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## Co. K displays precision during Final Drill



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A senior drill instructor walked across the parade deck towards his platoon. He stopped and readied himself. “Fall in!”

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, competed in their Final Drill aboard the depot, Sept. 23.

The purpose of Final Drill is to test a platoon’s ability to execute a specific set of drill maneuvers for score.

“Final Drill is used to see how well the platoon came together for the final event,” said Staff Sgt. Otis V. Gordon, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3233. “It’s the final test of their overall discipline.”

The six platoons showcased precision and accuracy for the best score. The winner takes home the Final Drill trophy; the last trophy competition in recruit training that decides who will become the Honor Platoon.

On that early, hazing morning, recruits ran through a pre-determined set of drill maneu-

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, fall into formation during Final Drill aboard the depot, Sept. 23. Recruits are expected to execute a specific set of drill maneuvers, both rifle manual and marching, that is graded by drill masters who look at every detail from execution, uniform appearance and bearing.

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## Recruits begin MCMAP with basics

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One mind, any weapon; the motto for the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program defines the purpose and goal of its training. Those wishing to excel must start with the basics, the fundamentals, of the program to eventually master.

Recruits of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, were introduced to the fundamentals of MCMAP aboard the depot, Sept. 18.

The purpose of the class was to introduce recruits to the basic moves. They will be learning more in-depth techniques throughout recruit training. Becoming a proficient warrior in the program doesn’t happen overnight and neither does the opportunity to train in the more technical and advanced techniques.

“Every recruit needs a strong foundation to build on,” said Recruit Elijah C. Sanchez, Platoon

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## Happy Birthday, Navy



Lance Cpl. Tyler M. Viglione

Navy Capt. Bill M. Appleton (left), depot chaplain, hands the first piece of cake to Seaman Sean M. Holloway (right), Corpsman, MCRD Recruit Health during the Navy birthday ceremony aboard the depot, Oct. 9. The passing of the cake symbolizes the passing of experience and knowledge from the oldest sailor to the youngest.



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vers. Prior to going out on the parade deck, a drill master presented a set of cards face down to the senior drill instructor. The senior drill instructor picked a card, and on that card is what his platoon was expected to perform during the event.

The order of drill maneuver execution on the cards is not new to the senior drill instructor or platoon. This knowledge gave them the opportunity to train and prepare for the various cards that could be chosen.

“We spend every waking minute or spare time to train them; either in the squad bay, parade deck, or anywhere else that we can utilize,” said Gordon, an Oceanside, Calif. native. “For Final Drill we give them an idea on what the drill master will be looking for so they can practice to be especially sharp in those areas.”

The card started with Co. K recruits performing various rifle manual drill maneuvers including: order arms, left shoulder arms, inspection arms, rifle salute, stack arms, and many more. The recruits must have confidence and discipline to properly execute each move and hold their position. Failure to do so will cost the entire platoon points.

“Drill will teach us discipline and get us to do what we’re supposed to do,” said Recruit Hector J. Delgadocardona, guide, Plt. 3234. “Final Drill will show that we’re working hard and trying to be the best of the best.”

Following the rifle manual drill maneuvers, Co. K recruits performed the marching portion of the event. The recruits must stay in marching synchronization of each other and execute the drill maneuvers precisely when the drill instructor gives a command. Though it may seem simple, the game-day stress can sometimes be overwhelming.

“Some recruits struggle with being really nervous because they don’t want to disappoint their senior drill instructor or platoon,” said Gordon, who has been a



**Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, perform stack arms during Final Drill aboard the depot, Sept. 23. Recruits must quietly communicate and coordinate with one another to ensure weapons are placed correctly.**

drill instructor for one-and-a-half years. “They might forget a technique or mishear the command because of that.”

Even recruits with previous experience in drill found the experience difficult.

“I was in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and did a lot of drill prior to coming to recruit training,” said Delgadocardona, a Long Beach, Calif. native. “I felt it was harder for me because I had to get retrained to the proper Marine Corps way of drilling.”

