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## Co. F recruits find their way through the Crucible

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA  
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Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, learned basic land navigation skills during the Crucible aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 10.

During land navigation, recruits are equipped with a compass, map, pen and protractor, they are expected to be able to find a point on the map and navigate that specific location.

"You need to be able to direct your team if technology fails," said Recruit Jess Christian, Platoon 2135. "It's a skill you can fall back to."

This will be the fourth and final time Co. F recruits have put their knowledge of land navigation to the test during recruit training.

"They need to be able to read a map and understand how to use a compass," said Gunnery Sgt. Enrique Lopez, drill instructor, Platoon 2135.

In second phase, recruits spent an entire day ensuring they could properly navigate between points on a map in the daytime and at night.

"The entire day is dedicated to land navigation, with classes in

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Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Recruits of Platoon 2135, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, use a compass as a straight edge to find their destination during the land navigation event during the Crucible aboard Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton April 10. During the land navigation event the recruits are put in teams of five. They are given a compass, map, protractor and pen, and have to find a specific location.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Capt. Lambrato Mathurin, follow series commander, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, inspects the M16A4 service rifle assigned to one of his recruits April 9, during the Series Commander's Inspection aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

## Inspection builds recruit confidence

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY  
*Chevron staff*

Desert combat utility uniform were pressed, M16A4 service rifles cleaned from being in the field the week prior and every recruit of Company B stood tall with confidence as Capt. Lambrato Mathurin, follow series commander, inspected recruits for the Series Commander's Inspection,

April 9, aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

Series commanders are officers who are in charge of half of a recruit training company. Through this inspection each series commander makes sure all recruits are learning the skills required of a basically-trained Marine.

During week three of recruit training,

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## Recruits learn to carry injured

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA  
*Chevron staff*

Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, attended their fourth combat care class during week three of recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 11.

During Combat Care IV, recruits learn how to safely carry injured comrades on the battlefield and how to make a stretcher with easily obtainable items.

"It's very important for Marines to understand and know carrying techniques like the back of their hands," said Recruit Will Boedeker, Platoon 1073. "If you're in combat you need to be able to carry your buddies to safety."

The three-hour class included slide shows, a lecture portion and practical application in which the recruits practice each method under the observation of a drill instructor.

"The classes give recruits detailed instructions on how to properly follow procedures and prevent further injuries," said Sgt. Javier Vallesparza, instructor, Academic Instructor Platoon, Support Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment. "When they go to the Crucible they will use these methods."

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Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Recruit Nicholas Wancho, Platoon 1073, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, fireman carries Recruit Kurt Hauser, Plt. 1073 guide, Co. D, 1st RTBn., during Combat Care IV April 11 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Recruits were taught the proper ways to carry their comrades on the battlefield during a three hour class. The class included slide shows, a lecture and practical application where recruits demonstrated the carries they were just taught under the observation of a drill instructor.

**NAVIGATION ◀ 1**

the morning and practical application after that," said Lopez.

On the Crucible, recruits are given a short period of instruction before they are directed to their starting point.

"If you don't know land navigation you're going to get lost," said Cpl. Adam Johnson, field instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. "You need to have a basic understanding of your tools. It should be second nature."

"When you're out on patrol and your GPS fails, guess what you have to fall back on?" said Johnson. "You still have to get the mission done."

In addition to the three times recruits are expected to actually walk to a location on a map, they were tested on it during their final practical examination. The final exam is a graduation requirement which tests them on everything they have learned throughout recruit training.

"Our drill instructors helped us by teaching it in the squadbays as well," said Christian.

This, however, is just day one of the Crucible. The Crucible is a 54-hour training exercise that tests recruits on everything they have learned throughout recruit training. Recruits must overcome both food and sleep deprivation while using teamwork to complete challenging obstacles.

This is the final test recruits are put through before becoming Marines.

"It's definitely mentally and physically challenging but if you keep a positive outlook you'll make it through," said Christian.

Once the recruits of Co. F become Marines, they will receive further instruction on land navigation during Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.



Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

**Recruit Wesley Harrison, Platoon 2135, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, leads his team through the land navigation event during the Crucible on Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. April 10. Recruits are taught basic land navigation so they can find their destination without the aid of a GPS.**

**CARRY ◀ 1**

The Crucible is a culminating event that requires recruits to go through a 54-hour field training exercise that tests them on all they've learned in recruit training while maintaining a combat mindset.

"These classes are designed in case they are in a combat zone," said Staff Sgt. Fernando Madrigal Jr., senior drill instructor, Co. D, 1st RTBn.

Not only could this knowledge help the recruit to save a life some day, it is also part of the final practical exam recruits receive and must pass before graduation. Their drill instructors go over all the knowledge recruits learn every day to make sure they're well-prepared.

"We've gone over it every day this week so far," said Boedeker, 24, a Decatur, Texas native. Company D is currently on their second week of recruit training.

The practical exam consists of a written and hands-on portion to ensure the recruits are able to perform each step of the combat care techniques they have learned in class as well as skills they will learn over the coming weeks.

"It's one of those things that if you don't practice it enough you'll lose it," said Madrigal. "You have to keep going over it. It should be second nature when it comes time to execute it."

Throughout recruit training, Co. D recruits will receive six formal classes on various combat care topics, such as dressing wounds, making splints or treating burns. They will be expected to apply knowledge of these skills during their final training event, the Crucible, which is scheduled to begin June 11.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

**Capt. Lambrato Mathurin, follow series commander, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, steps in front of a recruit April 9 during the Series Commander Inspection aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Recruits perform "inspection arms" when their series commander steps in front of them during inspection. Their M-16A4 service rifle is then looked over for cleanliness, uniforms must be properly taken care of and the recruits must be able to answer basic Marine Corps knowledge questions.**

**INSPECTION ◀ 1**

Co. B experienced their Senior Drill Instructor's Inspection. This helped prepare them for what their series commander would be looking for during his inspection. The Series Commander Inspection gives Co. B drill instructors a chance to show their officers what they have taught recruits up to week eight of recruit training.

"This inspection shows our series commander what type of product we're putting out into the Marine Corps," said Staff Sgt. Bryan Rivas, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1033.

When the series commander steps in front of a recruit, the recruit is expected to perform "inspection arms" properly to show that the weapon is clear of ammunition and safe for handling. This is a drill movement that involves pulling the bolt to the rear, checking the chamber for rounds and allowing the series commander to grab the rifle from the recruit's hands.

Mathurin inspected each recruit's M16A4 service rifle for cleanliness.

"We spent a lot of time breaking down the weapons to clean them and practicing inspection arms with our drill instructors," said Recruit Cody Stephens, Plt. 1033. "Our drill instructors take care of us by

making sure we're prepared before any task we're given."

Once Mathurin inspected each recruit's weapon, he handed it back and asked basic Marine Corps knowledge questions. This shows the knowledge recruits have retained during training.

"I usually ask them why they joined the Marine Corps. After, I ask basic knowledge," said Mathurin. "I watch to see if they maintain their bearing."

While asking questions the series commander inspects the recruit's uniform, looking for signs that the recruits take pride in their uniform. For a week prior to inspection recruits iron and clip hanging strings from their desert utilities.

They also make sure their covers are pressed and standing up straight.

"We look over each other," said Stephens. "We're a team and you're only as strong as your weakest."

After enduring all four inspections while aboard the depot, recruits are more confident in themselves. It is important recruits go through the numerous inspections so they realize how to properly wear each uniform. Once they are Marines they will be prepared for inspections held during their schools and duty station.

**BRIEFS****Month of the Military Child Child Abuse Awareness Month**

Join MCCS as the depot honors children in April.

Month of the Military Child celebrates and recognizes the importance of military children with special and fun events. For information, contact Tracy Corpa Family Team Building's Tracy Genica at (619) 524-8030/0916.

April is also Child Abuse Awareness Month. Learn about protecting children. Help educate the community about preventing child abuse. Keep children semper safe.

For more information, call Behavioral Health Services at (619) 524-0465.

