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New Marine rescues women involved in highway accident

by Lance Cpl. Jose Nava
Chevron Staff

A Marine who recently graduated from boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego rescued two women from a car wreck during his boot camp leave, April 12.

Pfc. Jase S. Pierce was helping a friend fix a flat tire on the side of a San Diego highway when a passing vehicle slid out of control causing an accident.

Pierce instantly ran to the aid of Jan L. Ciotto, who crashed into the center divider when she swerved to avoid collision with other vehicles.

The car's doors were jammed as result of the wreck, trapping the women inside. Pierce pulled the doors open and helped them out of the vehicle.

"The anti-lock system on my car was broken, and my sister and I had no idea of how we were going to get out of the car," said Ciotto.

"That's when I saw Pierce, and it looked as though he was an angel that was sent to help us in our time of need."

Ciotto, mother of Recruit Jeremy P Henry, Medical Rehabilitation Platoon 2, said that it was a very spiritual moment when Pierce helped her and her sister out of the car. She said that she has always believed that there are guardian angels in heaven and here on earth, and Pierce was her guardian angel.

After Pierce assisted the two women to the shoulder of the highway, he directed the traffic around the crash site until a police officer arrived on the scene.

He said the freeway traffic was very hectic and although he was afraid to stand out in the busy road, he didn't want anyone else getting hurt and he didn't want to cause a traffic jam.

Pierce then took photos of the crash site with his camera phone to aid in the insurance claim.

"The reason that Pierce was there was because I wasn't there to help out my mother at the time," said Henry.

Ciotto said she felt like her son was helping her in her time of need through another fellow Marine.

Pierce said that he did not know that Ciotto was a Marine Corps mother, but when he found out, he thought it was ironic because he had just graduated from recruit training and the core values his drill instructors instilled in him were still fresh in his mind.

"I heard that the Marine sticker is a symbol of understanding for Marines to help each other out forever," said Ciotto. "I didn't have my sticker on, but I did have the frame around the license plate that said 'Marine Mom,' and I like to think that Pierce saw that and helped."

Being new to the Marine Corps, Pierce said that if the accident happened when he was a civilian he would have thought twice about what to do, but he said the training the Marine Corps has given him helped him react fast.

Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, center, acknowledges quarterly awardees following a ceremony at the Commanding General's Conference Room May 9. Awardees include, from left to right, Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, Sgt. Henry Vargas; Marine of the Quarter, Lance Cpl. Beau Curtis; Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer 2nd Class Kenneth Bam; Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer 3rd Class Sean Evans; and Blue Jacket Sailor of the Quarter, Seaman Tyrieka Sanders. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Western states' educators get week-long introduction to Marine recruit training

by Public Affairs
Chevron staff

High school administrators, teachers, counselors and reporters from Recruiting Stations Seattle, Wash., Sacramento, Calif., and Salt Lake City, Utah., experienced a week-long synopsis of Marine Corps recruit training during the Educators Workshop Monday through today.

Drill instructors greeted the bus load of educators the same way they greet new recruits on the well-known yellow footprints.

The yellow footprints are used by drill instructors to make their immediate and intimidating presence known by running and yelling at new recruits.

Keandra Thompson, community liaison, Bremerton school district, Wash., said that the yellow footprints experience was intimidating but realizes that all the yelling is only to prepare the recruits for combat stress.

"This experience is awesome. It makes me want to go to boot camp," said Thompson.

Classroom briefs describing the entire enlistment process, including recruiting, joining the Marine Corps, boot camp

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May marks Asian Pacific American Heritage Month observance

by Karen Olender,
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A joint resolution signed by President Carter on October 5, 1978 proclaimed May 4, 1979 as the first Asian Pacific Heritage Week. One week in May was proclaimed Asian Pacific Heritage Week until 1992 when Congress passed legislation extending the period of the celebration to the entire month. May was chosen because of some significant milestones in Asian American history during that month such as the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to America and the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Asian immigration to the United States started after the California Gold Rush in 1848 when labor for mining and Transcontinental Railroad construction was needed. More than 200,000 Chinese came to the West Coast to work on the railroad which was completed on May 10, 1869. In the following decades, more than 450,000 Japanese (the first arrived on May 7, 1843) and Filipinos came as immigrants.

By 2007, the U.S. Asian American population increased to over 14 million with even more diversity among Asian American ethnic groups with many immigrants arriving from Korea, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Pakistan. There are 3.6 million Asians of Chinese descent, 2.9 million are of Filipino descent, 2.7 million are Asia-Indians, 1.6 million are Vietnamese, 1.5 million are Koreans, and 1.2 million are of Japanese descent.

The projected number of U.S. residents in 2050 who will identify themselves as Asians will be 33.4 million. That number will be eight percent of the total population in 2050.

The number of people ages five or older who speak Chinese at home is 2.5 million. After Spanish, Chinese is the most widely spoken non-English language in the country. Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Korean are each spoken at home by more than 1 million people.

