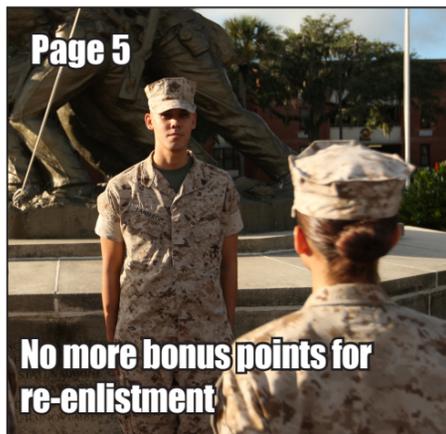


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## CORPORALS' COURSE TO BE MANDATORY



Photo by Lance Cpl. Javarre Glanton

Marines listen to the safety brief before a land navigation exercise Aug. 1, 2011, at Corporals' Course on the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C. Corporals' Course will become a promotion requirement for all corporals to be promoted to sergeant.

## Acupuncture for pain at PI

Sgt. Jon Holmes  
Press Chief

The Parris Island medical clinic is now using acupuncture to help treat pain in recruits and service members on Parris Island.

Since January, Navy Cmdr. Thomas Walter, a physical therapist at the clinic, has used acupuncture to help people overcome their pain without using medications.

Acupuncture is an ancient Chinese technique in which an acupuncturist would use a needle to adjust the patient's "qi," or life force.

The Chinese used qi to explain what they didn't understand, Walter said. However, there is a scientific basis for the seemingly mysterious pain-relieving effect.

Every cell has an electrical current, Walter explained. Acupuncture allows one to reset those electrical pathways or even short circuit them so people are no longer in pain.

Currently, acupuncture is used at all three naval medical centers, which include San Diego, Portsmouth and Walter Reed National Military Medical

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Navy Cmdr. Thomas Walter, a physical therapist at the Parris Island medical clinic, prepares to insert a small needle into a patient during an acupuncture session, June 26.



Pvt. Luis Rodriguez, a graduate of Platoon 1054, Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, receives a certificate of his American citizenship from Wendy Wilcox, Charleston Immigration Office director, at the Parris Island Museum July 20. Rodriguez, 23, of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic,

## New Marine becomes U.S. citizen

Lance Cpl. Javarre Glanton  
Staff Writer

"Today is all so crazy," said Pvt. Luis Rodriguez, a recent graduate of Platoon 1054, Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. "I don't even believe this is actually happening right now."

Rodriguez, a 23-year-old native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, took the Oath of Allegiance and became

an American citizen the day he graduated recruit training.

The naturalization process began the night he stepped off the bus and onto the Yellow Footprints when he started his in-process paperwork.

He became the first graduate to go through one of the depot's newest programs when he took the oath at the Parris Island Museum among family, fellow graduates,

his drill instructors, and the Marines who helped him through the process.

"We're hoping dozens will go through this program," said 1st Lt. Angel Alfaro, a legal assistance officer at the Parris Island Law Center. "We do everything in our power to ensure they have every opportunity to go through the process."

A presidential order  
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issued by President George W. Bush in 2002 stated when the nation

is engaged in armed conflict, immigrants who are in the military can obtain their U.S. citizenship regardless of their length of resi-

dency or immigration status as opposed to the three-year process during peacetimes. Since its issue, the Army and Navy have designed

programs that allow non-citizens to step on their depots and leave as citizens, said Alfaro, 30, of El Paso, Texas. "I take this very per-

sonally because I'm a son of immigrants, and I know, from my parents' experience, this is a very big deal," he said. "We're expecting more recruits

to go through the naturalization process as this program gets refined, but as of right now, this Marine is the first one."

