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Recruits train to lead during Crucible

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Marines of Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, used teamwork and dependability to complete the Leadership Reaction Course, or 12 Stalls, during the Crucible at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 27.

The Crucible is a 54-hour test of endurance where recruits must conquer more than 30 different obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation. During the Crucible, recruits utilize small unit leadership skills they’ve acquired throughout training.

“The recruits do the 12 Stalls event in the Crucible so they can learn how to work together as a team,” said Sgt. Ryan R. Ayers, field instructor, Field Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. “They learn how to utilize and create unit cohesion to accomplish the mission.”

Before starting each event, recruits were given guidance regarding what they could and

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Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, work together to get simulated equipment across a rope bridge during the 12 Stalls event at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 27. The Crucible is a 54-hour test of endurance where recruits must conquer more than 30 different obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation. During the Crucible, recruits utilize small unit leadership skills they’ve acquired throughout training at events such as 12 Stalls.

India Company learns power of the leg

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For many recruits, learning the hand strikes of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program comes fairly easy. However, often times learning to utilize legs as striking weapons proves to be a bit more challenging.

Recruits of India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, learned various lower body strikes such as the front kick, round kick and vertical knee strike as part of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 29.

Recruit, Vincent A. Leon, Platoon 3215, ex-

plained he believed the class was essential for a recruit like himself because he had limited knowledge in self-defense and was only familiar with basic hand strikes.

Anderson said the MCMAP lesson was the first time he had been taught how to use his legs for hand to hand combat. He added learning the leg strikes was challenging because the movements required balance and flexibility.

“I’ve only been in one fight in my life, and in it, I only used my hands. I believe learning to use MCMAP leg kicks is important because in a combat situation the person who knows the most techniques and performs them the best wins the fight.”

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Drill instructors demonstrate the round kick to recruits of India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 29. Drill instructors gave a demonstration of each leg strike technique prior to allowing the recruits to practice the moves themselves.



Petty Officer Third Class Steven J. Sechen, corpsman, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Branch Health Clinic, gives a vaccination to a recruit of Company D, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, at MCRD San Diego, Aug. 28.

Recruits receive immunizations

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Recruits join the Marine Corps from many different places in the United States and bring with them various strains of germs. To combat that, they must have basic vaccinations that prevent them from spreading sickness and germs from one recruit to the next.

Company D recruits received their basic immunizations during their first few weeks of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot

San Diego, Aug. 28.

“When the recruits first arrive here, they receive their first dose of vaccinations,” said Petty Officer Third Class Steven J. Sechen, hospital man, MCRD Branch Health Clinic. “Vaccines for Varicella, Hepatitis A and B and many others are given to the recruits upon their arrival to recruit training.”

Some recruits do not have the antibodies or have not had contact to sicknesses such as measles, mumps or the rubella virus, and they are

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Recruit Axe T. Buffington, Platoon 1002, Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, balances himself on a chain bridge during the 12 Stalls at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 27. The 12 Stalls are part of the Crucible, which is a 54-hour test of endurance where recruits must conquer more than 30 different obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation. During the Crucible, recruits utilize small unit leadership skills they've acquired throughout training. Buffington is a native of Princeton, Minn., and was recruited out of Recruiting Substation St. Cloud, Minn.

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could not do to complete the task.

"Each mission has certain rules that make whatever the recruits have to do more difficult," said Ayers, a native of San Francisco. "It requires the recruits to think more and get creative with the equipment that they have."

Each stall had a specific set of instructions, but one rule that remained the same for all stalls was that no part of a recruit's body can touch red-colored parts of the obstacle. Touching any red simulated combat fatalities and in order to rejoin the team, the recruit had to run 100 yards with 30-pound ammunition cans.

At one stall, the recruits were required to extract a simulated casualty from an area only using a plank of wood. The portions painted in red made the recruits use precision and creativity to do it successfully.

