

Competition helps Depot Marines hone marksmanship skills

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More than 40 Marines took a shot at enhancing their marksmanship skills during the annual Depot Competition in Arms Program held at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The shooting competition was held Feb. 10-13, but the program began Jan. 26 when shooters arrived at Weapons Field Training Battalion for training by reviewing marksmanship fundamentals, stretching tight muscles by positioning themselves in various shooting positions as well as live fire practice.

"The purpose of DCIAP is two-fold," said Maj. Mark D. Mackey, operations officer for WFTBn. "First, it's to pass on shooting knowledge, and second to foster competition."

Once training was complete, the Marines were ready to put their skills to the test. The competition featured individual and team events with the M-16 A2 service rifle and the 9mm pistol. The course for the individual and team rifle competition began at the 200 yard line where shooters had to fire 20 rounds in the standing position in 20 minutes. The next stage was rapid fire where shooters moved from a standing to sitting position, firing 10 rounds in 60 seconds. The shooters then moved back to the 300 yard line for another stage of rapid fire moving from standing to prone, then headed to the 500 yard

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(right to left) Retired Master Gunnery Sgt. Nathaniel R. Hosea, retired Master Sgt. Willie E. Marbrey, retired 1st Sgt. Barnett Person Sr., and retired 1st Sgt. Arthur J. Smith observe a recruit graduation ceremony at Shepard Field Feb. 13. Sgt. L. F. Langston/Chevron

PIONEERS OF EQUALITY

Montford Point Marines observe modern-day recruit training; reflect on service during segregation

BY SGT. L. F. LANGSTON
Chevron staff

Several of the pioneering Marines who trained at Montford Point, N.C., in the 1940s visited the Depot Feb. 13 to attend the morning colors ceremony and Company D's graduation, followed by a visit to the command museum.

The Montford Point Marines blazed a trail into the Corps' future while at the same time marking their place in its history books as the first black Marines.

For decades the Marine Corps didn't accept African Americans. It wasn't until 1941 when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed Executive Order 8802 to establish the Fair Employment Practice Commission, banning discrimination "because of race, creed, color, or national origin" in all government agencies.

Among the Montford Point Marines visiting the Depot were retired

Sgt. Maj. Augustus "Gus" Willis, retired Master Sgt. Willie E. Marbrey, retired Sgt. Maj. William "Movin" Vann, Master Gunnery Sgt. Nathaniel R. Hosea and retired 1st Sgt. Barnett Person Sr.

While the Montford Point Marines play an important role in black history, Willis said he likes to think of it as just Marine Corps history.

"To get a point across for history it doesn't have to be about race, creed, or religion," he said.

Recruiting for the "Montford Marines" began June 1, 1942 and thousands of African-American men flocked to recruiting offices.

One of those men was Marbrey, who joined in 1945 and retired after 24 years of service. He expressed his satisfaction with his Marine Corps career.

"I had a beautiful career. The military is our family and the Marine Corps is our intimate family," said Marbrey.

Having close and personal family was one of the keys to Marbrey's honorable 24 years of service.

"I was astonished at the camaraderie at the camp, and that changed my attitude," Marbrey said.

Marbrey is not the only one who's success was aided by someone close to him. Vann said his wife, Evangeline, was a big part of his career.

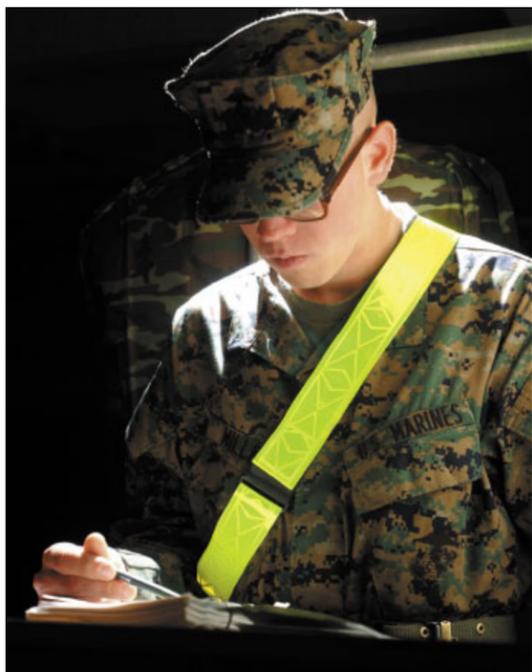
"I have nine stars of good conduct. She helped me earn them," Vann said.

With the ills of segregation and the demands of the Marine Corps itself, Evangeline said she understood what it meant to be a Marine's wife.

"I was trying to help him be where he wanted to be," said Evangeline. "It was rough in the Marine Corps, but it was also rough on the outside."

The early Montford Point Marines withstood a lot of the discontent and upheaval of a diverse military. They paved the way for Marines such as

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SPEND THE NIGHT

Pvt. Brent Miller, Platoon 2150, Company H, reads his recruit handbook while standing fire watch. The recruits guard the squad bay in groups of four throughout the night. See story, pg. 6 Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



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Walking casually or walking casualty ...

A DEADLY DIFFERENCE

BY KEN TESTORFF
Naval Safety Center

Pedestrians may have the right of way, but that law didn't help a Navy ensign who was crossing a street at night when a speeding drunk driver in his Ford F350 truck hit her.

Paramedics treated the victim at the scene and had her airlifted to a medical center, where doctors pronounced her dead from blunt-force injuries to the head and trunk.

In another incident, two sailors were within 100 yards of an intersection where they could cross a four-lane highway. One of them decided to dart across at an uncontrolled point. He paid the ultimate price when a sport utility vehicle hit and killed him. The shipmate who stayed on the sidewalk wasn't injured.

These examples point out the fact that pedestrian safety is everyone's responsibility. It isn't enough for pedestrians to assume drivers always are going to give them the right of way. What happens if a driver is drunk or his car's brakes aren't working right?

When you're on foot and approach a crosswalk, your only safe course is to check for vehicles and to gauge how fast they're going before you decide to cross. Once you're in the crosswalk, don't tie up traffic by acting as though you're out for a casual stroll.

Here are some other tips to protect you and your family when walking in traffic:

- Stay on the sidewalks and crosswalks and avoid walking in traffic where there are none. If you absolutely have to walk on a road without sidewalks, always walk facing traffic.

- Cross at intersections. Most people are hit by cars while crossing the road at places other than intersections.

- Stop at the curb and look left and right, then left again for traffic. Stopping at the curb signals drivers that you intend to cross. Use marked crosswalks, and obey the signals.

- Drivers need to see you to avoid you, so stay out of their blind spots. Make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets. Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight if you walk at night.

- Don't let children play near traffic or cross streets by themselves because drivers may not see them if they suddenly run into the street. This problem is compounded by the fact most kids cannot judge vehicle distances and speeds. As kids get older, teach them the basics of crossing a street.

