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Key Volunteers help improve quality of life

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Key Volunteers from the Depot and the Western Recruiting Region held their annual Key Volunteer Conference here June 7-11.

The purpose of the conference was to empower spouses with knowledge about the Marine Corps, their partner's mission in the Corps, and their role in ensuring mission accomplishment, according to Natalie B. Francisco, Depot key volunteer coordinator.

"The conference is a tool we use to educate spouses about the vital role they play in the Marine Corps' mission," said Francisco. "Along with educating spouses about the Marine Corps, the conference also strives to teach people to be better communicators and team builders, making it a great way to add to anyone's personal and overall development."

For many of the spouses, the knowledge they received about the Key Volunteer Network was helpful.

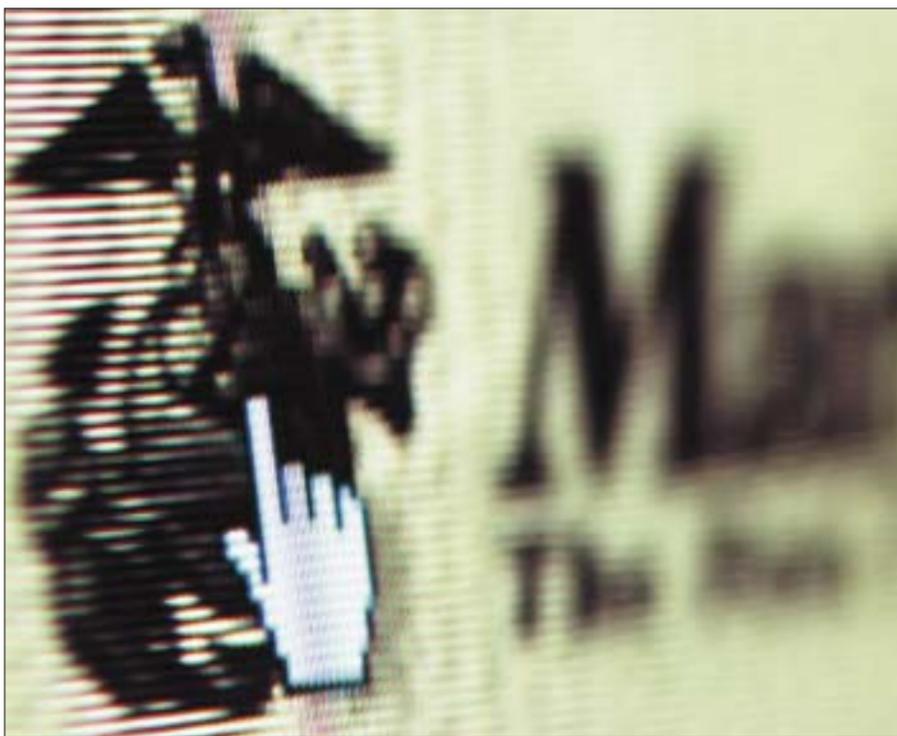
An integral part of mission accomplishment is family readiness. The Key Volunteer Network plays a vital role in establishing family readiness, said Francisco. The Key Volunteer Network is a communication network used by spouses Marine Corps wide that helps keep families better informed about the mission and tasks of the unit and assists in establishing a sense of community in the unit.

Though the Key Volunteer Network has proven to be a useful tool for many spouses, it is an even more important asset for spouses on recruiting duty, according to Gloria Bryant, quality of life coordinator, 8th Marine Corps District.

"The Key Volunteer Network provides families stationed at remote recruiting stations with a means of obtaining the same information and resources families stationed near bases can access," said Bryant.

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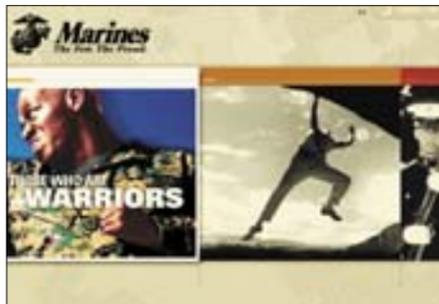
Since the redesign of Marines.com, traffic to the Web site has seen a dramatic increase. During the first year of operation, the site had more than 2.1 million unique visitors, a growth of more than 175 percent over the previous year. *Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron*

Corps' recruiting Web site wins national advertising award

BY SGT. JIMMIE PERKINS
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Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Marines.com, the United States Marine Corps' recruiting Web site, was recognized by the American Marketing Association June 8 with a Silver EFFIE Award, the top honor given in the recruitment-advertising category.

The EFFIE Awards are the preeminent awards in the advertising industry. This is the 10th EFFIE Award in 10 years for the Marine Corps and its creative advertising partner, J. Walter Thompson.



The J. Walter Thompson-designed Web site begins with an animated presentation that allows visitors to explore different facets of the Marine Corps.

"This is a great recognition for the Marine Corps and for J. Walter Thompson," said Major General Christopher Cortez, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruiting Command. "It speaks to the quality of our advertising efforts and the effectiveness of our brand marketing."

While the Marine Corps has maintained a presence on the Internet for quite some time, the redesigned Marines.com was launched in November 2002, in an effort to increase the number of leads being generated. The new look of the site brought features such as moving graphics, sound and video that appeal to today's youth. But more than the visual improvements, the new site offered an abundance of updated content.

"The creative intent of the site is structured to offer the smart, tough, elite warrior experience that would drive qualified prospects to a face-to-face meeting with a Marine recruiter," said Jay Cronin, account director, J. Walter Thompson.

A first-time visitor can go through one or more of three intensive Marine

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New CO takes over 2nd Bn.

BY CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT
Chevron staff

The senior legal advisor of 1st Force Service Support Group assumed command of 2nd Recruit Training Battalion at a change-of-command ceremony on Sheppard Field June 11.

Lt. Col. Vaughn A. Ary succeeds Lt. Col. Ronald M. Zich, who moves to Carlisle, Penn. to attend the U.S. Army War College.

