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Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, follow along as a drill instructor demonstrates how to put together their safety-rappel harness aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 5. Recruits were issued gloves and helmets for their safety.

Rappel tower promotes mental toughness in Co. B

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II
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Tears and fears do not help recruits nor do they get them out of recruit training requirements. Instead, they are merely obstacles they must overcome on the road to becoming a Marine.

Rappelling from a 60-foot tower is one such obstacle, and whether they're excited about the opportunity or petrified, all recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, were required to finish the task aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 5.

Prior to the event, recruits received a

thorough class on rappelling technique. They learned how to tie their safety harness, how to lower themselves down the wall and received safety equipment — helmet and gloves.

Like physical exercise, the impact of this event was largely determined by the individual recruit's mentality. Prior to the

exercise, drill instructors try to instill a positive mindset for recruits to use as they handle challenges.

“I tell them, ‘if you ever have a fear in life, you conquer it.’ I've seen kids so scared they cried,” said Sgt. Nicholas K. Milner,

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Drill Instructors evaluate fitness levels

BY LANCE CPL. PEDRO
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During recruit training, recruits are driven by motivation from their drill instructors and spend countless hours working on exercises including push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups and running. Recruit training requires recruits to exert their physical abilities and give maximum effort to improve

upon them.

Physical fitness is a fundamental aspect in becoming a Marine. Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, received a dose of motivation during their initial Physical Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 29.

The purpose of the initial PFT is for drill instructors to evaluate recruits' fitness levels after the first phase of

training.

“This is their first test since the Initial Strength Test and the PFT gauges how physically fit they are. It shows physical and mental commitment to become a Marine,” said Staff Sgt. Anthony J. Bodette, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2161, Co. H, 2nd RTBn. “They have to give it everything they have and show a commitment to their goal.”

The test begins

with recruits jumping on a pull-up bar individually, giving their maximum effort, and doing as many pull-ups as they can. Recruits then proceed to the three-mile run and conclude the test with a maximum amount of crunches performed in a two-minute time

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Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, push hard to the finish line with some motivation from their drill instructors during the Physical Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 29. For some recruits, the three-mile run is considered the toughest portion of the PFT.



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Capt. Eugene J. Porter, series commander, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, teaches a sexual awareness class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 1.

Recruits learn about sexual responsibility

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Recruit training entails more than just building recruits to be physically strong; it is also designed to improve decision making skills and knowledge.

During 13 weeks of training, recruits attend different types of classes including core values, nutrition, history

and health topics. Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, attended a sexual responsibility class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 1.

During sexual responsibility classes, recruits learn sexual awareness in order for them to take care of their bodies and to be able to properly protect it from life-long

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Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

A recruit of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, gives maximum effort during the pull-ups portion of the Physical Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 29. The PFT is used to gauge the endurance of recruits after the first phase of training.

PFT ◀ 1

frame.

In order to get a perfect score, recruits must complete 20 pull-ups, run three miles in 18 minutes or less, and perform 100 sit-ups in two minutes. Obtaining a perfect score of 300 points is extremely difficult and endurance plays a big part in achieving it.

"The last mile of the three-mile run is the hardest part. You are pushing your-

self as much as you can, but your arms are dead and you can't drive forward anymore," said Recruit William M. Morrison, Plt. 2165, Co. H, 2nd RTBn. "This test is all about endurance, especially the run."

The PFT is an annual event mandatory for Marines. PFT scores are computed into a promotion formula and the higher the PFT score, the more points they earn toward promotion. Thus, it is imperative for recruits to perform well and give their

best effort throughout training.

Recruits will go through several weeks of tough training before getting a second shot at the PFT. Commitment to their goal will pay off dividends with higher levels of endurance, strength and leadership.

"Endurance makes a good leader," said Morrison. "Leaders push when others are tired; they lead by example."

RAPPEL ◀ 1

senior drill instructor, Platoon 1026, Co. B, 1st RTBn. "Do it, learn from it, and grow from it. Maybe if they put it in the back of their minds, the next time they think they can't do something they can think of this and know they did it."

Recruits said they agreed with their drill instructor and expanded on the philosophy to say anyone can overcome insecurities such as age and strength.

"I'm 25 and I'm older than most of these recruits. But being older doesn't mean anything—I'm one of the fittest in the platoon. It's all about where you put your mind at and just getting it done," said Recruit Jeremy B. Meads, guide, Plt. 1026, Co. B, 1st RTBn.

