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Uniform Code of Military Justice taught to recruits

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Marines are known as some of the most disciplined members of the U.S. military. Some of the reasons for a Marine’s discipline include their prideful traditions, customs and courtesies and because they uphold the strict rules and regulations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, learned about the regulations of the UCMJ during classroom instruction aboard the depot, Jan. 17.

The UCMJ, which was passed by Congress May 5, 1950 and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, is the foundation of military law in the United States. Military law has the intent to make military justice consistent among all service members in any part of the world.

“The UCMJ’s purpose is to promote good order, discipline and justice,” said Sgt. Michael R. Harrison, academic instructor, Instructional Training Company. “It allows us [Marines] to police ourselves.”

Recruits receive classroom instruction on various topics including Marine Corps history, customs and courtesies, marksmanship fundamentals and the UCMJ. It is important for recruits to learn about these various topics in order to build a foundation of knowledge.

“We teach them early to establish a base and have recruits familiarize themselves with it so they know what is expected of them,” said Sgt. Kenyatta N. Ealey, drill instructor, Platoon 1071. “That way they know what to enforce and how to enforce it.”

With 146 articles for service members to abide by, the UCMJ provides a standard of behavior for its service members through the regulations they have sworn to uphold. Members who are found to have violated the UCMJ through a court-martial, a criminal court, are then punished to the corresponding punishment under the Manuals for Court Martial. Some punishments include confinement, dishonorable discharge for enlisted members and dismissal

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Sgt. Michael R. Harrison, academic instructor, Instructional Training Company, teaches recruits of Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, the importance of the UCMJ aboard the depot, Jan. 17.



Company C Marines, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, run over a berm during Copeland’s Assault at Edson Range, Jan. 15. The first time the Marines ran through the course it was an individual effort. During the Crucible the exercise became a team effort.

Marines smoke Copeland’s Assault

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Marines of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, pushed their way through Copeland’s Assault during the Crucible at Edson Range, Jan. 15.

Copeland’s Assault prepares Marines for the fog of war that one would face in combat explained Sgt. Jake E. Aldrich, field instructor,

Weapons and Field Training Battalion.

“We want to build up that stress factor that Marines have to work under to stay together as a team even through all of the chaos,” said Aldrich, a native of Daytona, Fla.

When the Marines arrived to the event they were briefed on what they would be doing during the course. After, they loaded up into two replica Amphibious Assault Vehicles.

The Marines were split up into fire teams, or teams of four, to re-

semble a real combat situation.

The noises of indirect fire such as machine gun fire and simulated mortars were going off on all sides of the Marines.

“They run through any type of obstacle the enemy can put out to try and block us,” said 27-year-old Aldrich. “Marines need to overcome the obstacles and finish the course.”

Obstacles such as barbed wire, walls, trenches and tunnels were

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Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, practice the standing firing position during Grass Week aboard Edson Range, Jan 15.

Grass Week teaches marksmanship skills

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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The saying ‘Every Marine a rifleman,’ refers to the fact that all recruits are required to become basic marksman while on

their way to becoming Marines.

Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, learned marksmanship fundamentals during Grass Week at Edson Range, Jan. 15.

The purpose of Grass Week was to teach recruits the basic fundamentals of marksman shooting skills and also to learn the functions of the rifle

such as how to load, unload and fire the M16-A4 service rifle.

“Shooting expert is hard,” said Cpl Eric A. Rauzi, primary marksman instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. “Anybody can pick up a weapon and fire it, but those who

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Recruits of Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, regroup and get ready to continue the course during Copeland's Assault, Jan. 15. The course was equipped with simulated machine gun fire and mortar explosions to make it seem more realistic.

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used in the course while the Marines tried to complete it as fast as they could. "It felt real," said Pvt. James C. Kinney, Platoon 1042. "With all the explosions and sounds all around, it is hard to focus when you can't hear anything." Marines previously ran through the course during Field Week, but as individuals. This time through they had to

navigate the course in teams, which increased the difficulty. "Shoot, move, and communicate is what we try to stress to the Marines," said Aldrich. "Communication is key on the battlefield and that's what we want the Marines to understand." According to Kinney, a native of South Bend, Ind., the most challenging part of the course was hearing what his fellow Marines were saying and also get-

ting through the barbed wire. The Marines will continue their combat training at the School of Infantry following graduation of recruit training. "I think the earlier and the more often you practice this type of training, the less you will freak out when it happens for real," said Kinney. "You never really know what is going to happen so you might as well just prepare for everything."