"He was one of the most professional officers I've every worked with," said 2nd Battalion Sgt. Maj. Don. W. Gallagher, about his experience working with Zich. "I wish him much success."

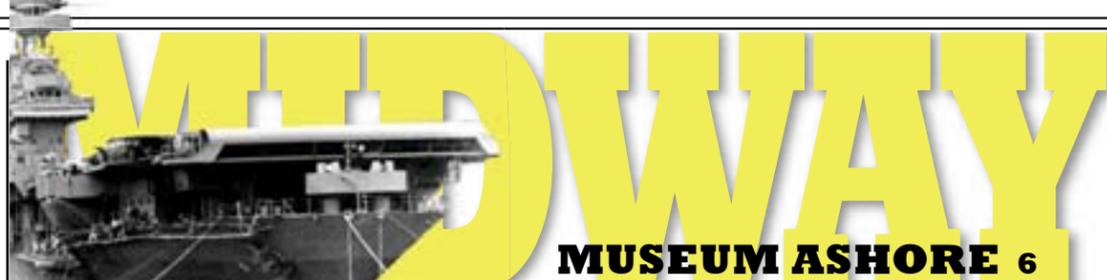
Ary plans to build on the successful legacy left by Zich and the Marines of 2nd Battalion over the years.

"It is an honor and privilege to become a part of 2nd Battalion and the recruit training process," said Ary. "I look forward to building on the success of this command and working with the Marines and sailors of 2nd Battalion."

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Lt. Col. Vaughn A. Ary salutes during the pass-in-review portion of the change-of-command ceremony. *Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron*



OLD SCHOOL



Recruiters School's wise battling strategy teaches 2nd Bn. a pitching lesson.

"He is home now. He is free."

RON REAGAN JR. at his father's funeral in Simi Valley, Calif.

INTO THE SUNSET



The casket detail officer-in-charge salutes as ceremonial guardsmen escort President Ronald Reagan's flag-covered casket during a sunset interment service June 11 in Simi Valley, Calif. The observance concluded week-long state funeral services for Reagan, who passed away June 5. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Ario K. Abrahamson

Corps loses friend with Reagan's passing

BY SGT. ETHAN E. ROCKE
Editor

A handful of Marines helped bid a final farewell to one of the Corps' long-time friends and allies last week as former President Ronald Reagan was laid to rest at his presidential library in Simi Valley, Calif., June 11.

Artillery Marines from Company G, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, joined the Marine Corps Ceremonial and Guard Company, Marine Barracks, 8th and I, Washington D.C., to represent the Corps in the interment service.

The 2/11 Marines fired a 21-gun salute during the ceremony, and the 8th and I Marines served as riflemen in the color and honor guards and also as casket carriers.

"We're all very honored to be here and do this for our president," said Sgt. Rodolfo Vargas, section chief, Co. G, 2/11, after the service. "For many of the new Marines, this is the most important thing they've ever done in the Corps."

In one of his speeches, Reagan said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. Marines don't have that problem." It was this type of affection toward the armed services, coupled with Reagan's increased defense spending that made him popular among Marines.

"Most Marines have allegiance to and respect for their commander in chief regardless of political party," said Depot Commanding General Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. "Our respect increases when we feel the commander in chief understands and appreciates our service. President Reagan certainly did. In addition, he reinstilled in the American public a sense of optimism and a sense of vitality for America's future."

The Marines involved in the

ceremony were part of an elaborate joint-service team made up of dozens of service members.

The Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard all provided troops for the ceremonial guard as well as casket carrying detail.

The Air Force Band of the Golden West from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and the U.S. Army Chorus from Fort Myer, Va., provided the music for the ceremony, performing traditional songs such as "Amazing Grace," "Hail to the Chief" and "God of Our Fathers."

The Army's 3rd Infantry Regiment from Fort Myer, Va., provided a firing party, which fired three seven-shot volleys over Reagan's grave just before an Army bugler played Taps.

Navy F/A-18 Super Hornets from Strike Fighter Squadrons 122 and 125, Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., conducted a flyover in "Missing Man" formation after the bugler played Taps.

Navy Capt. James A. Symonds, commander, USS Ronald Reagan, presented the folded flag, which draped Reagan's casket, to Reagan's wife, Nancy.

The traditional military formalities and musical ensembles at the ceremony helped set a somber tone, but the most touching moments came from the words of remembrance Reagan's children offered.

"Nearly at the onset of Alzheimer's disease, my father and I would tell each other we loved each other and gave each other a hug. As the years went by and he could no longer verbalize my name, he recognized me as the man who hugged him. So when I would walk into the house, he would be there in his chair, opening up his arms for that hug," said son Michael Reagan.

All the Reagan children's speeches held a theme of optimism, keeping faith in the belief that their father had gone to a better place

and was now "home" and "free."

"Those of us who knew him well will have no trouble imagining his paradise," said son Ron Reagan. "Golden fields will spread beneath the blue dome of a Western sky. Live oaks will shadow the rolling hillsides ... He will rest in the shade of trees."

Daughter Patti Davis said her father never feared death nor saw it as an ending.

"When I was a child, he took me out into a field in a ranch after one of the Malibu fires had swept through. I was very small and the field looked huge and lifeless, but he bent down and showed me how tiny new green shoots were picking up out of the ashes just weeks after the fire had come through. 'You see,' he said, 'new life always comes out of death. It looks like nothing could ever grow out of this field again, but things do.'"

The sunset ceremony brought to a close five days of services and ceremonies, which took Reagan's body from southern California to the nation's capital and back again. During the week of mourning, Americans came from all over the nation to pay their respects to Reagan, some of them visiting the presidential library, where Reagan's flag-draped casket lay on display for two days before being flown to the nation's capital, where it lay in state for two more days.

Friday morning Reagan was honored with a state funeral at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. Dignitaries from all over the nation and the world attended the ceremony, including former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Former General Secretary of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev and both Presidents Bush. Immediately following the ceremony, Reagan's body and his family were flown back to California for the final sunset ceremony in Simi Valley.



