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Gate 5 is open Mondays- Fridays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (adjusted inbound during family day and graduation) and is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Contact the PMO desk sergeant at (619)524-4202 with questions.

Gas lane closure

All gas lanes will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Tuesday, Nov. 3 for annual testing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Museum Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

The MCRD Museum Foundation is scheduled to host its quarterly breakfast on Tuesday, Oct. 27, beginning at 7 a.m. at Duncan Hall Dining Facility. Col. Christopher Nash, commanding officer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion is scheduled as the guest speaker and will begin speaking at 7:30 a.m.

MCRD bids farewell to the Chevron

With history comes memories, and the Chevron newspaper has plenty of both. Although the life of the Chevron has come to an end, there's still plenty of room to reminisce.

On behalf of the Chevron Staff, past and present, we say our final goodbyes to the Chevron newspaper at MCRD San Diego with this final edition.

The Chevron began Jan. 10, 1942, as a way for news to be passed to those around the depot. Through more than 75 volumes and numerous editions, the paper has provided a plethora of information about the Marine Corps, and fundamentally, recruit training.

“I remember it being 22 pages on average,” said Ellen M. Guillemette, historian, MCRD San Diego

Command Museum. “It also used to be published on Saturdays instead of Fridays.”

Over the years, Chevron staff members have had many experiences with the paper, and memories of its different phases still remain.

“[I remember one Thursday], my computer was [running] slow, and so a Marine from Information Technology Support came in and [accidentally] erased everything, including that week's paper,” said Sgt. Pete Voss, former Chevron staff member. “[That night], from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., the entire Chevron staff, fueled by Mountain Dew, worked together to ensure the paper was reconstructed and delivered to the printer in just enough time to get it to the graduating class that

Friday morning.”

Through the years, staff members have dedicated themselves to getting articles and material to fill the Chevron pages and get it published on time.

“[There was a time when] the whole crew spent an entire weekend at the Weapons and Field Training Battalion [at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.] following the first Crucible with the media,” said Staff Sgt. Brandon Swenson, former Chevron staff member. “We ended up sleeping on cots in the classrooms down there. I'm sad to see the old paper go.”

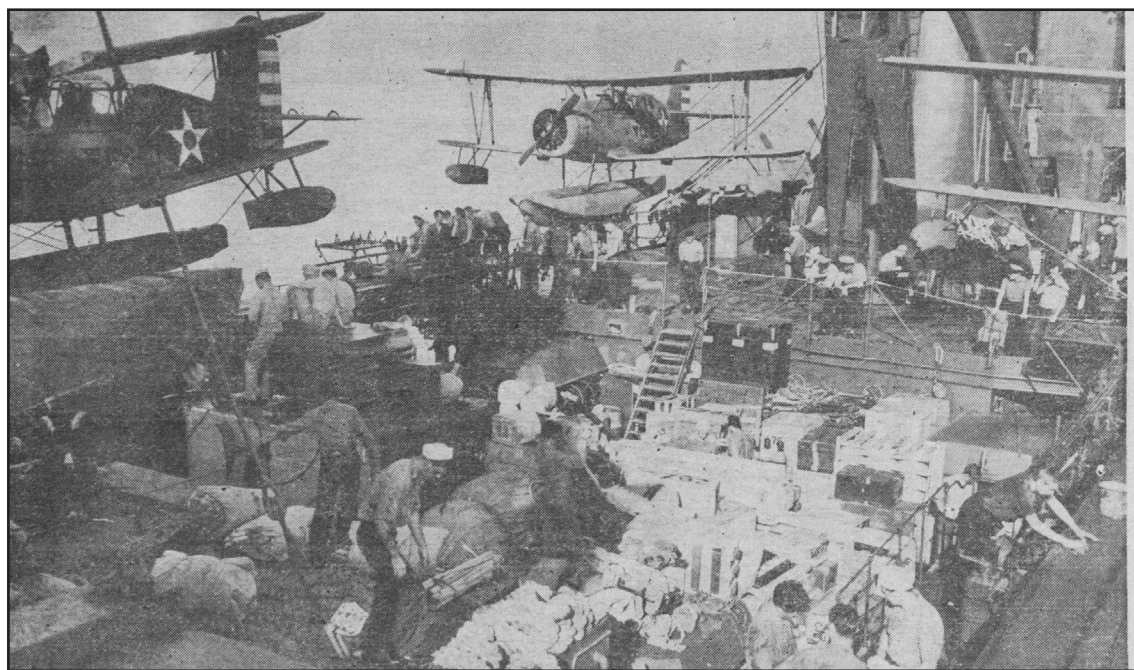
Gradually through the years the Chevron has downsized in length, and its main focus has centered itself on recruit training.

