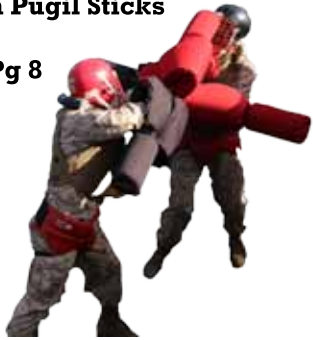


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SECNAV reviews graduating Marines

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The 75th Secretary of the Navy Raymond E. Mabus, Jr. visited the depot for the first time as the Parade Reviewing Officer for the Marines of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, graduation ceremony, Jan. 10.

As Secretary of the Navy, Mabus, who leads America’s Navy and Marine Corps, is responsible for conducting the affairs of the Department of the Navy, including recruiting, organizing, equipping, training and mobilizing. Additionally, he oversees the construction and repair of naval ships, aircraft, and facilities, and formulates and imple-

ments policies and programs consistent with the national security policies established by the President and the Secretary of Defense. Mabus is responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$170 billion and leadership of almost 900,000 people.

As the Parade Reviewing Officer, Mabus was tasked with reviewing and approving the

graduating company.

When the ceremony began, Marines of Co. G marched out onto the parade deck. With the graduation formation set, Mabus took his place in front.

“Good morning, Marines,” said Mabus.

The newly forged Marines of Co. G returned the greeting with a rumbling, “Good morning, sir!”

Ooh rah!”

Mabus spoke to the Marines and congratulated them on their accomplishment of becoming a United States Marine.

“It’s a privilege to be here today and a privilege to address you as Marines,” said Mabus. “You have earned the right to be standing here today; you have earned the right to be called Marines. You have been through the most grueling training that any force goes through. You have gone through the Crucible, you earned the right to stand on the reaper, and you have earned the right to wear the eagle, globe, and anchor. Earned, never given.”

Not forgetting others who sacrificed in the new Marines journey, Mabus turned to the families in the stands and thanked them for their support.

“To the families who are here today, the reason these Marines are standing on this parade field today is a large part today due to the values and character you have instilled in them,” said Mabus. “You have every right to be proud of your Marine.

Mabus turned back to Co. G and explained to them the significance of their accomplishment.

“You are now a part of something far bigger than you’ve ever been a part of before,” said Mabus. “You are a member of the most formidable expeditionary fighting force the world has ever known.

“I recently returned from my 12th trip to Afghanistan to see the Marines stationed there, and the name Helmand will join the legendary names in Marine



Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

The 75th Secretary of the Navy Raymond E. Mabus, Jr. addresses Marines of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, during their graduation ceremony aboard the depot, Jan. 10. Mabus, who visited the depot for the first time, was the Parade Reviewing Officer for the ceremony. “The Marine Corps is the greatest expeditionary fighting force the world has ever known,” said Mabus. “These Marines have earned their place in it.”

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New Marines enjoy USD basketball game

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Being a service member in a military town has its advantages. Organizations from the local area including the San Diego Zoo, San Diego Chargers and the San Diego Padres demonstrate their support for the military establishment through discounts and military appreciation days.

Marines of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, enjoyed a college basketball game at the University of San Diego gymnasium, Jan. 9.

The University of San Diego invited the Marines to show their appreciation for

servicemembers.

For Marines of Co. G, the game was the first time they had been in a civilian environment in almost three months. Approximately 500 graduating Marines of Co. G attended the basketball game.

“Being back out in the civilian world as Marines gives us a sense of pride and what it means to be Marines,” said 23-year-old Lance Cpl. Aidan P. Price, a Rockton, Ill. native. “When we walked into the USD gym it made us feel welcome and gave us great appreciation for our accomplishment of becoming United States Marines.”

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Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, react to a simulated Improvised Explosive Device blast at the IED Lane at Edson Range, Jan. 8. Recruits are trained in the early stages of their Marine Corps careers on how to search and react to an IED device.

Co. K patrols past IED course

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—One of the many threats in modern day warfare is Improvised Explosive Devices, which is why

recruits are trained in the early stages of their Marine Corps careers on how to search and react to an IED device.

Recruits of Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, patrolled through the IED lane during the Crucible at Edson Range, Jan. 8.

This event is a part of recruit training because recruits need to learn ways to spot and detect an IED, explained Cpl. Lucas J. Geboo, field instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion.

