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## Bayfest coming

*Attendees will have chance to soak chain of command*

BY LANCE CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.  
*Chevron staff*

Marine Corps Community Services officials have invited depot staff, families and friends to attend Bayfest 2004 at the depot boathouse Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

Food booths will encircle the festival grounds, and there will be a beverage garden. No food will cost more than \$3.

Last year's festival brought more than 2,000 patrons who ate food, played games and had a good time, according to an MCCS marketing official.

"This year we expect 2,000 people," said Eva Marie Gutierrez, MCCS marketing manager.

Entertainment includes main-stage musicians, a hypnotist and Clydesdale horses. There will be fun for all ages and free picture opportunities provided by a local computer manufacturer.

Commanding officers, executive officers and sergeants major have committed to participate in a dunk-tank fund raiser for the Single Marine Program and the depot's Marine Corps Ball fund.

More attractions include a gyro ball, a surf simulator, a watermelon-eating contest, face painters, psychics, a balloon artist and a stilt walker.

Volunteer opportunities are still available. For additional details, e-mail [judy.monges@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:judy.monges@usmc-mccs.org).

## DoD hotline offers chance to report outside command chain

*American Forces Press Service*

DoD Inspector General Joseph Schmitz is reminding service members there are a number of ways to report suspected incidents of wrongdoing outside their chains of command.

Anyone, whether uniformed or civilian, who witnesses what he or she believes to be a violation of ethical standards and/or the law, including but not limited to fraud, waste, or abuse of authority, should report such conduct through the chain of command or either directly to his or her respective service-level inspector general or directly to the inspector general of the Department of Defense.

The DoD inspector general runs the DoD Hotline Program. Service members and civilians who wish to report incidents without going through their chains of command can take full advantage of this program.

Those with suspicions can call toll free (800) 424-9098, commercial (703) 604-8569, or DSN 664-8569 to report misdeeds.

Service members and civilians can also mail their concerns to The Defense Hotline, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20301-1900. The e-mail address is [hotline@didig.osd.mil](mailto:hotline@didig.osd.mil).

The push to inform service members of this option grew out of the recent series of Senate hearings about prisoner abuse in Iraq. Senators believed there was no way for service members to report wrongdoing outside their chain of command.

## C O M B A T ★ H E R O I S M



Above, Sgt. Jose Muniz, Depot Color Guard, holds the national flag at order arms at the morning colors ceremony July 29. Right, Sgt. Christopher M. Genetti, a MECEP Marine, shakes hands with Col. Salvador J. Calleros, depot deputy chief of staff, after receiving the Bronze Star with Combat "V" device. Genetti was chosen for the award because of his selfless heroics during Operation Iraqi Freedom last year.

*Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos*

## OIF Sgt. pins on Bronze Star

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
*Chevron staff*



A sergeant in the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program received a Bronze Star with Combat "V" device July 30 for courageous acts during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Col. Salvador J. Calleros, depot deputy chief of staff pinned the award on Sgt. Christopher M. Genetti in a formation at Friday Morning Colors at Pendleton Hall.

"I feel honored to receive this award," said Genetti. "But I just did what any Marine would do. The boys that were there with me, they're the real heroes."

Genetti said he isn't very deserving of the award because he only did what was expected of him, but his Marines disagree.

"There is no doubt that he deserves this award," said Keith. "If you look at the criteria for the Bronze Star, it should

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# ALOHA, DEPOT 6

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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# New CO takes district helm

## Col. Salinas departs with 37 mission-made months, Legion of Merit

PFC MIKEL L. SAVIDES  
12th Marine Corps Recruiting District

Col. Arthur J. Corbett assumed command of 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District from Col. Angie Salinas in a ceremony July 29 at Pendleton Hall.

After Salinas passed the organizational colors to Corbett, she received the Legion of Merit. She left an unforgettable mark, said Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general of the Western Recruiting Region and Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Through her leadership, the district accomplished its recruiting mission for 37 consecutive months and exceeded goals for officer procurement.

From the district, Salinas heads east to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., to take over as the operations officer for Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

Her successor, Corbett, takes the helm of the district after serving as the director of war-fighting requirements, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico.

Corbett, an infantry officer, also has served three recruiting tours and was the first commanding officer of the Chemical-Biological Incident Response Force.

Corbett's military qualification courses include the Marine Corps Infantry Officer Course, Amphibious Reconnaissance School, U.S. Navy Scuba School, and U.S. Army Airborne, Ski Instructor and Ranger schools. Additionally, Corbett has attended formal instruction at the Amphibious Warfare School, the Marine Corps University School of Advanced War-fighting and the Naval Command and Staff Course, where he earned a Master of Arts degree in strategic and international studies. Corbett is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

In a welcome letter to Corbett, Brig. Gen. Paxton wrote, "I have full faith and confidence in your ability to lead the Marines of the (12th District) in accomplishing the Corps' critical mission of recruiting the very best and brightest. Your strong reputation precedes you and has prepared you well for this unique opportunity."

"Col. Corbett has the reputation of being a very intelligent man," said Lt. Col. Frank R. Motley, district headquarters executive officer. "He is also a very mission-oriented man."

The purpose of the district is to help the recruiter's make their mission, and with his knowledge and experience Corbett should have no problems meeting and probably raising the bar that Salinas passed, said Motley.

At right, platoons representing the 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District's eight recruiting stations stand at Pendleton Hall during the district's change-of-command ceremony July 29. Below, Col. Angie Salinas passes the organizational colors to Col. Arthur J. Corbett, who assumed command of the district after serving as director of war-fighting requirements, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va. During the ceremony, Salinas received the Legion of Merit. Cpl. Christopher Fitzgerald/12th District photos



### Medal, from pg. 1

still show a photo of Sgt. Genetti."

Genetti served as a squad leader for 2nd Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force. According to Genetti's citation, Co. C received enemy contact April 1, 2003, after crossing the Saddam Canal in Iraq. Genetti positioned the other two squads on his flanks and maneuvered his squad into combat. Using one team to suppress the enemy, he

maneuvered another team to the objective and captured two Iraqi soldiers. After hearing that another unit was receiving fire from a nearby building, Genetti personally neutralized Iraqi soldiers from a distance of 400 meters.

"Sgt. Genetti is an incredible man," said Cpl. Michael Keith, a Marine who served with Genetti. "His natural leadership ability is uncanny. He just confidently took control of the situation and got us back home alive."

Genetti also acted as platoon commander - normally an officer position - for a brief period, according to Keith.

"We've been back to Iraq since then," said Lance Cpl. Jamil Alkattan, who served in Genetti's platoon. "I wouldn't have made it back home the second time if it wasn't for (Genetti). We took the knowledge he gave us and we came home alive. He definitely earned his Bronze Star. He's a big reason I'm alive today."

