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Recruits lay down rifles, pick up history

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Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, experienced the Corps' history firsthand at the depot's Command Museum, Aug. 21.

During training day 56, recruits are taken to the Command Museum to learn and see everything from the Civil War to present day conflicts.

“I believe we put recruits through the museum because we want to instill Marine Corps history into their souls,” said Charles E. Leverette, museum docent.

“To teach them all of this history at this point in their training; I think it backs up everything they have learned thus far,” said the Toledo, Ohio native.

During the tour, recruits were led by a museum docent, a veteran who has lived through the history as late as the Korean War. The two-hour tour covers five sections of the museum, such as the Korean War, Waterhouse Room, Vietnam Gallery, World War II, Medals and Decorations, and Modern Warfare.

“We are one of three command



Recruit Christian G. Christesen, center, demonstrates his knowledge of past military weapons to fellow recruits, left to right, Cody A. Wright, Kennedy N. Tran, Dalton J. Hetherington and Steven E. Rios. The recruits, members of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, were visiting the depot's Command Museum, Aug. 21. Recruits are allowed to look around at the different museum exhibits on their own during these visits.

museums, Parris Island and Miramar are the other two. What makes us different from the rest is that recruits get to tour with these men who have seen and been

through what they are teaching them,” said Barbara McCurtis, museum director.

Recruits are allowed to interact with the docents and ask questions

pertaining to the history. There are also interactive exhibits for recruits to get hands-on learning.

“It's a great place to come and get a better understanding of

where the Marine Corps has come from and how it has evolved over the years,” said Pvt. Daniel K.

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Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, practice execution of the front kick aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 23. Recruits earn their tan martial arts belts in recruit training; it is the lowest belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

Recruits introduced to Martial Arts

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Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, participated in the Lower Body Strikes portion of Marine Corps Martial Arts Program aboard the depot, Aug. 23.

MCMAP is taught to every recruit in order to provide a strategized way to preform close hand to hand combat.

“MCMAP allows you to protect yourself when a weapon isn't available,” said Recruit Jose-Janiben Ornelas, Platoon 3217.

During this training, recruits were taught lower body techniques such as the vertical stomp, vertical knee strike, front kick, round kick and

counter to the rear hand and rear kick.

“Recruits are taught the basic fundamentals in recruit training and can progress through the belt system when they become Marines,” said Staff Sgt. Raymond Rozane, Senior Drill Instructor, Platoon 3247.

While in recruit training, recruits earn their tan belt which is the lowest belt in MCMAP. Once recruits become Marines, they can earn up to a black belt. With each belt comes more involved techniques which makes Marines more efficient fighters.

Recruits learn MCMAP during the first phase of recruit training and it is three times a week for the first four weeks.

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Circuit Course provides opportunity for recruits to increase fitness level

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Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, ran through the Circuit Course aboard the depot, Aug. 19.

The purpose of the Circuit Course is to test recruits endurance, strength and stamina as well as increase their mental toughness.

“This course is used to make well-rounded warriors, improve the recruits' fitness and combat readiness,” said Staff Sgt. Phillip

S. Haly, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1021. “The best way for anyone to train is through a lot of exhausting repetitions, which this course offers the recruits.”

The more physical endurance you put your body through the better shape your body will be in, explained the Corona Calif., native.

Recruits warm-up for the course by running a half-mile sprint, and then split into separate groups of 10 led by a drill instructor. The drill instructors

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Recruits of Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, perform dips at the Circuit Course aboard the depot, Aug. 19. After 60-seconds of the exercise, recruits sprinted to the next exercise station.



Recruit Nolan D. Aguiar, Platoon 2175, examines the history of Marine Corps recruiters and recruiting regions during a visit at the depot’s Command Museum, Aug 21. Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion was given a two-hour tour of the depot’s Command Museum, covering events from Corps history from its start until the present day.

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Vanderwal, Platoon 2175. “I learned a lot, and listening to someone who actually lived through it makes it a lot more interesting.” The Command Museum is home to more than 2,000 artifacts dated from the early days of the Marine Corps to present day. Weapons, vehicles, tools and uniforms are just some of the items one can come

across, when visiting the museum. “It definitely motivates me, seeing all of this for upcoming events like the Crucible,” said Vanderwal, a native of Watseka, Ill. “It just inspires me to do just as good as these men.” The Crucible is a 54-hour test of endurance where recruits must conquer more than 30 obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation; this is the last test the recruits

face until they earn the title of Marine. Once the recruits earn the title, they are given the day before graduation to spend with their families and show them everything they have learned. “It really surprises me, the knowledge that these recruits retain from their visits because when they come back with their families on Family Day, they are the docents to their families,” said McCurtis, a St. Louis, Mo., “It’s truly remarkable.”