Through hard work and dedication, Plt. 3231 came out victorious in Final Drill.

Co. K recruits have come a long way since training day one. They have learned basic but valuable skills that will carry with them throughout their Marine Corps career. The discipline they have learned has helped them excel with drill in recruit training. In the future, they may need to utilize it again while out in combat.

“If they’re on patrol and halt is called they have to be disciplined to do exactly that,” said Gordon. “If not, excessive movement may get them or the Marine next to them hurt.”

MCMAP 1

2163, a Beeville, Texas native. “This training will help us build it so that we can, in the future, incorporate more technical maneuvers.”

According to the Marine Corps Reference Publication 3-02B, the focus of MCMAP is the personal development of each Marine in a team framework using a standardized, trainable, and sustainable close combat fighting system. As a weapon-based system, all techniques are integrated with equipment, physical challenges, and tactics found on the modern battlefield.

One of the goals of MCMAP is to be able to send Marines into combat with the ability to defend themselves both with their weapon and through hand-to-hand combat. Ensuring recruits leave recruit training with the basic skills necessary to accomplish that is a critical priority.

“In combat there are situations where you may need close-quarter-combat skills,” said Sgt. Richard P. Bowen, drill instructor, Plt. 2161. “Most recruits haven’t been in a fight for their life or needed to defend themselves. The basics are enough to keep them alive.”

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During basic fundamentals training, MCMAP instructors gave demonstrations on the introductory techniques including the basic warrior stance, angles of movement, lead and rear hand punch and upper cuts. After watching the demonstration, recruits are instructed to “setup the dojo,” where recruits form up in a rubber pit double-arms-distance away from each other to execute the techniques.

“Tan belt through black belt, you always revert back to the basics,” said Bowen, a Grants Pass, Ore. native. “It’s the building blocks for all of MCMAP.”

Though the recruits are learning the physical maneuvers of MCMAP, they are also given additional training on core values and morals.

“MCMAP ties in with the warrior ethos, which is the whole Marine concept,” said Bowen, a 2nd degree black belt instructor. “It will help develop them to be Marines and instill discipline in them to only utilize these techniques when necessary.”

Co. H recruits have begun their journey to becoming experienced and efficient close-quarter-combat fighters. It is an essential training tool for all Marines to become proficient warriors.

“We’re all rifleman, no matter what Military Occupation Specialty you are,” said Sanchez. “Marines need to be ready in a combat environment.”



**Recruit Albert L. Lenerville of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, practices front hand punches during the introduction to the fundamentals of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program aboard the depot, Sept. 18. Though the recruits are learning the physical maneuvers of MCMAP, they are also given additional training on core values and morals.**



**Recruit Conner A. Gerber of Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, practices his front and rear hand punches during the introduction to the fundamentals of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program aboard the depot, Sept. 18. Drill instructors look for intensity and effort during the practical application sessions.**

BRIEFS

Make a Difference Day

The Marine Corps Exchange and the depot’s Single Marine Program hosts the annual Make a Difference Day Oct. 19 from 8 until 11:30 a.m., on the MCX Main Exchange Mall.

The all hands Make a Difference Day event is to raise awareness of breast cancer and domestic violence prevention through a one-day walk and wellness expo. Various vendors will be on-hand throughout the event.

Come early. The expo begins with a 1.5 mile walk that starts at 9 and ends with a raffle at 11.

For information call Kelley Sitar at (619) 524-5655, or go to <http://madd13-mcrd-es2.eventbrite.com/> on the web.

Parking Lot Closure– Oct. 21

The parking lot between the Marine Corps Exchange and the Museum will be closed for re-striping. There is ample extra parking on the parade area.

Ball Gown Giveaway & Fashion Show

MCCS will be hosting a ball gown giveaway and fashion show Friday, Oct. 25, 1600 - 2000 at the Bay View restaurant lawn. Tickets are required and must be presented for admission to event.

Active duty spouses and DoD eligible patrons choose one FREE formal gown & accessories.

