



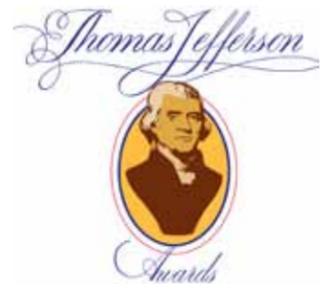
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## Teen battling leukemia becomes Marine for a day

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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Marines from various units coordinated with the Make-A-Wish foundation to grant a teenager’s wish of being a Marine for a day.

Dalton Sanders, 14, of Duncan, Okla., was diagnosed with and has been battling leukemia since last year. For many years Sanders has dreamed of being a Marine. The Make-A-Wish foundation came to his aid and made his dream a reality, Aug. 13.

“I’ve wanted to be a Marine ever since my uncle got out of the Marine Corps,” said Sanders. “I don’t know what it is; I just love the Marine Corps.”

Sanders and his family were given a trip to visit Camp Pendleton where they participated in activities that demonstrate some of the most important aspects of

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Dalton Sanders, 14, jumps over a vertical wall accompanied by Staff Sgt. Keith C. Becker (right), chief instructor trainer and Sgt. Matthew T. Owen (left), martial arts instructor trainer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion at Edson Range aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sander’s was granted his wish of being a Marine for a day through the Make-A-Wish foundation.



Recruit Andrew K. Roelle, guide, Platoon 1070, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, leads his fellow platoon members during Final Drill aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 7. Recruits were graded on various drill movements such as sling arms and by the left and right flank.

## Final Drill inspires pride in recruits

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Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, marched in formation for their Final Drill competition aboard the depot, Aug. 12.

Prior to stepping on the parade deck to perform an array of drill movements, drill instructors verbally reviewed commands and movements with their recruits to remind them of what to expect.

Each platoon in the company is evaluated separately. After all the platoons are graded on a 100

point system, the platoon with the highest score wins the competition.

Both recruits and their drill instructor are graded on 25 different drill moves during the competition, such as left and right oblique, by the left and right flank and the way they fall into formation.

In order to prepare recruits for this demanding competition, drill instructors begin teaching the fundamentals of drill as soon as their recruits step on the yellow foot prints.

“From day one, we drill,” said Sgt. Frank Cruz Jr., senior drill instructor, Plt. 1070. “All together,

we probably do more than 1,000 hours of drill training (during the span of 13 weeks).”

When it was time for Cruz’s platoon to drill, Cruz marched his platoon with loud, firm commands. Although it may have appeared Cruz had done the competitions many times before, this was his first time.

“The platoon’s performance was pretty good. They looked good from the front,” said Cruz, an El Monte, Calif., “We’ve come a long way.”

Cruz explained he tried to

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## Recruits take big step on journey to Marine Corps

STORY & PHOTO BY  
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Recruits of Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, waited in line to be issued their M16-A4 service rifles aboard the depot, Aug. 12.

Each recruit is required to carry the rifle issued to him throughout recruit training to learn many different Marine characteristics.

The rifle is used to teach the recruits discipline and accountability. through rifle drill. Recruits are expected to be able to march while maintaining proper control of the weapon.

Learning to handle the rifle prepares them to maintain

proper weapon control and ensure safety when they go to the rifle range.

“It’s a dangerous weapon and it’s a privilege having it issued to us,” said Recruit Kody R. Giles, New Market, Minn., Platoon 3241. “We must keep our finger off the trigger, make sure the weapon is on safe and check the chamber to ensure that it’s empty.”

Many recruits have never held a rifle, while some have had past experience, which may benefit them when they are taught how to effectively fire their weapon on training day 24.

“I’ve been hunting, target

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Recruit Kevin S. Affeld, Platoon 3241, Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, awaits the issue of his M16-A4 service rifle Aug. 12. The weapon will be his constant companion while in recruit training. Recruits are issued their service rifles before they begin training.



**Staff Sgt. Keith C. Becker (center), chief instructor trainer and Sgt. Matthew T. Owen (right), martial arts instructor trainer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, teach Dalton Sanders how to conquer an obstacle. Sanders was granted his wish of being a Marine for a day through the Make-A-Wish foundation.**

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the Marine Corps. There he was issued his combat utility uniform.

Sander's first event was learning about the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program led by Staff Sgt. Keith C. Becker, chief instructor trainer, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range.

"We taught him MCMAP because it is an important aspect of combat which is sometimes neglected," said Becker.

