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MIKE, NOVEMBER COMPANIES EARN THE TITLE



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Photo by Lance Cpl. David Bessey

A Marine holds his Marine Corps emblem after receiving it during the Eagle, Globe and Anchor ceremony at the Iwo Jima flag raising statue on Parris Island on July 7.



Photo by Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Dunn

Rct. Danielle Kendall, of Platoon 4018, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, looks at her place marker, going over the steps to find her degree measurement. Kendall, a 19-year-old native of Canton, Ga., left her original plan of becoming an Air Force officer and a scholarship at Georgia Institute of Technology to enlist in the Marine Corps.

Marine trades scholarship for leadership

Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Dunn
Staff Writer

Pfc. Danielle Kendall, Platoon 4018, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, graduated today after she attended the Georgia Institute of Technology and wanted to become an Air Force officer, joined the Marine Corps for better leadership qualifications.

Kendall, a 19-year-old native of Canton, Ga., decided after only one se-

mester at the college that she was not getting enough leadership training.

"I didn't like the way the ROTC trained. I didn't feel like I was being prepared well enough to lead troops," said Kendall.

Kendall decided to join the Marine Corps as a better foundation to be an officer in December 2011, said Staff Sgt. Kevin Brown, 30, her recruiter.

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Marine joins for fallen friend

Lance Cpl. David Bessey
Staff Writer

Pfc. Jennifer Pantoja, of Platoon 4019, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, a 19-year-old college student, lived her whole life in Chicago and never traveled far from home. Joining the military was never on her mind

until her best friend, Pvt. Silvia Martinez, went home on leave. However, their time together was cut short.

"My best friend joined the Marines and was on leave when she was shot and killed in a drive by shooting," Pantoja said. "That is what motivated me to finally join the Marine Corps."

After her friend's death,

Pantoja joined the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Illinois in Chicago. It was her goal to one day be an officer in the Corps.

She worked two jobs to pay her way through college, even with the assistance from scholarships.

However, after she finished more than a

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Photo by Lance Cpl. David Bessey

Rct. Jennifer Pantoja, 19, of Platoon 4019, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, announces she is about to move during Basic Warrior Training.

NEWS BRIEF

Notice to boaters

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island is scheduled to conduct extended live-fire training Monday and Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. The marsh and waterways in the range impact area to include Archers Creek, Ribbon Creek and Edding Creek will be closed to boater traffic.

For questions regarding firing times and waterway closures, contact the Weapons and Field Training Battalion range control at 843-228-3170.

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MIKE AND NOVEMBER COMPANY GRADUATES

Mike Honor Graduates

Pfc. F. L. Stark, Jacksonville, Fla.
Platoon 3048, Stark was recruited by
Sgt. Stallworth and trained by Sgt. Greenfield

Pfc. P. T. Baulding, Burlington, N.C.
Platoon 3049, Baulding was recruited by
Gunnery Sgt. Aitcheson and trained by Staff Sgt. Torres

Pfc. F. R. Taveras, New York
Platoon 3050, Taveras was recruited by
Sgt. Ramirez and trained by Staff Sgt. Garrett

Pfc. R. M. Scopin, Gaithersburg, Md.
Platoon 3052, Scopin was recruited by
Staff Sgt. Garcia and trained by Sgt. Coleman

Pfc. A. M. Baughman, Vandalia, Ohio
Platoon 3053, Baughman was recruited by
Staff Sgt. Polt and trained by Staff Sgt. Villalobos

November Honor Graduates

Pfc. D. R. Kendall, Canton, Ga.
Platoon 4018, Kendall was recruited by
Staff Sgt. Crawford and trained by Staff Sgt. Brown

Pfc. R. A. Howard, Kansas City, Kan.
Platoon 4019, Howard was recruited by
Sgt. Campbell and trained by Staff Sgt. Moore