"If we did not come together as a team, completing the tasks would not be possible," said Recruit Joseph R. Campbell, Platoon 1002.

The strains of sleep and food deprivation began to take a toll on the recruits.

"We don't get a lot of sleep, our bodies are tired and we just want it to be over," said 18-year-old Campbell. "We keep getting mad at each other, which complicates things even more, but we can't let it get to us because we have made it this far

and we are so close to being done."

Drill instructors, field instructors and the company commander watched from a platform to ensure recruits are applying the fundamentals of leadership for each mission and performing within safety regulations.

Although recruits of Alpha Company have completed the Leadership Reaction Course, they still have many events to complete before earning the title Marine.

"This is the only event in recruit training where recruits complete a mission as a fire team," said 24-year-old Ayers. "Since it is something different, it requires more from them, and in the end, sets them up for success."

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Drill instructors watched the recruits practice each move with keen eyes in order to ensure they had correct foot position and form. Recruits performed each technique approximately 25 times with a partner before practicing a different leg strike.

"You can't be a one trick pony," said Recruit Nicholas M. Anderson, Platoon 3215. "I feel I progressed as far as learning new skills and getting the proper technique down."

Anderson said although he is a martial arts enthusiast and has seen countless videos on how to perform various martial arts techniques, learning to apply them with sound technique was difficult.

"I've watched a lot of videos, but they don't show the details," said Anderson, a Grand Rapids, Mich., native. "Having an instructor walk you through step-by-step helps you learn important fundamentals, such as not interlocking your hands on a vertical knee strike. There is so much to MCMAP. It takes discipline, and you can't

just be strong, you have to be smart, too."

As the recruits practiced their final repetitions it was clear they were much more comfortable with performing leg kicks than what they had initially started at. While the recruits still have much more to learn in MCMAP such as break falls, chokes and counters to chokes, they now have one more weapon in their arsenal for hand-to-hand combat.

"I know this is just the basics," said Anderson. "But you can't be a Marine and not know MCMAP. If you don't have it, you're missing a big part of being a Marine."

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required to return the following week to receive them.

Recruits receive the Titer blood test, which measures the levels of antibodies in a blood sample because those antibodies are what is used to fight off foreign substances. If a recruit has a deficiency to combat an illness, they need the vaccination to build up that immunity.

Immunizations that recruits receive take up to two weeks to take the full effect, but in most cases, recruits are immune to each illness for the rest of their lives. Illnesses such as yellow fever require another vaccination in approximately 10 years.

"During the course of recruit training, we see the recruits mul-

tiplied times through their cycle to issue them more vaccinations," said Sechen, a native of Mason, Wis.

On training day 22, recruits return the clinic to receive their vaccines for polio hepatitis and bicillin and on training day 48 they receive their vaccine for yellow fever.

Although recruits receive many vaccinations while in recruit training, they might end up receiving more throughout their careers. Vaccines are necessary when Marines travel abroad visiting different countries where they could be in contact with deadly diseases.

"Immunizations are very vital in places such as recruit training," said 28-year-old Sechen. "In order to keep the recruits and the drill instructors healthy for training, they need to be immune to as many illnesses as possible."

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September is National Preparedness Month

"Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare" is the theme for September, National Preparedness Month.

According to the Ready Campaign there are four universal building blocks for emergency preparedness:

- Be informed
- Make a plan
- Build a kit
- Get involved

America's Prepar-A-thon builds on this foundation by encouraging millions of Americans to focus on a simple, specific activity that will increase preparedness. This week the focus is on how to reconnect with family after a disaster.

When a disaster strikes, your family may not be together, so it is important to plan in advance:

- How you will get to a safe place
- How you will contact one another
- How you will get back together
- what you will do in different situations.

Read more about Family Communication during an emergency at <http://www.readysandiego.org/>

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 Credit 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, a 3-mile obstacle run Sept. 27 starting at 9 a.m.

Participants must register. Advanced registration is available at 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.