Donations of gently used ball gowns are greatly appreciated and accepted at Bldg 6E.

Register at <http://mcrdfashion-show2013.eventbrite.com>

SMP MC Birthday Ball Uniform and Etiquette Training

Tuesday, Oct. 29, Rec Center from 0900-1200.

Single Marines and E-4 and below (regardless of marital status) Marines will instruct junior Marines on proper etiquette and tips to prepare for the ball. Prizes and a late lunch served. Information: Josh Davis 619-524-8240.

MMOA Monitor Team visit

The MMOA monitor team will visit the Depot Nov. 1 and 2.

There will be an all-officer brief and presentation from 8 to 10 a.m. Nov. 1. Interviews will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November 1, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 2. The brief and interviews will be held in the Conference Center, Building 7W. All officers are required to attend the briefing. Monitor interviews will be scheduled via SharePoint.

For questions regarding individual appointments, officers should contact their unit Adjutant. The MCRDSD coordinator is Ms. Edwards at (619) 524-8733.

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## Around the depot

***This week the Chevron asks: "Why is the Navy Birthday significant to you?"***



**"Because we can celebrate the great years the Navy has been around. It's an experience and I am grateful I get to take part in it."**

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Benjamin G. Allen, Assistant Leading Petty Officer, Optometry, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Recruit Health.*



**"Because we can commemorate all of the customs and traditions and remember all of the fallen sailors before us,"**

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel Salazar, Leading Petty Officer for recruit processing, MCRD Recruit Health.*



**"It's part of our Navy heritage and it should be important to all of us (sailors)."**

*Petty Officer 3rd Class Jessica M. Collazo, Corpsman, MCRD Recruit Health.*

# Red Ribbon Week

## October 23-31, 2013



*Courtesy Story & Photo*

The Story Behind the Symbol Enrique "Kiki" Camarena grew up in a dirt-floored home with hopes and dreams of making a difference. Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and

became a police officer.

When he decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I can't not do this," he told her. "I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference."

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave. He had been tortured to death.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory the red ribbon.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America.

In support of "Red Ribbon Week" the MCRD (SACC) Substance Abuse Counseling Center will be setting up an information booth, at the MCX Court Yard and Duncan Hall. SACC will be there for the breakfast and lunch meal providing a drug prevention to include water bottles, pencils, pens, etc...inscribed with a prevention message. MCRD/SACC continues community involvement and displaying a positive image, by educating our military community on being drug-free. See below for dates and times.

October 24, 2013/1000-1500: MCX Courtyard

October 25, 2013/Breakfast 0530-0730 & Lunch meals 1100-1300: Duncan Hall

Point of Contact: Mr. Frank Chavez/Mindy Martini (619) 524-4793

## The show goes on



*Cpl. Crystal J. Drury*

New Marines of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion stand in formation during their recruit training graduation ceremony aboard the depot, Oct. 4. During recruit training, recruits will (on average) receive 54 letters, consume 336,000 calories, fire 450 rifle rounds, walk for 1,387 hours and train in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program for 31.5 hours, according to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego factsheet. The depot, which began recruit training here in 1923, graduates approximately 15,000 young men each year from recruit training.

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# Obstacles conquered with confidence

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Some would argue there are limitations to what one is capable of accomplishing. For those who chose the Marine Corps path, recruit training builds their confidence, realizing anything is possible.

For a boost start recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, faced the Confidence Course aboard the depot, Sept. 17.

"The Confidence Course is meant to get recruits out their comfort zone and get them to do things they are not used to," said Sgt. Jonathan Montalvo, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2105. "It gives them confidence to be able to handle anything that is thrown at them."

The Confidence Course begins with Instructional Training Company drill instructors demonstrating the proper method to complete each obstacle. Once the instructional period is over, recruits are divided into 10 groups, each led by a drill instructor. Each group must go through each obstacle once.

Drill instructors ensure recruits successfully complete each station. Recruits are sent back to start over

until they perform it correctly. The constant physical exertion becomes fatiguing for recruits.

