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## Co. B recruits train in hand-to-hand combat

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Recruits of Bravo Company,  
1st Recruit Training Battalion,

learned the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program chokes and counter techniques at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Aug. 25.

The purpose of MCMAP is to

teach the basic fundamentals of hand-to-hand combat while instilling warrior ethos in recruits.

“Recruits train to use it in defense, and the warrior ethos teaches recruits to uphold a high

standard of military conduct,” said Sgt. Robert H. Mobley, drill instructor, Platoon 1031. “[MCMAP] is a synergy of mental, character and physical disciplines with application across the

full spectrum of violence.”

The program was implemented to increase the combat efficiency, as well as to increase the confidence and leadership abilities of Marines, explained 27-year-old Mobley, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native.

Throughout the MCMAP session, recruits learned two different chokes, as well as how to defend against them. The first choke taught was the blood choke, which constricts blood from entering the brain. Following the blood choke, recruits were shown how to properly execute an air choke, which is used to suppress oxygen from reaching the brain. Once the MCMAP instructor felt recruits could perform the chokes, they were given a lesson regarding how to defend them.

Once Sgt. Todd Talley, MCMAP instructor, demonstrated the techniques, recruits were paired with a partner to practice them. To ensure safety of the recruits, the chokes were not applied completely, rather the recruit having the technique applied was instructed to tap their partners as soon as they felt the choke was being applied correctly.

As a training requirement, recruits must earn their tan belts in MCMAP to graduate. Once recruits have earned the title



Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, practice blood chokes during a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program session at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Aug. 25. To ensure the safety of the recruits, the chokes were not applied completely, rather the recruit having the technique applied was instructed to tap their partners as soon as they felt the choke was being applied correctly.

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Sgt. Erin M. Fay, primary marksmanship instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., teaches a recruit the proper prone firing position during grass week, Aug. 13.

### New PMI teaches marksmanship

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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Marines are all trained to be riflemen from the beginning of recruit training, and it takes talented instructors to teach rifle fundamentals. One Marine at Edson Range holds the honor of being only the second female to hold this important position in the historically male dominant role.

Sgt. Erin M. Fay, primary marksmanship instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, reserves her place as the second female Marine to become a PMI on the west coast.

Fay attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., in October 2007 and then attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Following MCT, she continued her training for

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### Teamwork is key on Crucible obstacles

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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Some obstacles can be performed individually, but certain tests are impossible without teamwork. Recruits of Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, utilized just that for their biggest test in recruit training, the Crucible, at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 20.

The Crucible is a 54-hour exercise that tests the skills recruits have learned throughout recruit training by forcing them to hike to different obstacles with sleep and food deprivation.

Each obstacle is different, but one common theme throughout the various challenges is the necessity for teamwork.

In particular, it proved mission essential for Company M to work together for Gonzalez’s Challenge.

The obstacle required recruits to utilize a hanging rope

to swing each member of their group to four separate platforms without hitting the ground, which signified a casualty and required the recruit to perform an exercise before returning to the team. Following completion on the platform section, recruits then assisted each other over a wall approximately 15-feet tall.

The recruits of Platoon 3263 had a rough start. The first six recruits were unable to swing to the next platform without touching their feet.

Fortunately, Recruit Robert C. Belshe was able to learn from their mistakes and successfully

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A recruit from Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, attempts to swing to a platform during Gonzalez’s Challenge at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 20. Touching the ground marked a simulated casualty and required the recruit to perform an exercise before returning to assist his fellow recruits.



**Sergeant Todd Talley, Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor, demonstrates chokes and counter techniques at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Aug. 25. Once recruits have earned the title Marine and are sent to the Fleet Marine Force, they will be able to advance their belts to the next level. Belt levels include, tan, gray, green, brown and black.**

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Marine and are sent to the Fleet Marine Force, they will be able to advance their belts to the next level. Belt levels include, tan, gray, green, brown and black.

To earn each belt, Marines are tested on different MCMAP moves that apply

to that particular belt level. Marines will not only be tested for the belt they are attempting to obtain, but they will also be tested on techniques from prior belt curriculum to ensure skill retention. Knowledge on warrior ethos and displaying confidence with every MCMAP move are both part of the final test.

“It teaches us the basics and funda-

mentals of hand-to-hand combat,” said Recruit MacIntyre J. Allen, Platoon 1031. “MCMAP gives us confidence and teaches us aggression, which are two important traits every Marine must have.”