Instructors taught Sanders about the mental and physical disciplines of martial arts, how to disarm an armed opponent and other techniques that are more applicable to combat such as the straight thrust with a bayonet, knife slash and butt strokes with a M16-A4 service rifle.

"He had a little bit of fun, but realized how physically demanding martial arts is," said Becker.

After all of the constant strikes and hits, Sanders took a break and moved on to the next event.

Becker led the Sanders family to the Obstacle Course.

The O-Course is something that every Marine goes through. It is intended to test Marines physical and mental endurance.

"The O-Course is part of the Marine Corps brand," said Becker. "It is my favorite conditioning tool. Every Marine knows

what the O-Course is."

Sanders overcame the obstacles and his own fatigue to conquer the course.

"He is what the Marine Corps needs," said Becker. "He has the heart and the drive that I think every Marine should have."

Sanders showed the Marines and his family how determined he was to get over each obstacle even if it took him multiple tries.

With all of the physically demanding parts of the day over, Sanders was ready to see what else the Marine Corps had in store for him.

His next stop was the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer on Edson Range. The ISMT is a training facility used by Marines for marksmanship practice and weapons employment tactics. It is equipped with an audio and visual system, along with weapons firing positions.

Sanders and his family were greeted by a group of Primary Marksmanship Instructors. All of the family were taught the basic fundamentals of firing the service rifle and had a chance to fire the simulated weapon.

Sanders was presented his own range jacket, standard wear for PMIs, on behalf of the Edson Range staff.

Sanders was very pleased that he got to fire a weapon, and that there was still more to come.

After a short drive through the base,

the Sanders family arrived at their last stop, the Assault Amphibious School. The school is where Marines are taught how to drive and operate Amphibious Assault Vehicles.

Sanders was greeted by Master Gunnery Sgt. William H. Trammell, operations chief, Assault Amphibious School Battalion.

Trammell introduced Sanders and his family to the two kinds of AAVs and the operators. The operators showed Sanders the AAV's different weapon systems such as the .50 Caliber Machine Gun, the MK19 Grenade Launcher and the M249 Light Machine Gun.

"We are just trying to show him Marine basics and let him have a good time," said Trammell.

What Sanders hadn't realized yet, was that the best part was still to come.

Sanders was given the chance to suit up and ride through an AAV course with the crew, maneuvering over all of the obstacles that the vehicle is capable of conquering.

"Riding in the AAV was the thing I liked most about today," said Sanders. "I didn't know what to expect coming here today, but I had a lot of fun."

Despite the battle with his disease, Sanders walked away from his experience hoping to continue his dream of being a Marine

## DRILL 1

inspire and motivate his recruits, prior to the competition. Winning the competition is the goal for every recruit and drill instructor. Regardless of a win or loss, all recruits take away valuable experiences.

"I really hope we won because it would mean a lot to our senior drill instructor (Cruz) and our platoon," said Recruit Christopher J. L. Estrada, Plt. 1070. "There is a sense of pride knowing we left everything we had out there and improved our discipline," the Ruidoso, N.M., native continued.

For some recruits completing Final Drill was more rewarding because of the drastic improvement of their drill capabilities.

"I was awful at drill when I first started," said Estrada. "I couldn't get any of the moves right. But everyone in the platoon helped me and (Cruz) pulled me aside to break down the moves. That



**Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, drill to the commands of Sgt. Frank Cruz Jr., senior drill instructor, Platoon 1070, aboard the depot Aug. 7. This was Cruz's first time competing in Final Drill.**

helped a lot. I felt pretty confident during Final Drill and didn't mess up. That was my goal."

Although only one platoon walked

away with the honor of winning Final Drill, each recruit and drill instructor of Co. D displayed precision attention to detail and discipline in learning.

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practicing and skeet shooting," said Recruit Kevin S. Affeld, Plt. 3241. "I have also shot the M16 rifle during a target practice before recruit training."

Affeld, of Junction City, Ore., said he thought it would benefit him to learn how to shoot and handle different rifles before recruit training.

It is important for every Marine to be a qualified rifleman. Each Marine goes through the same training with the weap-

on and is required to pass.

"I am excited and looking forward to being trained with the M16-A4 service rifle," said Giles of New Market Minn. "I've had past experience with the M16-A4, so I'm ready for the additional training."

Accountability is another trait that recruits learn while having possession of the rifle. They must know where their rifle is at all times.

Recruits are also expected to take care of their rifle. Cleaning kits are issued to every recruit who must keep up the main-

tenance on the weapon.