"When you are on deployment they (Marines) need to have physical strength to carry their gear or another Marine out of a danger zone," said Montalvo, a Huntsville, Ala. native.

After completion of each obstacle, recruits practice Marine Corps Martial Arts Program techniques. Each part of the course has a designated MCMAP move that recruits must complete before the group moves on to the next.

The Confidence Course tests recruits both mentally and physically.

"Having tangible obstacles for recruits to physically conquer, helps build confidence," said Recruit Jared R. Marshall, Plt. 2107.

However, recruits have the most difficulty with the station known as Slide for Life. It requires recruits to climb to the top of a platform approximately 30 feet high and slide down a cable diagonally from the top of the platform to the ground. Halfway through the slide, recruits are instructed to come to a dead hang, alter their hand grip so both thumbs point backward and finally put their feet back on the cable and continue to slide to the end. This requires recruits to

stay calm while in a physically demanding position.

To ensure recruits' safety, Slide for Life is equipped with a pool to break recruits' fall if they lose grip during the initial part of their slide. However, since the platform is approximately 30 feet high, a safety net is put in place over the first half of the pool as an additional precautionary measure. If recruits lose their grip on the cable before they are instructed to alter their hand grips, they will land on a safety net. After altering grips, their safety is assured by a pool.

"A lot of these obstacles exploit some irrational fears people have and conquering them is enriching to recruits," said Marshall, a Vancouver, Wash. native. "They realize they are capable of anything."

Confidence is necessary for Marines to accomplish their assigned missions. Recruits of Co. E have a long road before graduation, but with confidence they can conquer any task entrusted to them.

"These obstacles are very odd. They make you contour your body to physically conquer them in ways you wouldn't normally think of," said 19-year-old Marshall. "Being able to attack and conquer obstacles here will help us in the real world."



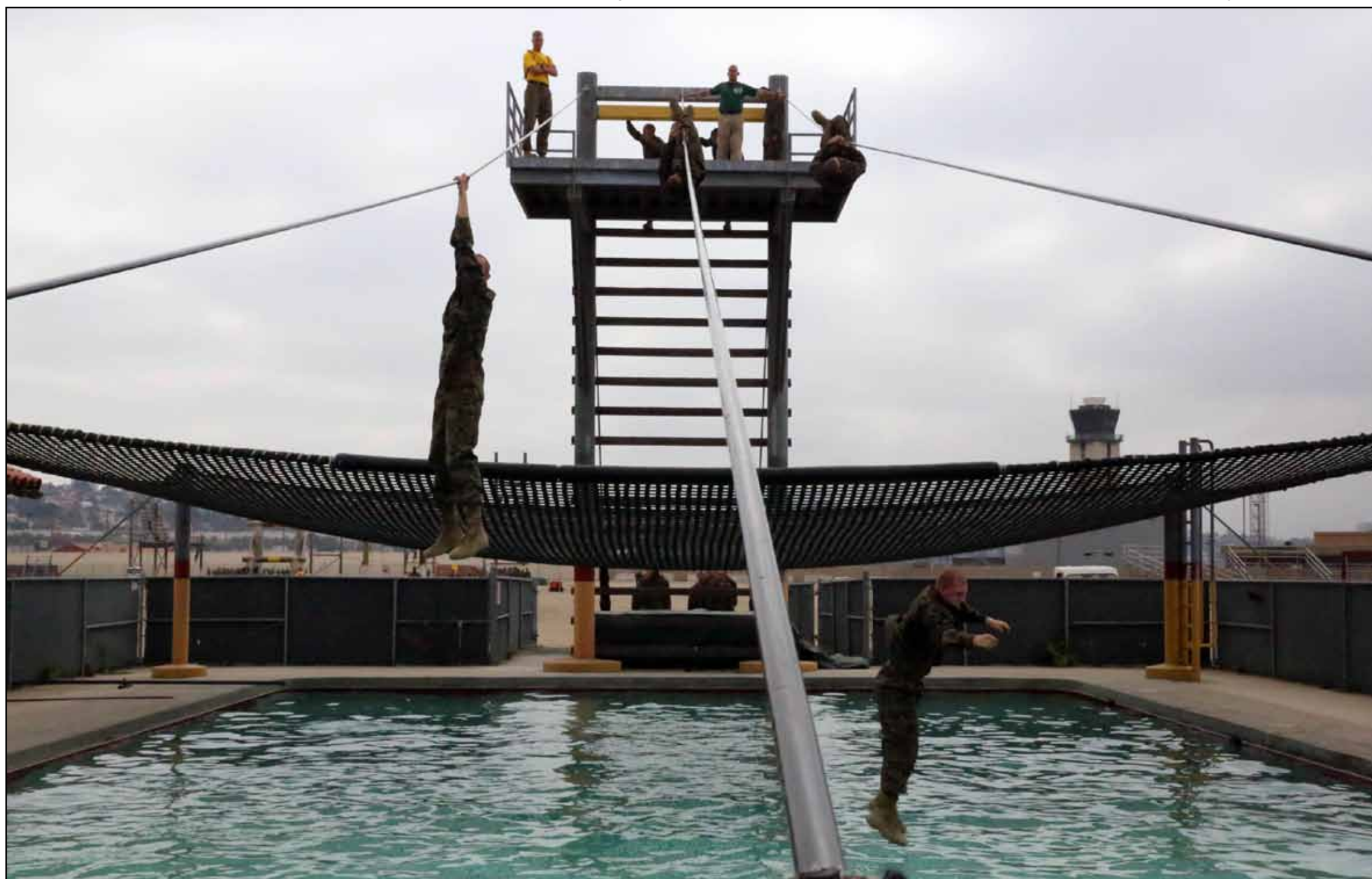
Recruits of Company E, climb over an obstacle known as the Reverse Climb. After recruits complete each obstacle, they are required to practice moves from the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.