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MCRD San Diego mascot taste-tests beef during annual Officer Dining-In

Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, top center, offers a piece of beef to the depot mascot, Cpl. Molly Marine, Headquarters and Service Battalion, during the Parade the Beef Ceremony at the Officer Dining-In at the Westin Hotel in San Diego, May 10. Molly tested the beef to ensure it was fit for consumption, after which the meal was served. After dessert, wine and punch is served and toasting begins. Formal toasts are the heart of the formal Dining-In. A junior officer, known as "Mr. Vice," proposes a toast to the guests, at which the guests remain seated. After this, various parties will offer toasts to the Commander-in-Chief, the head of state of a visiting or host nation, to their branch of service, to the units, and to the fallen members of the military. The Officer Dining-In originated from British tradition and was adopted by the United States military 200 years ago. The event is meant to allow officers to gather for an evening of food, drinking and other events to foster camaraderie and esprit de corps. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Women learn to defend themselves from attacks

by Cpl. Carrie Booze
Chevron staff

Female service members and spouses gathered at the Family Advocacy Program conference room to learn how to prevent and defend themselves against sexual assault, April 28.

"This class was specifically made for women to teach women how to defend themselves," said Kat Wager, prevention educator, Center of Community Solutions. "Its not about empowerment with belts like karate, but empowerment with knowledge."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Amanda Morrison, Branch Dental Clinic, said that she decided to take the class because she is a small person and wanted to learn how to defend herself against someone who is bigger and stronger.

The women began the class by sitting in a circle to discuss the myths and realities of sexual assault and rape. They then went over rape statistics and were educated on awareness, intuition and assertive techniques.

"Many of the women were saddened and surprised by the amount of women who get assaulted a year, but it is important to counsel them before they get assaulted rather than after," said Wager.

Sgt. April Umana, administrative clerk, 12th Marine Corps District, left, practices using the palm strike technique on a dummy during the Self-defense for Women class, while Kat Wager, prevention educator, Center of Community Relations, instructs her on the proper technique, April 28. *Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron*

The women are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and not to be afraid to look around, said Wager. They are also told to pay attention to their intuition because it is a legitimate feeling and is usually their first warning sign.

After discussing how to prevent being attacked, the women practiced assertive techniques and were asked to assertively tell someone that they are uncomfortable being touched.

"Being assertive prevents 82 percent of attacks because people who are passive tend to get assaulted," said Wager. "So we have the women practice being assertive by telling people exactly what they are not comfortable with."

The women began the exercises with reservations, but after they did some of the assertive exercises they began to come out of their shells and were very enthusiastic, said Wager.

Next, they were shown physical techniques on how to protect themselves from an attacker. They were told to aim for the vulnerable parts of an attacker's body; eyes, nose, throat, groin and knees.

"They had a lot of fun doing the physical techniques; some of the women had never thrown a punch before," said Wager. "We made sure they knew that if they had to physically touch someone then they are already in a dangerous position.

"The women left the class more confident in their abilities and knowing that they have strengths against others weaknesses," said Wager.

Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask! Act! Intervene!

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In some cases, sexual assault can be avoided when service members take responsibility for each other and get involved when a fellow service member is at risk. In emergency situations, many things prohibit bystanders from intervening:

- If no one else is acting, it is hard to go against the crowd
- People may feel that they are risking embarrassment (What if I'm wrong and they don't need help?)
- They may think there is someone else in the group who is more qualified to help
- They may think that the situation does not call for help since no one else is doing anything

Avoid being a bystander. Intervene regardless of what others are doing and don't be worried about being wrong; it is better to be wrong than to have done nothing at all. Stopping sexual assault in the military community requires every service member's involvement.

Learn how to recognize indications of potentially dangerous situations. Here are some examples of behaviors related to sexual assault:

- Inappropriate touching or disregarding set boundaries
- Suggestive remarks
- Inappropriate intimacy
- Attempts to isolate someone
- Pressuring someone to drink
- Violent behaviors
- Targeting someone who is visibly impaired

If a situation makes us uncomfortable, we may try to dismiss it as not being a problem. The person may need your help more than you think.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, here are some local and national resources:

MCRD/WRR Victim Advocate
(619) 524-0421, 4-0265
MCRD/WRR Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
(619) 524-5731
Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA)
(619) 524-6994

BRIEFS

From the Chief of Staff

This is a friendly reminder that vehicle operators on the depot, and operators of government-owned vehicles, shall not use cellular phones while driving unless they use a hands-free device. A hands-free device is a feature that permits a driver to use the telephone without lifting or holding the handset to the driver's ear. Also prohibited is wearing portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices while jogging, walking, skating, skateboarding or bicycling while aboard a military facility.

In preparation of the Critical Days of Summer campaign, a period of increased risk for Marines which runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day, we need to ensure our Marines remain safe.

