State primaries

**Kansas** holds its primary election August 5. If you are a Kansas resident who desires to cast an absentee ballot, you may register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) found at [FVAP.gov](http://FVAP.gov). Complete, sign and send the FPCA to your local election official. Forms need to be received by July 15.

Detailed information is available at the following website: [www.fvap.gov/kansas](http://www.fvap.gov/kansas).

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# Military working dogs execute explosive detection training

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## CENTRAL TRAINING AREA, OKINAWA, Japan

— Military working dogs and their Marine handlers executed improvised explosive device detection training July 2 in the Central Training Area.

During the training, dog and handler teams with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion traveled through lanes with the goal of detecting hidden odors commonly associated with explosive devices.

The Marines train three to four days a week to keep their MWDs savvy in various skills such as explosive detection, drug detection and human tracking, according to Cpl. Sean P. McKenzie, a military working dog handler with 3rd LE Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.

"It's important that we keep these dogs proficient," said McKenzie, a Germantown, Maryland, native. "If we don't continue our training and what we're good at, it can diminish. The last thing we want is for our dogs to diminish to the point where they can't perceive what's going on around them."

The dog handlers themselves were also tested on detecting explosives in the tactical lanes. The lanes included visual indicators of objects that resemble IEDs, giving the Marines obstacles to be cautious of while on patrol.

"As handlers it's important that the dog is doing its job, but we need to do our job as well," said McKenzie. "By doing pre-search assessments and making sure we are looking around corners before we step into a danger area, we can save the lives of others."

The dexterity of the military working dogs makes them strong assets to the battalion and to the overall mission of III MEF, according to Lance Cpl. Pete Hernandez, a military working dog handler with the battalion.

"A dog team is a special kind of asset the Marine Corps has," said Hernandez, an El Paso, Texas, native. "It relies on one handler building a bond with his partner. Once they are proficient enough to go out, they can pinpoint where an odor is, tell explosive ordnance disposal Marines where to search, and if that's not available we can choose an alternate route and not have to put (Marines) in danger."

Like the Marines, the MWDs must maintain a high standard of physical fitness to keep up while working in



**Cutter, a military working dog, sniffs for mock explosives along a road while his handler, Cpl. Justin B. Trujillo, directs him July 2 in the Central Training Area. MWDs and their handlers executed improvised explosive device detection training, where the dog teams patrolled through areas with odors typically associated with IEDs. The goal in the training was to make it through the lane without missing any of the indicators. Trujillo is a Los Alamos, New Mexico, native and military working dog handler with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. Cutter is a specialized search dog with the battalion.**

the austere conditions of the Pacific theater, according to Hernandez.

"I would definitely say that I put my life in my dog's hands," said Hernandez. "When we get attached to units, whether it is an infantry unit or any kind of special operations group, they are going to utilize the dog teams as they see fit. If we have a dog team that can't keep up or gets easily overheated, they are going to be hesitant to choose that dog team. So it's important to always have your dog running on your off time or working them in some way to get them accustomed to working a lot."

Through all the hard work the MWDs and their handlers endure to be a constant force in readiness, it is a joy to see the time spent pay off, according to Sgt. David A. Martinez, a military working dog handler with 3rd LE Bn., III MHG, III MEF.

"I've been a dog handler for over five years now," said Martinez, a Gardena, California, native. "Not only do I enjoy working with these dogs and the Marines, but it's always nice to see a brand new dog that we get progress to be one of the best dogs we have."



**Military working dog, Amber combs the high grass along side a roadway under the direction of her handler, Lance Cpl. Pete Hernandez, during their improvised explosive device detection training. MWDs and their handlers patrolled through areas with odors typically associated with explosive devices. Hernandez is an El Paso, Texas, native and a military working dog handler with 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. Amber is a specialized search dog with the battalion.**

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# Depot hosts Chicago Bears' Charles Tillman

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wearing the Marine Corps Combat Utility uniform.

"I enjoy hanging out with the Marines, recruits and drill instructors," said Tillman. "I got to run the O-Course, and it's been a really good time."

The football star toured the Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Therapy Clinic (S.M.A.R.T), where injured recruits train and rehabilitate so that they can make full recoveries and return to recruit training.