Child, youth & teen flag football & cheerleading registration

Marine Corps Community Services has scheduled registration for the Fall child, youth & teen flag football and cheerleading programs.

Registration started Sept. 1 and will continue through Oct. 3. Participants may sign up Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Bldg. 6E.

Flag Football participants will be divided into age groups 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13. The cheerleading program is for participants aged 5-13.

For more information call (619) 524-0916, or contact Marry Young via telephone at (619) 208-1107, or via e-mail at youngma@usmcmccs.org.

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CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 land on the flight deck of the future amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6), Aug. 24, 2014. Four helicopters with the squadron arrived aboard America ending the exercise Partnership of the Americas 2014. The exercise was based on a simulated humanitarian assistance and disaster relief scenario in Chile. Multiple nations came together to plan and execute a multi-lateral exercise in response to the HA/DR scenario. Exercises like POA allow the U.S. and our partners in the region to respond to and address transnational and global challenges. America is currently transiting through the U.S. Southern Command's area of responsibility on her maiden transit "America Visits the Americas."

HMM-364 completes POA, lands aboard USS America

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AT SEA – U.S. Marine Corps CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 landed aboard the future amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6), Aug. 24. The CH-46s boarded America after completing their participation in the multi-lateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise Partnership of the Americas 2014.

The completion of the POA exercise signifies the end of the CH-46's 50 years of forward operational presence. HMM-364 and the four aircraft are embarked aboard America for transit back to San Diego where they will be officially retired.

HMM-364, dubbed the Purple Foxes, supported the exercise by airlifting U.S. Marines and disaster relief supplies from LHD Sargento Aldea, a Chilean ship, to a landing zone in Pichidangui, Chile. The HA/DR exercise was based on a simulated tsunami scenario.

"Our primary job was showcasing the amphibious operations capabilities, particularly in regards to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief," said Maj. Brian Santucci, operations officer for HMM-364, and a native of Sierra Vista, Ariz. "Ba-

sically doing ship to shore movement of personnel and cargo to assist in a natural disaster."

The use of the CH-46 in POA also carried much significance for its operational history in the region.

"This is the first time in a very long time that the CH-46 has been to Chile," said Santucci. "It is going to be the last time an operational CH-46 squadron will deploy outside of the United States."

The first CH-46 helicopters were procured by the Marine Corps in 1962 and were introduced into the fleet during the Vietnam conflict in 1964. The Sea Knight has been utilized for assault support in all Marine Corps combat and peacetime environments since its introduction.

"It was introduced in Vietnam, and was massively employed for the war effort there," said Sgt. Daniel Zawicki, MV-22 crew chief with Marine Operational Test and Evaluation Squadron 22 (VMX-22). "Every event since then, where we needed Marines, it has been there; from the Gulf War to Somalia, all the way up until the initial invasion of Iraq. It has always been there for assault support."

The Marine Corps is phasing out the Sea Knight for the newer MV-22 Osprey. When the CH-46 was introduced, it was capable of transporting 24 combat loaded

troops. However, the weight of combat loaded troops has increased, reducing the number of troops the aircraft can carry. The Osprey's unique design and functionality meets the needs of transporting today's warfighters.

"The mission of the MV-22, like the CH-46, is assault support, the movement of troops," said Maj. Alex Hedman, assistant operations officer for VMX-22. "It can go about 3 times as far and about 3 times as fast as the CH-46. The engines are also significantly larger so we get a lot more power out of it."

The MV-22 has been continuously deployed in extreme environmental conditions since 2007. Its deployments include Iraq, Afghanistan and aboard Navy ships for amphibious operations.

"Combat in the traditional sense was along the coastal zones," said Hedman. "However, what the MV-22 brings to the flight is we go well beyond the forward edge of the battle area, we go well beyond enemy lines and deep into enemy airspace. We'll go deep into enemy territory at much greater speed and carry more troops as we're doing it."