Beginning June 1, violators of these orders will receive traffic citations on base.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

The depot's financial advisor, Mike McIsaac, invites depot personnel to attend his Brown Bag Lunch Series of financial workshops.

Upcoming workshops include:

June 18 – Understanding homeowner's and auto insurance
July 23 – How to get out of debt, manage credit and build wealth

MCCS Golf Tournament

Marine Corps Community Services, MCRD San Diego will host the MCCS Golf Tournament to benefit the Marine Corps Ball on May 20 at 7:30 a.m. at the Riverwalk Golf Course, Fashion Valley. Check-in is at 6:30 a.m. The format is scramble. The event is open to the public. Registration is on-going at the MCCS Marketing Office, Bldg. 5W. The cost per four-person team is $300 which includes the green fee, cart, shirt, goodie bag, and lunch. For information call Tim Cleator at (619) 725-6420 or e-mail him at cleatortr@usmc-mccs.org.

Sunset Concert

Marine Band San Diego will perform its annual Summer Sunset Concert, June 14 at 7 p.m. on the lawn in front of Pendleton Hall on the depot. The concert is open to the public and admission is free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Prohibited items include coolers, alcohol, glass bottles and pets (except for service animals). Vehicles may enter at Gate 5 (back gate). Gate 2 will be closed to vehicle traffic, but pedestrians may walk through.

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Sgt. Sidney Pineda, center, drill instructor, Instructional Training Company, does side-straddle-hops with educators as a part of their warm-up routine before beginning their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program class, May 13. *Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron*

Dave Burmark, counselor, Gigharbor High School, Gigharbor, Wash., left, holds a punching bag as Kent Chalmers, band director, Cashmere High School, Cashmere, Wash., center, strikes it. Staff Sgt. Steven Scott, drill instructor, Company C, right, motivates Chalmers to strike harder and faster. *Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron*

Educators share a meal with recruits at Duncan Hall, May 13. Visiting western state educators were given the opportunity to eat with recruits under training, to allow them the opportunity to see the training process from the trainee point of view.
Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron

John Caster, principal, West Valley High School, Spokane, Wash., provides cover for his fire-team after crossing the rope bridge obstacle on the Bayonet Assault Course, May 13. Educators were given the opportunity to run the course wearing full combat gear so they could better understand the physical rigors of recruit training. *Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron*

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graduation, and the Fleet Marine Force, and informed the educators about Marine's lifestyles.

Educators were invited at the end of the first day to take part in the Bayonet Assault Course on the depot. They maneuvered through obstacles, crawled through tunnels and carried rubber M-16A2 service rifles while wearing Kevlar helmets.

"The bayonet assault killed me, but it was a great experience," said Debbie Running, Aberdeen High School, Aberdeen, Wash. "The gear was very heavy and it was hard to crawl around in all that dirt."

Running said that a couple of times she wanted to give up and walk off the course, but she was very proud of herself when she finished because it was a major accomplishment.

The educators also visited Weapons Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to witness weapons firing and field training.

Educators leaving the depot today said that they have a better understanding of the Marine Corps and the young men and women who embody it.

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Company H recruits low-crawl to the next obstacle of Howard's Assault. The course is based on the heroic actions of Medal of Honor recipient Gunnery Sgt. Jimmie E. Howard during combat actions in Vietnam. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Recruit Corey L. Blackmore, Platoon 2166, begins his crawl through a covert obsta operations May 6 at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Company H recruits p

by Cpl. Robert W. Beaver
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Some Company H recruits were cut off and pinned down by simulated enemy fire during the Crucible May 6 at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The mission for two squads from Platoon 2166 was to assault through the enemy fortifications to bring supplies and to reinforce the friendly position.

Although this mission was simulated for recruits, it was a real mission that occurred more than 40 years ago.

All Crucible obstacles are based on the actions of a Medal of Honor recipient. This one is based on the actions of Gunnery Sgt. Jimmie E. Howard, a platoon leader for 1st Reconnaissance Battalion during combat operations in Vietnam in June 1966.

Howard led his 18-man platoon against a well-trained North Vietnamese force. Despite mounting casualties, Howard remained calm and courageous—sometimes exposing himself to accurate enemy fire—to personally supervise his platoon's defensive positi

After being wounded by he distributed his ammuni continued leading them to for his unit's extraction.

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"The course helps recru tactics," said Cpl. Francisco instructor, Weapons and Fi Edson Range. "They learn t

Company H recruits rush over high trip wires to the next obstacle. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Recruits provide cover fire for their advancing t protective fire as fellow recruits move toward t

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A Company H recruit climbs over a wall at the beginning of Howard's Assault. Recruits are required to scale four walls, rush over hidden trip wires, cross log bridges and crawl through the dirt and a covert obstacle while carrying an ammunition can. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

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The course requires recruits to scale four walls, high-step through hidden trip wires, cross log bridges, crawl through the dirt and a covert obstacle while moving as a team and carrying an ammunition can. Teams leap-frog to the objective in pairs while other team members provide them with cover fire.