"I thank these Marines for what they do. Freedom doesn't come easy. It comes with a price, and some Marines pay the ultimate price with their lives," said Tillman. "I'm just out here letting them know I appreciate them, no matter if they're a recruit, drill instructor,

sergeant, master sergeant, colonel, captain or whatever. I think they are all heroes, and I'm just here to let them know that I really and truly appreciate what they do. I'm just here to support and serve them."

After completing the obstacle course, Tillman signed autographed footballs and visited the Drill Instructor Monument where several bricks are laid with names of former drill instructors. One of those names was very personal to him - his father-in-law's name. It's not just Tillman's father-in-law who served his country, but also his father as well.

"I watched my dad being deployed and being gone all the time," said Tillman. "I know what you guys go through and I'm really happy just letting you guys know I

really appreciate you all for everything it is that you guys do and the sacrifices you make."

One of the things that stood out the most for Tillman was the Marine Corps brotherhood.

"I've only been here a couple of hours, but I think the Marines have a certain swag to them that the rest of the military doesn't," said Tillman. "I think that's great because I have that same swag when I play football. A confident swag."

Judy Forrester, USO president and chief executive officer of the San Diego chapter, explains the USO's main purpose is supporting the service members and their families and making them feel supported.

"The USO of Illinois called us and had a very generous donor

who's extremely grateful to the military and has the means to do this, so they brought out Charles Tillman to San Diego," said Forrester. "We've been all over bases and hospitals, and he has brightened the day at the hospitals and here on bases."

Not only did the Marines enjoy spending time with the professional football player, but Tillman said he enjoyed touring the base and socializing with the Marines aboard the depot.

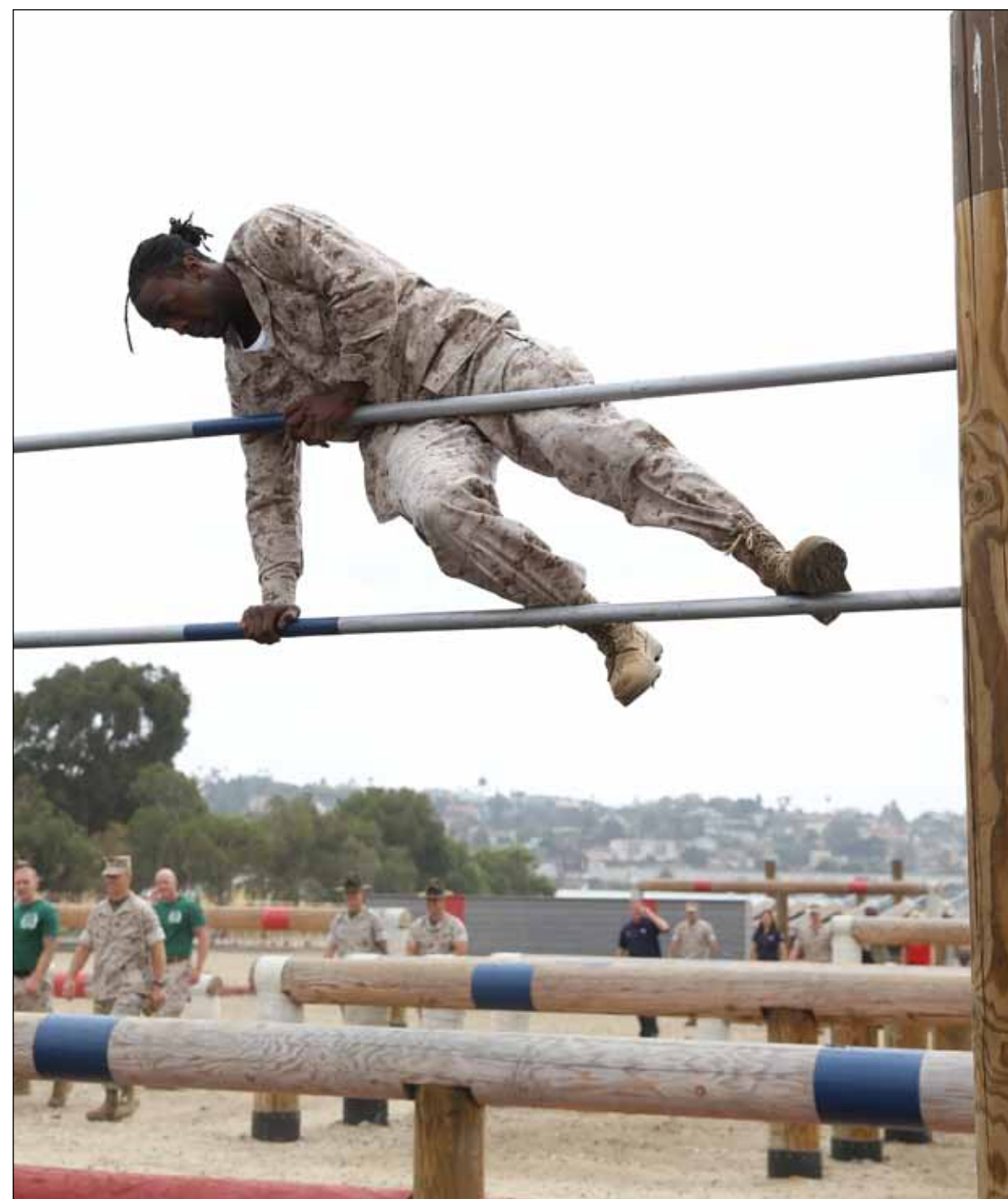
"I enjoy rocking with the fellas and hearing their stories on why they joined the Marine Corps," said Tillman. "I've got see some of the different things on what it means to be a Marine, like the D. I. creed and hearing it from the Marines themselves."



