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Crime-fighting falcon educates in Iraq

Move over McGruff, here comes 'Farid'

BY CPL. RANDY BERNARD
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The crime-fighting character named McGruff coined the famous phrase "take a bite out of crime" to help educate children across America. In Iraq, the principle will hopefully soon be reproduced with 'Farid the Crime-Fighting Falcon.'

Marines with Military Police Company C in Al Asad came up with the idea for a crime-fighting mascot to pass along to the Iraqi Police. While this project is still in its introductory phase to the IP, Cpl. Justin Weber, a squad leader for the company, is the brains behind the bird.

"I was the first person to don the costume, and since then I've become known as Farid," said Weber, 25, of Dayton, Ohio.

Weber recounted first introducing the idea to the IP with a smile on his face.

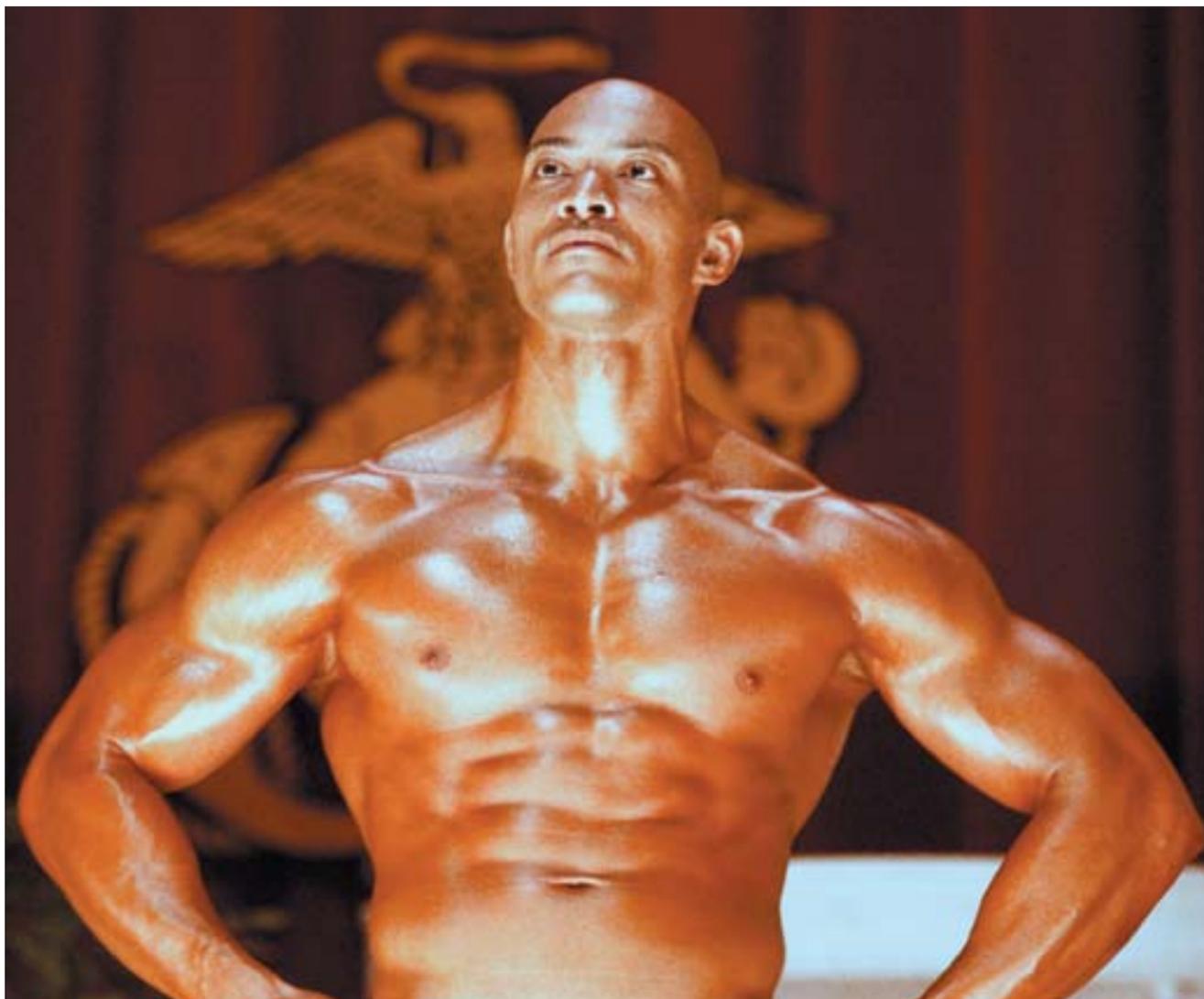
"Two other Marines introduced me to the classroom of 35 Iraqi Police, and

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Cpl. Justin Webber, a squad leader with a military police company at Al Asad, dons the Farid the Falcon mask. The costume will serve as a learning tool for Iraqi police, similar to America's McGruff the Crime Dog. Cpl. Randy Bernard

MUSCLE MADNESS



Representing Muscle Addict Fitness Center in La Jolla, Calif., Darnell Carter was one of many competitors who took the stage during Muscle Madness at McDougall Hall, Aug. 28. Carter won the novice men's over-5-foot-11-inch category. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron

Naturally

Bodybuilding contest promotes health, fitness without synthetic aid

BY CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT
Chevron staff

Several pumped bodybuilders flexed their might for Muscle Madness 2004 at McDougall Hall Aug. 28 in a combined effort to promote health and fitness among active duty service members in the San Diego area, particularly the depot's active duty Marines.

When guest posers David Whittaker and Gunnery Sgt. Phillip "Rico" Ricardo took the stage, the crowd seemed in awe of their massive physiques.

"I was inspired," said Sgt. Donald E. Dan-sby, local control center clerk here. "Those guys

were monsters, but their posing was a thing of beauty."

Brought by Marine Corps Community Service's Semper Fit, fitness center staff, the Amateur Bodybuilding Association, and the International Natural Bodybuilding Association, Muscle Madness showcased the ABA's and INBA's promotion of natural bodybuilding events.

Depot health and fitness promoter Kelly Johnson, who organized the event and served as master of ceremonies, said the event showed the audience and competitors what bodies are capable of naturally achieving.

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We celebrate it, but what is LABOR DAY?

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“Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country,” said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. “All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man’s prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation.”