Senior citizens older than 65 comprise 13 percent of the population but account for 23 percent of all pedestrian deaths. In other words, seniors are almost twice as likely to be killed by an automobile than younger citizens. As



Photo illustration by Sgt. Ethan E. Rocke

a group, senior citizens are dependent on safe streets for walking because many of them no longer drive.

Most elderly pedestrian fatalities result from inattention, carelessness, medical conditions or the effects of medications. Therefore, it's important for elderly pedestrians to take crossing seriously and to recognize the dangers. Although most elderly pedestrian fatalities occur during the day, it's important to note that evening mishaps often involve pedestrians who have been drinking. Thus, elderly pedestrians should be careful not to get too intoxicated if they plan to walk near traffic.

Because peripheral vision diminishes, reflexes slow and the ability to move quickly decreases as people get older, it's harder to deal with situations that require prompt evasive action. Also, because eyesight and hearing often become less acute, and the ability to judge traffic distance and speed diminishes, elderly pedestrians should allow extra time to cross a road.

Everyone knows you shouldn't drive impaired, but what many people may not know is that excessive drinking can have the same deadly consequences for pedestrians. Almost one third of all pedestrians who die in traffic-related crashes are intoxicated, and alcohol involvement for

the driver or the pedestrian is reported in nearly half of all pedestrian fatalities. Most of these crashes involve males and occur at night, especially on weekends. As compared to sober pedestrians, alcohol-impaired pedestrians cross the roadway from unexpected locations. Here is lifesaving information for motorists and pedestrians:

Driving impaired slows reaction time, clouds judgment and affects alertness and coordination. When you drive, particularly at night around populated areas, watch for sudden, unexpected movements by pedestrians. Scan the road widely and often, and prepare for the unexpected. Slow down!

Pedestrians also need to remember that alcohol affects balance, impairs judgment and reduces your alertness and coordination. It also can affect vision. Limit how much alcohol you consume, especially if you plan to walk. Don't fool yourself about your ability to walk safely in traffic. Be more visible to traffic by carrying a flashlight or wearing retro-reflective clothing at night. During the day, it's best to wear fluorescent colors. Wearing white, especially at night, is not enough. If you know someone has been drinking and is planning to walk, offer to call a cab or to be an escort, even if it's only for a short distance.

Marines take aim at Depot Competition In Arms Program

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line where they fired 20 rounds in 20 minutes in the prone position.

After two days of firing the rifle, it was time for individual and team pistol competition. Shooters remained at the 25 yard line for three stages of firing. The clincher for this course was shooters could only fire using one hand on the pistol.

Even though the course of firing was tough, the biggest challenge during this year's DCIAP was Mother Nature.

"The winds were the most challenging part of the competition," said Mackey. "There were 20 plus mph winds consistently. That challenges any shooter - no matter what their level of shooting is." Mackey added everyone was exposed to the same wind conditions, no matter what relay they fired. He also felt despite the wind disadvantage, shooters learned something by dealing with the harsh conditions.

Once the competition was finished, there was still one more firing stage in the program. The Marines fired the annual rifle requalification course.

"We have them fire the sustainment course and use that as a measuring stick to



(Left to right) Sgt. L. Corral, Sgt. A. P. Selby, Sgt. K. P. Hancock, Maj. M. Mackey, Sgt. R. A. McWilliams and Sgt. R. R. Mettler put a hand on the Capt. James Hill Rifle Team Trophy they earned in the Depot Competition in Arms Program. Lance Cpl. Robert Feagle/Combat Visual Information Center

see how the Marines have improved their scores," said Mackey.

It may seem like only expert shooters can participate in the DCIAP, but according to Mackey, that's not the case.

"Anyone can shoot in the program," said Mackey. "In fact, we encourage those who are not expert shooters to come and participate so they can enhance their marksmanship skills. The training here is more detailed, more focused. The targets we're shooting at are smaller, so you must apply the fundamentals more proficiently

in order to hit the target more consistently."

The DCIAP started in 1999 and Mackey would like to see the program continue to grow.

"It's for unit gain, not individual gain," said Mackey. "In most circles in the Marine Corps, a 3rd class (physical fitness test) score is unacceptable, but when a Marine shoots a marksman score, it's considered okay. I'd like to see people working with their Marines to improve their rifle scores, just like their PFT scores, es-

pecially if they are consistent marksman."

The next shooting competition is just around the corner. The Western Division Shooting Matches begin March 15. Mackey, a member of the MCRD San Diego Shooting Team, is hoping to field a team of 40 shooters for this year's competition.

"Shooters do not need to have participated in DCIAP to shoot at the Western Division Matches," said Mackey. Marines interested in competing in the Western Division Matches should contact their unit training office.

FROM THE SGT MAJ



SEEING MORE THAN BLACK AND WHITE

Lessons learned from the black leaders in my life

As we approach the end of this year's celebration of Black History month, I wanted to take time to share some experiences that helped foster some of my values and helped develop a sound work ethic.

Growing up in the 60s and 70s in the south during both segregation and later integration taught me some valuable life lessons.

In my hometown, you were basically city or country folk. You either lived inside the city limits or on the "other" side of the railroad tracks — rich or poor, black or white. My family was poor and for years, we lived on the "other" side of the railroad tracks in the low-cost housing area. We were bussed across town to an all-white elementary school. As a result, I had very little contact with "colored people." I say "colored" because that was the common reference at the time.

Back then, public restrooms were marked either "Whites Only," or "Colored." Local restaurants would only allow the "coloreds" to use an outside walk-up window to place their orders, and the Ku Klux Klan had regular marches on the county court house square.

"Until junior high school, I had gone to all-white schools. During my first year of junior high, the county's school system became integrated."

— Sgt. Maj. Frank Pulley

My parents always taught us this was wrong and no one of us was any better or worse than the other. They taught me that skin color, or race, was not the mark or measure of an individual. They also said people who wore white sheets must be hiding something and should be ashamed of what they were doing. They said that in God's eyes, and in death, we are all the same and we are to look everyone in the eye and treat them with dignity and respect. They further indicated the most difficult part is to try and do this once we become adults, and they reminded us that if we can do so, it will serve us well in our lives. Regardless of how much they told us, we still had little to no contact with any "colored" people. However, in 1967 that began to change.

My step father was laid off from his factory job around the holidays of 1967. We had no money for food, and it didn't look like "Santa" would be visiting our home that year. I will always remember the knock at the screen door one night and what I saw when I went to open the door. It was the biggest, blackest man I had ever seen. He was nearly seven feet tall and wore a black overcoat topped off with a black derby hat. There was another black gentleman with him who was not as intimidating and seemed to be more of a "preacher" type.

The big man said his name was Ben Smith and he was there to see my father. The other gentleman said hello and that his name was Mr. Willie Mason. I just stood there silently afraid to move a muscle or blink my eyes. My dad came to the door, told them to come in out of the cold and made me apologize for my bad manners. When they entered our home, the man's derby touched the ceiling.