National Football League pro Charles Tillman of the Chicago Bears toured the depot and signed autographs for Marines and their families July 1.



Charles Tillman, Chicago Bears cornerback, maneuvers over, under and through obstacles on the depot obstacle course during his July 1 visit. After completing the course, he toured the depot and signed autographs for fans.



Charles Tillman autographs a football for a Marine during his visit to the depot. Tillman said he especially enjoyed socializing with the Marines.



Charles Tillman, cornerback for the Chicago Bears of the National Football League, throws himself over an obstacle while running the depot's obstacle course during his visit to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego July 1.

# Marine Sheds 90 pounds to join Corps

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For many potential recruits, enlisting in the Marine Corps is as easy as talking to a recruiter, but for some, it takes more will power than imaginable.

One Marine, Pvt. Alexander D. Klopfenstein, Platoon 1025, Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, had to put in some grueling work before he could even consider enlisting in

the Marine Corps

Klopfenstein was born in Bakersfield, Calif., but he moved around a lot during his high school years. Eventually the family decided to settle down back in Bakersfield where he became a member of the Bakersfield High School's swim team until graduating in 2012.

Klopfenstein said he loved to swim and competed in the 50, 200 and 500-meter races. It wasn't until he graduated high school that he started dealing

with weight problems.

"When I was on the swim team, I would be on a very high caloric diet," said 20-year-old Klopfenstein. "After the school year was over, I kept eating the way I had been and wasn't doing enough exercise to burn it all off, which resulted in me gaining a substantial amount of weight."

At the peak of his weight, and standing at 5 feet 11 inches, Klopfenstein weighed approximately 270 pounds.

He explained that his dream was always to pursue a life in the Marine Corps, but he didn't know if he would be able to because of his weight.

"When I first went to talk to the recruiter, they told me I was too big to join," said Klopfenstein. "I knew that I had to do lose the weight and get down to the Marine Corps standards because of how bad I wanted it."

Klopfenstein began jogging every day and changed his diet to just six small healthy meals

in pursuit of his goal.

"The only thing that kept me motivated was that I have always wanted to become a Marine, and I wasn't going to let the opportunity pass by," said Klopfenstein.

Months passed while Klopfenstein stayed dedicated to his routine of jogging and eating correctly, and he began to notice the drop in his weight.

Klopfenstein's motivation and determination did not go unnoticed by the Marines in his recruiting station when he returned some time later.

"For about 2 months before Klopfenstein left for recruit training, he was in our office everyday working on his pull-ups, crunches and sit-ups," said Staff Sgt. Richard G. Guerrero, station commander, Recruiting Substation Bakersfield East. "We saw the motivation and knew how bad he wanted to be a Marine."