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The Founder

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.”

But Peter McGuire’s place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed

the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday a year later, Sept. 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a “working-men’s holiday” on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon Feb. 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of

each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public “the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations” of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation’s strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

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I came running in the door squawking and flapping my arms,” Weber explained. “They jumped back and were scared. But once they got used to me, they started to understand what it was about.”

The company put their heads together when thinking about what they could do to create a character, and they decided on a falcon for the values it represents.

“The original idea was to make the mascot ‘Clucko the Crime-Fighting Chicken,’” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rod Barnes, a platoon commander with the MPs, “But we decided the falcon represented dignity, strength and independence.”

“The falcon is to the Iraqis as the eagle is to Americans,” said Staff Sgt. Greg Orick, a platoon sergeant with Company C. “Weber has done an excellent job of portraying the falcon. It’s almost like an extension of his personality. It gives him a chance to relax and behave more animated and act playful.”

It’s not all fun and games when it comes to being a crime-fighting bird of prey.

“It gets really hot in there,” Weber said. “You can only be in there for about five minutes before sweat is running into your eyes.”

The biggest challenge that the Marines will face while introducing Farid is explaining its purpose in the police force. Although the IP have been coming to Al Asad to learn from US military policemen, many of them initially found it difficult to grasp where a bird costume fits into their line of work.

However, once the idea of Farid had been explained to the Iraqis as an educational tool for the IP to use, they saw past the feathers and beak, explained Orick.

“It has a lot of potential as a liaison between the IP’s and citizens of Iraq,” said Orick. “They are unfamiliar with the idea of using a mascot to teach about fighting crime, but children will be drawn toward it.”

It is this attraction for the children that the Marines hope will benefit the IP in teaching Iraq’s youth about crime and danger in the area through visits to schools and other areas.

“It is still early in its development but the Iraqis think it is a good thing,” Weber explained.

“He is a ‘spokes-bird’ of crime-prevention,” Weber added. “The Iraqis will have to see it in action for it to really sink in for them. Once we give it to the Iraqis and they understand what it is about, it will do a lot of good.”

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“People need to see what can be achieved naturally through hard work and discipline,” said Johnson. “In a sport that was once synonymous with the use of illegal muscle-enhancing drugs, the ABA is changing the way people look at bodybuilding.”

For many of the competitors, the event’s professionalism and excitement left a positive impression.

“It was awesome,” said Lance Cpl. David Kusnitz, administrative clerk, Recruit Training Regiment, who competed in his first bodybuilding event. “The butterflies in the stomach backstage, the excitement from the crowd; it was a great time. I can’t wait to do it again.”

Gunnery Sgt. Troy Smalls, a contracting specialist from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., said the event was a highlight in his bodybuilding career.

“I’ve competed in a number of ABA-sponsored events, but this one was definitely the most significant,” said Smalls, who trained recruits here a year ago. “It was like playing on my home court.”

In addition to satisfied bodybuilders, the crowd offered approving oohs and ahs.

“The audience was phenomenal,” said Johnson. “Their interaction and receptiveness with the athletes really set the tone for the evening.”

For more information on the ABA or INBA, visit this Web site www.getbig.com.

BY MASTER GUNNERY SGT. BILLY D. STEWART
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Have you ever woken up and not felt like a Marine? Your motivation was low, you were tired, and you just didn’t feel the pride, the esprit de corps, and desire to wear the uniform that day. This went on for a day, month, or maybe even a year. In fact, you may be struggling with these feelings right now. You cannot get going and you feel your career is stagnant. Maybe you are not currently deployed and feel left out. Rest assured, you are not alone and the feelings are fairly common. Welcome to the “slump.”

We have all heard this word before, or have experienced it personally in other facets of our lives. A slump can cripple whatever it comes in contact with. These facets could be many things such as a hobby, sport, relationship or job. In the Marine Corps, it is understood that small slumps arise. However, as a force in readiness we cannot afford to have long-term personal slumps when it comes to being a Marine. Slumps destroy the very foundation of what we are.

How can we fix it? Simply put, we need to keep our minds right and focused. The methods I have used to get my “mind right” over the years have proven to be successful. The solutions for the “Marine Corps slump” are simple yet effective.

First and foremost, a slump may be a sign that you’re in need of annual leave or some type of liberty. Our military occupational specialties often are extremely hectic as well as physically and mentally taxing. Leave and liberty not only provide an avenue for Marines to recharge their batteries, but also can break the monotony that accompanies any job. Another point that many overlook is that Marines are away from their families and friends while serving. This can be especially stressful for those who have rarely been separated from loved ones. Leave not only provides an avenue to go “home,” but ensures family ties remain as strong as possible. I personally spoke to a father a few weekends ago concerning his son’s service in the military. The father stated he felt as though he and his son were best friends. I

Not feeling like a Marine today?

can only imagine the feeling of emptiness that accompanies their separation during these trying times. Both have said they would attempt to plan annual leave around deer hunting season so they can spend quality time together as they had for so many years.

A second cause for a slump is you may be not plugged into the proper source. Just as a great coach and teammates develop a great athlete, Marines must be around strong leaders and fellow Marines. This will in turn motivate a Marine when those around you do not set the stage to do so. Always associate with good Marines. If you find yourself not feeling like a Marine, take a look at who you’re hanging around with. You might find they are not living up to Marine expectations. Remember, dirt rubs off. Check what source you’re plugged into and if need be, find a new outlet or wash the dirt off.

A third way of recharging the motivational batteries and beating your slump is to read or watch programs about great Marines, or visit a famous Marine Corps base/place. This is usually what attracted you to the Corps in the first place. It may have been done through the movies, maybe a book in your school library, or a story from a relative who proudly served.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps’ Reading Program is incredible and will bring to life what being a Marine really means. I have read many books that have rejuvenated my desire to be a better Marine and leader while making myself more competitive for promotion. The base library has a great selection of these books.

Sometimes I cannot put them down.

