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Co. K strikes Bayonet Assault Course one more time

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The Crucible is the final training event in recruit training, where recruits push through obstacles they experienced before, this time it's just a little harder.

As part of their final training event, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, took on the Bayonet Assault Course during the Crucible at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 10.

This iteration of the course was not the first time recruits were introduced to the event though. In the beginning of recruit training, Kilo Company was taught basic rifle techniques such as forward and vertical slash. After the class was completed, recruits ran through the back half of the course on Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

As the Marines pushed deeper and deeper into their recruit training cycle, they began to learn more techniques and competed in events such as Pugil Sticks. That event allowed the recruits to battle one another using the techniques they had acquired throughout training.

“We use the Bayonet Assault Course during the Crucible be-



Private First Class Brandon M. Hurd, Platoon 3223, Co. K, provides cover while his fire team advances their position during the Bayonet Assault Course at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Sept. 10. The Crucible is a 54-hour event where recruits face food and sleep deprivation to simulate the kind of stresses they would face in combat situations. Hurd is a native of Blaine, Minn., and was recruited out of Recruiting Substation Coon Rapids, Minn.

cause it re-emphasizes everything the recruits had learned throughout training,” said Gunnery Sgt. Juan L. Chantaca, drill

instructor, Platoon 3223. “Each time they ran the course, something was added, and now is when they apply everything.”

The last time recruits conducted the course was much different because this time, they integrated fire team movements

and bayonet techniques that they learned during Field Week, or

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Co. C gets practical application test

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Dozens of test dummies with various injuries were laid across a large room in preparation for recruits to have their combat care skills evaluated as part of a practical examination test at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 16.

Recruits of Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training



A recruit from Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, gives a test dummy proper combat care for a simulated leg injury.

Battalion, were also tested on the assembly and disassembly of an M-16 A4 Service Rifle and military rank structure. The test is designed to ensure the recruits are able to perform combat care and have also retained the military knowledge taught in recruit training. Failing the examination more than twice can mean being set back in training.

Each dummy had a different type of injury that varied from an open fracture to a head wound. Recruits were required to assess and treat the training dummy as if it were a real life situation.

Following the combat care examination, recruits moved on to disassembling and assembling their rifles and concluded with a test on rank structure.

Although tests can be stressful, a majority of the recruits appeared to fly through with ease.

“Our drill instructors did a great job teaching us the material and having patience with the recruits who had a hard time learning and who also had a lot of questions,”

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College athletes put to Marine Corps test

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Leadership doesn't always come from one person taking charge, but rather one team using each other's ideas and working together to accomplish a mission.

Athletes from San Diego State University's womens' swim and dive team learned leadership and team work through sweat and adversity at SDSU, Sept. 12.

Captain Peter G. Estridge, officer selection officer, Recruiting Station San Diego, sent an offer

to all coaches at the college for an opportunity to have their teams take part in a leadership exercise, a physical challenge and a mentoring session all in one day. The young womens team was the first to accept the challenge.

Marines stationed around the San Diego area volunteered to help the swimmers and encourage them to complete each physically challenging task.

To begin the event, the team split into groups and ran two laps around the football field, simulating the 880-meter run portion of the Combat Fitness Test. Some

athletes seemed unsure about what they got themselves in to conducting.

“When our coach told us what we would be doing, I knew it wouldn't be easy,” said Nicole H. Dutton, freshman, SDSU. “We saw the Marines standing around, and I was a little nervous.”

Dutton explains that rather than intimidate her, the Marines encouraged and motivated her to run faster and beat her teammates in front of her.

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Athletes from San Diego State University's swim and dive team cheer each other on to complete the ammunition can portion of the Combat Fitness Test at SDSU, Sept. 12. The women participated in the CFT and Leadership Reaction Course to learn leadership and how to work more efficiently as a team.



A Marine from Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, executes a vertical butt-stroke against a simulated enemy at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 10. The Marine ran through a similar course multiple times throughout recruit training; each time they integrated new techniques and lessons they learned during training.

BAYONET ◀ 1

Week 7, of recruit training, explained Chantaca, a native of Glendale, Ariz.

