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## Recruits become familiar with IEDs during Crucible

BY LANCE CPL. BENJAMIN E. WOODLE  
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Throughout history, wars, tactics and weapons have changed tremendously. Recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have re-introduced a cheap, but effective, weapon that has impacted troops deployed overseas. Improvised Explosive Devices have been among the most lethal and toughest obstacles to overcome in the combat theater. Education on this weapon is now integrated in recruit training.

In order to understand IEDs, recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, ran through the Crucible Improvised Explosive Device Lane at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 4.

The purpose of the Crucible IED lane is to introduce recruits to the wide variety of IEDs that are utilized overseas. According to the Department of Defense,



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Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, encounter a simulated improvised explosive device during the Crucible Improvised Explosive Device Lane at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 4. Instructors test recruits during the event to see how they will react and handle losing part of their squad to the explosion.

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## Terrorism awareness, pertinent as ever

BY CPL. LIZ GLEASON  
Chevron staff

Over the past twelve years, the threats of terrorist attacks have become an unfortunate reality for the U.S. While to some it may just be a fleeting fear or thought, for Marines it's an ever-present threat.

From the day they raise their right hand and take the oath of enlistment, aspiring Marines solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Recruits of Company

K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, received a class on terrorism awareness aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 3.

“I joined the Marine Corps because I was raised to be proud of our country and to want to give back,” said Recruit Zachary Janovich, Platoon 3222, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. “When I earn the title Marine, my job will be to defend our country with my life.”

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Cpl. Liz Gleason

Sgt. Gersom Canales, an academic instructor, Instructional Training Command, Support Battalion, listens to a recruit answer a question during the Terrorism Awareness class aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 3. Academic instructors are trained drill instructors selected to teach recruits various Marine Corps subjects.



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Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, watch their drill instructors display the correct way to perform a counter to a choke aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 6. Recruits learned how to perform chokes and counter to chokes during a lesson in Marine Corps Martial Arts.

## MCMAP transforms recruits into warriors

BY CPL. WALTER D. MARINO II  
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Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, learned various chokes and counters aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 5.

Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructors with Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion taught recruits different chokes and counters in order to off-balance an opponent and re-gain control during an altercation.

The MCMAP session included the proper execution of a figure four variation choke, a rear choke, a counter to a bear hug, counter to a rear choke and counter to a headlock.

“These techniques teach how to incapacitate and defend against bigger opponents,” said Sgt. Phillip S. Haly, drill instructor, Platoon 1031, Co. B, 1st RTBn. “If techniques are done right it levels the playing field and caters to a smaller fighter.”

Some recruits come to recruit training with little to no fighting experience, while others arrive with prior martial arts experience.

“All these techniques are helpful. It's a good balance of self defense and offense,” said Recruit Erik Estrada, guide, Plt. 1030, Co. B, 1st RTBn., who has previous martial arts training. “I like that MCMAP is more technique than raw strength; even a wrist lock can snap something.”

Even though Estrada arrived at recruit training with experience in Taekwondo and boxing, he has not only improved his physical fitness through MCMAP, he's also learned something new.

“My dad was in the Marine Corps and showed me a few things but he told me I would learn more here,” said 19-year old Estrada. “I didn't know the proper way to use chokes before (recruit training) but now I feel 100 percent capable of using these techniques properly.”

During the session, drill instructors helped supervise recruits as they executed the newly-learned tan belt syllabus techniques.

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Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, practice counter to chokes on their fellow recruits aboard Recruit Depot San Diego June 6. The recruits are learning moves incorporated with the MCMAP tan belt.

### MCMAP ◀ 1

The tan belt syllabus lays the foundation needed in order to move up in belt levels within the MCMAP program.

Recruits can look forward to earning higher belts when they finish initial training and arrive at their first duty station.

The five MCMAP belt levels are tan, gray, green, brown and the highest, black.

With each belt come new and complex skills. Marines must learn and demonstrate mastery of all MCMAP techniques up to the belt they are testing for in order to pass.