When you don’t have the time to finish a book, I recommend popping in our favorite Marine Corps movie or documentary. I still get motivated when I see Jack Webb in the movie “The DI” or John Wayne in “The Sands of Iwo Jima.” I have shown these movies during PME, and you would be amazed at the attitude of the Marines as they are departing the pattern. Most are barking at each other and giving orders, while a couple will show up with spit-shined boots the next day. Whenever I am in San Diego, I always

make it a point to stop by the Marine Corps Recruit Depot to remember where it all begins. There is also a museum there that is equally awesome. Being stationed in Washington, D.C. has afforded me the opportunity to visit many memorials. As I leave these places, I again feel the pride of being a part of America’s finest. Besides receiving a great history lesson, visiting these places will dip your roots into the Marine Corps’ “fountain of youth.” No matter how many times I visit the Marine Corps War Memorial, it still affects me in a profound way.

My fourth and favorite way to wrestle my slump is through both an organized, unit and personal fitness program. One of the best ways of causing individuals to feel like Marines is getting in shape. Many times our work hours are in conflict with PT time. We must make time and force ourselves to PT. It is not an option. Gen. Hagee has established a regimen for all Marines to follow. Getting in shape in not always fun, but being in shape certainly is. It changes our attitude towards being a Marine. It brings Marines together and builds teamwork.

Finally, whenever times are rough and I really need to reevaluate, I do a couple of basic thoughts. Sometimes I read my promotion warrant. While this may sound corny to some, it reminds me of who I am and what I represent. By reading the words aloud it takes me back to the beginning when things were new. Another special ritual that I can participate in daily is to step outside my hatch during morning or evening colors. I salute, listen, watch our flag and remember the reason I am a Marine.

Are you going through a Marine Corps slump? Has some of the gold lost its glitter? Maybe you don’t feel like you did on the morning of graduation as you left boot camp; I understand. However the ways of overcoming your personal slump are endless and very similar. Each is related to getting back to basics and plugging into the power source. Make a list this week of all of the things that cause you to feel like a Marine. Post the list somewhere and do these things throughout the week. Be proud and be a Marine — you earned it. Semper Fi.

These colors never run. Why do you?



BY MASTER SGT. JANICE M. HAGAR
Public Affairs Chief

Okay, I’m not the first person to write about this topic, and I’m sure I won’t be the last, but I want to put in my two cents about something I find troublesome.

Last week, the Chevron folks were working late, and I headed out to pick up some chow. I ran into a friend in the parking lot and I stopped to chat with him. Suddenly, “sound attention” echoed across the depot. I was already facing the flag, so I popped to attention. As I did, something caught my eye across the parking lot. It was hard to miss. Someone in civilian clothes was making a mad dash toward one of the doors in the arcade. He flew like the wind. He should have been on this year’s U.S. track and field team at the Olympics. He could have won a gold medal and broken the world-record time for the 100 meter dash. Just as his feet were clearing the door, “Retreat” sounded. He made it through the door just in time.

Why? Why do Marines and sailors — and probably other service members, too — try to escape rendering honors during Colors? From “attention” to “carry on,” evening colors last less than 60 seconds. How hard is it to merely stand still for 58 seconds and honor the symbol that represents this country’s freedom, the very freedom service members signed on to protect.

Was there a fire in the building that he needed to put out? Did someone need rescuing?

Was there a football game on? Did he have a hot date? What was so important that he needed to rush into a building so he wouldn’t be delayed 58 seconds out of his busy schedule?

We are so fortunate to live in this country. We should be grateful every day for the freedoms we have, and what better way to show our gratitude than by honoring our national flag?

In addition to honoring the flag, I feel we honor the sacrifices of those who died to protect it. I wonder if that Marine or sailor ever studied or read about the battle of Iwo Jima, especially the beginning of the battle. The Marines and sailors fought ferociously against an enemy well-protected and hidden in pillboxes, hitting our forces exposed on the beach. The Marines and sailors fought and clawed their way up Mount Suribachi and on the fifth day of battle, they were near the top. In James Bradley’s book, “Flags of our Fathers,” he described the scene of a 40-man platoon climbing the final distance to the top. Their mission was to ensure that no more enemy forces were dug in at the top waiting to attack the Americans. A man named Col. Chandler Johnson asked his adjutant to give him something from his map case. Then Johnson handed the object to a lieutenant leading the patrol. It was an American flag from the USS Missoula.

“If you get to the top, put it up,” said Johnson. The patrol did make it to the top and five Marines and a Navy corpsman helped make history when they raised that flag.

Of course that was the first flag raised on

Mount Suribachi. As the flag was raised on a makeshift pole, Bradley described the reaction.

“Thousands of Marines and Navy personnel had been watching the patrol as they climbed to the volcano’s rim. When the small swatch of color fluttered, Iwo Jima was transformed, for a few moments, into Times Square on New Year’s Eve. Infantrymen cheered, whistled and waved their helmets. Here was the symbol of an impossible dream fulfilled. Here was the manifestation of Suribachi’s conquest.”

I don’t suppose anybody there tried to duck out on the American flag being raised.

What an incredible moment that was when a second, larger flag was raised for all to see. The flags motivated battle weary Marines and sailors fighting to secure a strategic island that would help turn the tide in WWII. Joe Rosenthal captured the second flag raising on film. It’s the most famous photograph in the world. Why? I think people see it as the ultimate representation of our fighting spirit, our pride and our freedom.

So what was so important that service members have to scramble indoors so they won’t have to stand at attention for 58 seconds?

If you’re one of those dashers, I hope you’ll think about what you’re doing. Be thankful you are walking safely on the depot grounds when it’s time to stop for morning or evening colors. By running inside, you’re turning your back on your country and to every service member in every battle. Don’t turn your back on that flag.

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ARMED FORCES VOTING WEEK

3 EASY STEPS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

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

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

Commanding General's Reception

The commanding general is inviting all depot officers, GS-13-and-above employees, and their spouses and guests to Quarter's One for a reception Sept. 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The attire for the festivities is casual and fun for a Mardis Gras-themed party. RSVP or regrets are required no later than Sept. 3 to the depot protocol office. Please call (619) 524-8701 or write to lindsey.hooge@usmc.mil.

POW/MIA Ceremony

There will be special Prisoners of War/Missing In Action Ceremony Sept. 19 at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3787 in Mission Valley. The guest speaker is Dr. Lester Tenney, a former POW that survived the Bataan Death March. His story is chronicled in his best selling book, "My Hitch in Hell." An invitation is extended to all military personnel. For more information, call Alice B. Tanner at (858) 569-6507, or e-mail her at atanner@sdcoe.k12.ca.us

DI reunion

The "Crow" Crawford Chapter DI Association is holding their Annual Reunion aboard MCRD San Diego and at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in Hotel Circle Sept. 15-19. Events include a Museum and quonset hut tour, watching the motivation run and Eagle, Globe and Anchor Ceremony, a USS Midway tour, an evening performance at the hotel by Marine Band San Diego, a DI Monument memorial service, and a barbecue at the depot boathouse. A golf tourney and banquet will be at the hotel Sept. 18. For more information contact

1st Sgt. James L. Wilson at (619) 524-5009 or via e-mail at james.wilson@usmc.mil.