Lt. Col. Vaughn A. Ary, right, accepts 2nd Recruit Training Battalion's organizational colors from a relinquishing Lt. Col. Ronald M. Zich during a change-of-command ceremony June 11. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron

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Prior to serving as staff judge advocate of 1st FSSG, Ary lead legal teams within 1st FSSG, which were responsible for trying the general and special courts-martial for the commands at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Before this assignment, Ary served as a Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he provided legal advice on the law of war, arms control, counter-drug operations and counter-terrorism.

Ary has also served at the Pentagon as head of the Law of Armed Conflict Branch and with 3rd FSSG in Okinawa, Japan.

Ary received his Bachelor's of Arts in economics and history from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1984 and his law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1987.

Ary's personal decorations include; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

He is married to the former Jennifer Krage of Capistrano Beach, Calif.



Depot and Western Recruiting Region Key Volunteers recently spent five days networking and, among other things, learning to establish family readiness. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron

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The Key Volunteer program is the key to success for any recruiting station, according to Dave Gutierrez, quality of life coordinator, 9th Marine Corps Recruiting District, Kansas City, Mo.

"The program allows families to undergo change in an effective manner through a totally automated support system," said Gutierrez. "This allows the Marine the ability to focus on his or her job rather than the stresses of change. It also provides the spouse with an easy way to discover the job opportunities in an area, the best schools for their children, and basically any other thing that could benefit the families' quality of life."

The conference was primarily about forging relationships and expanding knowledge between spouses through experience and education.

This means extending support to not only Marine spouses but spouses from other services as well, according to Francisco.

Dona Russie, family support and readiness coordinator for the California National Guard, was present at the conference and has been working with Francisco to help some of the spouses of the Army's 160th Mechanized Reserve Battalion out of Orange County Calif. prepare for deployment to Iraq.

"Natalie shared a lot of her experience about family readiness with the service members and their families," said Russie. "It was a real good eye-opener. A lot of people benefited from her support."

For more information on the KVN or volunteering, call Francisco at (619) 524-0916.

'ALL I CAN DO FOR THESE MARINES IS MAKE SURE AMERICA KNOWS THEIR NAMES ...

... So they are never forgotten'

CPL. PAULA M. FITZGERALD
1st Marine Division

I've been in Iraq for three months and reported on a handful of memorial services. They never get any easier to cover, and I never want them to.

There's a misconception about Marines in mainstream media. They know our Marines die. Press agencies report the names, ages and hometowns. They clamor to the families' homes and get the quotes of the bereaved.

They make it in by deadline, and it's off to cover the next fire fight. What they miss is the humanity. That's what I've seen. That's what I've reported — too many times.

After the fighting ceases and the adrenaline rush is over, the surviving Marines are left to mourn their losses and pick up the pieces. That means tending to wounds, cleaning weapons and refitting for combat. It's also the time to honor the fallen.

That's where I come in. As a combat correspondent, it is my duty to tell the Marine Corps story, good and bad. Many of my stories are less than hard-hitting news stories and border on fluff. These stories are welcome breaks for deployed troops' family members and friends who spend much of their time watching civilian news network's coverage of the killing that goes on here.

My stories help remind America that Marines are not the killing robots the media builds them up to be. They are human beings. They have names. They have friends. And they bleed and sometimes die.

Their names are printed and wire services up the body count. News agencies read their names, calling it "patriotic," reminding America of their sacrifices. It makes good headlines. It gives them a reason to sell their stories.

But what they don't see is the quiet dignity of their fellow Marines. They don't see how Marines honor their fallen, simply, without fanfare or chest thumping. These events are solemn, noble ceremonies for Marines who didn't die fighting for patriotism. They died fighting for each other.

Every service follows the same regimented display: an M16-A2 service rifle topped with a helmet and adorned with identification tags, placed bayonet-down

into a box or sandbag behind a pair of combat boots. The memorial symbolically represents the contribution the Marine gave to the Corps. It represents his fighting spirit and how he gave his life for all that we stand for in the Corps and America.

First, the National Anthem is played followed by the chaplain's invocation. A close friend speaks about his relationship with the Marine. They are haunting words. Men this young shouldn't know these horrors, but they do. They know them without shame or pride, without boast or reservation. They know them so others may never understand.

Most of these Marines have seen hell at an appalling young age. Some were even there when their 19- and 20-year-old buddies were killed. Some might have held them as they died. Some might have known they couldn't help them in time.

These men don't try to hide their pain. No one does. For that brief half-hour ceremony, no one is trying to prove anything. During all of this, I'm moving in and out of the crowd trying to capture the images and scribble the notes that will best tell this story. Marines, for the most part, understand my mission. They tend to be wary of the media, but the fact I wear the same uniform as them puts their minds at ease.

Still, there are those few who look at my camera and me with contempt. They view these ceremonies as private affairs, something the outside world couldn't possibly understand. Anyone who hasn't called their Marine "friend" and isn't silently honoring the sacrifice of their Marine is an outsider.

There's not much I can do to change their views of my fellow combat correspondents and me, so I go on about my business trying to get unnoticed.

All I can do for these Marines is make sure America knows their names, so they are never forgotten.

They are quiet, somber and proud affairs, these memorials. The wounds are still raw. The emotions run high. Capturing it takes a certain amount of connection and detachment at the same time. Telling the world about the contribution of one Marine in a short news story is tough. Understanding that a life given for a cause greater than oneself is never easy. I hope it never is.

Goodbye, Mr. President

CAPT. MICHAEL J. FRIEL
MCAS Miramar Public Affairs Officer

"Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate ... Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" President Reagan had been pressuring his Cold War adversary for years leading to those remarks at the backdrop of conflict between two global superpowers.

President Reagan wanted to confront the Soviet leader at the gate that separated socialist east from free nations in the west. Although advised against those strong words, Reagan knew in his heart it was the right moment to issue his searing challenge. Two years after those remarks

at the Berlin Wall, Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev released his grip over Eastern Europe, and later accepted the divorce of his Soviet Union.