While running the course, Marines wore flak jackets, their load bearing vest, carried an M-16 A4 Service Rifle and wore their Kevlar helmets. The course consists of obstacles such as monkey bridges, crawling tunnels, logs and tires, which simulates where recruits needed to use bayonet techniques.

According to Pfc. Brandon M. Hurd, Platoon 3223, the biggest challenge was

pushing past how fatigued his body was.

"We had only a small amount of sleep last night," said Hurd, a native of Blaine, Minn. "Everything we do is more difficult knowing we have had a small amount of food and sleep."

The Crucible is a 54-hour event where recruits face food and sleep deprivation to simulate the kind of stresses they would face in combat situations.

"Recruits get pretty burnt out during the Crucible, but we [drill instructors] motivate them to push on and complete events like the Bayonet Assault Course,

because in less than 24 hours they will earn the title," said 32-year-old Chantaca.

Company K recruits have completed the final Bayonet Assault Course of recruit training but will face more training in the future.

"We gave them the basic tools that are needed for further instruction," said Chantaca. "When they are Marines and move on to the School of Infantry, they will learn more advanced techniques and build off of what they learned here."



Athletes from San Diego State University's swim and dive team begin their run at SDSU, Sept. 12. The group ran two laps around the football field, simulating the 880-meter run portion the CFT.

SDSU ◀ 1

At the conclusion of the run, the athletes again split into two groups. The seniors and freshmen filled one roster and the sophomores and juniors completed the other.

The two groups then split between the two remaining events, which was the Leadership Reaction Course and the Combat Fitness Test.

The Leadership Reaction Course is an exercise in teamwork where a group is given a mission to complete using only the tools given. The limited resources forces the group to come together and use each other's ideas to complete the task.

"During the LRC, we had only five minutes to complete it, but working together made it so much easier," said Dutton, a native of Orange County, Calif. "One person could have told us what to do, but I think working together provided a better result."

While one group was conquering the LRC, the others were conducting remaining events of the CFT, which includes the ammunition can lift and maneuver under fire. The ammunition can lift tests upper body strength by conducting over-head

presses with a 30-pound ammunition can, pressing as many repetitions as possible in two minutes. The maneuver-under-fire portion simulates combat-related tasks such as carries, ammunition resupply, grenade throwing, crawls and agility running.

As some athletes were tackling the LRC tasks, others were talking to Estridge and the other Marines regarding leadership traits such as leadership by example and teamwork. Both groups admitted the course looked difficult, but they each completed it well under the time limit.

"The maneuver-under-fire was torture," said 18-year-old Dutton. "The part where you run with the ammunition cans at the end was the worst."

The team learned what Marines go through every year and even though they will not face combat, they can apply the techniques in the pool or even in school.

"We can all take what we learned today and use it somewhere in our everyday lives," said Dutton. "By pushing us and motivating us, the Marines taught us how to be better in all different types of ways."

TEST ◀ 1

said Recruit Joseph A. Clark, Platoon 1047.

Recruits review with their drill instructor and on their own weeks leading up to the test to make sure the material is fresh in their minds.

Recruit Tawner E. Stefan, Platoon 1047, explained during this time he worked with struggling recruits to improve their confidence going into the

practical evaluation.

"I believe everyone has different strengths," said Stefan. "Mine is academics, and I wanted to use that to help the platoon."

Whether from a drill instructor, fellow recruit or from studying themselves, it appeared the recruits tackled the evaluation with ease.

"I was confident and loud and no one corrected me on anything," said Clark, a Yacolt, Wash., native. "So I think I did

well. I feel proud being able to do what I was taught and execute orders."

Although the practical application test is just one of many recruits go through to become Marines, recruits realize it is an important test to ensure they know combat care, their rifle and Marine rank structure.

"I feel confident that if someone was hurt in combat or I was injured myself that I could treat the wounds," said Stefan, a Taneyville, Mo., native.