Recruits of Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, practice their prone shooting position during Grass Week aboard Edson Range, Jan 15. During Grass Week recruits learned the basic fundamentals of marksman shooting skills and functions of the rifle.

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learn and apply the basic fundamentals of marksmanship are the better shooters. "Any Marine can be put in a situation where they might have to apply marksmanship, it's just the nature of our business. That makes it important for us as PMIs to teach the recruits all of the knowledge we have as they go through recruit training." Each platoon within the company was assigned a PMI during the fifth week of training. PMIs gave classes on proper usage and operation of the weapon before recruits qualified at Edson Range. Some recruits have never picked up a rifle before, but they'll be trained with the M16-A4 service rifle and become a marksman shooter, explained 25-year-old Rauzi, a Gillespie, Ill. native. Throughout Grass Week, PMIs taught

recruits trigger control, sight picture, breathing control, sight alignment and natural point of aim. These were the basic fundamentals that PMIs taught to turn Co. E recruits into marksman shooters. Each platoon had an outdoor classroom and area to practice what they learned. There were four primary positions recruits would shoot in: standing, kneeling, sitting and prone. PMIs gave recruits "snap-in-time" so they could practice the different position and fundamentals they were taught. During "snap-in-time," recruits aimed, in different directions, at barrels with targets painted on them to get recruits used to the discomforts of proper shooting. "I feel comfortable in the different firing positions," said Recruit Colton C. Willoughby, Platoon 2110. "Breathing and trigger control is what I focus on most to assure I'll be firing in the center of the tar-

get on qualification week." Recruits also face the risk of their weapon possibly jamming while at the range. Because of that, PMIs taught recruits remedial action, which is a method used to fix the rifle and continue firing. It's vital we learn these skills. We're on our way to become Marines and Marines are the first to go fight wars explained, 19-year-old Willoughby, a Port Lavaca, Texas native. "My mission is to turn recruits into efficient shooters," said Rauzi. "It's very satisfying when I see recruits applying the fundamentals of marksmanship I taught to them and becoming qualified rifleman." With the basic marksmanship fundamentals in hand, recruits of Co. E. will move on to Firing Week where they will put what the PMIs have taught them to use and attempt to qualify with the M16-A4 service rifle.

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for officers. "Recruits need to know they have to abide by it, even when nobody is around. They have to do the right thing at all times," said Ealey, a native of Oceanside, Calif. "We have to hold each other accountable. I have to correct my peers and subordinates to establish good order and discipline." Recruits also learn about specific articles they must know such as Article 15. Under Article 15, commanders have the authority to use a non-judicial punish-

ment, otherwise known as an NJP, for a minor infraction. Punishments include reduction in rank, loss of pay, restriction of privileges and extra-duty. "You are responsible for your own actions and throughout your Marine Corps career you have to maintain a high level of integrity," said Harrison, a Denver native. "If somebody does break the rules then they will be punished accordingly; the harsher the crime the harsher the punishment will be." Service members are subject to the UCMJ as well as civilian laws. For example, if a member of the military is found guilty

of drunk driving by city police, he or she would receive their civilian punishment and also be held responsible and punished within the military establishment. This serves as an incentive for military members to be disciplined and uphold the law. "A lot of our standards are old," said Harrison. "But, standards tell us how to conduct ourselves as Marines." Recruits of Co. D learned about one of the many reasons why Marines are considered the most disciplined individuals within the armed forces. However, they have to learn and apply many more topics to earn the right to call themselves Marines.

BRIEFS

Voting assistance

The Federal Voting Assistance Office and State Election Officials have recommended that the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Form be completed annually, prior to each deployment, and after each Permanent Change of Station (PCS). 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 at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/fpca.pdf>.

Father - Daughter Dance

The depot's annual Father-Daughter dance will be held Jan. 31 at the Fieldhouse Gym from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person for an evening in the Enchanted Fairy Forest, and may be purchased in Building 6E prior to the event. Enjoy dancing, activities and appetizers. Photos will be available for purchase. The event is open to all active duty, reserve, retired & DoD eligible patrons. For more information contact Sarah Heath at (619) 718-3763 or via e-mail at sarah.c.heath@usmc-mccs.org.

