

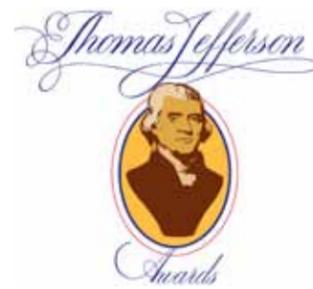
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Recruits prepare for chaotic combat environment

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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The leadership trait judgment is the ability to think clearly and sufficiently even in a confusing,

hostile environment. Being able to count on knowledge, experiences and training will allow one to act correctly and make the right choice.

During the Crucible, a 54-hour field training exercise, recruits of

Company C, 1st Recruits Training Battalion, must use their best judgment to work together and complete the missions at hand.

They are tested on the skills and knowledge they've retained since the first day of training and

are expected to apply them with little to no guidance from their drill instructors.

“We're not here to give them the answers,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Riggs, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1054, Co. C.

“The Crucible is their time to show us what they've learned and if they can act accordingly.”

One of the events they must endure is Copeland's Fire Team Assault Course at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“The assault course simulates a chaotic combat-zone and lets the recruits maneuver as a fire team,” said Riggs, a 28-year-old Los Angeles native. “This prepares them for combat and allows them to practice communication and movement through an urban environment.”

Sounds of simulated gun fire and explosions replaced what was once silence. Co. C recruits ran the course in teams of four and began to maneuver their way through obstacles, which included trenches, barbed wire, tunnels and walls.

“This course puts us in a combat mindset,” said Pfc. Jeremy Sanders, Plt. 1054. “We have to treat it as a real situation and overcome being tired and hungry to complete the mission.”

Recruits work together and use verbal commands to push through the course.



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A recruit sights in with his M16-A4 service rifle while going through Copeland's Fire Team Assault course July 26 at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. The course allows recruits to apply teamwork and tactical movement so they can make it through the course.

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Recruits inspected for bearing, confidence

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
Chevron staff

Their stoic appearance resembled statues as the recruits of Company B were being tested on bearing, Marine knowledge and confidence.

Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, were in formation and evaluated on how they responded to questions from their series commander aboard Marine Corps Recruit

Depot San Diego, July 30.

When called upon recruits shouted their names and platoon number before Capt. Lamberto E. Mathurin, series commander, Company B, quizzed them on questions like, who the Commandant of the Marine Corps was, their rifle serial number and the general orders.

One by one each recruit was questioned and evaluated. Some performed louder with more

crisp thorough answers, but all accomplished the mission.

“The lesson to be learned here is the importance of bearing and confidence,” said Mathurin. “Even if you don't know an answer, if you sound confident it goes a long way with the Marine in front of you.”

Many of the recruits answered Mathurin questions with similar answers.

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Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Capt. Lamberto E. Mathurin, Bravo Company Follow Series Commander, questions recruits during a July 30 inspection.

Firing week builds recruit marksmanship, confidence

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
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The smell of gun powder filled the morning air as the recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion sent rounds down range during Firing Week July 17 at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Learning and applying the fundamentals of marksmanship is a graduation requirement for recruits. The scores they receive during recruit training transfer over to the fleet when they arrive at their first duty station as Marines.

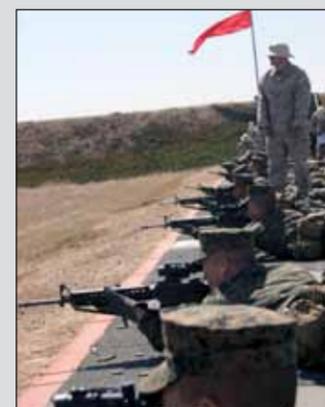
Although learning to fire the M16-A4 service rifle is a requirement, it is also used as a way to build self-confidence in recruits who have never handled a weapon before.

“Firing Week is a big moral and confidence booster for the recruits,” said Cpl. Francisco Cortes, marksmanship coach, Weapons Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. “Especially if they're in the infantry; it'll give them self-assurance that they'll be able to protect

themselves and others.”