Recruit Nathaniel J. Black, Platoon 2105, Company E, jumps over the next log. Recruits were split into 10 different groups each led by a drill instructor. Recruits are expected to complete every obstacle correctly and some will attempt numerous times before they are successful.



Recruits of Company E, attempt to climb an obstacle known as the Stair Way to Heaven. Stairway to Heaven is particularly difficult for some recruits who are afraid of heights. Recruits must climb to the second to last log and over to the other side to begin their descent.



Recruits of Company E, attempt to change grips at an obstacle known as Slide for Life during the Confidence Course aboard the depot, Sept. 17. Slide for life is the final obstacle during the Confidence Course and to some, one of the toughest. Slide for life requires recruits to switch grips and maintain balance while hanging on a cable, otherwise, risk falling into a safety net or getting wet.



Staff Sgt. Joshua W. Cline, drill instructor, Platoon 2107, Company E, motivates Recruit Davis A. Dailey while performing an obstacle known as Wall Climb. Recruits must use the rope to horizontally walk on the wall and get over to the other side.



# Motocross racer finds new career making Marines

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Racing dirt bikes for a living and competing against Ricky Carmichael (by most considered the greatest Motorcross rider of all time), can only be aspired by many. For Gunnery Sgt. Jason L. Buckingham, drill instructor, Platoon 3229, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, motocross stardom was within reach until fate interfered that led him to the Marine Corps.

At the age of 6, Buckingham, began to race and developed a passion for motorcross racing.

Buckingham grew up in Payallup, Wash. where he excelled in the sport. He began to competitively race at the age of 12. In 1993 Yamaha of Troy in Washington State sponsored him. Subsequently, he was offered a better sponsor deal by Susuki. He was well on his way to becoming a professional rider. However, fate had other plans for him.

Just as Buckingham was about to graduate Eatonville High School in 1996, he was involved in a racing accident. The dirt track was watered and dampened prior to the race. During the race, Buckingham attempted a 90-foot double jump, a jump he had successfully executed prior to the track being watered. This time the maneuver attempt failed.