Semper Fit Super Bowl Party

A Super Bowl party will be held Feb. 2 at the Recreation Center starting at 10 a.m. There will be a Free Nacho bar and 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

Career and Education Fair

A Personal & Professional Development Career and Education Fair will be held Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the depot's Semper Fit Fieldhouse, Building. 650. 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 via e-mail at mina.threat@usmc.mil; or contact James Brooks at (619) 524-8158/1275 or via e-mail at james.brooks@usmc.mil.

Boots to Business Workshop

A Personal & Professional Development Boots to Business Workshop will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, in Building 14. The two-day intensive training workshop will formulate an awareness of business basics which will enhance future business planning efforts. The workshop is offered in collaboration with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University, the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. For information contact Mina Threat at (619) 524-1283 or via e-mail at mina.threat@usmc.mil. Information may also be found at <http://mccsmcrd.com/PersonalAndProfessionalDevelopment/index.html>

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1st Combat Engineers participate in Pendleton machine gunners course

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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - Marines with 1st Combat Engineer Battalion recently participated in a non-Infantry machine gunners course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif.

1st CEB specializes in conducting shore party operations

during amphibious landings and providing close combat engineer support to the Marine infantry.

The Marines of 1st CEB are required to handle and effectively operate weapons used in combat, skills the course provides over the eight training days.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Vitellaro, a Marine with 1st CEB, said the non-infantry machine-gunner's

course gives non-infantry Marines the proper tactics to effectively operate machine guns used in combat.

"We take classes on four different types of machine guns," Vitellaro said. "We use The M249 light machine gun, the M240, the Browning .50 Caliber machine gun, and the Mk 19 automatic grenade launcher."

Lance Cpl. Alex Cruz, a

Marine with 1st CEB, said the course is designed to teach the Marines every aspect of the weapon systems they use.

"We learn the characteristics, how to perform immediate remedial actions and the rates of fire," Cruz said. "Then we get into machine gun tactics, and my favorite part, firing the weapons."

The course improves the

Marines combat effectiveness and bolsters their sense of self-reliance.

"We have been practicing every day and every night, over and over, until it has become muscle memory," Vitellaro said. "This course made me confident that if I am deployed and I have to man a machine gun, I could get behind that weapon and operate it effectively."



Lance Cpl. Daniel Vitellaro, a Marine with 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, fires a M249 light machine gun during a two-week machine gunners course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 15. The course taught the Marines how to effectively operate machine guns in combat scenarios.



Lance Cpl. Alex Cruz, a Marine with 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, fires a Browning .50 caliber machine gun aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 15. The Marines fired four different machine guns during the two-week machine gunners course.



Marines feed ammunition into the Browning .50 caliber machine gun during a machine gunners course aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., Jan. 15. The course was approximately two weeks long and taught the Marines how to operate machine guns effectively.

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Company I recruits slide their way down the Slide for Life obstacle while running the depot's Confidence Course. Recruits who do not make it to the end of the cable have a net and pool to catch them when the fall.



Company I recruits go through the Weaver obstacle while running the depot's Confidence Course Jan. 14. The Confidence Course is made up of a dozen physically and mentally challenging obstacles that recruits must run through at a quick pace.

Recruits overcome fear to build confidence

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Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, conquered the ropes and heights of the Confidence Course aboard the depot, Jan. 14.

According to Sgt. Cesar A. Lopez, drill instructor, Platoon 3211, the purpose of the Confidence Course was to build confidence in the recruits to overcome their fears.

"At the beginning, they are afraid. They look up at the high obstacles and instantly get nervous," said Lopez, a native of Bakersfield, Calif. "It motivates them in a weird way."

The morning started off with an Instructional Training Company drill instructor, along with Co. I drill instructors, providing examples for recruits so they knew which technique to use at each obstacle. Afterward, each drill instructor was assigned a group of 10 recruits to

lead through the course. Every group of recruits had to go through each obstacle at least once.

Drill instructors made the course fast paced. When the recruits were waiting to go over the obstacle, they were told to do a specific Marine Corps Martial Arts Program technique or to run in place. In addition, recruits had to sprint to each obstacle, which fatigued them quickly.

"I think I was tired at the third obstacle," explained Recruit Adam D. Molman, Plt. 3213. "Being tired and trying to overcome all of those obstacles was tough but I knew that this was the point of the Confidence Course."

While exhaustion was one hurdle recruits had to push through, another was their fears. Obstacles such as the Slide for Life, Stairway to Heaven and the Tough One are all obstacles that stood high above the ground and required mental strength to conquer.

The Slide for Life obstacle, which recruits struggled the most with, was a 30-foot platform they had to slide

down from utilizing a steel cable from the top of the platform to the ground. If they were to fall, they would land in a safety pool.