One week prior, Co. B went through Grass Week. Primary marksmanship instructors dedicated themselves to teaching recruits the fundamentals of firing the M16-A4.

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Marksmanship coaches at Edson Range are dedicated to guiding and assisting recruits with applying the fundamentals of firing a weapon. For a week, they spend everyday with their recruits making sure that they are comfortable with their weapons and that they understand what they're doing.

Blue Jean Warriors



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Approximately 20 citizens with a joint civilian orientation conference go through recruit training exercises such as the bayonet assault course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 25. Drill instructors guided them every step of the way and at times even ordered them to repeat exercises if not done with intensity. Civilians also had the opportunity to fast rope down an 80 foot tower.

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"Why did you join the Marine Corps?" was a question Mathurin asked to many different recruits and many times the answer was either, "to be the best" and or to "challenge myself."

However one recruit replied with a unique answer, "to make money." The answer appeared to shock Mathurin for a second before he replied, "That's the most honest answer I've heard."

"The recruit gave a legitimate, honest answer," said Mathurin. "Not to say that answers like I want to be the best in the United States is not. But it sounds more

believable when someone says they want to make money or wear dress blues. It takes some fortitude to say something like that and I like that. It shows they can speak their mind in a tactful manner without sugar coating it and it shows confidence, that's a good thing."

Recruits explained that being singled out was something that threw them off and were not used to.

"It's different than your routine with your platoon. You're singled out in an inspection. It's one on one and we don't usually see officers," said Recruit Taylor J. Green, Platoon 1021, Co. B. "I'd give myself a six on my performance but I

think I'm capable of a 10. I think by the next time we do this my confidence will be there and I'll be more comfortable. It's still kind of nerve wrecking at this point."

Some recruits felt more at ease than others. For Recruit Gino C. Garcia, squad leader, Plt. 1021, his experience with the event gave him the confidence to perform well.

"I felt my bearing has improved. I now know how to answer a question without stuttering or hesitating. I was scared before because I didn't know what to expect. But being a Marine is about becoming a man and fighting for your country."

CRUCIBLE ◀ 1

"They're able to learn how to keep a low silhouette, check for booby-traps and use vocal commands to communicate with each other," explained Riggs.

Although the actual training of the event is important, what emotions and feelings the recruits take away from the experience is also a big part of the Crucible.

"The idea of the course is to give the recruits a sense of realism," said Riggs. "At each event

there is a citation of a Marine that has done commendable in their career; there is always some form of relevance."

Navy Cross recipient Sgt. Willie L. Copeland III's remarkable actions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom is the reason for the course's namesake. Copeland led five Marines across an open field to engage the enemy.

During this time, his commanding officer was wounded and Copeland knowingly placed himself in danger to aid

and evacuate his Captain and conducted the withdrawal of his team.

Copeland's experience and judgment allowed him to act accordingly and safely remove his team from danger.

The recruits took this citation to heart because their drill instructor, Sgt. Christopher Thompson, had met a humble Copeland while in the fleet.

"Hearing the way Sgt. Copeland carried himself and how modest he was meant a lot to me," said Sanders, a 21-year-

old Anaheim, Calif., native. "I think we were able to relate more to the citation and event because our drill instructor met him."

Completing the assault course allowed Co. C to move on with the Crucible to the culminating event of the 10-mile Reaper Hike. Co. C now holds the title of Marine and with the leadership traits instilled through the Crucible, they will continue with their training and journey of being a United States Marine.



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A recruit low-crawls underneath barbed wire as he goes through Copeland's Fire Team Assault course July 26 at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. The course gives the recruits a sense of realism as they maneuver their way through trenches, over walls, through tunnels to complete the course.

BRIEFS

Back-to-School Fair

Come to the Fieldhouse Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a school readiness resource fair filled with great information and fun events for the kids! Children's activities will include demonstrations by Military Working Dogs. For more information, call MCRD's School Liaison Officer, Elfredia Hines, at (619) 524-0916.