Despite the protective gear and instilled motivation from fellow recruits and drill instructors, fear still lingered in some recruits.

"It's mostly just the fact that there is a possibility you can get hurt and have to spend more time in recruit training. Also, I don't want to fail or let anyone down and I've never been good with heights," said Richard A. Simonte, Plt. 1025, Co. B, 1st RTBn. "But I agree with what the drill instructor said. I was scared of the tower in swim qualification and I did it, so I know I'm going to make it through this."

Recruits gathered together in a large circle and carefully assembled their harnesses according to directions from drill instructors.

Afterwards, their gear and harnesses were inspected before recruits rappelled down the intimidating tower. Whether scared, excited or indifferent, all recruits grew from the experience in some form.



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Staff Sgt. Patrick Sheedy, drill instructor, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, demonstrates how to create a hasty safety harness to rappel down the tower April 5.

CLASS ◀ 1

consequences by making responsible decisions.

"Taking care of your body is imperative and protecting your body from diseases is necessary," said Sgt. Jasmin A. George, drill instructor, Platoon 2107, Co. E, 2nd RTBn. "For recruits this is usually their first time away from home and the Marine Corps will be their first life experience."

For most recruits, the Marine Corps provides an opportunity to become independent and live on their own. Therefore, it is important for them to be educated about the possible dangers during their off-duty time.

Sexual responsibility classes are introduced early in recruit training to teach recruits about sexually transmitted diseases, unplanned parenthood and sexual harassment.

"You are sharing your body, take care of it. You don't want to end

up sharing diseases," said George. "Be careful and protect yourself." During the class, recruits learned about the legal repercussions of poor behavior.

Military personnel must abide by a set of bylaws known as the Uniform Code of Military Justice. One of the articles of the UCMJ most referenced during sexual awareness classes is article 120; rape, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct.

Marines can be confined, fined and possibly lose rank if they are found guilty of misconduct. Therefore, it is imperative for recruits to learn early on the legal and life-changing consequences of their actions in order to minimize risk.

Graduating recruit training not only encompasses increasing knowledge and fitness, but also developing good judgment skills. Classes are used to guide recruits and help them develop traits that will help them make sound, moral decisions as they continue their journey in becoming U.S. Marines.

BRIEFS

Volunteer Recognition

MCRDSD hosts its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Recreation Center, Building 590, Monday at 10:30 a.m.

The event recognizes and celebrates the efforts of those who have supported their communities by volunteering time, effort and expertise. They are active duty members, retirees, civilian Marines and family members.

This event is an opportunity to say "thank you" to the many people who have positively impacted the quality of life for our personnel. For information call Tracy Genica, Marine Corps Family Team Building, at (619) 524-8030.

DI of the Year Awards

The depot's Museum Historical Society hosts its Quarterly Breakfast and will present the Drill Instructor of the Year award on Tuesday at 7 a.m., at Duncan Hall.

The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Steven W. Busby, commanding general, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

The breakfast is open to all depot military members and civilians.

For information contact Capt. Torres at (619) 524-8753 or retired Col. Stuart at (619) 524-4426.

Scholarship time

The Col. Nate Smith Memorial Scholarship Program will award three \$1,000 scholarships in July. All active duty enlisted aboard the Depot and within the Western Recruiting Region, and dependents who are high school graduates and currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, are eligible to apply.

For the application and further information see the website at www.mcrdmhs.org, or call (619) 524-4426.

Car care brake class

The auto hobby shop is offering a car care brake class tomorrow from 9 a.m., until 1:30 p.m. The class covers parts, preventative maintenance and troubleshooting, and is open to all authorized patrons. Dress for a hands on experience.

For additional information or registration call (619) 524-5240, or see the flyer on the web at http://www.mccsmcrd.com/Downloads/Autoskillscenter/13_SF_BrakeCare_Flyer_web.pdf

CG Cup Ping Pong Tourney

Channel your inner Forest Gump and show off your ping-pong skills at the 2013 CG Cup Ping Pong tournament!

This one-day tournament will be held at the MCRD Fieldhouse Tuesday. Start time and tournament format depends on the number of entrants.

For information contact Athletics at (619) 524-0548 or e-mail Rachel Dickinson (dickinsonr@usmc-mccs.org).