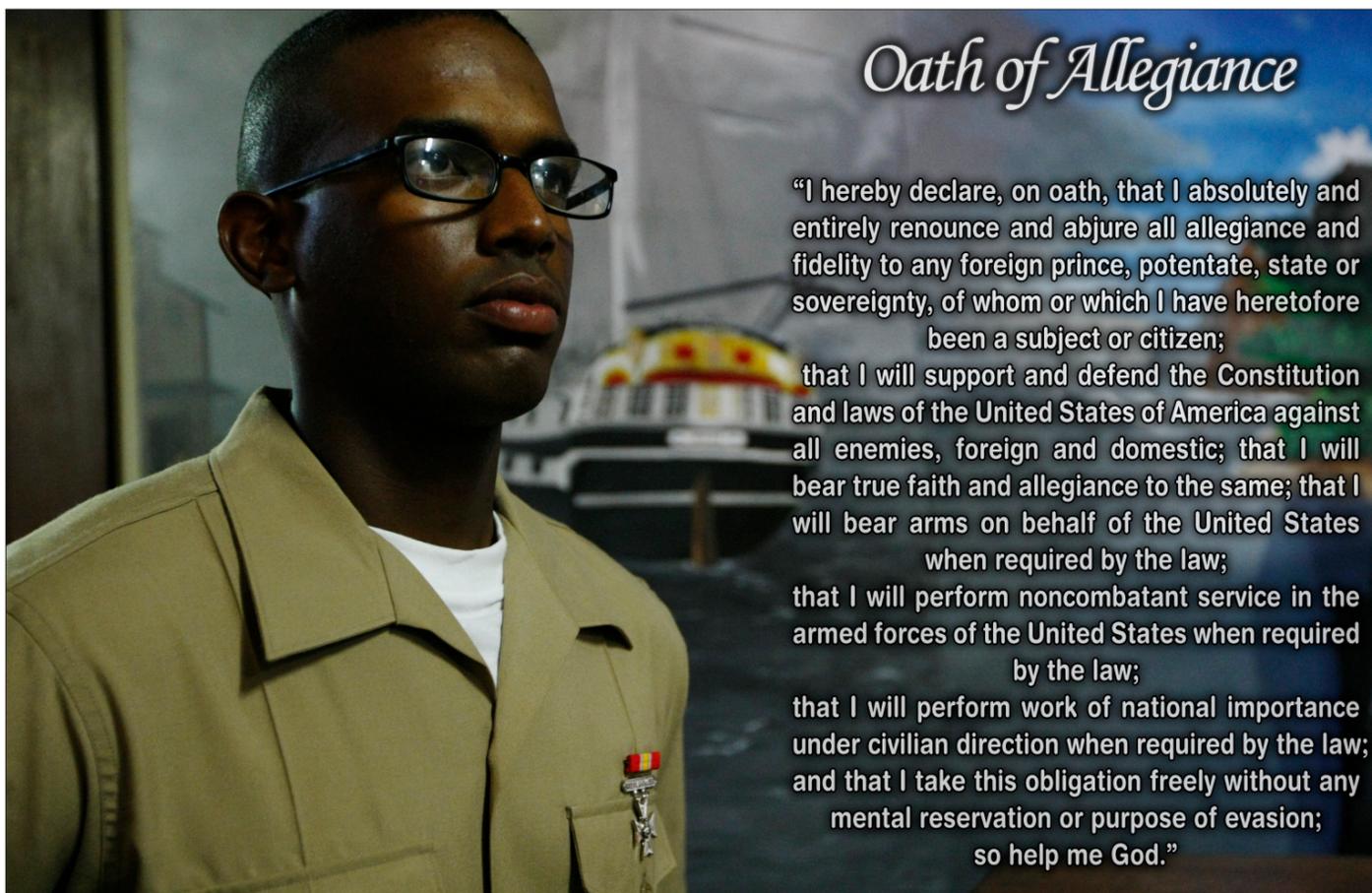
The new Marine sought the Corps for the sense of brotherhood and for the challenge, but chose a military career to serve the country that gave his family an opportunity for a better way of life, Rodriguez said.

He worked for three years to provide the proper documentation for his recruiters and preparing for training before he was finally able to ship out.