After completing MECEP Preparatory

School here Aug. 4, Genetti heads to Norwich University, Vt. After earning a degree, he will become an officer candidate.

Authorized Feb. 4, 1944 the Bronze Star medal is awarded to members of all branches of military service and may be awarded either for combat heroism or for meritorious service.

The bronze "V" device identifies the award as resulting from an act of combat heroism, or valor, thus distinguishing it from meritorious achievement awards.

## MECEP PREP GRADUATES



Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program Preparatory School students here graduated ceremony at McDougall Hall Aug. 4. Before sending off the graduates to college, the school's director, Lt. Col. Michael I. Moffett, congratulated them on a job well done and challenged them to maintain the Marine Corps' high standards at their universities.

According to Moffett, this particular class marked the beginning of an expanding accreditation program, in which many students have taken advantage. The college credits earned from MECEP Prep helps Marines attain degrees sooner and fulfill their mission to become officers.

Many students were excited about their futures in college, and they were thankful for the MECEP program helping their success. "There has been a lot of hard work put into this course," said Sgt. David S. Taylor, class commander, MECEP Prep. "We will ensure that it does not go to waste." Courtesy of Lt. Col. Michael I. Moffett

## WWII recon landings chronicled for first time

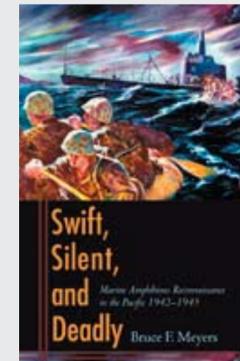
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An experienced reconnaissance Marine officer, Bruce Meyers, paints a colorful and accurate picture of the special recon landings that preceded every major amphibious operation in the Pacific War.

### BOOK REVIEW

SWIFT, SILENT, AND DEADLY

Credited with saving countless lives, these Marine scouts went in stealthily at night from submarines, PT boats, Catalinas, and high-speed transports. Swift, silent, and deadly, they landed on more than 200 enemy beaches, from Tarawa to Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa to collect intelligence on potential landing sites. They measured water depths, charted coral heads, gathered soil samples, sought out enemy locations, and took photographs. In short, they obtained information vital to the success of American operations in the Pacific.



This book represents the first time World War II Marine recon landings have been chronicled. Meyers explains that only the story of their contributions in later wars has been previously documented. His book describes the start of it all, letting readers join the men as they slip over the sides of their rubber boats and make their way inland. Only now can the public appreciate the accomplishments of these daring and intrepid Marines.

## Other base rec centers should be like ours

Devildog, I read your article in the Chevron titled "Minor Problem: Families forced farther to find Friday fun." I am in no way upset, and I believe in people having their opinion.

In reading your article, it seems a lot of people are complaining due to the children not being allowed in the rec center after 5 p.m. on Fridays.

I am a father of two, and I tell you that after visiting several recreation centers around, I will give up a Friday after 5 vice having to pay for video games, movies, pool. Well you get the picture.

If Marines or families for that matter are complaining, I challenge them to go to the other rec centers and find out for themselves the outrageous prices.

At the master sergeant/first sergeant symposium at Camp Pendleton last year, one of the issues brought up was the issue of rec centers being so expensive, and a few Marines kept asking why couldn't all rec centers be like the rec center at MCRD?

We felt that a Marine stationed at MCRD should be able to go to Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune or MCAS Miramar and get the same

service, quality and pricing.

In defense of the rec center staff, I've been here for over 3 years, and I can say that judgement calls are frequently made when it comes to situations like the one mentioned in your article, and for the most part, it is in favor of the individual. So to think that the rec center was that inconsiderate to that Marine is hard to believe.

So when people complain about something as small as eight hours a week, put it into perspective and have them think how much will be spent if they opened the window on Fridays but began charging for the services.

Semper Fidelis.  
Master Sgt. Jerry V. Suarez,  
Recruiters School

Master sergeant, thank you for your insight. In my commentary, I was simply posing a question: With due respect to variables like prices, proximity and compromise, is this establishment being fair? To be honest, I don't have an answer. Only opinions.

Semper Fidelis,  
Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn,  
Press chief



Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron

## Where's the Scuttlebutt?

BY MASTER SGT. JANICE M. HAGAR AND STAFF SGT. SCOTT DUNN  
Public Affairs Office

Many people on the depot are asking, "Where's the Scuttlebutt?"

No, they're not looking for the water fountain. They're referring to an electronic bulletin board called "The Scuttlebutt" that used to exist before the Navy Marine Corps Intranet took over the Marine Corps' computer systems. Selling your car? Post an ad in the Scuttlebutt. Need a baby sitter? Post it in the Scuttlebutt. Lost your watch? Scuttlebutt.

The electronic bulletin board is gone now and there isn't a replacement. Some people have suggested creating a classified ad section in the Chevron. Unfortunately, the Chevron isn't a replacement.

There are several reasons for this. First, the Chevron is different from a lot of base newspapers because of our audience. The majority of the 3,000 plus copies of each week's Chevron goes home with the families who come to see their new Marine graduate from recruit training. Advertising is a moot point in the Chevron because the majority of the audience is not local.

You may notice there isn't any advertising in the Chevron. That's because our paper is a military-funded newspaper as opposed to a

civilian-enterprise product like Camp Pendleton's Scout newspaper. A civilian newspaper publishes the Scout and provides the computer gear and civilian editors for the Scout staff. The civilian newspaper makes money from the advertising space they sell in the Scout.

The main reason the Chevron is still a military-funded paper is because the majority of readers are not local. Advertisers would be throwing away money because most of the audience isn't around to shop at their businesses.

The Chevron is a 12-page publication that has preplanned space each week. If a classified ad section was implemented, it would have to replace something.

A classified ad section would also require extra manpower. Ads would have to be submitted in person on a one-time, first-come, first-served basis. Only active duty and retired service members and their dependents, and civil service employees would be able to submit ads and their status would have to be verified by an I.D. card.

If classified advertisers want a Scuttlebutt, Chevron staff members can only recommend a few water faucets. Perhaps NMCI will soon accommodate a new system. In the meantime, instead of electronic versions, ad placers should buy some thumbtacks and seek actual bulletin boards.