CG Cup Tennis Tourney

Show off your tennis skills during the 2013 CG Cup Tennis Tournaments (singles and doubles). The one-day singles tournament is on April 30 and the one-day doubles tournament is on May 1. Start time and format for each tournament TBD.

For information contact Athletics at (619) 524-0548 or e-mail Rachel Dickinson at dickinsonr@usmc-mccs.org.

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "What is the most useful resource available to Marines on the depot and why?"



"The financial planner is the best resource. He helps you stay on a budget and become financially savvy." Lance Cpl. Amber N. Hulett, Finance, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



"The fitness center is the best resource on the depot. It has convenient class times and it's free. Being in the military you have to stay in shape and it does a good job accommodating service member schedules." Petty Officer Second Class Joy D. Lewis, Hospital Corpsman, Depot Medical Branch



"The library has the potential to be the best resource. It has material which can be used to study our past and to know where we are going in the future; if Marines use it." Sgt. Christopher R. Curry, Provost Marshals Office, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion

Community Supporters



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

(From left to right) Col. Wayne A. Sincliar, Cpl. Daniel Contios, Lt. Col. George A. Williams, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Loux, and Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Brookman, all Marines with Headquarters and Service Battalion, attended the "Aloha, Grow With Us" recognition luncheon hosted by the Navy-Marine Corps Society aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 16. Loux and Contios received a Certification of Appreciation for providing better security for the NMCRS office. The luncheon was to show gratitude to the volunteers who contributed to the mission of the society, which included 18 active duty Marines. Thirty-three volunteers were recognized for more than 21,000 hours donated to support their community.

Marine History Introduced



Lance Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Retired Lt. Col. Ien Howard, right, docent at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Command Museum, explains the history of how Marines earned the nickname "devil dogs" during a museum tour for an Educators Workshop April 17. Educators representing recruiting stations Denver and Oklahoma City got a chance to experience what a recruit goes through as he pushes through recruit training to earn the title "Marine."



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Swim training emphasizes amphibious side of Corps

BY CPL. LIZ GLEASON
Chevron staff

Recruits of different ages, experience levels and walks of life arrive at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego with one thing in common: a dream to become a U.S. Marine.

While they have one common desire, not all recruits come to recruit training knowing how to swim. It is the mission of the water survival instructors of Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion to mold the recruits into amphibious Marines.

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion,

were tested on water survival techniques during swim qualification aboard MCRD San Diego April 8.

"Companies come to the swim tank during week four to get their water survival certification," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Sheedy, Marine Corps Instructor of Water Survival, ITC, Support Bn. "In order to receive a certification they must pass the basic swim qualification requirements."

Recruits are tested in five different events. The first event is a 25-meter swim in the shallow end of the pool wearing combat utilities and boots.

Upon completion, they move

on to the second event where they jump off a ten-foot tower into the deep end of the pool and swim 25 meters. For the third event, they must tread water for four minutes.

During the fourth event, recruits jump into the shallow end wearing a flak jacket, kevlar helmet and a simulated rifle.

They then have ten seconds to shed the gear while submerged.

The final event consists of a 25-meter swim with a pack in the deep end of the pool.

"Marines are known for being amphibious," said Sheedy. "It's our identity and just as every Marine is a rifleman, every

Marine needs to know how to swim."

If the recruits successfully complete every event, they pass their swim qualification and continue on with training.

However, those who fail an event return the next day for remediation and a chance to qualify again.

"While our attrition rate is low there is always a handful that struggle," said Sheedy. "Instructors work with the troubled swimmers individually to help build them up to where they can complete the basic swimming fundamentals."

During recruit training,

recruits only qualify at the basic level.

However, after graduating and arriving at their first duty station, they have the opportunity to advance in levels.

"I never did any serious swimming before recruit training," said Recruit Conner Kendrick, Platoon 1002, Co. A, 1st RTBn. "I was nervous coming into the event because I had never prepared for something like this but I realize it's an important part of being a Marine."

Kendrick was not the only recruit who had never swam before recruit training and instead of feeling discouraged

they helped each other.

"We kept positive attitudes," said Kendrick. "We reminded each other to stay relaxed, keep our head in the game and we also encouraged each other when we did well."

Although he struggled a bit through the qualification, Kendrick was relieved to have passed and is looking forward to continuing his training.

"There's no way I'm going to give up now," said Kendrick. "I'm going to keep reminding myself how far I've come and how far I want to go. I'm going to keep pushing and nothing is going to stop me."



