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Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Cervantes, drill master, Drill Instructor School, teaches his students how to properly perform the drill movement ‘parade, rest’ with a guidon at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 10. During the practice, students learned the correct position of attention and drill movements such as ‘dress-right-dress’ and ‘double time,’ executing each move multiple times until every student got it right.

DI school students learn ways of the guide-on

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Drill instructors teach recruits about the traditions of the Ma-

rine Corps, but before they are able to do that, they need to make sure they are perfect at it themselves.

Students of Drill Instructor School began their guidon train-

ing at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 10.

A guidon is a flag representing a unit or command, and in recruit training, it represents platoons. It plays an important role

during recruit training because it is the only thing that separates the platoons. The recruit who carries it is known as the guide, and he holds the most responsibility of any other recruit in the

platoon.

During training, the platoons start out with just a bare pole until they begin training, when they

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Recruits of Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, race each other during interval sprints at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 14. Recruits will be tested physically throughout recruit training.

Recruits begin training Marine Corps way

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It doesn't matter how good of shape recruits are in when they arrive to the depot. There is always room to improve.

Recruits of Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, realized that when they began their series of interval sprints during a physical training session at Marine Corps Recruit De-

pot San Diego, July 15.

“When recruits get here, half of them are in shape, half of them aren't,” said Sgt. Cesar D. Martinez, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1041. “We have to begin to condition their bodies for the rigors of what they face in the Marine Corps.”

This event was only the second time the recruits have conducted physical training since they arrived at the depot last week. One day before,

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Taking down an opponent using MCMAP techniques

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When it comes to recruit training, having fun isn't what many would expect to occur while learning techniques for hand-to-hand combat. But that is exactly what happened for many recruits from Kilo

Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

Recruits of Company K learned unarmed manipulations as part of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 11.

Recruits learned moves

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Recruit Angle M. Shott, Platoon 3226, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, practices the reverse wrist lock during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., July 11. Shott is a Lompoc, Calif., native and was recruited out of Recruiting Substation Santa Barbara, Calif.



Students of Drill Instructor School perform the drill movement 'dress, left, dress' with the guidon at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 10. Students are required to learn the basic guidon manual so they can effectively teach it to their recruits once they become drill instructors.

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receive a yellow guidon. Once they complete Initial Drill and move to Phase II of training they receive a red guidon, which they will have until graduation.

Drill Instructor School students are learning the ways to teach and transform recruits, but before they can help recruits, they must practice it themselves.

"All of us know what a guidon is," said Staff Sgt. Justin A. Bowers, student leader, Drill Instructor School. "We need to break the rust off and bring those skills back to life."

Drill Instructor School students are

all the rank of sergeant or above and since recruit training, have had little opportunity to conduct drill movements, including handling the guidon.

This is one of the biggest challenges for instructors at Drill Instructor School, explained Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Cervantes, drill master, Drill Instructor School.

During the practice, students learned the correct position of attention and drill movements such as dress-right-dress and double time, executing each move multiple times until every student got it right.

"They are going to be going over the

guidon manual three more times during their curriculum," explained Cervantes, a native of Porterville, Calif. "Ultimately, these students will become drill instructors, and they will be responsible for teaching the recruits, so we have to make sure they know what they are doing."

Cervantes explained the students will receive a performance evaluation toward the end of the cycle to ensure they have retained the material.

Although the students of Drill Instructor School have learned the basics of the guidon manual, they still have much more to learn while striving to be future Marine Corps drill instructors.



Recruits of Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, perform diamond push-ups after the interval sprints event at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 14. Recruits began the event with dynamic warm-ups and ended it with stretches and other exercises.

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their opportunity was a one-and-a-half-mile warm-up run followed by an introduction to the circuit course.

"We slowly get their bodies used to the constant running and working out," said 24-year-old Martinez. "That's the only way to build their endurance and stamina."

Recruits began the event by conducting the dynamic warm-up, which includes Marine Corps push-ups, sit-ups, mountain climbers and jumping jacks.

"We do dynamic warm-ups with recruits to get their bodies loose and ready to run or do any type of physical activity," said Martinez, a native of Miami.

Once the recruits were warmed up, they were split into ability groups based on times ran on their initial strength test taken when they first arrived on the depot.

The event began with four, one-quarter mile sprints.