Marines train to be combat ready, and MCMAP is one of the ways we prepare for the fight, explained 19-year-old Allen, a Chicago native.

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assisted in placing one recruit on each platform.

From there the mission was smooth sailing. Having a recruit on each platform allowed them to help each other swing with ease.

“We’re taught to work smarter not harder,” said the Dallas native, Belshe. “Teamwork is very important. If you don’t have clean teamwork, it slows everything down.”

Belshe explained successful teamwork only happens when recruits treat each other with respect while working together, and he believes that it was key to their success.

“If you yell at everyone, then everyone gets flustered,” said Belshe. “You have to have respect for the people you’re leading, otherwise they won’t have respect for you.”

After recruits finished the first half of Gonzalez’s Challenge, they quickly applied the same teamwork when they encountered the large wall they needed to climb.

Two of their strongest recruits quickly climbed the wall and outstretched their arms for the recruits below. At the foot of the wall, recruits helped push each other to the middle of the wall. With recruits at the top and bottom of the wall, they worked together to successfully complete the mission.

“The Crucible is pretty physically exhausting, but this exercise was a mental fatigue,” said Recruit Evan C. Marchildon. “The entire Crucible requires you to rely on everyone putting out 100 percent. It’s all teamwork.”



**Recruits of Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, assist a fellow recruit in climbing a wall during Gonzalez’s Challenge at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 20. Gonzalez’s Challenge is a two-part exercise designed to promote teamwork.**

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her military occupational specialty as an administration specialist at Camp Johnson, N.C.

Upon graduation, she reported to her first duty station at MCRD Parris Island where she worked for just more than three years at the depot’s Installation Personnel Administration Center.

“In 2010 I was promoted to corporal,” said Fay, a native of Kissimmee, Fla. “I then decided to re-enlist and was transferred to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364.”

The squadron is located at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., and she was there for 16 months when she deployed with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. She spent eight months with the MEU, visiting six different places that included Thailand, Djibouti, Dubai, Hong Kong, Hawaii and Jordan.

After her deployment, Fay received orders to be a range coach at Edson Range at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Following her time as a coach, Fay was selected to be in the Combat Marksmanship Trainer Course where she graduated as the honor graduate in June 2014.

“During the CMTC, we learned teach backs, which is teaching the class what you are going to teach the recruits, working down range and how to set a range up, working with the coaches course and giving them some of their test and pistol teach backs,” said 25-year old Fay.

Normally after completing the course, Marines move on to be a block non-commissioned officer, which is a Marine in charge of the range coaches. Instead, she was selected to attend to PMI course.

A PMI is a Marine Corps instructor who teaches recruits the basic fundamentals of marksmanship during their rifle training. For one week, recruits are

taught the basic functions of the rifle and the techniques it takes to fire it successfully. They learn by attending classes that include proper breathing and weapons safety rules, then putting the information to use in practical application by dry firing or ‘snapping in’. The PMI’s ultimate goal is to ensure recruits qualify the following week when they conduct their live fire qualification.

Fay explained that she would have never thought she would be in the position she is today and enjoys what she is doing, but she is also humble about being only the second female to be in this position.

“Gender does not matter when it comes to a job, as long as you know what to do and you can successfully complete the mission,” said Fay.

After her time is complete as a PMI, Fay hopes to be a recruiter and then would like to return to the administration school as an instructor.

## BRIEFS

### Don’t be left in the dark

Even when severe storms or other disasters haven’t occurred in your area, blackouts and power outages are not uncommon in the summer months. Here are a few helpful tips on what to do before and during a blackout:

- Have an emergency kit and a family communications plan. The kit should contain basic short-term survival materials, like bottled water, non-perishable foods, batteries, medication and first-aid supplies, etc.
- Tape the refrigerator and freezer door to prevent opening and keep your food fresh for as long as possible. Throw away any food that has been exposed to 40° F temperatures for more than two hours.
- Keep non-electrical entertainment on hand. Board games, books, art supplies, etc., make time pass more quickly and are especially helpful with children.
- Make sure to keep a camp stove and a stockpile of flashlights handy.
- Be prepared for extended outages. Keep a full tank of gas and a full cellphone battery.
- Maintain a positive attitude. This is essential in any emergency situation.

For more information visit the American Red Cross online.

### Vanpool openings

Active duty or civilians living between Long Beach and San Diego who are interested in joining a vanpool, there are two openings available.

