



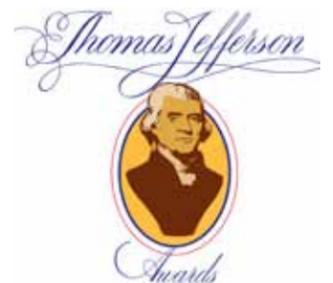
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Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez

Marines of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, crowd around Gunnery Sgt. Scott C. Chromy, drill master, 1st RTBn, before practicing their graduation ceremony Aug. 27. The new Marines completed the final challenge of recruit training, the Crucible, the week before and earned the Marine emblem, the eagle, globe and anchor.

Co. B completes recruit training, graduates today

BY CPL. MATHEUS J. HERNANDEZ
Chevron staff

During recruit training, the final challenge all recruits must face before earning the title United States Marine is known as the Crucible, a 54-hour long training exercise that challenges recruits both physically and mentally.

On Aug. 19, recruits of Company B, 1st recruit Training

Battalion, left to endure the Crucible aboard Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and on Aug. 25, they returned as Marines.

The event, which involves food and sleep deprivation and the completion of various obstacles for the potential Marine to endure, has been a rite of passage for all Marines since it was created December 1996.

“As a company, our expectations were for them to push

through the training as a whole unit,” said Staff Sgt. William A. Getts, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1026, Co. B. “They needed to go out there and give it everything they had and a lot of them did.”

Before leaving, some recruits expected the training to be difficult and prepared to be challenged, according to Pfc. Frank

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Recruits take time from training to learn Marine Corps history

BY CPL. MATHEUS J. HERNANDEZ
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Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, attended a class to further their knowledge of Marine Corps history during recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Aug. 16.

The class provided insight to previous operations Marines took part in such as Operation Urgent Fury, Operation Just Cause, non-combat operations in Liberia, Operation Desert Storm/Shield, Operation Restore Hope, Operation Support Democracy and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The class even discussed current operations in Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom.

Recruits attended several other classes during the course of their training and have been educated on the overall history

of the Marine Corps.

“It’s very important to know the history of operations that took place in Marine Corps history,” said Recruit Emmanuel Guzman, Platoon 1003, Co. A. “Especially, now that we’re a part of this organization.”

Stories of Marines and their efforts during peacetime and in war are often shared through the grapevine, but not everyone knows the true facts, according to Guzman, a Chicago native.

“My uncle was a Marine, and I never really knew some of things that he had experienced during Operation Iraqi Freedom, until this class,” said Guzman.

Although, knowing the facts and statistics from previous operations can be helpful, some recruits believe it’s important to know the strategies that took

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Recruits go heads up in pugil stick arena

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
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Recruits put on protective gear with intensity in their eyes similar to a boxer before a fight. Recruits were then paired by weight and given a stick with padded ends to fight one another. Pair by pair recruits ran into a small arena looking to hit their opponent in the head or knock them to the ground for a winning blow.

Despite the aggressiveness of the exercise both drill instructors and recruits of Co. I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, learned a lesson in the training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 21.

Sgt. Christian M. Hutson, drill instructor, Platoon 3203, Co. I said they’re learning how to apply Marine Corps Martial Arts techniques into a combat scenario.

“You never know when you can be in a hand-to-hand combat situation,” said Hutson. “The recruits now know techniques to use should that situation arise.”

Hutson added, the exercise also provides an opportunity to let out some built up tension.

“A lot of the kids look forward to pugil sticks. It’s a way to get

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Cpl. Walter D. Marino II

A company I recruit swings for a finishing strike during a pugil stick competition Aug. 21. A head strike or an opponent knock down signifies a win for the attacker.



Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, attend a class on Marine Corps history during recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Aug. 16. The class provided a history of previous operations Marines took part in, as well as current operations in Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom.