Cpl. Liz Gleason

A recruit of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, steps off a ten-foot platform into the deep end of the pool during swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, April 8. Recruits must pass five events to qualify at the basic water survival level.



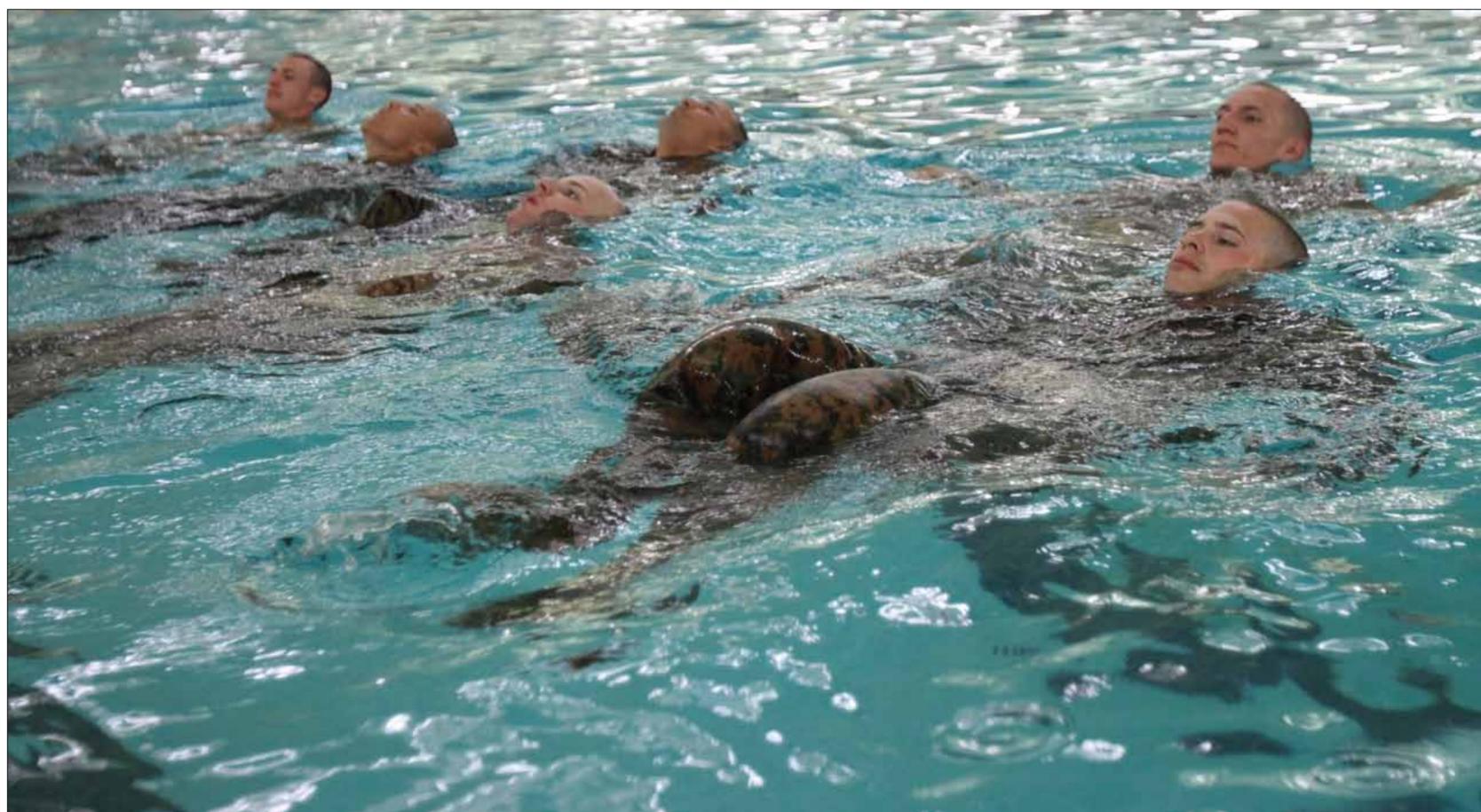
Cpl. Liz Gleason

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, participate in the second event of the swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8. Marine Corps Water Survival Instructors watch over the recruits to ensure safety.



Cpl. Liz Gleason

A recruit of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, swims 25-meters in the shallow end of the pool during the first event of swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8. Recruits wear Marine pattern utilities during all five events.