"It really took a lot for me to get here," he said. "I've wanted to join since 2009, but I was missing some of the paperwork from my high school. It's always been my dream to become a United States Marine and I never gave up because I'm not a quitter."

The program is expected to be fully constructed by fall of this year, Alfaro said.

"I hope this Marine takes this opportunity to run with it and shine," he said. "He stepped aboard this depot as a civilian who was a noncitizen. Now, he's leaving as one of America's finest as a United States Marine, and he's a citizen of the greatest country in the world."



## Oath of Allegiance

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

Photo illustration by Cpl. Erin Tansey

Pvt. Luis Rodriguez, who graduated with Platoon 1054, Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, became a U.S. citizen after graduation July 20 before leaving Parris Island. Rodriguez, a native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, had his naturalization ceremony at the Parris Island Museum.



Pvt. Luis Rodriguez, a graduate of Platoon 1054, Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, hugs his mother, Clarivel Brito, after his naturalization ceremony at the Parris Island Museum on July 20.



Staff Sgt. Herman Franklin, a drill instructor with Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, shakes the hand of Pvt. Luis Rodriguez, a Marine he trained, after Rodriguez took the Oath of Allegiance to become an American citizen July 20 at the Parris Island Museum.



Graduates of Platoon 1054, Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, stand with their senior drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Herman Franklin, after Pvt. Luis Rodriguez took the Oath of Allegiance to become an American citizen at the Parris Island Museum on July 20.

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Center, as well as larger naval hospitals within the continental United States and the National Intrepid Center of Excellence, said Regena Kowitz, public affairs officer for Naval Hospital Beaufort. The Navy primarily uses acupuncture for pain management and behavior modification.

This is the first time acupuncture has been used on the depot. Since its start, more than 100 recruits and Marines have seen Walter. For some,

the visits are the only pain relief they can find.

One Marine who has seen Walter was diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy, a condition that caused extreme pain. The acupuncture was able to alleviate some of the Marine's pain when medication was unable to help.

Walter has also used acupuncture to relieve pain from broken limbs.

There was a recruit who graduated in June who had broken her arm, and was in constant pain, said Walter, from Vienna, Va. After one treatment, she

was able to move her arm around with minimal pain.

In addition to acupuncture's pain relieving effects, it is also safer than taking prescription painkillers.

"There is less than a one in 1,000 risk for pain and the infection rate is almost nonexistent," Walter said.

In addition to acupuncture, the navy uses other "non-Western" forms of medicine such as hypnosis.

Tricare does not cover acupuncture that service members receive off base.

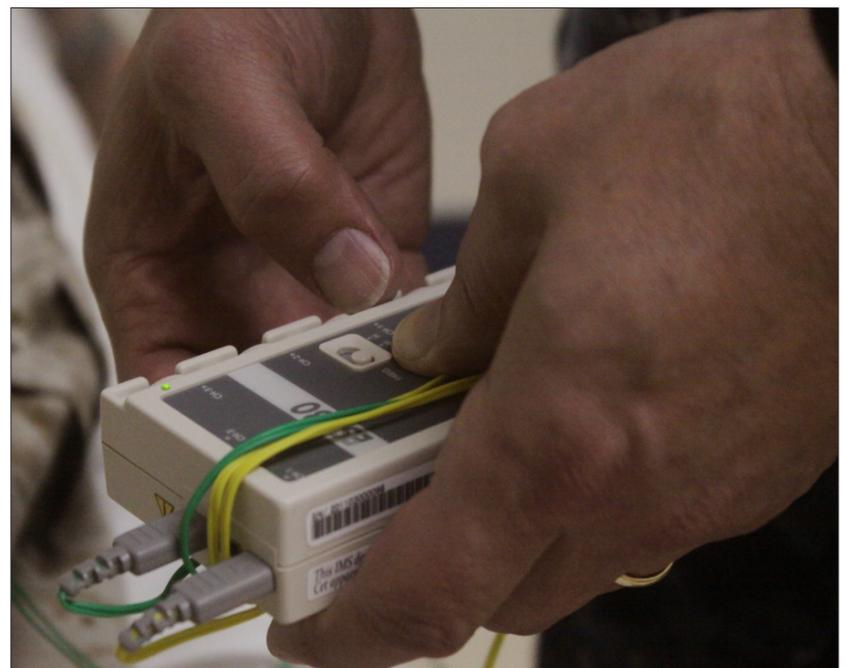
To schedule an appointment, contact the physical therapy clinic at 843-228-3177.