“The earlier they receive this

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Cpl. Pedro Cardenas

A Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, lands aboard the depot to transport the 75th Secretary of the Navy Raymond E. Mabus, Jr., Jan. 10. Mabus oversaw the graduation of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, as the Parade Reviewing Officer and, upon completion of the graduation, was transported via Osprey to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. The landing marked the first time an Osprey has landed at the depot.

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history like Tripoli, Belleau Wood, Tarawa, Chosin Reservoir, and Hue City. That is the legacy that is bequeathed to you and that is the legacy now that you have to uphold and add to.”

Mabus spoke with high praise of the Marine Corps’ history and tradition to the Marines. Something they had battled to be a part of for the past 13 weeks.

“This Marine Corps takes its rightful place with the legendary Marines who have passed through these gates and

who have fought our nation’s battles for 238 years,” said Mabus. “As you leave today, to go to the fleet, remember that the Corps’ values of honor, courage and commitment are not just advertising slogans, they are the way that you are expected to live your lives. You are here to protect the United States of America and you are here to protect and defend your fellow Marines and shipmates around the world.”

Mabus concluded his speech with one last accolade for Co. G.

“I have every confidence that you

will maintain the high traditions and values of the United States Marine Corps,” said Mabus. “So welcome to the Marines. I look forward to seeing you in the fleet. Semper fidelis; Ooh rah, Marines.”

As Mabus marked his first visit coming to the depot, the way he left also marked a first. Mabus left in a Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 161, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. The landing marked the first time an Osprey had landed on the depot.

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training, the better it will be for them,” explained Geboo, a Lemont, Ill. native. “I know from my personal experience that the more practice they get with this, the more mistakes they can make and we would much rather them make mistakes here than in country.”

The course resembles a road in Afghanistan or Iraq with everything from a mangled car to a small town –like area. Recruits were briefed by Geboo before they began the course.

“We gave them classes while they were in Field Week on ways to spot an IED and then we reiterated those classes when they began the Crucible,” said 25 year-old Geboo.

During the brief at the beginning of the event, Geboo explained to the recruits that there would be two simulated IEDs along the course. It was their job to spot it and if they did not, it would detonate, causing casualties.

Co. K Marines got in patrol formation and began to patrol the road, looking for any signs of a possible IED threat.

Each object on the course was explained to the recruits as to why or why not it could be a threat. Geboo explained to the recruits that stopping the formation every 10 feet was better than missing something and taking the impact of an IED.

About 200 feet from the beginning of the course was the

first IED that recruits had to spot, in this case they didn’t.

“I couldn’t see it,” said Pvt. Dakota Herrgesell, Platoon 3226. “It’s hard to see when you’re in the middle and have Marines in front of you. You have to trust them.”

When the IED detonated it sent a blast of white powder onto the Marines. Any Marine covered in white powder was now considered a casualty and the other Marines had 60 seconds to evacuate them to a safe zone.

While some platoons learned from their mistakes at first, others didn’t and got hit with the second IED along the course.

At the end, the field instructors briefed the Marines on how they did, what they did wrong and what they did right.

However, the course taught the Marines to pay attention to detail in everything they do because it can cost them their lives or other Marines lives.

“I didn’t know that IEDs could be made out of almost anything,” said 18 year-old Herrgesell. “It definitely makes me look more in depth at my surroundings.”

Although this is the first IED training these Marines received while in the Marine Corps, they will build on the knowledge in their follow-on training at the School Of Infantry.

“I am not going to take any of this training lightly,” said Herrgesell. “One day it might all come back down to the training I receive here and it might save my life.”

USD ◀ 1

USD invites the Marines every year to attend one of their home basketball games. For the Marines, the game was the first opportunity to present themselves and uphold higher standards as Marines.

For the first time since they began recruit training, the Marines of Co. G ate something other than what was provided at the chow hall. While in recruit training, Marines were held to a strict diet. The Marines treated themselves to beverages and snacks as they watched the USD basketball team earn a victory over Loyola Marymount with a score of 74-67.

Marines graduating recruit training meet their families the day prior to graduation, also known as family day. USD invited the families as well with the Marines and felt welcome as soon as they entered through the doors of the Jenny Craig Pavilion gymnasium, explained Price.

“These Marines show pure pride and motivation; they’ve overcome a significant series of obstacles. They’ve done it through individual effort and teamwork

and they deserve that great round of applause you gave them,” said Col. Jim G. Gruny, commanding officer, Recruit Training Regiment. “We thank you for the opportunity to come here and enjoy a great basketball game. It’s going to be a great night and a great night for these Marines.”

