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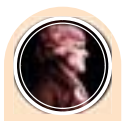

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(Right) Sgt. Alejandro F. Galvez, funeral noncommissioned officer, and Cpl. Maria G. Martinez, flag bearer, fold the flag before it is presented to Mary Jane Petroff, widow of retired Master Sgt. Carl Petroff. (Below) Galvez folds with 3rd Battalion admin clerk Pfc. Ryan K. James. See photo story on Pg. 7. *Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron photos*

'Coyote-brown' socks, shirts easing into drawers, sea bags

by Lance Cpl. Justin J. Shemanski
MCRD Parris Island, S.C.

In service for more than two years now, the tan "no-shine" combat boots have rapidly taken hold as the Marine Corps norm, with the only black on most Marines' feet in the form of their socks. For now anyway.

Soon, the traditional black boot socks issued to most Marines will be found few and far between in the Corps as coyote-brown socks ease their way into the dresser drawers and sea bags of Marines around the world.

Many speculate that the change is being made to better suit the Marines serving in the deserts overseas, where lighter shades of gear will work to better camouflage them on the battlefield. But the decision was made for quite a different reason: foot odor.

For years, Marines have had problems with the black socks, claiming they provided their feet with poor ventilation that led to foot odors and other foot-related health problems.

The new brown socks were developed to prevent those problems.

"The new coyote-brown boot socks are anti-microbial," said Gunnery Sgt. Glenn Griggs, a Parris Island clothing official. "They contain a fiber that is coated in silver to combat bacteria growth that causes odor and stains."

According to Marine Corps Bulletin 10120, the new socks were planned for introduction during fiscal 2004, and recruits started receiving them in July. Black, brown or green socks can be worn to meet the minimum uniform regulations, and a mandatory possession date for the

SEE **Brown, Pg. 2**

Charlie Co. Marine renounces lurid past

Death and vagabondage afflicted Johnny Gordan before he became a private in the Marine Corps. He graduates today with Platoon 1085. *Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

by Lance Cpl. Jess Levens
Chevron staff

Uncle Ron turned his back on the argument and walked into the bedroom.

Jim and his 12-year-old stepson Johnny didn't know what to make of it. Moments later, Ron re-entered the living room with a .38-caliber pistol. Without a word, he shot Jim in the throat. He took a shot at Johnny and then shot himself in the head.

Bloodied, Jim stood up, grabbed the pistol and staggered outside. Johnny, unscathed, followed to see his step-dad throw the gun onto the lawn and collapse into his own blood. The boy's mother was already running down the street, screaming hysterically. Johnny held Jim until his last breath.

The boy has since transformed into Pvt. Johnny Gordan of Company C. He left behind his past of tragedy and tribulation to become one of the proud few.

Hard times have haunted Gordan as long as he can remember, he said. The 18-year-old was born into a drug-infested neighborhood in Roswell, N.M., and his family was an equal fraction of the corruption that surrounded him.

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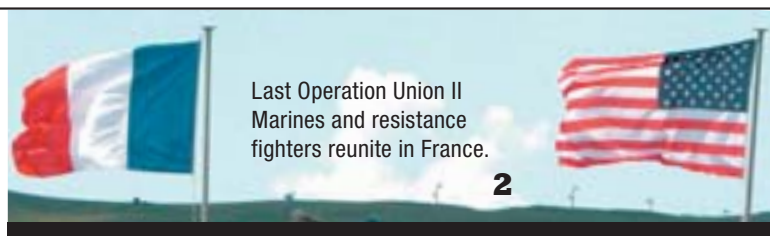
CG'S CUP

WHO'S THE CHAMP?

CG's Cup football is over. Who came out on top? **12**



Last Operation Union II Marines and resistance fighters reunite in France. **2**

RESISTANCE REVISITED

Marines landed in France 60 years ago

by Master Sgt. Phil Mehringer
Marine Forces Europe

The Allies met with success in the summer of 1944. The invasion of Normandy established a foothold in Europe and Marines were island hopping in the Pacific. The islands of Tinian, Saipan and Guam were secured during the months of July and August as Marines continued to move closer to the mainland of Japan.

OPERATION UNION II

The active duty strength of the Marine Corps near the end of June 1944, according to the Marine Corps Historical Division, was around 476,000. While the majority of those Marines served in the Pacific, a select few were about to enter the war against the Germans in the European Theater.

During the early months of 1944, a tall, slender Marine Corps captain was gathering vital information about German forces occupying southern France. Capt. Peter J. Ortiz parachuted into occupied France with a British intelligence agent and a French radio operator in January 1944. Their mission was to contact French Resistance fighters known as the Maquis and evaluate their capability to fight the Nazis.

Allied forces were not quite sure of the strength and how well equipped the Maquis were; however, if the Maquis proved to be organized and equipped, they would become a powerful asset during the summer of 1944 when invasions of western and southern France were scheduled. The Maquis would come out of the highlands and strike the rear of the German forces and harass German troop movement as Allied forces conducted beach landings and moved inward.

Throughout the next several months, the three moved over the winter snow lands of the French Alps, meeting with resistance fighters and analyzing their fighting abilities. The name of the mission was called Operation Union.

The information gained by the three agents, who were working for the Office of Strategic Services and British intelligence, would be used to provide the Maquis with weapons, equipment and ammunition later that summer to harass the Nazis operating in the Heute Savoie region of the French Alps. The agents quickly realized that although the resistance fighters had sufficient numbers, they lacked tactical instruction and they needed an extensive supply of equipment to effectively fight the Nazi forces.

Winter turned to spring and prior to returning to England in May 1944, the three agents encouraged the Maquis to reorganize and prepare to receive a supply of equipment. On August 1, 1944, two months after the invasion of Normandy, newly promoted Maj. Ortiz and a select few dropped into the French Alps approximately 30 kilometers from the town of Albertville, landing above German forces on a plateau named Col d' Saisies. Operation Union II was underway. That same day, 87 B-17s dropped tons of equipment consisting mainly of weapons and ammunition for the Maquis.

Retired Sgt. Maj. John Bodnar and former Staff Sgt. Jack Risler, the last surviving members of Operation Union II, earned the French Legion of Honor in a ceremony in the French Alps July 30. The Marines, originally a team of seven, parachuted into the region August 1, 1944 to assist the French Resistance from the occupying German forces. Bodnar, 82, and Risler, 83, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their drop in the area. *Master Sgt. Phil Mehringer/Marine Forces Europe*

Maj. Ortiz's team consisted of six Marines and John Coolidge, a captain with the Army Air Corps. Once on the ground, the team would meet up with Joseph Arcelin, a French Resistance fighter who would act as their liaison officer. Other members of the team were Gunnery Sgt. Robert La Salle and Sgts. Jack Risler, John Bodnar and Fred Brunner.

Missing the drop zone for the team meant they could drift from the high plateau into enemy territory and be immediately captured and probably executed. In addition, to keep the German's from counting parachutes, the drop had to be made at the lowest height possible. Each team member was loaded into separate aircraft with only a main parachute; a reserve chute would not have time to deploy.

Because of the difficulties involved in the jump, the team incurred complications. "We normally would jump at about 1,000 feet," said retired Sgt. Maj. John Bodnar, one of the two remaining team members still alive to tell the story of Operation Union II. Risler is the second; both were present at the 60th anniversary commemoration recently held at the location they dropped into 60 years ago.

"Because of the limitations, we had to make this jump at 400 feet," said Bodnar. "As soon as we were out of the aircraft, our chutes opened and the next thing I remember is I was on the ground. Boom! It happened that fast."

Tragically, the parachute belonging to Sgt. Charles Perry did not open and he died at the landing zone. La Salle was also injured on the jump and couldn't participate in the mission. Team members and Maquis from the Jean Bulle Battalion immediately buried Perry. Bulle was the leader of the local resistance fighters.

The mission now was to organize resistance efforts and take the fight to the Nazi's. Maj. Ortiz and his team spent the next several days training the Maquis on the new weapons and equipment. Additional training such as ambush and harassing techniques were also presented.