Recruits must show proficiency in all

tan belt MCMAP techniques as a graduation requirement. They must also learn all other fundamental skills that encompass being a Marine.

With six weeks remaining until graduation, recruits of Co. B are getting closer to achieving their goal, earning the Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

### IED ◀ 1

the majority of casualties during combat operations overseas are from IED explosions. Training recruits to be aware of their surroundings has never been more critical.

"The Crucible IED lane familiarizes recruits with how to identify potential IEDs in country, how they look, and the different parts and items that are used to build them," said Gunnery Sgt. Jose E. Gutierrez, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2142, Co. G, 2nd RTBn.

Recruits also go through a simulated IED explosion to experience getting hit while out on a patrol."

Recruits face many challenges while attempting to navigate their way through the event. Paying special attention to trash and random objects on the side of the road is something few recruits have considered in their day-to-day life before joining the Marine Corps. Recruits must now realize the importance of recognizing the warning signs they learned during the event.

"Staying aware of the surroundings was tough because we're used to seeing trash on the road, or for example, where I'm from people stack rocks on the side of the road all the time," said Pfc. Joshua J. Dye, guide, Plt. 2142, Co. G, 2nd RTBn. "We need to re-wire our brain to be extra cautious and aware."

During the event, an instructor escorts and monitors the recruit's



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Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, listen to an instructor give a lesson on the Improvised Explosive Device they found during the Crucible Improvised Explosive Lane at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 4. Recruits get to experience and see all of the various types of IEDs that have been utilized over the recent years in the combat theater.

movements and decisions. After encountering various types of IEDs, recruits gather in a school circle and learn about the IED and proper identifications and procedures with each type.

"It's critical to give recruits the education and familiarity of IEDs so they have the confidence to go out and identify an item that could be an IED," said Gutierrez. "As with all purposes of recruit training, this event gives the recruits experience and also introduces them to what to expect in combat."

One day at a time, recruits absorb knowledge that can save their life. Though the Crucible tests recruits on knowledge they have received throughout recruit training, events like the IED lane introduce recruits to the enemy's weapon of choice. The experience and knowledge they gained will carry with them for the rest of their Marine Corps career.

"The IED lane was a good idea; we need to know what we're up against," said Dye. "I feel confident knowing what's actually out there and my ability to recognize it."

### TERRORISM ◀ 1

Terrorism awareness starts in recruit training, where recruits receive a class that defines terrorism. The class also teaches them about the different types of terrorists, threat conditions, how to react to terrorist attacks, and how to protect themselves from terrorists.

"This is one of the most important classes they will take during recruit training because everything they learn in it will help them protect and safeguard themselves and their families against enemy threats," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Gerberding, drill instructor, Plt. 3227, Co. K, 3rd RTBn.

Terrorism is the calculated use of violence or threat of unlawful violence to instill fear; intended to coerce or to

intimidate governments or societies in the pursuit of goals that are generally political, religious, or ideological, according to the Department of Defense.

Throughout the class, the instructor shared stories of current, past, foreign and domestic terrorist attacks and illustrated the importance of situational awareness at all times.

Being aware doesn't only apply to time of war or duty, terrorist threats do not discriminate and can happen at any time and place. An essential part of protecting oneself is to remain unpredictable, according to Gerberding.

Some of the points emphasized most during the class were how to help protect oneself from terrorist threats. The top five methods include; maintain a low profile, protect your automobile, be

unpredictable, and remain vigilant.

Similar to many of his peers, Recruit Daniel Holzem, Plt. 3222, Co. K, 3rd RTBn., seldom thought about terrorist threats. However, the classes and training he's received while on the Depot have given him a different perspective and realization that threats are out there and very real.

For many recruits like Holzem, this may have been their first exposure to terrorism awareness however, it won't be their last. Terrorism awareness training is an annual requirement for all Marines.

"Knowing is half the battle and knowledge is power," said Holzem. "If we go out unaware and without knowledge we won't be able to complete our missions."