“I knew I was going to come up short as soon I left the ground,” said the 6-foot-2 Buckingham. “I tried to brace for impact and push the bike away from me as much as possible.”

The accident caused multiple injuries, including wrist and ankle breaks, a punctured lung and some broken teeth. The recuperation and rehabilitation period was 9-months long.

“I tried to get back on a bike but it wasn’t the same. That was my life. All the people that I was racing with, they are all now professionals,” said Buckingham. Among those professional riders were Lance Smail and Ricky Carmichael.

Buckingham’s life came to a screeching halt. He needed to find a new career. Gene Toft, a former U.S. Army soldier, served as inspiration for Buckingham.

“He was always coming to my races and kept me in line. He was very patriotic and would teach me military tactics and skills,” said 35-year-old Buckingham. “The impression of the military guy grew on me and I realized what I needed to do.” He took an interest in the military, the



**Gunnery Sgt. Jason L. Buckingham, drill instructor, Platoon 3229, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, instructs a recruit on how to remove his safety harness the proper way after he correctly descended at the Rappel Tower aboard the depot, Sept. 27. Buckingham was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant for his efforts during his recruiting tour.**

Marine Corps in particular. Buckingham went to recruit training on Aug. 5, 1996 and graduated Nov. 1, 1996.

At the beginning of his career in the Marine Corps, he did not know if he would complete a 20-year career. However, he made the best of it. His time in the Corps has been, successful. He was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant during his time in recruiting duty.

Now at 17 years of active duty service, Buckingham, still enjoys the fitness, discipline and leadership.

“It’s a true show of character since it’s not exactly easy to enlist after your life changes,” said Staff Sgt. Akira K. Givings, drill instructor. “You are either part of the problem or part of the solution; he is definitely part of the solution.”

According to Buckingham, some of the most memorable moments of his life

were in 2010-2011 during his deployment to Afghanistan with Combat Logistics Battalion-5, 1st Combat Logistics Regiment, out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

“The missions out there were the most exciting because we did a lot of recovery missions and we were in a lot of awkward situations,” said the self-described adrenaline junkie Buckingham. “A lot of the missions were fast paced, exciting and dangerous.”

As his retirement approaches at the end of his drill instructor tour, Buckingham is more than ever committed to his job of training recruits.

“He is down to earth, dependable and adamant about training recruits. He wants to make them better than he ever was,” said Givings.

Buckingham wants to ensure the

legacy of the Marine Corps, something he treasures dearly, is inherited by future Marines even after his departure.

“My motivation is training the recruits that will be replacing me to carry out our history and traditions; being able to mentor, train, lead and be a part of a team,” said Buckingham. “This is where you get the hands-on training to mold recruits and it’s probably the best way to finish out my career in the Marine Corps.”

Even though he can no longer become a professional motocross rider or a street racer, Buckingham still spends his free time riding and teaching other motocross and street racing enthusiast skills he has learned throughout his life. He is an instructor for the Advanced Riders Course at MCB Camp Pendleton. There, he teaches other riders maneuvers he learned while performing the sport he loves--motorcross.

## Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels was born in Jackson, Tenn. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in July 1982 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Following recruit training, Daniels attended Infantry Training School located at Camp LeJeune, N.C., and upon completion was assigned mortarman. In Dec. of 1982, Daniels reported to 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marines located in Memphis, Tenn., where he served as a mortarman in the Marine Corps Reserve while attending college.

In Feb. 1985, Daniels was reassigned as a recruiter until Sept. of 1988. Daniels, Sept. 1988, reported to Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Division.

In Sept. 1989, Daniels reported to 1st

Battalion, 4th Marines, Camp Pendleton, Calif. During this tour, he participated in Operation Desert Shield and fulfilled duties as squad leader, platoon sergeant, and platoon commander while serving with Weapons Co. Daniels served with 1st Bn. 4th Marines until March 1995.