Baby Boot Camp

Come to Baby Boot Camp, a class for first time expectant parents about your new baby. Topic include diapering, bathing, and soothing an infant. Discussions will also cover what to expect in the first year and how parents can support growth and development.

The class is one day every other month. The August class will be held Aug. 29.

Both parents are encouraged to attend.

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

New offices

The Civilian Human Resources Office has moved, and is now operating from Building 7 West, behind the library.

For more information, call HRO at (619) 524-8775.

MCRD Titans football

Titans football team is looking for players.

This is open only to MCRD active-duty personnel.

Season play starts in August with games at Camp Pendleton. Tryouts and practices will begin soon.

For more information, contact Coach Charles White at (619) 524-8172, (760) 550-7861 or via email at charles.d.white@usmc.mil.

Education office resumes regular office hours

The Education Office, building 111, has resumed regular office hours.

The office is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Academic counseling, scholarship information, class schedules and other assistance is available by calling James Brooks, education officer, at (619) 524-8158; or Annie Villalon, education specialist, at (619) 524-1275.

Military Spouse Career

Advancement Accounts

MyCAA is back and is available to spouses of service members in pay grades E1 to E5, W1 to W2 and O1 to O2, beginning Oct. 25 at 8 a.m.

Eligible spouses will receive a total of \$4,000 in DoD-funded financial aid, with an annual cap of \$2,000 per fiscal year.

- Spouses must use the funding within a three-year time period from the start date of the first class

- Funds must be used in support of an associates' degree, licensure or certification

Career counseling will be available.

For more information, contact Mina Threat at (619) 524-1283.

Veteran Affairs Office

A representative from the Department of Veteran Affairs is available on the depot at Personal & Professional Development, Building 14, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please call Robert Hill at (619) 524-8233.

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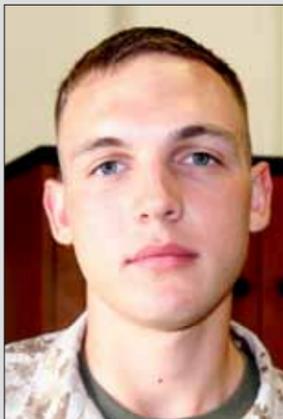
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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "Do you plan to re-enlist? Why or why not?"



"I plan on re-enlisting. I want to lateral move to the legal field because my major is in law and it'll give me experience."
 Lance Cpl. Rose Phillips, postal clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"Yes. I've always wanted to be a Marine. I couldn't see myself doing anything else." Lance Cpl. Hayden Howard-Browne, combat photographer, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"I don't plan on re-enlisting because I took advantage of the skills that my job in the Marine Corps gave me. I'm using them to be one step ahead in my future career." Lance Cpl. William O'Donnell, customer service, Facilities Maintenance



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

From left to right, Petty Officer Third Class Loc Nguyen, religious programer, Pfc. Breanna Rivera, administrative clerk, Gunnery Sgt. Erwin Jumawan, operations chief, and Lt. Stephen Brown, Chaplain, all with 2nd Recruit Training Battalion volunteered their time to clean Breaker's Beach July 26 aboard Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, Calif. All service members are encouraged to participate in the beach clean ups because it boosts morale for the unit and allows an escape from the work environment.

Beach clean up allows service members relaxing day

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
 Chevron staff

The demanding work schedule of service members aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot can sometimes be stressful and repetitive. That is why there are programs and events that allow them to escape their work place to participate in activities and give back to the community.

Marines and sailors of 2nd Recruit Training Battalion gave back to the community July 26 as they cleaned Breaker's Beach aboard Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, Calif.

"The main purpose of this is to give service members the opportunity to get out of the office, get fresh air, relax and support a good cause," said Lt. Stephen Brown, 2nd RTBn Chaplain. "Cleaning this military beach allows us to give back to our community."