Platoon 3048

Pfc. D. P. Baldus, Pfc. D. T. Bastin, Pvt. M. A. Berretta, Pvt. J. A. Bolin, Pvt. T. K. Campbell, Pvt. W. J. Christensen, Pfc. A. F. ContrerasCruz, Pvt. Z. S. Cremeans, Pvt. A. L. Crosswell, Pvt. M. Cruz, Pfc. A. R. Deramus, Pfc. S. Edouard, Pfc. A. S. Gall, Pfc. H. N. GallozaRivera, Pvt. C. T. Griffeth, Pvt. R. W. Gryder, Pvt. T. M. Gunn, Pvt. J. D. HagopitMartinez, Pvt. D. Hicks III, Pvt. D. L. Hill, Pvt. L. T. Howard, Pvt. S. C. Humphrey, Pvt. M. G. Hypes, Pfc. E. D. Johnson, Pvt. R. T. Larson, Pvt. S. A. Lehman, Pfc. P. C. Liles, Pvt. A. H. Locklair, Pvt. J. D. Lopez, Pfc. J. E. MartinezCedano, Pvt. L. M. Miller Jr., Pvt. N. R. Morris, Pvt. M. D. Nauss, Pfc. O. Orol III, Pfc. C. T. Patrick, Pfc. B. J. Peavy, Pfc. R. N. Persad, Pfc. M. W. Reid, Pvt. B. L. ReyesRodriguez, Pvt. T. L. Rusgrove, Pfc. M. D. Seppa, Pfc. T. C. Spillenkothen, Pfc. F. L. Stark, Pvt. C. R. Sutliff, Pvt. E. E. Taylor, Pfc. Z. J. Thompson, Pvt. C. A. Varela, Pvt. A. M. Wills, Pfc. B. Wilson Jr., Pfc. R. L. Woods, Pfc. B. D. Young

Platoon 3049

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Platoon 3050

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Platoon 3052

Pfc. J. M. Avila, Pvt. C. H. Bagwell, Pfc. G. J. Barnes, Pvt. J. F. BatistaGrullon, Pvt. N. T. Bhojwani, Pvt. C. D. Carr, Pvt. A. M. Clay, Pvt. A. C. Cogbill, Pvt. M. A. Collins, Pvt. R. L. Cumberbatch, Pfc. T. J. Fisher, Pfc. C. Francois, Pfc. J. W. George, Pvt. E. L. Gomez, Pfc. N. J. Guiles, Pfc. L. W. Guinee, Pvt. C. D. Haynesworth, Pvt. C. J. Higginbottom, Pvt. C. B. Johnson, Pvt. K. D. JohnsonReid, Pvt. R. C. Johnstone, Pvt. C. N. Jones, Pfc. M. C. Jones, Pvt. S. J. Kilgour, Pvt. T. W. Legear, Pvt. D. F. McAdam, Pvt. M. McCarthy IV, Pvt. F. R. McKee Jr., Pvt. T. J. McKinney, Pvt. Y. A. MirandaVerdecchia, Pfc. D. M. Nation, Pvt. R. NolascoCruz, Pvt. K. M. Peters, Pfc. I. N. Petithomme, Pfc. M. L. Puca, Pfc. B. R. Pyles, Pfc. C. R. Riggs, Pvt. M. J. Robertson, Pfc. M. P. Roote, Pfc. R. M. Scopin, Pfc. S. B. Scott, Pfc. V. Q. Simon, Pvt. E. E. Snyder, Pvt. A. Solano, Pvt. L. Sommervil, Pfc. B. A. Sumardi, Pvt. J. A. Summers, Pvt. G. A. Teabo, Pvt. J. A. Wallace, Pfc. T. J. Zachari, Pvt. E. W. Zigmont

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NOVEMBER COMPANY SIGHTS IN

Photos by Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Dunn

Rct. Megan Graves, Platoon 4018, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, waits for her target to come up so she can mark her shot in her data book June 7. The 19-year-old native Austin, Texas native, said she was happy about how she was shooting. November Company is scheduled to graduate on July 13.

Today, the new Marines with November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion graduate after 13 weeks of training. Just over a month ago, they were learning how to fire their M16-A4 rifles at the range for one of many mandatory qualifications.



Rct. Ashley Farmer, Platoon 4018, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, looks through her iron sights at her target on Starlite Range on June 7. The 23-year-old native of Norton, Va., had prior experience from shooting with her father.



Cpl. Wilson McEachern, a coach at Starlite Range, answers a question for Rct. Ashley Farmer, 4018, on June 7. McEachern, a 23-year-old native of Chuluota, Fla., stressed the importance of trigger control to the 23-year-old Farmer, from Norton, Va.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Octavia Davis

Rct. Lauren Villa, 18, of Platoon 4019, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, reloads her rifle while on the firing line at Parris Island's Hue City range on June 21. Villa and her fellow recruits are scheduled to graduate today.