After about a week of training, Union II members and the Maquis conducted observation patrols on the German forces in the area, selecting the best ambush sites. Throughout the next days, several ambushes were conducted. The Maquis took several casualties, treating most immediately; however, several required advanced medical attention and could no longer travel.

The newly equipped Maquis proved to be an effective force against the Germans, and the Nazi's were forced to become more aggressive in dealing with them. The Germans provided a swift and severe penalty to suspected resistance fighters, who were shot on site, often in public viewing to deter others. A town found supporting the Maquis received punishment on the same scale.

On August 14, injured Maquis fighters found sanctuary in the town of Montgirod. With injuries too severe to move on, the fighters were offered sanctuary in the town church. Union II members and Maquis were forced to separate and narrowly escaped as the town was surrounded by a German patrol. Maj. Ortiz led his team from one side of a valley ridge to the other, passing through the heart of the valley, the town of Centron, crossing a river, and finally resting on the ridgeline opposite of Montgirod, resting approximately 8 kilometers away in the distance.

There wasn't anything that Union II members could do that evening as German forces destroyed the entire town, killing many of the villagers accused of assisting the resistance efforts.

"They burned the place down," said Bodnar. "We just left there ... they killed them all."

German forces were not traveling lightly, having heard through local intelligence that an entire battalion of Allied troops with supplies recently parachuted into the region, the Germans were ready to fight a significant force. After the war was over, German records showed

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Legion of Valor brings history, decorated guest to depot

by Sgt. Ryan Smith
Chevron staff

Today's parade reviewing officer is retired Sgt. Maj. Anthony B. Kouma. He is a Navy Cross Recipient and a veteran of three wars. He is also a member of the Legion of Valor.

The Legion of Valor works "to cherish the memories of the valiant deeds for which the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, and the Air Force Cross are the insignia. Promote true fellowship. Advance the best interest of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and to enhance their prestige and understanding by example and personal activity. Extend all possible relief to needy members, their widows, and children. Stimulate patriotism in the minds of our youth and engender a national pride and interest in the Armed Forces of the United States," according to the legion Web site.

There are approximately 600 members nationwide, according to retired Lt. Col Thomas A. Richards. The Legion of Valor was organized on April 23, 1890, in Washington, D.C., by a group of Civil War and Indian War campaign veterans who were recipients of the Medal of Honor. At its inception, the name was "The Medal of Honor Legion." The membership was augmented following the Spanish-American War of 1898 and following the Philippines Insurrection.

The membership was never large, and with the passage of years and subsequent demise of members, on November 25, 1918, the recipients of the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the second ranking Army decoration for extraordinary heroism, were admitted to membership.

In 1933, members of the United States Navy and Marine Corps who were recipients of the Navy Cross, the second-highest Navy decoration for extraordinary heroism, were invited to join the membership, and the name of the organization was changed to The Army and Navy Legion of Valor.

On August 4, 1955, Public Law 224, 84th Congress, incorporated The Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States. With the creation of the Air Force Medal of Honor and the Air Force Cross, the membership invited the recipients of these medals to become members and on June 21, 1961, with Public Law 87-56, the name of this elite organization became the Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc.

Today, the Legion of Valor has maintained a consistent interest in recognizing outstanding performance. In 1957, at the organization's 67th national reunion, the Legion of Valor created a Silver Cross for Heroism and a Bronze Cross for Achievement. In establishing these awards, members of the Legion of Valor concluded that the Silver Cross should be reserved to recognize actions involving the saving or preservation of life and that the decoration could be conferred on any person whose conduct met such standards. On the other hand, the Bronze Cross for Achievement should be available to those cadets of the ROTC who have demonstrated excellence in military, scholastic, and civic affairs.

"The Bronze and Silver Crosses are awarded to ROTC unit members … usually for something heroic," said Richards.

The very nature of the Silver Cross for Heroism suggests that it would be given sparingly and only after thorough review by the Legion of Valor Awards Committee. Hence, it is seldom that more than two crosses are presented in a year's time although there is no limitation on the number that may be granted.

Brown, from Pg. 1

coyote-brown boot socks has yet to be determined.

Aside from word on the new socks, Marines on Parris Island may have heard that Depot Military Clothing Sales has been stocking up on new brown T-shirts. However, this does not mean it is time to throw out the green ones just yet.

"The coyote-brown shirts have been approved by the Commandant, but they are not authorized for wear yet," said Mary Boyt, program manager for the Marine Corps Uniform Board. "We do not have the funding to field the new shirts as of right now because a lot of it is going toward the war effort. That's the Department of Defense's main priority right now."

As to why the Marine Corps opted for the coyote-brown color, Boyt said it was chosen because it works well with the Marine-pattern utility uniforms, as well as the desert uniforms, with which the dark, olive drab T-shirts are still worn.

Editor's note: In San Diego, clothing officials will continue issuing black socks until they are off the shelves. Once recruits start receiving the coyote browns, the socks will be available for all depot personnel, according to Gunnery Sgt. David Smith, a depot clothing official.

In the rear with the gear

We also share the burden

Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson
Twentynine Palms Public Affairs, Calif.

I'll be the first one to say it: though I know many more Marines feel this way, I am not happy being here when my friends and comrades are "boots on the ground" in Iraq.

I didn't join the Marines to be in the rear with the gear while others go off to war – go off to defend America. Maybe I'm somewhat of a romantic in my thinking, but I honestly feel I should be over there.

That's what I used to think.

Something recently happened that seemed to put my head right and my perspective in better alignment as to where I should be in the grand scheme.

An e-mail that has been going around the web finally hit my mailbox the other day. It's the story of a Marine master sergeant and a lance corporal.

It seems the master sergeant, who works for a supply unit in Iraq, was in sick call being treated for a respiratory infection when a young Marine was brought in from a combat zone with various wounds.

The doctor asked the Marine what had happened, and the young hard-charger described a combat scene that puts anything that Hollywood dreams up to shame.

He spoke of friends to the left and right being killed by rocket-propelled grenades. He spoke of the injuries he received and the shrapnel wounds to his battered body.

Overhearing the conversation, the master sergeant began to feel guilty that he was sitting in a hospital taking up the precious room and attention needed by combat-wounded Marines, so he got ready to slip out the back hatch.

Before he left though, he spoke to a young Marine who was, by now, put back together again with bandages and painkillers. The master sergeant wanted to thank the Marine for his service, and give him a "Semper Fi."

As he turned to go, the Marine asked the Top what he does in the Corps. The Top, feeling rather insignificant next to this battle-hardened leatherneck, said, "Nothing."

But the young troop pushed on: "No, seriously, what do you do?" The Top answered that he works in aviation supply.

The Marine then asked if the Top had anything to do with ordnance or maintenance on the Cobra helicopters. Top answered that his division supplies the parts and ordnance for the squadrons so they could fix the helicopters.

The Marine then said, "If it were not for the Cobra helicopter that zoomed in about 10 minutes after the third impact, I would probably not be here."

He added that two helicopters wiped out a bunch of the "bad guys" encroaching upon them as well. After that, he shook the master sergeant's hand and thanked him for his service.

You're probably asking now, "So how does this affect me?"

Simply put, we each have a job to do. Some of our jobs might be more glamorous, more difficult, more technologically advanced, or sexier than other jobs, but every single one of them is important to ensure the great machine that is the Corps continues to move.

A familiar saying is to "bloom where you are planted." So I'm not in Iraq. So what? I still have a job to do, and if the Corps didn't think that I was doing that job right, then they'd probably replace me with someone who would do it right.

Every Marine out there – whether on the front line pulling a trigger or in the rear unpacking ammunition – has a job to do. They are cogs in that great machine that would fail to work properly without them.

When Gen. Charles C. Krulak, 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps, restructured the Marine Corps, he told his advisers, "I want you to build for me from scratch a 174,000-Marine Marine Corps."

That group sat down and built the Corps from the ground up. Not one single "fluff" billet exists in the Corps. Every billet has to be filled or things start to fall apart.