My fear soon turned to admiration as they had brought a trunk load of groceries from the car and handed my dad an envelope containing money, which had been collected to help our family during the holidays. Their act of genuine friendship and my unwar-

ranted fear has remained with me all my life. Over the years, I have tried to emulate acts of charity and kindness such as those of Mr. Smith and Mr. Mason.

As a young teenager, I worked as a stock/grocery boy at a country store. One of my closest friends was a black guy named Gary Cole. Gary asked me to get him a job. That was a problem because there were not any other black employees and most of the customers were white. However, because Gary was a friend and one of the other boys had quit, I felt compelled to ask on his behalf.

The owner was receptive enough but was sensitive to the issue and even asked me if Gary would be "okay" with being called a stock "boy." As we were talking, Gary and his father came in the store.

Gary's father, Mr. Cole, had a reputation for being one of the hardest and most dependable workers in the county. He held several jobs to feed his family. He would never accept any "free" subsidies, and he said that as long as he was physically able to work, he didn't need or want anything from the government.

I told Gary about what the owner had asked about him being called "boy" and Mr. Cole overheard me. He looked the owner directly in the eyes and said, "Sir, my son is far from being a man, he's still a boy. Call him what you call the other boys, treat him right and hopefully he'll work out for you. If so, okay. If he don't work out, let him go!"

It turned out Gary was a better friend than he was a worker. The owner fired him in less than a month. Mr. Cole came by and made his son apologize to the owner and also to me. I found it admirable that he and his family continued shopping at the store for all of their grocery shopping, recognizing that the decision to terminate Gary's position was based purely on his performance and not on the color of his skin. This is yet another example that has stuck with me for life. I found out a few years ago that Mr. Cole passed away one day while he was working delivering furniture.

Until junior high school, I had gone to all-white schools. During my first year of junior high, the county's school system became integrated. The school, designated as the "new junior high," was formerly an all-black high school. All of the photos on the walls were of the previous graduates, faculty, etc. There were no photos of any white people anywhere in the building.

All of my teachers were white, with the exception of one. The Industrial Arts instructor was Mr. William Posey. His claim to fame was that he had attended Kansas State University on a track scholarship and had once run track with a famous basketball player by the name of Wilt Chamberlain. He even went as far as to say he had won the meet. All of the students (black and white) found that a bit absurd because Mr. Posey was just a little over 5-feet-5-inches tall and about 200 pounds.

I must admit I didn't like him too much at first. On the first day of class, some of us were not paying attention to the instructions he was writing on the chalkboard. When he asked me why I wasn't paying atten-



Sgt. Maj. Frank E. Pulley, MCRD San Diego and Western Recruiting Region sergeant major.

tion, I told him I couldn't see because he was in the way. Of course, all of the other students started laughing at him. He smiled, moved out of the way, and asked me to come "front and center." I strolled up to him and he instructed me to draw a circle in the center of the board. I did as I was instructed and then he told me that I had a choice to either report to the principal's office or to put my nose in the circle so I could "see better." I chose the nose in the circle instead of going to the principal's office. As soon as I put my nose in the circle, the entire class started laughing at me. He immediately instructed them to knock it off.

He stated, "You need to learn when to listen and when to laugh with each other and not at each other." When he finished his verbal counseling, he asked me if I was seeing better now. Of course, I was seeing everything crystal clear.

Mr. Posey was always calm and cool. He smiled a lot and genuinely appeared to enjoy teaching all of us. At one point, an argument ensued that quickly became race against race. He would have none of it. He voiced his displeasure and went on record to say "there's only one race — The Human Race!" He also said he would allow us to settle the argument in a civilized manner and set up a jury of our peers. We would settle our own dispute "in court" as young adults.

The process was a real pain, and I have to admit that many of us felt the "whites" would be found guilty. However, it turned out to be the opposite, and he allowed the "whites" to pick the appropriate sentence, which translated into how many licks the guilty would receive from Mr. Posey's man-made, long-handled wooden paddle. Amazingly, we decided to stay any punishment. The end result was that we grew as a class and even started to have black-white competition for wood working projects.

Eventually, the fastest student in the class challenged Mr. Posey to a track meet, which Mr. Posey won! To this day, I hold Mr. Posey in the highest regard.

During high school, my agriculture teacher was black, as was the majority of the class and the assistant principal, who was also the assistant head coach of the high school football team. One day, one of my buddies got into an argument with some black guys. I walked up to see what was going on and one guy bumped me with his chest, so I immediately swung and punched him. Of course, a fracas ensued, and we were all sent to the office. There were no knives, guns or brass knuckles, and none of us were hurt. When my parents showed up, they were told I was being suspended. They asked about the other boy and were told he was being suspended from school and from the high school football team. Everyone thought that was more than fair, but my parents tried to help get the other boy back on the football team.

The examples I listed above are not of individuals who were famous, fought for civil rights, won awards, invented techniques or equipment. Instead, they are ordinary people who inspire me and will always wear a badge of honor in my eyes. I feel that I owe them a sincere debt of gratitude for the positive influence in my life and career. They were and will always be such an inspiration in my life, and I am confident that their leadership is what has helped make me the man and Marine I am today.

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Depot staff members congregate for National Prayer Breakfast

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Approximately 170 Depot staff members congregated at Duncan Hall here Feb. 12 for the observance of the National Prayer Breakfast.

The reserved left side of the messhall quickly filled up around 6:30 a.m. and others continued to flow into the other half of the building.

In 1942, prayer breakfast groups were organized in the Senate and House of Representatives. They met weekly to share and pray for



Sgt. Maj. Joseph V. Morgan, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, and Maj. Charles E. Fuller, Headquarters Company commanding officer, bow their heads in silent prayer at the beginning of the Commanding General's Observation of the National Prayer Breakfast. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

their individual spiritual needs, according to Depot organizers.

President Eisenhower joined with the groups to make the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in 1953. It later became the National Prayer Breakfast in 1970 to identify why they were gathering.

"The breakfast is traditionally held the first week of February," said Navy Cmdr. Mark J. Logid, deputy Depot chaplain. "In observance, we try to coincide within the month of February."

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ken Counts, 1st Recruit Training Battalion chaplain, headed the organization of the event, and Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., Depot commanding general, was the key speaker.

"The attitude and support from the Depot was outstanding -- from every chain of command," Logid said. "The comments of the commanding general were right on target in taking care of spiritual lives as well as physical and mental."

Paxton talked about Marine Corps history and referred to great battles such as Iwo Jima which happened that same day in Corps history. He highlighted the need for Marines to take care of themselves spiritually as well as mentally and physically.

Showing their commitment to this statement, the commanding officers of Headquarters and Service Battalion and Recruit Training Regiment were on hand as guest readers.

"The passages read were about showing there is more to life than just training," said Lance Cpl. Jared M. Padula, photographer, Combat Visual Information Center.

Participants came from all over the Depot to show their support for spirituality in military life.