Painting Depicts History



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

An open house was held at the depot's Command Museum Aug. 28, for a mural painted by Cpl. Jesse Alwin, reproduction specialist, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Company. The 6 by 12 foot mural titled "California Campaign: La Ultima Resistancia (The Last Stand)," depicts the Battle of La Mesa near present day Vernon, Calif., on Jan. 9, 1847, during the Mexican-American War. In the battle 457 Americans, mostly on foot and armed with rifles, faced 600 Californio mounted troops armed with lances. This was the last armed resistance in the war, to the American advance in California. The museum staff wanted to add to an exhibit focusing on the Mexican-American War, and provided Alwin with historical information concerning the Marines and local Californians of that period. Joanie Schwarz-Wetter, education specialist at the Command Museum, explained that the mural is beneficial to the exhibit dedicated to that time, because museum patrons include grade school students who study the Mexican-American War, and the image will help students picture and understand California's role in the war. Alwin said that the mural has been on display for about a week and has been getting positive reactions. "It was a great experience," said Alwin. "All the museum people have been very helpful." Alwin, who has some formal art training from the Minneapolis College of Arts and Design, said that he learned most of what he knows while an apprentice to his uncle, well known Western Artist Ron S. Riddick of Tuscon, Ariz. The mural can be viewed at the museum during regular operating hours; 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The museum is closed Sundays and on federal holidays, and on occasional Saturdays. For more information contact the museum staff.

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R. Reina, Plt. 1026, a Palmdale, Calif., native.

"Going into it, I knew it was going to be challenging. Having to work as a team was tough at first. Everyone's miserable and everyone wants to take charge. But as time went on, the recruits realized that it got easier if they started working together," said Reina. "It was definitely a challenge both mentally and physically, and it was a good opportunity to get to know my squad and platoon."

Some recruits that hadn't necessar-

ily stood out through recruit training stood out as they endured the Crucible such as Reina, according to Getts.

"He took charge a lot. He had no previous billet, but still presented himself as a leader," said Getts.

Not only did Reina's senior drill instructor see the change during the Crucible, but so did some of his peers, according to Pfc. Johnathon W. McEntire, Plt. 1026, a Sheridan, Ark., native.

"Reina definitely stood out and took roles as a leader," said McEntire. "Almost every recruit had the opportunity to be a squad leader or a fire team leader at some point, and some recruits

stood out more than others."

As recruits faced the reaper, the last portion of the Crucible, they held it together and completed the training as a whole company, what they intended to do, according to Getts.

"They faced the Crucible together and came out together; exactly how it should be," said Getts.

"Morale is definitely boosted now that they have become Marines. They just faced the culminating event of recruit training, and I think they have a good idea now of what it can be like to be challenged physically and mentally in the field."

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out some stress," said Hutson.

This was the third time Co. I recruits completed the exercise. For some it was an opportunity to finish the series with a winning record and for others it was a chance to make their drill instructors proud.

"I was hoping to make our drill instructors proud because they are away from their families just like we are away from ours," said Recruit Jacob Baber, Plt. 3203. "They're taking care of us like their kids, so I wanted to make

them proud like a parent."

Drill instructors stood overlooking the event similar to boxing trainers as they gave pointers to their recruits and shouted words of encouragement before the competitions started.

"You better win," said a drill instructor. "Run straight at him," said another.

For some recruits simply winning the exercise for themselves was motivation enough.

"I lost the first, won the second and I believe I'll win the third one," said Recruit Cesar Alvarado, Plt. 3202, Co. I "Fundamentals are what make you

successful. Yes strength helps but technique will be what helps you win."

The wins and losses were recorded for each platoon's third pugil stick exercise. The platoon with the most recruit wins will receive a pugil stick trophy.

One drill instructor believes strength will be big advantage for his platoon.

"From lead series I think it will be my platoon that'll win," said Hutson with a proud smile. "I'm not trying to be bias but I think it'll be our platoon because we have some very strong recruits."

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place, so Marines can learn from them, according to Recruit Robert Montgomery, Plt. 1003, Co. A.

"History tends to repeat itself and it's important to know what took place as far as operations go," said Montgomery, a Rockport, Texas native. "It gives us something to look forward to as well as prepare for. The more information we can get now, the more we can take from."

Toward the end of recruit training, recruits will be tested on their knowledge of Marine Corps history they learned during the classes, which will determine if they're able to move forward with training.

"As I'm giving the class, I make sure to emphasize on the things they will be tested on," said Staff Sgt. Valentin Monroy, the testing staff non-commissioned officer in charge, Academic Instructors Platoon, Support Battalion.

"I make sure they highlight the important stuff in their knowledge books as they follow along."

As the class came to an end, recruits left with a better understanding of the Marine Corps' operational history.

"The class went more in depth of the operation and it showed them how we've been involved over history," said Monroy. "The Marine Corps is all about tradition and it's important they know where we stand as Marines."