In April 1995, Daniels reported to Drill Instructor School at MCRD San Diego. He served both as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor in the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. Staff Sgt. Daniels was promoted to the rank of gunnery sergeant while serving at MCRD San Diego.

In April 1998, Daniels reported to 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines located at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Daniels was initially assigned as the platoon sergeant for Dragons Platoon in Weapons Company. In June 1998, Daniels was assigned as the Weapons Company operation chief and then was reassigned to India Company as the company first sergeant from August 2000 through July 2001. In August 2001, Daniels was transferred back to Weapons Company

as the company first sergeant. Promoted to first sergeant in Nov. 2001, Daniels continued to serve as Weapon Company’s first sergeant until June 2003.

In July 2003, Daniels was assigned as the Company first sergeant of Interim Marine Corps Security Force Company Bahrain participating in OIF II where he served until July 2004.

In July 2004, Daniels was assigned to HQ CO, 5th Marine Regiment as the Company first sergeant where he served until Jan. 2005.

In Jan. 2005, Daniels was assigned as Battalion Sergeant Major for 2nd Bn., 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division where he served until April 2008.

In May 2008, Daniels was assigned as the Sergeant Major of Marine Barracks Washington D.C.

In May 2010, Daniels assumed his current duty as the San Diego Depot/ Western Recruiting Region Sergeant Major.

Daniels’ personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Combat

“V”, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars and Combat “V”, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars and the Combat Action Ribbon.







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Staff Sgt. Michael D. Riggs, physical training instructor, Drill Instructor School, gives the command dress-right-dress to align the platoon before their Initial Physical Fitness Test aboard the depot, Oct. 1. Drill movements are an important tool in the drill instructor arsenal as they instill instant obedience to orders.

# DI School forges Marines to pass Corps legacy

STORY & PHOTOS BY  
CPL. PEDRO CARDENAS  
*Chevron staff*

The motto of Drill Instructor School reads, “The future of the Marine Corps starts at Drill Instructor School.” This is where Marines become trained drill instructors, who in turn, transform civilians into Marines. DI school is one of the Marine Corps’ leadership academies where students must develop their leadership skills to earn their campaign covers. Campaign covers are a representation of Marine Corps history and tradition but also of the authority of drill instructors and their mission to make Marines. DI School develops and evaluates the knowledge, physical condition, command presence, instructional ability and leadership of noncommissioned officers and staff noncommissioned officers to prepare them for the rigors of drill instructor duty. “The most important aspect of DI School is character de-

velopment. We represent the Marine Corps and the ones who came before us,” said Gunnery Sgt. Carlos M. Weiss, instructor. “You always have to seek self improvement but also, how to better the organization.” Students at the school are observed in every aspect due to the nature the school. “We hold our students accountable by being demanding, attention to detail and setting high expectations. Everything we teach here, they will apply during their drill instructor tour,” said Staff Sgt. Michael D. Riggs, physical training instructor. According to Riggs, a Long Beach Calif. native, leadership goes a long way. It is the ability to identify right from wrong, but most importantly, the ability to take charge and ensure things are done the correct way. Leadership is taught at DI School through values-based training with an emphasis on the core values. “When they go out there and find themselves needing to make a decision, they need to use that

leadership and to always remember simple words of honor, courage and commitment,” said 29-year-old Riggs. Another emphasis is teamwork. “You cannot be selfish by any means,” said 31-year-old Weiss an Austin, native. “Unselfishness is a must-have trait because your sacrifices are always for the better of the organization.” Once the 56-day training cycle is complete, Marines will be awarded their campaign covers earning them the title drill instructor. Every drill instructor, since July 21, 1956, wears a “Smokey” as a symbol of prestige associated with being a Marine Corps drill instructor. Graduates of DI School will go on to shape the future of the Marine Corps. They will preserve the traditions and history of the Corps as they build the next generation of Marines.



A student is corrected by an instructor during a formation before running his initial Physical Fitness Test aboard the depot, Oct. 1. Students are held to a higher standards and are expected to give maximum effort throughout the duration of the course.

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