## BRIEFS

### Feed the Homeless

Members of the depot's Single Marine Program will gather at Father Joe's Village Monday from 3:30 until 7 p.m., to help feed the homeless.

This is the monthly trip to FJV in support of San Diego's homeless community. The event is open to all depot personnel.

For more Information contact Josh Davis at davisjp@usmc-mccs.org; or call at (619) 524-8240.

### Summer Wine Dinner

The Bayview Restaurant holds its Summer Wine Dinner June 21 from 6 until 9 p.m. The event features the wines of Clos Du Bois.

The price of \$55 per active duty member and \$65 per civilian attending includes dinner, wine and gratuity.

For information call Melanie DeCosta at (619) 725-6388. Information may also be found on the web at [http://www.mccsmcrd.com/downloads/BayView\\_Restaurant/13\\_BV\\_Clos\\_du\\_Bois\\_Summer\\_Wine\\_Dinner\\_at\\_MCRD\\_San\\_Diego\\_Bay\\_View\\_Restaurant.pdf](http://www.mccsmcrd.com/downloads/BayView_Restaurant/13_BV_Clos_du_Bois_Summer_Wine_Dinner_at_MCRD_San_Diego_Bay_View_Restaurant.pdf).

### Beach Barbecue and Bonfire

Breakers Beach, NAS North Island, Coronado, is the site for Sunday's Beach Barbecue and Bonfire.

The event runs from noon until 9 p.m., and is open to single Marines and Sailors and Geographic Bachelors. This is the first of three SMP Beach days this summer.

There will be BBQ, volleyball, football and a bonfire at nightfall.

For information call Josh Davis at (619) 524-8240 or contact him via e-mail at davisjp@usmc-mccs.org.

### Basic Sailing Classes

The next Bay View Marina Club Basic Sailing Classes are scheduled for June 22 and 23. The classes run from 10 a.m., until 4 p.m., each day. The charge is \$25.

Learn the basics of Sailing on the beautiful San Diego Bay. Boat rental and safety equipment included. For more information call (619) 524-5269. Information may also be found at <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/BoathouseMarina/index.html>

### Emergency Preparedness: Safe and Well website

After a disaster, letting your family and friends know that you are safe and well can bring your loved ones great peace of mind.

This website: <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>, is designed to help make communication easier and eliminate the overloading of telephone systems.

To register yourself as "Safe and Well" click on the "List Myself as Safe and Well" button. Concerned family and friends can search the list of those who have registered by clicking on the "Search Registrants" button.

The results of a successful search will display a loved one's first name, last name and a brief message.

For information and further guidance contact G3 Mission Assurance.

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## Around the depot

*This week the Chevron asks: "What does your father mean to you?"*



"He means a lot to me, he shaped me into who I am today and has taught me good morals and how to be respectful." *Pfc. Brandon Hernandez, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



"My dad is a role model, someone to look up to and aspire to be like." *Sgt. Josh Eilhardt, protocol noncommissioned officer, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



"My dad was always working so he showed me that in order to be successful in life you have to work for the things you want and he also showed me how to take charge." *Pfc. Revin Habba, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*

# We Got Rhythm



*Lance Cpl. J. Fisher*

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stephanie M. Wire, band officer, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, conducts Marine Band San Diego as they perform a variety of marches during the Summer Concert held at the boathouse aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 8. After the performance, service members and their families enjoyed an afternoon of fun-filled, family activities which included a bounce house and a dunk tank.

# Change of Command



*Cpl. Walter D. Marino II*

(left to right) Capt. Timothy J. Espinoza, Vice Adm. Paul F. Zunkunft, Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area, and Cmdr. Eric M. Cooper, stand together during a change of command ceremony aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 6. Espinoza assumed command of Marine Safety and Security Team from outgoing officer in charge, Cooper. Zunkunft was a guest speaker during the ceremony and spoke of the valuable contributions of MSST, Cooper and Espinoza.



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Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

A recruit of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, jumps from the 10-foot diving board to into the water during swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 4. Swim qualification takes recruits out of their comfort zone by forcing them to swim in full combat utility uniforms and combat boots.