Cpl. Liz Gleason

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, try to stay afloat during the third event of the swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8. Recruits must use techniques learned in order to tread water for four minutes.

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, step into the shallow end of the pool during the first event of swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 8. Recruits must qualify at the basic water survival level in order to graduate recruit training.

Leader of family becomes leader of Marines

BY LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN E. WOODLE
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The Marine Corps is built around strong leaders, who are willing to take charge, take initiative and be responsible for the lives of other men and women. This can be a daunting task with many obstacles that few can overcome. Drill instructors at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego are constantly looking for one recruit who can step up and lead their fellow platoon members as the guide.

Lance Cpl. Maximilian J. Musick, Platoon 1027, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, was that one recruit who stepped up and took over as guide early on in the first phase of recruit training. After earning the leadership role, Musick maintained his position throughout the remainder of recruit training.

Musick attributes his accomplishment to the nature of his upbringing. He was raised with separated parents and lived with his mom, thus missing out on a father figure growing up. His mom, being an emergency medical technician, was gone the majority of the day, leaving him in charge of his two sisters, one older and one younger.

"Being the only man of the house, not having a father around and my mother being gone all day really matured me early on in my life," said Musick, a Phoenix native. "The leadership role I developed in taking the responsibility, making sure tasks were getting done, taking the initiative, and not slacking off carried over to recruit training well in my position as guide."

The maturity Musick displayed made a major impression on his senior drill instructor. Though he initially wasn't the first guide chosen, he

made sure he was the last.

"His demeanor, being a 19-year-old kid, he was mature, and I was looking for someone mature who could follow simple orders but could also get the rest of the recruits to follow him," said Staff Sgt. Bryan M. Reza, senior drill instructor, Plt. 1027, Co. B, 1st RTBn. "It's part of the reason why he lasted as guide; he's strong mentally and physically."

Another leadership quality that helped Musick was his humble attitude he carried and displayed to his platoon.

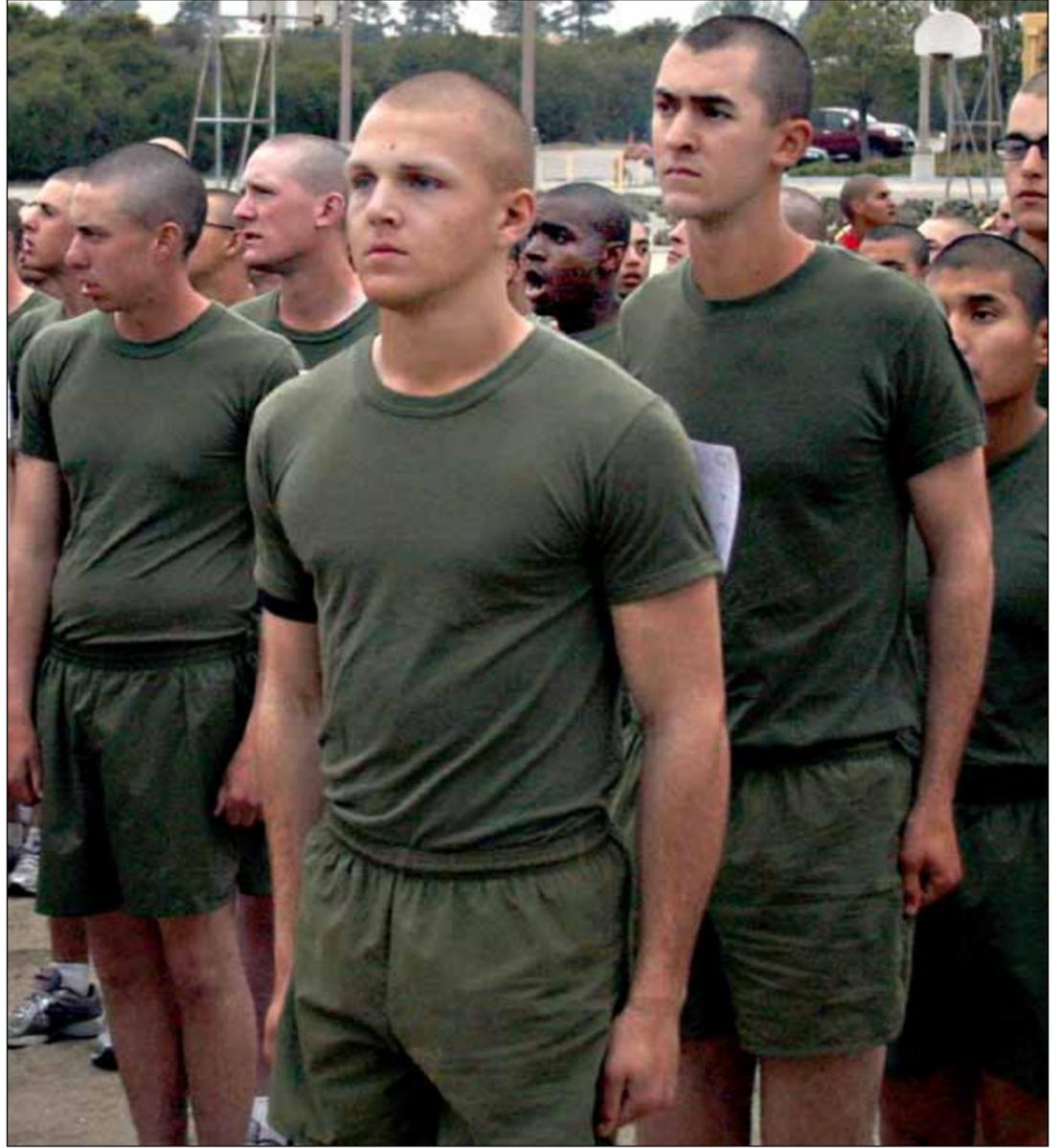
"He had a good head on his shoulders and wasn't arrogant about the fact that he was the guide," said Reza. "He showed recruits the mutual respect that he wanted."