BRIEFS

New hours of operation

New hours of operation for the MCRD San Diego Vehicle Registration Office are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the PMO Services Officer, Police Captain Hudgins at (619) 524-8105, or via e-mail at michael.hudgins@usmc.mil.

Bootcamp Challenge Special

Active duty military members will be able to participate in this year's Boot Camp Challenge at a special lower rate of \$19 per person. The rate for DoD/NAFi personnel is \$39 per person.

Active duty personnel should contact Diana Vuong for the special promo code needed for the registration page.

For more information, contact Diana Vuong at (619) 524-8083, or via e-mail at vuongd@usmc-mccs.org.

Toddler training camp

A workshop for parents with children 12 to 36 months old has been scheduled by MCCS/MCRD Behavioral Health, for Wednesday from 9 a.m., to noon.

The workshop will cover stages of development, behavior management, activities for growth and enrichment, preschool readiness, dealing with deployment and other separations, potty training tips and preparing for siblings.

For reservations, registration call Behavioral Health Services at (619) 524.0465 or via the web at [http://www.mccsmcrd.com/BehavioralHealth/ToddlerTrainingCamp/index.html?](http://www.mccsmcrd.com/BehavioralHealth/ToddlerTrainingCamp/index.html?orhttp://www.mccsmcrd.com) or <http://www.mccsmcrd.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/mccsmcrdsd.mcftb?ref=hl>.

Drive-in movie double feature

The Single Marine Program is sponsoring a night at the South Bay Drive-in Theater in Imperial Beach Sept. 7.

The program, a double feature, will be determined.

Admittance is \$7. Space is limited. Departure is at 7 p.m. Return at 2 a.m. Make reservations today. Contact Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240 or at davisjp@usmc-mccs.org or <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/SingleMarineProgram/index.html> or <http://www.facebook.com/mccsmcrdsd.smp>.

Career and education fair

MCCR/MCRD is sponsoring a Personal and Professional Development Career and Education Fair on Sept. 19.

Those who attend should bring multiple resume copies.

Attendees will meet face to face with representatives from dozens of top employers.

Those interested in continuing education should bring copies of college transcripts and SMART documents.

For more Career Fair information call (619) 524-1283. For more Education Fair information call (619) 524 6865/1275/8158. Or contact <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/PersonalAndProfessionalDevelopment/CareerResourceManagementCenter/CareerFair/index.html> or <http://www.facebook.com/mccsmcrdsd.ppd>

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Around the depot

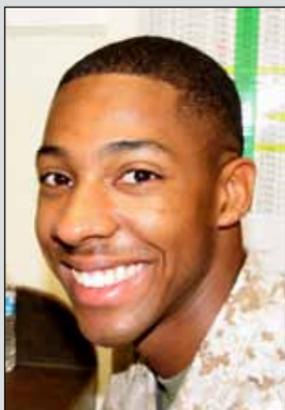
This week the Chevron asks: "What are your plans for Labor Day Weekend?"



"I'm going to Santa Barbara to hang out, relax and go surfing." Pfc. Hugo Galindo, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"I'm going to a music festival downtown." Petty Officer Third Class Lorenzo Von Matterhorn, hospital corpsman, Branch Medical Clinic



"I plan on having a family reunion and going to the studio because my mix tape comes out in November." Lance Cpl. Brooks Crittenton, postal clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



Courtesy Photograph

Marines who volunteered to assist at Comic Con 2012 through the Single Marine Program, had the opportunity to see the exhibits and hang with well known pop culture icons such as Splinter from The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The SMP organizes events that allow young Marines to provide service to their community, as well as events that are fun and give the opportunity for social interaction.

Organization offers Marines free, low cost fun

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
Chevron staff

For many Marines their first duty station often means living away from their families for the first time and living in an unfamiliar city surrounded by new faces. This is where the Single Marine Program comes into play. The program provides cheap or free, activities for Marines as well as opportunities for them to get know fellow service members.

The program is available to both junior and senior enlisted Marines, however, the majority of Marines that participate in SMP aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego are junior enlisted.

"I believe the program helps out new Marines the most," said Cpl. Leandre R. Ingram, SMP president for MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region. "They're in a new location and don't know anyone. If you have 30 junior Marines going to an event, they're likely going to talk to each other. That's how you make friends and get to know people on base."

Although the title says single Marine, SMP also provides Marines that are in a relationship, engaged or married, with their spouse out of state, the same opportunities.