Horsefest at Miramar

Flying Hooves Riding Club, in partnership with Marine Corps Community Services, presents Horsefest 2004, a free event open to all at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., stables Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Scheduled events are a parade of breeds, riding demonstrations, pony rides for the little buckaroos, games and races, free lunch, a Ferrier demonstration with free photos, roping lessons, karaoke and a special appearance by Chula Vista Mounted Police.

Calling all car nuts

A new History Channel reality show called "Full Throttle" follows two teams of two friends, families or relatives as they fix up classic cars and eventually drag race them. Producers are looking to cast soldiers and Marines in a future episode. The show doesn't necessarily focus on service competition, instead providing a fun and friendly environment in hopes of boosting the participating troops' morale. There are two 10-hour days to modify a working classic car in a garage with tools and professional assistance. The classic car is provided by the show. If the Marines win, they take both cars home. The casting producer is looking for two Marines to cast as soon as possible. For more information, call casting producer Marty Collins at (818) 385-4260.

Operation Homecoming

Operation Homecoming will run through Veteran's Day, allowing returning ser-

vice 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.

Leaders requested to promote climate survey

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

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

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

Leaders at all levels are requested to support this effort by encouraging those Marines randomly selected to participate and complete the survey upon receipt. The survey ad-

resses important issues that affect all Marines, and their quick response will ensure their opinions are reflected in the findings.

Women Marines Association biennial convention

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

Membership in WMA is open to all women serving or having served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps or the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Additional information is available by calling (888) 525-1943. Registration information is available through the WMA Web site at www.womenmarines.org. E-mail sgtmajjudge@cox.net.

Extreme Makeover

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

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

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The Hatch Act

Explaining conduct in political activity

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

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

Do's

Federal employees may:

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

Don'ts

Federal employees may not:

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

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

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September dates of Marine Corps historical significance

Sept. 2, 1945

The Japanese officially surrender to the Allies on board the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay. With Gen. Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

Sept. 5, 1956

Eleven Marines from the 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, stationed near Naha, Okinawa, drowned while swimming from an undercurrent caused by Typhoon Emma. The violent storm, with 140 mph winds, struck the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Korea, and Japan, causing some 55 deaths and millions of dollars in property damage.

Sept. 6, 1983

Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting

continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

Sept. 8, 1942

On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

Sept. 11, 1992

Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai in Hawaii in one of the worst storms the islands had seen in over a century. Marines of the 1st Marine Brigade based at Kaneohe Bay, spearheaded Operation Garden Sweep, the massive cleanup effort.

Sept. 15, 1950

The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and

secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division, under the command of Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Smith, landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

Sept. 16, 1814

A detachment of Marines, under Maj. Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Baratara, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

Sept. 18, 1990

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Alfred M. Gray dedicated a new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sept. 20, 1950

Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by Sept. 27.

Sept. 24, 1873

One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS Pensacola and Benicia landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.

Sept. 27, 1944

The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division command post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as April 21, 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

Sept. 30, 1945

Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.

CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

Very little information is available regarding the flags carried by early American Marines, although indications are that the Grand Union flag was carried ashore by the battalion led by Captain Samuel Nicholas on New Providence Island, March 3, 1776. It is quite possible that the Rattlesnake flag was also carried on this expedition.

The standard carried by the Marines during the 1830s and 1840s consisted of a white field with gold fringe, and bore an elaborate design of an anchor and eagle in the center. Prior to the Mexican War, this flag bore the legend "To the Shores of Tripoli" across the top. Shortly after the war, the legend was revised to read: "From Tripoli to the Halls of the Montezumas."

During the Mexican and Civil Wars, Marines in the field apparently carried a flag similar to the national flag, comprised of red and white stripes and a union. The union, however, contained an eagle perched on a shield of the United States and a half-wreath beneath the shield, with 29 stars encircling the entire design. Beginning in 1876, Marines carried the national colors (the Stars and Stripes) with "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered in yellow on the middle red stripe.

At the time of the Vera Cruz landing in 1914, Marines carried a more distinctive standard. The design consisted of a blue field with a laurel wreath encircling the Marine Corps emblem in the center. A scarlet ribbon above the emblem carried the words "U.S. Marine Corps," while another scarlet ribbon below the emblem carried the motto "Semper Fidelis."

Orders were issued April 2, 1921, which directed all national colors be manufactured without the yellow fringe and without the words "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered on the red stripe. This was followed by an order dated March 14, 1922, retiring from use all national colors still in use with yellow fringe or wording on the flag. Following World War I, the Army practice of attaching silver bands carrying inscriptions enumerating specific decorations and battles was adopted. This practice was discontinued on Jan. 23, 1961.

Marine Corps Order No. 4 of 18, April, 1925,

THE CORPS' FLAG



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designated gold and scarlet as the official colors of the U.S. Marine Corps. These colors, however, were not reflected in the official Marine Corps standard until January 18, 1939, when a new design incorporating the new colors was approved. The design was essentially that of today's Marine Corps standard.

For a brief time following World War I, the inscribing of battle honors directly on the colors of a unit was in practice, but realization that a multiplicity of honors and the limited space on the colors made the system impractical, and the procedure

was discontinued. On July 29, 1936, a Marine Corps Board recommended that the Army system of attaching streamers to the staff of the organizational colors be adopted. Such a system was finally authorized by Marine Corps Order No. 157, dated November 3, 1939, and is currently in practice.

The Marine Corps Flag Manual (MCO P10520.3B) is available at www.usmc.mil. Click "Publications."

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CHARGED APPRECIATION

San Diego pro football club salutes military

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
Chevron staff

More than 550 service members from Southern California were invited to participate in the San Diego Chargers' 16th annual salute to the military at Qualcomm Stadium Aug. 27.

Chargers officials pooled military volunteers from all over the region to produce the epic event. Their main goal was to show appreciation for the dedication and service of the 100,000-plus local military members.