Klopfenstein's recruiter and Marines from their office used him as an example for others who wanted to join the Marine Corps and would often say "If Klopfenstein can do it, you can too," explained Guerrero, a native of Los Angeles.

In April 2014 Klopfenstein arrived at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and began recruit training.

While in recruit training he lost an additional 25 pounds, which dropped his weight to 180 pounds.

Klopfenstein has completed all of the necessary requirements in recruit training and has earned the title Marine.

After recruit training, he will attend Marine Combat Training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and then move on to his military occupational specialty school as an intelligence specialist.

"When I first got to recruit training, I couldn't even run three miles," said Klopfenstein. "Now I can, and it feels amazing."



Private Alexander D. Klopfenstein, Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, stands in a basic warrior stance during the body sparring event of the Crucible at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, July 1. Klopfenstein is a native of Bakersfield, Calif., and was recruited out of Recruiting Substation Bakersfield East.

## Sgt. Maj. Christopher C. Gunn (Ret.)

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Retired Sgt. Maj. Christopher C. Gunn joined the Marine Corps on Feb. 26, 1975. Graduating from recruit training at San Diego, Calif., Christopher Gunn reported to Infantry Training School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., for instruction as a basic rifleman. Upon completion of his basic school, he reported to Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Philippines.

In September 1977, Gunn was transferred to Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, where he a Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Japan, a Landing Force 7th Fleet deployment to the Western Pacific and participated in Team Spirit Operations in Korea.

In October 1979, Gunn reported to Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., as a troop handler for Personnel Classification and Assignment Orders and Casual Company.

In December 1980, Gunn was transferred to Company E, 2nd Bat-

talion, 8th Marines at Camp Geiger, N.C.. He completed two Landing Fleet 6th Fleet deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and was part of the peacekeeping force in Beirut, Lebanon.

In June 1983, Gunn was transferred to Marine Barracks, Keflavik, Iceland, as a guard noncommissioned officer and served as the guard section leader.

He was next transferred to Infantry Training School, Camp Lejeune, N.C., in August 1984, for duty as an instructor for common training sections and a platoon commander for Company C.

In November 1986, Gunn was transferred to Headquarters and Service Company, 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, and was assigned with the Combat Squad Leader Course as an instructor.

In November 1987, Gunn was transferred to Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Camp Pendleton. During this tour, he served as a primary marksmanship instructor, line noncommissioned officer for Bravo Range, company gunnery sergeant and first sergeant for Headquarters Company.

In February 1992, Gunn was transferred to Company K, 3rd Bat-

talion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Brigade, MCB Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii for duty as a company gunnery sergeant. He completed two Unit Deployment Program deployments to Okinawa, participated in Operation Balikatan in the Philippines, Cold Weather Training at Camp Fuji, Japan, and operations in the Pohakuloa Training Area on Hawaii. He was promoted to first sergeant and transferred to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

In May 1995, Gunn was transferred to Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune. During this tour he served as first sergeant for Combat Engineer Instructor Company, first sergeant for Headquarters and Service Company, and sergeant major for the school.

In April 1998, Gunn was promoted to sergeant major and reported to 5th Battalion, 10th Marines Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, for duty as the battalion sergeant major.

In January 2000, Gunn transferred to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif., for duty as the

squadron sergeant major.

In May of 2002, Gunn detached from his last command and reported to Marine Air Control Group-38, 3rd MAF for duty as the group sergeant major. During this assignment, he was forward deployed and participated in Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

In March 2005, Gunn retired from United States Marine Corps with 30 years of military service.

Gunn is currently employed by San Diego County as a veterans service representative.