"It is a requirement and part of training for recruits to learn everything about the rifle and to maintain their weapon," said Lance Cpl. Derrick A. Voigt, armorer, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion.

"They are taught how to properly disassemble and clean the rifle," said the West Memphis, Ark., native.

After rifle issue, the recruits of Company L marched off with their new responsibility and were ready to continue with their training.

## BRIEFS

### NMCI deactivation

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## Around the depot

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



**"I'm going to play softball in Mission Hill and hang out in the barracks on my 96."** Pfc. Jordan C. Summers, Administrative Clerk, Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



**"I am going to charter a fishing boat and go on a fishing trip over the 96."** Pvt. James A. Mee, Basic Marine Platoon, Special Training Company, Support Battalion



**"During the 96 I am going to take my daughter to the beach and playground, enjoy time with my family and work on my car."** Cpl. Jesus A. Ruiz, Provost Marshals Office Clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarter and Service Battalion

## H&S Battalion trains together



Cpl. Crystal J. Druery

Marines with Headquarters and Service Battalion perform multiple combat fitness exercises for battalion physical training Aug. 27, aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. The Marines started their physical training out with a battalion run followed by stretches and multiple combat fitness stations. H&SBn conducts physical training as a battalion monthly. These sessions range from hikes, swimming, runs and circuit courses ensuring Marines are always physically fit.

## Chaplain of the Marine Corps visits depot



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Enlisted members of the Depot's Chaplain Office got a rare opportunity to ask Rear Adm. Margaret G. Kibben (center left), Chaplain of the Marine Corps, questions during her visit to the depot, Aug. 19. Kibben visited Walker Hall and the Special Training Company, Support Battalion, where injured Marines are rehabilitated to continue with training. Kibben is the 18th Chaplain of the Marine Corps.



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# Recruits submerge in amphibious training

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The Marine Corps is always closely connected with the water, whether

at home or forward deployed. It is during the fourth week of recruit training that recruits are introduced to the amphibious nature of the Corps.

Recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion,

plunged into the pool during Swim Week aboard the depot Aug. 19.

Swim Week is used to certify that recruits can swim and help those who cannot through remediation. Combat Water

Survival basic qualification is a graduation requirement, which recruits must pass to continue their training.

"Every Marine needs to know how to bring themselves to safety. They need to know how

to conduct a self-rescue," said Sgt. Eric I. Pressman, Marine Combat Instructor Trainer of Water Survival, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion. "Whether swimming to shore (while wearing combat utilities) or shedding their gear, every Marine needs to be swim qualified."

Swim qualification begins with a 25-meter swim across the pool.

Recruits must jump off a 10-foot tower using the abandon ship technique, which requires keeping their bodies straight while crossing their arms and ankles. Once they are submerged in the water, recruits swim 25 meters to safety.

Next, recruits tread water for a total of four minutes. Recruits then move to the shallow end of the pool where they must shed a rifle, helmet and vest while underwater in a time limit of 10 seconds. Finally, recruits jump in the water and drag a service pack for 25-meters, which concludes the test. All events are performed while wearing combat utility uniforms and boots.

If at any point recruits begin to show signs of panic, struggle or don't perform the proper technique they are removed from the pool. A Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival will teach them how to properly perform the technique, according to Pressman.

If they fail at the end of the remediation process, recruits are dropped to the next training company. After the third attempt, recruits who fail are dismissed from recruit training according to Pressman.

Some recruits come to recruit training with little swimming experience and, even though some have swam competitively, combat swimming can be different as it requires proper technique and efficiency.

"I was struggling because I wasn't breathing properly, it was difficult," said Recruit Cody M. Burnett, Platoon 1051, a native of St. Louis. "I'm from the Midwest so this was a new experience swimming with boots, gear on and different weights."

Recruits obtain the Combat Water Survival basic qualification during recruit training with the possibility of earning intermediate or advanced qualifications once they get to the Fleet Marine Force.

Co. C conquered the pool and learned first-hand the amphibious history of the Marine Corps. Marines deploy aboard naval vessels, therefore, it is imperative for them to be swim qualified.

"The Marine Corps, at its core, is an amphibious force by nature," said Burnett. "It is essential for a basically trained Marine to be able to operate in an aquatic environment."



Company C recruits jump from a 10-foot tower using the abandon ship technique during Swim Week. In this exercise recruits are required to jump from the tower and swim 25-meters to safety.