"When I was running, I kept thinking of mind over matter," said Recruit Tyler D. Sherlock. "I am trying to learn the discipline of knowing not to quit and pushing myself. It's going to

take some time, but I know I can do it."

Sherlock explains how running is a mental break for the recruits and a way to relieve stress and focus on training.

"Running is our time," said 22-year-old Sherlock. "It is the small break in all of action and time for our bodies to relieve the stress we have building up."

Toward the end of the event, recruits were gasping for air and sweat was pouring down their faces, but it did not stop them.

"I was trying to beat my drill instructor," said Sherlock, a native of Alliance, Neb. "It was my motivation, and at times I forgot I was running."

While they have only been in recruit training for less than two weeks, recruits still have a lot more to endure when it comes to physical training.

"These recruits will run and workout their bodies throughout recruit training and even after recruit training," said Martinez. "We, as Marines, are all prepared for combat. It doesn't matter what your job is. When it comes to being combat ready, physical fitness is key."

the rest of the day."

Prior to recruit training, many of the recruits were avid followers of professional boxing and mixed martial arts.

"On a one-to-ten on an interest level, I'm at a ten," said Recruit Douglas Manzano, Platoon 3226. "I've always been interested in mixed martial arts, but I've never had the money for classes. This is a great opportunity to learn how to defend yourself. I want to be changed and learn as much as I can from the program."

Recruits practiced the moves until there was a fluidity and thorough understanding of each technique. It was a common sight to see recruits advising their partners on what they were doing right and wrong.

However, despite the enjoyment of the training exercise, recruits still realized they were learning the techniques for possible future combat operations.

"I'm learning things that I never thought I'd learn," said Manzano, a Downey, Calif., native. "I believe I could defend myself effectively with these techniques, and the more we practice, the better we will get."

Over the remainder of their training, recruits will learn many more MCMAP techniques such as air chokes, blood chokes and break falls. They will also receive additional hours of practice and ultimately be given a practical application test to ensure they understand all the moves covered in recruit training.

BRIEFS

Historical Foundation breakfast & scholarship presentation

The depot's MCRD Museum Foundation will host its quarterly breakfast Tuesday, at 7 a.m., at Duncan Hall dining facility, Building 620.

Col. Jim Gruny, commanding officer, Recruit Training Regiment, will be the guest speaker.

Additionally, three Col. Nate Smith Memorial Scholarship winners will be announced and presented with their \$1,000 scholarships and certificates.

Breakfast is compliments of the Foundation. Depot staff and Marines are invited.

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

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.

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.

Emergency family plan

Now that summer is here and the kids are out of school, it's a great time to update the family communication plan.

Reconnecting with your family in the event of an emergency (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.), may take planning. Changing schools, daycare changes, new job locations or even moving may make critical contact information obsolete. Updating the plan with new information is a must.

Check on and renew neighborhood contacts, evacuation sites and meeting places.

Make sure personal information, including important medical information is readily available to all family members.

Make sure the information for your out-of-state safe point is still accurate. If you have moved, or your out-of-state point contact has moved, this information may need updating.

In a disaster situation, he/she can communicate to others that you and your family are safe. Add this person to your cell phone contacts as "ICE" (in case of emergency).

For more information on emergency preparedness, contact Craig Hunnewell at ext. 8432.

Boots to business

A Boots to Business seminar will be held July 29 and 30, from 7:30 a.m., to 4 p.m., in the P&PD classroom, building 14.

The event may enhance future business planning efforts. For information call Mina Threat at (619) 524-1283/8440.

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such as the arm-bar take down, basic wrist lock and reverse wrist lock. After a quick demonstration, recruits were paired up to practice the moves on each other.

Although there were a few grimaces of pain from being taken to the ground with force, many of the recruits appeared to be enjoying themselves.

"Besides it being important to know, this class helps us because it's something we enjoy," said Recruit Angle M. Shott, Platoon 3226. "It's a chance to get the stress out that comes from all the yelling and getting up early. I love MCMAP because when I'm done I feel refreshed and ready to carry on

Marines experiment with military robotics



Lance Cpl. Brandon Dieckmann, an infantryman with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, India Co., and a Las Vegas, native, leads the Legged Squad Support System (LS3) through an open field at Kahuku Training Area, Oahu, Hawaii, July 10. The LS3 is experimental technology being tested by the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab during Rim of the Pacific 2014. There are multiple technologies being tested during RIMPAC, the largest maritime exercise in the Pacific region. This year's RIMPAC features 22 countries and around 25,000 people.