BRIEFS

Jewish holiday services

The following is a listing for upcoming Jewish holiday services to be held in the Jewish Chapel (Bldg. 28):

- **Rosh Hashanah**
- Tonight – 6 to 8 p.m.
- Tomorrow – 9 to 10:30 a.m.
- **Yom Kippur**
- Oct. 3 – 6 to 8 p.m.
Kol Nidre
- Oct. 4 – 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Yizkor
- Oct. 4 – 6 to 8:15 p.m.
Neilah

For more information, call Anna Torres, Religious Ministries admin support, at (619) 524-8820.

School emergency planning

It's September and that means children are back in school.

What will local schools do in the event of a natural disaster or an emergency? It is important for parents to know what steps school will take to protect their children and reunite them with their parents.

Here are the ABC's of what each parent should know about a school's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP):

- **A** — Always ensure the school has up-to-date evacuation plans, emergency kits and contact sheets. Ensure the school's nurse has your child's medical information and medications on hand. Ask your child's teacher to walk you through their evacuation plan and show you their emergency kits.
- **B** — Be prepared. Provide the school with your cell phone and work numbers, and contact information for your relatives. Make sure the child knows how to text you or a designated contact in case of an emergency. Have a conversation with your child about emergencies and hazards.
- **C** — Coordinate with your child's teachers and school officials to set a plan in place if there is not one. Guide them to Ready.gov for more resources and encourage the school to perform school wide drills and exercises as part of America's PrepareAthon!

For more information on preparing for an emergency visit <http://www.ready.gov/school-emergency-plans>.

Boot Camp Challenge

The depot is scheduled to 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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Cpl. Reece Lodder

Rescuemen with Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii work to quell a fire following a simulated aircraft mishap during the full-scale exercise Lethal Breeze 2010 at Landing Zone Boondocker Sept. 15. The exercise was used to address plans, policies and procedures concerning the base's ability to respond to a terrorist or mass casualty incident and an aircraft mishap during late September's 2010 Kaneohe Bay Air Show.

Lethal Breeze storms through MCB Hawaii

STORY BY KRISTEN WONG

Marine Corps Base Hawaii – Kaneohe Bay

MARINE CORPS BASE

KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii – Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrew Swint, a hospital corpsman with Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Kaneohe Bay branch, lies on the ground in the clinic breezeway, his left leg ruby red, his assailant at large. The clinic is deathly still except for the distant sound of the base's Giant Voice, making an announcement.

"Exercise! Exercise! Exercise!" the Giant Voice said. "There is an active shooter aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii at the Naval health clinic."

More than 150 Marines, sailors and civilians aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii and representatives from Regional Exercise Team-West participated in Lethal Breeze 2014 aboard MCB Hawaii, Sept. 8 and 9, 2014.

Lethal Breeze is an annual exercise in which an emergency situation is simulated on base, whether natural disasters, attacks or other serious incidents, to help prepare numerous departments on base to respond appropriately.

"Every installation should have a force protection plan or (disaster)-preparedness plan," said Mike Allen, the lead planner for the Mission Assurance – Force Protection Office of the base Emergency Operations Center. "It's good to have (anti-terrorism force protection) on paper, but if you don't exercise it, (it's) not going to do any good. You need to exercise any type of plan you might have in place to survey potential security shortfalls, evaluate (current procedures), and (test) previously-identified security or procedure issues."

Allen said in the past, Lethal Breeze exercises have helped

authorities see possible flaws in various areas, such as procedure or equipment.

"In general, we always find things we need to work on or make better," he said.

Allen was responsible for helping personnel coordinate the two scenarios conducted for Lethal Breeze 2014. Personnel from the Provost Marshal's Office, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Waterfront Operations, Marine and Family Programs and other departments each applied their training in emergency procedures to each scenario.

Jessica Kunert, the senior exercise planner for Regional Exercise Team-West, was one of two visiting contractors based out of California who work in support of Marine Corps' Installation Command's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Integrated Installation Protection Program. Regional Exercise Team-West supports exercises for all installations within Marine Corps Installations West and Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

Kunert said the team annually provides support for 20 to 30 emergency-preparedness exercises, preparing various exercise materials from fake weapons to role player scripts, amongst other duties.

"We provide administrative and some logistics support," she said. "We help (installations) plan, conduct and (evaluate) the exercise."