There were a total of 12 obstacles in the Confidence Course that pushed recruits to their breaking point but also made them realize that they can do a lot more than they think, explained 26 year-old Lopez.

"This is all a part of the transformation that we go through while in recruit training," said Molman, a native of Lamberton, Minn.

Each event recruits go through serves a particular purpose for them to learn and grow from. Gaining the confidence forced out of them during the course will help prepare them for the rest of their Marine Corps careers.

"This course made me realize a lot," said Molman. "No matter where I go or what I do I know that the more I keep pushing myself, the more things I can accomplish that I never thought I could."



Company I recruit Marquez Alberto climbs a rope wall during his run through the depot's Confidence Course. Recruits ran through the course two times during First Phase training, and again during the Crucible.



Company I recruits Victor Sanchez and Julio C. Ramirez, leap to the ropes to swing through the Rope Swing obstacle. Each drill instructor was assigned a group of ten recruits to take through the course, ensuring each recruit executed each obstacle at least once.



Recruits of Company I, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, execute the high block technique of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program after completing an obstacle while running the depot's Confidence Course

Marine continues family military legacy

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For some children their father is their role model while growing up. Though some may try to emulate their morals and values, few decide to continue in the family business.

Pfc. Frederick M. Padilla Jr., Platoon 1046, Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, is following in his father’s footsteps while finding his own path.

Padilla grew up in the military lifestyle. His grandfather was an Air Force career officer, his uncle is retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Frank J. Padilla and his father is Maj. Gen. Frederick M. Padilla, director of operations, Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps. His father was the only Marine in the family.

However, even with his family’s military background, Padilla did not want to join the military at first.

“I wanted to see if I could do something other than what my dad did,” said 22-year-old Padilla.

According to Padilla, he began boxing at the age of 13 as a hobby but wanted to try his luck and become a professional boxer. He soon realized he was not going

to earn a living boxing and decided to make a career change.

“My father and my uncle told me to give the military a shot,” said Padilla, a native of Oxnard, Calif. “I was going the wrong path and not making anything out of myself.”

He met with a recruiter and enlisted in the Marine Corps. Padilla shipped off to recruit training Oct. 28 to follow his father’s footsteps, an enormous task by any measure.

“It definitely sets the bar high because he is passionate and loves the Marine Corps,” said Padilla. “I admire that and it gives me someone to emulate.”

For Padilla, recruit training was an adjustment. He was surrounded by younger recruits who talked about their families and hometowns. Padilla wanted to create his own luck, which is why he did not want anyone to know his father’s rank. He did not want to give anyone any reason to treat him differently.

“He worked his way up to become one of the squad leaders but nobody knew who his father was,” said Sgt. Jason A. Sabater, senior drill instructor, a native of Vallejo, Calif. “He wants to create his own path and that says a lot about him.”

During recruit training, Padilla had received numerous letters of encouragement from his father. According

to Padilla, his father sent him encouraging messages of pride and guidance. Padilla has a unique perspective over his peers. His father is a Marine who can guide him professionally but most importantly give him the fatherly advice to steer him in the right direction as a person.

“I want to be a good man, a good citizen and a good Marine like my father,” said Padilla. “He is someone I can go to for guidance, in any matter, because he is my father and fellow Marine.”

According to Sabater, Padilla is a natural leader. Not only because of his individual qualities, such as initiative and decisiveness, but also because of the foundation that comes along with being the son of a Marine.

“There is definitely pressure but I like it because it keeps me straight. It’s not just me messing up, I’m a direct reflection of him,” said Padilla. “I have his name and I want to make him proud but, at the same time, I want to make my own path.”

Padilla will attend the School of Infantry located at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to become an infantryman. He also plans to start college once his training is complete and follow in his father’s footsteps.

“I want to become an officer and be like him,” said Padilla. “He is not only a great Marine but also a great father.”



Pfc. Frederick M. Padilla, Jr., Platoon 1046, Company C, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, patrols through the Improvised Explosive Device lane during the Crucible at Edson Range, Jan. 15. Padilla, his father and his sister are the only Marines in his family’s history of military service.

Maj. Gen. Frederick M. Padilla

Parade Reviewing Officer

Maj. Gen. Frederick M. Padilla was born April 1959 in Torrejon, Spain, to a career Air Force officer. He is a 1982 graduate of East Carolina University and was commissioned in 1983.