Ingram, who recently got engaged and continues leading the program, explained that the program is geared for single Marines, however, even married Marines can participate in activities such as community service.

Recently SMP representatives have worked with Marines aboard MCRD San Diego to organize free events such as a beach barbecue and movie night. They have also provided the opportunity to give back to the community by feeding the homeless.

"The SMP (offers) more than just recreational activities," said Diana Vuong, administrative assistant, Semper Fit Division. "Volunteer opportunities offer a chance to give back to the community. We try and organize one to two volunteer opportunities a month."

Cpl. Katrina D. Perkins,

SMP vice president for MCRD San Diego and the WRR said that there has been a significant increase in the number of Marines involved with the program since she started working with the SMP in 2009.

"When I started going there was only a handful of Marines," said Perkins. "Now there are many more Marines, we have a (social networking) page and the program is more involved in the community."

The programs upcoming events include a UFC viewing party, a drive-in-movie and a recreation center night.

Currently both Ingram and

Perkins stated that a Catalina Island trip is being planned and is very probable. Both SMP leaders expressed excitement about the trip.

"Obviously we have a mission here at the depot with the recruits," said Perkins. "But we also have permanent personnel here. I started working with the SMP to help improve these Marines' quality of life and I think it's the perfect opportunity for that."

For more information regarding the Single Marine Program at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, contact Josh Davis (619) 524-8240 davisJP@usmc-mccs.org.



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In sunny Southern California, the depot's Single Marine Program organizes many activities that revolve around picnics and the beach. One popular place for these activities is the depot's Boat-house recreational facility.



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Co. E recruits tested on MCMAP fundamentals

BY LANCE CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE
Chevron staff

Learning the fundamentals of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program is a requirement that every recruit aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot

San Diego must go through in order to earn their Eagle, Globe, and Anchor. Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, executed every basic technique as they earned their tan belts Aug. 15 aboard MCRD San Diego.

“Earning their tan belt is a graduation requirement,” said Staff Sgt.

Jason Lansdon, martial arts instructor trainer, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion. “They must pass every technique in order to obtain it.”

MCMAP is a program developed by the Marine Corps that combines hand-to-hand and close quarter combat techniques. Recruits are put through mental and physical exhaustion for long, strenuous hours in the hot sun to perfect every technique to instill a combat mindset and warrior mentality.

“Tan belt is basically the foundation of MCMAP,” explained Lansdon, a 29-year-old Phoenix native. “They are taught punches, kicks, breakfalls, and bayonet and knife techniques; through this they’ll become more comfortable when handling a weapon and confident when defending themselves.”

Recruits lined up and preformed tan belt techniques while their drill instructors graded how well they were executed. Each recruit is graded on how confident and precise the technique performed.

According to Sgt. Jonathan Montalvo, drill instructor, Platoon 2105, Co. E, there is more to teaching recruits MCMAP than just learning techniques.

“Although they’re introduced to the physical aspect of fighting, it also teaches them certain disciplines of the Warrior Ethos,” explained Montalvo, a 23-year-old from Huntsville, Ala. “It teaches them to have the discipline; to know when to walk away and when to defend themselves.”