Marines of Co. G spent one last night on the depot before graduating. They’ll move on to Marine Combat Training or to the School of Infantry, but not before the city of San Diego showed its appreciation for its local military.



Recruits of Company G, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, watch a college basketball game at the University of San Diego, Jan. 9. “Knowing I am now a United States Marine feels well earned,” said Lance Cpl. Aidan P. Price, a 23-year-old Rockton Ill. native. “USD gave us a warm welcome and it’s nice seeing civilians view us as Marines.”

BRIEFS

Marine Corps Family Team Building New Year New Me

MCFTB’s “New Year New Me” is a character workshop for kids. Kids will learn about citizenship, doing the right thing, and what it means to make a New Year’s resolution! It’s for ages 5 and older.

For information call Tracy Genica at (619) 718-3765, or go online at <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/MarineCorpsFamilyTeamBuilding/index.html>

Father Daughter Dance

The annual Father Daughter dance will be held Friday, Jan. 31 at the MCRD Fieldhouse Gym from 6 -

8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person for an evening in the Enchanted Fairy Forest!

Enjoy dancing, activities, appetizers, and photos for purchase. Purchase tickets in Building 6E prior to the event.

Event open to all active duty, reserve, retired & DoD eligible patrons. Sorry but no mothers allowed.

For more information call Sarah Heath at 619-718-3763 or sarah.c.heath@usmc-mccs.org

Semper Fit Super Bowl Party

A Super Bowl party will be held Sunday, Feb. 2 at the Recreation Center starting at 10 a.m.

Enjoy the Super Bowl at the Recreation Center. Free Nacho bar. Free T-shirts to the first 100 active duty. Win prizes. For more information go to http://www.mccsmcrd.com/Downloads/CURRENT_EVENTS/14_TroopAppreciation_Football_WebFlyer.pdf

Personal & Professional Development Career and Education Fair

A Career and Education Fair will be held Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the MCRD Semper Fit Fieldhouse Bldg. 650 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is free and open to active military members, reservists, family members, military retirees, DoD civilians, and any other authorized patrons. For more information contact Mina Threat at 619- 524-1283 or mina.threat@usmc.mil or contact James Brooks at 619-524-8158/1275 or james.brooks@usmc.mil

Installation Voting Assistance Office

As part of the Federal Voting Assistance Communication Plan, all Service Members are provided a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Form for their local election officials. This form needs to be completed and submitted via the hyperlinks listed below by Jan. 15, 2014 to ensure that all of your election related materials are sent to you at your current mailing address.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website provides a step-by-step online assistant to ensure you submit the form to the proper election office. Visit <http://www.FVAP.gov>

Completion can also be accomplished using the following link: <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fpca.pdf>

Education Center UCSD Military Pathways to College Success

The University of California San Diego (UCSD) will host Military Pathways to College Success at their main campus on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. all are welcome to attend this annual event. The event will be held at the UCSD - Price Center Building, East Ballroom, 9500 Gilman Drive in La Jolla. For more information contact Timothy Borch at (858) 534-4831 or email veteran-sinfo@ad.ucsd.edu

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Marines practice their fast-rope techniques Jan. 8 at Camp Hansen. The Marines fast-roped down from a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter in a precision hover at 30 feet. More than 100 infantrymen completed two iterations, one with minimal equipment and the second with full packs and weapons. The Marines are with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, currently assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force. The helicopter and crew are with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, currently assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st MEU, III MEF, both part of the unit deployment program.

31st MEU Marines drop in for fast-rope training

STORY & PHOTOS BY
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*III Marine Expeditionary Force/
Marine Corps Installations Pacific*

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa -
Hearts racing, but with steady
hands, the Marines grasped the

rope that dangled from the heli-
copter hovering 30 feet in the air.
Relying on their training, they
took the plunge.
More than 100 Marines with
2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regi-
ment, executed helicopter rope
suspension training with the

support of CH-53E Super Stallion
helicopters with Marine Heavy
Helicopter Squadron 463 Jan. 8
on Camp Hansen.
The helicopters and crew with
HMH-463, are currently assigned
to Marine Medium Tiltrotor
Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st

Marine Expeditionary Unit, III
Marine Expeditionary Force,
under the unit deployment pro-
gram.
The infantrymen of 2nd Bn.,
5th Marines, are currently as-
signed to the 31st MEU, III MEF,
under the UDP.