"We appreciate the overwhelming support of those who came out to participate," said Logid.

The collection of people sang 'God Bless America,' to bring the breakfast to its conclusion.

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Hosea served 29 years, excelling and taking advantage of the education and training the Corps offered. However, he still experienced some of the discomforts of being a minority in a changing world.

"In my 29 years, I was never in a group of more than five black Marines and I was always the senior," said Hosea.

Hosea recalls how the Marines were accounted for every morning on a roster.

"1,200 total Marines, 10 officers, 2 colored. That's the way it was written on the master sheet at Signal School Battalion," said Hosea.

Approximately 30,000 black Marines are on active duty today and do not show up on morning rosters as colored, but as enlisted or officer. The times of segregation and profound racism in the military are in the past, but not forgotten.

The men of Montford Point proved their worth and set the example, therefore the Montford Point Marine Association plans on keeping their history alive.

"We want to preserve the legacy of the Montford Point Marines and give the Marine Corps and civilian community history and information they're not aware of," said Willis.

Corps teams with College Football All-Stars

Marines hang with top athletes for 2nd consecutive year

MARINE CORPS RECRUITING COMMAND
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The United States Marine Corps participated in the 2004 Capital One College All-Star Challenge held at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, January 30, 2004.

The event attracted approximately 2,500 fans and spectators who witnessed some of the nation's top players in college football compete in a unique skills competition.

This is the second year in a row the Marine Corps has interactively participated in the competition. This year, the Marine Corps held an oath of enlistment for 35 applicants, showcased a static display of Amphibious Assault Vehicles and High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles displayed Marine banner advertisements throughout the playing field and a Marine Corps color guard presented the colors at the opening ceremony.

"Having the Marines involved this year has taken this event to a higher level," said Charles N. Besser, president and CEO of Intersport, producers of the annual College Football All-Star Challenge. "Football is an absolute American sport and having the Marines here, especially this year, is just the right thing to do. This is the second year the Marines have participated and the equipment display added excitement to the event."

For the Marines who supported this year's challenge it was a great opportunity to be involved in such a high-profile event.

"This is one of the better events we've supported," said Staff Sgt. Jacob Whitley, an AAV Mechanic, with Company B, 4th Amphibious Assault Battalion, 4th Marine Division. "It's also a joy for us to show the public some of our equipment. This is stuff they



A Marine Corps color guard from Recruiting Station Houston was part of the opening ceremony for the 2004 College Football All-Star Challenge Jan. 30 at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. Marine Corps Recruiting Command

hardly ever get to see."

For Carly Rohrig, an attendee, the Marines made an impression on her.

"I think what Marines do is honorable and necessary," Rohrig said. "I'm glad that there are people willing to fight for our country. I don't know what I'd do if I were put in a combat situation."

For the competition, the athletes divided into four teams of two.

The teams included: University of Pittsburgh's Rod Rutherford and University of Notre Dame's Julius Jones; University of Kentucky's Jared Lorenzen and University of Washington's Reggie Williams; Univer-

sity of Tennessee's Casey Clausen and University of Texas' Roy Williams; and University of Michigan's Chris Perry and Michigan State's Jeff Smoker.

The first of four challenges of the competition was the Aerial Assault in which players made six attempts to throw a football at moving and stationary targets each containing a red circle worth specific points. The second challenge was the Marine's Obstacle Rush. Here, players ran through a series of obstacles and raced against the clock for the fastest time. The third challenge, the Landing Zone, had each quarterback compete in who could throw the furthest.

The final challenge was the Quick Delivery. This event harnessed the skill of both teammates by having the receiver negotiate through a series of obstacles while his quarterback threw him passes.

The University of Pittsburgh's Rod Rutherford and Notre Dame's Julius Jones won the competition to become this year's champions.

"This whole event has been a highlight for me," said Julius Jones, running back for the University of Notre Dame. "Being out here with the country's top players has been a great experience."

With the disaster of Space Shuttle Columbia still etched in Americans' minds, the College All-Star Challenge was a change of pace. Space center director, retired Marine Lt. Gen. Jefferson D. Howell Jr., conducted the opening ceremony thanking all participants who were responsible for making the event possible.

He also shared his feelings on the timing of the event (the All-Star Challenge took place nearly a year after the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster).

"The NFL has shown extreme kindness to the families of the Columbia," Howell Jr. said. "The event here today allows our employees who have also been grieving for a year, to get out and enjoy a fun event. We felt that since the NFL has been so good to our people and the Johnson Space Center that we would love to host this event. It was an uplifting activity for our folks and the space center made a great backdrop for the event."

Upon completion of the event, players took the time to sign autographs and take pictures with dozens of football fans who wished the players luck in their future NFL careers.

Battle Color Detachment to perform

The Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., will perform here at Shepherd Field tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

The Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Color Guard of the Marine Corps will all be on hand for the event.

The performance is not open to the public.

San Diego MS Walk 2004

The San Diego County Credit Union Multiple Sclerosis Walk 2004 takes place March 13 and 14. The walk/run is an annual event, which raises money for the National MS Society. For more information or to register, log on to www.mswalk.com or call (858) 974-8640.

SMP Spring Break trip

The Depot's Single Marine Program is planning a trip to Lake Havasu, Ariz., March 19 through 21. The cost is \$50 per person for the weekend. For more information, contact Britney O' Connor at (619) 524-8240.

Liberty Run/Walk volunteers needed

The Liberty Run/Walk Freedom from Domestic Violence is a 4-mile/run/walk across the Coronado Bay Bridge to help raise awareness and funds for programs to prevent domestic violence in San Diego County.

The event takes place April 4. For volunteer information or entry forms, contact the volunteer coordinator at infor@kinanevents.com or call (760) 434-7706 or go to www.kinanevents.com and click on Liberty Run/Walk.

Financial Fitness Seminars

The Community Service Center is hosting a series of free monthly Brown Bag Lunch Seminars on Personal Financial

Fitness topics ranging from the "Secrets of Financial Success" to "Things to Teach Your Kids About Money."

The seminars last from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Service Center Classroom, Building 26.

Anyone interested can call 619-524-5728 to register.

The seminars are open to all who are interested, including family members, but will be limited to the first 40 people to call and register.

Light snacks and drinks will be provided free of charge, but attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch. For more information, contact Michael Mclsaac at (619) 524-1204.

Band looking for Marines

Marine Band San Diego is looking for Marines aboard the Depot to fill open musician billets in an on-the-job-training status with the goal of becoming a Marine musician.

Marines, private through sergeant, may audition for band assignments providing they receive permission from their sections.

An audition consists of performing a prepared selection, major and minor scales, and sight reading.

Typical experience of successful Marine musicians consists of four years in a high school band prior to enlisting, but it is not a requirement to audition.

Marine Band San Diego currently has vacancies for flute/piccolo, clarinet, saxophone, horn, trombone and guitar.