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- \*Pfc. M. A. Diaz
- Pvt. T. L. Dunker
- Pvt. R. W. Dupree
- Pvt. S. Freeth
- Pfc. D. J. Glembin
- Pfc. S. Godinez
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- Pvt. J. T. Lovette
- Pfc. F. Lua Jr.
- Pfc. A. Morales-Moncada
- Pvt. R. J. Ortiz
- Pvt. A. D. Pulido
- Pfc. J. L. Ramirez Jr.
- Pvt. I. Ramirez
- Pfc. L. A. Ramirez
- \*Pfc. R. A. Requena
- Pfc. L. F. Reyes-Rodriguez
- Pfc. C. S. Rhodes
- Pfc. A. J. Robarge
- Pfc. A. E. Robertson
- Pvt. O. Ruiz-Agustin
- Pfc. K. D. Saquing
- Pfc. R. W. Schartz
- Pfc. C. S. Sessions
- Pfc. J. W. Sheedy
- Pvt. R. H. Shein
- Pfc. I. M. Simons
- Pfc. H. B. Smith
- Pvt. C. D. Stamm
- Pvt. J. H. Staton
- Pvt. C. J. Stipek
- Pvt. R. M. Tovar-Santillanes
- Pfc. A. Urias
- Pfc. K. J. Velis
- Pvt. E. L. Vinning
- Pvt. S. C. Wade
- Pvt. C. J. Ward

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- Pvt. J. M. Anaya
- Pvt. D. S. Anderson

- Pvt. D. A. Barrios
- Pvt. B. M. Birkemeier
- Pvt. D. Blount
- Pfc. M. A. Borrayogalez
- Pfc. Z. L. Boyd
- Pvt. T. M. Brassch
- Pvt. R. J. Bremer
- Pvt. A. M. Bucci
- Pvt. C. J. Buckallew
- Pvt. G. A. Ciscneros
- Pfc. J. D. Clark
- Pvt. A. Cobarrubias
- Pvt. J. P. Crabtree
- Pfc. J. S. Currie
- Pfc. A. L. Denman
- \*Pfc. C. A. Domokos
- Pvt. D. A. Eberlin
- Pfc. T. R. Ewell
- Pfc. F. Fernandez
- Pvt. D. A. Franklin
- Pvt. M. R. Funk
- Pvt. R. K. Gant
- Pfc. J. A. Garcia
- Pvt. R. E. Garcia
- Pfc. T. C. Garton
- Pvt. T. R. Gathergood
- Pvt. Z. H. Germany
- Pvt. K. G. Gonzalez
- Pvt. A. M. Graves
- Pvt. R. P. Greenslade
- Pfc. J. E. Griffin
- Pfc. E. Halipaj
- Pvt. J. E. Herdman
- Pfc. M. Hernandez
- \*Pfc. M. A. Hernandez
- Pfc. R. P. Hernandez
- Pfc. C. Hernandez
- Pfc. R. Hernandez III
- \*Pfc. F. S. Hibler
- Pvt. R. O. Hinojosa
- Pvt. J. D. Holeman
- Pvt. H. M. Holub
- Pvt. A. L. Howard
- Pfc. A. M. Hutchins
- Pfc. H. Hwang
- Pfc. C. M. Jonhson Jr.
- Pfc. P. H. Kim

**PLATOON 1023**

- \*Pfc. N. M. Ancelin
- Pvt. M. J. Arellano
- Pfc. E. Astorga

- Pvt. G. M. Bara
- Pvt. M. L. Barragan
- Pvt. A. A. Barrera
- Pfc. J. W. Bennett
- Pvt. D. A. Bertelli
- Pvt. C. H. Besselman
- Pvt. S. T. Bisbey
- Pvt. L. B. Boursiquot
- Pvt. B. R. Braden
- Pfc. C. J. Brown
- Pvt. J. M. Camacho
- Pvt. R. A. Campos
- Pvt. C. J. Canales
- Pvt. R. X. Cardenas
- Pvt. J. M. Cashen
- Pfc. J. J. Cesolini
- Pfc. D. G. Chandler
- Pvt. A. G. Corona
- Pfc. M. Corral
- Pvt. A. D. Crawford
- Pvt. S. A. Cross
- Pvt. D. Curiel
- Pfc. B. J. Dale
- Pfc. M. J. Damele
- Pfc. D. W. Egan
- \*Pfc. C. J. Feltman
- Pvt. A. Ferrer
- Pfc. M. Flores-Gavilanez
- Pfc. D. J. Gomez
- Pfc. N. A. Gomez
- Pvt. V. C. Gonsales
- Pfc. J. Gonzalez
- Pvt. J. A. Gonzalez
- Pvt. A. G. Green
- Pfc. A. R. Greeness
- Pvt. E. J. Griffin
- Pvt. J. Gutierrez
- Pfc. S. W. Guzaski
- Pvt. T. Guzman
- Pvt. N. A. Harrington
- Pvt. D. L. Harris
- Pfc. D. Hernandez-Gomez
- Pvt. D. Hernandez-Lopez
- Pvt. S. M. Hildebrand
- Pvt. B. E. Howie
- \*Pfc. C. W. Swann