Photos by Sgt. Jon Holmes  
Navy Cmdr. Thomas Walter, a physical therapist with Parris Island's medical clinic, inserts a small needle into a patient during an acupuncture session June 26.



Navy Cmdr. Thomas Walter, a physical therapist at Parris Island's medical clinic, inserts a small needle into a patient during an acupuncture session June 26.



Navy Cmdr. Thomas Walter, a physical therapist at Parris Island's medical clinic, turns on small electrodes during an acupuncture session June 26.



# Corporals' Course to be promotion requirement

**Lance Cpl. Octavia Davis**  
Staff Writer

The Corporals' Course Distance Education Program, an online version of the command-sponsored Corporals' Course, is now available at MarineNet after a gap was identified in professional military education received by Marine cor-

porals. Effective Oct. 1, 2013, all Marine corporals will be required to either complete a command-sponsored or online Corporals' Course to be eligible for promotion to sergeant.

Command-sponsored courses are typically conducted at regional staff noncommissioned officer academies, which may require corporals

to travel to receive the classes. Now, the Corporals' Course DEP provides corporals who are unable to attend the academies a more convenient route to obtain necessary education to make them successful small-unit leaders.

The Corporals' Course DEP, which takes approximately 30 hours to complete, places emphasis on

leadership development and warfighting. The online course consists of 24 lessons within seven subcourses, including combat orders, defensive operations, land navigation and leadership tools and techniques.

To complete the course, Marines must enroll in the Corporals' Course DEP on MarineNet, complete each subcourse and

its associated exam. Completing this course will result in added educational bonus points to a Marine's composite score.

Lance corporals who have completed the Lead-

ing Marines DEP may enroll in the course, as well as all Marines ranked corporal or above.

For more information, see Marine Administrative Message 314/12.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Javarre Glanton

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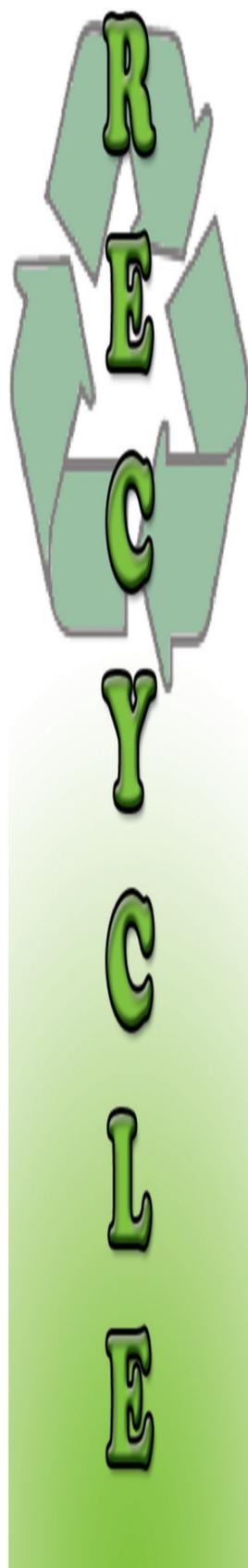
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# Commandant orders ethics stand-down

**Gunnery Sgt. Bill Lisbon**  
Public Affairs Chief

Following a rash of unethical and immoral behavior by Marines hitting headlines and besmirching the Corps' character, the commandant has directed all active-duty Marines to attend ethics training by Aug. 10.

Delivered by commanding officers and their senior enlisted advisors, the training aims to enable Marines to recognize today's ethical challenges and promote a "full and frank discussion of the development of ethical leaders," according to a Corpwide message released July 6.