**Baby Boot Camp**

Baby Boot Camp, a two-day class for first-time and expectant parents, is scheduled for April 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The event covers topics such as diapering, bathing and soothing an infant as well as what to expect during baby's first year and how parents can support growth and development.

Baby Boot Camp is held over two days every other month on MCRD. Upcoming dates are June 26 and 27, and August 28 and 29.

Both parents are encouraged to attend class. Discussions will include ways to balance the dual hat of being a military service member and a new parent. For more information and to register, call Behavioral Health Services at (619) 524-0465.

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

April is recognized nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The goal of SAAM is to raise awareness about sexual violence and to educate the community about sexual assault and how to prevent it. Throughout the month, there will be various educational events to support the prevention efforts recognized nationally. For additional information, call (619) 921-6346.

**Scam alert**

Some Marines and civilian employees have received "urgent and/or time sensitive" text messages and/or e-mails, allegedly sent from H&R Block requesting Block clients provide, update, or confirm sensitive data.

H&R Block does not send this type of message. These messages should be treated as scams. Recipients of suspicious e-mail should :

- Never respond to what appears to be a scam e-mail
- Never open any embedded links in suspicious e-mail
- Delete the apparent scam e-mail and then empty your Deleted Items Folder in Outlook
- Apply the same advice to apparent scam messages received on the home computer

**Self-Defense for Women Class**

A self-defense for women class is scheduled for April 28 from 9 a.m. until noon in Building 5E.

This class promotes personal safety for women including awareness, assertiveness, verbal confrontation skills, safety strategies, and physical techniques that enable a person to successfully avoid, prevent, escape and survive violent assaults.

Class space is limited and registration is required. Students must be 15 years of age or older.

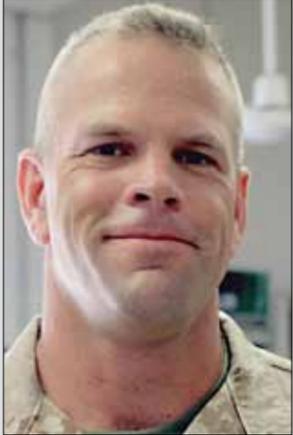
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## Around the depot

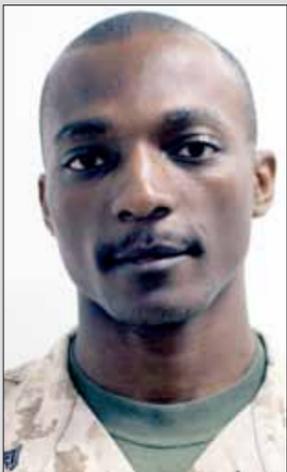
This week the Chevron asks: "What motivates you to be a good leader?"



"The opportunity to meet other leaders and to share my experiences with them." Lt. Col. Thad Trapp, executive officer, Recruit Training Regiment



"Taking care of my Marines and setting a good example for future NCOs." Cpl. Marissa Galindo, manpower clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"My junior Marines motivate me by encouraging me to be a good leader and a better Marine." Cpl. Dominique Jackson, finance clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion

## Running to the future



Sgt. James Hall

Officer candidates from Recruiting Station Orange County tackle the obstacle course on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., April 14. The candidates completed training and classes during the day to keep their knowledge sharp before completing Officer Candidate School.

## Military community can help prevent child abuse

BY TERRA PACK AND GRACE MONTGOMERY  
MCRD New Parent Support Program

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, the New Parent Support Program at MCRD encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our military community a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote children's social and emotional well-being and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities.

Research shows that when parents possess six protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth, and families are promoted. The six protective

factors are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional developmental well-being

This month is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children. Everyone's participation is critical.

The following organizations support community efforts to educate and raise awareness of child abuse.

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- The Children's Bureau
- The Office on Child Abuse and Neglect
- The Friends National Resource Center for Com-

munity-Based Child Abuse Prevention

- The Center for the Study of



Social Policy – Strengthening Families.