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KAHUKU TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – The Legged Squad Support System has taken five years in concept developed by Boston Dynamics and \$2 million to create. It is now being thrown into the heart of Kahuku Training Area – completely controlled and field tested by five young Marines from India Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

The LS3 is a robotic mule, capable of traversing rugged terrain with Marines while carrying much of their load. It is programmed to follow an operator and detect large terrain objects to maneuver around.

The testing for the LS3 is being observed by the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab during the Advanced Warfighting Experiment as part of Rim of the Pacific 2014, a military multilateral training event featuring 22 nations and roughly 25,000 people.

Lance Cpl. Brandon Dieckmann, a native of Las Vegas, remembers watching clips of the LS3 on Youtube before he joined the infantry. He said he never would have guessed he would be chosen to operate the machine, which has been affectionately nicknamed “Cujo” by his company.

The Marines used “Cujo” to conduct resupply missions to the various platoons around the training area. The LS3 brought water to service members in terrain difficult to reach by all-terrain vehicles.

“I was surprised how well it works,” Dieckmann said. “I thought it was going to be stumbling around and lose its footing, but it’s actually proven to be pretty reliable and pretty rugged. It has a bit of a problem negotiating obliques and contours of hills.”

The LS3 is being used as a logistical tool during RIMPAC as opposed to a tactical tool, due to its loud noise during movement and problems traversing certain terrains.

“I’d say 70 to 80 percent of the terrain we go through, it can go through,” Dieckmann said. “There are times when it is going to fall over, but most of the time it can self-right and get back up on its own. Even if it doesn’t, it can take one person to roll it back over. The way it is designed is that you can easily roll it back over.”

However, the robotic mule is still in development. Dieckmann said creating more space within the LS3 for equipment, like heavy weapons systems, would be beneficial for quicker movement in a field or combat environment.

Some of the Marines have grown attached to Cujo. In



Lance Cpl. Dieckmann maneuvers the Legged Squad Support System via the Tactical Remote Control (TRC) through a grassy area at Kahuku Training Area, during the Rim of the Pacific 2014 exercise. The LS3 is experimental technology that is programmed to follow an operator through terrain, carrying heavy loads like water and food to Marines in the field.

particular, Pfc. Huberth Duarte, an infantryman with India Co., 3/3, and an operator for the LS3, says the robotic mule has become like a dog to him. He also mentioned the controls are simple to learn and have joy sticks. He said it “feels like playing Call of Duty.”

Putting the LS3 in the hands of young Marines is vital to the development of

the program, said Ben Spies, a contractor with Boston Dynamics observing the AWE.

“We give the military hands-on so we can see what they will use it for instead of putting it in a parking lot,” Spies said. “This is the first time we put the LS3 in a training environment like this. They push it to the max. It helps us develop it more, because right now, only the

engineers have it.”

Dieckmann also said he looks forward to seeing future developments of the program.

“It would pretty crazy to see a later version of it 15-20 years down the line and be able to say I was one of the first groups that tested it and brought it to the field on one of the bigger training exercises,” Dieckmann said. “It’s pretty surreal.”

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Recruits tear through Confidence Chamber

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As recruits enter the chamber and the doors shut, a hazy smoke fills the room. They know there is only one way out – conquering the gas.

Recruits of India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, conquered the Confidence Chamber at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., on July 14.

The purpose of the chamber event is to ensure recruits know how to properly employ the equipment used during biological and chemical attacks. The chamber was filled with chlorobenzylidene malonitrile, or CS, gas a non-lethal tear gas and riot control agent.

Before the recruits even enter the chamber, they receive classes on everything they are about to endure.

“We teach recruits the assembly of the M-50 Joint Service General Purpose Mask, have them check the serviceability of the masks, (conduct) immediate action drills and (discuss) the effects of the CS gas,” said Sgt. Travis B Armstrong, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. “Our number one goal is getting them confident with the equipment and making sure they know what to do when under pressure.”

Recruits didn't fully understand what the gas' effects were until the time had come.