Company L, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, execute the vertical knee strike aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Aug. 23. Recruits were taught strikes and counters during a two-hour MCMAP session.

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“It is up to the drill instructors discretion to review the techniques with recruits during recruit training because they don’t test out for their belts until third phase (near the end of recruit training),” said Toledo, Ohio native, Rozane. Throughout training recruits will practice their moves during events such as the Confidence Course to improve their techniques while preforming physical activities. During training sessions recruits are shown an example of the move and expected to preform it with full power in order to show them

that in real life you will be tired during an encounter. “You have to be stronger and faster than the opponent you’re fighting,” said Ornelas, a Jackson, Mich., native. “Conditioning is a large part of learning MCMAP. Marines learn that it takes a lot of energy to throw a punch or a kick and that if they get exhausted during a fight it will be dangerous for them.” Although the recruits are taught MCMAP for combat situations, it is also to protect themselves even at home. “Marines tend to be easy targets even at home,” said Sgt. Christophe E. Woidt, martial arts instructor trainer, Support Battalion, a native of Hillcrest, N. D. “MCMAP gives them the confidence to fight back.”

CIRCUIT ◀ 1

educate the recruits on how to properly execute each obstacle before beginning. Recruits then perform each station for 60 seconds before moving on to the next one. Each station tests the recruits in a new, difficult way by performing various exercises such as pull-ups, military presses and incline sit-ups. By performing each station back-to-back, it builds endurance for the recruits, said Haly. While at each station, recruits are ex-

pected to continuously perform the exercise until the time runs out indicating them to stop. Drill instructors then take the recruits to the next station where they immediately start the next designated exercise. “Each station pushes you to the maximum limit until you just want to stop,” said Recruit Robert S. Dohner, a Bismarck North Dakota, native. “Just when you think the pain is gone you’re running to the next station for more intensive training.”

Marines must train to reach the peak of their physical fitness and always remain combat ready for deployment. The Circuit Course is a way to prepare the recruits of Co. B for the rest of recruit training and when they earn the title United States Marines. “This course can further prepare the recruits for the annual Combat Fitness Test and Physical Fitness Test, which will set the recruits up for promotions to advance their rank in the Marine Corps,” said Haly.

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: “What was your most memorable moment from recruit training?”



“My friend doing the “Macarena” during fire-watch.” Lance Cpl. Iley E. Lorme, Receiving Company, Support Battalion



“My drill instructors made me imitate drill instructors from other platoons.” Pvt. Benjamin J. T. Turner, CPAC, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



“Doing the O-course for the very first time.” Pfc. Inez Valdez, Combat Camera, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion

Barracks Bash



Cpl. Tyler Viglione

Cpl. Richard Saldivar, an administration clerk with Support Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, mocked people attempting to ring his target with softballs, and put him into the Dunk Tank during the depot’s Barracks Bash Aug. 23. The Barracks Bash, part of the depot’s 101 Days of Summer program drew an estimated 200 members of the Marine Corps family. Sponsored by the depot’s Single Marine Program, the event featured free food and beverages, merchant concessions and activities such as the Dunk Tank, an inflatable Bungee Run and the Velcro Wall.

Baseball campers



Lance Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

Children of depot personnel improved their batting, fielding and throwing skills during a baseball camp aboard the depot, Aug. 20. Members of the San Diego Padres baseball team, pitcher Brad Boxberger (left) and catcher Rene Rivera (right), took photos and autographed T-shirts after a Q and A session with the kids.



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Co. M earns tan belt through MCMAP test

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Recruits of Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, completed the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program test aboard the depot, Aug. 21.

The purpose of the MCMAP test is to ensure recruits retain the martial arts training they have received over the course of recruit training.

"The MCMAP test incorporates everything recruits learned," said Sgt. James A. Mabe, drill instructor, Platoon 3271. "The test requires them to demonstrate that they understand the overall

knowledge. The recruits who demonstrate that they know MCMAP fundamentals earn the first belt level, the tan belt."

Recruits begin the test by forming groups of 20 and then go to a designated MCMAP instructor. The instructor will call out a technique and tell the recruits to execute it. Some techniques are done as a group while others are done individually as the instructor walks down the line. Instructors grade each recruit on his ability to successfully perform the technique.

According to Mabe, the MCMAP test is a graduation requirement. It is critical for recruits to be successful come test day. If a recruit fails to perform a technique properly after two at-

tempts an X is marked on his scorecard. Too many Xs and a recruit fails the test, which will drop him to the next training company.

Both drill instructors and MCMAP instructors communicate with one another to ensure recruits have the knowledge they need to perform and pass the examination, Mabe explained.