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## WORKING PARTY

Pvt. Noah Shaffer, Platoon 2090, Company G, waits for the rest of his company at the rappel tower here. Shaffer was one of the recruits chosen for the rappel tower's working party. Shaffer's responsibilities included setting up helmets, ropes, gloves and lanyards, and helping issue gear to the other recruits. The rappel tower is one of the final events of recruit training, and it is mainly used as a motivational tool. Post-rappel tower events are the final physical fitness test, the battalion commander's inspection and the company's final drill competition. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



## Leaders requested to promote climate survey

The Marine Corps Climate Survey is a Marine Corps-wide survey that measures perceptions of organization and command climate, as well as experiences of discrimination and sexual harassment. The survey is sponsored by the Manpower Equal Opportunity Branch, Manpower Plans and Policy Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps.

The success of efforts in evaluating these areas depends on the individual Marine, regardless of rank, ethnicity or gender. Approximately 11,000 active duty Marines and 9,000 Marine reservists have been randomly selected to participate in the survey. For the data to be valid, it is important that those Marines complete and return it.

Responses to the survey will be analyzed for differences among ethnic groups, between male and female Marines and between officers and enlisted personnel.

Leaders at all levels are requested to support this effort by encouraging those Marines randomly selected to participate to complete the survey upon receipt. The survey addresses important issues that affect all Marines, and their quick response will ensure their opinions are reflected in the findings.

## Operation Homecoming

Operation Homecoming will run through Veteran's Day, allowing returning service members and up to four direct dependents, a one-time, free entry to one of the Sea World, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks. The offer provides for one visit to one park only.

Proof of deployment or overseas service is required along with a valid Department of Defense identification and

completed application form. Application forms will be available on-line and at park front gates.

## Extreme Makeover

ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition is currently seeking a military person who owns a house in the Southern California area, who has spent extraordinary amounts of time away from their family because they have been defending our country, who may have been injured going above and beyond the call of duty by helping others, and has absolutely no time or resources to make home improvements.

The show is seeking a Marine or service member who has a compelling story and is an upstanding member of the community. If you have any information about possible candidates please call Staff Sgt. Sergio Jimenez, (310) 235-7272 or fax (310) 235-7274 or write to Public Affairs Chief, Marine Corps Motion Picture & TV Liaison Office, 10880 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 1230, Los Angeles, Calif., 90024.

## Chosen Few banquet

The Montford Point Marine Association San Diego Chapter 12 will hold the Chosen Few Banquet Aug. 28 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the 32nd Street Naval Station. For more information, contact Sam Bagwell at (619) 524-6865.

## Women Marines Association biennial convention

The Women Marines Association will host their biennial convention Sept. 4-8 at the Westin Horton Plaza, 910 Broadway Circle, San Diego.

Registration information can be obtained from local WMA chapters, through the WMA Web site at [www.womenmarines.org](http://www.womenmarines.org) or by contacting

[sgtmajjudge@cox.net](mailto:sgtmajjudge@cox.net).

Membership in WMA is open to all women serving or having served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps or the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Additional information is available by calling 1-888-525-1943.

## Designated Driver volunteers needed

The Designated Drivers Association is looking for volunteers. Volunteers can meet new people, earn extra money in tips, and make a difference.

Drunk drivers kill almost 17,000 Americans and injure over 700,000 each year.

Volunteering for the Designated Drivers Association is a pro-active way to get involved in the community. Volunteers must be at least 18 and have a valid driver's license and insurance. For more information, visit [www.ddasd.org](http://www.ddasd.org) or call (866) 373-7233.

## Iraqi-culture classes available

The Iraqi community of San Diego would like to show their appreciation to service members heading to Iraq.

The community is available to set up a question and answer session on the Iraqi culture and people for service members deploying to Iraq. For more information on the Iraqi Community of San Diego, contact Camille Al-Attia at (619) 417-3912 or via e-mail at [catallia@yahoo.com](mailto:catallia@yahoo.com).

Submit possible briefs to the Chevron via e-mail to [edward.guevara@usmc.mil](mailto:edward.guevara@usmc.mil). The Chevron staff reserves the right to publish only those briefs that comply with Department of Defense regulations and the standards and regulations of the U.S. Government.

## Off-limits areas to military

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board and Navy Region Southwest Commands' authority to declare a business off-limits on an emergency basis, the following off-limits orders are imposed upon all military personnel in the region. This message cancels and supercedes previous off-limits information.

### Areas removed:

- Mr. O's Nightclub and adjoining parking lot, 1299 Camino del Rio South, San Diego

- Base Liquor and adjoining parking lot, 3201 National Avenue, San Diego

### Area added:

The 2600 to 3600 block of Main Street, including the McDonald's and Burger King parking lots on 28th Street, from midnight on Wednesdays until 5 a.m. on Wednesdays.

### The following places are off-limits to military personnel at all times:

- Advanced Services of San Diego, the Focus Point, and/or any other photo-finishing business located at 849 4th Avenue
- Midnight Adult Book Store, 3606 Midway Drive
- Club Mustang, 2200 University Avenue
- Club San Diego, 3955 Fourth Street
- Dream Crystal, 1536 Highland Avenue, National City
- Get It On Shoppe, 3219 Mission Boulevard
- Main Street Motel, 3494 Main Street
- Vulcan Baths, 805 West Cedar Street

### The following is off-limits at times specified:

- South Mission Beach parking lot located at South Mission Beach Park denominated 600 San Diego Place (to include the sidewalk, grass, and beach areas immediately adjacent to the parking lot) is off-limits between 12 p.m. and 10 p.m., every Sunday, from the first day of May to the first day of October every year.

### The following are off-limits areas from sunset to sunrise

- The undeveloped property in Otay Mesa, south San Diego, bordered on the west by Interstate 805, on the south by Highway 905 and Otay Mesa Road, on the north by Otay Valley Road, and on the east by Otay Valley Road and Heritage Road, except while traveling to, from, or remaining at any private residence or licensed businesses within the described area.

- Willie Henderson Park/San Diego City Park at 45th Street and Logan Avenue.

### Areas of caution

- The external perimeter area of Naval Base San Diego remains a potentially dangerous location, especially during darkness and should be avoided.

- Many trolley stations become potentially dangerous areas after trolley services end, especially at Palomar Street and San Ysidro. Personnel using trolley services should know the hours of operation.

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# THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

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## August dates of Marine Corps historical significance

### August 1, 1944

After nine days of fighting in a battle deemed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy pressault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate - 344 killed and 1,550 wounded - than had been experienced in previous landings.



### August 3, 1950

Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of WWII, launched from the USS Sicily and executed the first Marine aviation mission in

the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

### August 7, 1990

President George H. W. Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later, the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

### August 9, 1942

With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on August 12, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBV that evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines

would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

### August 17, 1942



the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

### August 21, 1968

PFC James Anderson Jr. was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy Paul R. Ignatius for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson

Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I, Washington, D.C.