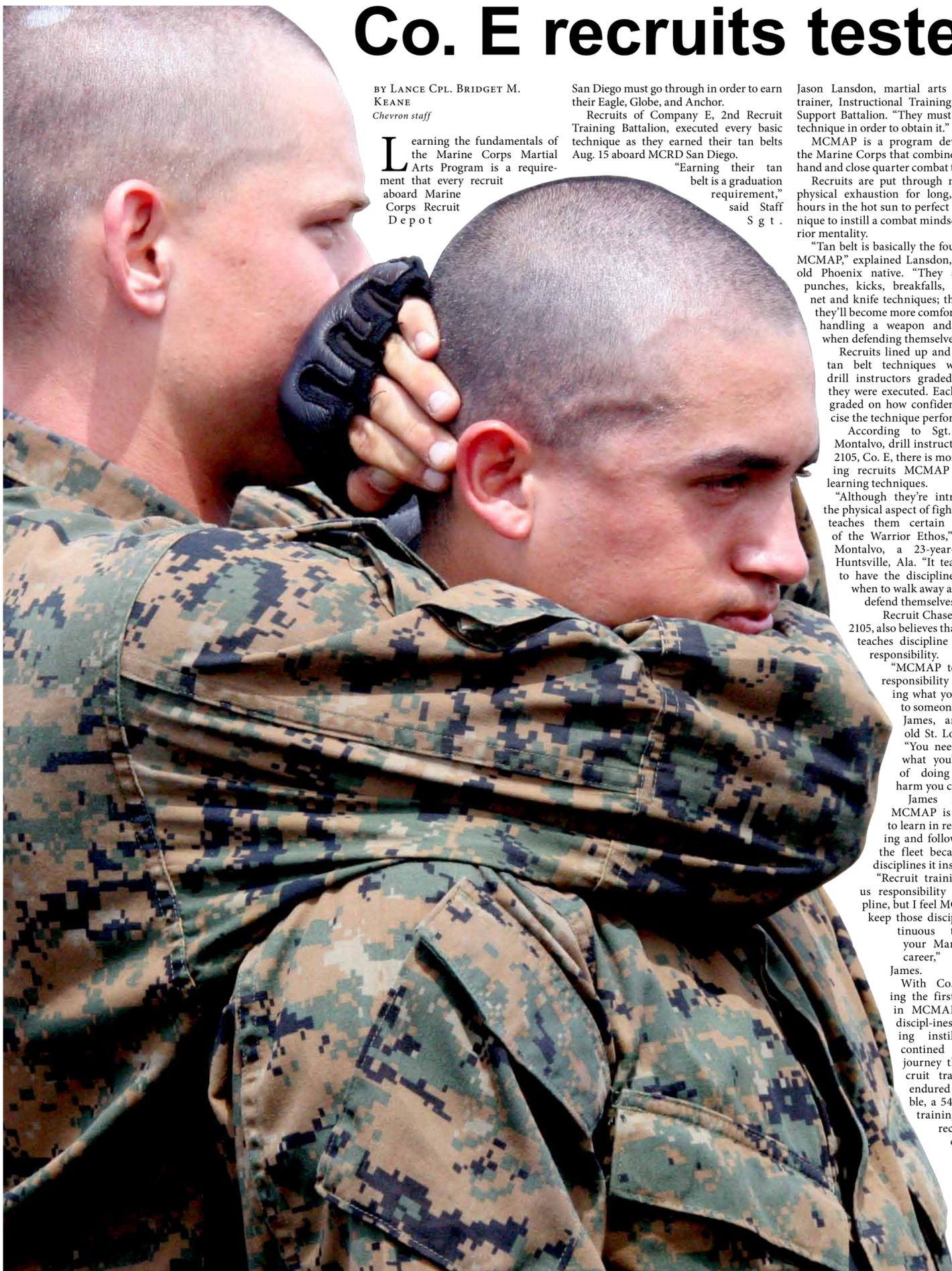
Recruit Chase James, Plt. 2105, also believes that MCMAP teaches discipline as well as responsibility.

“MCMAP teaches you responsibility of knowing what you could do to someone else,” said James, an 18-year-old St. Louis native. “You need to know what you’re capable of doing and the harm you can cause.”

James feels that MCMAP is important to learn in recruit training and follow-up on in the fleet because of the disciplines it instills.

“Recruit training teaches us responsibility and discipline, but I feel MCMAP will keep those disciplines continuous throughout your Marine Corps career,” explained James.

With Co. E earning the first level belt in MCMAP and the disciplines the training instilled, they continued on their journey through recruit training and endured the Crucible, a 54-hour field training exercise recruits must complete to become Marines.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

A recruit executes a rear choke as he and the rest of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion are tested for the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt. MCMAP teaches Marines to defend themselves with hand-to-hand combat skills and discipline, and helps them develop a warrior mindset.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, line up with rifles to test for their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belts Aug. 15. Recruits are taught several self defense techniques and are required to earn the belt to graduate from recruit training.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

A recruit uses a leg sweep to take his opponent down as part of the test to earn his tan belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. Recruits are required to preform every technique correctly to pass the test.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

A recruit executes a basic wrist-lock takedown as part of his tan belt test. Recruits are taught how to defend themselves with unarmed restraints and joint manipulations in the event of an attack.



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Bayonet techniques are taught as part of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. Recruits are taught how to defend themselves with the weapon if they run out of ammunition. They are also taught how to counter grabs if an enemy tries to take a weapon away.

Tough childhood pushes new Marine to be the best

BY CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

Recruits arrive to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego from all over the country, each with their own story to tell.