On Monday morning, an emergency message was generated and distributed out of the base EOC. Allen said the scenario called for the installation to escalate the force protection condition from Alpha to FPCON Bravo.

The Mokapu Gate was closed in the morning of Sept. 9 as PMO military police officers and civilian MPs attempted to identify a driver suspected of having a simulated

improvised explosive device in their vehicle.

During the afternoon scenario, base authorities responded to an active shooter who had "injured" and "killed" personnel at NHCH K-Bay branch.

As the MPs apprehended the "shooter," Federal Fire Department authorities supported victims while Naval Criminal Investigative Service questioned the suspect.

In the aftermath of the simulated incident, role players went to Marine and Family Programs in building 216 to seek assistance, whether trying to cope with the recent trauma or asking for logistical help. Marine Corps Community Services staff kept their offices secure, checking the identification card of each person before entering the building.

Ashley Lopez, a medical assistant in the Optometry Clinic at NHCH K-Bay, and her co-workers evacuated the clinic and headed to building 216.

Lopez played a mother who evacuated the clinic and needed to pick up her child from one of the base's child development centers.

"They're very efficient," Lopez said of the MCCS staff who assisted her during the scenario. "They showed me where to go, they took care (of me) if I needed help emotionally, or if I had any other questions they were able to answer for me."

Kunert said subject matter experts will provide evaluation feedback based on their observations of the responders during each scenario. The experts will recommend areas in which departments can improve, from receiving additional training to obtaining new equipment. Kunert said the feedback will be consolidated into a final after action report published by Mission Assurance.

"I think it was a very well-coordinated exercise (with) heavy participation," Kunert said. "(The) participants did pretty well, especially PMO, responding to the

active shooter. They did exactly what they were supposed to do. (Participants showed) good coordination in what honestly is a very complicated situation."



Kristen Wong

Cpl. Joseph Schlagel (left), a Marine with the Provost Marshal's Office Special Reaction Team provides security in front of Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Kaneohe Bay branch during Lethal Breeze 2014, Sept. 9. Petty Officer 2nd Class David Shepardson, a hospital corpsman with NHCH, playing a subdued active shooter, lies on the grass.



Kristen Wong

U.S. Marines with Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, carry a simulated casualty from an aircraft during Exercise Lethal Breeze. Base personnel and local emergency services worked together to perform crisis response following a simulated mass casualty incident and an aircraft mishap,

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Hotel Company overcomes Confidence Course obstacles

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The Marine Corps is often referred to as the "world's finest fighting force," and training the Marines who make that true starts early in recruit training. Recruits of Hotel Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, conquered their fears, such as heights, during the Confidence Course at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 15.

The Confidence Course is designed to help recruits build confidence within themselves and is used to help them

learn to motivate each other and use teamwork, according to Sgt. Jorge A. Yepes, drill instructor, Platoon 2170. "The course takes them out of their comfort zone and challenges them mentally and physically," said Yepes, a 26-year-old, Atlanta native. "When the recruits see they can do it no problem, then it boosts their morale and gives them more confidence in themselves."

With anticipation building and hearts racing, the recruits first watched their drill instructor demonstrate the techniques used to conquer each obstacle.

Obstacles in the Confidence Course

includes the Monkey Bridge, Skyscraper, Wall Climb, The Rope Jump and several others. This was the first time the recruits had been challenged by any of the extreme obstacles on the Course. After the demonstration, recruits were divided up into groups and assigned a drill instructor who led them through the course.

The recruits sprinted from obstacle to obstacle, and as they waited for their turn, they performed various Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques.

"We have the recruits do MCMAP techniques while they're waiting to do

the obstacle to reiterate the techniques they've learned," said Cobb. According to Recruit Donyea A. Newton, Platoon 2169, the remediation and running was what made the course difficult.

"The obstacles are challenging both physically and mentally," said Newton, a 19-year-old Rialto, Calif., native. "It was exhausting because if we were not working our way through an obstacle we were performing MCMAP techniques."

One of the toughest obstacles for recruits is the Stairway to Heaven, according to Yepes. It is a 30-foot tall ladder like structure, which recruits climbed. The

nerve wracking part comes as the recruit gets higher up the ladder, with each step the gaps become wider. Recruits will attack the Stairway to Heaven during the Confidence Course II in phase II, where they will also face the Slide for Life.