COMBAT FIRING TECHNIQUES

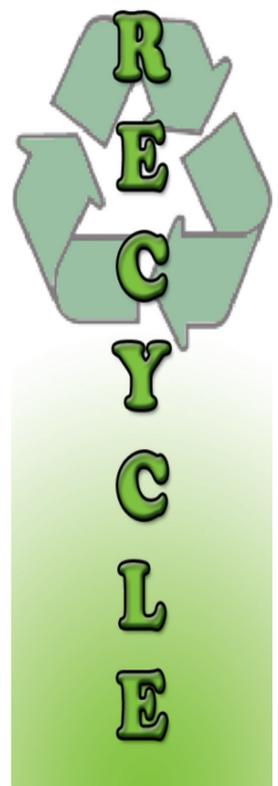


The recruits of November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, fire at their targets during their combat marksmanship prequalification on the Hue City range June 21. The combat marksmanship is intended to teach recruits how to use their rifles in close combat with the enemy.



The recruits of November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, stand on the firing line during their combat marksmanship prequalification at Parris Island's Hue City range June on 21. The recruits receive assistance from their range coaches, who help recruits with firing techniques while wearing body armor and helmets.

Spent rounds lie on the ground after recruits of November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, fired their rifles during prequalification at Parris Island's Hue City range.





November, Mike company's Marines awarded Eagle, Globe and Anchors

Photo by Lance Cpl. David Bessey

Rct. Isnard Petithomme, 24, of Platoon 3052, Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, receives his Marine Corps emblem at the Iwo Jima flag raising statue on Parris Island on July 7. Petithomme is from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lance Cpl. David Bessey
Staff Writer

Prior to 1996, the first time recruits were addressed as Marines was the day they graduated. That changed with the introduction of the Crucible and an event that has engraved itself into the hearts of graduates from Parris Island—the Eagle, Globe and Anchor ceremony.

For 56 hours, the recruits of Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, and November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, have been enduring the Crucible on Page Field.

They have pushed themselves through 100-degree heat and have crawled through the burning sand. They are tired, their feet are blistered and they're hungry. Now, the only thing stopping them from claiming the coveted title of Marine is a nine-mile march back from the Crucible.

It's 7 a.m. on July 7, and the chants of the recruits and their drill instructors can be heard down Boulevard de France. They have made it to their final destination at the Iwo Jima statue at the Peatross Parade Deck.

This is where they will receive their emblems and earn the title Marine. The Eagle, Globe and Anchor ceremony has is the moment when Parris Island recruits finally hear the words, "Congratulations, Marine."

Some recruits began to shed tears

as the order was given for their drill instructors to hand out the the emblems. Others tried to hold in their emotions ultimately breaking down once they received the precious object.

For Rct. Michael Niemic, 20, of Platoon 3053, Mike Company, it was everything he has strived for up to this point.

"I feel accomplished from all the things I've done in boot camp," said Niemic a native of Buffalo, N.Y. "It felt like climbing a mountain, and I feel there are no limitations. Anything is possible."

The ceremony is as important to the recruits as it is to the drill instructors.

"For a drill instructor, it makes them see the fruits of their labor," said Staff Sgt. Bryce Rogers, 31, a chief drill instructor of Mike Company. "They put in 120 hours a week, 12 miles a day and demand more from their recruits every day. They are constantly inspecting everything they do from how they sit, how they eat [to the] condition of their gear and their uniforms."

After the new Marines receive their Eagle, Globe and Anchors the senior drill instructors of each platoon are ordered to carry out the plan of the day. There is no time for sleep for the Marines just yet. The Marines will start their day by sitting down with their drill instructors and enjoying a hardy warrior's breakfast.



Recruits from November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, take off their packs and drink water after arriving at the Iwo Jima war flag raising statue their nine-mile hike from the Crucible on July 7.

THE LEGENDARY LANCE CORPORAL



Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael Rogers

Legend, Parris Island's depot mascot, is promoted to the rank of lance corporal at Headquarters and Service Battalion, on Parris Island on July 2. As the depot mascot, Legend attends all graduations in community relations efforts and patrols the grounds during Family Day and graduation ceremonies. His new rank was pinned onto his blouse by Craig Cobham, son of the battalion executive officer, and Lance Cpl. Alex Stamateris, Legend's handler.



Rct. Michael Niemic, 20, of Platoon 3053, Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, stands at parade rest while waiting to receive his Marine Corps emblem at the Iwo Jima war memorial on Parris Island on July 7. Niemic is from Buffalo, N.Y.



Photos by Lance Cpl. David Bessey

Rct. Jennifer Pantoja, 19, of Platoon 4019, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, acts as security during the day movement course on Page Field on Parris Island on June 18.