Of course, President Reagan had a way with his fellow Americans as he worked to revive our national sense of pride and rebuild the conditions for economic prosperity. Reagan cared deeply about America and its people.

On the anniversary of D-Day, President Reagan delivered an historic address to the heroes who fought there 40 years ago. In it, he told a story about a young Army private who made a commitment in a letter to visit the beaches of Normandy after that victorious day. The young soldier never made it; but his daughter did.

In her father's place, she would plant an American flag in rows of white crosses. She would stand inside the sunken concrete bunkers, and she would walk the beach on his behalf.

Reagan told that story through his own tears because he believed in the goodness of the American people, whether they were heroic veterans or proud daughters of those who fought so many years ago. He loved his country and the people who made it.

Thank you for loving our country so much that your unwavering optimism restored our national sense of pride. You were our living example of an American patriot.

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INSANE INDIA



IN THE FACE OF DANGER Drill instructor Sgt. Steven Thompson (left) and series gunnery sergeant Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Balcazar, both of Company I, clutch in their seats on Six Flag's Magic Mountain's X thrill ride June 3 in Valencia, Calif. Each cycle, 1st Sgt. Dathan C. Edwards, Co. I first sergeant, takes his senior and experienced drill instructors to the theme park for good times. Photo courtesy of 1st Sgt. Dathan C. Edwards

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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.

Women Marines Association biennial convention

The Women Marines Association will host their biennial convention Sept. 4 through 8 at the Westin Horton Plaza, 100 Broadway Circle, San Diego.

Registration information can be obtained from local WMA chapters, through the WMA Web site at www.womenmarines.org or by contacting sgtmajjudge@cox.net.

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

Designated Driver volunteers needed

The Designated Drivers Association is looking for volunteers.

Volunteers can meet new people, earn extra money in tips, and make a difference.

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

Volunteering for the Designated Drivers Association is a pro-active way to get involved in the community.

Volunteers must be at least 18 and have a valid driver's license and insurance. For more information, visit www.ddasd.org or call (866) 373-7233.

Dis needed at OCS

There is currently a great need for drill instructors (male and female) at Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Va. Interested Marines must be qualified according to Marine Corps Order P1326.6D. Requests should be forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps MMEA-85.

This is a three-year tour with incentives, including special duty pay. For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Archie, DI monitor, at DSN 278-9263 or (703) 784-9263.

Historical Society seeks executive director

The command museum Historical Society is seeking a full-time executive director to manage the daily operation and administration of the Depot command museum and Historical Society. Responsibilities include staff supervision, funds development, facilities expansion, volunteer recruitment and supervision, command liaison, public relations and membership generation.

Qualifications for the position are demonstrated leadership and vision, excellent interpersonal skills and knowledge of finance, budgeting and strategic planning. A bachelor's degree is required.

For more information, e-mail resumes to pat@usmchistory.com or mail them to MCRD Museum Historical Society, c/o Pat Hawkins, P.O. Box 400085 MCRD, San Diego CA 92140-0085.

USMC Parents' Conference

The first National USMC Parents' Conference, "Standing in the Gap," will take place July 30 through Aug. 1 in Indianapolis.

The purpose of the conference is to help parents of Marines know their roles in supporting their children through the Corps. For more information on the conference, call Cathy Schoon at (260) 636-3102 or contact her via E-mail at schoon@ligtel.com.

Chosen Few banquet

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

Iraqi-culture classes available

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

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

Submit possible briefs to the Chevron via e-mail to rockee@mcrdsd.usmc.mil. The Chevron staff reserves the right to publish only those briefs that comply with Department of Defense regulations and the standards and regulations of the U.S. Government.

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experiences, which convey the transformation one must undergo to become a Marine. The site also features "About the Marines" and "Parents and Advisors" sections for influencers of prospects to obtain accurate and relevant information about the Marine Corps.

"This site has been extremely effective for Marine recruiting and has proved successful in reaching our target audience," said Major Michael Zeliff, Assistant Chief of Staff for Marketing and Public Affairs.

In FY03, qualified leads for Marines.com totaled 92,966, exceeding the expected growth goal by 215%. Generating qualified leads is one of the Corps' primary marketing goals, but overall success is judged in terms of contracts. Marines.com has the highest qualified lead-to-contract conversion rate of any lead generating source.

"Results from the past year have demonstrated that Marines.com is a reliable and cost-effective way to reach our audience, provide information to interested young men and women and generate quality leads for Marine recruiters," said Zeliff.

Even with an increase in investment for the new Web site, Marines.com boasts the lowest cost per lead and cost per contract of any lead source used by Marine Corps recruiting. Compared to the Marine Corps' other primary lead source, direct mail, Marines.com costs 86% less than the average cost per lead and more than 98% less than the average cost per contract.

On hand at the awards banquet while J. Walter Thompson accepted the award were Maj. Gen. Cortez and members of Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

COL. J.W. RIPLEY (RETIRED)
Marine Corps History & Museums Division director



With the great interest in commemoration of WWII and Korea over the past 10 years, and made even more noticeable by the popular movies on the subject, as well as constant articles, TV specials and Memorial Day remembrances, it is easy to forget a date with great meaning to the Marine Corps. There are no planned celebrations of this date, or specific remembrances apart from the very dusty memories of participants, if indeed any remain, and their families. But their Corps should never forget, and indeed will never forget.

The 6th of June is a date all Americans relate to as the day Allied forces landed at Normandy, thus opening the long awaited second front against the Axis powers in occupied Europe. Perhaps Europeans relate to this date even more than Americans do, and rightly so. However, on exactly the same date 26 years before, France was in perhaps even more desperate circumstances as the Ludendorff offensive rolled over a dispirited army and to within 40 miles of Paris. The end was near. It was then that a single American brigade arrived—a single brigade—the Fourth Marine Brigade, never having been formed into a brigade before, and turned the tide of assured defeat into

incredible victory. No one had ever heard of Marines before other than ships detachments and constabulary troops. After this battle, no one would ever forget them.