### August 23, 1984

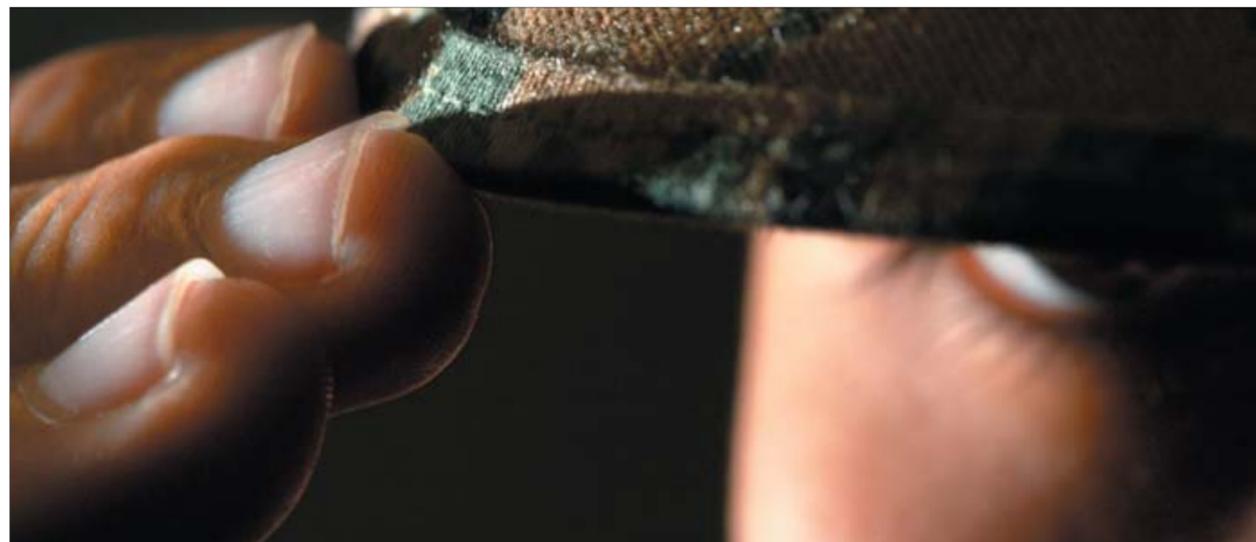
The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit arrived off the coast of Lebanon April 9 to relieve Marines of the 22nd MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on July 31, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

### August 24, 1814

Capt. Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

## CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

# MILITARY SALUTES



Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron

A unique aspect of military courtesy is the salute. It is a gesture of respect and a sign of comradeship among military service personnel. Accordingly, the salute is a uniform gesture, meaning that the highest man in rank returns the salute in the same form in which it is rendered to him. By saluting first, no officer implies that he is in any sense inferior to the senior whom he salutes.

The origin of saluting, like so many military customs and traditions, is shrouded in the past, but there are several possibilities concerning its beginnings. In the medieval days of chivalry, mounted knights in mail raised their visors to friends for the purpose of identification. Because of strict adherence to rank, the junior was required to make the first gesture.

Another possibility concerning the origins of saluting comes from an age when assassinations by

dagger were not uncommon. It became the custom in such times for potential adversaries to approach each other with raised hand, palm to the front, showing that there was no concealed weapon.

It seems reasonable to assume, however, that the hand salute as now rendered in the military, evolved to some degree from the British navy. There is general agreement among scholars that the hand salute is actually the first part of "uncovering" in front of a senior. That practice gradually evolved over time into merely touching the cap, and became the present salute.

There are several types of military salutes: the hand salute, the rifle salute at order arms, a rifle salute at right shoulder, and still another rifle salute at present arms. "Eyes Right" is another type of military salute which is rendered by troops in rank when passing in review.

A unique type of salute is the respect that is

rendered over a grave by a military honor guard. Originally, three rifle volleys were fired into the air over the grave of a fallen soldier. This custom may well have originated in a perceived need to scare away evil spirits "escaping" from the dead. As in ancient times, it was believed that the hearts of the recently deceased were ajar at such times, allowing the devil to enter. Today, the homage and respect displayed at military funerals is a visible final tribute to those individuals who have served their country.

The various forms of military hand and gun salutes are administered by an individual or group as a sign of respect. Originating in customs, traditions, and even superstitions from our distant past, the salute has evolved from ancient times to become an important part of military etiquette.

Source: Marine Corps History and Museums Division

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## ARMED FORCES VOTING WEEK

### 3 EASY STEPS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

- 1 See your voting assistance officer and pick up a the Federal Post Card Application.
- 2 Complete the application and mail it.
- 3 Complete the absentee ballot when you receive it from your election official.

For further assistance, contact your unit's voting assistance officer: Capt. Blair A. Stevenson, Headquarters and Service Bn.; Capt. Ian P. Santos, Recruit Training Regiment; Chief Warrant Officer Renard Harrison, Weapons and Field Training Bn.; Capt. Brian S. Nelson, 8th District; Capt. Tyler T. Vance, 9th District; Capt. Maxx Godsey, 12th District

# Luuau Leathernecks

*Regional SMPs spend five days in Hawaii for shopping, sightseeing and wave-crashing fun*

BY LANCE CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.  
Chevron staff

What would you do on a five-day trip to Hawaii? And what if you didn't have to take leave?

Four single Marines and one Navy corpsman from the depot paid \$150 each to join other Single Marine Program participants from the Marine Corps' West Coast installations in Ohau, Hawaii, from Aug. 2 to Aug. 6. Some Marines raised money and paid nothing to join the trip. It was up to each base's service members to raise money to lower their costs on trips.

In total, 55 Marines, three sailors and six civilians flew from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., in a C-130.

Less than nine hours later, the aircraft landed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.

The weather was cold and cloudy, but local Marines gave a warm aloha greeting as they transported the visitors in two buses to their boathouse. Marines and sailors from Hawaii's SMP grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

"They showed real hospitality when they picked us up," said Gunnery Sgt. Roger D. Robbins, staff noncommissioned officer in

charge of Marine Corps Community Services Programs. "The flight was long and there is no doubt the Marines were ready for some chow when they got off the C-130."

Eating their food in the sprinkling rain, the Marines gathered for a group photograph, marking their arrival on the islands and the beginning of their week of relaxation.

At dusk, the service members loaded back into the buses and headed to the south end of the island toward their hotels in Waikiki.

The depot's group stayed in a separate overflow hotel. They also had free upgrades from economy-class rental cars to red and black convertibles.

"They were great!" exclaimed 3rd Recruit Training Battalion's corpsman Petty Officer 2nd Class Jose L. Gonzalez. Gonzalez was the self-appointed designated driver of the black car. "It was great morale for all the troops."