“It's probably a result of [the transition to] social media,” said Guillemette. “Since the mid-1990s, the Chevron has included things such as the graduation lists with the platoon rosters of the Marines graduating that week, and I suppose that'll be one thing leaving, too. I actually read the Chevron online every week, so I'm going to miss it.”

As the Public Affairs Office transitions to a digital/social media medium, we bid farewell to the paper many have read over the years.

For the final edition, we'll be taking a look back and highlighting the Chevron one last time by revisiting works from the past. Enjoy the “mashup” version of the Chevron, mixing features from the past and present.

Packed from stem to stern with [Marines] and equipment, one of Uncle Sam's many transports cruises to an island in the South Pacific where it will unload cargo that will blast [the Japanese]. Identical to the many ships that have left since the bomb was dropped on peaceful Pearl Harbor 10 months ago, this transport is the answer to enemy aggression (Oct. 31, 1942).



Mike Co. undertakes SDI inspection



Sgt. Rolando S. Morales, drill instructor, Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, challenges a recruit's bearing during the senior drill instructor inspection at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Oct. 9. Drill instructors create a high-intensity, high-stress environment to introduce the recruits to some of the elements found in combat. Mike Company is scheduled to graduate Dec. 11, 2015. (Official Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Benjamin Woodle)

H Co. sights in on rifle range

STORY & PHOTO BY
CPL. JERICHO CRUTCHER
Chevron staff

Once recruits reach the second phase of training, they take on the challenge of becoming a rifleman at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Recruits of Hotel Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, were taught the basic fundamentals of firing the M16-A4 Service Rifle during Grass Week under the instruction of Marines known as primary marksmanship instructors.

The marksmanship instructors teach recruits the fundamental techniques such as breathing control, stability and how to properly squeeze the trigger.

“Every Marine is rifleman,” said Recruit David A. Busenbark. “It's a basic standard every Marine needs to be proficient in to protect each other and to protect our country.”

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Once PMIs completed the classroom instruction, recruits moved to a semi-circular area to begin snapping in, allowing them to practice the fundamentals they had just learned. The area surrounds a white barrel painted with different size targets. The targets simulate what they look like from distances of 200, 300 and 500 yards, the exact distances recruits will use when firing.

Recruits spend several hours snapping in, which allows them to gain confidence in different shooting positions as well as muscle memory and helps become comfortable in the different positions.

“The fundamentals feel uncomfortable at first, but after you’ve been in each position for long periods of time, it starts to fill like second nature,” said 24-year-old Busenbark. “The all-around training we receive for the range builds us as sound marksmen.”

Once Grass Week is over, re-



Lance Cpl. Toby R. Baker, marksmanship coach, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., helps Recruit Dalton H. Kirksey apply the proper marksmanship fundamentals during Rifle Week at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Oct. 8. The coaches spend one entire week with their recruits making sure they are comfortable with their weapons and they understand the fundamentals of shooting. Hotel Company will graduate Nov. 20, 2015.

cruits move on to Firing Week where they apply the fundamental marksmanship principles they learned on a live-fire range and qualify with their weapon with their weapon in order to move forward with training.

“It starts and ends with the basics,” said Recruit Shelby M. Jones.

“The instructors break the fundamentals down for us and coach us through every step of shooting.”

During rifle qualification, recruits fired the M16-A4 service rifle from the 200, 300 and 500-yard lines utilizing four different shooting positions: standing, kneeling, sitting and prone.