**PLATOON 1025**

- Pvt. K. Aiken
- Pvt. B. P. Baber
- Pvt. J. A. Beltran
- Pvt. L. E. Brockman

- Pvt. B. Carranza
- Pvt. J. M. Chauklin
- Pvt. D. T. Dunkijacobsnolten
- Pfc. J. Fafard-Keuma
- Pvt. J. D. Gillam
- Pvt. E. Gonzales
- Pvt. O. Gutierrez
- \*Pfc. O. J. Hall
- Pvt. A. D. Klopfenstein
- Pfc. J. N. LaGioia
- Pfc. B. C. Martinez
- Pvt. A. Mitchell
- Pvt. N. P. Olson
- Pvt. J. S. Osorio
- Pvt. A. D. Perez-Valdez
- Pvt. J. L. Ramirez-Calderon
- Pvt. T. Robinson
- Pfc. J. Rojas
- Pfc. B. R. Seidlingore
- Pvt. C. L. Stoda
- Pvt. R. W. Strebeck
- Pfc. P. A. Taylor
- Pvt. H. A. Tharp
- Pvt. D. D. Thompson
- Pfc. A. Torres
- Pvt. S. S. Trevisani
- Pvt. M. L. Turner
- Pfc. R. R. Vargas
- Pfc. J. Varghese
- Pfc. L. R. Vega-Orellana
- Pvt. L. A. Villarreal
- Pfc. A. T. Vo
- \*Pfc. C. D. Ward
- Pvt. W. W. Warner
- Pfc. G. L. Watkins
- \*Pfc. S. A. West
- Pfc. A. R. Wetteland
- Pvt. M. R. Whitwell
- Pvt. N. A. Williams
- Pvt. K. D. Williamson
- Pfc. V. L. Wilson Jr.
- Pvt. D. F. Woida
- Pvt. D. W. Wright
- Pfc. J. Xiong
- \*Pfc. C. T. Ysquierdo
- Pvt. M. A. Zuniga-Palomares

**PLATOON 1026**

- Pvt. H. S. Dotson
- Pvt. J. M. Jackson
- Pvt. B. J. Jones

- Pfc. P. T. Kaufman-Luft
- Pvt. K. M. Klasen
- Pvt. A. T. LaPoint
- Pvt. D. A. Lee
- \*Pfc. T. J. Lovely
- Pvt. J. A. Lujan
- Pvt. A. Magana
- Pfc. I. Magana
- Pvt. A. Martinez
- Pvt. P. M. Martinez
- Pvt. M. Martinez Jr.
- \*Pfc. M. E. Maslowski Jr.
- Pvt. A. E. Melegatti
- Pfc. P. R. Metz
- Pvt. T. B. Morgan
- Pfc. K. E. Mosely
- Pvt. T. M. Nahrgang
- Pvt. J. M. Nguyen
- Pvt. L. A. Oribio
- Pfc. R. S. Orona Jr.
- Pfc. J. Perez Jr.
- Pvt. J. T. Petersen
- Pfc. K. L. Phan
- Pvt. M. T. Prine
- Pvt. A. S. Putz
- Pfc. A. A. Quitugua
- Pvt. E. M. Rangel
- Pvt. W. J. Rawlinson
- Pvt. C. A. Riggle
- Pfc. F. J. Rodriguez
- Pvt. J. C. Rodriguez Jr.
- Pvt. E. R. Rodriguez Jr.
- Pvt. J. C. Rodriguez
- Pvt. M. A. Rojo
- Pvt. M. C. Sanchez III
- \*Pfc. T. D. Schmidt
- Pvt. A. B. Schneider
- Pfc. T. J. Sipes
- Pfc. E. P. Smith
- Pfc. O. Sotelo Jr.
- Pfc. M. C. Spicer
- Pvt. I. S. Stasyuk
- Pvt. B. K. Stewart
- Pvt. E. M. Stroud
- Pfc. E. M. Stuck
- Pfc. T. S. Young

**PLATOON 1027**

- Pfc. B. J. Alewlt
- \*Pfc. T. J. Avery
- Pvt. I. A. Campbell
- \*Pfc. T. D. Carter Jr.