The Center for the Study of Social policy has created the Network for Action 2012 Resource Guide, a guide to information on preventing child maltreatment and promoting well-being. The guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to strengthen families, is available at <http://www.childwelfare.gov/prevention/prevention-month/guide2012>.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities during the month of April, and throughout the year, contact the New Parent Support Program at (619) 524-0805, or visit the Web site at: <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/BehavioralHealth/ParentSupportProgram/index.html>.



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Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Sgt. Luis Arteaga, right, drill instructor, Platoon 3250, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, encourages Recruit Rufus Cipriano, Plt. 3253, Co. L, 3rd RTBn., where to go next during Maneuver Under Fire April 12 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot. One portion of Maneuver Under Fire requires recruits to run with ammunition cans to a simulated grenade. Next, they throw the grenade, perform three push-ups and run back to the starting point.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Recruits from Co. L lift ammunition cans during the second exercise of the Combat Fitness Test. The CFT is designed to test recruit's speed, strength and endurance.

## Final CFT shows Co. L's combat readiness

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUEY  
Chevron staff

Nearing the end of recruit training, Company L pushed through the Combat Fitness Test April 12 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

The CFT is made up of three fast paced tests, which are meant to simulate movements in combat. First recruits complete the Movement-to-Contact, which is an 880-meter timed run. Then they perform two minutes of ammunition can lifts followed by the Maneuver Under Fire, which consist of various combat carries, crawls and obstacles which are timed.

For the past nine weeks recruits of Co. L have trained hard for this test. Drill instructors pushed every last recruit to his physical limits to properly prepare them for the final test at the end of training.

Two weeks prior Co. L recruits did an initial CFT. This helped drill instructors gauge their recruits' fitness levels and helped the recruits improve the events they struggled with.

"We had the recruits do ammo can lifts, sprints and practice the fireman's carry regularly to make sure they were ready for today," said Staff Sgt. Juan Aguilera, drill instructor, Platoon 3249, Co. L, 3rd

Recruit Training Battalion.

During the Maneuver Under Fire recruits low crawl, high crawl and sprint cutting left and right around cones to get to their fellow recruit, a simulated casualty. Next, they buddy drag the casualty and fireman's carry him back to the starting point.

"The hardest part for recruits and Marines is usually the buddy drag," said Sgt. Will Johns, martial arts instructor, Martial Arts Satellite School, Recruit Training Regiment. "It's a lot of dead weight to carry, making it one of the hardest."

For the last part of the Maneuver Under Fire, recruits had to pick up ammunition cans, run with them to the end of the course, throw a simulated grenade, do three push-ups and then run back with the ammunition cans. If the grenade landed in a designated area, the recruit would get five seconds deducted from their

overall Maneuver Under Fire time. If it didn't they get five seconds added.

"The Maneuver Under Fire was the hardest part for me," said Recruit Steven Harrison, Plt. 3255, Co. L, 3rd RTBn. "It just has so many different exercises you have to do as quick as possible, it really tires you out."

Each recruit receives a score based on their times

and the amount of ammunition can lifts performed.

"This is the score that will follow them into their Marine Corps career," said Aguilera, "We want to make

sure they are at their top physical shape going into the fleet."

CFT training is one of the most vital parts of recruit training since the United States is currently at war. It is important recruits have an

understanding of what they might experience when in a combat situation, said Johns.

"This is just a taste of what they should expect," said Johns. "By time they're done with the CFT they're tired and get an idea how it feels to be combat-fatigued. This is what Marines are doing in combat."

During week 10 recruits will take their Physical Fitness Test. These two semi-annual test show different types of strength. While some Marines might be faster runners excelling on the PFT, that requires a timed three miles.

Slower runners might excel on the CFT since it is a shorter distance to run in boots and utilities, Johns explains.

Once they become Marines, the CFT and PFT are semi-annual requirements. These test scores will help them advance in the Marine Corps.

In one week, Co. L will be going to the Crucible to complete their final physical and mental test during recruit training.

The Crucible is a 54-hour evaluation where recruits are given minimal food and sleep and must complete several obstacles using teamwork. This is be their final test prior to earning the title "Marine".