The chemicals in the gas react to moist areas of the body. It

causes a burning sensation to the body and most recruits endure tears streaming down their faces, coughing, runny nose and restricted breathing.

“While we were in the classes, it didn't seem like it was going to be that bad,” said Recruit Joshua D. Burton, guide, Platoon 3202. “When we ran into the chamber, all I could think of was how bad it was about to be.”

Drill instructors separated recruits into groups to enter the chamber.

During the event, drill instructors yell and get recruits moving quickly in order to cause chaos and confusion, explained 22-year-old Burton.

“When we were rushing into the chamber, I didn't know what to think,” said Burton, a native of Denver. “They are probably trying to make it stressful and

resemble combat stress.”

Recruits were required to perform three exercises while in the chamber. They shake their heads to demonstrate a correct seal of their mask, they conduct jumping jacks to elevate their heart rates, and the worst one, break the seal of the mask to expose their faces to the gas, explained Burton.

“I couldn't breathe,” said Burton. “It felt like needles were in my throat, in my nose and on my skin. Each breath just hurt more and more.”

When each recruit's mask was off of his face, they were told to place the masks back on and breath normally again.

Several recruits felt panic as the effects of the CS gas took its toll on their bodies, and just when the recruits thought that they were finished, they were

told to take the masks off once again.

“The second time was much easier,” said Burton. “I knew what it had felt like, which helped me compose myself.”

Before recruits were let out of the chamber, their instructor ensured they were comfortable in their abilities to use the mask.

Once India Company recruits passed the Confidence Chamber, they had less than 24 hours before they began the Crucible, a 54-hour test of endurance where recruits must conquer more than 30 obstacles while experiencing food and sleep deprivation. That was the last test the recruits faced before earning the title ‘Marine.’

“It's extremely important that we learn this early on in our careers,” said Burton. “With chemical warfare evolving, you never know, so you have to be ready.”



Recruits of India Company, 3rd Battalion, give the “gas, gas, gas” signal signifying a chemical environment, while conducting a Confidence Chamber exercise at Edson Range on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 14.



Recruit Fidel Herrera Jr., Platoon 3203, feels the effects of chlorobenzylidene malonitrile, or CS gas, during the Confidence Chamber exercise. Herrera is a native of Graham, Texas and was recruited out of Recruiting Substation Wichita Falls, Texas.



Recruits of India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, run into the CS facility at Camp Pendleton. Moving from daylight to a darkened interior increases confusion and apprehension.



Recruits of India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, wait for the Confidence Chamber to fill with CS gas before conducting required exercises at Edson Range on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, July 14. This gas is a non-lethal tear gas and a riot control agent.



Chlorobenzylidene malonitrile, or CS gas, can be found as a solid compound at room temperature. The compound is heated to release the gas into the air.



Drill instructors watch over recruits of India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, as the Confidence Chamber fills with CS gas. The recruits are required to conduct exercises in the chamber at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 14. CS gas is a non-lethal tear gas and a riot control agent.

Youngest of seven siblings intends to earn BA in USMC

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For many, the Confidence Chamber, where recruits are exposed to chlorobenzylidene malonitrile, a non-lethal tear gas, is a horribly terrifying experience.

But for Recruit Esteban AldereteGonzalez, Platoon 3201, India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, it was just another challenge in his goal of becoming a United States Marine.

"A lot of people panicked in the Confidence Chamber and started breathing in the air," said the Fontana, Calif., native. "I just stayed calm and when I needed a breath of air, breathed through my camouflage utilities."

AldereteGonzalez is the youngest of seven siblings and has the dream of being the first college graduate in his family.

He explained the desire for his goal is larger than anything he could experience in recruit training.

He expressed that a motivational factor for him is the fact his parents worked very hard to move their family from Mexico to the United States in order to give him and his siblings better opportunities.

AldereteGonzalez said his parents struggled with obtaining citizenship, learning Eng-

lish and providing for seven children.

"My parents are kind of disappointed that they came here so that we could do better, and some of my brothers just kind of wasted the opportunity. I'm going to try and make it so it wasn't a waste of their time," said the 18-year-old. "My parents are hoping that I will be the first of their children to actually be successful like the American dream, what they came here for."