Padilla’s assignments in the operating forces include platoon commander, company commander and battalion adjutant, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment; Rifle and Weapons Company commander, 3rd Bat-

talion, 9th Marine Regiment; inspector-instructor, Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment; operations officer, 1st Marine Division; commanding officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and commanding general, 3rd Marine Division.

Other assignments include command adjutant, Marine Aircraft Group-42, Detachment A, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing; commanding officer, Marine Detachment, USS Canopus; commanding officer, School of Infantry-West; and chief of staff, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

Padilla’s joint assignments

include plans officer, Operations and Strategic Planning and Policy, and secretary of the joint staff, Joint Task Force Six; and branch chief for the Joint Requirements Oversight Council on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon. Padilla’s first general officer assignment was as the commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island, S.C.

Padilla was promoted to his present rank in July 2013. He is currently the director of operations with Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Padilla is a graduate of the

Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, Air Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College and Naval War College. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (with Combat V and two gold stars), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf), Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with gold star), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (with gold star), and the Combat Action Ribbon (with





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Educators get taste of recruit training

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Approximately 40 educators visited multiple Marine Corps installations in Southern California to learn more about the Corps. However, for many, the most informative and impactful experiences were when they were challenged to participate in recruit training like activities. Educators of the Chicago and St. Louis area conducted the Combat Fitness Test aboard the depot, Jan. 14. During their week-long visit, the group was briefed on Marine Corps recruiting policies, Corps history, and recruit training. Specifically, what recruits go through in their 13-week journey to becoming Marines. Before heading to the football field for the CFT, educators were broken down into two groups. Drill instructors then aligned them into a platoon and explained the fundamentals of marching. Although they seemed to soak up the knowledge well, applying it was a different story. As Sgt. Mark Peters, senior drill

instructor, Platoon 1074, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, gave the order to step forward, only about 20 people moved together. After laughing it off, Peters informed the educators of what they had done wrong and tried once again to march together. The improvement was minor and, after a quick chuckle, it was decided the group would simply walk the rest of the way to the football field. “I thought I was pretty athletic and coordinated,” said Tish Nager, guidance counselor, Hillsboro High School. “But this stuff is harder than it looks. I can tell it takes practice because it’s not a normal stepping pattern.” When the group arrived at the football field, Marines gave demonstrations of each part of the CFT and informed the group how the tests are scored. In the Corps, the CFT includes an 880 yard run known as movement to contact, ammunition can lifts and a simulated maneuver under fire. However, because much of the group was at varying physical fitness levels, the CFT was performed only by those who volunteered and the half mile sprint was taken out.

Many of the educators who volunteered to do ammunition can lifts appeared to be shocked around the halfway point, at the difficulty of the exercise. They struggled to push themselves for more repetitions. After the ammunition can lifts were done, only a handful volunteered for the remainder of the CFT. “This was one of the hardest physically challenging things I’ve ever done,” said Nager, who is also a soccer, softball and basketball coach. “Because I’m a coach, it was very informative and motivating. There were people who thought they couldn’t do it and just pushed through it. I think that’s one of the biggest things I’m going to take back as a coach. It was also an eye opening experience and now I have experiences I can talk about when my students ask about the Marine Corps.” As the volunteers worked their way through the Maneuver-under-Fire, their peers shouted words of encouragement. Maneuver-under-Fire consists of a fireman’s carry, dummy grenade toss, high and low crawling and ammunition can carries.

Herbert House, a post-secondary college and career advisor at William J. Bogan Hish School, pushed himself to exhaustion. “The intensity of it made me feel like I was getting to my breaking point,” said House. “But what was going on through my head during the CFT was that I just have to finish. I tell my [students] that there are times and emotions that make you want to give up, but with hard work, good attitude and focus you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. I did it for my students.” For each volunteer that went through the CFT there was a drill instructor right behind them shouting and pushing them forward just like they push recruits in training. “It’s a great experience for the Marine Corps and civilians to collaborate and learn how to better inform educators and students on the military,” said Peters. “If we don’t push them 110 percent it might never happen. This may be their only chance, it’s about getting the mission done and (the educators workshop) is important.”



Sgt. Mark A. Peters, drill instructor, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, runs with Herbert House, a post-secondary college and career advisor at Chicago’s William J. Bogan High School, as he fireman carries an educator during the Combat Fitness Test aboard the depot, Jan. 14. Drill instructors attempted to motivate each individual as they progressed through the CFT.

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