Before kickoff, San Diego's Navy Leap Frogs parachuted onto the field. Other local sailors lined the Seattle Seahawks' sideline and end zone, each of them bearing one of the 50 state flags. On the outskirts of the stands, Marines and sailors displayed military vehicles and equipment and answered questions for spectators. The all-service joint color guard, including two Marines from the depot color guard, marched halfway onto the field for the presentation of the colors and the playing of the national anthem.

While festivities continued on the ground, two FA-18 Hornets and two AV-8B Harrier jets from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., roared over the stadium, receiving applause from spectators.

Vice Adm. James M. Zortman, Naval Air Force U. S. Pacific Fleet commander, and Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region commanding general, joined game officials and players at the 50-yard line for the coin toss, followed by a flyover from Coast Guard helicopters.

A few service members stayed on the field to watch the game, while others went to their complimentary seats in the stands.

During halftime, Marine Band San Diego exploded onto the field from a dark tunnel on the east end of the stadium and played "America the Beautiful."

As the musicians prepped the audience, the main stadium lights dimmed and a spotlight beamed toward sailors and one Marine recognized for their

dedicated service in current military operations. The Marine, Cpl. James E. Wright, was given a spine-tingling ovation from the crowd as he was acknowledged for his bravery and selfless acts that resulted in lives saved and the loss of half his left arm.

Following the band, approximately 250 Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen carried a 100-yard American flag over the field. The Marines grabbed handles outlining the flag and sprinted across the field as sailors held the flag over their heads.

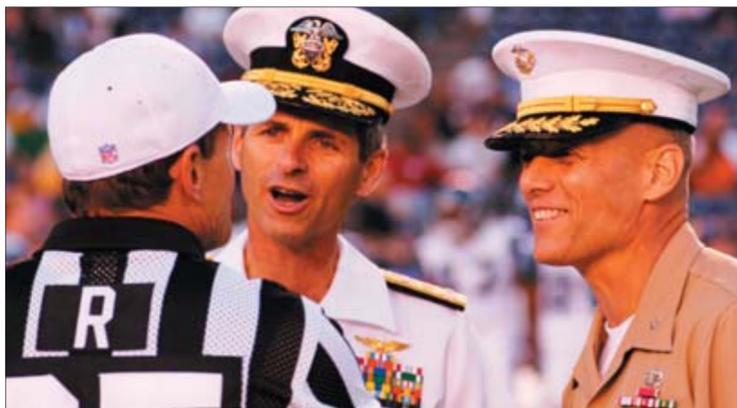
A fireworks spectacle fired from behind the scoreboard closed the halftime show and the salute to the military.

From start to finish, one Marine said it was an amazing event that put many in awe and made service members feel good about their service in the military.

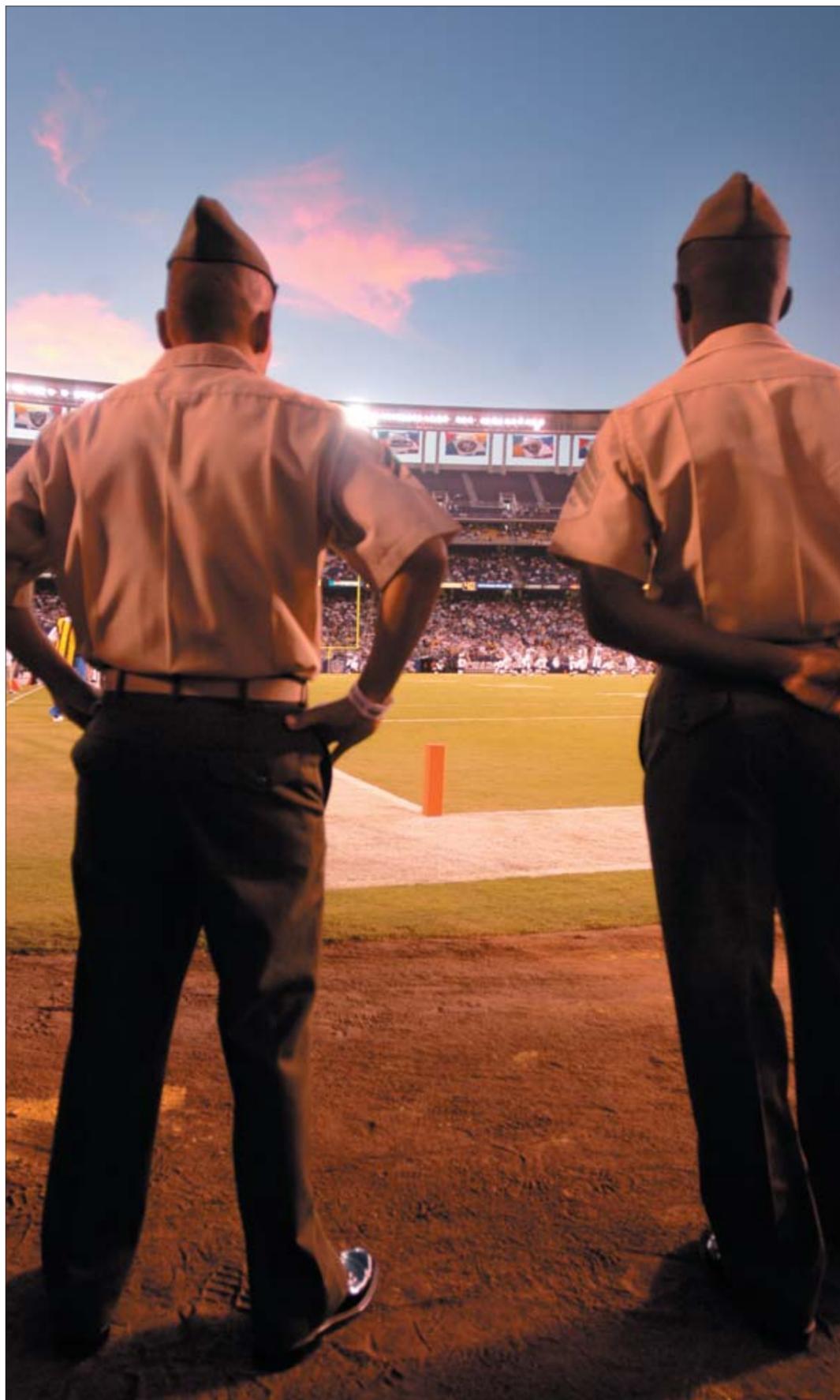
"It reminded me of why I joined," said Lance Cpl. Jared M. Padula, Combat Visual Information Center photographer. "Every American, regardless of heritage, has a little bit of patriotism. It made me feel at home."