“It’s important for the Marines
to be comfortable with their gear
coming down (the rope),” said
Dominguez. “In a hostile envi-
ronment, they can’t be scared of
coming down from the helicop-
ter. They have to be focused.”
Supporting the Marines’ train-
ing also assisted the helicopter
pilots with keeping their own
skills sharp, according to Maj.
Neil E. Oswald, a pilot with the
squadron.

“Doing fast-rope requires us
to keep a precision hover,” said
Oswald. “Precision hovers are
used for the rapid insertions, rap-
pelling, (special purpose inser-
tion/extraction) and fast-rope.
We also use them for externals,
where we hover over a load, either
a Humvee or an artillery piece,
and maintain a very precise hover
as the (Marines on the ground)
attach our hooks to the cargo.”

After gaining familiarity
with the rope by executing the
maneuver while wearing minimal
equipment, the Marines then
rappelled with a full pack and
weapon.

The Marines need to be as
comfortable as possible with the
techniques because a crisis or
contingency can arise at a mo-
ment’s notice in the Asia-Pacific
region, according to Dominguez.

“It’s not hard, as long as you
practice,” said Dominguez.
“When you practice and you’re
comfortable with all the equip-
ment, your job, everything really
becomes second nature.”



Marines execute fast-rope techniques out of a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter Jan. 8 at a landing zone on Camp Hansen. “It’s important for the Marines to be comfortable with their gear when coming down (the rope),” said Sgt. Gregory J. Dominguez. “In hostile environments, they can’t be scared to come down from the helicopter. They have to be focused.” Dominguez is a machine gun section leader with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, currently assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, III Marine Expeditionary Force, under the unit deployment program. The Marines are with 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, and the helicopter and crew are with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, currently assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st MEU, under the UDP.

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A recruit of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, buddy rushes across the sand and takes cover behind a log during the Bayonet Assault Course aboard the depot, Jan. 9. A buddy rush is when two or more Marines move across a terrain while at least one keeps cover at all times.

Recruits utilize MCMAP in Bayonet Assault Course

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Recruits are trained to take on any challenge and fight anywhere including close quarter combat with a bayonet and rifle.

Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, struck their way through the Bayonet Assault Course aboard the depot, Jan. 9. Bayonet Techniques is part of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. Throughout recruit training, MCMAP classes are taught to instill

hand-to-hand combat techniques and warrior ethos.

"It all boils down to the importance of close quarter combat and a Marine's will to fight," said Recruit Leon R. Agosto, Platoon 3210. "During the bayonet training, drill instructors stressed weapon control, which is important. If you don't have proper weapon control then your technique won't be good and, in a combat situation, the enemy could disarm you."

During the event, recruits were taught to perform a vertical and horizontal slash, disrupt, combat glide, horizontal and vertical butt stroke, and offensive and defensive weapon

maneuvers.

Once recruits were shown how to perform the bayonet techniques they practiced each move to learn the fundamentals and ensure they understood how to execute the technique.

Once recruits practiced enough, they put their skills to the test by going through the Bayonet Assault Course.

The course contained obstacles and stations that simulated a beach landing. First, recruits had to buddy rush to reach their designated destination. Then recruits ran through trenches, low crawled through barbed wire, and applied the bayonet techniques they learned