"I was tired halfway through the course from dragging the ammunition can," said Recruit Joseph J. Strohbehn, Platoon 2166. "Just when I wanted to give up, I pushed harder because I couldn't give up on my team and ultimately myself."

Inspired by the story of Howard's assault, Strohbehn and his team successfully accomplished their mission.

"The (Medal of Honor) citation gave me a lot of motivation," said Strohbehn, a 21-year-old native of Moline, Ill. "It's amazing what Marines have done in the past. I have a lot of pride for having the chance to become a part of their (legacy)."

teammates. Recruits leap-frog from obstacle to obstacle while providing
their goal. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Recruit Joseph J. Strohbehn, Platoon 2166, walks across a log bridge. Strohbehn, a 21-year-old native of Moline, Ill. said the course made him tired enough to make him want to quit. But he said he could not give up on himself and his team. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Nigeria native finds his path through the Marine Corps

Recruit Enobong Idio, Platoon 2161, cheers for his squad during an obstacle race during the Crucible at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif., on May 6. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

BY CPL. JAMES GREEN
Chevron staff

Less than three years ago Pvt. Enobong Idio, Platoon 2161, Company H, was living in Nigeria with his mother, father and three brothers.

He left home at 19-years-old to relieve his father of supporting more kids than he was able. Idio began working as a video producer at his uncle's studio to help support himself and pay off his high school fees.

After two years of struggling and virtually fighting for everything he ever called his own, his uncle linked Idio up with his aunt who lives in Dallas.

Idio and his aunt spoke about him moving to the U.S., and in 2006 their conversation became reality. Idio, then 21, moved in with his aunt, a registered nurse, in pursuit of a continuing education to eventually become a pharmacist. His first three months were difficult. He had to learn the new culture and get use to a different way of life, from what people wore to what they ate. He had to adapt to the weather and the new environment. He later attended East Field College in Mesquite, Texas, and worked as a merchandiser for a cola company for a year before he made the decision to join the Marine Corps.

"I was watching a movie one night and the Marines came on my T.V.," said Idio. "I knew then that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to do what I saw on the T.V."

The way the Silent Drill Platoon performed in the advertisement he saw inspired him.

When he told his parents of his decision he said they were proud of him.

"In Nigeria, to have someone in the military in your family, your family becomes respected," said Idio. "My father's advice for me was to be careful and responsible."

Before leaving for boot camp, Idio did his research on the other services, compared their training and confirmed his choice was the right one for him.

He began talking to active duty and retired Marines in his community to better prepare for the mental and physical expectations he would soon encounter.

He enlisted under an engineer contract because he wanted to work with his hands.

When Idio arrived on the depot he already had the mindset he needed to complete training.

"I think if you put your heart into it, you can overcome anything," said Idio. "The way I see it, this is the pathway to my dreams."

He said he didn't want to be "just another immigrant" coming to America from another country. He felt the Marine Corps was the perfect way to get him where he wanted to be in life. Idio said completing boot camp serves as personal satisfaction as well as serving his new country.

"He was soft spoken but he did what was demanded of him," said Staff Sgt. Curtis D. Magee, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2161. "He stood out because he wasn't making a lot of the mistakes the other recruits were making."

The challenges Idio overcame in recruit training were attributed to his hopes and dreams of becoming a Marine.

"Time isn't on anyone's side," said Idio. "Every time I look at the clock it is running and I don't want one second to pass and I'm not doing anything. I want to look back and see that I did something."

Throughout his time on the depot and Camp Pendleton, Calif., Idio found that just wanting to live his dream made it a reality.

He liked talking with his senior drill instructor and the other recruits from all over the country. He thought it was interesting the way everyone came together from different areas and worked as a team.

"I would talk to all the recruits about Marine Corps life after boot camp," said Curtis. "Idio particularly enjoyed those talks."

Idio wanted to emulate his drill instructors. He wanted to walk and talk with pride and confidence. His drill instructors motivated him and made him feel strong, like he could accomplish any task, he said.

According to Idio, he has not seen a bad part of recruit training. He got through each obstacle by using the recruits to his left and right to get him through hardships.

"I looked at (the recruits) and saw if they could do it, and if they did, I knew I could too," said Idio. "And if they couldn't, I looked at my drill instructors."

Idio also helped the other recruits by assisting the weaker ones in physical training, according to Curtis.

His many reasons for joining the Marines are easily summed up into Idio wanting to be part of the Marine brotherhood that has become so well-known throughout the world. Idio said he wanted to feel what it was like to have honor, courage and commitment running through his veins.

A time memorable to Idio was seeing two Marines, clearly not related, calling each other "brother." He said he was so moved by this that he knew he wanted to do what it took to earn that acceptance.