The Breaker's Beach clean up was the first of many to come throughout the year and although it is 2nd RTBn event, all military members of MCRD are encouraged to participate, explained Brown, a 42-year-old Mission Viejo, Calif., native.

"I want other commands see us out here and notice how it creates a relaxed work

environment, builds camaraderie and boost morale," said Brown.

During their lunch hours, Marines and sailors from 2nd RTBn made the trip out to Breaker's Beach, equipped with garbage bags and plastic gloves to clean the beach.

The serenity of the ocean waves, cool breeze and sunshine gave volunteers a relaxed peace of mind as they picked up loose trash around the beach.

"It's nice to get out and breathe in the fresh air," said Pfc. Breanna Rivera, administrative clerk, 2nd RTBn.

Cleaning up the beach offers us a lot of volunteer opportunities and experiences."

Although the Breaker's Beach clean up allows the service members of 2nd RTBn an escape from their work environment, the main goal is to encourage other units to be involved.

Family members are also invited so that service members and their loved ones can enjoy a day on the beach, explained Brown.

"Of course it'll start small, but little by little we hope to see everyone come out here and join us," said a hopeful Brown.

The Breaker's Beach clean up is scheduled to be a monthly event and can be attended by any service member, civilian and their families aboard MCRD.



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Pfc. Breanna C. Rivera, a 2nd Recruit Training Battalion administrative clerk, was one of the Marines who volunteered to help clean Breaker's Beach July 26. The Breaker's Beach clean up, scheduled as a monthly event at Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, is the first of many beach clean up events that will occur this summer.



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Company H drill instructors, run recruits through a bayonet assault course July 24. The instructors made sure recruits held their weapons correctly throughout the exercise. The bayonet assault course was followed by training with pugil sticks to further their training in close quarter combat.



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Staff Sgt. Leon S. Parker, staff non-commissioned officer in charge of Martial Arts Satellite School, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, gives a class on various bayonet techniques to Company H recruits.



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Staff Sgt. Leon S. Parker, staff non-commissioned officer in charge of Martial Arts Satellite School, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, discusses how to properly use the bayonet to Company H recruits aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego July 24. Parker also stressed to recruits the importance of taking advantage of all the learning opportunities recruit training has to offer.



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Co. H recruits face off and trade blows during pugil stick combat training. Recruits are guarded by helmets, mouth pieces and protective clothing during training. Fellow Co. H recruits watch from ringside while awaiting their turn to enter the ring.

Company H recruits attack each other with pugil sticks.

Recruits get warrior intensity with pugil sticks, bayonets

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
Chevron staff

From the crucible to drill everything a recruit is asked to do is for a purpose. Sometimes that purpose is revealed by their drill instructors and sometimes it is left up to the recruit to figure out and understand.

Recently Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, were told to run through a bayonet assault course and afterwards enter a ring for a pugil stick fight July 24.

Prior to the pugil sticks exercise Staff Sgt. Leon S. Parker, staff non-commissioned officer in charge of Martial Arts Satellite School, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, taught Co. H recruits how to properly use the bayonet.

Before having the recruits

practice and run through the assault course he talked to them about the importance of using every bit of recruit training to receiving free money and explained that just like we would be sure to value and appreciate every dollar, we should take advantage of every opportunity recruit training provides.

“By utilizing every second of recruit training you are becoming a warrior,” said Parker. “Imagine someone gave you \$86,400 with the catch of having to spend it by noon the next day. Just like you could account for every one of those dollars you have to account for every second in the day.”

Dozens of plastic bayonets pointed to the sky like an angry mob waiting to attack. Though, however it may appear, the crowd with toy weapons in their hands were being

introduced to close quarter combat skills, not mob mentality.

Once Company H recruits were given a demonstration of how to run through the bayonet assault course they were lined up behind a wooden wall and sent through the exercise in groups of three aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 24.

Shouting from start to finish, the recruits carried their plastic weapons in and out of trenches, slashed tires and shouted combat rushing commands to fellow recruits.