Remember that when you see Marines coming back from overseas. Certainly they have done their part, and more. But we in the rear have done our part, too.

If it weren't for the rear party, those Marines coming back from overseas wouldn't have been paid, wouldn't have had their family watched over, wouldn't have received their mail, and they wouldn't have received a few hundred other things that were taken for granted – and rightly so – because there were Marines in the rear watching out for them.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

Aug. 26: Commemorating the 19th Amendment

Gunnery Sgt. Luis Leiva
Twentynine Palms, Calif.

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote, was ratified. This was the culmination of the long struggle by women searching for the right to vote. In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment and to celebrate the continuing effort toward equality.

We celebrated Women's Equality Day to commemorate the tremendous positive change brought on by the women's movement. Because of countless millions of women who planned, organized, lectured, wrote, petitioned, lobbied, paraded and broke new ground in every field imaginable, out world was irrevocably changed. Women and men of our generation, and the ones to follow us, are living the legacy of the women's rights won against staggering odds in a revolution achieved without violence. Women can be proud of the legacy of the women's rights movement.

Today's activists remind us all to celebrate and cherish past and present accomplishments of the women's movement so progress is not lost in history.

A brief history of the suffrage movement and Women's Equality Day begins July 13, 1848, when five women met for tea in upstate New York. Having commiserated about the lot of women in American society, they did something brash and wonderful: They sent off a notice to the local newspaper announcing "a convention to discuss the social, civil and religious conditions and rights of women" to be held just six days later in Seneca Falls. The women's rights movement was born. Perhaps inspired by the sovereignty of Iroquois women, convention participants drafted a Declaration of Sentiments which began: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal …"

One of the resolutions called for universal women's suffrage. One hundred women and men from all walks of life signed that declaration. Only one, 19-year-old Charlotte Woodward, lived to see women win the vote. On Aug. 26, 1920, after a 72-year struggle, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. was finally ratified, granting women the right to vote nationwide.

The movement goes on today. From the beginning of the women's revolution, people have been looking for an end, but no one is sure just when, or what, would constitute an end.

Students in the women's study department at Wheaton College, Mass., say there is a new wave, or rather the next wave, of women emerging and fighting for true equality and the identity of the movement that was left behind in the 1970s.

Gloria Steinem, one of the most well-known feminists from the 1960s, was a guest at this meeting. She pointed out that "feminism is worthless unless it can be used as a tool outside of the classroom … Feminism is about what you do." A clear statement to all people in support of women's rights at every level is that it is not enough to say that you are for equal opportunity and equal rights, you must take action.

Note: Leiva is the equal opportunity advisor at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms.

Thank you to those who secured my freedom

by Master Sgt. Janice M. Hagar
Public affairs chief

I've never been a big participant in women-designated events or groups. Okay, I'm a sorority girl and I was a Girl Scout. But during my Marine Corps career, I haven't paid much attention to things like Women's History Month, I'm not a member of the Women Marines Association, and I've never participated in any Women's Equality Day celebrations. It's not that I'm against these things. I just don't think about being different because I'm a woman.

Only my trips to the Middle East made me pause and think about how fortunate I am to live in a country where I have the freedom to choose my religion, my career, what I wear, etc. As I traveled around the streets of Saudi Arabia and Qatar, I couldn't believe how women lived in that culture.

In Qatar, there were separate entrances for women at hospitals. Even at an amusement park, men and women stood in separate lines for rides. In Saudi Arabia, I never saw women and children during the daytime. It was only men who were out and about on the streets.

I appreciated the opportunity of seeing another culture. It was a great learning experience. But at the same time, I felt grateful to be an American woman.

Even though those experiences made me appreciate my freedoms, I still need to remember that women in this country used to live a very different life many years ago. It took more than 70 years for women to be granted the right to vote when on Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified.

To commemorate that special day, Congress designated Women's Equality Day in 1971. In addition to honoring the suffragettes, Women's Equality Day is also a time to focus attention on the continuing efforts toward equality.

So, I pause to say thank you to the women who fought for the rights I enjoy today. But I am also thankful for the women and men who made great sacrifices – sometimes the ultimate sacrifice – and secured my freedom and my way of life.

I talked with Barbara McCurtis, the command museum director at Day Hall here, and a retired first sergeant, about our lives in the Corps today. She said, "The Marine Corps has made great strides in the last 20 years, and if you think about it, serving in the military is probably one of the most equal careers a woman can have. In the Marine Corps, you are judged on what kind of a Marine you are, not by your gender. The Marines of today have erased the boundaries that some old timers grew up with. They know they are Marines and they don't need, or want, to qualify that with women Marines. That alone tells you that we're doing something right."

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COLOR GUARD Before friends and family members of Company K, the depot color guard, from left, Cpl. Koami Fedy and Sgts. Michael Gonzales, Edgar Villa and Machel Messias, march center stage at the Friday morning colors ceremony Aug. 20 at Pendleton Hall. The depot has a morning colors ceremony every graduation Friday. *Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

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ARMED FORCES VOTING WEEK

3 EASY STEPS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

1. See your voting assistance officer and pick up a 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

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.

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.

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 (888) 525-1943. Registration information is available through the WMA Web site at www.womenmarines.org. E-mail sgtmajjudge@cox.net.

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 or call (866) 373-7233.

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The Hatch Act

Explaining conduct in political activity

In this time of heightened political activity, it is a good time to review permitted and prohibited political activity of federal employees. The following is general guidance only and the Office of Special Counsel should be contacted for information and advice of specific questions and situations.

The Hatch Act, passed by Congress in 1939, imposed significant restrictions on federal employees, government employees, and certain state and local government employees on their ability to participate in political activities. In 1993, Congress amended the Hatch Act to relax some of the restrictions. Most federal employees are now allowed to take an active part in political management or in political campaigns.

Do's

Federal employees may:

- be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
- register and vote as they choose
- assist in voter registration drives
- distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
- express opinions about candidates and issues
- contribute money to political organizations
- attend political fund-raising functions
- attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- join and be an active member of a political party or club
- sign and circulate nominating petitions
- campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, and municipal ordinances
- campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- hold office in political clubs or parties

Don'ts

Federal employees may not:

- use official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- solicit or discourage political activity of anyone with business before their agency
- solicit, accept, or receive political contributions (may be done in limited situations by federal labor or other employee organizations)
- be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- engage in political activity while on duty or in a government office
- wear political partisan buttons on duty or engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform
- engage in political activity while using a government vehicle

Source: Office of Special Counsel, which is responsible for administration of law and regulation regarding such activity. Please visit their Web site at www.osc.gov.

Mission at bat

Softball league helps recruiters fight stress

by Sgt. Kimberly S. Leone
8th Marine Corps Recruiting District

At 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday it stops!

The two enlisted recruiters and the staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge who work out of the DuPage South recruiting substation in Naperville, Ill., stop recruiting, stop canvassing, stop completing packages, stop making phone calls.

The wheels of the recruiting machine of DuPage South come to a halt, mission made or not, and the Marines head to the local softball field.

"It's absolutely essential to our success – to our productivity – that we take a break," said Gunnery Sgt. Larry S. Pyles, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "Recruiters will burn out quick if they don't take some time to step away from their job."

Pyles' words ring true for anyone with a job or attending school or raising children, but his compassion isn't what most people expect from a Marine leader.

"That's because he knows he wouldn't have to tell us if we shouldn't be at the game," said Sgt. Keith A. Sandor, canvassing recruiter. "We'd take ourselves out if we knew we needed to put more time into work to ensure we made mission."

But this month, RSS DuPage South has once again made mission plus. Pyles, Sandor, and the third member of the DuPage South team, canvassing recruiter Sgt. Jarrod Rick, join their teammates to take on a team of county employees in a game of slow-pitch softball.

The Marines in Pyles' crew have played in the league for the past two years as members of the County Crows.

Pyles introduced softball because he wanted a good recreational activity for his Marines to enjoy that incorporated physical activity. He also wanted an activity that would serve as a stress reliever and build a sense of camaraderie. It was also important to him that nothing took away from the already limited family time.