If we had a single battle honor emblazoned on our colors as the Royal Marines do, I would argue that it should be "Belleau Wood". For it was here that our modern Marine Corps was born, and it was here that our reputation, earned in desperate battle, would be expected of all Marines in the future; by friends and allies, but most especially by our enemies. I believe this "spirit of Belleau Wood" is present in the Marine Corps today, as it was at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Wake Island, Pusan, Inchon, Chosin and the many nameless muddy, steaming jungles and paddies of Vietnam. It was present when Marines breached the "impregnable defenses" in the Gulf War, and it was certainly present in the minds of the record number of prisoners lined up six deep for the opportunity to surrender to Marines rather than fight them. What they lacked in fighting ability they made up for with good judgment.

In this "spirit of Belleau Wood" the below message was written 20 years ago by the undersigned, then serving for a short period as XO, 6th Marines. I believe it applies equally today as it did then, and gives Marines cause to reflect—as we should always—on our extraordinary heritage; more importantly, on the great privilege we have of calling ourselves Marines.

TO: 5TH MARINE REGIMENT
SUBJECT: BELLEAU WOOD ANNIVERSARY

1. On this memorable date, June 6th, we members of the 6th Marines pause to salute our comrades of the 5th Marines and the memory of our predecessors in these regiments along with those of the 6th Machine Gun Battalion. This anniversary commemorates the day when 63 years ago at 5:00 p.m., elements of the 4th Marine Brigade advanced into an unknown French hunting preserve, and into history. It was the 4th Marine Brigade, comprised of our units, which met the massive Ludendorff offensive near Chateau Thierry only 40 miles from Paris — the deepest penetration by the Germans in WWI. As all Allied units retreated expecting the worst, the tone was set in the Marine brigade by the classic, still famous comment of a company commander ... "Retreat hell, we just got here." The fighting spirit of the brigade, and indeed of the 2nd Division (U.S. regular) of which it was a part, was such that from that moment at 1700, June 6, 1918, no further penetration was made and the offensive stopped. Advancing into the woods — Belleau Wood — the Marines of our units began gaining ground which was never again lost that turned the tide against Germany, forcing their surrender. In the long, sanguine history of the war which at this point was entering its fifth year, no single brigade had had the momentous influence on the outcome as had ours. The classic courage of the "devil dogs" and "storm troops" as the Marines were called by their enemy is now our legacy. Many traditions which now endure in our Corps had their origin in the 4th Marine Brigade in France.

2. The French government gave permanent recognition to the success of the Marine brigade in renaming Belleau Wood "The Wood of the Marine Brigade," and making it permanently United States soil. Additionally, July 4th was declared and celebrated as a national French holiday in honor of the American Marines. Equally commendable, the French army in giving two awards of the "Croix de Guerre" to the brigade made it the only American unit throughout the war to have earned the right to wear the French fourragere as a distinctive unit commendation. This same fourragere is of course worn by our Marines today as a legacy of those brave men of the Marine brigade.

3. We of the 6th Marines show great pride in the history of our regiment and on this historical date remember particularly the 5th Marines as well as the 6th Machine Gun Battalion whose memory we honor. These units comprising the 4th Marine Brigade achieved success so remarkable that in later years the French supreme commander, Marshall Foch, would point to Belleau Wood as the great offensive turning point from which Germany would never recover, calling it "the cradle of victory." The price of such a victory was 126 officers and 5,057 men of the brigade, or 60 percent of all the division's battle deaths.

4. To the memory of those gallant Marines who gave such honor to our regiments and to our Corps, we pledge that today's Marines in these same regiments shall never forget their sacrifices. Accordingly, on the anniversary of this most historic date, June 6th, we shall rededicate our battle colors and communicate to you our continuing pride in having served alongside the esteemed 5th Marines at that most decisive moment when a brigade of Marines changed the course of history.

John W. Ripley



June dates of Marine Corps historical significance

June 2, 1918

At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2nd Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback that set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood, which would soon follow.

June 20, 1993

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

June 25, 1950

Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.



Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady

June 8, 1995

A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Capt. Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

June 10, 1898

The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. LtCol Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

June 12, 1961

President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential Proclamation.

June 15, 1944

Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.



Croix de Guerre

MIDWAY MAGIC



The USS Midway, docked alongside the Navy Pier in the San Diego Harbor, is the nation's newest and largest aircraft carrier museum. The Midway arrived in San Diego in January and the museum opened for business June 7.



The giant number 41 on the USS Midway represents its classification number. The Midway is the CV-41, the first of three ships in its class.

New aircraft-carrier museum open for business in San Diego

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
LANCE CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
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Soft winds chill the face of patrons walking along the waters. Flags above the harbor rustle in the same winds marking the USS Midway as it berths in downtown San Diego.

After serving 47 years in the Navy and carrying over 200,000 sailors and Marines on her back, the Midway was decommissioned in 1992 and re-assigned this month as a museum in San Diego. It was the longest serving carrier ever and its last major accomplishment was launching the first aircraft in Desert Storm and being the only carrier not to lose an aircraft in the conflict, according to the museum.

Across the harbor at North Island Naval Air Station, the Midway ceased her original duties before moving to her original resting place, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash., May 12, 1992. The shipyard is known as the Navy's mothball fleet, named to reflect its collection of decommissioned ships that lie in wait.

August 29, 2003, acting Secretary of the Navy Hansford T. Johnson authorized the donation of the Midway to the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum.

According to the Department of Defense, the Navy donates ships as a way of preserving naval history and tradition, educating the public and commemorating the men and women who built and sailed these vessels. There are currently 46 museum ships displayed in 21 states across the country.

Midway, the largest of five aircraft carrier museums in the nation, took six months to restore and open once it berthed in San Diego.

The ship is named after the Battle of Midway, where the Japanese attempted to destroy a section of the United States' Pacific fleet. The Japanese lost the battle.