The rain had cleared by morning, and the convertible tops came down.

"Get up and look at this!" Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Perod said in awe as he pulled aside his hotel room's curtain and a big beam of light shined through. The clouds had gone and left vibrant green vegetation and a clear view of the ocean from the hotel's balcony.

Throughout the trip, the service members regularly walked a couple blocks southwest to the Hale Koa military hotel where there was beach access. The hotel's cocktail and pool areas were located immediately next to the water, giving a sense of relaxation as patrons laughed and carried on merrily.

The reef, visible through the beach water, filtered the crashing waves just beyond it into tranquil waters, fit for wading and snorkeling. Its sand was drastically

looser and softer than San Diego's. The water was several degrees warmer as well.

The group rented snorkeling gear for less than \$20 each, for the duration of the trip. Perod had his own gear ready to go.

Although the depot's service members were not required to stay together as a group, they planned their schedules around each other and visited the same sites. They even attracted some Marines from Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., who were looking to join the camaraderie.

From Sandy Beach and Hanauma Bay on Oahu's east coast to Pearl Harbor on the southwest corner of the island with the USS Arizona Memorial within, the experience kept growing.

The tour of the Arizona was a special moment.

"I thought it was sad," said the group's lone sailor.

"Some people tend to forget about it. It was eye opening to see real sailors and Marines, not just some actor — reading those names on the wall."

Those feelings were common ground among visitors.

"It gave (the Marines) an opportunity to visit and learn about a piece of history first hand," Robbins said. "Something they

might not have been able to do if they hadn't joined the Marine Corps."

Bringing the service members' journey to a close, they attended the Hale Koa Luau their last night on the island.

"I thought the fire dance was interesting," said Gonzalez. "They had the audience's attention and mine. I was speechless."

The culminating event of the night was when the luau's host thanked former and active duty military for their service. He asked various war veterans to stand as he announced the military campaigns they served in.

One older gentleman stood out among the crowd as he stood up for almost every campaign the host mentioned. World War II. Korea. Vietnam.

After receiving thanks from the crowd, the group of depot service members went over to him to say thanks and shake his hand.

According to Robbins, one of his proudest moments was seeing the troops he was with go over to that veteran and shake hands. The elderly gentleman's family was sitting all around him.

"His family appeared very gratified," said Robbins. "His son said 'That's my dad,' with water in his eyes."

Before the troops took off for Hawaii, Sgt. Maj. Frank E. Pulley, depot sergeant major, reminded the group they represent the depot at all times.

Robbins sent a follow-up e-mail after the trip stating the Marines professionalism while abroad.

"Your conduct in Hawaii was superb," Robbins stated. "You epitomized the qualities and traits associated with being true professionals. Thank you for taking care of each other and representing the Marine Corps, Navy, and MCRD in such a positive manner."



Local boat teams coast by Waikiki beaches at dusk.



Lance Cpl. Jorge R. Jimenez, network technician, communications information systems department, rides a wave onto Sandy Beach on a fellow Marine's body board.

One of the Hale Koa Luau's fire dancers performs traditional Polynesian dances during the luau's finale. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron photos



Depot network technician Lance Cpl. Jorge R. Jimenez, left, and Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., combat correspondent Lance Cpl. Michael Nease, right, kick back with others at Pearl Harbor's Navy-Marine Golf Course's restaurant.



Cpl. Justin T. Johnson, left, and Gunnery Sgt. Roger D. Robbins, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Marine Corps Community Services programs, right, read names in the USS Arizona Memorial of Marines who died aboard the Arizona.



Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Perod, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, cruises around Hawaii in a rented convertible with Cpl. Justin T. Johnson, CISD network technician, riding shotgun.

# AbleSon

RECRUIT  
SPOTLIGHT

Raised by a DI, new Marine says he was not shocked much by recruit training



PFC Stephen Abelson, guide, Platoon 2085, Company G, attributes his success in recruit training to preparation from his father, a former drill instructor. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
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Preparation has its advantages. It comes in many ways. Students cram for the SATs. Athletes study their opponents on film to find weaknesses. PFC Stephen Abelson prepped for boot camp by living his life.

Abelson was born into a Marine Corps family in Moscow, Idaho, when his father was enrolled in the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training program.

Retired Maj. Mark Abelson was an enlisted man. In fact, he was a drill instructor.

"He had strange ways of punishing me and my brothers," said Abelson. "He'd spank us, but when we really messed up, he'd run us. Running with a drill instructor when you're 6 years old – that sucks."

Corps tradition saturates Abelson's family back to his great-great-grandfather, Peter Abelson. At least eight other Abelsons have worn or wear the eagle, globe and anchor.

"I've known the Marine Corps my

whole life," said Abelson. "The way of life isn't new to me."

The Marine Corps wasn't what Abelson wanted to do until his senior year of high school in Fort Worth, Texas.

"At first, I was trying to sway away from the Corps," said Abelson. "I just wanted a different life for myself."

His decision soon changed. "I was the captain of the wrestling team," said Abelson. "I was good. I was supposed to wrestle in college, but I blew out my knee. I couldn't wrestle anymore. "A Marine recruiter came to my school and asked the coach to point out some good athletes. He told the recruiter about me and we started talking."

Abelson joined as a reservist and opted to enlist as a field radio operator. From high school, he went on to study business at the University of North Texas.

After a year in college, Abelson shipped to recruit training here and joined Platoon 2085, Company G. He said he immediately fit in.

"This didn't shock me at all," said Abelson. "I'm used to this kind of stuff. A person yelling doesn't bother me. When I first got here, I was surprised that the other recruits weren't as pre-

pared as I was. But I had to step back and remember they haven't grown up with a drill instructor."

Abelson grew up with Marines, and he said he half expected the other recruits to act accordingly.

"All through training I'd see how some of these recruits were. They couldn't do some things right, or they didn't move fast enough. It really bothered me, but that's because I thought they should (act) like the Marines I grew up with, not civilians who didn't know what was going on."

Once he was over the fact that recruits didn't grow up like he did, Abelson said he began to help his fellow recruits.

"I got good at motivating the recruits," said Abelson. "A lot of them got discouraged, and one said to me, 'If this is how the Marine Corps is, I don't want any part of it.' I was able to genuinely tell them it wasn't like that. I've seen life in the fleet firsthand, and I told them how different it was from training."

Before the company went to the rifle range, Abelson received letters from his dad with marksmanship advice.

"My dad sent one letter that said, 'Remember, sight picture, sight alignment.'

Other recruits got letters that said, 'Oh, son, we miss you. Are you all right?' My family knew exactly what I was getting into, so I knew what I was getting into."