## Recruits gain confidence in survival abilities through swim qualification

BY CPL. BRIDGET M. KEANE  
Chevron staff

Throughout history, Marines have been sent to combat in several types of environments. Wherever the location may be – aquatic, mountainous or desert – Marines are prepared through various training events in order to survive for mission accomplishment.

Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, went through water survival basic at the swim tank aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 4.

“We have an amphibious background; it’s important for us to know how to survive in those conditions,” said Sgt.

Phillip Haly, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1031, Co. B, 1st RTBn. “I also believe (swim qualification) pushes recruits mentally because it is forcing them to do something that they are not used to doing.”

In an Olympic-sized pool, recruits are required to complete the course of qualification, which includes a 25-meter swim in both the shallow and deep water, four minutes of treading water, utilizing a waterproof pack to swim 25 meters and perform a 10-second gear strip while submerged. All of this is done while wearing a full combat utility uniform and a pair of combat boots.

“A majority of recruits aren’t used to swimming in full cammies or wearing a full combat load; it’s a whole different

story,” said Haly. “I think every (recruit) is afraid, because they’re afraid of the unknown.”

The added weight of the boots and uniform is an unfamiliar feeling for recruits, causing them to struggle while moving in the water.

“Getting used to the weight of uniforms and boots was probably the hardest part,” said Recruit Christopher Tran, Plt. 1033, Co. B, 1st RTBn. “You don’t really know what to expect if you’ve never done it before.”

Tran, a 19-year-old Buffalo Grove, Ill., native, explained that what seemed like the easiest part of swim qualification was actually the hardest for him.

“Swimming the first 25 meters across

the pool was the most difficult for me,” said Tran. “You’re not used to the cammies and you’ll walk up to the edge of the pool thinking you’ve got it until you jump in.”

Like most training events in recruit training, swim qualification is a graduation requirement. Although there is remediation for recruits who don’t pass the first day, if they fail to qualify during this time, it may result in being held back in training.

“That adds fear to the whole event; the stress of not knowing what to expect from swim qualification and knowing that they need to complete (swim qualification) to move on in training can be stressful,” said Haly. “I tell my recruits to stay focused, engage what the instructors are telling

them and to be confident.”

An important aspect of recruit training is the confidence built throughout the training cycle. With each event, recruits push themselves physically while growing mentally stronger.

“It’s all mental; if they can complete the initial combat fitness test then there is no way they can’t push themselves physically through this,” said Haly.

Recruits of Co. B walked away from water survival basic knowing what their bodies and minds are capable of. They’ll continue their journey to earn the title “Marine” at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., for basic marksmanship training and rifle qualification.



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A recruit of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, begins to swim 25-meters after jumping from the diving board during swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 4.



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A recruit of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, swims the 25-meter portion of swim qualification at the swim tank aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 4. Recruits are required to swim 25-meters in both the deep and shallow end of the pool while wearing full combat utility uniform and boots.



Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Recruits wait while an instructor briefs them before the 10-second submerged gear strip portion of swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 4.



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Recruits are required to cross their arms and step off a 10-foot diving platform into the deep end of the pool, then swim 25 meters. Swim qualification is a graduation requirement and teaches recruits the basics of surviving in an aquatic environment.



Cpl. Bridget M. Keane

Instructors with Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, demonstrate how to tread water properly during swim qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 4. Recruits are required to tread water for a total of four minutes in the deep end of the pool.

# Marine honors grandfather through service

BY LANCE CPL. PEDRO CARDENAS  
Chevron staff

Private Ryan K. Koroush, Platoon 2142, Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, finally fulfilled his destiny. As a child, Koroush's grandfather always told him to walk with his back straight and head up, sit with his legs crossed and carry himself with pride.

At the time he didn't understand why his grandfather instructed him to do these things. It wasn't until he arrived at recruit training that he understood the method behind his grandfather's ways.