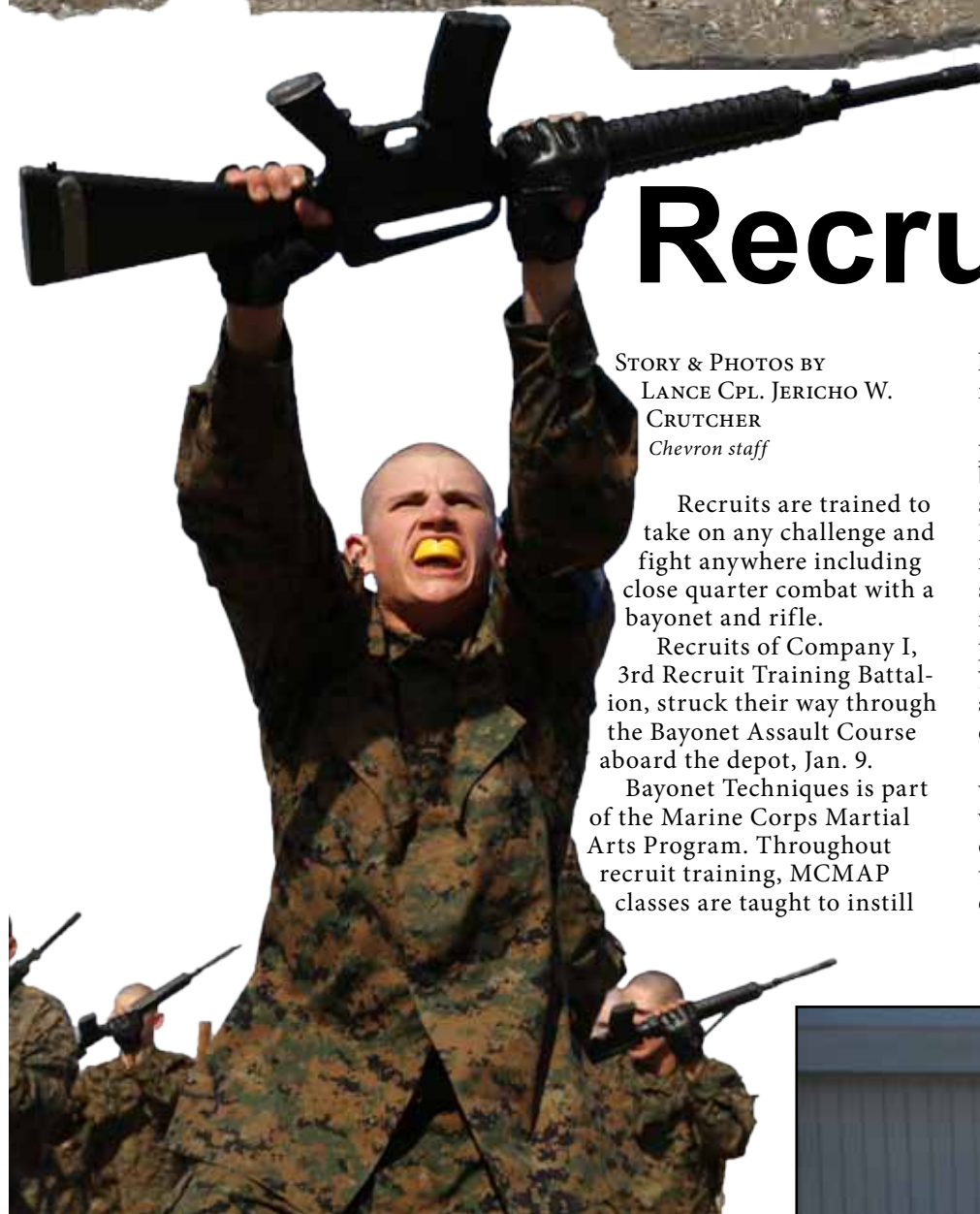
on tires, which simulated an enemy target.

Although trench fighting is mostly outdated, it's still important for Marines to be properly trained towards it, explained Agosto, a 19-year-old Denver, native.

"Weapons retention and positive control of the rifle are two important keys recruits have to become well efficient at," said Sgt. Erik G. Covington, Platoon 3211. "Recruits will be put through further training in MCMAP sessions and pugil sticks to keep the weapon retention fresh in their minds and make the techniques second nature."

The MCMAP motto is 'one mind, any weapon'. To reinforce this motto, recruits were taught to use any object as a weapon in different ways also known as weapons of opportunity. The bayonet, which is designed to attach to the end of the M16-A4 service rifle, made the rifle an even deadlier weapon.

Recruits of Company I, will continue their MCMAP training throughout recruit training and their Marine Corps careers. Marines are known as the first to go and first to fight. To uphold that reputation Marines are always training to be combat efficient and ready.



Recruit Leon R. Agosto of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, practices the high block technique during the Bayonet Assault Course. Throughout recruit training, recruits attended Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training to become familiar with hand-to-hand combat such as trench fighting with bayonets.



Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, take charge with their bayonets attached. Although trench fighting is mostly outdated, Marines learn positive control of their rifle.



A Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor teaches recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, bayonets techniques before starting the Bayonet Assault Course. The Marine Corps MCMAP motto is 'one mind, any weapon.'



Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, perform the techniques learned on a tire that simulates the enemy during the Bayonet Assault Course. Before starting the course, recruits attached a bayonet at the end of the M16-A4 service rifle.