Abelson's drill instructors made him the platoon guide because they said they saw something special about him. "His father was a drill instructor, and we could see early on that he was more prepared than the other recruits," said Staff Sgt. Kevin L. Zetina, Abelson's senior drill instructor. "When we told the recruits to do things, Abelson did them faster, like he already knew."

When tasks had to be done, Abelson was on top of them, said Staff Sgt. Ross Norton, drill instructor, Platoon 2085. "Abelson has a get-stuff-done attitude," said Norton. "We could tell he was an exceptional recruit from the beginning."

With recruit training finished today, Abelson goes back to UNT to work on his degree. He said he plans to join the Platoon Leaders Course and eventually become a commissioned officer like his father. Abelson's family has prepared him thus far, blazing the path laid out before him, and he said he'll go farther in life as long he takes advice from those who experienced the Corps.

## League presents knives to Michigan poolies

STAFF SGT. JEFFREY A. JANOWIEC  
9th Marine Corps Recruiting District

Marine Corps League members bought and presented knives to young men and women waiting to serve in the Marine Corps recently at the American Legion in Houghton, Mich.

The 10 recipients from Recruiting Substation West Branch's Delayed Entry Program accepted K-bars, fighting knives traditionally used by Marines. The league members first gave away the knives three years ago, and they have become an annual tradition.

"We do it once a year when school gets out," said Robert W. Smith, league vice commandant. "We feel proud of them and want them to know that when they get back, there'll be Marines wait-

ing for them at home."

League officials will keep the knives until the recipients finish recruit training. "Once they're Marines, they get their K-bars back," said Smith.

"The significance of the knives is to bring the community together and to show these kids that the Marine Corps is a family," said league commandant and retired Capt. Marc J. Millburn. "This is something they'll carry with them for the rest of their lives and maybe what they pass on to their children."

In addition to partnering with the local Marine Corps League, this presentation helps recruiting twofold.

"The kids are already involved, but it helps to instill their commitment to the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program and recruit training. The other benefit



Marine Corps League members, Recruiting Station Lansing, Mich., poolees and recruiters show the new K-bar knives the league members presented the poolees. 9th Marine Corps District

is that the parents get to come out to the event and get more involved instead of staying at home," said Master Sgt. Kelly G. Gleason, RSS West Branch staff noncom-

missioned officer-in-charge. "This helps, in regard to their commitment; it sets it in stone a little more."

## Give him pain, hard work

Golf Company SDI embraces any challenge, as long as it's tough

CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT  
Chevron staff

The day recruits first meet the drill instructors charged with transforming them into basically trained Marines has come to be known as Black Friday at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Black Friday is when many recruits probably wonder what they got themselves into. However, when the black shoes and campaign covers materialized before Kevin L. Zetina nearly nine years ago, he thought, "This is the day I've been waiting for."

Zetina embraces pain, hard work, and challenge. His past explains why.

Since his childhood days in Belize, Zetina always knew he would be wearing a military uniform.

"I used to watch the British Marines," said Zetina of his early years. "I admired the way they wore their uniforms, carried themselves and trained. I knew I would one day join the military."

At age 15, Zetina moved to South Central Los Angeles and attended John C. Freemont High School. After graduation, Zetina began shopping different armed services for the one that best suited him.

After seeing a few of his friends come back from Army and Navy basic training, Zetina said he noticed they hadn't changed.

"They were the same people they were when they left," said Zetina. "It was as if they were just working a different job. There was no pride in what they were doing. If I was going to join the military, I wanted it to be a service that challenged me to change for the better. I wanted to become more, and do positive things."

When Zetina saw a Marine recruiter, he found his service.

"I loved the fact that the Marine recruiter did not smother me with promises," said Zetina. "He promised me one thing. He said, 'It is going to be hard.' It was exactly what I wanted to hear."

Zetina, now a staff sergeant, recalled his first days at the depot and said when he saw other recruits toiling through hard, physical training, he thought to himself, "I can't wait to do that."

Zetina said he loves a challenge. In fact, he loved boot camp so much, he volunteered to come back to the depot for Drill Instructor School.

"Drill Instructor School is tough," said Zetina. "It forced me into a can-do mentality. I knew what I wanted to do, which was become a drill instructor, and this was what I had to do to accomplish it."

Today, Zetina is fulfilling the vision he had since he first met his drill instructors. He serves as the senior drill instructor of Platoon 2085, Company G.

"I knew I would come back here to be a drill instructor," said Zetina. "It is my way of giving back to the Corps and my country. There is nothing like the feeling you get as a drill instructor when one of your recruit's parents thank you for making their son a better man."



Staff Sgt. Kevin L. Zetina, Platoon 2085's senior drill instructor, bellows cadence while practicing for Company G's final drill competition. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron

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PFC R. C. Coltharp  
Pvt. C. E. Combs  
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Pvt. A. Bueno  
PFC R. J. Bushman  
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Sgt. J. L. Clark  
Staff Sgt. A. T. Leal

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Pvt. D. M. Gonzalez  
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PFC M. S. Herrera  
Pvt. E. H. Hill  
Pvt. T. C. Hillard  
PFC J. P. Horner  
PFC S. P. Huffnus  
PFC M. R. Jenkins  
PFC W. J. Johns  
PFC G. S. Johnston  
Pvt. B. R. Keo  
PFC M. K. Klinker  
Pvt. M. P. Korte  
PFC L. E. Kunkel  
Pvt. J. T. Lewis  
Pvt. D. A. Mackay  
Pvt. C. N. Manjarrez  
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PFC J. L. Muirhead  
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Pvt. T. J. Oelschlager  
Pvt. J. D. Paisley



Platoon 2090

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Pvt. M. Garcia  
Pvt. A. Gonzalez  
Pvt. D. M. Gonzalez  
PFC S. C. Guiliani  
Pvt. H. W. Hansen  
PFC M. H. Hernandez  
PFC M. S. Herrera  
Pvt. E. H. Hill  
Pvt. T. C. Hillard  
PFC J. P. Horner  
PFC S. P. Huffnus  
PFC M. R. Jenkins  
PFC W. J. Johns  
PFC G. S. Johnston  
Pvt. B. R. Keo  
PFC M. K. Klinker  
Pvt. M. P. Korte  
PFC L. E. Kunkel  
Pvt. J. T. Lewis  
Pvt. D. A. Mackay  
Pvt. C. N. Manjarrez  
Pvt. C. I. Masten  
PFC C. W. Miller  
Pvt. A. H. Moore  
Pvt. E. J. Morgan  
PFC J. L. Muirhead  
\*PFC J. D. Mundt  
Pvt. B. S. Neely  
Pvt. T. J. Oelschlager  
Pvt. J. D. Paisley