Sgt. Eric I. Pressman, Marine Combat Instructor Trainer of Water Survival, Instructional Training Company, Support Battalion, removes a recruit from the pool during Swim Week, Aug. 19. Recruits are removed from the pool if they fail to complete an event with proper technique or for safety reasons.



Company C recruits tow service packs for a total of 25 meters during Swim Week aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 19.



Recruits prepare to shed their gear during a Swim Week exercise at Edward L. Park Hall, the depot swimming pool, Aug. 19. In this exercise recruits must shed their gear while underwater, in a 10-second time limit.



Recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, receive instructions prior to a treading portion of swim qualification during Swim Week aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 19. Recruits must tread water for a total of four minutes while wearing combat utilities and boots.

# Conditioning, weight loss a matter of attitude

STORY & PHOTO BY  
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To Marines, health and fitness are an important part of their daily life. To maintain the Corps' standards, combat readiness and physical fitness are vital parts of their duty.

The purpose of having fitness standards in the Marine Corps is to maintain combat readiness. The Corps demands physically strong and enduring Marines that are capable of overcoming challenges and completing missions.

Pfc. Jonathan M. Marsh, Platoon 1074, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, took the challenge of becoming a Marine and lost 45 pounds during recruit training.

Marsh stood 6 feet tall and weighed 210 pounds during his initial weigh-in. At the end of recruit training, Marsh weighed 165 pounds.

All Marines must meet the standards, including physical fitness standards, and staying within weight limits. Marines weigh-in on a semi-annual basis to ensure they are within regulations.

"It's my job as a Marine to continuously find ways to better myself physically, because I know I represent something bigger than myself now," said Marsh. "The mission to better yourself never stops, especially as Marines."

Growing up in Bakersfield, Calif., Marsh never viewed himself as an over-weight person. However, he realized while still in recruit training that once he earned the title Marine he would be a direct image of the Corps. This, as well as a push from his drill instructors, gave him the motivation to better himself.

"I was always motivated by my drill instructor, Sgt. Martinez," said Marsh. "He's in great shape and inspires me to continue to train my body and live a healthier lifestyle."

Marsh needed healthier meals to sustain high energy levels as recruit training became more demanding.

The depot chow hall offers a wide variety of foods from salads to desserts. Not everything is as nutritional, but his goal was to eat healthy meals, and for

that reason desserts were not on Marsh's menu. During recruit training he was able to find the self-discipline needed to maintain a proper diet.

"I saw other recruits eating foods such as cheeseburgers during second phase of training as well as desserts," said Marsh. "I wanted to, and it was really tough to resist, but I knew to meet my goals towards the weight loss I had to stick to a healthy diet."

The weight loss helped Marsh improve in other physical aspects as well.

"I was horrible at performing pull-ups when I first got here, said Marsh, "but from losing so much weight I rapidly improved at them."

"I did 16 pull-ups on the initial Physical Fitness Test, but on the final PFT I performed 30 pull-ups, almost doubling what I was originally doing."

Improving his pull-up performance is beneficial for Marsh as each year Marines are tested to gauge their physical fitness through the PFT and Combat Fitness Test. While physical fitness is mandatory for Marines, it is also encouraged to score high on these tests to earn more points toward promotion.

Marsh's hard work became contagious. His fellow recruits noticed his efforts and became motivated by how determined he had been towards losing weight.

"I would always see Marsh getting extra workouts in during our free time," said Pfc. Michael A. Whitmire. "He was always looking for a way to physically better himself and that determination rubbed off on me to push myself harder as well."

The Marine Corps promotes mentorship to lead young Marines in the right direction. Not only has Marsh motivated other recruits during training, he found a mentor of his own. Someone he looks up to, his drill instructor.

"It is a great feeling, knowing I could be a mentor to someone and help them reach achievements, such as weight loss, while becoming a Marine," said Sgt. George M. Martinez, drill instructor. "As long as I can train recruits into great and healthy Marines, I'm happy."

"If Marsh carry's the hunger he had towards losing weight



**Pfc. Jonathan M. Marsh, Platoon 1074, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, endured many challenges in order to obtain his goal of becoming a fit and healthy Marine. Marsh lost 45 pounds during recruit training.**

and applies it to the rest of his career in the Corps, then he will be a great Marine, explained Martinez."

The challenges for Marsh won't end at the completion of

recruit training. Once he graduates he will head to Infantry Training Battalion at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I think for everyone who

has a goal, the Marine Corps is a great tool to use to reach them", said Martinez. "It has helped Marsh lose a large amount of weight and become a healthier and better person."

## Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black was born in Louisville, Ky. After attending the University of Louisville, Black went to recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in July 1988. He next reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Geiger, N.C., for training as a machine gunner, and attended the Marine Corps Security Force Training Center, Virginia Beach, Va.

Black was then assigned to sea duty aboard USS Forrestal (aircraft carrier CV-59), serving as a post stander, corporal of the guard and sergeant of the guard.

He deployed in support of Operation Just Cause and to the Mediterranean.

Black received orders to Co. K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines where he was machine gun section leader, weapons platoon sergeant and weapons platoon com-

mander. He deployed to Desert Storm/ Desert Shield and to Okinawa.

Black next reported to Drill Instructor School at MCRD Parris Island, where he served as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor. He was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant in January 1997.

Following that tour, Black was assigned to Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team Company, as a platoon sergeant and operations chief. While there he conducted deployments to Bahrain, Pearl Harbor, the Bangor Washington Naval Shipyard and to Italy in support of 5th Fleet.

In October 2000, Black returned to MCRD Parris Island where he served as senior drill instructor and series gunnery sergeant, Drill Instructor School Instructor and regimental drill master.

Black then reported to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines for duty as a Headquarters and Service Company gunnery sergeant, deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom II. He was then assigned to Golf Company first sergeant, deploying a second time to

Iraq as part of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

In April 2006, Black was assigned to 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion as company first sergeant, Echo Company, and supported four Marine Expeditionary Unit deployments. His next assignment to Officers Candidate School and was the Headquarters Company first sergeant and sergeant major of OCS.

Black posted as the sergeant major for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines in August 2009, and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In July 2011, he transferred to his current billet as sergeant major of Combat Logistics Battalion 5 and deployed in support of OEF.

Black's personal decorations include the Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device and three gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars.





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Pfc. J. P. Clave  
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Pvt. T. Billings  
Pvt. J. L. Brenneman  
Pfc. D. A. Bulat  
Pvt. G. D. Cain  
Pvt. J. E. Castillo  
Pfc. M. B. Cline  
Pvt. A. T. Cook  
Pvt. M. M. Cope  
Pvt. K. M. Copeland  
Pvt. D. A. Corman  
Pfc. J. N. Coyle  
\*Pfc. A. J. Davis  
\*Pfc. S. K. Davis  
Pvt. Z. T. Durst  
Pvt. J. M. Farrell  
Pvt. B. L. Fenley  
\*Pfc. D. W. Flanagan  
Pfc. J. M. Frawley  
Pvt. A. A. Gamboa  
\*Pfc. A. N. Garcia  
Pfc. M. A. Gaspar  
Pvt. E. S. Gonzales  
Pvt. H. T. Gonzalez  
Pfc. E. M. Gonzalez-Garcia  
Pvt. C. M. Grussenmeyer  
Pfc. M. J. Guthier  
Pvt. P. Gutierrez-Ameri-  
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Pfc. J. D. Hambey  
Pvt. R. Hans  
Pvt. M. E. Hardin  
Pfc. S. Harper  
Pvt. J. M. Hemeyer  
Pvt. J. S. Hernandez  
Pfc. J. Hernandez-Garcia  
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Pvt. J. R. Hinojos  
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Pvt. J. Huamanchumo  
Pfc. P. P. Jacobs

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Pvt. E. F. Janusz Jr.  
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Pfc. B. I. Jewkes  
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Pvt. J. S. Kelley  
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Pfc. P. Kuang  
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Pvt. S. Lin  
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Pfc. G. A. Brooks  
Pvt. C. D. Buckley  
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Pvt. P. J. CdeBaca  
Pfc. A. L. Cobos  
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Pfc. B. W. Coleman Jr.  
Pvt. I. K. Colonna  
Pvt. C. E. Conlee  
Pfc. L. J. Contreras-Guzman  
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Pfc. S. M. Coyle  
Pvt. M. J. Daigle  
Pfc. D. E. Davis  
Pfc. C. R. Deatherage  
Pfc. R. Deleon III  
Pvt. J. U. Delgado  
\*Pfc. J. J. Deliphose  
Pvt. L. K. Dellling  
Pfc. T. H. Dinger  
Pfc. G. K. Dobbs  
Pvt. K. T. Donovan  
Pfc. G. C. Dunham  
Pvt. C. R. Durtsche  
Pvt. D. E. Eachus  
Pfc. L. W. Elkins  
Pvt. Z. F. Esquivel  
Pvt. J. B. Ezell  
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Pvt. R. C. Gomez  
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Pfc. E. L. Feldt  
Pfc. T. Franklin  
Pvt. J. D. Galvan  
Pvt. K. A. Garcia  
Pfc. J. M. Giaquinto  
Pfc. E. Gonzalez  
Pfc. C. Greaves  
Pvt. B. A. Grose  
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# Co. M recruits participate in Team Week

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Recruits of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, participated in Team Week, week eight of recruit training, aboard the depot, Aug. 15.