To set up an audition or receive more information, call Staff Sgt. Michael July at (619) 524-1754 or E-mail him at julyma@mcrdsd.usmc.mil.

Designated Driver volunteers needed

The Designated Drivers Association is looking for volunteers in an effort to cut down on DUI offenses.

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.

Free tax assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance office is up and running.

The office provides free tax service for active duty and retired service members and their dependents.

Located in the Headquarters Company classroom, Building 6W, the office operates Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m., and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday the office is open from 7:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 6:30 p.m.

Appointments are available, but walk-ins are accepted as well.

Anyone filing taxes through the office should call before coming in to find out what documents and information to bring with them. For more information, call (619) 524-8107 or 8109.

Marine Corps Times "Marine of the Year"

Marine Corps Times is slated to award its "Marine of the Year" for 2003 in the July 5 issue of the publication. The Times will honor the Marine who best embodies the finest qualities of the men and women serving in today's Corps. Nominations must be submitted by April 7. To nominate, go to www.marinecorpstimes.com/Marines.

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Team Marines ready to chase championship

BY CHARLIE ROAKES
Team Rensi Motorsports

The #25 Team Marines Ford is ready to roll and driver Bobby Hamilton Jr. kicked off the 2004 racing season by picking up the momentum he developed over the second half of the 2003 season.

The White House, Tenn., resident finished last season as the hottest driver on the series, averaging a fourth place finish over the final ten races of the season.

Hamilton is eager to pick up the momentum he developed over the second half of the 2003 season.

"The entire Team Marines Racing Team is ready for action this year," Hamilton said. "Harold Holly (crew chief) has turned our racing team into a championship contender by leading these guys in the right direction and giving me a perfect car in every race. If we can pick up on just half the momentum we had at the end of the year last season, we are going to have a great season and contend for the title."

Hamilton realizes the importance of getting out of the box in a positive fashion.

"Restrictor plate racing can be a lot of fun, but it can also be a nightmare when you get caught up in someone



The #25 Team Marines Ford is ready to roll. Driver Bobby Hamilton Jr. kicked off the 2004 season at the Daytona International Speedway, racing in the Hershey's Kisses 300. Team Rensi Motorsports

else's accident," Hamilton said. "Of course we want to win the race, but we also realize how important it is to steer clear of trouble and come out of here with a solid top-10 finish. We don't want to be playing catch up after just one race."

The Harold Holly led team spent one day testing the #25 Team Marines Ford

here in Daytona earlier this year. Over the last three weeks, Holly has massaged the car and made a few changes for the race.

His best finish came last February when he finished seventh. Hamilton has four career top-10 starts, with a best effort of fourth last July.

Entering the 2004 NASCAR Busch

Series season, Hamilton stands in tenth place in the Career Earnings Standings. In 153 starts, Hamilton, Jr. has won \$3,991,290 for an average of \$26,086 per start. By starting the Hershey's 300, Hamilton, Jr. will become the tenth driver in series history to pass the \$4,000,000 mark.

SPEND the NIGHT

Hotel Company will leave the light on

BY STAFF SGT. SCOTT DUNN
press chief

When smells of bar soap and mouthwash blend with the musty air hanging in the house, the Platoon 2150 recruits in Hotel Hell know they'll soon be asleep.

However, before lights-out — a cherished time comparable to meal time, or mail call — they must complete a basic daily routine drill instructors call BDR. This ensures good health and personal hygiene, and it also accounts for security, according to Company H drill instructor Staff Sgt. Rick Jimenez, Platoon 2150.

WINDING DOWN

During their square-away time, which lasts little more than an hour, Co. H recruits prepare for the pre-bedtime inspection.

Every day is physical, and the recruits mind their personal hygiene as best they can. But like any household, a recruit squad bay has its own scent.

"Apparently, it smells anything other than pleasant," said squad leader PFC Michael R. Sadzak from Lansing, Ill. "That's what we've been told, but we could never smell it."

However, Sadzak can smell victory. Together, his platoon members scored highest on the practical application test and they took the highest drill honors in the company drill competition, according to Jimenez.

To uphold the platoon's glory, Pvt. Bradley McCuit readies his service C shirt for graduation. Meanwhile, Pvt. Robert A. Russo from Salt Lake City writes to his father and mother, Jim and Susan Russo, telling them that he's getting along and that he's ready to be a Marine.

After the recruits shave, shower and generally clean the washrooms and toilet areas, the nightly inspection begins.

BDR

In front of their footlockers — and wearing just flip-flops and not-so-tidy whities — the recruits stand at attention as drill instructor Staff Sgt. Jose Rivas inspects each man.

When he approaches Pvt. Rudy Serna, the recruit's hands pop up in a Sphinxlike manner. Serna's head turns, and he announces himself. Rivas looks for sores, injuries or anything detrimental to good health.

"Is that a blister?" asked Rivas. "You're going to get first-aid for that. Understand?"

"Yes sir!" answers Serna, who then turns around, lifts his foot and squeezes his Achilles tendon, a crucial tendon joining the calf muscles to the heel. Serna



Pvt. James Walldan sings the Marines Hymn with Platoon 2150 as his drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Jose Rivas, makes sure the rifles are locked and on safe. Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron

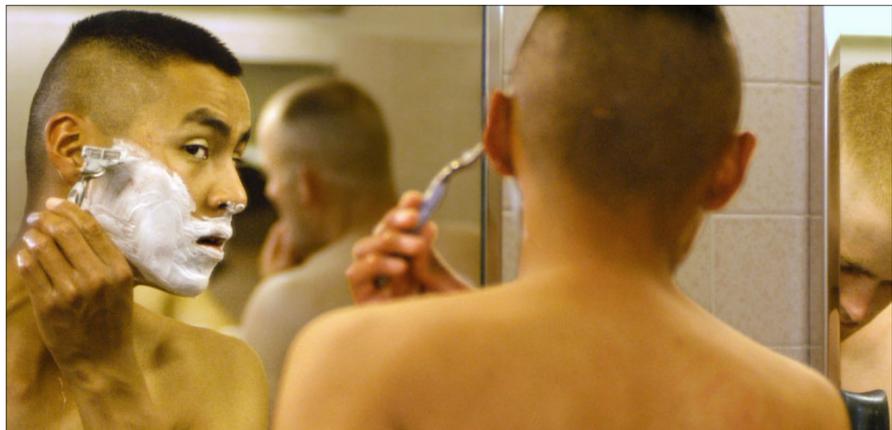
announces the verdict: "No-pain-no-pain!" He lifts the other foot: "No-pain-no-pain!" Serna then puts on his green sweat suit and goes back to attention.

After Rivas has inspected everybody, it's time for a rifle security check. Rivas gives a command, and the recruits dart to the wall behind their beds and check that their rifles are on safe and double-locked in a metal rack. Their footlocker padlocks must also be secured and zeroed. Rivas and each roving sentry will inspect these things again after the recruits are in bed.