In the past, the van has made stops in Mission Viejo, Camp Pendleton and Oceanside areas.

If you live in these areas or anywhere in between the starting and finish point and are interested, call Derrick Womack at (619) 524-4239 or email [derrick.womack@usmc.mil](mailto:derrick.womack@usmc.mil).

### Puttin’ on the Ritz dinner-dance

The Bayview Restaurant will host its “Puttin’ on the Ritz” dinner-dance Sept. 12 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Topping Chef Bob Bendas’ buffet will be Carved London Broil with Wild Mushroom Sauce, Smothered Herb Chicken and Red Snapper Vera Cruz.

Swing era music will be provided by the Cradit Union Band, one of San Diego’s best for the sounds of the 50s. Dance the Tango, Swing, Fox Trot and others in the large Bayview Restaurant hardwood floor ballroom.

The dinner buffet and dancing is \$23.95 per person.

For information and reservations, contact Melanie DeCosta at 619-725-6388

### Boot Camp Challenge

The depot will host the annual Boot Camp Challenge 3-mile obstacle run Sept. 27 starting at 9 a.m.

Participants must register. Advanced registration is available at [BootCampChallenge.com](http://BootCampChallenge.com) for \$39 per person, \$117 for 3 people and \$195 for 5 people. Registration is also available on race day for \$45 per person.

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U.S. and Chilean Marines participate in a training evolution aboard a Landing Craft Utility ship, a type of boat used by amphibious forces to transport equipment and troops to the shore, as part of Partnership of the Americas 2014. Representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, and the United States are participating in POA 2014 from August 11-22. This exercise is designed to enhance joint and combined interoperability, increase the combined capability to execute Amphibious Operations, Peace Support Operations, and Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief missions, and further develop relationships the U.S. Marine Corps has established with partner nation's naval infantries/marine corps.

# Marines join western hemisphere partners in annual military exercise



Marines from 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines disembark a CH-46E Sea Knight and board the Chilean ship, LSDH Sargento Aldea during a training evolution meant to simulate a natural disaster.



Chilean sailors disembark a Landing Craft Utility ship, as the exhaust from the ship's engines fill the disembarment area.

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**VALPARAISO, Chile** – A group of U.S. Marines from 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines and 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve, boarded the Chilean ship LSDH Sargento Aldea for the first time August 15, 2014 during Partnership of the Americas 2014. The Chilean ship LSDH Sargento Aldea is one of five ships participating in the exercise to include the remote participation of the USS America.

Representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, and the United States are participating in POA 14 from August 11-22, 2014. This exercise is designed to enhance combined interoperability, increase the combined capability to execute Amphibious Operations, Peace Support Operations, and Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief missions, and further develop strong and lasting relationships the U.S. Marine Corps has established with partner-nation's naval infantries.

The partner nations worked together to perform a series of rehearsal exercises to prepare for a final training evolution meant to simulate a natural disaster and provide HA/DR to areas in need.

Temporarily stationed at the Chilean military base, Fuerte Aguayo, in Concón, Chile, exercise headquarters of operations, a second group of Marines were flown via CH-46E

Sea Knight helicopters to the Aldea to begin the exercise. The Marines and other partner-nation militaries then flew in the CH-46s to familiarize themselves with the experience of deploying from ship in a helicopter.

"The Marines are performing these exercises to prepare for the real thing," said Gunnery Sgt. Hector Vega, company gunnery sergeant with 1st Bn., 23rd Marines. "These are familiarization exercises used to get them accustomed to traveling in the helicopters."

Along with helicopter operations, they also participated in rehearsal exercises that allowed them to get more familiar with amphibious operations needed to correctly execute a humanitarian assistance mission by deploying on Landing Craft Utility ships. LCU's are a type of boat used by amphibious forces to transport equipment and troops to the shore.

The exercise seeks to improve joint engagement between the U.S. Marines and the partner-nation naval infantries by focusing on interoperability and sustaining relationships to help respond to environmental crises by improving on partner-nations capabilities.

"Canada does not have a robust amphibious capability so exercises such as these benefit us," said Canadian Army Capt. Adam Haslett, 5th Canadian Division Headquarters. "It's not something we have the opportunity to do too much of at home. This definitely adds a different dynamic."

The majority of the partner nations

participating in POA 14 speak Spanish as their primary language. Dealing with the language barrier is an integral part of the exercise as well as working and training together alongside partner-nation military services.