"It's really important that activities like this can be done during the day," said Pyles. "They need a way to relax and unwind before they go home. I want to help us all not take the stress home with us. If I take more time away from family than the duty does already, I'm making it worse, not better."

Pyles plays third base for the County Crows. Everybody calls him Gunny even though he and his Marines are the only service members on the team. Sandor mans center field. Rick shows his talents at the plate and plays any position determined by the needs of the Crows.

No backstops. No umpires. No scoreboards. No time limits.

The crowd cheering on the County Crows this Tuesday night are all family members of the players, most wearing green County Crows T-shirts. Their names appear somewhere on the roster. Two cupid-faced little girls run around the lawn chairs. Brad A. Pyles, the thirteen-year-old son of Gunny, practices skateboard tricks in the grass. Nearby, Christina P. Sandor, Sandor's wife, reclines in the grass. She's taking a break from the couple's newest addition, a 3-week-old daughter. Thus, the recreation time becomes family time.

"Everybody needs to go out and have fun and be part of a brotherhood," said Sandor. "Sometimes we feel separated from that brotherhood out here on recruiting duty."

Pyles sees the softball games as preventative medicine. He also knows it takes more than a weekly softball game to stay focused and motivated. To keep himself positive and motivated, he spends as much time as possible with his son. He also devotes hours to amateur photography and web postings for his son's soccer team.

"Photography is my pottery," said Pyles with a laugh. "You have to be able to stop.

"When this duty starts to be too much, I see a lack of motivation, an unwillingness to do the basics, and irritability. Burned out recruiters can't produce. Lack of production compounds stress that compounds the problem. It's a cycle that I don't want to see in my substation."

The teams self-moderate, and as much as the games are competitive, there is a sense that it's not really about the game. It's about the chance to step away from their daily tasks and have some fun.

At the game, Pyles shakes hands with a community influencer. Sandor talks to a qualified male applicant whose parents are a little hesitant about him joining the Corps. Rick has little to say all evening as he makes mental notes about the paperwork he needs to finish, the future recruit he needs to check on, next month, next high school visit, next …

So much for stopping.

'Will work for praise'

Recognition systems keep Corps' recruiters motivated

Sgt. Jose Vasquez, canvassing recruiter, barely has enough hands to hold the awards he accepted at the 2nd-quarter all-hands presentation hosted by Sgt. Maj. Bobby B. Woods (right) and Capt. William Santmyer, outgoing Recruiting Station Chicago executive officer. *Sgt. Kimberly S. Leone/8th District*

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Each year, for the cost of one 30-minute Vince Lombardi motivational tape, the Recruiting Station Chicago commanding officer keeps his recruiting team motivated and making mission.

Using baseball bats, sledgehammers, platinum eagles, K-bars and a nearly antique engraver, Maj. William Reinhart lets his recruiters, staff noncommissioned officers-in-charge and support Marines know that somebody noticed the RS made mission for another consecutive month.

Each month he sits down to breakfast with his most successful substation. Each month he devotes half an hour to calling forward his achievers to be applauded in front of their peers. He involves his successful recruiters and NCOICs in planning and managing the station's recruiting program.

These tokens of recognition pay dividends in the form of motivation and mission accomplishment. They also represents yet another way Marines do more with less.

"People like to be recognized when they do something well," said 1st Lt. Timothy O'Rourke, RS Chicago executive officer. "This is such a basic idea and so easy to do, yet it's neglected so often."

Basic indeed. RS commanding officers tap into the hierarchy of needs identified by existentialist Abraham Maslow in the 1950s. People will work for praise. And recognition systems fit the bill for meeting esteem needs.

"It pays to be a winner," said O'Rourke. "I think competition and an individual's desire to succeed amongst a group of peers plays a huge part in why recognition, especially for Marines on recruiting duty, is so important.

"Small tokens such as the Hammer Award or a simple plaque, especially when presented in front of the entire station, tell the Marines several things," he added. "First, it lets them know their contributions to the team are noticed and appreciated. Second, it distinguishes them from their peers. Everyone likes to stand out from the crowd."

As recruiting stations near the end of the month and 'the numbers' become the only focus, the sacrifices made by recruiters and their staff NCOICs can get overlooked. Something must be in place to keep the team moving forward when the job gets stressful and deadlines approach.

"For recruiters and NCOICs, an awards program serves as an additional tool to recognize achievement in a very demanding billet," said Reinhart. "This extra motivation can often times get Marines to put forth that extra effort that they may not give otherwise."

At the recruiting station level, Reinhart believes the awards program not only helps ignite or re-ignite motivation, but it also helps combat behavior that can cause deficiencies in other areas. These deficiencies could potentially hurt the whole recruiting team.

However, there is a learned caution in Reinhart's support of using an awards program to motivate. Getting the award can't be the sole source of motivation, according to Reinhart. When award or incentive programs become a focus of effort, "Marines forget why we are out here," said Reinhart. "We are out here to prospect for and sell high-quality young men and women, take care of them in the Delayed Entry Program, ultimately ship them to recruit training and ensure they graduate."

"It's great to be recognized by the CO," said Sgt. Nathaniel Roman, RSS Lake County canvassing recruiter and recipient of several achievement awards. "But I'm not working for that hammer (trophy) or that moment of recognition. I'm working to accomplish my mission. Knowing somebody notices when I go above and beyond that mission makes it easier to keep going when the job gets tough."

DETAIL *to* ATTENTION

Depot's ceremonial Marines carry out funeral honors

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Three volleys blast from seven rifles and pierce the San Diego sky.

The dead are honored.

Marines from various depot sections make up the ceremonial detail charged with paying such respects for funerals in the San Diego area. Each month a detail forms, and its members carry out the honorary duties of carrying caskets and urns, distributing folded flags and firing salutes.

"Standing there in a hot suit, it's hard to keep your bearing, but you know it's worthwhile when you see the appreciation on the family's faces," said Pfc. Mike Savides, detail rifleman. "I was motivated to do my first funeral detail because it reminded me of my grandfather's funeral."

With their service A uniforms neat and primed, members of this outfit are ready for funeral duty at any time.

Cpl. Arthur L. Ross, sword noncommissioned officer, awaits the funeral noncommissioned officer's next order while at carry sword. Ross, an administrative clerk, is representing his section for this month's detail quota.

After drawing rifles from the depot armory, Lance Cpl. Mike Pacitti, rifleman, lines them in a van for transport.

Sgt. Alejandro F. Galvez, funeral noncommissioned officer, hands an M16-A2 rifle to Lance Cpl. Mike Pacitti, a rifleman loading the weapons into the detail's van.

Sgt. Alejandro F. Galvez, funeral noncommissioned officer, is entrusted to care for the flag presented to the family of the deceased. Galvez received the flag from cemetery officials and carried it until it reached the family.

Lance Cpl. Mike Pacitti, Pfc. Mike Savides and five other riflemen practice before rendering a military salute to the deceased. The detail's Marines fired three times simultaneously for the salute.

Lined with white marble headstones atop a San Diego peninsula, the century-old Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery rests thousands of armed forces veterans and their families, including 22 Medal of Honor recipients. Designated a national cemetery in 1934, the grave site overlooks downtown skyscrapers, Coronado Island, San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Command representative Master Sgt. Ray Sifuentes escorts Mary Jane Petroff, widow of the deceased. The representative must hold the same rank or higher than the interred.

Pvt. Johnny Gordan has forsaken a distraught life for a new beginning in the Marine Corps. *Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

"My dad died in my arms … Do you know what that does to a 12-year-old boy?"

Gordan, from Pg. 1

"Ever since I can remember, my parents always partied," said Gordan. "The drugs kept them from having any real life, and it was screwing up us kids."

Being the most responsible one in the house, preteen Gordan did the best he could to look after his younger siblings, Paul and Me-Lisa. Suddenly, something snapped in his parents' minds, and they decided to clean up their acts.

"It was out of nowhere," recalled Gordan. "I think they saw what their habits were doing to us. They didn't want us to end up that way."