Most MCMAP techniques require very specific methods of execution to successfully complete. No shortcuts or exceptions are allowed during test time, which means recruits must pay close attention when they are being taught.

"Remembering everything was hard for me and the other recruits," said Recruit Christian

D. Flowers, Plt. 3269, a San Diego native. "It wasn't so much remembering the general technique, but the minor details of executing it that got us, like which way a hand should be facing at the end of a technique or where the first step or grab needs to be."

Successfully passing the MCMAP test is just a small part of the path recruits have taken toward becoming warriors of the Corps. Being able to demonstrate their ability to take on and overcome the challenges of both MCMAP and recruit training prepares recruits for the careers ahead of them.

"Discipline and the warrior spirit are embedded in MCMAP," said Mabe, who has a black

belt instructor MCMAP certification. "Instilling these in recruits now with this training will allow them to go out into the Corps, into their Military Occupational Specialty, as a better person and Marine."

One training day at a time, recruits are learning what it takes to become a Marine. Though modern combat may primarily be with weapons, hand-to-hand combat is just as critical to learn. It allows the Corps to deploy well-rounded warriors who are able to accomplish any mission laid out in front of them.

"Marines are primarily a fighting force so it's important to learn to fight," said Flowers. "In order to do so, one must start with the basics."



Recruit Jesse Arreliano, Platoon 3271, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, performs a left block during the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program test aboard the depot, Aug. 21. The purpose of the MCMAP test is to ensure recruits retain the martial arts training they have received over the course of recruit training.



Recruit Cody Carter, Platoon 3271, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, executes a counter to the muzzle grab during the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program test aboard the depot, Aug. 21. If a recruit fails to perform a technique properly after two attempts an "X" is marked on his scorecard.



Recruit Thomas Brown, Platoon 3271, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, executes a reverse wrist-lock during the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program test aboard the depot, Aug. 21. Most MCMAP techniques require very specific methods of execution to successfully complete.



Recruit Tyler A. Rowe, Platoon 3271, Company M, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, executes a rear choke on his fellow recruit, Carlos Garcia, during the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program test aboard the depot, Aug. 21. Upon successful completion of the test, recruits will earn the first belt level of MCMAP, the tan belt.



Company M, recruits perform a left-side break fall during the MCMAP test Aug. 21. Passing the test is a graduation requirement.

Marine conquers obstacles to obtain ultimate goal

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Recruit training is a physically and mentally demanding environment. However, to some recruits, the challenge may turn seemingly impossible due to circumstances beyond their control.

For Pvt. Geramey G. Evans, Platoon 2170, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, recruit training was possibly more emotionally challenging than for most recruits who come through the depot each year.

According to Evans, his motivation was in full gear during his senior year of high school. The 18-year-old said he spent most of his time preparing for the rigors of recruit training by running or training at the gym. He even graduated early in order to attend recruit training as soon as possible.

“I was very passionate about becoming a Marine,” said Evans. “I spent my entire senior year going to the gym three times a day.”

Evans wanted nothing more than to become a Marine. However, recruit training would prove to challenge him beyond expectation.

“You see all those videos of boot camp online but they don’t really prepare you for what you are walking into,” said Evans. “It’s a complete reality check.”

During the Initial Strength Test, Evans suffered a knee injury. The IST is a pre-training test designed to measure the ability of a recruit to complete recruit training, consists of performing a maximum set of pull-ups and sit-ups and to run 1.5 miles for time. His dream of becoming a Marine came to a screeching halt.

But it was not the end of training for Evans, he was placed in Physical Conditioning Platoon, Special Training Company, Support Battalion, where he spent time in rehabilitation. The following week, he successfully passed the IST and was ready to begin training with Co. H.

Evans was well on his way to graduation, as he had completed the first two phases of training. However, at the beginning of third phase, Evans received news of a family tragedy.

“I was brought down to the company commander’s office and was told that my mother and aunt had passed away. It was a complete shock to me,” said Evans. “I broke down and began to cry because I didn’t know what to say or do.”

Evans, originally from Seattle, was raised by his great aunt in since birth because his mother suffered several health conditions and was in and out of the hospital. However, his mom was still close to him and his siblings, explained Evans.

“My mom always stopped by when she was able and we would spend a few days at her house as well,” said Evans.

According to Evans, death of close relatives was a new experience for him. It was one of the hardest things he had



An Instructional Training Company drill instructor ensures Pvt. Geramey G. Evans is secure in his rappelling harness before he goes over the side of the depot’s 60-foot rappel tower. Evans, a member of Platoon 2170, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, is nearing the end of recruit training despite having to overcome challenges most recruits do not face.

to deal with because he had to learn how to pull himself together. He needed to show he could get through this personal tragedy and carry on with recruit training.

