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Recruit Luke Z. Liery, Platoon 1043, Charlie Company, applies the finishing touches to the shine on the shoes he will wear at today's graduation ceremony.

## Son follows father into Marine Corps

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Recruit Luke Z. Liery, Platoon 1043, Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, is the son of a retired Marine lieutenant colonel, and while

that may or may not mean anything to a civilian, it carries weight with Marines.

As a teenager, Liery said he admired the way his father carried himself in his service uniform. He explained he chose to join the Marines because he noticed Marines carried them-

selves differently from the other military branches and believed they acted in a much more confident manner.

Although Liery received a scholarship to The Citadel, a military school with various Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs, he explained

the school couldn't guarantee he would be accepted into their Marine specific ROTC and decided to turn down his scholarship to enlist in the Marine Corps.

From the beginning, his drill

see SON ▶4

## Charlie Company Marines take a 'moto' run



*Cpl. Jericho Crutcher*

Marines of Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, run in formation as their drill instructor calls cadence during a motivation run at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 4. After these Marines graduate recruit training, they are granted 10 days of leave before reporting to the School of Infantry for Marine Combat Training. Charlie Company graduates today.

### BRIEFS

#### Gate 4 Closure

The start date for renovation to the depot's Gate 4 has been moved to June 22 instead of June 1. The gate will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic until construction is completed in December.

During Gate 4 renovation, operating hours of Gates 2 and 5 will be as follows:

#### Gate 2:

Open 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
seven days a week

#### Gate 5:

Open 24 hours

#### Retiree Fair & Seminar

The depot will host the annual Retiree Fair and Seminar tomorrow at the depot theater. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m.

The fair and seminar is free and open to all active duty military and retirees, and their family members.

Get legislative updates on benefits and entitlements. Engage one-on-one with various agencies that specifically support veterans whether still on active duty or retired.

The Resource Fair is geared toward anyone who has retired, is looking to retire, or is simply seeking information to prepare themselves for the future. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

For information, contact Barbara Padilla at (619) 524-6780 or via email at [barbara.padilla@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:barbara.padilla@usmc-mccs.org).

#### Father's Day Barbecue

The depot's Bay View Restaurant is scheduled to host a Father's Day Barbecue Buffet June 21 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The menu features barbecue chicken, baby back ribs and gourmet hot dogs.

There will be potato salad, coleslaw and baked beans; a condiment table; and an ice cream sundae bar. Lemonade and fruit punch will be served.

Cost is \$15.95 for adults and \$8.95 for children 5 to 11. Children under 5 dine for free.

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U.S. Marines with Company A, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force – Darwin, exit a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, MRF-D, during a refueling and transport operation May 22 at Mount Bunday Training Area, Northern Territory, Australia. Two CH-53Es picked up and transported approximately 140 Marines from Robertson Barracks to MBTA to begin Exercise Predator Walk. The exercise is a three-week bilateral training evolution with the Australian Army and enables Marines to become familiar with and improve their knowledge of the Australians' technical and tactical procedures and standard operating procedures to strengthen interoperability.

## Marines ensure deployment is smooth over Australia

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*Marine Rotational Force Darwin*

**MOUNT BUNDEY TRAINING AREA, NORTHERN TERRITORY, Australia** – U.S. Marines with Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Rotational Force – Darwin, conducted refueling and transport operations with two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters May 22 at Mount Bunday Training Area, Northern Territory, Australia.

The CH-53E's picked up and transported approximately 140 Marines from Robertson Barracks and transported them to MBTA to begin Exercise Predator Walk.

"Today was the beginning of Predator Walk and is the first joint coalition exercise between the Australian Defence Force and the MRF-D Marines," said Capt. Kevin Roche, operations officer for HMH-463, MRF-D, and a native of St. Louis, Missouri. "We transported Marines from Company A in three waves down to the Mount Bunday training area and they will be out there executing missions with the ADF and other Marines."

As the aviation combat element for the MRF-D Marine Air-Ground Task Force, HMH-463 provided the ground units with assault support by transporting personnel and equipment to designated landing zones.

"We are the sole air transport and our entire mission is to support (Marines) on the ground in order to support the MAGTF commander, Lt. Col. Eric Dougherty," said Roche. "We mostly do heavy lifting of cargo, assault support, which is moving Marines around the battle space, and refueling."

The exercise is a three-week bilateral training evolution with the Australian Army and enables Marines to become familiar with and improve their knowledge of the Australians' technical, tactical and standard operating procedures to strengthen interoperability.

"Marines will learn the basics of how

to set up a patrol base, operate out of it, do reconnaissance, contact patrols and ambushes," said 1st Lt. Timothy Rose, executive officer for Company A, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, MRF-D, and a native of Richmond, Virginia. "We will be working with the Australian Army for another exercise after the initial patrolling exercise, in which we are detaching a platoon (of Marines) with the ADF."