The Confidence Chamber is the day prior to the Crucible, a 54-hour long training exercise that challenges recruits both physically and mentally. If AldereteGonzalez can finish the Crucible, he will be a Marine and closer to his ultimate dream of earning a bachelor's degree.

However, the Crucible is no easy feat. It consists of more than 24 obstacles and 42 miles of hiking, all while under sleep and food deprivation simulating a combat environment.

AldereteGonzalez admitted he was nervous about the lack of food and sleep, but says he is healthy and there should be no reason why he can't complete the challenge.

"I've wanted to be a Marine since middle school, and I'm not going home without my eagle, globe and anchor," said AldereteGonzalez.

With only 11 training days

left until graduation, AldereteGonzalez is confident he will soon be a Marine and can begin his education.

"I plan on going to school while I'm in the Marine Corps and finishing my degree

before I get out," said AldereteGonzalez.

If all goes well, the eldest of the seven siblings plans on attending her little brother's graduation.

"He's the youngest and has

almost been like my child. He's always wanted to join the military, and I knew he was meant for it because of his good attitude," said Alejandra AldereteGonzalez. "I'm very, very proud of him."



Recruit Esteban AldereteGonzalez, Platoon 3201, India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, washes his gas mask after completing the Confidence Chamber at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 14. AldereteGonzalez is a Fontana, Calif., native and was recruited out of Recruiting Substation Fontana, Calif.



Recruit Esteban AldereteGonzalez stands in formation after completing the Confidence Chamber.

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Micheal P. Barrett

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Micheal P. Barrett, the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and raised in Youngstown, N.Y.

He enlisted in March 1981, and underwent recruit training at Company D, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

In November 1981, Barrett completed Infantry Training School at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was ordered to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, Twentynine Palms, Calif., for duty. He served in a variety of billets from grenadier to platoon sergeant.

Sergeant Barrett was transferred in August 1984, to inspector-instructor duty with 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, New Rochelle, N.Y. Outside of his primary duties as an infantry instructor, he was assigned support duties that included armorer, nuclear biological chemical noncommissioned officer, and training chief.

In September 1987, Barrett was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines where he assumed responsibilities as platoon sergeant of the Surveillance Target Acquisition Platoon and he deployed forward with Task Force Papa Bear during the Gulf War.

In April 1992, Barrett received orders to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. Upon completion of the school, he was assigned to Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor, and chief drill instructor. In January 1994, he was selected as the battalion drill master, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

In January 1995, Barrett was assigned to Scout Sniper Instructor School, Quantico, Va., as the chief instructor.

In September 1996, Barrett was transferred to Marine Security Company, Camp David, Presidential Retreat, for duties as the company gunnery sergeant and liaison to the United States Secret Service.

Upon completion of his tour at Camp David, Barrett was transferred to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, Twentynine Palms, where he assumed duty as India Company first sergeant from August 1998 until April 2000. He was

then assigned to Headquarters and Service Company from April 2000 to March 2001. His tour culminated as the senior enlisted leader of Weapons Company from March 2001 to June 2002.

Barrett was then assigned to Recruiting Station Cleveland, Ohio, from July 2002 until May 2005, as the recruiting station sergeant major. He was transferred to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines in May 2005, where he completed two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

From October 2007 to May 2009, Barrett was assigned as the sergeant major of Officer Candidates School, Quantico.

Barrett was selected as the 1st Marine Division sergeant major and took his post in June 2009. In December 2009, he assumed duty as I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) sergeant major, and deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom in March 2010.

During this deployment, Barrett also became the NATO Regional Command (Southwest) command sergeant major for Nimruz and Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He turned over the 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) and

Regional Command (Southwest) in March and April 2011.

Barrett assumed his current post as the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on June 9, 2011.

Barrett's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" and gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat "V" and three gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars, Combat Action Ribbon with gold star, and the Presidential Service Badge.