Firing Week is the first time recruits are able to fire their weapons in recruit training. They are given several days to polish their skills before recording an official score.

Qualifying is not only important for recruits in order to continue with training as Marines are required to qualify annually to ensure they are combat-ready, proving the saying that every Marine is a rifleman.

Throughout Rifle Week, recruits plot all of their shots into a data book, which depicts where their shots impacted the target. This helps recruits make the appropriate adjustments for a more accurate shot.

Lessons learned during grass week and firing week of recruit training are used throughout a Marine’s career. For that reason, it is important for recruits to retain all the knowledge PMIs teach. With the instruction and coaching, recruits are set up for success to move forward in becoming United States Marines.

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1. Members of the Guard Detachment at Camp Matthews try a quick draw-rapid fire shoot on the new course. 2. Col. Moser and Capt. W. W. McMillan, OIC for the project discuss methods of firing. 4. L-R: MSgt. R. D. holding the pistol. 3. SSgt. Jones, Capt. McMillan, SSgt. A. W. Hauser, MTU, coaches G. H. Rauch and CWO R. F. Snyder, Camp Rice, all on the testing team, talk over some of their problems with Col. Moser.

Last week Col. R. D. Moser, chief of the Marksmanship Branch, HQMC, dropped in at Camp Matthews during a tour of West Coast rifle ranges to check the progress of a new combat type confidence pistol course currently being refined by the Marksmanship Training Unit for eventual use as an addition to the regular Marine Corps Pistol Qualification course.



Red and white battlefield: One of the last Marine units to withdraw from North Korea fights a rear-guard action against overwhelming forces of Chinese Reds (Jan. 5, 1951).



Recruits of Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, conduct Water Survival Basic Qualification at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Oct. 14. Recruits were instructed to not touch the bottom of the pool at any time during the swim or they would instantly fail and have to return for remedial training and try again. Mike Company will graduate Dec. 11, 2015. (Official Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jericho Crutcher)