Determined to start anew, Gordan's mom and step-dad moved the family to Ruidoso, N.M., and opened an auto body shop. Life got progressively better. The shop brought in nearly $420,000 annually, Gordan said. His parents stayed drug-free, and his grandparents moved in. But Lady Luck still kept an unknown grudge.

"Two years after we moved, my grandfather got really sick," said Gordan. "We hospitalized him. He got really bad. He even hallucinated."

After Gordan's grandfather was hospitalized, his grandmother suddenly died.

"There was no explanation," said Gordan. "The doctors said it was old age. Her death made it worse for my grandfather."

Gordan's family wasn't able to support his grandfather or his medical problems. They still had a business to run and kids to feed.

With no other choice, Jim called Uncle Ron in Las Vegas and asked him if he and his wife could take care of grandpa.

Ron jumped at the chance, a little too eagerly, said Gordan, who felt uneasy about the situation.

"They didn't take care of him," Gordan scoffed. "He stole from him. Ron tortured that poor, old man. Ron didn't feed him, or change his diapers. He left him to rot."

Ron was stealing money from the old man's bank account, partially to support his growing drug habit. Jim noticed some odd things. Ron suddenly had much nicer things than he could afford, and his drug problem became more obvious.

Jim checked with the bank and his suspicions were accurate. He decided to confront Ron about the money and the drug problem.

"Dad wasn't too upset about the money," said Gordan. "It made him mad, but he was more worried about Uncle Ron's drug problem."

The intervention scaled into a heated argument. That's when Uncle Ron turned his back on the argument, walked into the bedroom and returned with a gun.

"My dad died in my arms," said Gordan. His glasses fogged up as a tear streamed down his cheek. "Jim wasn't my real dad, but he's the only father I ever knew. Do you know what that does to a 12-year-old boy? Do you know what that does to a wife and mother?"

Gordan didn't even know what the tragedy would do to his mother. She slipped into a vast depression, aloof and disconnected. She looked for comfort in strangers, not in her children. Gordan said her promiscuity made him sick.

The unhealthy lifestyle gripped Gordan's mother, and she almost quit trying, he said.

"She used to paint cars at the body shop," Gordan said. "She was good. She usually made about $15 an hour, but eventually, she just stopped working."

With no money in a town of bad memories, Gordan's mom packed up and what was left of the shattered family turned to a nomadic lifestyle. California, Colorado, Texas, Arizona. She moved the family in search of intangible peace.

"We got to Prescott Valley, Ariz., and my mom met Jaime," said Gordan. "He was all right – or so I thought."

Jaime attached himself to the family like a leech. He reintroduced Gordan's mom to drugs, and they eventually lost their home.

"After that, we lived in a tent for three weeks," said Gordan. "We took turns; three slept in the tent, one in the truck."

Jaime saved up some money and moved the family into a double-wide trailer.

"The trailer was nice," said Gordan. "It had two bathrooms and a Jacuzzi. But of course, my mom and Jaime blew their money on drugs and partying, so we lost the trailer."

Gordan was 14 when his mother looked outside at an empty driveway. Her truck was gone, and so was Jaime. A few days later, police located the truck outside a bar in Winslow, Ariz. They never heard from Jaime again. Like before, the family had no money, no home and virtually no hope. They moved back to Ruidoso.

"At this point, I had enough," said Gordan. "I moved in with my friend Tres Burgess III. His parents adopted me, which was great for a while."

The clean, normal life Gordan dreamed of was soiled again. Burgess' father began to play favorites. He dedicated his time and love to his biological children, and he took out his frustrations on Gordan by constantly making him do manual labor and housework. Gordan was not allowed to go out with his friends. He was even discouraged from his newest passion: football. The all-state defensive end said he had no other choice.

"I emancipated myself when I was 16," said Gordan. "I was treated like a slave there. It was no better than living with my real family."

Gordan attended school and worked full-time to support himself until he was 17; at that age, he was old enough to join the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program.

"I've wanted to be a Marine since seventh grade," said Gordan. "I've always seen the Corps as a way to make a life for myself."

When Gordan joined Platoon 1085 for recruit training, despite the virulent atmosphere, he learned a very important lesson: not everyone would leave him high and dry. People do care, and true friendship and camaraderie exist.

"When Gordan got here, the other drill instructors and I could tell he had problems," said Staff Sgt. Alex L. Vallete, one of Gordan's drill instructors. "He was always quiet. When we found out about his past, we knew he needed us. He needed the Marine Corps."

Gordan said throughout the three months he's been here, his drill instructors and platoon mates have helped nurse his wounds.

"This is helping me become the man I want to be," said Gordan. "I've become disciplined, and I've learned how to manage my time and money. I also have a new family – a better family."

Gordan said he decided to forsake his biological family in exchange for his new life.

"I will never see my mother again," said Gordan. He rubbed his tear-stung eyes. Haunted still or not, a private can only go up.

Union, from Pg. 2

their strength in the area to be at 3,800 compared to the six Allied service members combined with several hundred Maquis fighters.

On August 15, Union II members remained just below the ridgeline, observing the slowing German patrols in the area. The next day Maj. Ortiz decided the team should move back toward the direction of Montgirod. The team moved across the fast-moving river and through the town of Centron. Traveling in a single-file line, the team was well spread out, ready to disperse at a moment's notice. The terrain of the area, rugged and mountainous, prevented Maj. Ortiz and several of the Marines near the front of the column from spotting the German patrol traveling from the direction of Montgirod to Centron.

Marines in the rear of the column shouted at about the same time the first rounds were fired. The Marines quickly dispersed, moving away from the Germans and back through the town of Centron in an attempt to cross the river again, seeking cover in the higher elevation. The German armored patrol quickly surrounded the small village of several hundred people.

Brunner, Coolidge and Arcelin escaped by jumping in the river before the Germans could cover the area with machine gun fire. The other three Marines were not so lucky. Ortiz, Risler and Bodnar were trapped in the town. They moved in and around the buildings, attracting heavier fire every time they moved. Taking heavy machine gun and small-arms fire from all directions, the three were eventually unable to move. German infantry closed in.

Ortiz realized what this meant, not only to himself and his Marines, but also to the town of Centron. Because his Marines were seen in and around the town, he knew the Germans would associate the town with supporting the resistance efforts and most likely, the town would be treated to the same punishment as did Montgirod.

"Maj. Ortiz said that he was going to talk with the Germans and that we should try and sneak out," said Bodnar. The reply quickly came back from Bodnar, "Major, we are Marines. We work together, we stay together."

The decision was made, and with a white flag waving, Ortiz moved from his location to the German line. Ortiz spoke fluent German, French, English and Arabic. He communicated with the German officer and negotiated the exchange of his Marines for the safety of the town. Ortiz expressed that the town had no knowledge of the Marines' presence and that his team was just passing through the area.

The German officer agreed, and Ortiz made the motion for Risler and Bodnar to come forth. About this same time, German forces sweeping the area captured Arcelin, who was wearing the Marine Corps uniform of Perry, who died during the jump. Had Arcelin not had on a uniform, he would have been shot on the spot. Arcelin would continue to pose as a U.S. Marine until being liberated from a prinsoner-of-war camp a year later.

"Initially, the German officer was in disbelief," said Maj. Steven White, Marine Forces Europe operations intelligence officer and Marine Corps liaison to the 60th anniversary commemoration. "He did not believe that only four Marines had held off his forces for this long. He insisted that Maj. Ortiz turn over the rest of his team members."

Eventually, Maj. Ortiz was able to convince the German officer that this was his entire team. The Germans would hold the four members of Union II until the end of the war in a POW camp near Bremen, Germany.