Gunnery Sgt. Brian C. Paradis, bandmaster, Marine Band San Diego, spearheads the 35 Marine team onto the playing field during the San Diego Chargers 16th Annual Salute to the Military halftime show. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara/Chevron



Vice Adm. James M. Zortman, commander, Naval Air Force U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, represented their respective services as the senior individuals at the game. They joined game officials and players at the 50-yard-line for the coin toss. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara/Chevron



Cpl. Anteli L. Linares and Sgt. Philip J. Hazeley, tank mechanics, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., stand at field level and watch the first quarter of the San Diego Chargers and the Seattle Seahawks football game. Service members were honored during the game. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron



Lance Cpl. Jared M. Padula, Combat Visual Information Center photographer, watches the Seattle Seahawks and the San Diego Chargers battle it out on the football field. Padula worked security for the game and watched the event during his break. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara/Chevron



Approximately 250 Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen flooded the field to display a 100-yard American flag. Lance Cpl. Robert D. Fleagle/CVIC



Fifty local sailors presented the state flags of the United States during the pre-game show Aug. 27 at Qualcomm Stadium. Lance Cpl. Robert D. Fleagle/CVIC



Staff Sgt. William R. Smith wants drill instructors to keep an image of invincibility. "One of the most intimidating people in the world is a United States Marine drill instructor." Pfc. Mikel L. Savides

'Nothing less than perfection'

Fox Co. chief DI follows in grandfather's, drill instructors' footsteps

BY PFC. MIKEL L. SAVIDES
12th Marine Corps Recruiting District

Image is everything. Just ask Staff Sgt. William R. Smith, series gunnery sergeant Co. F.

Smith has been training young men to become Marines since his graduation from Drill Instructor school in September 2001. He confessed his intention of becoming a drill instructor was to make Marines the way they should be.

"You are there to lead and shape the recruits from civilians into United States Marines. Our techniques are simple. We demand nothing less than perfection and a never quit mindset," Smith declared.

Smith had the desire to be a drill instructor since he joined the Marine Corps in 1995. His drill instructors' leadership left an impression with him that has followed him through his career.

"I graduated from Fox Company," said Smith. "I wanted to do what my drill instructors did for me."

Smith said he wanted to join the Marine Corps because of his grandfather.

"My grandfather was a Marine during World War II and I wanted to follow in his footsteps," said Smith.

A 1990 graduate from Montgomery High School in San Diego, Smith waited a few years before he joined the Marine Corps. Smith was born in the Philippines, but left there when he was three and his family moved to London. The family remained in England until Smith was 13 and then moved to San Diego. After graduating high school, Smith worked on becoming a U.S. citizen before becoming a Marine. During that time, he earned an associates degree and worked as a deliveryman. Once he earned his citizenship, Smith was ready to earn the title Marine.

After recruit training, he became a hygiene equipment operator. His desire to become a drill instructor

remained with him. Smith was serving here at Headquarters and Service Battalion when he was selected for drill instructor duty.

Smith has followed not only in his grandfather's steps, but also in his drill instructors' steps. During his training cycles, he has been molding the future of the Marine Corps and imparting on the recruits the same principles his drill instructors instilled in him. Smith said he has conveyed this with leading by example.

"A DI maintains the image of invincibility. He should never look tired, surprised or that he has no control. I think one of the most intimidating people in the world is a United States Marine drill instructor by the way (he) moves, yells and commands instant obedience to orders."

Smith spent five cycles as a drill instructor before he picked up the position as senior drill instructor.

"As a senior, you are there to instill our corps values into the recruits. You project this mirror image to the recruits you train of how a Marine should act and conduct themselves," said Smith.

Smith said that by doing this, recruits get an idealistic type of Marine they should be, and something drives them to meet and exceed that standard they have implanted in their minds.

After completing three cycles as a senior drill instructor, Smith moved on to the position of series gunnery sergeant. He admitted that becoming a series gunnery sergeant was a personal goal of his from the beginning of his tour on the drill field.

"Every DI aims to be a series gunnery sergeant. It is an honor to serve as a DI and be given the trust of the company office to be a series gunnery sergeant," said Smith. "Not only do I ensure that the recruits are properly trained, and their welfare is taken care of, but I also am here to ensure that DIs maintain the image of a Marine DI."

Smith also said that after completing almost 10 cycles as a drill instructor, he feels a great amount of pride in seeing the end product at graduation.

"You take a civilian who knows nothing of the Marine way of life and mold (him) into a Marine," said Smith. "It's a great thing."

The broad shouldered series gunnery sergeant sat there with a humble confidence while explaining the importance of making Marines the right way.

"The most important thing in recruit training is to make a Marine," said Smith. Drill instructors have to remember they are there to do a job, and that is to make a good Marine. As a DI, your name is forever stamped on the Marines you train. The job you do will be reflected by that Marine throughout his career, whether it is four years or 20 years. That Marine is a product of you.

"Every Marine that becomes a DI has a common goal," Smith continued. "That goal is not only to make Marines, but to make excellent Marines that you would be proud to serve with in combat and can see years down the road and know that you did a good job that had a lasting impression."

Smith has been married for nine years and has an eight-year-old daughter and a son who is two. Smith admits the drill field takes a lot of time and dedication.

"There are sacrifices such as long hours and time away from your home and family," said Smith. "However, we, as do all Marines, know this comes with the territory. We are trained to deal with the fog of war and to overcome any challenges that may fall in front of us."

Smith's tour on the drill field ends in October. He will attend a utilities chief course before reporting to 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I'm looking forward to contributing to the efforts in the Middle East," said Smith. "I put a lot of Marines into the fleet that are doing what I want to do."

Injuries, illness kept Fox Co. Marine on depot long enough to be thrice graduated

TIME is no BURDEN

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
Chevron staff

His fortitude speaks volumes.

After shifting from company to company, and after multiple extended visits to medical rehabilitation, Pfc. John W. Burdan IV will finally graduate today, nine months after coming to the depot.