The Midway was commissioned shortly after the Japanese's demise. It was the largest ship in the world for 10 years, according to the museum.

This historic monument has lent itself to the San Diego military and civilian military. It also allows visitors to see a portion of naval history not seen anywhere else in San Diego.

Both sailors and Marines manned Midway. The Marines handled special weapons on the ship, according to the museum's docents.

When stepping into Marine berthing areas, the surrounding color scheme changes from blue and white to red and gold, the Marine Corps colors. Most notably, the floor-tiles turn all red.

Information on these areas and more are available on a free audio tour. Docents are also scattered about wearing bright yellow hats and they can go into detail about areas of interest.

Adults and children can experience a flight simulator for an extra charge. Patrons can dogfight with an enemy fighter or fly with the Blue Angels. A second simulation ride is slated to open July 1 that will show 15 passengers what it was like to stop abruptly at 150 mph and get launched into the black night sky in the middle of the ocean.

Jets have a special place in the history of Midway. Tommy Blackburn flew an F-1 Fireball in World War II in the first jet takeoff on a carrier, according to the museum.

Many of the aircraft used on the ship have been restored and are on display within the museum.

Midway is docked next to the Navy Pier and is open every day of the week except major holidays.

PRICE OF ADMISSION

\$13 Adults

\$10 Seniors,
Military and
Students

\$7 Children
under 18

Admission is free for
uniformed active duty
and children under 6.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Friday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed major holidays

LOCATION

910 N. Harbor Drive
Downtown San Diego,
alongside Navy Pier.

For more
information, log on to
www.midway.org



Museum patrons walk toward an F-45 Phantom II aboard the 1,001-foot-long deck of the USS Midway.



The Midway's aft is where the museum gift shop and cafe are located.



The A-6 Intruder is one of six aircraft on display on the Midway's flight deck.

Wisconsin businessman finds capital gain in Corps



PFC Jeremy J. Rugg, Platoon 3073, Company I, renders a rifle salute during Co. I's final drill competition. Rugg left his life as a businessman in Wisconsin to serve his country as a Marine. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

A NEW ROUTINE

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

Taps echoes across the Depot and recruits lie in their racks after a long day of training.

Quietly lying in his rack, PFC Jeremy J. Rugg, Platoon 3073, Company I, finds his mind flooded with images of his three-year-old daughter, Alaina E. Rugg.

"I miss my daughter and family," said Rugg. "My mom writes to tell me how my daughter is doing. She asks when daddy is coming home."

Rugg's daughter is only one indication of the life he left to become a Marine.

During high school and college Rugg excelled in sports.

He lived in Racine, Wis., for most of his life and started his degree program at Carthage College, Kenosha, Wis. He eventually transferred and graduated from Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wis., with a bachelor of arts in business and marketing in 2002.

After college, Rugg was armed for success, and he started working with a local logistics company where he routed materials as a supplier compliance technician.

Although he found success as a businessman, he felt held down by his mundane life.

"One day I was sitting around at home, bored with life and the

same old routine," said Rugg. "I had friends in the Marine Corps and they had talked to me about joining so I went to talk to a recruiter."

According to Rugg, there was no question in his mind that the Marine Corps was the service for him because just being a Marine and the competitiveness involved is in his nature.

"The name Marine says it all to me," Rugg said. "It says 'warrior,' and better than the rest."

Rugg said his inspiration to become better than his peers is a direct result of his grandfather's life and death.

"There was a big change in me after my grandfather passed away four years ago," he said. "I took a lot of time off from sports ... Ever since then, I worked harder and achieved more than ever before."

According to Rugg, his grandfather, Jim H. Eickhorst, spent countless days and nights teaching him the basics of sports.

"As I was growing up, he taught me fundamentals," said Rugg. "Countless late nights, we would spend hours out there working on a jump shot. He taught me all the little things to achieve bigger things in life and sports. He pushed me a lot. I believe it is because of him I am competitive."

Rugg said his grandfather believed that to be somebody, one has to separate himself from

others and show what makes him better.

"He was the biggest influence in my life," said Rugg. "When he died, it made me come out of my box and better myself."

In that spirit, Rugg trained hard to condition and prepare his body for recruit training.

"I went to the gym everyday before coming (here), to get in my best shape," said Rugg.

According to Rugg, most of his family thought he was crazy for joining the Marine Corps. They would rather have seen him succeed in business and do something with his degree.

"My father was a big inspiration in my life," he said. "He taught me the values I brought here to recruit training. He's the only one who accepted my decision to join the Marine Corps. He told me to do my best and listen to everything everyone has to say."

Rugg took his father's words to heart because of the close bond they share.

"He probably knows what's going through my mind more than anyone else in my family," Rugg said. "We are both strong minded."

His strong mind may be an advantage in his overall goal of becoming a Marine Corps officer.

"I plan on becoming an officer after being enlisted," said Rugg. "When I become an officer I will be able to relate to enlisted

Marines because I will know what they went through. I didn't want to cheat myself."

Rugg has already shown his ability to lead. He served as a squad leader for his platoon during recruit training.

"My goals when I came here were to become stronger mentally and physically," said Rugg. "I want to help others get better. I helped those who came to me with their pull-ups. I try to motivate recruits through hard work and then I feed off their motivation."

According to some of his fellow recruits, Rugg's leadership was a valuable asset for the platoon.

"He's a good motivator and he helps morale," said Pvt. Jason L. Kyles, who Rugg helped increase his pull-ups by seven. "I asked him questions about what to eat. He is always willing to lend a hand to recruits who ask."

According to Kyles, Rugg was a good friend to have in recruit training.

While Rugg has made some friends here, the hardest part is the separation from Alaina.

"Being away from my daughter was the hardest part of training for me," he said. "I've never been away so long. I have to block it out and train my mind to concentrate on becoming a Marine and do everything to the best of my ability."

Rugg graduates today as a private first class and will finally get to be with his daughter again.