Pfc. Gino Garcia, squad leader, Platoon 1021, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, is one such individual who overcame hardship to forge a name he could be proud of.

"I wanted to do something in my own name, my own way," said Garcia, a Chicago native. "Instead of having it handed to me, I wanted to earn it."

Garcia's life took a drastic turn at the age of six, when he lost his mother.

"My mom was a cop and I wanted to be just like her. We spent every day together," said Garcia. "She used to pick me up in her squad car and show me around the police station. I wanted to be a cop ever since, to be just like her."

With nowhere to go, Garcia and his siblings found themselves moving between family member's homes before settling at their grandparent's house.

Unfortunately, this did not improve his situation. They spent the next few years enduring a tough home life and were unable to convince

authorities of their dire situation.

It wasn't until his freshmen year of high school that they were finally able to convince police of their bad living structure and be placed in their aunt's and uncle's home.

"When we moved in (to our aunt's and uncle's house), our grades went up and we were allowed to play sports," said Garcia, 18. "They gave us everything that was taken away when we were living with our grandparents."

During Garcia's freshman year of high school, he performed a pushup challenge with a Marine recruiter, receiving a T-shirt for completing 100 pushups. It was this brief meeting that started him on the path to becoming a Marine.

"I have to be the best, to be the top one," said Garcia, who was attracted to the Marine Corps due to its physical demands.

Although encouraged by family to finish college before making his decision, Garcia knew he couldn't wait and made his decision to enlist one week after his 18th birthday.

"My brother went to college and played sports," said Garcia. "I wanted to go in my own footsteps and start my own career as soon as I could."

June 4 Garcia arrived at MCRD San Diego to begin recruit training. It's here he began to realize the liberties that many so often take for granted.

"I have matured a lot from being here. I'm learning a lot from my drill instructors, it's opened my eyes to what's going on in the world," said Garcia. "Nobody else goes through anything like this."

Shortly after arriving on the depot, Garcia was made squad leader due to his take-charge attitude. Four recruits who show leadership potential are chosen to be squad leaders. They look after a portion of their platoon and ensure daily tasks get completed.

"He puts out in every event, he's been a good recruit," said Staff Sgt. Robert J. Phelan, senior drill instructor, Plt. 1021. "We chose him in the beginning (to be squad leader) because of his demeanor. He was always fast and quick to accomplish tasks."

Always striving to be the best, Garcia is leaving recruit training as Company Ironman with an above perfect Physical Fitness Test score. He was able to complete 45 pull-ups, run 3-miles in 17 minutes 30 seconds and complete 115 crunches in two minutes.

"He stands out and tries to put himself out there and do



Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Pfc. Gino Garcia, who graduates today with Platoon 1021, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, wants to use his experiences in the Marine Corps to become a police officer like his mother, who died when he was six. The Chicago native will return home to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve and attend school at Illinois State University.

everything," said Phelan "He tries to help out other recruits during square away time. He's a good squad leader."

Garcia is on his way to become an infantry rifleman in the Marine Corps Reserves. Once finished with his training, Garcia will return home where

he was accepted to Illinois State University. He hopes to complete a Bachelor of Criminal Studies with a minor in Culinary Arts. Garcia plans to use his experience in the Marine Corps to follow in his mother's footsteps and become a police officer.

Sgt. Maj. Scott T. Pile

Parade Reviewing Officer

Pile enlisted in the delayed entry program in April 1990. He reported to Parris Island, S.C., in April 1991 for training with Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. Upon graduation he was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class and was assigned to complete Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He then reported to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to attend Military Police training. He graduated as an honor graduate and class high shooter.

In November 1991, Pile reported to Military Police Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group. This was followed by service with Brigade Service Support Group-1 and Combat Service Support Detachment's 10, 11 and 15. He deployed to Kuwait for Operation Native Fury, to Somalia for Operation Restore Hope, and he participated in Joint Task Force-Los Angeles during the riots. Pile participated in numerous exercises during this period, including Kernel Raider and multiple combined arms exercises.

Throughout this tour Pile served as a personal security detail team leader, squad leader and platoon sergeant. He was meritoriously promoted to corporal and sergeant.

Pile attended the U. S. Army's Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, graduating as a distinguished graduate, and the Noncommissioned Officers Course graduating as the honor graduate and receiving the leadership award.