"During receiving week I thought to myself, 'Wow drill instructors are teaching everything he taught me,'" said Koroush. "It wasn't until he passed away that I realized he was a big figure in my life."

Koroush's grandfather, a former Marine and Vietnam veteran, made a big impression on Koroush before he died.

"He taught me to be more responsible and disciplined. He had a big impact in my life," said Koroush.

Koroush's parents divorced during his teenage years and, as the only male in the household, he took on the role of "man of the house." He worked an after-school job to help his mother pay bills and still had time to work on household chores.

His experience made him want to honor his grandfather and his country. He did so by

enlisting in the Marine Corps.

Koroush said his grandmother told him, "Your grandfather would be proud of you."

Koroush has successfully achieved his goal and is now a Marine just like his grandfather. The 23-year-old has matured so well that one of his drill instructors sees great potential in him.

"I could see him being meritoriously promoted to corporal or sergeant. He has leadership. The way he acts, the way he carries himself, the way he follows," said Staff Sgt. Ricky L. Broadway, drill instructor, Plt. 2142, Co. G, 2nd RTBn. "I think he will move up fast in rank and change things for the better."

Setting himself up for success is part of Koroush's personality. He wants to do the best possible job for the Corps, rise through the ranks and join the Marine Security Guard force.

The title "Marine" was his ultimate goal. Now that Koroush has achieved that, being the best Marine he can possibly be is perhaps the best way to honor the man who inspired him. Hard work, dedication to duty and the memory of his grandfather will drive Koroush to new heights as he begins his career as a United States Marine.

"I wish he was still here. I miss him a lot and I would love to talk to him," said Koroush. "Every day I've been here, I've felt he's been here too, guiding me and helping me every step of the way."



Lance Cpl. Benjamin E. Woodle

Pvt. Ryan K. Koroush, Platoon 2142, Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, prepares to patrol to the next event during the Crucible at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., June 3.

## Lt. Gen. John A. Toolan Jr.

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Lt. Gen. John A. Toolan Jr. was commissioned in October 1976 and reported to Okinawa, Japan as an infantry officer with 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

Following this tour, Toolan spent three years at MCRD San Diego, Calif., and was subsequently reassigned as a company commander with 2nd Bn., 7th Marines.

Toolan served as the marine officer instructor at the University of Pennsylvania from 1984 to 1987. He was then transferred to the II Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Lejeune, N.C., as and then to 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion as operations officer and executive officer from 1987 to 1991.

Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm highlighted his tour with the Carolina Marine Air Ground Task Force.

Manpower Officer Assignments was his next

posting until 1994 when he was selected to command the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, "Wolfpack," at Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, Calif., from 1994 to 1997.

Following battalion command, Lt. Gen. Toolan attended the Air Force War College in Montgomery, Ala., and was subsequently assigned as the deputy J5 at Supreme Allied Headquarters, Mons, Belgium. Bosnia and Kosovo, particularly Operation Allied Force, consumed his attention during this tour.

From 2000 to 2002, Toolan commanded Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. He then joined the 1st Marine Division as the operations officer for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In March 2003, Toolan took command of Regimental Combat Team 1 and led the RCT in the march up to Baghdad. His RCT returned to Al-Anbar Province, Iraq for OIF II in 2004.

Following regimental

command, Toolan was assigned as the director of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Va.

Toolan was promoted to brigadier general in 2006, he was assigned as the principal director for Asia/Pacific Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

in Washington, D.C., with a follow-on assignment as deputy commander, U.S. Forces Japan from 2008 to 2010. He was promoted to major general in 2009.

In July 2010, Toolan was assigned as the commander of the 2nd Marine Division. In March 2011, he deployed

as the commanding general, II MEF (Fwd) to Helmand Province, Afghanistan for duties as commander, Regional Command (South West) until March 2012.

On Sept. 7, 2012, Lt. Gen. Toolan was promoted to his current rank and assumed command of I MEF.