The last obstacle on the course is the Slide for Life, a 25-foot tall tower that recruits climb, then descend via a 90-foot cable suspended over a pool of water. Once they've reached the half-way point of the cable, they are instructed to change directions while hanging over the water.

Recruits who fall, land in the water for a refreshing swim.



Recruits of Hotel Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, swing over a ditch using ropes during the Confidence Course at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 15. Obstacles in the Confidence Course includes the Monkey Bridge, Skyscraper, Wall Climb, The Rope Jump and several others.



Co. H recruits make their way across the Log Walk. If recruits fall or stop during their attempt to cross, they must start all over again.



Co. H recruits arm walk across dip bars. If recruits fall or stop during their attempt to cross, they must start all over again.



Recruits maneuver themselves over the Reverse Climb. Every minute during the Confidence Course was utilized for training. When recruits weren't on an obstacle, they were practicing techniques from the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

Recruit uses Marine Corps to follow dream

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As Pvt. Alfonso A. Medina-Arellano, Platoon 3223, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, made his way through each event of the Crucible, he knew he was one step closer to becoming a part of the Marine Corps' brotherhood.

Twenty-two-year-old Medina-Arellano, a Guerrero, Mexico, native, joined the Marine Corps to follow his dreams and help provide for his family.

When Medina-Arellano was 4 years old, he moved to the United States with his single mother and 2-year-old brother. He and his family lived in Chicago for just over a year before moving to California, where they lived for 15 years, then moved to Colorado in 2009.

Medina-Arellano finished high school in Colorado, and went on to college for criminal justice studies. Although his dream was to be the first in his family to graduate college, he felt it was his responsibility to help take care of his family, which had grown by two sisters.

"Dropping out of school was extremely difficult for me and my brother. It was our dream to graduate," said Medina-Arellano. "We needed to take care of our mom and two sisters, so it was necessary."

Growing up, Medina-Arellano worked several jobs including fast food restaurants, construction and in the oil fields.

He explained working in the oil fields is a physically demanding job that requires you to work 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

He and his younger brother stepped up to be the men of the household and helped provide for the family.

"Growing up without a dad was difficult," said Medina-Arellano. "There was no one to teach me a man's role in a family."

Medina-Arellano decided to join the Marine Corps to better support his family, as well as start a career for himself.

"I wanted to prove to my family and friends that you should never give up on your dreams,"



Private Alfonso A. Medina-Arellano, Platoon 3223, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, low crawls during the Bayonet Assault Course as part of the Crucible at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sept. 11. Over the past three months, recruits learned different bayonet techniques during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training.

said Medina-Arellano. "As long as you keep pushing, you can accomplish anything in life you want."

He explains he still plans to give his family his full support because his family will always be

there for him.

"The only thing that keeps me motivated and striving for the best is my family," said Medina-Arellano.

Prior to being released for Family Day, he was naturalized

as a United States citizen during a ceremony at the depot, Sept. 18.

Medina-Arellano graduates recruit training today, and then will 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 and plans to take college classes for criminal justice to become a police officer.

Lt. Gen. Emil R "Buck" Bedard - Retired

Parade Reviewing Officer

Lt. Gen. Emil R. "Buck" Bedard graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1967. In addition to holding a Master of Science degree, his formal military education includes the U.S. Army Advanced Infantry Course in 1973, Armed Forces Staff College in 1980, and Army War College in 1986.

Bedard was commissioned a second lieutenant on December 1, 1967, and designated an infantry officer.

While a lieutenant he served as a rifle platoon commander and company executive officer with 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines and 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines in the Republic of Vietnam. Subsequently, he was ordered to Quantico, Va., where he served as commander and staff officer with Schools Demonstrations Troops.

As a captain, Bedard was assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence School as an instructor and served as a company

commander in the 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan. He was also the Marine Officer Instructor, Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Staff at Vanderbilt University and a platoon and company commander at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Quantico.