In its 50th year of military service, the Sea Knight has built a legacy that will be remembered forever. Its replacement by a newer aircraft does not erase the decades of unparalleled service

it has provided.

"The 46 is one of the greatest legacies of any aircraft out there," said Zawicki. "The transition is easy, but I'm always going to miss the 46. I don't think we would be transitioning if the Marine Corps weren't going to benefit. Combined with the other assets of a MAGTF, I think the Osprey is going to be perfect."

All operational Sea Knight squadrons have transitioned to the Osprey with the exception of HMM-364 and Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron 164, which will tran-

sition by April 2015.

HMM-364 is currently aboard America with the Marines and Sailors of SPMAGTF-South in Support of her maiden transit, "America Visits the Americas." A SPMAGTF is a balanced air, ground and logistics force that can be tailored to accomplished missions across a wide range of crises. The Marines and Sailors of the SPMAGTF are demonstrating the flexibility, unity and unparalleled expeditionary capability the Navy-Marine Corps team provides our nation and partners.



A CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 approaches the flight deck of the future amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6) preparing to land,

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Golf Company conquers depot's rappel tower

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Recruits must overcome every obstacle, including their fear of heights, during recruit training to earn the right to claim the title Marine.

Recruits of Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, conquered the rappel tower with confidence on training day 58 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Aug. 29.

The purpose of the exercise is for recruits to descend the tower, putting their trust and confidence in the equipment and their training.

"Recruits gain confidence by rappelling down the tower, and it helps a lot of them overcome their fear of heights," said Sgt. Michael D. Triplett, drill instructor, Platoon 2142. "Confidence and courage is important for all Marines to have, which is why we teach it here at recruit training."

Before recruits rappelled, Instructional Training Company instructors taught a class on how to properly set up their harness and the rappelling techniques used.

One of the techniques learned was how to apply a "brake hand," which adjusts the speed while descending the tower. The recruits were given

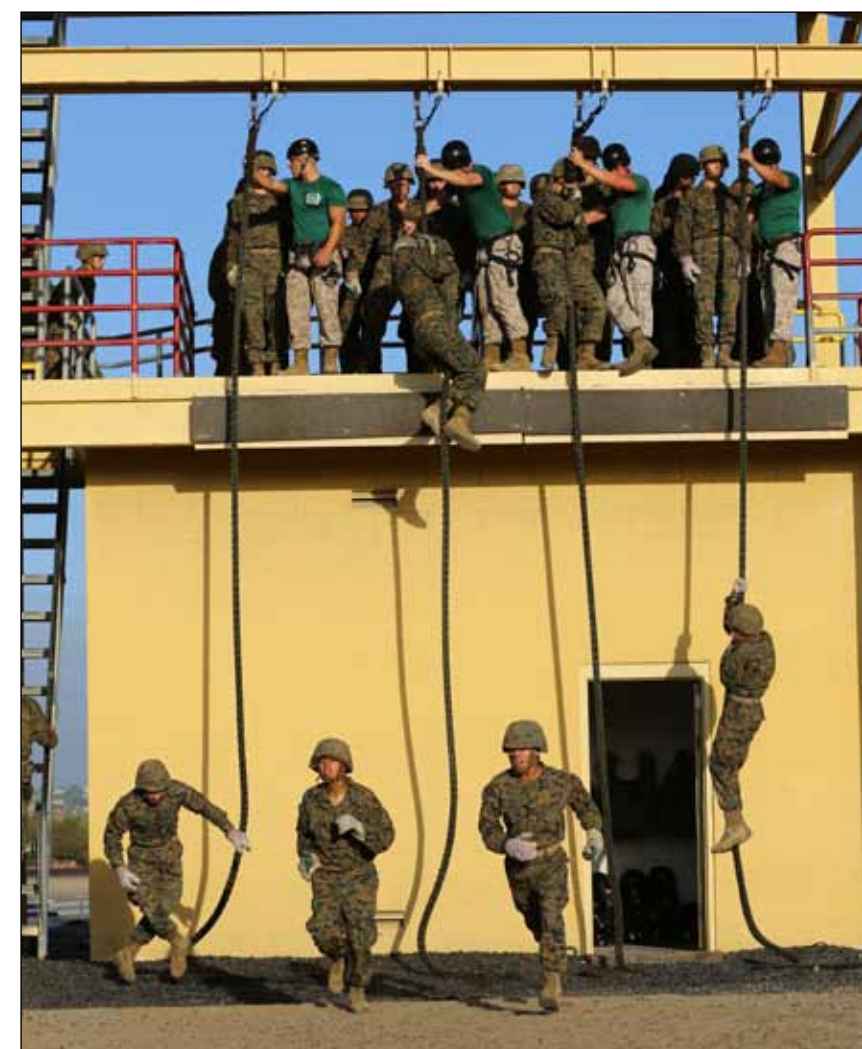
gloves to protect their hands as well as to serve as an extra grip on the rope, while a helmet and safety harness were worn for safety.