The bayonet assault course did not last long but the intensity and speed at which it was completed made five minutes look like 25. Recruits finished out of breath and drenched with sweat.

After a quick cool down, rifles were put down and helmets, protective armor and pugil sticks

were picked up. Recruits circled a ring awaiting their turn. Although hardly a word was said by recruits the non-verbal communication was apparent each time a recruit was pegged with a direct hit.

Drill instructors shouted at recruits encouraging them to be more aggressive. Excitement could be heard in their voices as they tried to squeeze maximum effort out of each recruit.

For many Co. H recruits, getting in a ring with protective gear and being told to attack a fellow recruit with a padded stick was the first fight of their lives.

“I’ve never been in a fight,” said Recruit Alex M. Moser, Platoon 2161, Co. H. “Pugil sticks were a first for me and it was kind of hard to fight with gear wrapped on like a diaper. It was fun though and I definitely would want to do it again. You can

only learn so much from video games and movies.”

In the ring there are two major rules. One – if a recruit is down it means the end of the match and two – a direct hit to the head is considered a kill shot.

Two-by-two recruits took turns punishing each other. Some recruits approached the fight timid and cautious while others attacked like rabid dogs as if born for it. Recruits banded away at shoulders and blocked thrusts like a sword fight. Helmets let out a crack when hit.

“I think it’s important to have this experience because you have to get over getting hurt and get over the fear of getting into contact with somebody,” said Recruit Gustavo A. Argueta, Plt. 2161, Co. H. “I’d like to see it a little longer and with take downs involved. It would add to the experience.”



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Company H recruits practice their bayonet slashing techniques on tire targets on the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego bayonet assault course, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 24. Recruits were given a class on how to properly carry bayonets and on various attack techniques. After completing the assault course, recruits were matched up against each other with pugil sticks for further training in hand-to-hand combat.



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Helmets and protective gear are laid out for recruits. Recruits use the equipment during combat training with pugil sticks. A head strike or a fall, or intervention by a drill instructor, marked the end of each match.



Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

Co. H recruits try for a fight-ending shot to the head during pugil stick training. A head blow is considered a kill shot with pugil sticks, and immediately ends a bout. A knock down ends the fight as well.

Recruit learns what it means to be Marine Corps leader



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

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The path of least resistance always appears to be the easiest way to achieve your goals. For Pfc. Jonathon Townsend, Platoon 1049, Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, his determination and attitude drove him to defy what others would assume about his future and accepted the challenge of earning the title Marine.

"I wasn't on a set path in life," said Townsend, 19. "I didn't want to fall down the wrong path either; I've always been one to shatter stereotypes and overcome difficult obstacles."

The Aurora, Colo. native worked in the food court of the University of Northern Colorado while he attended the university for a degree in criminal justice in August 2011. After one semester, Townsend felt that it wasn't really for him and later quit his job.

"I ended up spending all my money on unnecessary things," explained Townsend. "Not going to school made me feel like I failed myself."

He moved on, living a nomadic life, sleeping couch to couch. As independent as he was, Townsend still felt that he depended on others to get by.

"I sought self-reliance," said Townsend. "I was very independent, but I still relied on other people to live."

Gaining an intuitive grasp of reality, Townsend knew that he had some growing up to do. He saw the personal changes in his friends who enlisted in the Marine Corps and wanted that for himself.

"I wanted to be challenged like they were; I wanted to take that difficult path and better myself overall, not just physically but mentally," said Townsend.

Townsend swore in to the United States Marine Corps in March 2012, and shipped off to recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on May 7.

Once aboard the depot, Townsend had difficulty adjusting to the atmosphere of recruit training. Unlike most recruits, who have a hard time dealing with the culture shock, Townsend had an attitude about training.

"I was very stubborn," explained Townsend. "It was hard to take it seriously sometimes."

Townsend held the billet of squad leader, one

of five positions for recruits who show leadership traits. Although he held this billet, his attitude made it difficult for him to lead and he was soon fired.