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Staff Sgt. Anthony Rodriguez, right, a drill instructor with Platoon 3249, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, encourages recruit William Nelson, Platoon 3249, Co. L, 3rd RTBn., to high crawl faster during Maneuver Under Fire April 12 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot. One portion of Maneuver Under Fire requires recruits to low crawl, high crawl and sprint cutting left and right around cones to get to their fellow recruit, a simulated casualty. Next, they buddy drag and fireman's carry the simulated casualty back to the starting point.



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Recruit Carlton Mueller, Platoon 3249, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, throws a simulated grenade during the Maneuver Under Fire portion of the Combat Fitness Test April 12 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Maneuver Under Fire is one test of three that make up the CFT. After throwing the simulated grenade the recruits have to do three push-ups and then run back with ammunition cans to the starting point.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Recruit Stephen Hudgins, Platoon 3253, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion cuts left and right while running the Maneuver Under Fire portion of the Combat Fitness Test April 12 aboard the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He is running to a fellow recruit at the end of the course to combat carry the simulated casualty back to the starting point. Maneuver Under Fire is only one of three test that make up the CFT.



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Recruit Richard Pena, Platoon 3250, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, performs three push-ups during the Maneuver Under Fire portion of the Combat Fitness Test April 12 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Maneuver Under Fire is one test of three that make up the CFT. After throwing the simulated grenade the recruits have to do three push-ups and then run back with ammunition cans to the starting point.

# Tragedy inspires new Marine

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY  
*Chevron staff*

Life sometimes takes turns that shake one's foundation to the core, bringing about a life altering experience.

Pfc. James Hibler had a promising future ahead of him. He finished his bachelor's degree in criminal justice, patrolled with the Fort Worth Police Department for a few years, then he began the hiring process for a position with Homeland Security. With a single tragic event, the future he had planned was no longer what he desired.

April 6, 2011, Hibler received a call informing him that his longtime friend, Staff Sgt. Jeremy

Daniel Smith, was killed while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Six weeks prior, Hibler and the rest of Smith's friends and family said their goodbyes, anticipating Smith's safe return—after all, he had come home safely from three deployments prior.

Hibler couldn't believe the news. But once it was confirmed by a reliable source, he instantly found a new calling in his life.

That same day, he was face-to-face with a Marine recruiter. He was ready to join the same cause Smith had given his life for.

After attending Smith's funeral, Hibler said it was

obvious how respected Smith was for his dedication to his country. Seeing this helped reinforce just how much Hibler wanted to make a difference.

"Being at his funeral made me realize I had done a lot in my life, but I hadn't done anything that would make me feel as proud as I did about my friend," said the 27-year-old Arlington, Texas native.

With prior Marines in his immediate family, Hibler already had a positive view of the Marine Corps. His brother served four years as an enlisted Marine. Seeing the way his brother carried himself after joining the Marine Corps influenced his decision to enlist.

Hoping to make his family and friends proud, Hibler has done his best to display his leadership skills since arriving at recruit training 12 weeks ago.

"He's been the guide since Training Day One," said Gunnery Sgt. Enrique Lopez, drill instructor, Plt. 2135, Co. F, 2nd RTBn. "He's displayed all the qualities we look for in a guide. He motivates fellow recruits, gives them guidance and knowledge. He's a good leader."

The guide is chosen among 60 to 70 recruits by the drill instructors. He must display excellent leadership skills and lead fellow recruits throughout recruit training. It's a difficult position to maintain in recruit training and most recruits don't hold the title very long unless they excel in the position the way Hibler did.

"He's shown me how to be a leader," said Pfc. Preston Agaloff, Plt. 2135, Co. F, 2nd RTBn. "I'm fourth squad's leader and he has helped me excel in this position."

Squad leaders help the guide maintain structure in the platoon. They are also selected by their drill instructors for good leadership qualities. Hibler never hesitated to share his knowledge or time with fellow recruits.

"The recruits know they can always go to Hibler at any time, about anything, and he will help them," said Agaloff, the 18-year-old Seaside, Ore. native.

Now that recruit training is winding down for Co. F, Hibler will soon be a Marine and carry his leadership on to fellow junior Marines in the fleet.