Idio wants to be able to live the whole "Once a Marine, always a Marine" legacy. "Not everyone where I come from can do this," said Idio.

Idio plans on returning to Texas during his ten days of leave after boot camp and eating some Nigerian food with his aunt and cousins.

Although he misses his culture back home and his friends and family, Idio said he is proud to be a Marine.

He said he looks forward to Marine Combat Training and can't wait to continue on to his next chapter in the Corps.

"I'm just working toward my dream," said Idio.

Recruit Enobong Idio marches alongside his Crucible squad after leaving the Confidence Course. Idio, a native of Nigeria, was a squad leader in his platoon. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Col. Jeffrey M. Peterson

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Col. Jeffrey M. Peterson attended the Platoon Leaders Course in Quantico, Va., in 1982. He graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in business and economics from University of Wisconsin-Platteville and was commissioned a second lieutenant in December 1982.

Upon graduation from The Basic School in 1983, Peterson attended the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, Okla., graduating with distinction. In 1984, he reported to Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines for duty as an artillery forward observer and fire direction officer. He was meritoriously augmented in 1985 and given a directed lateral move to the adjutant field. He completed his tour with 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines serving as the adjutant and legal officer.

In 1986, Peterson reported to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, for duty as the assistant personnel officer with subsequent assignments as the brigade personnel officer and deputy assistant chief of staff, Manpower. He was promoted to captain in 1988 and was also selected to attend the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Peterson graduated with distinction with a Master of Science degree from the Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Analysis Curriculum and earned the Faculty Award for Academic Excellence for graduating with the highest grade point average in the history of the curriculum. In 1990, he reported to the Manpower Plans and Policy Division, Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, D.C., for duty as the enlisted career force plans officer.

In 1993, Peterson reported to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) in Okinawa, Japan, for duty as the adjutant. He was promoted to major in 1994 and assumed duties as the commanding officer, Recruiting Station Montgomery, Ala., in 1995. Under Peterson's command, RS Montgomery earned the Commandant of the Marine Corps' Superior Achievement Award in FY95, FY96, and FY97 for meeting all assigned recruiting missions.

Following a brief six-month assignment as the assistant enlisted recruiting operations officer, Marine Corps Recruiting Command and completion of Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Peterson assumed duties as the head of the Total Force Administration System Branch in the Manpower and Reserve Affairs Department, Headquarters Marine Corps at Quantico, Va., in June 1999. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in August 1999 and commanded the 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., from June 2000 to June 2002. He subsequently attended the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., graduating in June 2003.

Peterson reported for duty as the assistant chief of staff, Manpower, U. S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic in Norfolk, Va., in July 2003 and was promoted to colonel in November 2004. From October 2004 to March 2005, Peterson was deployed to Djibouti, serving as the director of personnel for Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. In July 2005, he assumed command of the 9th Marine Corps District. On July 3, 2008, he will relinquish command and report to MCRD, Parris Island and the Eastern Recruiting Region for duty as the chief of staff.

Peterson's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (fourth award), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Platoon 2163

COMPANY HONOR MAN
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Temecula, Calif.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. S. R. Keiser

Platoon 2166

SERIES HONOR MAN
Pfc. C. A. Magno
San Francisco
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. C. E. Solomon

Platoon 2161

PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. D. V. Gonzales II
Woodland, Calif.
Recruited by
Sgt. G. A. Luna

Platoon 2162

PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. R. E. Devitt
Cumberland, Md.
Recruited by
Sgt. G. Hashay

Platoon 2165

PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. T. L. Story
Guthrie, Okla.
Recruited by
Sgt. C. R. Garcia

Platoon 2161

HIGH SHOOTER (240)
Pfc. B. K. Fritz II
Sacramento, Calif.
Marksmanship Instructor
Sgt. D. Hernandez

Platoon 2161

HIGH PFT (300)
Pfc. K. A. Cormier
Pheonix
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. F. Lonzano

HOTEL COMPANY

Staff Sgt. Christopher Farnes, 2nd Battalion drill instructor, right center, calls cadence for Company H Marines as they return to their squad bay after a briefing about the School of Infantry at McDougal Hall on May 14. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

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Company First Sergeant
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Series Chief Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. C. R. Ross

PLATOON 2161
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. C. D. Magee
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. A. M. Doughty
Staff Sgt. E. Partida
Staff Sgt. T. H. Sanderson