"I can tell he wanted it; he wanted to be a Marine and he wanted to be a leader," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Blas, senior drill instructor, Plt. 1049. "But he was very immature about training and I made sure he knew why he was getting fired."

Townsend soon found himself back to square one. His senior drill instructor explained to his recruits that they don't want to leave recruit training the same person they were when they came here.

"I kind of took what he said to heart because he knew that I wanted to change and that I didn't want to go back into that downward spiral," said Townsend.

With his senior drill instructor pushing him toward success, Townsend turned his attitude around and learned what it meant to lead by example.

Blas, an Oak Harbor, Wash., native, explained that in the platoon's second phase of training, Townsend was re-hired to squad leader, began to realize his purpose and stepped up his game.

"It started clicking for him, said Blas, 28. "He already knew how to survive on his own and I had to make him stop thinking about himself and start thinking about the platoon."

Townsend soon began taking charge and helping others in the platoon. He learned how to communicate with others and would go out of his way to help and correct his fellow recruits, all the while leading by example.

"It was a complete transition; he grew up a lot," said Pvt. Will Rodgers, Plt. 1049. "From the way he carries himself to the way he spoke to us, we all look up to him."

Townsend's overall attitude change allowed him to complete recruit training and walk away with more than his earned Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

"Things in life aren't handed to you, if you want it, you have to work for it," said Townsend. "You always have to push yourself to improve and be better than you were the day before."

With his new found self-reliance, confidence and the title Marine, Townsend moves on with his military career. His next assignment is to Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

FIRING 1

The recruits spent hours practicing positions, going through dry-fire, and went through a simulated course of fire in the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer.

"Once the recruits have learned the basics, it's our job to help them relax and apply what they've learned," said Cortes, an Anaheim, Calif., native.

The marksmanship coaches at Edson Range are there to serve one purpose, to guide and prepare each recruit for qualification day through constant safety, supervision, and encouragement.

"Usually the first day the recruits are nervous, even afraid of the weapon," said Cortes. "We try to clear their mind by encouraging them and keeping the environment positive, which is something

they're not really familiar with from their drill instructors."

Cortes explained that Firing Week gives the recruits a break from training because all they have to worry about is shooting at targets and qualifying.

"The coaches make us feel really relaxed when we're learning to fire," explained Recruit Mathew Guzman, Platoon 1025, Co. B. "They're able to explain to

us the fundamentals in ways that we can relate to help us understand."

Coaches also reiterate the importance of marksmanship training in the event a Marine gets called to combat. Every Marine must know how to operate a weapon so they can support the mission.

"Everything they learn in recruit training can be applied

to their career in the fleet," said Cortes. "If they remember the basics, they'll be able to be successful."

The recruits of Company B went through their rifle qualification July 20. With the continuous support and guidance from their marksmanship coaches, each recruit was able to qualify and move on with their journey in becoming a United States Marine.

Brigadier Tim J. Bevis, Royal Marines

Parade Reviewing Officer

Brigadier Tim J. Bevis, a citizen of the United Kingdom, joined the Commando Training Centre, Royal Marines where he received his commission in 1982.

Bevis served as a company officer in 40, 42 and 45 Commandos and Comacchio Group Royal Marines. This period included tours in Northern Ireland and the normal round of NATO, amphibious and environmental exercises.

After Junior Staff training and a tour as an instructor at the School of Infantry, Bevis joined Headquarters Commando Forces and then Headquarters Royal Marines (HQRM) as staff officer operations (overseas exercises).

In 1993, Bevis moved to Germany as a company commander with the 1st Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, in the Armoured Infantry role. This assignment included an operational tour of Bosnia.

In 1995, Bevis underwent staff train-

ing at the Royal Naval Staff College Greenwich. He completed the King's College Master of Art degree in Defence Studies.

He was appointed as an operations staff officer at the Permanent Joint Headquarters in 1996, working on the Gulf and several African operations. On promotion he moved back to HQRM as the staff officer responsible for force evolution to 'Commando 21,' and the Rapid Deployment equipment enhancement packages.