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Pvt. D. S. Mol	Pvt. B. D. Colton	Pvt. J. Rios	Pvt. D. B. Hirsch	Pvt. J. A. Voigt	Pfc. M. Moore III
Pvt. E. Moran	Pvt. J. G. Corey	Pvt. B. T. Schmid	Pfc. J. P. Huertamoreno	Pvt. J. L. Ward	Pfc. M. F. Moore Jr.
Pvt. M. A. Najar	Pvt. A. R. Cotter	Pvt. H. D. Seifert	Pvt. N. A. Johns	Pfc. C. Y. Wen	Pfc. S. B. Moore
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Pvt. P. S. Niesen	Pfc. J. B. Damian	Pvt. M. M. Smith	Pvt. B. A. Jones		Pvt. D. L. Murphy
Pvt. J. E. Noll	Pfc. J. A. Damron	Pfc. F. V. Spangler	Pvt. T. Krakovszki	Platoon 1027	Pfc. N. C. Nelson
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Pvt. T. R. Reede	Pfc. A. A. Enriquez	Pvt. N. M. Stewart	Pfc. J. E. Laspisa	Pfc. A. A. Alters	Pfc. A. S. Nunes
Pfc. O. R. Salinas	Pvt. J. A. Estrada	Pvt. H. P. Talavera	Pvt. R. R. Leon	Pvt. K. J. Badgero	Pvt. F. J. Olivares
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Pvt. M. X. Shank	*Pfc. C. J. Franzenburg	Pvt. J. N. Tinsley	Pfc. E. G. Lopez	Pvt. K. J. Bea	Pvt. C. R. Ortega
Pvt. D. K. Shaw	Pfc. L. A. Frink	Pvt. R. K. Toyama	Pvt. T. D. Lynch	Pvt. J. A. Belknap	Pvt. J. S. Phahongchanh
Pvt. J. A. Shepard	Pvt. J. A. Fuentes	Pvt. J. M. Vaca Jr.	Pvt. G. S. Malhi	Pvt. J. H. Brewer	Pvt. L. B. Powers
Pvt. J. E. Shipman	Pvt. J. A. Fuentes	Pfc. P. Villagomezaguilera	Pfc. J. M. Marquez	Pvt. G. L. Brockett	Pvt. J. B. Richards
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Pvt. D. J. Sturgeon	Pfc. C. W. Harrison	Pvt. J. M. Weaver	Pvt. O. M. Mejiacortes	Pvt. C. Cabeza	Pvt. L. M. Ruessler
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Pvt. R. R. Toews	Pvt. J. N. Hudson	Pvt. T. J. Wortmann	Pvt. B. R. Mooney	Pvt. A. J. Clark	Pfc. L. Seutafili
Pfc. S. M. Verdugo	Pvt. J. Jiminez Jr.		Pfc. C. L. Moore II	Pvt. C. L. Cornell	*Pfc. L. S. Shell
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Pvt. N. F. Welch	inoirothschild	Pfc. A. J. Albright	Pfc. C. L. Noble	Pvt. D. S. Cruzmenendez	Pvt. M. K. Smith
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Pfc. A. N. Willkom	Pvt. J. B. Maciel	Pvt. M. S. Berthelotte	Pvt. A. Palomino	Pvt. H. Garcia	Pfc. T. W. Tritle
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Pfc. D. L. Yancey	horquez	Pvt. K. M. Blecha	Pvt. C. W. Peck	Pfc. J. M. Gidley	Pvt. L. F. Valdovinos
Pfc. M. C. Ylag	Pvt. M. M. Martinez	Pvt. R. X. Bonillalim	Pvt. T. E. Perkins	Pvt. M. L. Gosline	Pvt. E. M. Wallace
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	Pvt. A. N. McNeill	Pvt. N. M. Brame	Pvt. J. G. Qualkenbush	Pvt. J. R. Hall	Pfc. D. A. Webber
Platoon 1025	Pfc. J. Mendoza	Pvt. J. T. Burton II	Pvt. R. L. Quinn	Pvt. N. R. Hardin	Pvt. J. E. Welch
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Pfc. A. J. Aguilar	*Pfc. R. Monterorincon	Pvt. J. C. Castro	Pfc. P. P. Rael	Pfc. G. K. Hensley	Pvt. J. A. Wright
Pvt. I. Aispuro	Pfc. S. M. Nash	Pfc. A. T. Chandler	Pfc. J. A. Ramos Jr.	Pvt. L. M. Hernandez Jr.	Pvt. J. A. Young

Proper uniform fitting through the years...some things never change

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One of the first things people tend to notice about a Marine is the uniform. Whether it is because of the form, fit or colors, Marines' style is easy to distinguish.

Recruits of Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, got their first chance to try on their uniforms and attended their first uniform fitting at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Oct. 14. The session lasted all day for the recruits and gave them a chance to get a taste of what wearing such a uniform is all about.

Recruits start by getting measured and trying on certain articles of clothing, and their measurements and sizes are recorded

on a slip of paper.

After recording their sizes, the recruits lined up to receive the uniform and returned to the designated area for changing, fitting and tailoring.

"At first, we weren't really focused on looking nice, but that kind of changes for some reason

when we get here," said Recruit Joshua G. Williams. "All of a sudden we're trying to look our best, and we're helping each other out, making sure there aren't any wrinkles anywhere."

This was the initial fitting for Delta Company recruits and they will return for a second time a couple of weeks before graduation for their final fitting.

"That's what I'm most excited about, getting to wear them for graduation," said Williams, a native of Bandera, Texas. "It's like, you put them on and you're almost immediately proud to be who you are when wearing them."

A recruit of Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, gets his uniform tailored during the first uniform fitting at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Oct. 14. Delta Company is scheduled to graduate Nov. 13, 2015.



JUST RIGHT. Before a recruit gets his clothing issue these days, each article is tried on to make sure it fits. Here Lt R. E. Backs checks the trousers of a recruit whose face is hidden; Sgt John C. Quintero checks the trousers of Pvt H. S. Langford. Pvt F. W. Nedel Jr. heads the line waiting to be checked.