The rappel tower event consisted of two individual events: fast roping and rappelling. Fast roping is a technique used to insert troops into areas where landing an aircraft may not be possible, because of either safety or logistical reasons. Instead, the troops will descend a rope that has been lowered from the back of an aircraft.

After conducting the fast rope exercise, recruits climbed the stairs to the top of the 60-foot tower and prepared for the descent.

"The rappel tower is a big obstacle to overcome, but it is important we have the confidence to do it because we'll face bigger challenges once we become Marines," said Recruit Bricen J. Agbayani, Platoon 2141. "Marines have to trust each other with the mission. Trusting others is something we will learn as we rappel down the tower."

Company G recruits left the rappel tower with not only a higher level of confidence knowing they descended a 60-foot tower using a rope, but also with the ability to trust the Marine to their left and right, which is a principle the Marine Corps brotherhood is built upon.



Recruits of Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, conduct a fast roping exercise during recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 29. Fast roping is used to quickly insert troops into areas where aircraft cannot land.



A Company G drill instructor teaches a recruit how to attach and adjust the harness he will use to safely rappel from the depot's 60-foot tower.



Recruits of Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, rappel from the depot's 60-foot tower during training Aug. 29. The purpose of the training is for recruits to build courage and confidence as they descended the tower.



A Company G recruit begins his descent from the "hell hole" during the fast roping exercise. The platform opens to a 60-foot drop, which simulates a helicopter fuselage opening Marines would use to land under combat conditions landing the aircraft is not possible.



A Company G recruit rappels from the tower during training. The exercise demonstrates to recruits that they can conquer towering obstacles by using technique and equipment.

Company A recruit passes on college football for Marine Corps

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By age seven, Recruit Jacob C. Harter, only remembers seeing his father twice. What is more prevalent in his mind is the difficulty his single mother had taking care of him and his six siblings and the countless moves from home to home. Eventually, the struggle proved too much for his mother and she was forced to make the difficult decision to give her child up for adoption, hoping for a better life for them.

At 8 years old, Harter was adopted into a family of 20 living on a farm in La Crosse, Wis. Although the family was large, he said there was always food on the table and he always had someone to play with.

The turbulent time was somewhat steadied when sports began to pique his interest. Harter explained he was always a physical child, and when he saw a team of kids practicing football, he was instantly intrigued.

After his first day of practice, Harter, now a recruit with, Platoon 1002, Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, was hooked and began using the game and hits as an outlet for his anger and suppressed emotions.

"I always smiled and never showed any anger. But I had a lot of it on the inside," said the Minneapolis, Minn., native. "Football was an escape route for the anger that had built up over the years and a way to not think about everything that was going on. Everything was a lot easier with football."

He continued his passion until he reached high school, where he was immediately noticed for his strong physique. He started the first two games for the varsity team his freshman year and kept the position of first string varsity running back for the remainder of high school. In his senior season, he totaled more than 1,700 yards and came close to a state title

with his team.