- Pvt. H. A. Cazares
- Pvt. P. G. Child
- Pvt. J. W. Claeyes
- Pvt. J. D. Coleman
- Pfc. T. M. Griffith
- Pfc. J. Guerra
- Pvt. W. P. Hagmann
- Pvt. B. W. Handshoe
- Pvt. R. E. Harbison
- Pvt. D. G. Hermann
- Pvt. W. R. Hernandez
- Pfc. P. M. King
- Pvt. M. L. Kline
- Pfc. L. M. Kohlrus
- Pvt. C. J. Krenzke
- Pvt. M. S. Kruschke
- Pvt. D. T. Kriscio
- Pfc. T. R. Lamb
- Pvt. C. L. Larry
- Pvt. A. R. Leisure
- Pvt. M. Martinez
- Pfc. R. D. Masters
- Pvt. H. C. Mattson
- Pvt. J. V. Mattson
- Pvt. B. R. Mauk
- Pvt. B. J. Mead
- Pvt. V. A. Menjivar-Escalante
- Pvt. N. J. Miller
- Pfc. G. L. Miller
- Pvt. D. L. Milton
- Pfc. F. S. Mire
- \*Pfc. Z. R. Mooney-Fedler
- Pvt. B. H. Moore Jr.
- Pfc. B. N. Moyer
- Pfc. E. A. Neally
- Pvt. D. B. Nottage
- Pvt. E. V. Ortelas Jr.
- Pfc. A. M. Ortiz II
- Pvt. A. Rebolledo
- Pvt. M. J. Reynoso
- Pvt. F. Rodriguez Jr.
- Pvt. C. E. Vega
- Pvt. J. A. White
- Pvt. R. A. Zavala



Recruits of Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, work together to finish a log drill exercise aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., July 8. The log drill exercise is one of many training events required for graduation from Marine Corps recruit training.

## Recruits work as a team to finish log drills

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Under a hot summer sun at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., recruits of Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, were already sweating; and it was only the end of their warm-up drills.

Company G recruits continued onto a log drill exercise that required them to work as a team to complete various exercises such as log bicep curls, log dips and log side bends, July 8.

After completing a series of exercises and stretches, recruits were given a demonstration of how to properly carry a log, utilizing a seven man team, and how to perform the log drill exercises.

Recruits were then broken into groups based on their height, and then stepped off onto a quarter-mile route filled with exercise stations.

As the recruits began moving, they quickly learned that it was necessary for them to step together. Each team of seven could be heard starting to shout, "left, right, left, right, left, right!" The purpose was to get the team to synchronize their footwork in order to move more smoothly and more efficiently.

Periodically drill instructors would stop the recruits from their march for exercises such as log side bends and log curls.

Halfway through their exercise, many recruits appeared extremely fatigued. When

Company G's drill instructors observed this, they quickly reminded their recruits if they didn't do it right, they would do it again.

For some recruits, the thought of failing their platoonmates and being the source of extra exercises was enough to motivate them to a strong finish.

Recruit Boonleua Lee, Platoon 2145, explained knowing his fellow recruits were depending on him caused him to not allow himself to give up.