In January 1995, Pile volunteered for drill instructor duty. He reported to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, where he graduated as the honor graduate. While serving as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor with Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Pile received the Moral Leadership Award and was selected to staff sergeant in 1996. During this tour he attended the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Career Course graduating as a distinguished graduate.

In July 1997, Pile reported to Marine Corps Detachment, Fort McClellan, Anniston, Ala., where he served as a training staff noncommissioned officer, class advisor, instructor trainer for defensive and weapons tactics and non-lethal weapons.

In June 1999, Pile was selected to gunnery sergeant.

In August 1999, Pile reported to H&S Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Okinawa, with a follow on assignment to Marine Corps Air Station, Futenma as a military police force protection planner, platoon sergeant and platoon commander. During this tour he attended the SNCOA advance course, graduating as a distinguished graduate.

In April 2000, Pile reported to Company B, H&S Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Okinawa to serve as the company gunnery sergeant. During this tour he served additional duties as the director of the Marine Corps Base Corporals Course and as the force protection staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. In 2000 and 2001, he was selected to serve as the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of both the 56th and 57th Annual Commemoration

Ceremonies on the island of Iwo Jima.

In August 2002, the sergeant major reported to Military Police Company, H&S Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group where he served as company gunnery sergeant. In December 2002, he assumed the duties of detachment gunnery sergeant, military police detachment, headquartered at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

In January 2003, Pile deployed to Kuwait and Iraq for Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, serving as the company gunnery sergeant for Military Police Company, Combat Service Support Battalion-10, Combat Service Support Group-11 in direct support of the First Marine Division.

Pile was selected to first sergeant in March 2003. In July 2003, he reported to Combat Service Support Group-15, 1st Marine Logistics Group where he served as first sergeant for Supply Company. In March 2004, he was selected to assume the duties of sergeant major for Combat Service Support Group-15 (Rear), and 22 Area Sergeant Major, Marine

Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. In September 2004, Pile reassumed duty as first sergeant for Supply Company and H&S Company.

In April 2005, Pile was selected to assume duty as sergeant major, Marine Expeditionary Unit, Service Support Group-11, Brigade Service Support Group-1. Upon re-designation of the unit, Pile became the sergeant major, Combat Logistics Battalion-11. During this tour he deployed to New Orleans, La., and Gulfport, Miss., as part of Joint Task Force-Katrina. He also deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit to the Pacific Command and Central Command Areas of Operation. He served additional duty as the Sergeant Major of Troops, aboard the USS OGDEN (LPD 5).

In September 2006, Pile was selected to assume duty as inspector sergeant major, 1st Marine Logistics Group and was frocked to his present grade in December 2006. In March 2007, he was assigned the duty as sergeant major, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, First Marine Division deploying to Operation

Iraqi Freedom from February to December 2008. He served concurrently as senior enlisted advisor to the Multi-National Force-West, G-9.

From July 2009 to May 2010, Pile served as the sergeant major, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-465, Marine Aircraft Group-16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

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"Marines, on behalf of all of your fellow Marines past and present; congratulations and well done. Today you join the ranks of those who have gone before you in our great Corps. We couldn't be prouder. "We know you will carry this new responsibility with pride.

Just as you have had Marines go before you and serve with distinction in both combat and garrison, let there be no doubt that now is your time. This is your time to make a significant and lasting contribution to both our institution and your fellow Marines. Give your very best each day and live by our motto; Semper Fidelis.

Once again, congratulations Marines"



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Combat care teaches recruits valuable lesson

by Cpl. Matheus J. Hernandez
Chevron staff

A Marine's belief in the Corps' values of honor, courage and commitment is never clearer than when his or her unselfish act results in saving the life of another human being.

This was read from a slideshow to recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, during their class on combat care during recruit training aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Aug. 22.

During the class, recruits were provided with demonstrations on moving a casualty, tactical evacuations as well as carries and litters. Previous first aid lessons have given recruits the information and competence to stabilize a casualty to the best of their ability before having to evacuate someone. With adequate first aid, it affords the casualty the opportunity to be transported safely in order to receive professional medical treatment.

"It might be called combat care, but it teaches recruits techniques and procedures that can be used in everyday situations," said Staff Sgt. Van A. Black Jr., instructor, Academic Instructor Platoon, Support Battalion.

Recruits learned one-man carries, two-man carries and different types of field expedient litters or stretchers. Safe and timely evacuation of a casualty increases survivability and

lessens the possibility of permanent damage.