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year of school, Pantoja learned her parents had been laid off from their jobs and left her school to help support her family.

After working different jobs for a few months she needed a change, she said.

Pantoja saw what the Corps had done for Martinez and was tired of the workforce. She could not wait any longer and put aside her ambitions of being an officer to see a Marine Corps recruiter to enlist.

"My parents weren't too thrilled when I told them I wanted to join," Pantoja said. "When they saw I wasn't going to change my mind, they finally just accepted it."

Recruit training was the first time in her life Pantoja left her family and Chicago, she said.

"Leaving my family was the hardest thing I had to do," she said.

Pantoja has done very well in recruit training, said Staff Sgt. Ramarie Moore, 30, senior drill instructor of Platoon 4019.

"She's very mature and is always striving to find ways to improve herself," Moore said. "She even helps the other recruits with whatever they need during her free time."

Moore said she is expecting Pantoja to return to Parris Island in the future as a drill instructor after learning it was Pantoja's goal in the Corps.

Pantoja will continue her Marine Corps training in logistics after she completes Marine Combat Training in Camp Geiger, N.C.

"I want to stay in the Marine Corps as long as I can," Pantoja said. "I might even try doing the officer route again someday."



Rct. Jennifer Pantoja, 19, of Platoon 4019, November Company, keeps watch so a fellow recruit can move to cover during the day movement course on Page Field on Parris Island on June 18.

LEADERSHIP

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Kendall said the Marine Corps has more heart, meaning and history than any other branch, and that is why it stood out as the obvious choice.

"I wasn't surprised when Danielle said she wanted to join the Marine Corps," said Diane Kendall, 46, a native of Canton, Ga., Danielle's mother. "She has wanted to be a Marine since the seventh grade."

"Her biggest improvement in recruit training has definitely been coming out of her shell," said Staff Sgt. Bryna Crawford, the senior drill instructor of Platoon 4018. "She has always been a good leader, just not as assertive as we are teaching her to be now."

Crawford, a 31-year-old native of Lone Tree, Colo., said Danielle Kendall has always been really helpful to the other recruits. She has been willing to give up her free time in order to help others succeed in recruit training.

"She is the definition of speed, volume and intensity and has a lot of potential to be a good Marine," said Rct. Angelyn Domingo, 22, a native of Toms River, N.J., also with Platoon 4018.

Danielle Kendall said the hardest part of recruit training for her has

been figuring out how to be a good leader and motivate her peers. She will continue to further her leadership skills throughout her training.

Other parts of recruit training have not really been a struggle for Danielle Kendall.

She is the picture of a perfect recruit, said Crawford. She is physically fit and smart, and she grasps all the concepts of recruit training well.

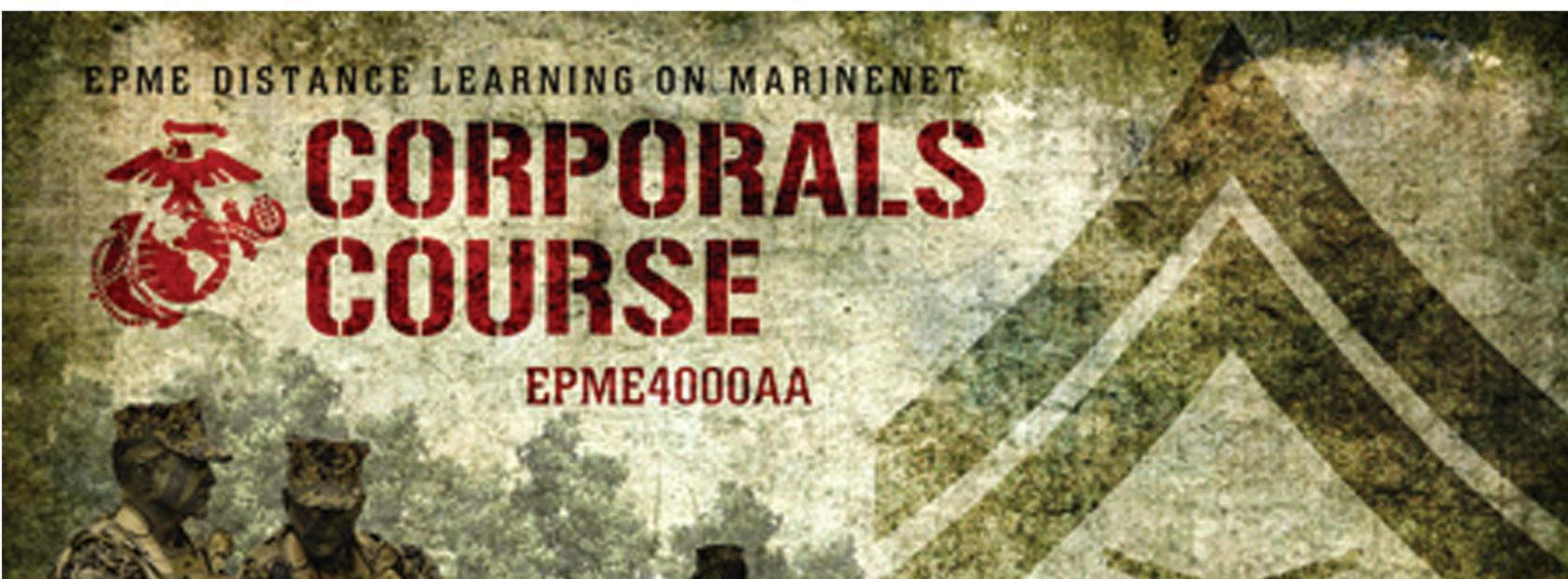
"I think one of the easiest things in recruit training was the gas chamber," said Danielle Kendall. "I didn't even feel it until after we got out of the chamber, and I took my mask off."