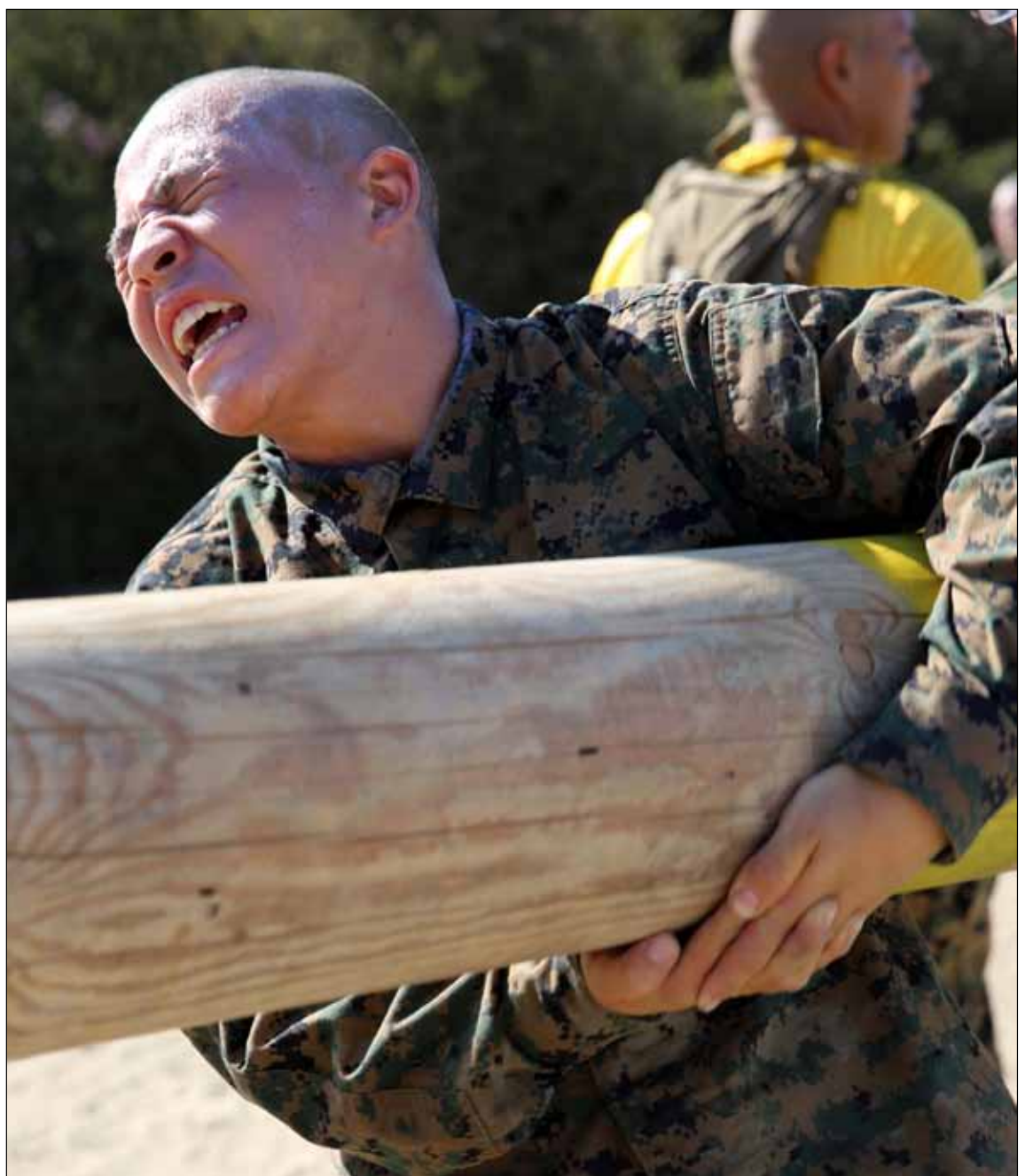
"If it wasn't for my fellow recruits, I wouldn't have made it. The weight of the log was extremely hard to carry throughout the exercise," said the 5-foot- 5-inch, Lee.

The difficulty of the exercise forced many of the recruits to utilize a newly found mental toughness to help push themselves through the training.

"Throughout my whole life, this was the hardest training I've ever had," said Recruit Luchou Xiong, Platoon 2147. "When (the drill instructors) were telling us we might have to do it again, I just told myself to just keep pushing through because sooner or later it had to eventually end."

As the recruits came near their finish line drenched with sweat and with facial expressions of fatigue, it appeared they were grateful the exercise was finally over, but proud of their accomplishment as well.

"It was really hard, but in the end I knew it was going to make me into the Marine I want to be," said Xiong.



Recruit Luchou Xiong, Platoon 2147, Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, conducts log side bends during a log drill exercise at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., July 8. Log drill exercises are conducted in groups of seven and require teamwork to accomplish. Xiong is a Sacramento native and was recruited out of Recruiting Substation South Sacramento, Calif.