During Team Week, recruits are tasked out to do various duties around the depot, including cleaning and helping out with different units.

"The point of Team Week is for recruits to have some leadership training because it is the first time in recruit training that they are left without supervision," said Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Montreuil, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3271.

Recruits are split into groups or working parties and assigned a task to accomplish in a certain amount of time. Recruits are picked at random to be the leader of the group.

Some drill instructors take the leaders out of the platoon because they have received leadership training already during recruit training, so other recruits in the platoon are given a chance to lead. Due to their key role during Final Drill and graduation, the guide and squad leaders are separated from the platoon to practice their drill.

"I think Team Week builds teamwork and teaches us the fundamentals of working as a team," said Recruit Anthony J. Noguera, Plt. 3271.

Most tasks that are assigned to recruits cannot be done by one person. Whether it is moving broken desks into a truck or cleaning an entire office, it makes recruits work together to complete the job.

Not only is Team Week a time for recruits to learn about teamwork, it is also a time for drill instructors to get tasks taken care of as well. This includes things pertaining to their current recruit training cycle, as well as preparing for graduation.

"I don't look at Team Week as down time or a break for me, I try to catch up and get ahead with everything I need to while I can," said Montreuil. "I can usually give my drill instructors a little time off so they can get their stuff done as well."

Team Week also prepares recruits to work as one for the culminating event, the Crucible, a 54-hour test of endurance where recruits must conquer more than 30 obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation.

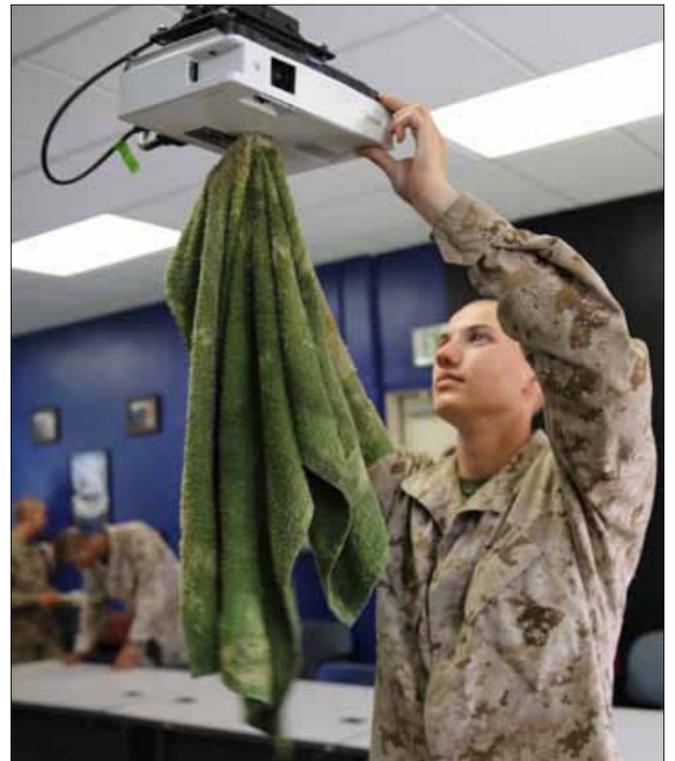
"We need to learn these fundamentals as recruits because we can use them to build off of so we can succeed as Marines," said Noguera.



Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion recruits listen to Staff Sgt. Andrew S. Montreuil, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3271, while he instructs them on where to put the broken furniture during Team Week aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 15. The purpose of Team Week is to teach recruits the fundamentals of leadership.



Recruits work together to load a broken desk on to a truck during Team Week. During this week recruits work around the depot to get a taste of leadership and teamwork.



Recruit Taylor L. Pattillo, Platoon 3270, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, cleans an overhead projector. Recruits are assigned a task during each day of Team Week and have a certain amount of time to get that task done.

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Pvt. B. Tang

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Pvt. D. W. Henderson

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Pvt. D. T. Johnsen

Pfc. D. J. Johnson Jr.

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