Bevis then joined the Joint Command and Staff College as directing staff and campaign planning author, urban warfare instructor and organizer of the international urban warfare seminar.

In 2002, Bevis took command of 45 Commando Group, providing elements to simultaneously cover Gulf War tasks and the firefighters' strike, before re-constituting the Commando and deploying to Northern Ireland for the final Commando tour.

On promotion to colonel, Bevis served in the Ministry of Defence from 2004 as the deputy director, Operations and Plans, mobilizing reservist for Iraq,

Afghanistan and the Balkans.

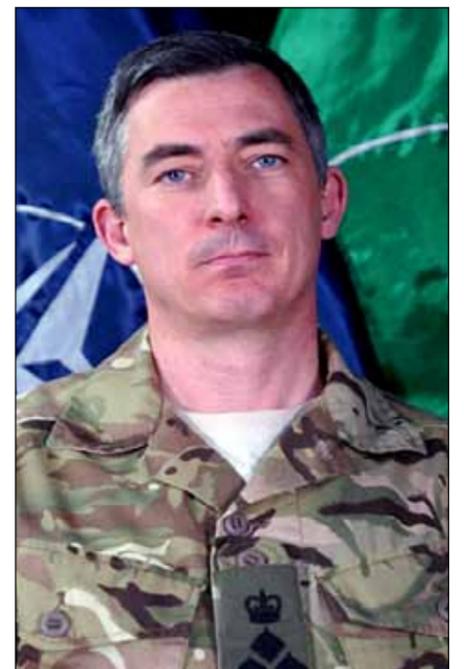
In 2006, Bevis was appointed Deputy Commander of Regional Command South in Afghanistan as it expanded from a brigade to a division. Upon his return to England in 2007, Bevis was the Hudson Naval Fellow at St. Antony's College, Oxford. He then became chief of staff to the Joint Forces Headquarters, where he deployed or lead headquarters or tailored teams to a number of directed tasks in the Gulf, Levant, Africa and Haiti. Bevis also attended the Higher Command and Staff Course during this tour.

In September 2010, Bevis joined Navy Command Headquarters as the team leader of Royal Marine Manning and Personnel Strategy and as a Royal Marine Strategy Group member.

Appointed to the role of director Strategic Transition and Assessment Group at Headquarters ISAF in early 2011, Bevis provided assessments and wargame support to Headquarters NATO, and was the primary staff officer for transition, forming and driving a combined staff system with the Afghans and briefing COMISAF and Afghan Ministers on tranches, implementa-

tion and the likely reactions of troop contributing nations.

Bevis assumed command of the Commando Training Centre in May 2012.





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Company H recruits climb ropes using techniques taught by their drill instructors July 26. Rope climbing was the last segment of the depot obstacle course used in recruit training. Other exercises included buddy dragging and jumping over logs.

Recruits use technique over brute strength



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A Company H recruit drags his buddy, a simulated casualty, during buddy dragging exercises, July 26. Buddy dragging was one segment of an obstacle course that also included rope climbing. Drill instructors made the recruits focus on technique rather than rely on their arm strength.

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Anyone can attempt a Marine Corps obstacle course, but without proper technique they would probably have a difficult challenge.

Recruits from Platoon 2166, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, took the techniques taught by their drill instructors and at times made jumping over logs, and climbing ropes look easy aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, July 26.

Recruits utilized techniques nick named the college boy roll, chicken wing, the S method and the J hook. Both the college boy roll and chicken wing are special techniques taught to recruits to help them either over or through metal bars seven feet high, and the J and S method are different ways to climb rope.

Without proper technique, the obstacle course would be much more difficult.

"The hard part is getting your technique down and not using your arm strength all the time," said Recruit Antonio A. Adrianzen, Plt. 2166, Co. H. "But

once you get the technique down it's fairly easy. It's fun and a good learning experience. It makes you more confident knowing you can do something if you put your mind to it. You just feel better about yourself."