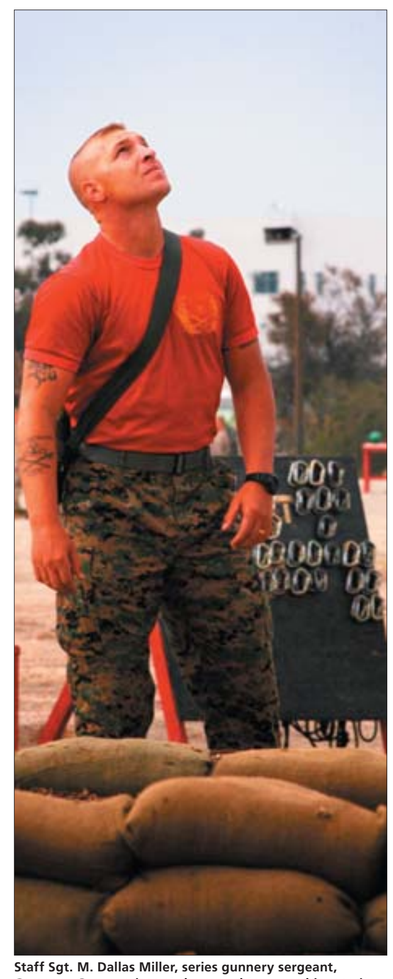
The town of Centron, to commemorate the event, named the town hall in honor of Maj. Peter J. Ortiz and at the original drop zone there is a monument dedicated to the members of Union II and the French Resistance fighters of the Jean Bulle Battalion.

More information concerning the exploits of Ortiz and the Union and Union II missions can be found at www.militarymuseum.org/Ortiz.html.

Bodnar and his wife stand next to a monument in the French Alps honoring the jump the Union II members made 60 years ago. *Master Sgt. Phil Mehringer/Marine Forces Europe*

One goal at a time

Since becoming a Marine, one series gunnery sergeant has been on a goal-hopping campaign



Staff Sgt. M. Dallas Miller, series gunnery sergeant, Company C, supervises at the rappel tower as his recruits rope down. *Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron photos*

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"She told me I had to graduate as honor man so when we got married, I would be in my blues," said Staff Sgt. M. Dallas Miller, series gunnery sergeant, Company C.

Miller has set goals his entire Marine Corps career, all for one main goal: to become the Marine Corps' top enlisted man. He feels the best way to attain this goal is to make and meet smaller goals along the way.

He graduated as platoon honor man, received his first promotion and was married the next day. From this achievement sprouted his ultimate Marine Corps career goal.

"Although I had the challenge from my wife," he said. "I did it to the best of my ability anyway because that is what I strive for in everything I do."

"I plan on staying in for at least 20 years," said Miller. "In the end, I want to become the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps."

After recruit training, he went to Marine combat training where he was again selected as the top Marine in his training company. They awarded him a meritorious mast.

He went to military police school for training in his job skill. They meritoriously promoted him.

Miller maintained his roll of success at his first duty station where he was promoted meritoriously for a third time – this time to corporal.

"I have big goals," Miller said. "But I plan and live each day by setting short term goals."

He asks himself daily how he can be a better Marine or improve himself as a drill instructor.

"I love every day being a Marine, and I love every day being a drill instructor," Miller said. "I can't believe we get paid to do this job. I love the title, traveling the world and the fact that I get paid to do it. I bought into the whole Marine Corps mentality and Semper Fi, 100 percent." Semper Fidelis is the Marine Corps motto, which translates to "always faithful."

He was always faithful to the Corps and what it stood for. He wanted to train and instill those same values into new Marines. Miller decided to trade in his military police badge for a campaign cover.

"When I decided to come here, it wasn't just to have another billet for promotion," said Miller. "I've always been the type of Marine to volunteer for anything. Drill instructor duty was one of the most challenging things to do at the time. I knew I would regret it if I didn't do it.

"I looked at drill instructors as the top 10 percent of the Marine Corps. That's what I wanted to be."

Not only did he earn his drill instructor title, he was good at being one.

"He has won just about every award that a drill instructor can achieve: honor platoons, 'Band of Brothers,' 'Dan Daly,' hardest-working green belt Drill Instructor," said Gunnery Sgt. B. E. Kern, lead series gunnery sergeant. Kern said Miller has been nominated for several drill instructor and senior drill instructor of the quarter boards.

Miller is the follow series gunnery sergeant, and he finishes his ninth training cycle as a drill instructor today and his second as a series gunnery sergeant.

Miller's next step is to go to the Career Course for staff noncommissioned officers and then join the Military Police Company at 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

With his path going in the right direction for his ultimate goals, Miller says he owes a lot to his wife.

"I consider her a Marine, just like me," said Miller. "She's been with me every step of the way … she has taken the reigns by taking the kids to school and football practice. I do not have to worry about anything, but doing my job."

Miller talks to a former drill instructor who stopped by to see him at his office. Miller's office is where he is able to relax a little and do the paperwork required of a series gunnery sergeant.

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Lubbock, Texas
Recruited by
Cpl. T. A. Humphreys

Platoon 1086

PLATOON HONORMAN
Pfc. J. L. Bystrom
Denver
Recruited by
Sgt. J. M. Sweatt

Platoon 1087

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Lago Vista, Texas
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St. Peters, Mo.
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Staff Sgt. M. J. Bolduc

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Leander, Texas
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Hewitt, Texas
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Sgt. E. A. Starr

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Pvt. D. A. Pallante
Pvt. R. J. Parnell
Pvt. J. R. Piper
Pvt. E. A. Ramos
Pvt. L. D. Ramsey
*Pfc. A. D. Rankin
Pvt. S. C. Risher
Pvt. M. A. Rodriguez
Pvt. H .E. Rodriguez
Pvt. M. R. Schmidt
Pvt. C. M. Smith
Pvt. L. J. Spomer
*Pfc. I. J. Stretch
Pvt. J. L. Warman
Pvt. J. D. Washington
Pfc. J. A. Watts

PLATOON 1087
Senior Drill Instructor
Sgt. J. L. Marquez
Drill Instructors
Sgt. J. D. Brown
Sgt. C. C. Krusemark

Pvt. D. Abad
Pvt. A. D. Adams
Pfc. J. W. Alexander
Pfc. R. A. Allgower
Pvt. J. D. Alvanna
*Pfc. M. A. Anes
Pvt. R. G. Ayala
Pfc. P. J. Beckham
*Pfc. A. M. Bell
Pfc. K. E. Bemount
Pvt. T. A. Berger
*Pfc. S. A. Blackwell
Pfc. K. Y. Borrero
Pvt. L. L. Bowles
Pfc. R. B. Cajandab
Pvt. A. M. Carlton
Pvt. B.N. Castro
Pvt. M. J. Chauvie
*Pfc. D. J. Clerkin
Pvt. J. L. Currier
Pvt. J. M. Dillon
Pvt. D. A. Donovan
Pvt. D. S. Dovico
Pvt. J. J. Esquivel
Pfc. M.A. Estrada
Pvt. E. R. Evans
Pvt. S. W. Evans
Pvt. J. C. Evans
*Pfc. D. W. Faaesea
Pvt. A. A. Farah
Pfc. A. T. Farlanio
Pfc. S.N. Frank
Pfc. B. W. George
Pvt. D. Gonzales
Pvt. M. A. Good
*Pfc. R. J. Grieder
Pvt. Z. A. Hinck
Pfc. C. D. Johnson
Pvt. J. M. Johnson
Pvt. R. L. Kellam
Pvt. S. J. Knudson
Pvt. F. M. Lawrence
Pvt. J. Marez
Pvt. S. E. Martinez
Pfc. B. R. Matlock
Pvt. C. L. Mendozamartinez
Pvt. S. A. Michel
Pvt. S. R. Milford
Pfc. B. E. Mockry
Pvt. C. Molina
Pfc. M. Nava
Pfc. J. L. Nelson
Pvt. K. A. Niesen
Pvt. J. S. Nolin
Pvt. A. J. Oertel
Pvt. E. A. Orantescalero
Pvt. J. Ortizmartinez
Pvt. N. B. Osuna
Pvt. W. S. Parsonage
Pfc. A. R. Pasive
Pvt. K. B. Patterson

PLATOON 1089
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. M. Martinez Jr.
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. D. D. Whisenant
Staff Sgt. E. Moreno Jr.
Sgt. C. Bull