"My philosophy is that it is so difficult, but so sweet in the end," said the 20-year-old from Colorado whose goal of becoming a Marine helped him through tough times.

Three days into training with Company M, Burdan started coughing. Doctors told him his white blood-cell count was too low. They sent him to Medical Rehabilitation Platoon to recover before he transferred to another training company.

"A few days later, I coughed up again," said Burdan.

This time, MRP leaders held him into the new year before releasing him to Co. G. He again endured the stresses of joining a new company. This time, he made it 34 days into the 69-day training schedule. However hopeful things seemed, Burdan would not graduate with Co. G. He was sent to MRP again for sickness. This time it was for a few weeks.

Again he healed. Again he found himself with another company, training with Co. F at Camp Pendleton, Calif. The next morning, Burdan

would suffer another setback.

"We were marching on a steep hill," he said. "Another recruit tripped and fell backward onto me. I rolled my ankle in a ditch."

He tried to stay in training, but his foot would not fit into his boot.

"When the corpsman came to tape up my ankle, he noticed bruise marks and thought there might be broken bones," Burdan said. "They didn't turn out to be broken, but I did have torn ligaments."

Back in medical rehab, he nursed his new wounds. While there, Burdan learned that one of his previous MRP drill instructors, Staff Sgt. Allan Walker, had died in Iraq.

"I was there the day he got his orders to Iraq," said Burdan. "He turned around, held them up and said, 'When you become a Marine, this is what you will be waiting for: orders to go to war.' He seems really happy to finally get out there."

Hearing this news inspired Burdan to keep going.

"I didn't feel I would do the Marines justice who have died up to this point," he said. "I didn't think I'd be me if I left at this point."

He even continued at the news of his aunt's death. The emotional and physical challenges kept coming.

One month into healing his ankle, Burdan got more bad news from medical personnel, who told him his groin region had an abnormally swollen

vein. It consistently caused him pain, and officials offered Burdan surgery or a ticket out of boot camp.

Burdan said he took a moment to think about it. His mind flooded with thoughts of Walker and of his father and grandfathers who were all retired military officers. He also contemplated the medical warnings: There was a 20 percent chance he would be in pain the rest of his life, even after surgery.

He decided he had not come this far and spent all this time in recruit training to quit now. He informed his drill instructor of his decision and a surgery date was set.

"I came out for his surgery Memorial Day weekend," said his father, retired Army Lt. Col. John W. Burdan III. "The doctors said they wanted him to stay in their medical holding company for Marines to better facilitate his recovery. He was able to talk with Marines who returned from Iraq."

After the surgery, Burdan wasn't able to do much for himself. He needed the special attention provided by the holding company. He walked awkwardly. "The doc said to keep walking, and it would become natural again," said Burdan. "I got back to normal speed, but I couldn't lift anything since the surgical entry point was through my groin."

He returned to MRP for a couple recovery months. His MRP senior drill instructor asked him if he wanted to return to Co. F. He said yes. Burdan found



Pfc. John W. Burdan IV spent nine months on the depot before graduating today. After repeated injuries, officials told him he could go home or stay.

himself in Platoon 2097, at the beginning of field week and the Crucible.

Despite a bacterial infection in his groin, which doctors treated with antibiotics, he was determined to finish the second half of his training. According to Burdan, he was able to keep going with support from his family and a fellow recruit.

"The Marine Corps made sure I kept in contact with my family and recruiter," he said. "They were all supportive and said keep going. I also tried not to give into the MRP mentality of wanting to go home. I kept telling myself, 'I may be here another month or two, but I will leave as a U.S. Marine.'"

He found motivation within another MRP recruit, Mark A. Burosh, who has been at the depot since February.

"He had a broken femur and didn't know how long he would be in MRP either," Burdan said. "We kept each other positive. He will hopefully graduate in a couple of weeks."

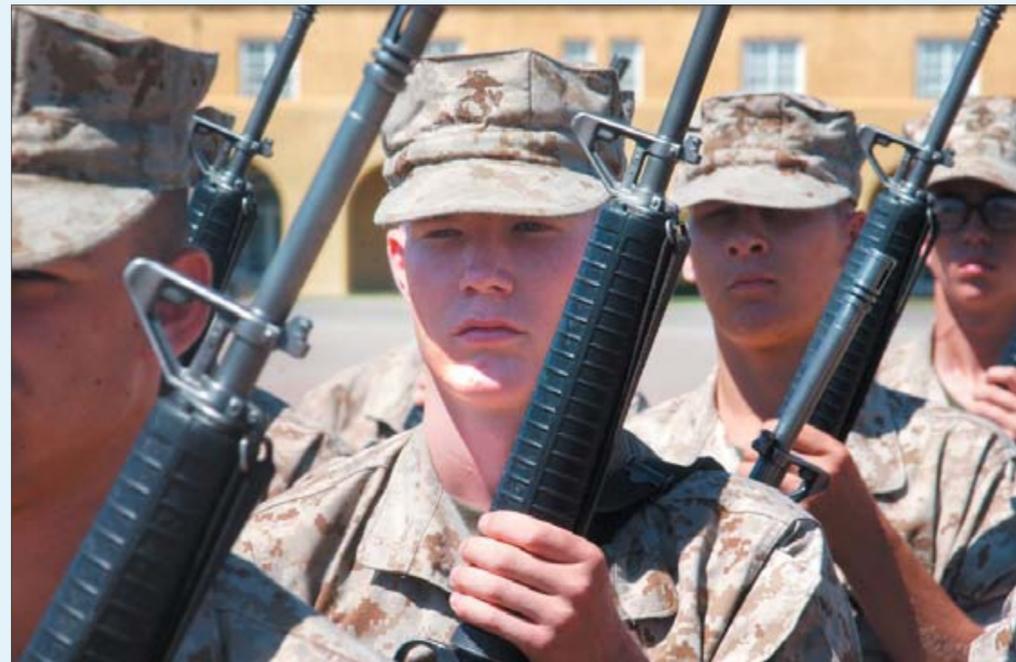
Burdan said his biggest role model is his father because he has never given up.

"I hope that if I ever go to Iraq, I will do as good as he did," said Burdan, who lives by his father's words. "He always said, '... life isn't fair, get over it. Square your shoulders to the task ahead and do it.'"

The last thing Burdan ate as a civilian, nine months ago, was a medium-rare steak.