***"Graduation is a new beginning. You are a U.S. Marine; you've made the team. The objective is to be our nation's finest 911 Force. If crisis calls, this team will answer. You now have the fundamental values, the foundation upon to which to build. You will be expected to sharpen your skills, stay in shape, learn, read, grow into leaders. Whether your stay in for 3 or 30 years, you will always be a Marine and you owe it to all you follow to act like a Marine 24/7. Congratulations and Semper Fidelis."***





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 Pvt. J. M. Gascon-Romero  
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 Pvt. J. S. Breaman  
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 Pvt. Z. T. Cibrario  
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 Pvt. S. S. Clark  
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 Pvt. J. K. Homer  
 Pvt. D. W. Huiling  
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 Pvt. E. O. Lopez  
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 Pfc. R. M. Nehrt  
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# With uniform comes pride

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Throughout recruit training, there are milestones recruits look forward to that help motivate them to keep working toward earning the title "Marine". Some are physical, like passing a final Physical Fitness Test while others are mental like passing the Comprehensive Test. There is also one that appeals to the emotional sense; the uniform fitting.

"When we get to try on our uniforms there is a sense of pride and a greater sense of purpose," said Recruit Aaron George, Platoon 3222, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. "It also make us feel like we've made progress, we're one step closer to becoming Marines."

Recruits from Co. K, 3rd RTBn., spent the morning trying on their dress uniforms aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 7.

"Today we're doing the second fitting," said Gunnery Sgt. Craig Ranney, recruit uniform issue staff non commissioned officer in charge, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion. "They're here to get name tapes sewn on to their cammies and check that all their uniforms fit properly."

Anything that doesn't fit properly will be marked and re-tailored to make sure the uniforms look as good as possible."

Ranney's team works with the recruits up to four times throughout the training cycle.

"The first time we see them is the week that they get here. That's when they get their cammies, boots, socks and basic things," said Ranney. "The second time we see them is on Training Day 43 for the initial fitting of all their dress uniforms. Then around Training Day 52, we see them for their final fitting. If needed, they can be seen a fourth time for last minute fixes."

Although this was the second time the recruits had the chance to wear their dress uniforms, it still held significance.

"It was really exciting to put on my blue dress coat," said George. "I felt fulfilled thinking back to all the struggles and trials I've overcome throughout recruit training. I also felt pride putting on the uniform we've learned so much about through Marine Corps history (classes)."

Throughout training, recruits are taught about the different uniforms, the history behind them and regulations as described in Marine Corps Order P1020.34G.

According to George, the Marine Corps uniform is much more than an outfit you wear to work daily, there's a lot of symbolism behind it. From the blood strip to the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, there's a great sense of honor in the uniform.

"The uniform represents the passing on of a long legacy," said Recruit Garold Lewis, Plt. 3222, Co. K, 3rd RTBn. "A lot of people don't get to wear our uniform, only a select few get to and that instills pride in us. We hope that we will be the



Cpl. Liz Gleason

Recruits from Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, wait for their turn during a uniform fitting aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 7. This was the second time the recruits were fitted in their service and dress blue uniforms.



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A recruit with Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, buttons his blue dress coat during a uniform fitting aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, June 7.



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A tailor makes an alteration mark on the uniform of a recruit from Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, during a uniform fitting aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 7. Due to the rigorous physical activities during training, some recruits lose enough weight to affect the proper fit of the uniform.

next generation to wear the uniform."

Drill instructors also teach the recruits about the importance of taking pride in their uniform and appearance. They learn how to properly wear each uniform and how to pay attention to small details

such as loose threads.

"In the Marine Corps, people can tell a lot by looking at your uniform," said Lewis. "If your uniform is not up to standards or well kept, it can be an indication that you're a lazy Marine with a low work ethic. If your uniform is up to

standard that is an indication that you're a good Marine with a good work ethic."

Although the recruits of Co. K still have a few weeks left on the Depot, they left their second uniform fitting with a reinforced sense of pride.

"When I earn the title

Marine and the right to wear the uniform, it's going to feel like 'Wow, I've done it,'" said George. "I will carry a new responsibility, I have to live up to and keep up the honor of being a Marine."