Pvt. J. D. Acosta
Pfc. D. P. Broderick
Pvt. R. P. Bagby
Pvt. M. L. Baker
*Pfc. S. M. Basile
Pfc. S. P. Boone
Pvt. R. C. Burson
Pvt. C. A. Campbell
Pvt. K. L. Cason
*Pfc. W. J. Castillo
Pvt. S. K. Chapman
Pfc. S. R. Chase
Pvt. J. L. Craig
Pfc. K. L. L. Crow
Pfc. J. C. Davis
Pvt. J. K. Debroka
Pvt. F. E. Deckard Jr.
Pvt. N. D. Deleeuw
Pvt. C. Q. Dunham
Pvt. G. W. Fitts
Pvt. H. Garza
Pfc. J. P. Green
Pvt. K. W. Gunter
Pfc. R. E. Hall
Pfc. T. T. Haynes
Pvt. J. A. Hoss
Pvt. E. Huerta
Pfc. L. T. Jagla
Pvt. T. J. Jeffries
Pfc. P. J. Jennings
Pvt. K. L. Johnson
Pfc. B. A. Kellogg
*Pfc. E. R. Killscrow
Pvt. C. M. King
Pvt. K. C. Lansdell
Pvt. A. G. Lee
Pvt. T. L. Love
Pvt. D. G. Malla
Pvt. M. C. Marthaler
Pvt. J. L. Martin
*Pfc. E. G. Martinez
Pvt. R. Medina
Pvt. S. J. Merrill
Pvt. S L. Morris
Pvt. C. N. Norman
Pfc. D. J. Parent
Pfc. J. E. Park
Pvt. G. M. Pelster
Pvt. D. M. Perry
*Pfc. S. E. Peters
Pfc. S. Philbin
Pvt. J. A. Porter
Pvt. A. J. Pumphrey
Pvt. W. K. Quick Jr.
Pfc. R. L. Williams

PLATOON 1090
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. M. P. Hansen
Drill Instructors
Gunnery Sgt. D. T. Robinson
Staff Sgt. A. J. Leibfried
Staff Sgt. F. T. Suniga

Pvt. T. R. Caver
Pvt. Z. V. Drill
Pvt. B. R. Footer
Pvt. B. J. Ford
Pvt. A. H. Freese
Pvt. A. E. Haring
Pvt. R. O. Hernandez
Pvt. B. K. Hill
*Pfc. M. P. Lopez
Pvt. A. J. Loris
Pvt. D. M. Lowrey
Pvt. J. H. Mahill
Pvt. J. M. Malver
Pvt. K. A. McDorman
Pvt. J. C. Meze
Pvt. E. R. Modlin

Staff Sgt. M. P. Hansen, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1090, Company C, and his series gunnery sergeant, foreground, correct Pvt. Alexander Freese, Platoon 1090, after the recruit lost his bearing at the rappel tower Aug. 19. *Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron*

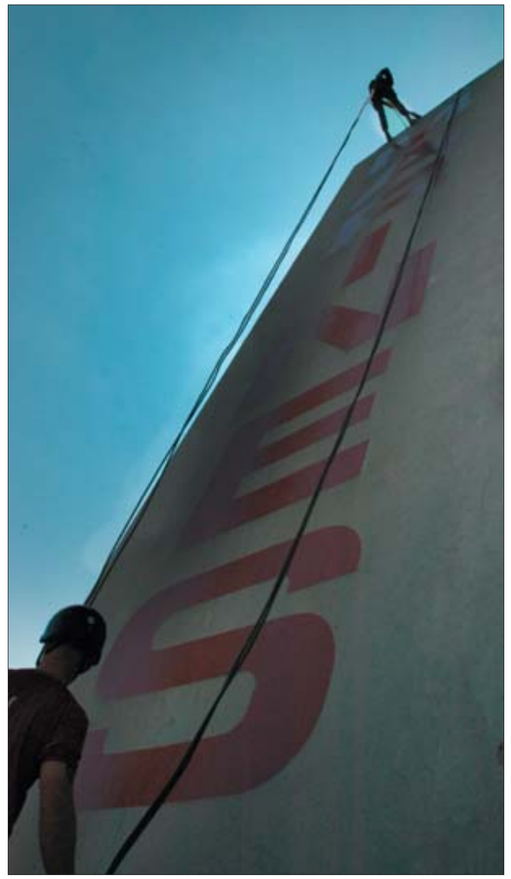
Pfc. A. A. Goodson, right, and Pvt. B. E. Howard, Platoon 1085, Company C, raise their hands to be inspected before tackling the rappel tower. *Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

Pvt. C. Molles
Pvt. F. W. Morrison
*Pfc. J. J. Mueller
Pvt. G. M. Nofen
*Pfc. A. J. Nugent
Pvt. J. T. Pereira
Pvt. G. V. Pickett
Pvt. A. R. Ramirez
Pvt. J. A. Rau
Pvt. J. D. Rehme
Pvt. G. A. Roberts
Pvt. C. A. Rodriguez
Pvt. J. R. Sachs
Pvt. O. A. Sanchez
Pvt. E. Santiago
Pvt. R. D. Schimkat
Pvt. J. M. Schmidt
Pfc. M. F. Scruggs
Pvt. D. F. Shanahan
Pvt. H. M. Shields
*Pfc. M. B. Shook
Pvt. B. C. Sieminski
Pvt. D. L. Sorenson
Pvt. J. M. Sweigart
Pvt. J. D. Tuma
Pvt. P. J. Valenzuela
Pfc. T. J. Van Der Werf
Pvt. N. P. Vandervine
Pvt. J. L. Viola
Pfc. A. J. Visvardis
Pvt. J. M. Viverette
Pvt. E. D. Vlcek
Pvt. A. P. Vonderheide
Pvt. C. D. Waterkotte
*Pfc. J. M. Weber
Pvt. P. A. West
*Pfc. J. A. Williamson
Pvt. F. M. Winter
Pvt. J. D. Wiygul
Pvt. C. K. Wong
Pvt. J. E. Young
Pvt. E. C. Yuen
Pvt. R. Zavala
Pvt. R. Zepeda
*Pfc. D. A. Zevnik

PLATOON 1091
Senior Drill Instructor
Gunnery Sgt. J. T. Houchins
Drill Instructors
Gunnery Sgt. M. Tueichi
Staff Sgt. S. O. Dapaah
Staff Sgt. J. R. Moreno
Sgt. D. J. Sutton

Pvt. J. R. Godding
Pfc. D. R. Goodrich
Pfc. T. A. Inman
Pvt. K. Lopez
Pvt. J. J. Moe
Pfc. B. J. Mulford
Pvt. F. J. Murrell
Pfc. J. A. Paup
Pvt. E. R. Penberthy
Pvt. I. M. Perez
Pvt. B. C. Peters
Pfc. B. A. Peterson
Pfc. J. E. Pierce
Pvt. T. A. Plake
Pfc. A. D. Plautz
Pvt. K. A. Post
Pvt. D. C. Poullath
Pvt. B. P. Rammel
Pvt. A. M. Ramon
Pfc. M. G. Rawlings
Pfc. A. B. Rayor
Pfc. S. M. Regentz Jr.
Pvt. J. Rendon
Pvt. E. A. Riojas
Pvt. E. Robles
Pfc. J. P. Ross
*Pfc. Y. P. Rubio Jr.
Pfc. M. A. Russell
Pvt. A. A. Ryan
Pvt. C. D. Sackrey
*Pfc. J. L. Santel
*Pfc. J. T. Sawery
Pfc. J. M. Sberal
*Pfc. C. A. Schneider
Pvt. A. B. Shehata
Pvt. M. D. Skeen
Pvt. J. E. Smith
Pfc. S. J. Smith
Pfc. R. L. Smith
Pvt. J. M. Smith
Pvt. D. J. Smith
Pvt. R. C. Sommer
Pfc. P. J. Sosa
Pfc. J. P. Southworth
Pfc. A. P. Stafford
Pvt. R. G. Strautins
Pfc. K. D. Stricker
Pvt. D. W. Tapley
Pvt. E. W. Tarris
Pvt. F. Temblador
*Pfc. L. A. Torunoperez
Pvt. M. R. Trujillo
Pvt. J. J. Vega
*Pfc. F. Velazquez
Pvt. M. Vincent
Pvt. C. P. Welsh
Pfc. M. A. Zuba

* denotes meritorious promotion



Rappelling is one of the final events recruits participate in before becoming Marines. *Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

Company C drill instructors assist recruits at the bottom of a simulated helicopter exit. *Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron*

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

Q: Who is the meanest drill instructor in your company?