As a major Bedard served as logistics officer, 7th Marines and executive officer, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

Following his promotion to lieutenant colonel, Bedard served as the assistant operations officer, I Marine Amphibious Force and Pacific Plans Officer.

Assigned to NATO in Holland, Bedard served in the Central Region operations division in charge of reinforcement operations of allied forces to Central Europe.

Upon promotion to colonel he was reassigned to Twentynine Palms, Calif., where he directed the Combined Arms Exercise Program at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.

Bedard became assistant operations officer for the 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. From May 1991

through June 1993, he commanded the 7th Marine Regiment, which deployed to Somalia in December 1992.

In July 1993, Bedard was assigned as the assistant division commander for the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

In October 1993, he was assigned as operations officer, Joint Task Force, Somalia.

In June 1994, Bedard was advanced to brigadier general and was assigned as the president, Marine Corps University/Commanding General, Marine Corps Schools, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico.

Bedard was assigned as the deputy commander, Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii in June 1995. He assumed command of 2nd Marine Division in July 1997, and was promoted to major general on Sept. 1, 1997.

Bedard relinquished command of 2nd Marine Division in June 1999 and assumed command of II Marine Expeditionary Force in July 1999.

On June 29, 2000, Bedard relinquished command of II Marine Expeditionary Force.

On 25 July, 2000 Bedard was advanced to lieutenant general and assumed duties as the deputy commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, DC.

Bedard retired on Dec. 1, 2003, with more than 37 years of active duty service.





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 Pvt. C. S. Baxley
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 Pvt. Z. A. Carnahan
 Pfc. J. L. Chabarría
 Pfc. D. E. Clark
 Pvt. D. Clinton
 Pvt. E. Corrales
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A drill instructor inspects the uniforms of recruits of Platoon 1041, Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, during Final Drill at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 15. Having a well maintained uniform was part of the inspection during Final Drill. Any discrepancies such as missing buttons and improper wearing of the uniform caused the platoon to lose points in their evaluation.

Charlie Company completes Final Drill

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Moments prior to one of Charlie Company's final tests, recruits looked nervous. Hours of drill practice had finally led up to one final evaluation and many recruits were worried about the possibility of creating an error for their team.

Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, conducted Final Drill at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 15. The exercise requires each platoon in the company to separately conduct various movements such as stack arms, port arms, left face, right face and about face.

"I have butterflies, it's a little nerve-racking because I've messed up before, and I don't want to mess up now," said Recruit Luis I. Rodriguez, Platoon 1041.

Fortunately, Company C drill

instructors used the moments prior to the exercise to review their drill movements and give words of encouragement to their recruits.

"You know the movements," was repeated many drill instructors as they assisted the recruits with their uniforms and positioning.

Although recruits didn't want to let down their fellow recruits, letting down their drill instructors was a worse thought.

Rodriguez explained the event is a team effort, and he was nervous because he knew the endless hours his fellow recruits and drill instructors put into drill. He didn't want to let either of them down.

"Final drill is a chance for us to show how far we've worked and progressed," said Rodriguez.

The Grapevine, Texas, native said although he wanted to have a great performance individually and as a team, that final drill was about more than being the best.

"Win or lose, (final drill) gives

us something to be proud of," said the 19 year old. "All the movements we do show the discipline we've learned."

As the company performed their drill movements, drill instructors watched for excessive movement, bearing and uniform appearance. An infraction in these areas meant a lower grade for the platoon.

"At the beginning of training, I had an idea that drill was about discipline," said Recruit Julio C. Duran-Vargas. "But it didn't hit me until our drill instructors began drilling in our heads how important it was to stop any excessive movement."

Although not every platoon can win at final drill, they can all benefit from the lessons it teaches.

"At the end of the day, it is the teamwork and discipline we learned that we are going to take away," said Duran-Vargas, a Coachella, Calif., native.

Company C is scheduled to graduate recruit training Oct. 3.



Company C recruits work together to complete "stack arms" with their M-16A4 service rifles Sept. 15. Stack arms required recruits to neatly place their rifles in stacks of five without dropping a rifle.



Recruits prepare their M-16A4 service rifles for a drill movement Sept. 15.