For some recruits the thought of falling more than ten feet to the ground can be scary. For others, not so much. One recruit explained it was what they are taught which makes them feel safe in what they are doing.

"Falling never crossed my mind. I figured if I kept pulling I would be fine. It's not really that hard as long as you have the determination," said Jose E. Ortiz, squad leader, Plt. 2166. "I think it's a good exercise because it requires skill, you can't just muscle it."

Company H Drill instructors watched recruits throughout the exercise and gave instruction when recruits showed poor form.

"Get up there!" was a common saying among the drill instructors.

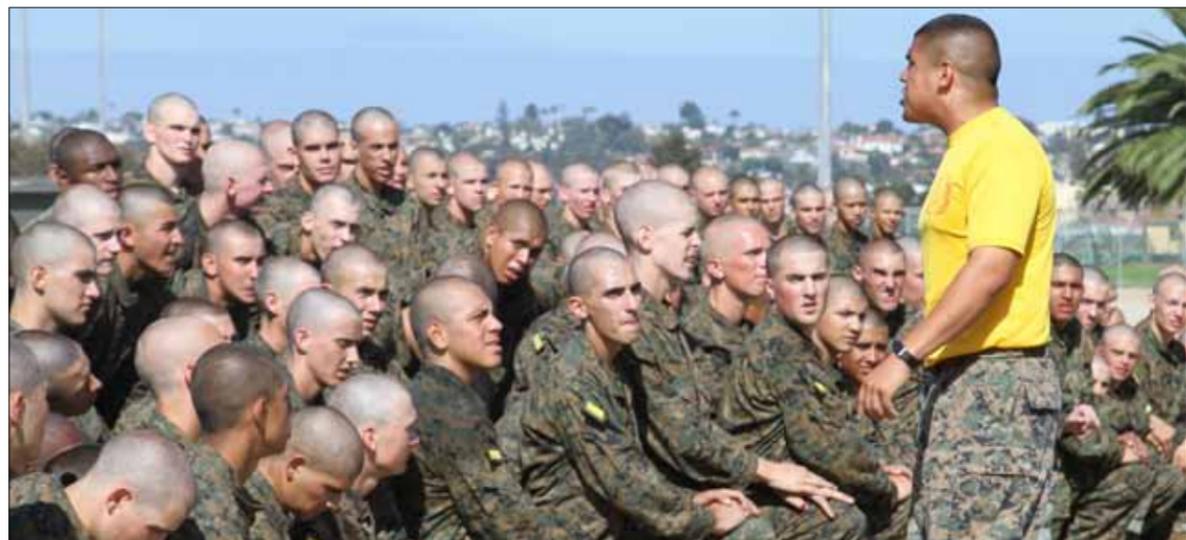
Although recruits did not carry knives or rifles through the course drill instructors believed the obstacle course still sent a good message to recruits about combat.

"It shows them how to keep a low profile whether they're here or in combat. Also the rope causes you to think strategically," said Staff Sgt. Mathew L. Medina, chief drill instructor, lead series, Company H. "It shows you how to focus on technique. You see them progress from the first time they do this. They realize they can't just depend on their strength to get them through this, but on their technique that their drill instructors taught them. It's one of the stepping blocks for recruits to realize that the drill instructors teach you things you can use."

When the last of the recruits finished, the strongest recruits were chosen to compete through the course once more. Recruits dashed through each obstacle with ease. But when they reached the last obstacle, the rope, the value of technique became visible for all the recruits to see.

The recruits who used their arms to pull themselves up the rope tired first, while others who also used their feet were able to keep going and finish.

The winner wasn't the biggest recruit, just one who used the fundamentals he was taught.



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Staff Sgt. Mathew L. Medina, chief drill instructor, lead series, Company H, talks to recruits about discipline prior to having his strongest recruits compete against each in an obstacle course. Medina and other Co. H drill instructors made sure that recruits used proper technique on the course.