Recruit Leon R. Agosto of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, practices the vertical butt stroke technique. The vertical butt stroke is one of many techniques applied during the Bayonet Assault Course such as: vertical and horizontal slash, disrupt, combat glide, horizontal butt stroke, and offensive and defensive weapon maneuvers.

Marine leads at home, Corps

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For most of the young men and women who enlist in the Marine Corps, recruit training is an experience where they learn responsibility. For Pvt. Jeremy D. Breidel responsibility has been a part of his daily life.

Breidel, Platoon 3225, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, enlisted in the Marine Corps to become an example for his brother and to help out his mother.

After Breidel’s parents divorced when he was seven, his mother began working additional jobs. Because his father lived in a different city, Breidel took responsibility of caring for his little brother and sister to help out his mother. Although, his father, a former Marine sergeant, did not spend much time with Breidel and his siblings, he taught him an important life lesson.

“He taught me how to care for others before myself,” said Breidel. “He was a sergeant so he told me how he took care of the Marine to his left and right.

For Breidel, looking after his brother who was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Aspersers syndrome, was not an easy task.

“If my brother ever needed anything I was the person to do it,” said Breidel, a Deer Park, Texas, native. “I prepared all his meals, took him to school, ensured his homework was done and made certain he was clean.”

Having extra responsibilities at a young age helped Breidel not only become a role model for his brother but also helped him mature faster than his peers. He put the wellness and needs of others ahead of his own.

“I felt like I was actually making a difference and helping my mom out,” said 18-year-old Breidel. “I was focused on caring for my siblings before myself.”

According to Breidel, his brother’s disability demanded perfection from the way his



Pvt. Jeremy D. Breidel, Platoon 3225, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, listens to a safety brief during the Confidence Course at Edson Range, Jan. 8. Breidel learned to be a responsible adult while taking care of his brother and has applied his knowledge during recruit training.

food was placed on a dinner plate to the way he played with his toys. Asperser’s syndrome is sometimes characterized by repetitive patterns of behavior and interests.

“If his food was not touching each other on the plate, he would not eat it,” said Breidel. “He thinks differently but I always tried to make everything less stressful for him.”

His brother’s disability helped

Breidel pay attention to the smallest of details, which became useful during recruit training. Inadvertently, his responsibilities at home helped Breidel endure a smoother transition into the Marine Corps way of life.

In recruit training, recruits are taught attention to detail from making their racks, also known as beds, to cleaning their rifles. Breidel’s experiences not only helped him focus but also

developed his character.

“His experience shows character and that he can adapt to anything,” said Sgt. Eric I. Pressman, drill instructor, a Philadelphia native. “He is not a selfish person and taking care of his brother shows he is a team player.”

According to Breidel, his goal is to be the best Marine he can be and to serve as an example to his brother. Once he graduates,

Breidel will go home for 10 days of leave and continue to serve as an example to his brother.

As a reservist, Breidel will attend the School of Infantry located at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to become a machine gunner. He also plans to start college once his training is complete and study Criminology in order to achieve his dream of becoming a police officer.

Lt. Gen. Edward Hanlon Jr. (ret.)

Parade Reviewing Officer

Lt. Gen. Edward Hanlon (ret.) graduated from South-eastern Oklahoma University in 1966 where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. He also earned a master’s degrees from Pepperdine University in 1977, and the University of Minnesota in 1981.

He attended Officer Candidates School at Quantico, Va., in 1967, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in November 1967. Upon completion of The Basic School at Quantico in April 1968, he went on to the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Okla. Hanlon served in Vietnam from September 1968 until October 1969, as the assistant executive officer, fire direction officer, and executive officer of a firing battery with 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

Upon returning to the United States, he was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, DC, as the assistant operations legal officer and public affairs officer for Headquarters Battalion, and as executive officer of Company A. During this assignment, he was promoted to captain in April 1971. He returned to Fort Sill in October 1972 as a student in the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, graduating in August 1973. From September 1973 until September 1974, Hanlon was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, where he served as the Battalion S-4 for the 2nd Battalion 12th Marines, and later as Commanding Officer, E Battery.

He returned to The Basic School at Quantico, in 1974, as the executive officer of Training Support Company, commanding officer of Enlisted Instructor Company; and executive officer of Company M. In 1977, Hanlon was assigned to the NROTC unit at the University of Minnesota as

the Marine Officer Instructor and, later, as the executive officer. He also served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the summer OCS Bulldog companies. He was promoted to major in October 1978.