Platoon 2087

### SERIES HONORMAN

PFC C. M. Watson  
Phoenix  
Recruited by  
Sgt. J. M. Staab

Pvt. J. A. Balch  
Pvt. E. S. Coley  
Pvt. A. Felix  
Pvt. E. Gutierrez  
Pvt. B. R. Heckman  
Pvt. L. A. Koerner  
Pvt. S. Perez  
PFC B. J. Perez  
Pvt. V. E. Perez  
Pvt. T. J. Perkins  
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PFC C. E. Ray  
Pvt. D. T. Reed  
Pvt. J. A. Riley  
Pvt. J. R. Roach  
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PFC J. C. Roelich  
Pvt. T. J. Ropchan  
Pvt. J. D. Sacapano

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Staff Sgt. A. T. Leal

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Pvt. E. Gutierrez  
Pvt. B. R. Heckman  
Pvt. L. A. Koerner  
Pvt. S. Perez  
PFC B. J. Perez  
Pvt. V. E. Perez  
Pvt. T. J. Perkins  
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Pvt. T. J. Ropchan  
Pvt. J. D. Sacapano



Platoon 2085

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Pvt. M. A. Sanchez  
Pvt. D. J. Schaffer  
PFC G. W. Scharffer  
Pvt. N. J. Shaffer  
Pvt. G. A. Sheers  
PFC B. R. Sigloh  
Pvt. M. S. Silva  
Pvt. A. J. Simmons  
PFC J. T. Smith  
Pvt. D. J. Smith  
PFC D. W. Smith  
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Pvt. J. E. Victorino-Benavides  
Pvt. J. E. Villareal  
Pvt. M. D. Von Ruden  
Pvt. J. D. Waggoner  
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PFC P. C. Weaver  
PFC A. L. Weiner  
PFC J. L. Welchelo  
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PFC C. J. Krepps  
Gaylord, Mich.  
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### HIGH PFT (300)

PFC N. R. Elliot  
Lebanon, Ind.  
Recruited by  
Sgt. J. M. Staab

### \* denotes meritorious promotion



## Retired Cmdr. Jim Bedinger

### PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Retired Commander Jim Bedinger enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1963. Following his graduation from Union College in 1967, he was commissioned an ensign and was designated a naval flight officer in May 1968.

In 1969, he joined VF-143 and flew combat missions over North Vietnam, South Vietnam, and Laos. On November 22, 1969, his F-4 Phantom went down over Laos where he was captured by enemy forces. He was marched through the Throng Song Mountains into North Vietnam where he witnessed the intensive supply efforts of the North Vietnamese during U.S. bombing limitations.

By December of 1969, Bedinger was imprisoned in Hanoi, where he was a prisoner of war until his release in 1973 under Operation Homecoming.

Bedinger returned to San Diego and earned a master's degree in business and administration with honors from San Diego State University.

In 1976, he resumed flying, this time in the F-14 Tomcat. He joined VF-114 for deployments to the Pacific and Mediterranean theaters of operations.

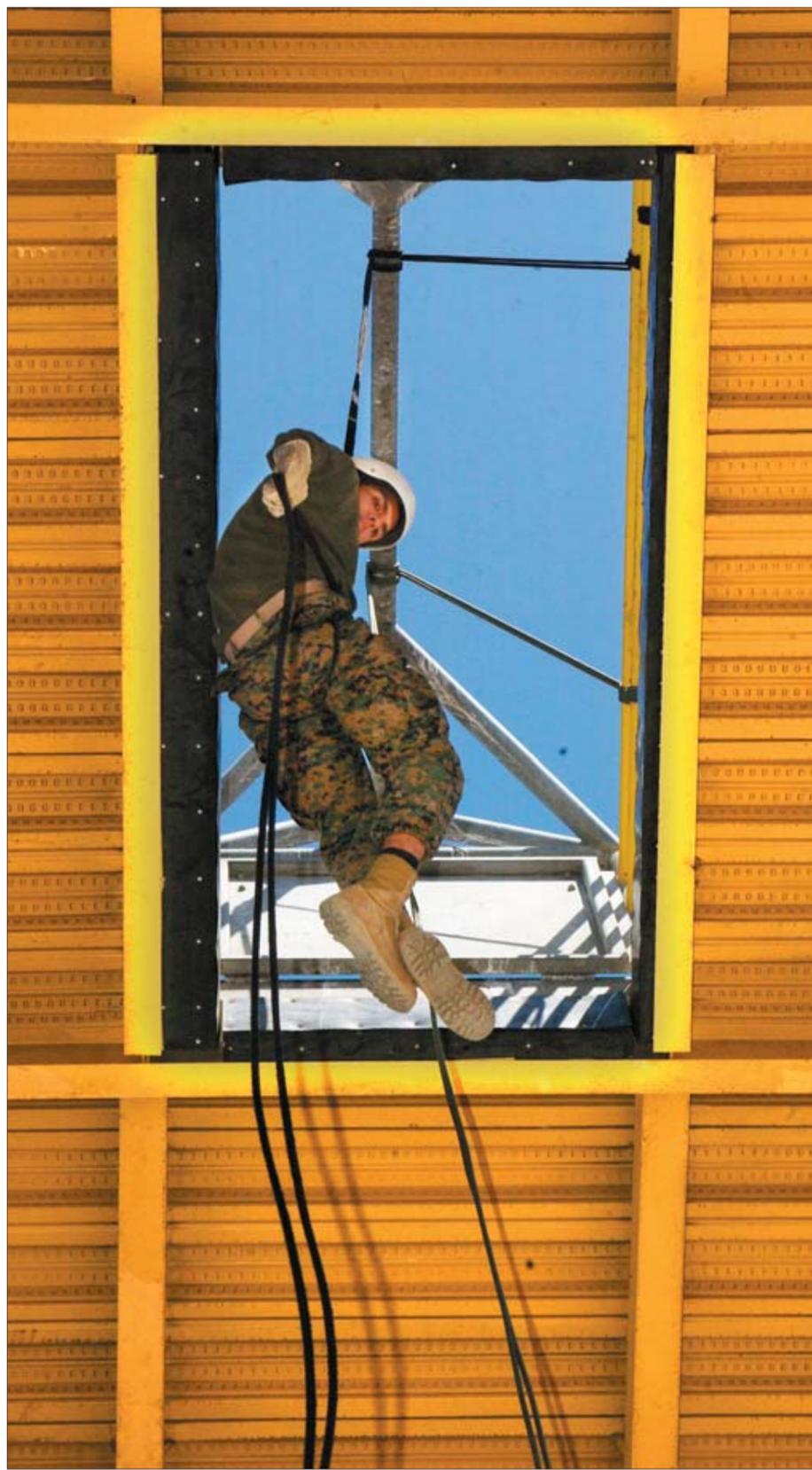
In 1987, he returned home to Naval Training Center San Diego as the comptroller where he retired in August 1989.