Even after Musick became aware that he was going to be the honor graduate for his company, he didn't go around bragging to others; instead, he kept it to himself and continued his responsibilities as if nothing changed.

"He was extremely humble about it," said Reza, who is completing his last cycle as senior drill instructor. "He now knows that he's the honor graduate and is getting promoted to lance corporal but hasn't told anyone and still says he has to prove himself and show humility to the rest of the recruits."

One aspect Musick believes helped keep him grounded was his growing Christian faith during recruit training. Every Sunday recruits attend religious services where they are able to learn even more about themselves.

"It surprised me that not only did I grow as a person but as a Christian as well," said Musick, who enlisted the morning of his 18th birthday. "You find out who you are as a person in (recruit training) and it made my faith strengthen as well as my confidence."



Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle

Lance Cpl. Maximilian J. Musick, Platoon 1027, Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion waits in line for pull-ups during the final Physical Fitness Test aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 4. Musick rushed to the front of the line to set the example for other recruits since he is able to score a high first class PFT score.

Musick has proven that even though one may grow up with many hardships, there is always the ability to turn it into something that one can learn and grow from.

The role of guide is one that can be applied not only to recruit

training, but in life as well. Musick says his guide in life, though distant, was great and made him who he is today.

"My mother wouldn't settle and wouldn't let us bring home anything either than a 'B' or above," said Musick. "You

wouldn't want a 'C' average person taking care of your life so why would you want that with anything else. That same work ethic can be applied to Marine Corps (recruit training)."

Maj. Gen. Michael G. Dana

Parade Reviewing Officer

Maj. Gen. Michael G. Dana was commissioned a second lieutenant in June 1982, following his graduation from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

Following completion of the Basic School and Armor Officer Basic School, Dana was assigned to 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. During this tour, he deployed with Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment to the Mediterranean.

Dana reported to the Logistics Officers Basic School in January 1986 and was then assigned as the combat cargo officer aboard for the USS Duluth (LPD-6). During this tour he deployed to the Western Pacific with Battalion Landing Team 1/9 embarked.

In June of 1988 Dana reported for duty as the Logistics Officer for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. During this tour he deployed with Battalion Landing Team 3/1 to the Western Pacific, Alaska and Desert Storm.

After attending Amphibious Warfare School he returned to Camp Pendleton in June 1992.

As a company commander in 1st Landing Support Battalion, he deployed to Somalia for Operation Restore Hope.

Following company command, he served as the operations officer for 1st Landing Support Battalion.

From June 1994 until June 1996 then Major Dana attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the School of Advanced Warfighting. Following school he received orders to the Standing Joint Task Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C. During this tour he served as a plans officer with the Stabilization Force Theater Support Command in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia. He then served as the II Marine Expeditionary Force Operations Officer.