"Because we are dealing with Chilean Marines and marines from other countries the communication and understanding aspect of what we are trying to express to one another is similar," said Vega. "Operationally we are speaking the same language. We are all Marines."

The final exercise simulates a catastrophic natural disaster, such as a tsunami or major earthquake, in a populated coastal area of Chile.

More than 80 percent of the world's population currently resides within 100 miles of coastline and the proportion is increasing. More than 230,000 lives were lost to natural disasters thought Latin America and the Caribbean from 2010 to 2013, according to the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters.

Which is why U.S. Marine Col. Michael T. Cuccio, deputy Amphibious Task Force commander for POA 14 pronounced the scenario for the Partnership of the Americas exercise as a humanitarian assistance disaster relief exercise rather than a warfighting one.

"Just looking at the number of participants shows that this will be a true exercise of partnership and interoperability," said Cuccio.

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A recruit from Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, delivers a killing blow to his opponent during Pugil Sticks III at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 26. The recruits participated in three 30-second bouts using the techniques they had learned throughout all of their classes and events to try and deliver a striking blow to the head of their opponent.



Recruits battle each other during Pugil Sticks III. While Pugil Sticks is one of the more popular events in recruit training, it also serves a purpose beyond the physical training.



A Co. K recruit delivers a simulated killing blow to his opponent during Pugil Sticks III. This time recruits were given three 30-second bouts to use learned techniques to give their opponent a striking blow to head.

# Recruits face one last Pugil Stick bout before Crucible

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Marines are trained to be ready for any situation. Part of being ready is having a back-up plan, such as a bayonet attached to a rifle in case of weapons malfunctions or no ammunition.

Recruits of Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion learned confidence and combat readiness during Pugil Sticks III at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 26.

Prior to the Pugil Sticks event, recruits were briefed about and then ran through the Bayonet Assault Course. The course was comprised of different obstacles ranging from shallow trenches to crawling under barbed wire.

"The recruits run through the Bayonet Assault Course because it gives them that combat mindset, and it makes them apply

everything that they have learned under a more stressful situation," said Sgt. Christopher S. Merrill, drill instructor, Platoon 3223.

Recruits ran events, such as Pugil Sticks I and II, which was half of the Bayonet Assault Course. Each time through they would build on what they had learned.

"We are almost half way through Phase III right now, so everything the recruits have learned from Field Week, such as buddy rushes, will be reiterated here," said Merrill, a native of Austin, Texas.

Tired and fatigued from the course, recruits then fought their pugil stick battle.

One end of the 5-foot pugil stick resembles a rifle with the bayonet attached, and the other end represents the butt-stock, explained 23-year-old Merrill.

Each recruit was given protective gear such as a helmet, groin protector, flak jacket,

gloves and mouth piece, because once in the arena, they use full force.

According to Recruit Michael C. Solomon, Platoon 3221, during previous events, recruits were told which side they would take-offense or defense. This time recruits were given three 30-second bouts using the techniques they learned in their classes to give the opponent a striking blow to head.

While pugil sticks is one of the more popular events in recruit training, it also serves a purpose beyond the physical training.

"The Pugil Sticks events build confidence and push them into the path of being more aggressive," said Merrill. "Confidence and aggression are two main factors that could help you win, or lose, a battle."

"I have learned a lot from pugil sticks," said Solomon. "I hope to continue building off of what I learned here at recruit training when I become a Marine."



A recruit from Company K knocks the helmet off his opponent during Pugil Sticks III.



Pvt. Joel A. Lopez, Platoon 3263, Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, performs buddy push-ups with his platoon during the Crucible at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 20. Lopez graduates recruit training today, and will then attend Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton. Upon completion of MCT, he will continue training for his military occupational specialty as a field artillery cannoneer.

## New Marine knows the meaning of brotherhood

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As Pvt. Joel A. Lopez, Platoon 3263, Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, made his way through each event of the Crucible, he knew he was getting one step closer to becoming a part of the Marine Corps' brotherhood.

Eighteen-year-old Lopez, a Houston native, joined the Corps to find a better way of life for himself and his brothers.

Lopez grew up in a rough neighborhood in Northeast Houston that had a high gang-related crime rate. His family's monthly income was unstable, but his parents always ensured that at least their children's needs were met.

Lopez's parents divorced when he was 12, leaving him and his brothers split up into each home.