Since his retirement, he has worked with various local companies. In 1992, he began working for USA Federal Credit Union and is now their director of military affairs. Jim was elected president of the San Diego Council of the Navy League in December 2003, and he also serves on the management board of the San Diego Armed Services YMCA and on the San Diego Fleet Week board of directors.

He is a life member of the Navy League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and Military Officers Association of America.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" device, Bronze Star with Combat "V" device, two Purple Hearts, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, POW Medal, and various campaign and unit commendation medals.

He is married to the former Laura L. Yeses, and they currently reside in San Diego. They have two sons, Daniel and William.



A Company G recruit plunges through the rappel tower's "hell hole," which simulates a fast helicopter exit. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



Sgt. Alex Madrid, Platoon 2086 drill instructor, addresses PFC Jacob T. Smith, Platoon 2090, before Smith descended the rappel tower here Aug. 5 with Company G. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

## COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Golf Company answered Chevron's random questions about their boot camp experiences:

**Q: What do you miss most from civilian life?**



**PFC Ray C. Franklin**  
College Station, Texas

**A:** Being lazy.

**Q: How many letters did you receive during mail calls?**



**Pvt. Cody E. Combs**  
Hutchinson, Kan.

**A:** 13 or 14. I think I had the record. My girlfriend wrote me at least one letter each day.

**Q: What was the hardest civilian habit to break?**



**PFC Prince M. Kijan**  
Monrovia, Liberia

**A:** Getting dressed up in any attire you desire for the day.

**Q: What was the scariest moment of recruit training?**



# NO PAIN, NO GAIN

## *Fitness center patrons pedal to peak performance*



Lance Cpl. Jeff Johnson, defense chief, Depot Defense Office, drinks water after a rapid spin cycle. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photo

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS  
Chevron Staff

The stench of hard work siphons through Phillips Hall as thumping hip-hop music shakes sweat droplets into puddles on the floor.

"Up! Down! Up! Down!" commands Sam Davis, fitness center supervisor. "Sit up. Now rest."

An exhausted gaggle of depot personnel and dependents sits up collectively to wipe away sweat and suck down water.

No Pain, No Gain – an exercise bike program offered to Department of Defense personnel, dependents and retirees – has reciprocated wonderful results, according to Lance Cpl. Jeff Johnson, defense chief, Depot Defense Office.

"This is a great class," panted Johnson, with sweat dripping from his brow. "I've been taking it on a regular basis and it works. I lost about seven pounds last week."

The class is designed to burn fat, build muscle and increase endurance, and it consists of a vigorous regimen of cycling exercises including handlebar push-ups, rapid pedaling and mountain riding simulation.

The patrons simply pedal and adjust their bikes' resistance according to what the instructor yells over the loud, fast-paced music.

"This class does exactly what it is designed to do," said Johnson. "I'm overweight, and I need to lose it. This class helps me do that."



Johnson sweats after the No Pain, No Gain class.

### **August Hard Corps PT**

#### **Monday**

*Crunch Time – 7:30 a.m.*

#### **Tuesday**

*Devil Dog Extreme – 6 a.m.*

*New Generation – 9:30 a.m.*

*Strong Foundations – 4:15 p.m.*

#### **Wednesday**

*Crunch Time – 7:15 a.m.*

#### **Thursday**

*Devil Dog Extreme – 6 a.m.*

*New Generation – 9:30 a.m.*

*Strong Foundations – 4:15 p.m.*

#### **Friday**

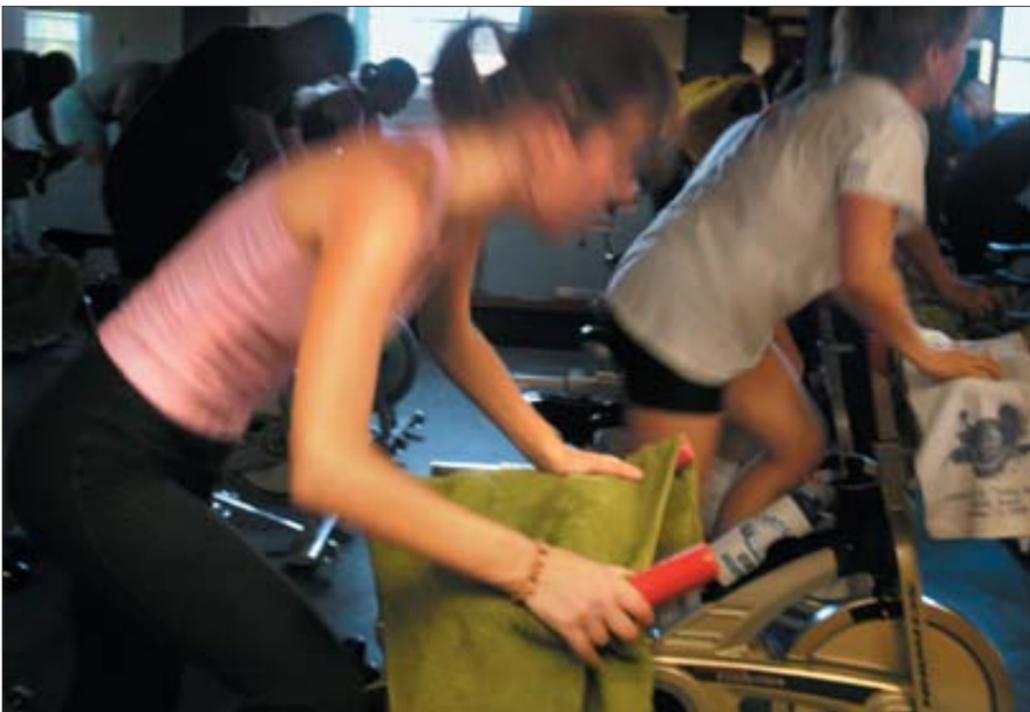
*Maximum Resistance – 6:15 a.m.*

*Crunch Time – 7:15 a.m.*

#### **Saturday**

*Devil Dog Extreme – 8:30 a.m.*

*Master Your Fears – 9:30 a.m.*



Dayana Gonzalez, a Marine dependant, pedals as she pushes up and down on her handlebars at the No Pain, No Gain class here.

### **Spin Classes**

#### **Monday and Wednesday**

6 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 5 p.m.

#### **Tuesday and Thursday**

5 p.m.

#### **Friday**

6 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

#### **Saturday**

8:30 a.m.