He said his passion for the game gave him the discipline lift weights every day, pay attention to everything his coach instructed him to do and stay away from junk food. His hard work paid off, and he had several college scouts evaluating his skills.

Although college football was enticing for Harter, he said he had a different plan and didn't pursue his college options.

"Many of my family members are in the military, but none have done the Marine Corps," said Harter. "I wanted to be the one who did the toughest branch of them all."

He added that attending a poolee function was what sealed the deal on his decision.

"I went to a poolee function and I knew this is what I wanted to do. The Marines were so passionate about their jobs. You could see they loved the Marine Corps, and I knew this was the place for me," said Harter. "Then I was even more drawn in when I learned the Marine Corps had a football team."

Harter is scheduled to graduate on Sept. 5, and is a squad leader for his platoon. Sgt. John L. Walker, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1002, explained he had nothing but good things to say about him.

"From day one I noticed he had a competitive spirit, and it was one of the reasons I made him a squad leader," said Walker. "He wasn't afraid to express himself among recruits and never quit in any phases of training. He had really good physical ability and always led from the front. He was a recruit the others could emulate."

Following graduation and 10 days of leave, Walker will attend a 29-day course at Marine Combat Training Battalion. Although he said he is excited to start his Marine Corps career and play football for the Corps, but is more excited to be reunited with his family after graduation.



Recruit Jacob C. Harter, Platoon 1002, Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, takes the lead in a Crucible exercise designed to promote teamwork at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Aug. 27. Harter is a Minneapolis, Minn., native and was recruited out of Recruiting Sub Station La Crosse, Wis.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck Jr.

Parade Reviewing Officer

Lieutenant General Kenneth J. Glueck Jr., was designated a Naval Aviator in May 1976 and reported to Marine Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. During this tour Glueck deployed both with HMA-369 to Okinawa, Japan, and with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-265.

In February 1980, Glueck was reassigned as a primary flight instructor at Training Squadron Three, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, Fla.

In July 1983, Glueck reported to Marine Helicopter One at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., where he was designated a presidential command pilot.

Following Marine Corps Command and Staff College in August 1987, Glueck was assigned to Okinawa, for duty as air officer with the Special Operations Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. In June 1989, he reported as executive officer for Marine

Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-269, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.

In June 1990, Glueck was reassigned as executive officer for Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365, participating in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In June 1991, he assumed command of HMM-365 and deployed in support of Operation Provide Promise in the Balkans.

Glueck relinquished command in February 1993 and attended the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College in Rome, Italy. He was subsequently assigned to Allied Forces Southern Europe as amphibious planner in February 1994.

In February 1997, Glueck reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Programs and Resources. In August 1998, he assumed command of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and deployed for Landing Forces Sixth Fleet deployments 2-99 and 3-00. His units participated in the NATO bombing campaign (Noble Anvil), provided security to refugee camps in Albania (JTF Shining Hope), conducted peace support operations in Kosovo (Joint Guardian) and provided

disaster relief following the earthquake in Turkey (Avid Response).

In June 2001, Glueck reported to Marine Corps Combat Development Command as director, Expeditionary Force Development Center in Quantico.

In July 2003, Glueck served as the commanding general, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade and deputy commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan, participating in tsunami relief efforts with CTF-536 and FHA, and disaster relief efforts in the Philippines as commander for JTF-535.

In April 2005, Glueck served as the chief of staff, United States Southern Command.

In June 2006, Glueck assumed command of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, II MEF at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.

In April 2008, Glueck was designated the chief of staff for Multi-National Force Iraq in Baghdad. In August 2009, he reported to U.S. Africa Command where he served as director of operations and logistics until January 2011.

In January 2011, Glueck reported to Okinawa Japan where he assumed command of III Marine Expeditionary

Force and U.S. Marine Forces Japan. In March 2011, he also commanded JTF-505 in support of Operation Tomodachi.