"He's already experienced a

lot in life, giving him the ability to share his experience with fellow Marines," said Lopez.

Hibler has shown he's learned many valuable traits prior to coming to recruit training. This makes him a valuable asset to the Marine Corps if he continues to uphold his leadership skills.

"I wanted to try and bring my leadership skills I had gained from patrolling with law enforcement officials to the Marine Corps," said Hibler, Platoon 2135, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

Co. F graduates April 20 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Hibler and the rest of Co. F will go on to complete Marine Combat Training at Marine Base Camp Pendleton. Hibler will then be trained in the military occupation of enlisted aircrew, where he hopes to excel in his new job and help others. He will continue honoring Smith's memory through his service.

"My friends-one-year anniversary since his death was just a few days ago," said Hibler, "Being at recruit training during his anniversary makes me reflect on what I'm doing with my life now and why it's important."



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

**Recruit James Hibler, Platoon 2135 guide, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, climbs the cargo net while on the Crucible April 10 aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The 27-year-old decided to enlist in the Marine Corps after already achieving a bachelor's degree because he wanted to do something that would make his family and friend that died proud of him.**



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

**Recruit James Hibler, Platoon 2135 guide, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, secures the area April 10 aboard Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Hibler has displayed excellent leadership skills since at recruit training. He has been Plt. 2135's guide since training day one, which is a hard title to maintain.**

## Sgt. Maj. Juan M. Hidalgo

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Sergeant Major Juan M. Hidalgo was born and raised in San Diego. In 1984 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Upon completion of recruit training Hidalgo was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class. He reported to the Armor School at Fort Knox, Ky., for the Basic Tank Crewman Course. Upon completion he was meritoriously promoted to lance corporal.

Hidalgo next reported to Recruiting Station San Diego as a recruiter's aide. Upon completion of this tour he was meritoriously promoted to corporal.

In 1985 Hidalgo reported to 1st Tank Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he served as a gunner, tank commander and section leader. He was promoted to sergeant in 1988.

In October 1989 Hidalgo received orders to MCRD San Diego. He was assigned to Alpha Company 1st Recruit Training Battalion. While at MCRD, he served in Alpha Company and Receiving Barracks as both a drill instructor and senior drill instructor.

In January 1992 Hidalgo reported to Company C, 3rd Tank Battalion, Twentynine Palms, Calif. During this tour he served as a platoon sergeant, platoon commander, tank leader and was selected and promoted to staff sergeant.

Hidalgo reported to Marine Detachment Fort Knox, Ky., in February 1995 as a primary military occupational specialty instructor. During this tour

Hidalgo served as a tank commander, section leader, tank leader and special projects staff noncommissioned officer.

In August 1998 Hidalgo reported to Company B, 1st Tank Battalion, Twentynine Palms. At this time he served as a platoon sergeant and company master gunner.

In 1999 he was selected and promoted to gunnery sergeant. He then served as company gunnery sergeant/1st sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company.

In December 2002, Hidalgo was assigned to Company A and, in January 2003, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon his return Hidalgo was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion-10, 1st Force Service Support Group, Twentynine Palms, as the support company first sergeant.

In September 2004, Hidalgo returned from OIF 2 to serve

as the battalion sergeant major of Combat Service Support Battalion-10.

In July 2005, Hidalgo reported to MCRD San Diego, where he was assigned to Company F, Second Recruit Training Battalion. While at MCRD, he served as the company first sergeant, Company F.

In January 2007, Hidalgo reported to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, Camp Pendleton. During this tour he deployed in support of OIF 06-08.

In August 2008 Hidalgo reported to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force.

In March 2010, Hidalgo assumed his current duties as sergeant major, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force.

Hidalgo's personal decorations include the

Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars in lieu of fourth award with Combat "V," Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars, Army Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.





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 Pvt. D. D. Shell  
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 Pvt. D. A. Ford Jr.  
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Staff Sgt. Jason Borski, drill instructor, Co. I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, calls cadence while marching his platoon during Initial Drill April 14 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Through drill, recruits learn discipline, which instills instant-willing obedience to all lawful orders.