Pfc. A. H. Abshire
Pvt. E. Arguelles
*Pfc. S. M. Atchley
Pvt. J. D. Banks
Pfc. M. A. Barela
Pvt. E. J. Barthelemy
Pvt. M. D. Boyle
Pfc. B. D. Bozzuto
Pfc. T. E. Braudt
Pvt. J. R. Brodit
Pfc. A. S. Brown
Pvt. C. J. Brown
Pfc. M. T. Busker
Pvt. C. G. Carpenter
Pvt. Z. E. Carter
Pfc. R. Chavira Jr.
Pvt. N. J. Clayton
Pfc. K. A. Cormier
Pvt. M. J. Creeser
Pvt. A. D. Cronk
Pvt. B. E. Crowder
Pvt. M. E. Crozier
Pvt. G. T. Dart
Pfc. D. J. Deleon
Pvt. K. L. Dodge
Pvt. D. L. Driver
Pvt. D. R. Duenas Jr.
Pfc. C. H. Earnest
Pvt. A. W. Eckel
*Pfc. E. C. Eckel
Pfc. C. J. Ecklund III
Pvt. T. S. Elmore
*Pfc. C. A. Espinoza
Pvt. W. A. Fleming
Pvt. E. K. Freeman
Pfc. B. K. Fritz II
Pfc. T. J. Fuentes
*Pfc. S. E. Gilmet
*Pfc. D. V. Gonzales II
Pvt. C. W. Grider
Pvt. K. R. Gruber II
Pvt. R. D. Harden
Pvt. D. P. Harper
Pfc. R. L. Haynes III
Pfc. A. J. Helvig
Pvt. J. D. Howard
Pvt. E. E. Idio
Pvt. T. F. Krock
Pvt. J. C. Lacy Jr.
Pvt. T. A. Lalonde
Pvt. A. F. Lawrence
Pvt. R. B. Lovato
Pfc. D. A. Luedtke
Pvt. T. R. Mackie
Pvt. R. Madera-Graciano
Pvt. K. J. McVey
Pvt. D. A. Mendoza
Pvt. R. P. Mesa Jr.
Pvt. G. C. Metzgar IV
Pvt. N. Mireles
Pvt. M. Montano
Pvt. C. W. Montez
Pfc. T. R. Noland
Pvt. M. A. Sanchez-Perez
Pvt. Z. J. Smith
Pfc. B. T. Watterud
Pvt. S. A. Wild
Pvt. A. J. Williams
Pvt. D. M. Willson

PLATOON 2162
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. J. W. McManus
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. R. A. Cain
Staff Sgt. C. H. Farnes
Sgt. B. G. Jordan
Sgt. A. J. Martinez

Pvt. C. R. Adams
Pfc. J. N. Ball
Pvt. C. C. Basoco
Pvt. M. J. Bender
Pfc. M. A. Bone
Pfc. J. D. Borrini
Pvt. C. W. Boyd
Pvt. S. R. Buchinger
Pvt. A. T. Burr
Pvt. M. A. Bylsma Jr.
Pvt. A. R. Campbell
Pvt. N. D. Canfield
Pvt. R. D. Carlos
Pvt. I. L. Carrillo
Pvt. J. J. Carrizales Jr.
Pvt. M. R. Carroll
Pvt. C. A. Carter
Pvt. W. R. Clark III
Pvt. J. C. Clark
Pfc. C. C. Collins
Pvt. P. M. Collom
Pvt. E. A. Cruz Jr.
Pfc. L. A. Cruz
*Pfc. J. R. Cunnings
Pvt. J. C. Curtisbell
Pfc. M. S. Dale
Pvt. C. T. Davis
Pvt. J. R. Depasque
Pfc. R. E. Devitt
Pfc. S. A. Duncan
Pvt. B. J. Easterday
Pvt. T. N. Eplin
Pvt. J. S. Freeman
Pvt. L. P. Friesen
Pvt. E. D. Galva
Pvt. A. W. Garcia
Pvt. C. A. Garcia
Pvt. M. C. Garcia
Pfc. S. J. Golf
Pvt. S. A. Gray
Pvt. R. C. Hale
*Pfc. C. T. Hellerich
Pvt. M. C. Hendershot
Pfc. J. L. Herron III
Pvt. Z. P. Hill
Pvt. A. Z. Houchin
Pvt. W. A. House
Pvt. K. J. Humburg
Pfc. B. L. Jones
*Pfc. A. L. Kinder
Pfc. T. A. Knobloch
Pvt. C. A. Martin
Pvt. J. R. McKinney
Pvt. N. W. McPheron
Pvt. F. A. Minniti
Pfc. A. R. Montgomery
*Pfc. W. E. Mostoller
Pfc. C. L. Obst
Pfc. J. E. Olsen
Pvt. B. J. Paige
Pvt. A. A. Pansza
Pvt. J. Petkau
Pfc. A. R. Pfeifer
Pvt. M. D. Porter
Pvt. J. W. Rallinson
*Pfc. J. J. Rands
Pfc. I. A. Reilly
Pvt. J. K. L. Terry

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Senior Drill Instructor
Sgt. L. L. Colley
Drill Instructors
Sgt. G. Erosa-Gonzalez
Sgt. L. R. Lambaran
Sgt. J. D. Ramirez
Sgt. J. S. Williams