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 Pfc. D. N. Detering
 Pfc. E. Z. Emami
 Pfc. C. A. Escobedo
 Pvt. C. W. Farren
 Pvt. S. E. Fouts
 Pfc. A. Gagniuic
 Pvt. Y. N. Galindo
 Pvt. D. E. Garcia
 *Pfc. Z. T. Gardner
 Pfc. M. L. Gee
 Pvt. T. X. Green
 Pvt. J. Greer
 Lance Cpl. C. J. Gutierrez
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 Pvt. C. J. Hancock
 Pvt. I. M. Hayes
 Pfc. J. M. Holloway
 Pvt. S. Huerta-Magdaleno
 Pfc. D. J. Ilie
 Pfc. R. L. Jacquotte
 Pfc. D. D. Johnson
 Pvt. K. A. Keller
 Pvt. T. L. Kennedy
 Pfc. A. J. Killelea Jr.
 Pvt. J. P. Longtin Jr.
 Pvt. A. D. Love-Merton
 Pvt. E. Luviano
 Pfc. C. J. Mansfield
 Pfc. A. M. Marriott
 Pvt. J. W. Marshall

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 Pvt. J. L. Aburto-Curiel
 Pfc. A. L. Acosta
 Pvt. U. Acosta
 *Pfc. D. T. Amic
 Pvt. J. C. Andrews
 Pfc. M. Arce
 Pvt. J. A. Arvayo-Garcia
 Pfc. J. J. Ayala
 Pvt. B. B. Bailey
 Pfc. O. H. Balawag
 Pvt. S. A. Barratachea
 Pvt. M. A. Bedoya
 Pvt. C. D. Berger
 Pfc. W. C. Blackburn
 Pvt. A. L. Born
 Pvt. W. B. Brennan
 Pvt. T. G. Brossard
 Pvt. J. T. Brown
 Pvt. B. G. Buchanan
 Pvt. T. M. Bueno
 Pvt. J. J. Carpenter
 Pvt. J. Carrera
 Pvt. A. A. Chavez
 Pvt. K. H. Collins
 Pvt. C. J. Contreras
 Pvt. K. R. Daniels
 Pfc. C. P. D'Anna
 Pvt. R. L. Doan
 Pvt. M. J. Dominguez
 Pfc. E. Duran-Aguilar
 Pvt. W. Estrada-Ayala
 Pvt. R. J. Ford
 Pfc. J. K. Fortun
 Pvt. C. L. Gardner
 Pvt. M. R. Garza
 Pfc. A. A. Gerodiaz
 Pvt. M. Gomez
 Pvt. J. A. Gonzalez
 Pvt. E. D. Gore
 Pfc. T. F. Graham
 Pvt. C. A. Griffin
 Pvt. G. Guerrero
 Pfc. U. Guerrero-Garcia
 Pvt. A. J. Hartley
 Pvt. J. C. Harvey
 *Pfc. E. L. Henry
 Pfc. L. T. Herrera
 *Pfc. J. T. Ramirez

- PLATOON 2103**
 *Pfc. S. J. Abraham
 Pvt. J. B. Allen
 Pvt. A. G. Avalos-Landeros
 Pvt. C. Battenfield
 Pvt. S. D. Beals
 Pfc. D. M. Beecham
 *Pfc. B. E. Bucayo
 Pvt. J. M. Burns
 Pvt. A. D. Caldwell
 Pfc. J. P. Castle
 Pfc. C. R. Cleveland
 Pfc. D. E. Colias
 Pvt. D. J. Combs
 Pfc. B. A. Cornell
 Pfc. D. L. Crosby Jr.
 Pfc. N. J. Dolan
 Pvt. J. H. Doucet
 Pvt. A. S. Dryer
 Pvt. A. H. Espinueva
 *Pfc. J. A. Flores
 Pfc. N. Frankel
 Pvt. B. M. Giesler-Persons
 Pfc. N. A. Gosset
 Pvt. A. T. Graham
 Pvt. J. R. Hall II
 Pvt. B. R. Harris
 *Pfc. B. T. Hecht
 Pvt. M. A. Hempstead
 Pfc. B. L. Holliday
 Pvt. Z. L. Hudson
 Pvt. N. G. Hultman
 Pfc. J. R. Hummel
 Pvt. R. A. Johnson
 Pvt. J. D. Kearcher
 Pvt. H. P. Keranen
 Pvt. J. M. Leyva Jr.
 Pvt. A. J. Linna
 Pvt. R. Lopez
 Pvt. M. S. Luecke
 Pvt. C. M. Marsobian
 Pvt. C. R. Martinez
 Pvt. J. L. Mattox-Larsen
 Pvt. Z. K. McGee
 Pvt. M. S. Medlen
 Pvt. A. D. Meyers
 Pfc. S. C. Meyers
 Pvt. A. M. Nelson