San Diego recruiter chases down felon, detains him for police

BY SGT. MIKE CAMACHO
Recruiting Station San Diego

Whether it's on the streets of Iraq or the streets of America, the Marines will always go above and beyond their call of duty. Recruiters occupy nearly every town and city in America as ambassadors of the Marine Corps for their respective communities.

Staff Sgt. Thomas D. Conklin II, canvassing recruiter, Recruiting Station San Diego was having a good month on recruiting.

It was February 25, and Conklin had already written three contracts. Conklin was at his office in the Lemon Grove area of San Diego making phone calls and prospecting for more applicants. Two potential applicants walked through the door of the office. Not more than 10 seconds later, Conklin heard a huge crash of steel and glass near the intersection outside his office.

"I ran outside to look. There was a three car accident and a lady screaming 'Catch that guy!' I immediately started running after the suspect," said Conklin.

According to Conklin, he saw a young adult fleeing the scene of the accident. With two people in his office and wearing his dress blue "D" uniform, he chased the suspect about a quarter of a mile down the street across a major off ramp and into an automotive repair shop. The suspect went to jump the fence and Conklin ran around, cut him off and tackled him to the ground.

Once Conklin had the suspect on the ground, he quickly detained him by using bone manipulation and pressure points. Aware that the suspect may have a weapon, he did his best to search the individual.

"For 20 minutes I wrestled with this guy. Nobody from the auto shop wanted to get involved and finally another bystander came and helped me keep the suspect on his belly," said Conklin. "I was tired afterward, but the adrenaline was flowing."

The police arrived on scene after about thirty minutes. When they ran the suspect's information, they found that he was on parole for two other felonies as a minor. Also, they found out that the vehicle the suspect wrecked was stolen.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department sent a letter of appreciation to Conklin.

"...It can be quite difficult, at times, to find people who are willing to come forward. Many do not want to take the time or are frightened of becoming involved. You may view your actions as 'what anyone would have done.' It is my opinion that you made the extra effort which deserves our appreciation..."

"I feel it's every able American's responsibility to uphold the laws that govern this country," said Conklin. "The thing I couldn't understand is why I was the only one willing to chase this guy down. I later found out there were two of them and the second still hasn't been caught."

Staff Sgt. Shawn Hudachko, RSS El Cajon staff noncommissioned officer in



Staff Sgt. Thomas D. Conklin, canvassing recruiter, Permanent Contact Station East San Diego, chased down a hit and run suspect after witnessing the car crash from his office. Conklin said he believes every American has a responsibility to uphold justice. Sgt. Mike Camacho/12th Marine Corps Recruiting District

charge, said that it's great to have such a dedicated Marine on his team.

"Conklin is an awesome Marine," said Hudachko. "In this day and age it's hard to find people willing to stand

up for what's right. So many people are willing to turn the other way. I think Conklin's story says something about our Corps values of honor, courage and commitment."

India Company DI makes difference one recruit at a time

BY CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT
Chevron staff

If the eyes are the windows to the soul, the soul of senior drill instructor Staff Sgt. Christopher J. McGuire, platoon 3074, Company I, must be a proud one in deed.

When the 32-year-old from Tucson, Ariz. talks about the Marine Corps, his eyes swell to the size of quarters and his voice booms with passion and power.

"Helping others make positive changes in their lives is the reward I receive from being a Marine and a drill instructor," said McGuire. "When parents come up to me and ask, 'How did you do it? How did you change my son?' It makes me feel like I am really making a difference."

McGuire's pride in the Corps was developed through persevering over many challenges. Unlike most Marines, McGuire received the opportunity to take on the challenge of recruit training twice.

After McGuire graduated from Mount Carmel High School in Rancho Penasquitos, the then 18-year-old arrived at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in 1990 to undergo recruit training for the first time.

"I was four weeks away from being a Marine before I fractured my leg," said McGuire about how his first trip to the Depot ended.

Soon after, McGuire began taking courses at Palomar College in San Marcos, Calif. He was preparing to move back to Tucson and begin working and going to school at the University of Arizona.

After experiencing some employment and financial misfortune, McGuire decided to turn his situation into fuel for his desire to become a Marine again.

"It was something I always wanted to do," said McGuire. "I saw the esprit de corps and the camaraderie

through my father's experiences in the Corps. That was what attracted me to the Corps."

McGuire's father, retired Lt. Col B.J. McGuire, was a CH-53 helicopter pilot, but according to McGuire, his father did not pressure him into becoming a Marine.

"I always advised them to follow their hearts," said B.J. "I never pressured him to become a Marine. It's easy to see he absolutely enjoys what he does. It has been a pleasure for me to watch him become the person he is today."

Being on the Depot has allowed McGuire and his family to spend quality time together in San Diego. One of his favorite past time activities is playing golf with his kids and his father.

"He is a little better than me, but every once in a while I am able to sneak up on him," said B.J. with a chuckle.

Though McGuire has enjoyed his time working aboard the Depot and being near his family in a city he is familiar with, he has not forgotten the sacrifice he and his family made to allow him the opportunity to make Marines.

"As a drill instructor, one of the biggest sacrifices you accept is limited time with your family, and for single drill instructors, it's personal time," said McGuire.

McGuire is thankful to his wife, Nicole, for her continuing efforts keeping the ship afloat at home and with the kids while he has been away making Marines.

"She is an amazing woman," said McGuire. "She does everything ... pays the bills, takes care of the kids, plans events, and she works full time."

McGuire makes sure his children, Jordan and Chase, understand what daddy is doing at work aboard the Depot.

"I tell them I am making new Marines to replace me, so I am protected and you are protected," said McGuire.