"The divorce was hard on me and my brothers. My brothers

bounced back and forth between homes while I stayed with my mother," said Lopez. "Both of my parents fought for guardianship, so it made things rough for us."

Once Lopez turned 18, he realized he needed to make a career decision that would provide a better way of living for him and his brothers. He talked to a Marine recruiter and started his journey to a new beginning.

"Brotherhood means a lot to me, and that's what the Marine Corps is," said Lopez. "I love my brothers back home and would do anything for them."

According to Sgt. Richard R. Kennedy, Platoon 3263 drill instructor, Lopez shows less individualism and truly works as part of the team.

"He knows what he is here for and what he needs to accomplish," said Kennedy, a Killeen, Texas, native. "His brothers are his motivation to keep pushing forward, and now he has a bigger band of brothers in the Marine Corps."

Lopez graduates recruit training today, and will then attend Marine Combat Training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Upon completion of MCT, he will continue

his schooling for his military occupational specialty as a field artillery cannoneer.

"My parents were born in Mexico, and as the first generation in my family to be born in

this country, I feel obligated to serve my country," said Lopez. "I will make my brothers proud, and I look forward to serving next to my new-found brothers in the Marine Corps."



Pvt. Joel A. Lopez swings from one platform to another on Gonzalez's Challenge during the Crucible.

### Sgt. Maj. David R. Stocks Jr.

#### Parade Reviewing Officer

Sergeant Major David R. Stocks Jr., enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1987 as a basic rifleman. While attending Marine Corps recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, he graduated as the company high shooter and platoon honor graduate for Platoon 3085, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, and his military occupational specialty was changed to aviation ground support electrician.

Stocks reported to Marine Aviation Training Support Group-90 Memphis, Tenn., for Aviation Support Equipment Electrician's School.

In March 1988, Stocks reported to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., as a ground support equipment electrician for Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-14 and Marine Aerial Refueler/Transport Squadron-252; deploying to Iwakuni, Japan from April to October 1989, and

participating in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from August 1990 to March 1991.

In December 1991, as part of the total force realignment, Stocks was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-11, Marine Corps Air Base El Toro, Calif., as an aviation cryogenic technician until April 1994.

Stocks was then assigned to Recruiting Station New York, New York from 1994 to 1997, serving as a canvassing recruiter at Recruiting Sub Stations Yonkers, Bronx, White Plains, and Manhattan, New York.

After his tour on recruiting duty, Stocks was assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., as the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of MALS-11 Cryogenics, until May 2000.

Volunteering for assignment to the Marine Security Guard Program, Stocks was selected and assigned as the Marine detachment commander for the American Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, during which time he served as the Marine commander for the 2001 European Union Summit.

In December 2001, Stocks was

reassigned to American Embassy Havana, Cuba until June 2003.

Following Cuba, Stocks was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31, Beaufort, S.C., as the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of cryogenics, and assistant quality assurance chief until April 2004.

After Beaufort, Stocks received orders to Combat Service Support Group-3 (CSSG-3), Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, as the company first sergeant for Engineer Company until August 2006. While assigned to CSSG-3, he was assigned to 3rd Marine Regiment as the senior enlisted advisor for Embedded Training Team 5-1 mentoring and advising the Afghanistan National Army for counter insurgency operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from August 2006 to August 2007. He was awarded the Bronze Star Service Medal for this effort.

Upon returning from Afghanistan, Stocks was reassigned to Combat Logistics Battalion-3, Transportation Support Company-3, as the company first sergeant until October 2008.

Returning to Marine Corps

Recruiting Command, Stocks was assigned as senior enlisted advisor for Marine Recruiting Station, Albany, New York, until November 2010.

This was followed by assignment to Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron-501, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.





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# BARRACKS BASH 2014



Marines stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego race to down the most chicken wings in a competition during the depot's annual Barracks Bash, Aug. 15. The goal was to be the first to swallow 15 wings.



Lance Cpl. Revin S. Habba, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion (left) and Cpl. Gabriel Nava Jr., administrative clerk, 12th Marine Corps District, battle each other in pugil sticks.



Lance Cpl. Zachary D. Selvig, fiscal chief, Support Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, shows off his homemade Greek toga, reflecting this year's "Greek" theme.



Sgt. Maj. Jesse T. Mafnas Jr., sergeant major, Headquarters and Service Battalion, throws a pitch to try and dunk the Single Marine Program Coordinator during the depot's annual Barracks Bash at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 15.