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 Pvt. J. E. Anderson
 Pfc. W. J. Gazzaway
 Pvt. C. S. Hebron
 Pvt. E. A. Martinez
 Pfc. E. D. Martinez
 Pvt. J. M. Martinez
 Pvt. R. S. Mendez
 Pfc. J. Mendiola-Diaz
 Pfc. J. E. Nelson
 Pvt. T. K. Osborn
 Pfc. M. J. Parent
 Pvt. J. C. Perez
 Pfc. J. Y. Park
 Pvt. A. M. Perkins
 Pvt. A. A. Pesqueira
 Pvt. A. A. Ramirez
 Pfc. M. J. Ramirez
 Pvt. Y. Ramirez
 Pvt. B. G. Rascoe
 Pvt. J. E. Reed III
 Pvt. H. G. Reynolds
 Pvt. C. M. Riggins
 Pvt. T. D. Roberts
 Pvt. C. G. Ruso
 *Pfc. C. R. Saenz
 Pvt. R. C. Salazar
 Pvt. D. A. Sanchez-Vasquez
 Pvt. M. T. Sannicolas
 Pvt. R. A. Santana
 Pfc. C. W. Sas
 *Pfc. F. D. Simpson
 Pfc. A. M. Skordahl
 *Pfc. D. J. Slack
 Pvt. D. O. Solorzano
 Pvt. A. R. Sosa
 Pvt. A. T. Tillion
 Pvt. R. Vega Jr.
 Pvt. J. S. Velasquez
 Pvt. E. R. Walker
 Pvt. C. L. Walton
 Pvt. L. E. Wampler II
 Pvt. C. M. Weaver
 Pvt. J. M. Whitlock
 Pfc. K. N. Williamson
 Pfc. R. R. Witherspoon
 Pfc. J. A. Yeates
 *Pfc. A. M. Youngs

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 Pvt. D. S. Anderson
 Pfc. M. H. Monte-Mayor
 Pvt. M. T. Morgan
 Pfc. D. B. Nimmo
 Pfc. D. M. Nyaard
 *Pfc. F. J. Ocasio-Alvarado
 *Pfc. N. W. O'Connor
 Pvt. K. L. Outz
 Pfc. K. W. Page
 Pvt. B. K. Powell
 Pvt. D. E. Pritchett
 Pvt. J. F. Raap
 Pvt. J. D. Ramsey
 Pvt. A. N. Rivera
 Pvt. J. D. Robertson
 Pvt. K. P. Ryan
 Pvt. T. J. Ryan
 Pvt. A. J. Samples
 Pvt. S. M. Sanko
 Pvt. T. B. Schrier
 Pvt. A. J. Schwartz
 Pfc. T. S. Scott
 Pvt. S. A. Shane
 Pfc. R. N. Shay
 Pfc. D. P. Shkoordin-Derges
 Pvt. E. P. Silvas IV
 Pvt. M. A. Smith
 *Pfc. M. S. Sollmann
 Pfc. M. S. Staggers
 Pfc. D. S. Tanwar
 Pfc. D. R. Terrell
 Pfc. V. P. Tran
 Pvt. M. T. Trevino III
 Pfc. J. C. Vargas
 Pvt. J. A. Vasquez-Johnson
 Pfc. M. G. Vaughn
 Pfc. R. R. Velasco
 Pfc. F. J. Villanueva
 Pvt. N. S. Villanueva
 Pvt. D. G. Waite
 Pvt. B. A. Wilson Jr.
 Pfc. S. M. Workman
 Pvt. A. J. Ybarra
 Pvt. D. J. Zapien