Pvt. D. M. Acevedo
Pvt. V. A. Acosta
Pvt. E. Aguayo
Pvt. S. D. Boyd Jr.
Pvt. N. M. Boyle
Pvt. J. J. Burris
Pvt. C. M. Butler
Pvt. J. O. Clark
Pvt. K. T. Cope
Pvt. M. J. Corden
*Pfc. Z. R. Cory
Pvt. R. A. Cruz
Pvt. C. N. Delgado
Pvt. S. F. Delibertis
Pvt. J. M. Elkins
Pvt. A. S. Entel
Pvt. B. P. Fields
Pvt. S. S. Foucault
Pvt. M. A. Garcia
*Pfc. G. B. Gaudet
*Pfc. J. D. Gossett
Pvt. J. T. Gothier
Pfc. W. H. Grant
Pfc. S. P. Greene
Pvt. J. H. Guardado
Pvt. G. M. Hahn
Pfc. L. A. Herediabaez
Pvt. S. P. Hernandez
Pvt. D. G. Hoffman
Pvt. C. G. Hoskin
Pvt. R. J. Jindra
Pvt. N. J. Johnson
Pvt. J. L. Kohl
Pfc. D. E. Krizo
Pvt. J. R. Kubow
Pvt. C. J. Lee
Pvt. T. G. Liggett
Pvt. J. W. Logan
Pvt. G. Macias
Pvt. M. T. Maloney
Pvt. N. A. Marlowe
Pfc. A. E. Martiz
Pvt. G. J. McDonald
Pvt. R. S. Miller
Pvt. N. A. Millington
Pvt. R. Moreno
Pvt. R. D. Mulrooney
*Lance Cpl. M. D. Nelson
Pfc. M. D. Nelson
Pvt. I. A. Normand
Pvt. Q. J. Palou
Pvt. D. D. Paris Jr.
Pvt. I. Parrales
Pvt. D. E. Poyorenarock
Pvt. C. J. Purucker
Pvt. B. W. Reed
Pfc. J. C. Ritter
Pvt. S. B. Roland
Pvt. R. S. Rosales
Pvt. J. R. Roush
Pvt. T. G. Ruybal
Pvt. M. A. Salinas
Pvt. M. L. Sanchez
Pfc. C. Santellanes
*Pfc. R. T. Sheppard
Pfc. D. A. Smith

SERIES 2165
Series Commander
1st Lt. J. B. Rehtmeier
Series Chief Drill Instructor
Gunnery Sgt. C. M. Blenis

PLATOON 2165
Senior Drill Instructor
Gunnery Sgt. C. S. Cobb
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. F. Rafael
Staff Sgt. C. M. Swan

Pvt. L. K. Agyei
Pvt. N. D. Armijio
Pfc. B. M. Bottita
Pvt. L. T. Brearley
Pvt. J. D. Bruckerhoff
Pfc. J. A. Buckingham
*Pfc. J. R. Cash
Pvt. D. R. Cervantes
Pfc. J. H. Clement III
Pfc. B. C. Cochran
Pfc. W. C. Dudley III
Pvt. E. Falcon
Pvt. B. J. Farmer
Pvt. L. L. Fernandez
Pvt. K. S. Gibbons
Pfc. E. W. Glocker
*Pfc. J. D. Gonzales
Pvt. C. A. Hackett
Pvt. N. G. Henrie
Pfc. N. S. Keeney II
Pvt. A. M. Korte
Pvt. J. R. Kovach
Pvt. J. A. Lager
Pvt. N. A. Lannan
Pvt. C. P. LeRoy
Pvt. C. S. Lewis
*Pfc. T. M. Lewis
Pvt. M. J. Matlock
Pvt. C. A. Maxwell
Pfc. A. M. Mendoza
Pvt. B. E. Muller
Pvt. J. E. Newcomer
Pfc. P. J. Nosser
Pvt. C. N. Perez
Pfc. D. Peter
Pvt. N. S. Peterson
Pvt. M. W. Power
Pvt. O. Puentes
*Pfc. S. A. Rader
Pvt. S. B. Raff
Pfc. B. R. Reed
Pvt. N. F. Reed
Pfc. J. M. Rene
Pfc. R. R. Schneck
Pvt. M. T. Schultz
Pfc. C. J. Silva
Pfc. N. A. Smith
Pvt. T. D. Smith
Pvt. B. S. St. Armand
Pfc. C. A. Staten
Pvt. J. K. Stitt
Pfc. T. L. Story
Pvt. Z. A. Strothkamp
Pvt. D. A. Terwilliger
Pvt. P. M. Timmons
Pvt. J. K. Tuttle
*Pfc. P. M. Villa
Pvt. S. M. Villarreal
Pvt. C. M. Villegas
Pvt. W. F. Voyles III
Pvt. C. E. Weisbrot
Pfc. C. D. Wilkes
Pvt. N. W. Williams
Pvt. A. M. Wilson
Pvt. B. A. Woods
Pvt. N. Xiong
Pvt. S. A. Zuniga-Perez