From August 1980 to June 1981, he attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College at Quantico. Afterward, he reported to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. There, he served as the battalion logistics officer for the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; executive officer of 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines; and division staff secretary. In October 1983, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Hanlon reported in May 1984 to the 3rd Marine Division as commanding officer, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. He reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego as the director of Personal Services. In 1986, he was a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C. In 1987, Hanlon was assigned to Headquarters Fleet

Marine Force Europe in London as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations. He was promoted to colonel in August 1989.

In September 1990, he reported to the U.S. Atlantic Fleet for duty as the Fleet Marine Officer. Hanlon was the commanding officer of the 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division in April 1992. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1993, and assigned as the deputy commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe, Naples, Italy, where he served until July 1996. He was promoted to major general in 1996, and was assigned duty as the director, Expeditionary Warfare Division. In 1998, he served as the commanding general of Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. He was promoted to lieutenant general in 2001. He then served as the commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va., and deputy commandant for Combat Development, Headquarters Marine Corps, until 2004.

Hanlon was assigned as the US military’s representative to NATO. and retired from the Marine Corps in 2007.

His decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf, Legion of Merit with two gold stars, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat “V” and gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon.





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Overland Park, Kan.
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Arnold, Mo.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. T. Nolte



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Cpl. Rauzzi



Platoon 3227
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Recruits strike through Pugil Sticks III



Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, square up to fight during the Pugil Sticks III event aboard the depot, Jan. 7. Each recruit received a helmet, flak jacket, groin protector, mouth guard and a pugil stick with hand protectors to ensure safety during each bout.

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Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion learned confidence and combat readiness during Pugil Sticks III on training day 49 aboard the depot, Jan. 7.

Recruits endured the Pugil Sticks event because it forced them to push past their limits and, for some parts, work together as a team.

Prior to the Pugil Sticks event, recruits were briefed and then ran through the Bayonet Assault Course. The course was comprised of different obstacles from trenches to crawling under barbed wire.

“The recruits are put through the Bayonet Assault Course because it gives them a realistic outlook on how you fight, executing each obstacle together,” said Staff Sgt. Patrick Jackson, drill instructor, Platoon 2134. “It tests their endurance while they are wearing a full combat load and their weapon.”

In events such as Pugil Sticks I and II, recruits had ran through half of the Bayonet Assault Course. Each time through they would build on what they

had learned.

“These recruits have just completed field week, so during their final Pugil Sticks event before the Crucible they use what they learned such as buddy rushes and bayonet techniques,” said Jackson, a native of Brooklyn, NY. “Each event lets the recruits build off what they already know.”

Tired and fatigued from the course, recruits then fought their pugil stick battle.

The event is called Pugil Sticks because recruits use a stick with two pads on each end that resembles a rifle with a bayonet attachment, according to 28 year-old Jackson.

Recruits were split up by weight in order to make each bout fair.

Each recruit was given protective gear because once in the arena they would use full force. Gear such as a helmet, groin protector, flak jacket, gloves and mouth piece was given to each recruit before entering.

Once in the arena, recruits were checked by the Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor to ensure their gear was secure before the bout began.

According to Recruit Joseph Salas, a Houston native, dur-

ing previous events, recruits were told which side, offense or defense, they would be on. This time recruits were given three 30 second bouts using the techniques they had learned throughout all of their classes and events to give their opponent a striking blow to the head.

While Pugil Sticks is one of the more popular events in recruit training it also serves a purpose beyond the physical training.

“The Pugil Sticks events build confidence in the recruits,” said Jackson. “It’s something they can relate to like manual arms, fighting and striking with the rifle.”

The next Pugil Sticks event will be during the Crucible, a 54-hour test of endurance where recruits must conquer more than 30 obstacles while they experience food and sleep deprivation; the last test the recruits face until they earn the title of Marine.

“Pugil Sticks has taught me a lot, like what combat readiness feels like and having the courage to overcome my fears,” said Salas. “I hope to build on my skills after recruit training during my Marine Corps career.”



Recruits of Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, battle each other during Pugil Sticks III aboard the depot, Jan. 7. The pugil sticks resemble a weapon with a bayonet attachment, which recruits used to practice the techniques they had learned in previous classes.

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