THE SANDMAN COMETH

They'll be sleeping soon, but not before a watery nightcap. When Rivas gives the command, each recruit

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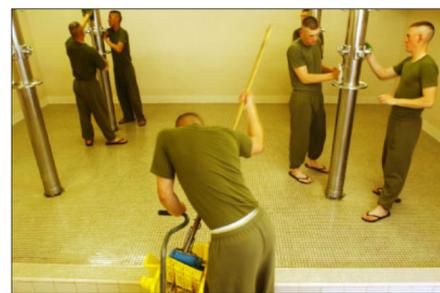
Pvt. Marjon Pino of Albuquerque, N.M., prepares for the evening hygiene inspection. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



Before getting in bed, Pvts. Frank Soto (left) and Brian Rutherford show they have drunk their canteens. Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron



PFC Rob Liekis flips through Pvt. Gerardo Rangel's family photos. Liekis and Rangel are bunkmates, and both are from Chicago. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



Platoon 2150's fourth-squad members clean the shower room during square-away time. Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron



Pvt. Marjon Pino bows in prayer during the five-minute evening devotion time. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



Giving an order to face away, Staff Sgt. Jose Rivas inspects Pvt. Joshua Patten's health and personal hygiene. Patten is from Marion, Iowa. Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron



Lance Cpl. Brian Walker, guide Platoon 2150, and company honorman, Company H, put his knowledge and skills to use in recruit training, using his college-grad education to excel as a leader of recruits. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

College smarts give new Marine promising start

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Behind his Coke-bottle glasses is a man with the tools to be a commissioned officer but the desire to live the enlisted life, leading Marines from the front with skills that derive from his maturity and extensive education.

Lance Cpl. Brian Walker, guide Platoon 2150, and Company H's top recruit, was forced to put his knowledge and skills to use when he arrived at the Depot three months ago.

Walker's yearning for education began as a high school senior in Houston. Like his dad, he was

a reader, but he couldn't concentrate on an area he liked until he met his history teacher.

"Mr. Villemagna really sparked my interest in history," said Walker. "He held class discussions and always interjected as the devil's advocate. He took the opposite stance and started great discussions."

Walker said he admired Villemagna's passion, and he too began to love history.

After graduation, Walker intended to enroll at the University of Texas in Austin to study history, but a problem arose.

"I had to switch to another school at the last minute," said

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"I felt like it would be wrong if I didn't serve my country ... I wanted to be the best, and everyone knows the Marines are the best."

— Lance Cpl. Brian Walker

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chugs a full canteen and holds it upside down over the twist top, proving he drank the full quart. Now hydrated, they slam their canteens onto their footlockers in one synchronized wallop.

With water-injected stomachs, recruits begin about five minutes of prayer or spiritual devotion. The platoon's lone Buddhist, PFC David J. Morin from East Los Angeles, sits crossed-legged and meditates alone. According to Morin, who serves as the platoon's scribe, he uses the evening devotion time to reflect and focus. Across the room, 25 Catholics recite the Lord's prayer and the Hail Mary. They pray their platoon's men will become Marines. They pray for one recruit who could not continue with them because his father passed away.

They snap their fingers to signal time is up. To a man's faith, this gesture is more respectful than a drill instructor's usual commanding methods, according to Jimenez.

Back on line, they prepare the house for night cleaning by pulling the footlockers away from the beds. Sentries will sweep the floor and reset the footlockers.

IN THE RACK

After the recruits count off the day's last roll call, they prepare to mount their beds.

They position and freeze like free-style wrestlers waiting for a referee whistle. On Rivas' command, the recruits either climb up top or dive below onto tightly made beds.

After recruits lie at attention on their green wool blankets, they begin singing

Sleep is mostly just turning your body off for six to eight hours.

— PFC MICHAEL R. SADZAK, squad leader

the Marines Hymn, which the platoon started singing during boot camp's second phase.

"That's something you earn," said Jimenez. "Recruits aren't ready for (singing) that in first phase."

Harmoniously roaring each lyric, rather than singing in a key, the recruits give louder emphasis on the "If the Army and the Navy" verse.

After the hymn, the lights in the adjacent building go dark, prompting a chorus of "Lights-out!" from several recruits. As recruits remain motionless at attention, the last bugle call of the night plays over a loudspeaker.

When Sadzak hears Taps, he said he replays a movie scene in his head where he is in the field or marching on parade grounds. To him, Taps is a call to those serving today from those who have fallen.

Choking up when talking about Taps, Morin said, "The possibility is there that some recruit from this platoon could be one of those to fall while fighting for his country."

When Jimenez sleeps, he leaves the light glowing from the DI hut through the venetian blind. Though recruits need sleep, Jimenez said, "Recruits don't need to know if I'm sleeping. They can wonder."

A roving watchman's red flashlight jiggles in the darkness as he returns recharged canteens to the footlockers.

Recruits stand watches at the front and rear exits while large droning fans clear out the stagnant air. According to

Jimenez, the fans have reduced pneumonia, and Platoon 2150 lost zero recruits to illness. The fans, however, cannot drown out noise from jetliners arriving and departing neighboring Lindbergh Field, something every recruit here remembers.

Early in recruit training, according to Sadzak, recruits would torture themselves wondering when they would get back on one of those planes. Now, with graduation in sight, they don't even think about it.

Most recruits rarely dream. Sadzak said he recalled having two dreams. One

dream in particular, he was at home drilling on his large backyard patio. Sadzak's fellow recruits said he has yelled "aye aye, sir" and "no, sir" in his sleep. But sleep is mostly just turning your body off for six to eight hours, said Sadzak. "It seems the eyes close; darkness rolls over, and it's lights, lights."

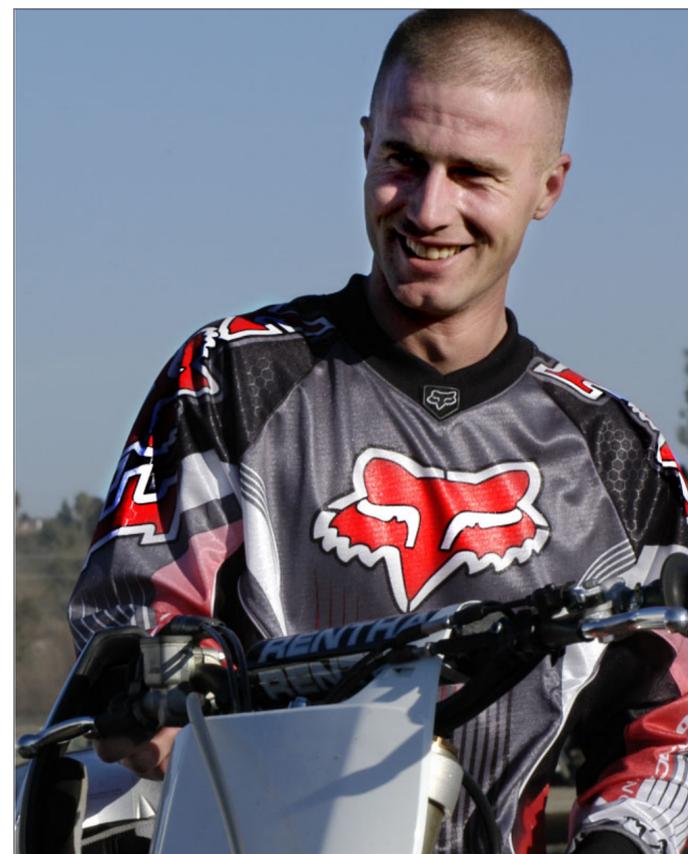
This morning, however, the lights shone on a proud company of men ready to become Marines and check out of Hotel Hell.