"That is the first thing I am going to eat when I get home."

'I may be here another month or two, but I will leave as a U.S. Marine.'



Pfc. John W. Burdan IV, Platoon 2097, Company F, practices close-order drill before the same final drill competition he would have participated in with Co. M six months ago if injuries hadn't held him back. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron photos

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Men from Platoon 2097, Company F, swiftly move from their barracks to a formation. The platoon is taught to move together quickly from place to place. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

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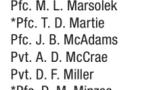
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Q: What was the hardest civilian habit to break?



Pvt. Nathan L. Field
Laingsburg, Mich.

A: Talking anytime I wanted to.

Q: What was the funniest moment of recruit training?

A: There isn't anything that is funny about recruit training.

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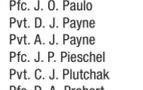
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Q: What was the funniest moment of recruit training?



Pvt. Brendan D. Jens
Grand Junction, Colo.

A: There isn't anything that is funny about recruit training.

Q: What is your MOS going to be? Why did you pick that?

A: Infantry. I want to experience the world and combat before I die.



Retired Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Lt. Gen. Mutter was commissioned a Marine Corps second lieutenant in 1967 upon graduation from the University of Northern Colorado. She was assigned duty at various data processing installations until 1973 when she was assigned as a platoon commander/instructor for women officer candidates and Basic Course lieutenants.

From 1973 to 1984 she served in a variety of billets to include project officer, financial management officer, comptroller and program manager at the wing and headquarters level.

In July 1988, she became the first

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*Lance Cpl. J. M. Ward

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

Q: What was the hardest civilian habit to break?



Pvt. Jonathan D. Brown
Conroe, Texas

A: Infantry. I want to experience the world and combat before I die.

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

A: Go to church.

woman to qualify as a space director with the U. S. Space Command operations directorate, and she ultimately became the division chief responsible for the operation of the Space Command, Commander In Chief's Command Center.

In August 1990, she was assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force as the assistant chief of staff, comptroller for both III MEF and 3rd Marine Division. In June 1991, she served as the deputy commanding general, Marine Corps Systems Command and program manager for Command and Control Systems until her assignment in 1992 to the 3rd Force Service Support Group as the first woman flag officer to command a major deployable tactical command.

From 1994 to 1999, she served in various command billets while holding the distinction of being the first woman in the Marine Corps to attain the ranks of major general and lieutenant general. Her last assignment was as the deputy chief of staff for manpower and reserve affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

Lt. Gen. Mutter retired from the Marine Corps January 1, 1999.

Her personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Her decorations include two National Defense Service Medals, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, ten Good Conduct Medals and two Meritorious Unit Commendations.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Grace A. Carle

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

In April 1943, Carle enlisted in the Marine Corps and was a member of the last regiment trained at Hunter College, N.Y. During World War II, she served at Headquarters Marine Corps and Hawaii until her release from active duty in November 1945.

In 1950, she was ordered to active duty at the beginning of the Korean War and served as a reservist in San Francisco until her integration into the regular Marine Corps in 1951.

Carle served in various billets throughout the Marine Corps, to include first sergeant, assistant to the woman officer selection officer and sergeant major of Women Marines and Women Officer School. She became the sixth and last sergeant major of Women Marines in a ceremony held April 30, 1974.

Carle retired October 30, 1976. At the end of her tour as sergeant major of Women Marines, she was honored at a parade at the Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, Washington, D.C.

Her decorations include two National Defense Service Medals, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, ten Good Conduct Medals and two Meritorious Unit Commendations.



Pfc. Joshua J. Bromilow and Steven C. Powless, Platoon 2097, Company F, clean the shower room in their barracks. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron

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Pvt. William R. Kelley
League City, Texas

A: There isn't anything that is funny about recruit training.

Q: What is your MOS going to be? Why did you pick that?

A: Go to church.

Pvt. A. M. Wesaw
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Q: What's the first thing you'll do when you get home?



Pvt. Andrew S. Braman
Kawkawlin, Mich.



**CG'S
CUP**

WEEK 1

Coast Guard	2	0	1st Bn.
District	5	0	2nd Bn.
Fac Maintenance	0	3	1st Bn.
Coast Guard	1	0	RAB
District	0	1	Svc. Co.

NEXT WEEK

2nd Bn.	V.	Coast Guard
Fac Maintenance	V.	Service Co.
District	V.	Coast Guard
1st Bn.	V.	2nd Bn.
Fac Maintenance	V.	RAB

Games will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and end around 3:30 p.m.



1st Battalion defender Staff Sgt. Kevin L. Jones hurdles Petty Officer 3rd Class Sean McNamara to chase down a loose ball. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron

DEVIL DUCKS DENY DEVIL DOGS



Soccer kicks off; Coasties look large, in charge

BY LANCE CPL. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

Coast Guard kicked off the Commanding General's Cup soccer season by defeating 1st Recruit Training Battalion 2-0 Tuesday.

The Coasties struck early in the first half when Petty Officer 3rd Class Arturo Manriquez scored on a chip shot, leaving 1st Bn. playing catch-up for the remainder of the game. They made some promising runs at the goal, but Coast Guard

goalkeeper Petty Officer 3rd Class Arturo Portillo's wall-like play ensured 1st Bn. kept its goose egg.

At the half, the Coasties decided on new adjustments that would help drive the nail further into the coffin.

"At half time, we decided to spread the field out more," said Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Scott Cieplek. "We passed the ball around. We weren't just shooting."

The new scheme seemed to work for the Devil Ducks. They kept the ball near 1st Bn.'s goal for the majority of

the second half. Quick passes and fancy footwork by Petty Officer 3rd Class Jon Gentile kept Battalion defenders at bay.

After repeated shots on 1st Bn.'s goal, Cieplek finally blasted the ball into the corner of the net, giving the Coasties the shutout victory.

"We had a great second half," said Cieplek. "1st Bn. has a lot of hustle. They never quit. I'm just proud of the team. We recently got back from a deployment, and this is only the second time we've kicked the ball around together."

1st Battalion goalkeeper Staff Sgt. A. J. Peralta extends to deflect a shot from Petty Officer 3rd Class Jon Gentile in the second half. Coast Guard kept Battalion goalies busy in a 2-0 victory. Lance Cpl. Jess Levens/Chevron