Glueck assumed command of Marine Corps Combat Development Command on August 8, 2013.

Glueck holds a Bachelor of Science degree from MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill., and a Master of Science degree in Business Management from Troy State University, Ala.





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Pfc. S. J. Brown Jr.
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Pvt. J. R. Campbell
Pvt. T. J. Cecil
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*Pfc. J. Perez Jr.
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Pfc. S. D. Aslett
Pvt. D. A. Austin
Pvt. J. B. Barela
Pvt. E. Barrera
Pfc. R. R. Belknap
Pfc. B. J. Betts
Pvt. C. S. Blackwood
Pfc. Z. S. Blomgren
Pvt. R. J. Boguszewski
Pvt. J. C. Bolick
Pfc. J. T. Borden
Pvt. C. G. Bravo
Pvt. G. J. Britton
Pvt. C. A. Bush
Pvt. C. Camargo-Gutierrez
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Pfc. M. A. Cardinal
Pvt. Z. B. Carter
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Recruits of Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, conduct their timed three-mile run during the final physical fitness test at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Aug. 28. The final PFT tests recruit's strength and endurance.

Golf Company pushes through final PFT

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Marines are required to complete a variety of tests throughout the year to maintain combat readiness, and these recruits conquered one of those tests, the physical fitness test, signifying one of the last things they will face during training.

Recruits of Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, completed their final PFT at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., Aug. 28.

All Marines are required to

take the PFT annually, and it is used to gauge their level of fitness.

"The PFT keeps Marines physically fit and able to carry out the Marine Corps' mission," said Sgt. Joshua M. Calkins, Platoon 2147. "The recruits have made drastic improvements since their initial PFT, so I know they're ready for this final PFT."

The test is made up of three events: a timed three-mile run, a maximum set of pull-ups and a maximum set of crunches in two minutes. For a perfect score of 300, recruits have to perform an 18-minute, three-mile run along with 20 pull-ups and 100 crunches.

The PFT trains recruits to have high endurance, strong upper bodies and a strong core, explained Calkins, a Dixon, Ill., native.

Recruits run an initial PFT during the first phase of recruit training to give them an idea of what to expect, see where there are as far as physical readiness and what they need to improve for the final PFT during third phase. The initial PFT is run for practice, but the final PFT score is recorded and is entered into their permanent records.

"Recruits are trained all through recruit training to prepare for the PFT," said Calkins.

"They go through physical fitness sessions, hikes and several obstacles that condition them to be stronger and faster."

Because of the training the recruits conduct daily, most of them notice a big improvement in their scores from their initial PFT to their final PFT. Recruits are put through daily physical challenges with events such as long distance hikes, boots and utility uniform runs, the confidence, obstacle and circuit courses as well as several other cardiovascular and strength training events.

"If Marines do not uphold the Marine Corps' standard on

physical fitness, it slows other Marines down, as well as slows the mission down," said Recruit Edgar Y. Torres, Platoon 2147. "I feel I have improved on everything for the PFT, so I'm confident preparing for the final PFT."

Drill instructors motivate the recruits through the exercises by shouting words of encouragement and conducting the events with the recruits, explained Torres, a Tucson, Ariz., native.

High physical fitness is demanded of Marines and the PFT trains to reach the peak of their fitness and prepare them for their future in the Marine Corps.



Company G recruits perform crunches during their final PFT. The test consists of a timed three-mile run, a maximum set of pull-ups and a maximum set of crunches in two minutes.



Company G recruits walk in a cool-down circle after finishing their timed three-mile run during their final Physical Fitness Test Aug. 28. The final PFT tests a recruit's strength and endurance.



Company G recruits conduct pull-ups during the physical fitness test. For a maximum score, recruits have to perform an 18 minute three-mile run, 20 pull-ups and 100 crunches achieving 100 points per exercise for a total score of 300.