PFC Brandon Romero of Temecula, Calif., sleeps after lights-out. He'll sleep eight hours before reveille sounds at 5:30 a.m. Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron

ANOTHER BAND OF BROTHERS

The prospect of an escape from the drill field's daily grind drew him toward a new weekend hobby, but what he found in motocross' high-flying lifestyle was much more than that.



Staff Sgt. Shawn R. Stringham, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2145, Company H, finds freedom in motocross. Whenever time permits, Stringham takes to the tracks with friends, many of whom are also drill instructors. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

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

A bright sun illuminates the Southern California desert tracks, clouded by dirt flinging from the tires of a new Honda CRF450R motorcycle. Sunbeams glare off the chrome of the avid rider's helmet.

After about half an hour of soaring jumps and rough landings, the sweaty rider cruises up to his truck and steps off his top-of-the-line bike, less than two weeks old.

Staff Sgt. Shawn R. Stringham, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2145, Company H, uses motocross to clear his mind from recruit training and discovers a camaraderie within the sport that is similar to that found in the Marine Corps.

"Being (on the drill field) is like a deployment times four," said Stringham. "You can get wrapped up in this. It's your life."

He spends the majority of his time at work and has minimal free-time to ride.

Stringham and the Marines he rides with usually go to race tracks where they pay a flat fee to ride all day and sometimes into the night.

"We normally ride in El Cajon or wherever there is time to ride," he said.

A few drill instructors Stringham works with took him riding a year ago, after a little persuading.

The persuasion was necessary because his father would not let him ride when he was growing up.

Stringham was involved in an accident on a three-wheeled motorcycle when he was seven years old. The accident fractured his skull because he was not wearing a helmet.

"I wasn't wearing a helmet, so the only thing that saved my life was that there was a hospital across the street," Stringham said.

The injury required 210 stitches and left him with a visible scar on the back of his head, reaching from the junction of his head and neck to the plateau of his scalp just above his right ear, like a lightning bolt.

Despite Stringham's initial hesitation, his buddies were able to talk him into riding. The bike he started on belonged to Sgt. Ryan Knauer, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2151, Co. H.

"I got most of the guys into it," Knauer said. "He's big on safety because of his accident."

Stringham started off slow, learning the ropes on a flat desert route. After a couple of months, it was time to get his own bike.

"I started with a (four-wheeled motorcycle) and then moved up to a bike," he said. "Now I only ride bikes."

Stringham's newfound stress reliever has helped him see life outside of recruit training and his job as a drill instructor.

"It is kind of hard to see the box when you are inside it," he said. "Being here and all the hours puts everything in perspective."

Graduating his last recruits today, Stringham will now have more time to clear his mind on the tracks.

In comparison to the other Marines he rides with, Stringham has caught on quick and now reaches jumps of up to 12 feet high. His ability to learn from other riders has helped him achieve his abilities.

"I like learning new stuff," said Stringham. "When I go to the tracks, there are a lot of guys who are more experienced and will take the time to teach me new skills."

Likewise, as a senior drill instructor, Stringham trains drill instructors to handle aspects of training while he supervises. The skills he teaches them reflects his experience and the more confidence he has in what he has taught them, the more he trusts they can handle things while he is away, according to Stringham.

"I can't leave work without trusting my hats," he said. "When you go riding, you have to forget about everything going on in life. Once you're airborne, there is no going back -- especially when jumping doubles. It's an escape to get away from reality -- it's kind of addicting."

Riders seem to have a bond that brings them together. "Everyone who rides has a certain lifestyle," Stringham said. "It's about relaxing and having a good time, whether they're good or bad (at it)."

Stringham's work on the drill field has improved because of his hobby, according to his fellow drill instructors.

"When he started riding, his work got better and he was less stressed," said Knauer. "We have a blast riding on breaks between training cycles and on a bad day we look forward to riding."

Stringham said he plans on riding until he can't physically do it anymore.

Unlike other Marines, who wouldn't be at home in the dirt and desert of bases such as Twentynine Palms, the 29-year-old infantryman would likely reap the benefits of the dirt to ride on.

Riding through California deserts and tracks started out as a hobby for Stringham in his free-time. He now hopes to make it a lifestyle wherever he may go.

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Sgt. Joshua A. Tewell, Platoon 2151, Company H, inspects the upper receiver while cleaning his M-16 A2 service rifle. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron



Sgt. Maj. Annanias Rose
PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Sgt. Maj. Annanias Rose was born July 19, 1956 in Birmingham, Ala. He graduated from George Washington Carver High School May 26, 1974. He reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Is-

land, S.C., May 28, 1974 for recruit training. Upon completion of recruit training, he reported to School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif., for infantry training. After graduation, he was assigned to Sea School at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth Va. He graduated from Sea School in October 1974 and was assigned to his first duty station, the USS Independence (CV-62), home ported at the Norfolk Naval Base, Va.

In November 1976, Rose was transferred to the 2nd Marine Division. He reported to India Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment. He served as machine gun section leader, platoon sergeant and platoon commander. In April 1978, he was reassigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. He performed the duties of platoon sergeant, company gunnery sergeant and platoon commander. In May 1979, Rose received orders to Drill Instructor School, MCRD San Diego. He served as a drill instructor with Company M.

In March 1980, Rose was assigned to the 1st Marine Division. He reported to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. He served as platoon sergeant and platoon commander. In March 1984, Rose was transferred to Landing Force Training Command, Pacific. His primary duty was an amphibious raid instructor. He also assisted and taught reconnaissance, water safety survival, and scout swimmers techniques. In December 1989, he was transferred to Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Regiment at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, as a combat squad leader instructor. In January 1990, he was transferred to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton. He served as platoon sergeant, company gunnery sergeant and platoon commander. In May 1993, he was transferred to Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCRD San Diego. He served as staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Marine liaison, company gunnery sergeant, battalion operations chief

and Headquarters Company first sergeant. In May 1996, Rose was transferred to 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion at Camp Pendleton. He served as first sergeant for Company B, Headquarters and Service Battery. In September 1998, he was reassigned to Detachment Bravo, Marine Wing Communication Squadron-38 at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif. He served as detachment first sergeant. In September 1999, he was assigned as sergeant major, 7th Communication Battalion.