Staff Sgt. Christopher J. McGuire, platoon 3074, Company I, practices with his platoon for Company I's final drill competition. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron

INSANE INDIA



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Ventura, Calif.
Recruited by
Sgt. J. J. Avila



SERIES HONORMAN
PFC B. T. Adams
Portage, Mich.
Recruited by
Sgt. W.A. Curry



PLATOON HONORMAN
PFC B. J. Barnett
Portland, Ore.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. S. W. Rice



PLATOON HONORMAN
PFC A. M. Allen
Buellton, Calif.
Recruited by
Sgt. T. J. Bustamante



PLATOON HONORMAN
PFC J. C. Weaver
Alta Loma, Calif.
Recruited by
Sgt. A. Velarde



PLATOON HONORMAN
PFC P. A. Dashiell
Reno, Nev.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. T. C. Newton



HIGH SHOOTER (241)
Pvt. S. K. Maharaj
San Mateo, Calif.
Marksmanship Instructor
Sgt. Harman



HIGH PFT (298)
PFC K. C. Newberry
Salt Lake City
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. C. Johnson



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Pvt. L. C. Beltran Del Rio
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Pvt. J. A. Brison
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Pvt. S. M. Burns
Pvt. M. W. Burpo
PFC E. J. Butler II
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Pvt. J. E. Canorestrepo
PFC C. R. Caseldine
Pvt. R. D. Childers
PFC M. T. Chuning
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*PFC F. J. Conroy
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PFC H. P. Cornejo
PFC K. D. Crowley
Pvt. C. W. Darden
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Pvt. M. E. Daye
Pvt. B. K. Dickinson
Pvt. J. B. Ebsen
Pvt. C. D. Evans
Pvt. C. C. Fernandez
Pvt. B. Garcia Gonzales
Pvt. C. R. Gardner
Pvt. J. G. George
Pvt. B. T. Gibson
Pvt. B. V. Gullick
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Pvt. P. J. Hegland
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PFC L. R. Huisenga
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Pvt. N. L. Jones
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Pvt. C. A. Kimmell
Pvt. D. L. King
Pvt. M. W. Knoles
PFC J. I. Krivenko
PFC A. L. Lasco
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Pvt. B. Cantu Gonzalez
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Pvt. J. M. Cavanaugh
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Pvt. R. W. Griffin
Pvt. L. Gutierrez
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Sgt. P. Ruiz

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*PFC A. M. Allen
*PFC R. C. Ballou
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Pvt. D. A. Bock
Pvt. B. J. Boylan
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Pvt. M. D. Demercado
Pvt. T. G. Dennison
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Pvt. W. L. Frazier
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PFC L. J. Villanueva
Pvt. C. D. Wingard
Pvt. J. A. Wolf
Pvt. B. K. Wood



PFC Charles R. Winfrey, Platoon 3075, Company I, conducts a function check on an M16-A2 Service Rifle during the Practical Application Exam. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/ Chevron

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PFC R. A. Rivas
Pvt. E. O. Romero
PFC J. J. Rugg
Pvt. V. M. Salazar Mexicano
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PFC C. R. Bratton
Pvt. O. J. Castillo

PFC M. Cetinkaya
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PFC Dan T. Linder, Platoon 3073, Company I, and fellow Co. I recruits receives a briefing on their orders. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/ Chevron



Pvt. Robert E. Bliss, platoon 3069, Company I, applies a field dressing to PFC Marco A. Galinoo Larios' head during the first-aid portion of the Practical Application Examination. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/ Chevron

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

Q: What's the best MRE? Why?



Pvt. Jarrod M. Cavanaugh
Spokane, Wash.

A: Chili Mac. Tastes good. Filling.

Q: Did you ever sneak food? What?



PFC Tyson D. Vennico
Tukwila, Wash.

A: No ... the probability of success is low.

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



Pvt. David Bock
Riverside, Calif.

A: ... I miss my mom the most.

Q: What was the scariest moment of recruit training?



PFC Joseph F. Wells
Brenham, Texas

A: Last 30 seconds of the gas chamber.

Q: What's the first thing you'll do when you get home?



Pvt. Chris E. Norman
Saugus, Calif.

A: Go see a movie.

HARD KNOCKS



Recruiters School's Gunnery Sgt. Treba L. Henderson swings away at a pitch over the plate. Henderson connected but grounded out on the play.



Second Bn.'s Staff Sgt. Brian A. Price, throws to first base, making the easy play on the force out.



Recruiter's School celebrates a victory on the pitcher's mound after the game.



Second Bn. first baseman Staff Sgt. Shawn R. Stringham makes a catch for the easy out at first base.



Second Bn. pitcher Gunnery Sgt. Allen M. Young fields a grounder.

Recruiters School edges 2nd RT Bn. in 2nd week of CG's Cup softball action

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The Commanding General's Cup intramural softball action continued Tuesday morning during a match between two undefeated teams.

Solid infield play and smart batting lifted

RECRUITERS SCHOOL 9
2ND BATTALION 8

Recruiters School over 2nd Recruit Training Battalion 9-8 after seven innings.

"It's always good to surprise your critics," said Master Sgt. David W. Maristch at the end of the game. "We are one of the oldest teams in the league, but our experience is what wins us games."

Recruiters School's experience paid off at the plate. Their strategy was to force 2nd Battalion's pitcher to throw strikes.

"Their hitters were patient and consistent," said 2nd Bn. pitcher Gunnery Sgt. Allen M. Young. "They forced me to put the ball over the plate."

Though Young walked more than eight Recruiters School batters and walked the bases loaded once, he and his teammates stuck together and managed to cut a five-run lead down to one in the bottom of the sixth.

"Everyone just came together and started playing their role," said 2nd Bn.'s Capt. Young K. Park about his team's comeback effort. "Each person started performing to their capabilities."

Second Bn. needed only one run in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the game. However, because of sound defense and outstanding pitching by Ken Seaman, a civilian motor pool dispatcher here, Recruiters School was able to salvage the victory.

Along with providing competitive recreation aboard the Depot, the CG's Cup provides Marines, sailors and Depot civilians the chance to cut loose from the grind of everyday work.

"The CG's Cup provides the opportunity to build esprit de corps outside of the regular environment," said Park. "It's a chance to step outside the box and have fun."

For more information about intramural sports or the CG's Cup, call Rachel M. Dickinson, intramural sports coordinator at (619) 524-0548.