Danielle Kendall will be stationed at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Ga., as a helicopter mechanic in the Marine Corps Reserve.

While serving as a reserve Marine, she plans to finish her schooling and earn her degree at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga.

John Kendall, 46, a native of Canton, Ga., Danielle Kendall's father, said he wanted her to continue down her path as an officer, but will always support his daughter's dreams.

John Kendall says he believes that Danielle Kendall will return to the officer corps eventually. She has always wanted to be a leader.



MCRD PARRIS ISLAND EXPANDED FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

MCRD Parris Island has expanded the events and activities available to families who are coming aboard the Depot to see their son or daughter graduate and become a Marine. The adjacent schedule outlines the events that are now offered to our new Marines' families and loved ones. The times and locations of these events are subject to change. For the most current information, please visit <http://www.mccs-sc.com/recruitfamilies>.



Wednesday

Welcome to Family Orientation Day at Parris Island

- 6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
- 6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
- 7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
- 7:30AM-4PMDouglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival
Java Café (9AM-11:30AM)
Graduation Station (8AM-4PM)
- 9AM-4PMFamily Check-in at the Douglas Visitors' Center; Java Café open 9AM-12PM
- 10AM-12:30PM.....Marine Corps 101, including a "Behind the Scenes" tour, at Douglas Visitors' Center
- LUNCHTraditions (Officer/SNCO Club), Food Court, Subway, Golf Course, Back Yard Burgers
- 1:30PM-3:30PMFamily Orientation Brief at the Lyceum
- 5PM-8PMSteak Night at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club).
Reservations required

Thursday

Welcome to Family Liberty Day at Parris Island

- 6AM-4PMDouglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival
Java Café (6AM-2PM)
Graduation Station (6AM-4PM)
- 6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
- 6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
- 7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
- 7AMMotivational Run - Peatross Parade Deck
- 8AMDepot Museum Opens
- 8:15AMAll Weather Training Facility (AWTF) Opens
- 9:30AM-10AM.....Battalion Commander's Brief to Families & Liberty Ceremony (AWTF)
- 10AM-2PMMarksmanship Training Unit Open House
- 10AMLiberty Begins
- 10:30AM-1PM.....Family Day Buffet at the Lyceum - new Marines eat for free!
- 2PMWarrior's Prayer at the Recruit Chapel
- 3PMLiberty Ends
- 3PM-4PMMarine Corps 101 at Douglas Visitors' Center
- 5PMMeet & Greet with Depot Command at Traditions Lounge
- 5:30PMWelcome from the Command
- 5:45PMFamily Day Dinner with Depot Command at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club)
Advance reservations guarantee admittance

Friday

Welcome to Graduation Day at Parris Island

- 6AM-2PMDouglas Visitors' Center open
Java Café (6AM-12PM)
Graduation Station (6AM-12PM)
- 6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
- 6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
- 7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
- 7:45AMMorning Colors at Barrow Hall
- 9AM-10AMGraduation at Peatross Parade Deck (weather permitting)
- 11AM-1PMLunch Buffet at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club)