Pvt. Gabriel E. Chapman
Phoenix

A: Drill Instructor Sgt. Spears.

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

Pvt. Matthew J. Kopec
San Jose, Calif.

A: Music. Cadence works its way into your head, and you forget the songs you once knew.

Q: What is the best MRE?

Pfc. John N. Bonet
Albuquerque

A: Pork chop in Jamaican-style sauce, chunked and formed.

Q: What are you going to do when you get home?

Pvt. Kevin L. Hammers
Cortland, Ill.

A: Sleep, sleep and more sleep. Then party.

Q: What was your worst civilian job?

Pfc. Andrew I. Babick
Hewitt, Texas

A: El Chico.

Sgt. Maj. Anthony B. Kouma

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Retired Sgt. Maj. Anthony B. Kouma was born in Dwight, Neb., May 30, 1922. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on November 26, 1942, and underwent recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, which was followed by infantry training at Camp Elliott, Calif.

Upon completing infantry training he joined 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division as a machine gunner in New Zealand in July 1943. He deployed with that unit in November 1943 and participated in the seizure of Tarawa. In 1944, as a corporal, Kouma was in action on Saipan. For his extraordinary heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces on July 7, he was awarded the Navy Cross.

Following the seizure of Saipan, Kouma participated in the invasion of Tinian the next month. He was promoted to sergeant the following month. As a machine-gun platoon commander with the 8th Regimental Combat Team, he participated in the Battle for Okinawa and Ie Shima from April to June 1945. He returned to the United States with the 5th Marines, and was discharged in January 1946.

Reenlisting that year, Kouma joined Guard Company, Naval Arms Depot, Hastings, Neb. He was later re-assigned to Ordnance School, Quantico, Va., where he was a student. Upon completion of school he was transferred to the 1st Marine Brigade at Tsingtsao, China where he was promoted to staff sergeant in 1948.

In 1949, he was transferred to 1st Ordnance Bn., 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Kouma served with the 1st Marine Brigade in Korea from 1950 to 1951. He served at the Pusan, Inchon, and the Chosin Reservoir.

Returning from Korea, he was assigned as a machine gun instructor at Quantico and promoted to technical sergeant.

From 1952 to 1956, he served in various billets to include duty in Japan and Stanford University as an assistant Marine Officer Instructor at the Navy ROTC.

He was promoted to first sergeant in 1957.

Kouma was reassigned to the 1st Division in 1958. He served as sergeant major, 2nd Bn., 5th Marines. He was promoted to sergeant major in 1960.

Until transferring to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve in October 1970, Kouma served as sergeant major for several units: 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, which relocated to Okinawa to become the 2nd Bn., 9th Marines; 3rd Bn., 1st Marines in California; Recruit Training Regiment here; the 1st Marine Air Wing's Marine Aircraft Group 13, in Chu Lai, Vietnam; 3rd Bn., 28th Marines, 5th Marine Division and 4th Marine Division at Camp Pendleton.

Kouma's decorations and awards include the Navy Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V device, the Combat Action Ribbon, five Presidential Unit Citations, and numerous campaign medals.

Kouma is married to the former Mary Hennehan. They have nine children.

CG'S CUP

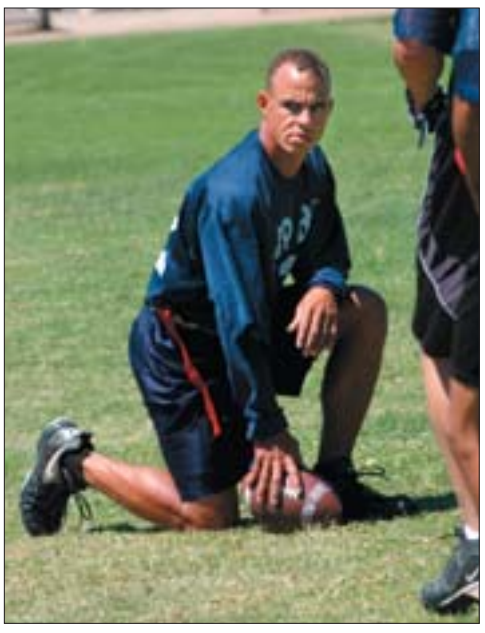
REGIMENTAL REPEAT

Big Blue dominates CPAC in CG's Cup football championship

Big Blue quarterback 1st Sgt. Dathan Edwards slashes between CPAC defenders Cpl. Arthur L. Ross and Lance Cpl. R.W. "Rottweiler" Hill. *Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron photos*

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Commanding General's Cup football came to an end Tuesday when 3rd Recruit Training Battalion's Big Blue conquered Consolidated Personnel Administration Center 12-0 in the championship game.



1st Sgt. Dathan Edwards takes a knee to run out the clock in the fourth quarter.

Both teams came charged up and ready to play. The smack-talk flew through the air as they took the field. CPAC took the first possession. Big Blue quickly intercepted a pass and set up shop.

Blue's quarterback 1st Sgt. Dathan Edwards was ready to lead his troops. He led his team of ferocious devil dogs to the red zone, then he took it in for six on a scramble. The conversion was unsuccessful as CPAC defense swarmed to the ball.

CPAC couldn't get much offense going in the first half, but their D played tight; that is, until CPAC lineman Lance Cpl. Mike Pacitti injured his leg after intercepting Edwards.

"Pacitti's injury really hurt us," said CPAC defensive lineman Lance Cpl. R.W. "Rottweiler" Hill. "He is like my second half on the field."

Big Blue took advantage of the hole in CPAC's defense and started picking them apart with quick passes and Edwards scrambles.

In the waning seconds of the first half, it looked like CPAC had a nice little drive, but Big Blue's defense was too tight and they jumped on a deep pass for the pick.

Big Blue went into the halftime break with a 6-0 lead. A repeat looked imminent.

Sure enough, Big Blue came back onto the field fired up and ready to complete their perfect season. Their defense took control of CPAC, who seemed a little tired.

"Fatigue set in on us," said Hill. "They are a very physical team, and they wore us out a little."

More turnovers haunted CPAC and Big Blue's offense took advantage. During a late drive in the game, Edwards took the pigskin around the right end for another score. The conversion was no good.

CPAC saw their undefeated streak screeching to a halt when the offense committed yet another turnover on their last possible chance to score.

Edwards handled the final snap and took a knee to clinch back-to-back CG's Cup football championships. Big Blue showed class after the game when they got in a team huddle and chanted "CPAC!"

"They have a good team," said Hill. "1st Sgt. Edwards played a great game. His age plays to his benefit. He has knowledge of the game and lots of experience – plus a great supporting cast."

The champs' win wasn't easy, according to Edwards. He said CPAC made a valiant effort.

"No matter what, CPAC gives 110 percent," said Edwards. "They come out tough in every sport and they never give up."

With CG's Cup football over, the next sport is six-man soccer, which begins Tuesday.

Flag Football Championship Contenders' SEASON

COMMANDING GENERAL'S CUP '04

3rd Bn.

WIN	39	0	PMO
WIN	19	0	Dental
WIN	38	0	2nd Bn.
WIN	*	*F	Supt. Bn. 2
WIN	24		District
WIN	12	0	CPAC

CPAC

WIN	7	6	Coast Guard
WIN	7	0	Supt. Bn. 2
WIN	21	8	District
WIN	28	0	Supt. Bn. 1
WIN	24	21	2nd Bn.
LOSS	0	12	3rd Bn.

*F — *forfeit*