From August 1999 to May 2000 Dana served at Marine Aviation and Weapons Tactics Squadron One in Yuma, Ariz. He then commanded Marine Wing Support Squadron 371 from May 2000 until May 2002.

Following command, Dana attended the Naval War College and was then assigned to III MEF in Okinawa. He served as the command inspector general, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade; Chief of Staff and III MEF deputy operations officer during this

tour.

From December 2004 to July 2005 Dana served as the officer in charge of U.S. Marine Corps, Central Command Coordination Element at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; and as the U.S. Marine Corps Central Command operations officer.

Dana took command of Marine Wing Support Group 37 in July of 2005 and commanded MWSG 37 FWD in Iraq from January 2006 until January 2007.

The colonel then served on joint duty in the United States European Command, Plans and Policy, from July 2007 until September 2008.

Dana's first tour as a brigadier general was as the NORAD-NORTHCOM J-4 from November 2008 to June 2010. During this tour he deployed to Haiti in support of SOUTHCOM relief operations following the January 2010 earthquake.

Major General Dana then

served as the Commanding General of the 2nd Marine Logistics Group. During this tour he deployed as the commanding general of 2nd Marine Logistics Group FWD in Afghanistan from February 2011 until February 2012.

Major General Dana is currently serving as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Logistics (Logistics Plans) at HQMC.

"Marines - you and your families have much to be proud of, you have earned the title of United States Marine. As you depart the recruit depot and prepare to join your new units, remember that the Marine Corps is now YOUR Corps. You have inherited the proud legacy your predecessors earned at places like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, Hue City, Fallujah and Sangin. I expect you to carry the colors high on your watch and maintain our proud traditions. Remember to always look out for your fellow Marines and attack the challenges ahead with honor, courage and commitment. Once again, congratulations Marines!"





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Drill instructors of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, inspect and question recruits during a senior drill instructor inspection aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 5. Drill instructors create a high intensity, high-stress environment to introduce recruits to some of the elements found in combat.

Co. A recruits stand firm in chaos of inspection

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Yelling, screaming, and chaos are all things a Marine may find in battle. In order for someone to be able to effectively fight in that type of environment, they must train in such environment. Marine Corps recruit training combines all of these elements to produce Marines who are ready for any battle at any time. Drill instructors constantly test recruits so they can grow accustomed to high intensity and high-stress situations.

Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, experienced chaos through a senior drill instructor inspection aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 5.

The purpose of this inspection is to provide instructors an opportunity to test recruits on multiple levels besides their uniforms.

"It's to test the knowledge that they've received since they've started training and to test their bearing to prepare them for future inspections," said Staff Sgt. John A. Delgado Jr., drill instructor, Platoon 1006, Co. A, 1st RTBn. "For example, we have the series commander inspection and then later on the battalion commander's inspection which is a final inspection recruits get to make sure they're capable of being a Marine."

Bearing is one of the traits drill instructors look for while creating a stressful environment for recruits.

Being able to stay calm when everything is going wrong is a key element Marines use in combat.

"I think the high intensity training is directly geared toward keeping our bearing in a combat situation," said Recruit Ryan S. Sullivan, Plt. 1006, Co. A, 1st RTBn. "Being able to stay calm under the pressure of having a drill instructor in your face helps develop the ability to maintain focus and perform your duties when things get



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Recruits of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, stand in formation during a senior drill instructor inspection aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 5. Recruit's uniforms, weapons and Marine Corps knowledge are some of the items drill instructors test recruits on during inspection.



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A recruit of Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, endures the challenges of a senior drill instructor inspection aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego April 5. During inspection recruits are tested on knowledge and bearing.

crazy."

Being able to develop a sense of calm during inspection will not only help Marines in a combat environment but also with their daily duties once they reach the fleet. Interaction with higher ranks and billets is inevitable; therefore, preparing

recruits now will help set them up for success.

"Recruits will learn not to be afraid of rank," said Delgado. "Even though someone of higher rank or billet is screaming in their face, there is a reason for it and they shouldn't freak out."

Recruits may think that

the uniform inspection is just what it is, a uniform inspection with a little knowledge testing on the side. Little do they know that they are receiving an even greater lesson that will accompany them throughout the rest of their Marine Corps career. It may even end up

saving their life one day.

"At the end of the day, this is all to help them perform in stressful environments," said Delgado. "If they can't perform just from screaming, then who knows what they'll do under fire."