“I know physically my mom is not here, but I feel like she is still part of my life,” said Evans. “It’s motivating for me to know what I’m doing would make her proud. It helps me push a little harder and run a little faster.”

Evans senior drill instructor noticed he never lost sight of his ultimate goal and foresees a bright future for him.

“He is motivated regardless of circumstances and was always the recruit that other recruits would go to,” said Staff Sgt. Frederick D. Favors Jr., senior drill instructor. “I think he will be a Marines Marine and it won’t take much to develop him because he is mature beyond his age.”

Evans will be assigned to Security Forces and after graduation, he will attend the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. He also wants to become either a combat diver or reconnaissance Marine.

“I want to make a bigger impact in the world,” said Evans. “Knowing I don’t have those my mom and aunt in my life makes me want to make more of a difference.”

Maj. Gen. Steven W. Busby

Parade Reviewing Officer

Maj. Gen. Steven W. Busby became commanding general, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., on August 10, 2012.

Busby enlisted into the Marine Corps in 1979 and was commissioned through the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1980.

Busby was designated a naval aviator in 1983. He was assigned to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University by the College Degree Program in 1985 and graduated

with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in 1987. His assignments have included: quality assurance officer and assistant aircraft maintenance officer, H&HMS-32; operations officer and aircraft maintenance officer, Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152; executive officer, VMGR-252; assistant operations officer and air officer, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit; and assistant chief of staff operations, 1st Marine Air Wing.

Busby commanded VMGR-352, Marine Aircraft Group 36 and Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force Unified Assistance in support of South Asia Tsunami Humanitarian Assistance Operations.

Busby served as the senior advisor for

Joint Experimentation and Marine Corps matters in the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Resources and Plans, as the Commandant’s Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City, as the executive assistant for the Deputy Commandant for Aviation, and as the director of the Joint Capabilities Assessment and Integration Division.

As a general officer, Busby has served as the deputy director, Force Management, Application and Support, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Busby is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He was presented the Alfred A. Cunningham Award as the Marine Corps Aviator of the Year in 2001.





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Co. F stands senior drill instructor inspection

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Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, experienced their first senior drill instructor inspection aboard the depot, Aug. 23.

The purpose of the inspection is to provide drill instructors an opportunity to test recruits in multiple areas, including their uniforms.

“It’s the recruits first inspection, an intro, that gets them ready for future inspections,” said Sgt. Kyle A. Ford, drill instructor, Platoon 2127. “This inspection is a more one-on-one setting that allows us to test recruits on their knowledge and appearance.”

On paper, the inspection may seem like a simple and easy process, however, the senior drill instructor inspection is far from it. The inspection consists of drill instructors yelling, questioning recruits on basic knowledge and watching to see if they maintain their bearing.

“I saw a lot of us lose bearing because we were really nervous,” said Recruit Christian E. DeLeon, an Olathe, Kan. native. “We weren’t expecting it to be so rough; having drill instructors in our face yelling and screaming.”

This was a real culture shock for some recruits as they’ve never been screamed at or had been tested in this type of situation, explained Ford.

Drill instructors stress the importance of the small details, whether it be with their uniform or knowledge.

“Once recruits get to second phase the attention to detail becomes critical being out in the field,” said Ford, a San Antonio native. “This helps give us an awareness of who is picking it up and who is not.”

Recruits received a taste of what will be required of them for inspections they will have over the remainder of recruit training and the Fleet Marine Force. One of those inspections is the battalion commander’s inspection, which is a graduation requirement for recruits.

“You must be able to follow directions and look like a proper Marine,” said DeLeon.



Sgt. Anthony May, drill instructor, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, inspects a recruit of Co. F on his recruit knowledge, weapon cleanliness, and uniform appearance during the senior drill instructor inspection aboard the depot, Aug. 23. This inspection will set recruits up for success for their future inspections, including the battalion commander’s inspection, which is a graduation requirement.



Staff Sgt. Gunnar K. Belton, drill instructor, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, creates a stressful environment for recruits during the senior drill instructor inspection aboard the depot, Aug. 23. The purpose of creating such an environment is to test recruits confidence and bearing.

“This has helped us be better prepared for our company commander and battalion commander inspections as we’ll know what to expect now.”

Though the inspection was chaotic, recruits came out with a lesson learned that they will be able to apply to recruit training, the Fleet Marine Force and to combat.

“Bearing and confidence are critical elements for what Marines do,” said Ford. “We need it in everything we do in combat; when rounds are coming down on you and you’re looking for your leadership to steer you through it.”

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