



**Recruit Abdi A. Mohamed, Hotel Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, lifts a board to another recruit during the Leadership Reaction Course at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Aug. 5. Following recruit training, Mohamed will move on to the School of Infantry for Marine Combat Training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. From there will go to his military occupational specialty training as a motor transportation specialist. He plans on learning as much as he can in the Corps and giving his service as a repayment for everything he has been given. Hotel Company graduates today.**

# Kenya native gives back with service

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Growing up with only the bare necessities in another country can make a person thankful and appreciate the opportunities America has to offer.

Private First Class Abdi A. Mohamed, Hotel Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, moved from Kenya to America at an early age and wants to give back by joining the Corps.

“I was born in a refugee camp in Kakuma, Kenya,” said Mohamed. “The Kakuma Refugee Camp was built by the United States to keep Kenyans safe from the war zones.”

He recalled his mother making food to sell and the rest of his family doing small tasks around the camp to provide for the family. Resources such as water were hard to get and required a lot of effort as they would have to walk about a mile with buckets they carried on their heads, to fill up and carry back to their house.

In February of 2005, Mohamed and his family were allowed to fly to America and become residents. They first arrived in New York and were placed in Phoenix to live.

“I didn’t know any English,” said Mo-

hamed. “I had a very difficult time adjusting to my surroundings, especially when I started school.”

The young Marine attended Tavon Elementary in Phoenix, where he was admitted to special learning programs to improve his speech and pronunciation of the English language.

As Mohamed grew older, he transferred from middle to high school in the same unified school district.

While attending high school, Mohamed was very interested in sports. He ran track and played football and soccer. He explains how he felt like life was so much different from his experiences in Kenya. He had his own group of friends that he hung out with and shared similar interests.

While in high school, Mohamed worked at a local Chick-Fil-A and he moved up the chain first working as a cashier and then, shortly after, was promoted to team leader. He explained that his superiors admired his leadership skills and the way he worked with the rest of the employees.

In less than a year Mohamed was promoted to executive director of his restaurant where he worked directly under the owner and was responsible for managing bills and sales.

He began looking into the Marine Corps but wasn’t sure if he wanted to leave his family. Once he knew it was what he wanted to do, he started working with a recruiter and shipped to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego to be a part of Hotel Company.

“I knew that this is what I wanted to do because I wanted more challenge in my life,” said Mohamed. “Not only that, but joining the Corps would make me a United States citizen, not just living here, but having the right to vote and be part of the country. It’s something I really wanted.”

Yesterday Mohamed, who graduates today, was naturalized as an American citizen.

Following recruit training, he will move on to the School of Infantry for Marine Combat Training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. From there he goes to his military occupational specialty training as a motor transportation specialist.

Mohamed plans on learning as much as he can in the Corps and giving his service as a repayment for everything he has been given by America.

“I cannot express my gratitude to this great country and to the Marine Corps for the opportunities they have given me so far,” said Mohamed. “I am truly blessed.”

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This is a chance for families to meet other new Marine families and depot drill instructors. The event price of \$21.95 per person entitles the purchaser to a steak or chicken dinner. Dinner service starts at 6 p.m.

For information and reservations go to [www.mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com](http://www.mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com) or call (619) 725-6388.

### USAJOBS workshop

The depot’s Personal and Professional Development Team have scheduled a USAJOBS workshop for Aug. 18 from 9 to 11 a.m., in the Personal and Professional Development classroom, building 14.

Topics to be covered include: Writing an Effective Resume, Navigating USAJobs, and Veterans’ or Military Spouse Preference.

The event is open to all authorized patrons but space is limited to the first 20 people who register. For information and registration call (619) 524-5728.

### Brown Bag Seminar

The team at Personal and Professional Development have scheduled another Brown Bag Lunch Financial Seminar for Aug. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the P&PD Classroom, Building 14.

The seminar, titled “Rental Property Ownership as an Investment,” examines the realities of owning and managing rental property.

Light refreshments will be provided, and those attending are welcome to bring their brown bag lunch. The event is open to all authorized patrons.