"These are all very useful things for us to know, even if we don't deploy," said Recruit Kevin Tran, Platoon 2147, Co. G. "I think I have a good grasp of the knowledge that was given. The instructor did a good job of presenting the information and showing us how to properly do each carry."

The class was displayed through a slideshow presentation, however, Black decided to redirect their attention away from the slideshow to help recruits retain the knowledge.

"I like how the instructor presented the information. He was very interactive with all the recruits which helped us learn the material better than just watching him flip through slides," said Tran.

Black often called for volunteers to read the information aloud as well as recruits to help demonstrate carries while using proper techniques.

After the hour-and-a-half-long period of instruction, recruits left with a better understanding of not just combat care, but the importance of knowing how to save the person's life next to them, according to Black.

"At the end of the class, I stuck my hand up to count the techniques that I taught and without hesitation, the recruits automatically started shouting out the answers," said Black. "That meant I was able to teach them what they needed to know and that learning had occurred."



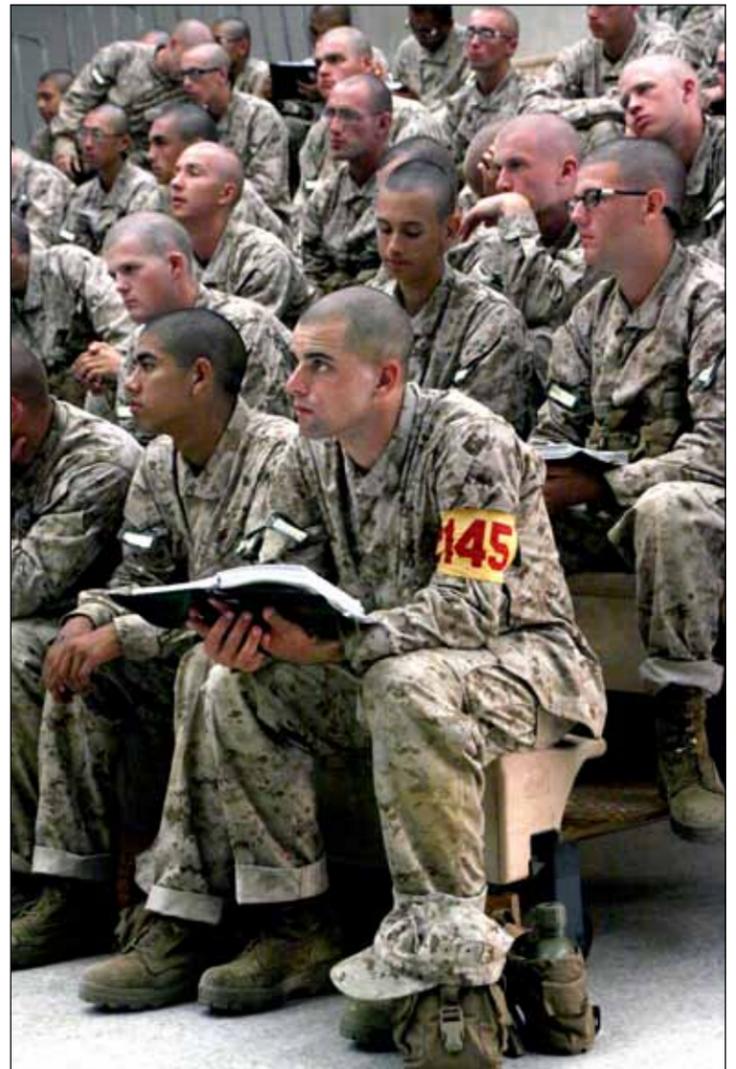
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Recruit Seth R. Shipton, Platoon 2147, Company G, 2nd recruit training Battalion, performs a fireman's carry during the Company G combat care class. Recruits were allowed to demonstrate proper techniques as Staff Sgt. Van A. Black Jr., instructor, Academic Instructor Platoon, Support Battalion, supervised.



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Staff Sgt. Van A. Black Jr., instructor, Academic Instructor Platoon, Support Battalion, instructs a Company G recruit on how to properly do a one-man carry during the Company G Combat Care Class Aug. 22. The one-man carry was one of several techniques recruits learned during the class which focused on casualty evacuations.



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Company G recruits listen attentively during their combat class. The class covered casualty evacuations, something recruits must know in the event that they need to evacuate a fellow Marine for medical attention.