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 Pfc. T. S. Freeman
 Pfc. M. L. Hickerson
 Pvt. P. D. Hogan
 Pvt. T. A. Hohman
 *Pfc. J. B. Hoylman
 *Pfc. J. D. Iglesias
 Pvt. C. M. Johnson
 Pvt. T. Y. Kim
 Pvt. E. Marzeleno
 Pfc. C. J. May
 Pfc. M. R. McDonnell
 Pvt. N. S. McIntyre
 Pvt. S. E. McIntyre
 Pvt. C. A. Miller
 Pfc. C. E. Miller
 Pvt. J. P. Muldoon
 Pvt. K. T. Nanninga
 Pfc. C. A. Pacheco
 Pfc. S. A. Petree III
 Pvt. S. K. Phelps
 Pvt. P. D. Pompa
 Pfc. D. A. Porter
 *Pfc. L. A. Powell
 Pfc. L. J. Quezada
 Pvt. D. Quinonez
 Pvt. J. R. Ramos
 Pvt. O. Rangel-Salinas
 Pvt. B. L. Reed
 Pvt. R. M. Renteria
 Pvt. T. D. Reynolds
 Pfc. R. S. Risko
 Pvt. M. A. Robledo
 Pvt. X. R. Rodriguez
 Pvt. M. M. Romero
 Pfc. N. L. Romero
 Pvt. A. J. Ros
 Pfc. Q. M. Ruble
 Pvt. W. C. Saetuern
 Pfc. E. P. Sakouhi
 Pfc. J. D. Salcido
 Pvt. F. H. Saldana
 Pfc. M. Saldana
 Pfc. F. Saldivar
 Pvt. C. Salinas
 Pvt. E. Santos
 Pvt. E. C. Sasamoto
 Pvt. D. S. Senter
 Pvt. C. C. Sese



Lance Cpl. Calvin J. Gutierrez, Platoon 2101, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, presents the guidon during graduation practice at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., July 15. Gutierrez is a El Monte, Calif., native and was recruited out of Recruiting Substation Montebello, Calif.

Recruit recovers from torn ACL to become Marine

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When he felt a tweak in his knee during a training exercise, Lance Cpl. Calvin J. Guti-

errez, Platoon 2101, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, had no idea the severity of the injury.

For eight days he tried to push through the swelling and pain. But when his drill instructors noticed him limp-

ing through training, they made an appointment for him to be evaluated by doctors.

Gutierrez said he tried to push through the injury because he didn't want to be set back in training, or worse, be considered a quitter.

Upon evaluation, it was found he had a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and needed surgery. As if that wasn't a big enough set back, the expected time for recovery could take six to nine months.

"I was shocked," said Gutierrez. "I didn't want to believe it. I felt like I let my family down."

After the surgery, doctors told him it would be three months before he could walk smoothly.

"I was walking pretty well in a week," said the 19-year-old proudly.

Gutierrez explained although the journey to get back into recruit training was difficult, it was his little sister and mother who motivated him through the recovery process.

He said his sister wrote to him almost every day, and added that he wanted to succeed in order to set a good example for her.

"I've been like a father figure since our dad left," said the El Monte, Calif., native. "Quitting wasn't an option for me because it would have shown my sister it's ok to quit when things get rough, that it's ok to take the easy route."

Utilizing exercises such as leg lifting, squatting and swimming, Gutierrez successfully worked himself back into shape.

After seven months of rehabilitation, his knee was ready, and Gutierrez was placed back into recruit training.

On his second day with his platoon, he took the leadership position of guide and kept it through the remainder of training.

Drill instructors noted his

character, heart and power to motivate the platoon as factors that made him a good leader.

"I'm actually amazed at how well he performs. It's not the physical aspect, it's his mental (attitude)," said Staff Sgt. Alfredo M. Turiano, drill instructor, Platoon 2101. "He's able to motivate the others by getting up and moving fast. I'm not sure what he says, but they see the knee brace and try and keep up with him."

Turiano injured his knee in officer candidate school and knows the patience needed to recover from a serious injury.

He said his rehabilitation took one year and used that experience to advise Gutierrez.

"I told him, 'You don't want to reinjure yourself. You have to know your body and when you feel that limit you have to hold back, and no one is going to think less of you for that,'" said Turiano.

Turiano commended Gutierrez on his commitment in becoming a Marine.

"He has a lot of heart. To stick around this long... he's been around longer than some of the drill instructors I've worked with, and he still has that drive to be a Marine," said Turiano. "I have to say he's earned every bit of that eagle, globe and anchor."

Beginning after graduation today, Gutierrez says he is going to catch up on all the family time he has missed and enjoy some soccer.

"I'm just so happy to see my family after 10 months," said Gutierrez. "It feels great to know I am going to see them as a Marine and show them I was able to be guide and be one of the top Marines in the company."



Lance Cpl. Calvin J. Gutierrez, leads platoon 2101 during graduation practice.