## Co. I recruits compete for honor platoon through initial drill

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Silence falls over the parade deck as the recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion stand at parade rest in a formation, patiently awaiting an order. The only voice they listen for is that of the unit leader, their drill instructor who stands at attention paces away.

With a deep breath, he calls, "Fall in!" and the recruits immediately pop to attention and confidently march over to the designated area where their performance begins.

Recruits of Co. I, 3rd RTBn, compete against other platoons through Initial Drill in their third week of recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 14.

Marines must know how to follow lawful orders instantly because in combat situations, following orders can mean the difference between life and death.

"Close order drill is a basic tool used to instill discipline in recruits," said Staff Sgt. Robert Jackson, drill master, 2nd RTBn. "It teaches them instant obedience to all orders, whether it's in the form of a drill movement or an order from their drill instructor."

From the moment a recruit steps foot on the depot, one of the main traits that is instilled into his body and mind is discipline.

"Through drill, recruits are taught discipline," said Staff Sgt. Jason Borski, drill instructor, Platoon 3215, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. "It teaches them military bearing, how to work together and move as a platoon and allows individual weapon handling."

In the earlier weeks of recruit training, recruits learn the

fundamentals of close order drill. They are taught basic drill movements that allow the unit leader to move the platoon from one place to another in a standard and orderly manner, while maintaining military bearing and appearance.

"Drill takes practice, constant corrections and a lot of discipline," said Borski. "You can definitely see the progression over the weeks."

At the end of Phase One, recruits must show how much knowledge they've retained and perform during Initial Drill. A drill master, a Marine has been deemed an expert in drill and ceremonies, judges the overall presentation of the platoon, as well as the unit leader.

"Initial drill is an evaluation of basic drill movements that the platoon has learned in their first few weeks here," said Jackson, a 29-year-old Hoopa, Calif. native.

Before the evaluation begins, the unit leader draws a drill card at random. Each card has different drill movements which test the unit leader and platoon on how confidently they can perform.

The platoon as a whole is judged on the flow of the performance. They are graded on how they execute drill techniques, whether they have excessive movements, their display or lack of confidence and how well they follow orders without hesitation, said Jackson.

In addition to overall performance, the platoon is graded on personal-hygiene, their inspection-ready combat utility uniforms and the cleanliness of their M16A4 service rifles.

The unit leader is also graded with the same requirements, but mostly on how confident he can control his platoon.

"Leading the platoon with confidence is important," said



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Recruits of Platoon 3215, Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion stand at the position of attention while awaiting an order from their drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Jason Borski, during Initial Drill April 14 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Initial Drill is an event that evaluates basic drill movements recruits have learned during their first weeks of recruit training.

Borski, a 29-year-old Portland, Ore. native. "If you don't show the platoon you're a confident leader, they won't listen to you."

With practice and correction, drill instructors of Co. I showed the recruits the importance of initial drill. Showing the recruits that the drill instructors want to perform flawlessly makes them want to perform too, said Borski.

Although it seemed like endless practice, the recruits stayed motivated to prove to their drill instructors that they wanted to perform and win. Initial Drill is the first of many events throughout recruit training that platoons compete against each other to determine

which will graduate honor platoon.

"We would practice during fire watch," said Recruit Ernesto Camacho, Plt. 3215, Co. I, 3rd RTBn. "It took a lot of hard work, dedication and motivation to get to where we are today."

Through this dedication, recruits also learned the importance of bearing and instant-willing obedience.

"The hardest part for me was wanting to fix myself after I realized that I screwed up," said Camacho, a 19-year-old Los Angeles native. "We needed to wait to be corrected by our unit leader."

The recruits also learned the importance of teamwork. Drill

builds camaraderie by teaching the recruits how to work together. Recruits take initiative and start to motivate others by helping them practice.

"It was the first time that we all went from individual recruits to a platoon," said Camacho.

Drill is a constant in recruit training. It is used to march the recruits to chow, class and to other events. In their tenth week of training, the recruits will compete in final drill, a culminating event to perform the more advanced drill movements they have learned. Initial drill is just the first of many challenges that Co. I will face in the next weeks of recruit training.