For information and to register call Mike McIsaac at (619) 524-5728/1204

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Two MV-22B Ospreys prepare to take off from the flight deck of the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), Aug. 8, 2015. The 31st MEU is staging Ospreys in Guam in support of typhoon recovery efforts in Saipan. The aircraft will be on standby in the event their aerial lift capacity is needed to deliver emergency supplies to remote areas. Saipan, the most populated island in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, was struck by Typhoon Soudelor Aug. 2-3.

# 31st MEU to assist Saipan during typhoon recovery

STORY COURTESY OF THE 31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

**SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands** – Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit arrived in Saipan today to assist with typhoon recovery efforts after the island was hit by a typhoon.

Approximately 600 Marines and sailors of the 31st MEU, aboard the USS Ashland (LSD 48) of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group, will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to deliver much needed relief supplies after the island was devastated by Typhoon Soudelor Aug. 2-3.

The MEU has also staged four MV-22B Ospreys in nearby Guam. The aircraft will be on standby to provide aerial support for recovery efforts if needed.

The 31st MEU was in the vicinity of the Mariana Islands for training as part of a regularly scheduled deployment to the Asia-Pacific region. The Marines and sailors were rerouted with orders to assist recovery operations Aug. 5.

“We will work closely with FEMA to bring relief to the people of Saipan as quickly as possible,” said Col. Romin Dasmalchi, the 31st MEU commanding officer. “As a maritime contingency force, the MEU’s ability to quickly respond to a variety of crises across the range of military operations is key, particularly here in the Western Pacific where natural disasters like

this are a fairly regular occurrence.”

The 31st MEU provides a forward-deployed, flexible sea-based force capable of conduct-

ing amphibious operations, crisis response and limited contingency operations in the Asia-Pacific area. The 31st MEU is the only continually forward-


deployed MEU and remains the Marine Corps’ force-in-readiness in the Asia-Pacific region.

Media queries concerning the 31st MEU’s participation in

typhoon recovery operations may be directed to Capt. Jennifer Giles, 31st MEU Public Affairs Officer at [jennifer.giles@bhr.usmc.mil](mailto:jennifer.giles@bhr.usmc.mil).



U.S. Marine Capt. Jeffery Butler hands water to locals at a shelter in Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015. The Marines with Echo Company, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, are assisting local and federal agencies with typhoon relief efforts in Saipan after the island was struck by Typhoon Soudelor, Aug. 2-3. The MEU, along with the U.S. Navy ships of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group, was conducting training in the vicinity of the Mariana Islands when it was rerouted to assist in Saipan.



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Marines with 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion (LAAD) fire stinger missiles during a live shoot in Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 10. Marines also fired the 50-caliber sniper rifle and the M240B machine gun during the five-day annual training.

# 3rd LAAD fires stinger missiles on Fort Irwin



A Marine with 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion prepares a 240B general purpose machine gun for the live shoot on Fort Irwin.

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3rd Marine Aircraft Wing*

FORT IRWIN, Calif. – Marines with 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion (LAAD) participated in an annual stinger exercise on Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 10.

During this exercise, Marines fired 60 stinger missiles at remote-controlled airplanes. The Marines split into fire teams for the exercise. Each team is equipped with personal weapons, a stinger missile and a Humvee with a mounted machine gun.

“We are the only unit in the Marine Corps that provides ground-based air defense,” said Capt. James Arnold, operations officer with 3rd LAAD, and a Mobile, Alabama native. “Our pri-

mary weapon system for that mission is the stinger surface-to-air missile and this is our one shot each year to do a live-fire with that.”

Marines spent four days preparing and one day conducting the live-fire exercise in the fields the National Training Center Fort Irwin.

“Our job is to provide ground-based air defense in support of special assets and this training allows us to actually utilize a live stinger missile and shoot it,” said Cpl. Tyler Parr, a gunner with 3rd LAAD, and an Amberg, Wis., native.

According to Arnold, the Marines with 3rd LAAD enjoy this type of unique training.

“I think this field operation, being up here at NTC, has really changed things up for us,” said Parr. “Coming here boosted morale and got the guys a little more excited.”



Marines with 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion prepare a stinger missile for the live shoot on Fort Irwin. The live shoot was part of a five-day, annual stinger exercise.



Marines with 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion return from firing a stinger weapons on Fort Irwin.