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Drill Instructors
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Staff Sgt. M. N. Caldas
Sgt. F. J. Gonzalez
Sgt. J. L. Hernandez

Pvt. V. M. Aviles
Pvt. C. L. Blackmore
Pvt. C. J. Cusenza
Pvt. J. A. Dorantes
Pfc. B. J. Feltes
Pfc. J. K. Horchler
*Pfc. C. A. Magno
Pvt. R. J. Morales
Pvt. V. R. Morris III
Pvt. J. M. Mowrer
Pfc. L. V. Myres
*Pfc. D. J. Nagy
Pvt. M. P. Ogle
Pvt. D. A. Peterson
Pvt. J. R. Quattlebaum
Pfc. J. H. Reeves
Pfc. P. N. Rice
Pvt. Z. A. Rice
Pvt. C. A. Robinson
Pvt. A. Rodriguez
Pvt. J. R. Rohrer
Pvt. B. J. Romkowske
Pvt. C. P. Rosenbusch
Pfc. T. A. Rudiger
Pvt. B. E. Scheafer
Pvt. A. H. Schmidt
Pvt. J. D. Schrantz
Pvt. S. D. Senf
*Pfc. J. L. Shaneyfelt
Pvt. J. L. Shavers Jr.
Pfc. J. W. Shelly
Pvt. G. N. Shipley
Pfc. B. E. Shipp
Pfc. P. R. Shrum
Pvt. R. J. Simonette
Pvt. J. P. Sobieray
Pvt. S. R. Soffel
Pvt. J. A. Solomon
Pvt. R. Soto
Pfc. A. E. Sperling
Pvt. G. N. Sponsler
Pvt. J. S. Sporrer
Pvt. C. M. Springer
Pfc. B. D. Stockellburg
Pvt. J. J. Strohbehn
Pvt. U. J. Talbot
Pvt. R. J. Thebeau
Pvt. R. D. Thompson
Pvt. D. Torres
Pfc. B. L. Trammell
Pvt. C. M. Tryon
Pvt. B. D. Vancleave
Pvt. M. F. Villa
Pfc. Y. Villafuerte
Pvt. A. Villanueva
*Pfc. B. H. Wade
Pvt. T. E. Walker
*Pfc. K. W. Wear
Pfc. M. J. Weber
Pvt. W. G. West Jr.
Pvt. T. D. West
Pvt. J. M. Williams
Pvt. C. M. Willis
Pvt. C. P. Winterhof
Pfc. C. M. Wright

*Denotes meritorious promotion

CG'S CUP

Headquarters and Service Battalion's Cpl. Danny E. Phillips swings at a pitch during the first game of the Commanding General's Cup softball season Tuesday. Phillips hit a triple, bringing his teammate on third, home. Headquarters and Service Bn. won their game against Support Battalion 2, 18-2. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

CG's Cup 2008 softball season opens with 15 teams

by Cpl. Robert W. Beaver
Chevron staff

Week one of the Commanding General's Cup softball season kicked-off Tuesday with depot teams fighting for early momentum.

A record 15 teams signed up, creating the need for separate divisions for the six-week season. Games are limited to seven innings or 55 minutes with the option of a mercy rule, which means the games can end early if one team reaches a score well above their opponents.

"This is going to be the best season we've ever had," said Rachel Dickinson, CG's Cup sports coordinator. "We've never had this many teams involved. More teams means more competition, camaraderie and smack-talk."

In season's opening game, Headquarters and Service Battalion destroyed Support Bn. 2, 18-2, forcing the game to end in the fourth inning due to the mercy rule.

"Our win was a great way for us to start off the season," said Sgt. Brittney Solano, catcher for H&S Bn., who dropped a fly ball. "We have a well-rounded team with players who are very versatile. We are in it for the win but we want to have fun as well."

The Provost Marshal's Office slipped past 2nd Bn. in a close game, 13-12.

Marine Corps Community Service monopolized Recruiters School, 6-4.

The Medical and Dental team operated on 1st Battalion, 12-6.

Support Bn. 1 went easy on 12th Marine Corps District, winning the game, 18-2. The match also ended early due to the mercy rule.

Maritime Safety and Security Team shutout 3rd Battalion, 7-0.

The Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, Ceremony Platoon and Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement teams received bye-weeks.

The season will continue for the next five weeks at the depot softball fields. Games will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday, except during special events and holidays.

For more information, call Rachel Dickinson at (619) 524- 0548.

Rafael Aceves, first baseman, Marine Corps Community Services, reaches for the catch and an out against Recruiters School. Marine Corps Community Services defeated Recruiters School 6-4. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Staff Sgt. Dustin L. Peterson, first baseman, Support Battalion 2, gets a taste of dirt as he slides into third base. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

Sgt. Maj. Bryan Link, pitcher for Support Battalion 2, tosses a pitch to a H&S Bn. player. *Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*