Marines were able to grasp the capabilities of the CH-53E as a quick trans-

port option, and some learned the basic fundamentals of controlling the helicopter during transportation or refueling at landing zones.

"From the big picture standpoint, the Marines got a good appreciation of the resources the ACE can provide," said Rose.

As Predator Walk continues, Marines will be working together with the ADF and other MRF-D assets to exercise the interoperability and the combined capability of a MAGTF.

Defense ties between the United States and our allies and partner nations are critical to regional security and cooperation.

"We were able to get the Marines into the zones where they needed to be and we will be doing a lot of exercises with the [ground combat element] and the ADF," said Roche. "Not only during Predator Walk, but (Exercises) Talisman Saber and Koolendong, and everyone at the ACE is excited to be working with the ADF."



U.S. Marines with Company A, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Marine Rotational Force – Darwin, set up a 180-degree security perimeter after a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter leaves a landing zone May 22 at Mount Bunday Training Area, Northern Territory, Australia.

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Recruits of Fox Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, examine an exhibit during their museum visit at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 27. The museum houses more than 2,000 artifacts that date from the early days of the Marine Corps to items in daily use today. Company F is scheduled to graduate from recruit training on June 12.

## Depot museum helps recruits learn Corps' history

STORY & PHOTOS BY  
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Many events have occurred since the birth of the Corps that have built and transformed it in to what it is today. Marines learn from history, and it is something that is taught throughout recruit training, not only at the classroom, but at the museum as well.

Recruits of Fox Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, learned the roots of Marine Corps history at the Marine Corps Command Museum during their visit at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 27.

Docents guided the recruits during the tour, each having his own way of teaching. All of them are Marine Corps veterans who have lived through the history dating back to the Korean War.

"What we do here in the museum reinforces their Marine Corps history," said retired Gunnery Sgt. Bob Bailey, docent. "We have real pieces of history standing here with the recruits and telling them things they actually went through."

Recruits visit sections including the Korean War, Waterhouse Room, Vietnam Gallery, World War II, Medals and Decorations, and Modern Warfare.

According to Bailey, he

doesn't want to let the recruits wander around the museum because he feels they learn more from looking at the pieces and hearing the history behind it. Recruits are led through guided discussions while in the museum with a docent, a Marine Corps veteran who has lived through history as early as the Korean War.

"It motivates me to see the organization that I am about to be a part of," said Recruit Austin J. Fugit, a native of Greenwood, Ind. "Hearing these stories and seeing these artifacts makes me want to earn my own place in history."

The museum itself houses more than 2,000 artifacts that date from the early days of the Marine Corps to items used today, which includes some interactive displays for recruits to use.

"We also use everything in the museum to motivate the recruits," said 80-year-old Bailey, a native of Pent Water, Mich. "In a few days, they will be setting out to begin the Crucible and become Marines."

After the recruits have completed the Crucible and have earned the title of Marine, they will be allowed to bring their families into the museum and teach them everything they have learned.

"The Marine Corps is built



A museum docent explains the different awards Marines have earned in the Corps to Fox Company recruits during their depot museum visit May 27. Once the recruits have earned the title Marine, they are allowed to bring their families into the museum and teach them about the history of the Marine Corps.

on history," said Bailey. "I use my personal stories to motivate them and let them know they are capable of making history as well."

Recruits of Fox Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, listen to a museum docent share his knowledge of

Vietnam during their museum visit at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 27. Sections of the tour include the Korean War, Waterhouse Room, Vietnam Gallery, World War II, Medals and Decorations and Modern Warfare. Today, all

males recruited from west of the Mississippi are trained at MCRD San Diego. The depot is responsible for training more than 16,000 recruits annually. Company F is scheduled to graduate from recruit training on June 12.

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instructors noticed something different about him that set him apart from his recruit peers.

"I made him a squad leader before I found out who his father was," said Sgt. Eric A. Newman, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1043, with a grin. "The platoon really liked him. They liked his leader-

ship by example, and I noticed that, and that's why I made his a squad leader."

Newman said he could see from the way Lierly conducted himself in recruit training that his father had a large impact on his character.

"He's one of the top recruits in the platoon for physical training, he's an expert on range, he's personable and compassionate. I'm sure his dad being a

lieutenant colonel had something to do with that," said Newman.

Lierly said he came into recruit training with the goal of obtaining a leadership role and believed if he took care of his fellow recruits and performed in the top percentile of the platoon's physical tests, he would be successful.

"It's easy to be a squad leader be-

cause I care more about the recruits in my platoon than myself," said Lierly, a Fresno, Calif., native. "This helps me, too, because after hikes when I'm checking on the others, I'm focused on them and not on any pain I might be in."

Lierly and the other new Marines of Charlie Company, graduate from recruit training today.