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Recruits from Platoon 2151, Company H, clean their M-16 A2 service rifles. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

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Pvt. S. R. Janosy
Pvt. S. Lalsur
PFC R. J. Liekis
Pvt. D. J. Lopez
Pvt. B. M. Malecki
Pvt. C. C. Marshall
PFC B. J. Maynard
PFC E. T. McDevitt
Pvt. B. G. McQuat
Pvt. L. A. Medina
Pvt. B. D. Miller
PFC D. J. Morin
*PFC J. C. Ned
Pvt. J. D. Nillo
PFC S. W. Nofzt
PFC R. J. Norez
PFC M. A. Ochoa
*PFC O. J. Orozco
Pvt. J. P. Patten
Pvt. D. J. Pauler
Pvt. D. A. Pennington
Pvt. J. M. Peterson
Pvt. J. A. Picazo
Pvt. M. J. Pino
PFC J. K. Pothos
Pvt. A. R. Potts
PFC J. J. Ralston
Pvt. G. Rangel
Pvt. M. A. Refner

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

Q: Did you ever sneak food while in recruit training?



Pvt. Maurice D. Brantley
Lynwood, Ill.

A: No, I was too scared to even think about it.

Q: Where do you want to be stationed?



PFC Jordan B. Dana
Boise, Idaho

A: Iraq, because that is where our country needs the Marines.

Q: What is the best MRE and why?



PFC Robert B. Gehrke
Phoenix

A: The Veggie Manicotti was the best because it tasted like my mom's Manicotti.

Q: Why did you choose to become a Marine?



Pvt. Tywone L. Giles
Chicago Heights, Ill.

A: I wanted to go to the hardest boot camp and be the best — that's the Marines.

Q: What was the scariest moment of recruit training?



Pvt. Hien N. Huynh
Houston

A: The gas chamber.

COAST GUARD'S CUP?

Coast Guard serves Marines loss Devil Duck detachment leads pack in cup competition

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

Coast Guard Master Chief Ted Fuller served up a challenge to the 12th Marine Corps District in the Commanding General's Cup Tennis Tournament, when he defeated Sgt. Maj. Horace T. Farley, 6-4, at the Depot tennis courts Tuesday.

Gathering for the tournament seemed particularly important for both the Coast Guard and the District since it determined whether the Coast Guardsmen would make a run for first place or District would increase their lead in the overall tourney that will come to a close at the end of the calendar year. Officially, they are now tied for first place in the CG's Cup.

"There was a lot of good competition today," said Gunnery Sgt. James B. Bowen, Recruit Training Regiment. "Almost

every match went down to the last wire."

Farley earned his chance at the championship by defeating Maj. Joseph D. Kloppel, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 6-5, (10-8).

Kloppel handed Bowen a 6-1 loss that guaranteed Kloppel third place.

After heated battles to get to the top, the two finalists both shouted out self-coaching phrases when they made a simple mistake that could likely cost them the match.

"You're playing a pansy game!" exclaimed Fuller to himself after losing a key point in one of the match's games.

Both dripped in sweat through the course of their match.

Beads continuously dropped from the surface of Farley's head and could be seen under the brim of his black and white trimmed "Marines" hat.

Fuller was easily recognizable

to his supporters in his Coast Guard physical training uniform.

While the fate of the tournament was being decided, there were cheers of support coming from the sidelines for both.

After being defeated, Farley kept a positive attitude.

"The master chief played extremely well the entire game," he said. "He kept (the ball) in play and that is what tennis is all about."

The District and the Coast Guard now lead in the CG's Cup with 38 points each.

Following close behind are H&S Bn. with 28 points and RTR with 22 points.

Teams interested in gaining more points will be at the CG Cup Walleyball Tournament Tuesday and at the CG Cup Paintball Tournament that is slated for the following week.

The coaches meeting for paintball is Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the Athletics office located upstairs in Building 13.



Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Travis M. Shreve, tosses one of the horseshoes that helped him win second place in the Commanding General's Cup Horseshoe Tournament.
Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevar Jr./Chevron

H and S Bn inches past Coast Guard in horseshoe tourney

BY LANCE CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
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Gunnery Sgt. Earl E. Cooley Jr., Headquarters and Service Battalion, beat Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Travis M. Shreve two games to none in the final match for the Commanding General's Cup Horseshoe Tournament Feb. 17.

Marines and Coast Guardsmen from across the Depot brought their skills at horseshoes to the pits located at the Marina and the Bay View for the double-elimination tourney.

With the strongest show in numbers, Recruit Training Regiment showed up with seven Marines out of 17 contenders. They dissipated from sight quickly though, within the first few rounds.

Some players had years of experience in the sport and others had no experience in it and still did well.

"It's luck," said Sgt. Maj. Melvin L. Shepard, RTR. "I never play."

Some games were drawn out long battles to the last point, causing play to get backed up on the main pits.

To increase the pace of the tourney, the second set of pits at the Bay View were activated.

Col. Mark Callihan, RTR, and Gunnery Sgt. Alejandro Rivera, RTR, were the first to activate the auxiliary pits in the loser's bracket. Rivera won the bout 15-5 and received encouragement from Callihan to keep pushing forward in the tournament.

Rivera then went on to beat Maj. Joseph D. Kloppel, H&S Bn., 16-13, before losing to Cooley 15-9.

Cooley then handed Shepard his final loss 17-10 – ending RTR's chances of placing in the tourney.

Capt. Neil A. Ruggerio, 12th Marine Corps District, was one of two Marines representing his unit. Although he looked promising in the earlier rounds, he ran into a brick wall when losing to Cooley 16-8.

The soon-to-be champion then faced Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Devin D. Dix, who gave Cooley his first loss in the second round of the winner's bracket 15-10.

Cooley slipped past Dix 15-12 in their second meeting, before facing off with Sgt. Stephen L. Standifird, the District, in the battle for a chance to go into the championship game with the winner's bracket finalist.

The last three players fought it out in best-of-three finals. Standifird took home third place when he lost to Cooley 10-15, 15-4, 4-16.

Bringing the tournament to an end, Shreve and Cooley had their final match despite their fatigued arms. Shreve dominated the tournament throughout the day and into the finals. He only needed to win one set of two games to become the champion.

Cooley however needed to win two matches in a row which appeared to be a daunting task.

Shreve kicked off the first match with a 15-5 win that discouraged Cooley. Undaunted, Cooley went on to take the opposition and shutdown Shreve and the Coast Guard 15-5, 15-3 and in the second match 16-14, 15-1.

The tournament ended with 33 matches and H&S Bn. taking home the victory, thanks to Cooley.



Coast Guard Master Chief Ted Fuller, executes a forehand on his way to victory against Sgt. Maj. Horace T. Farley, 12th Marine Corps District. Fuller won four matches in a row to win the tournament.
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