The training follows a Corpwide blitz held in late June by Marine Corps University instructors planting seeds for senior leaders to begin a grassroots approach to in-

fuse more ethical training and mentoring amongst their Marines.

On March 23, the commandant of the Marine Corps published a letter to all generals, commanders, sergeants major and officers in charge detailing a crisis facing the Corps spawned from highly publicized incidents – alluding to black eyes such as the now-infamous video of Marines urinating on enemy bodies – now swaying public perception of the nation's premiere military service.

"The high regard of our fellow citizens and our own self-image are at stake," Gen. James F. Amos wrote in White Letter 1-12.

Besides mere media attention on a few bad apples, Amos cited the incidents indicate complacency in the enforcement by leaders of the

Corps' self-imposed high standards.

"This conduct is particularly troubling in that it portends a lack of discipline and accountability by Marines and lead-

**"The high regard of our fellow citizens and our own self-image are at stake."**

**James F. Amos,**  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

ership; we are allowing our standards to erode," wrote Amos.

The letter prefaced a Corpwide tour, which included an April 19 stop at Parris Island, by the commandant and the sergeant major of the Marine Corps to share their concerns with officers and

senior enlisted leaders.

During those visits, dubbed "heritage briefs," Amos and Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Micheal Barrett shared anecdotes of meetings with legis-

lators who didn't doubt the Corps' combat effectiveness but questioned its character, arguably the quality that ensures a steadfast, supportive place in the hearts of Americans.

"We've got good Marines doing stupid things, and it looks bad on all

of us," Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds, depot commanding general, told her commanders and senior Marines before the June training held in the depot's theater.

The instructors showed how ethical decisions are affected by well-established patterns of human behavior and that without moral guideposts and constant reinforcement of acceptable behavior for Marines, they risk rationalizing unethical behavior as a solution.

The entry-level training at the Marine Corps recruit depots on Parris Island and in San Diego lays a strong foundation for new Marines, said Lt. Col. Wayne Beyer, director of the leadership department at the Marine Corps' Command and Staff College in Quantico, Va.

In 1996, the commandant of the Marine Corps,

Gen. Charles C. Krulak, recognized a growing disparity of values in American society and sought to ensure recruit training as the means to instill a set of core values common to all Marines. The result was sweeping changes to recruit training including the introduction of the Crucible.

Today, however, Beyer believes Marines aren't getting continual ethics training and leaders need to incorporate more of it if they want to counter entropy of core values, he said.

"If we're not training our Marines morally and ethically, why are we surprised when we have all these problems," said Beyer. Reserve Marines have until Dec. 3 to complete the training due to unique command structures and geographical dispersion, according to a July 20 message.

## Transition assistance program overhauled, extended

**Lisa Daniel**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – A redesigned program for service members separating from the military will help veterans better apply the experience they've gained in uniform.

President Barack Obama announced the revamped program, called "Transition GPS," in a speech July 23 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention in Reno, Nev.

"I applaud the leadership of President Obama to bring together government agencies around the goal of enhancing career opportunities for service members," Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said in a statement. "Our personnel have developed extraordinary technical expertise and world-class leadership skills that are in high demand. Transition GPS will help military members apply their experience to additional training, formal education, and develop successful civilian careers."

Transition GPS is the first major overhaul of the military's Transition Assistance Program in nearly 20 years, White House officials said. TAP was developed by an interagency team from the departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Labor, Education and Homeland Security, as along with the Office of Personnel and Management and the Small Business Administra-

tion.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki said the redesign will better ensure that veterans today and in the future will receive the care and benefits they have earned.

"One of our fundamental responsibilities as a government is to properly prepare and support those serving in our military so they are career ready as they transition back into civilian life," he said. "This collaborative effort will have an impact well beyond this current generation of individuals returning from combat."

The redesign is being developed by the Veterans Employment Initiative Task Force created in August to help separating service members successfully transition to the civilian workforce, start a business, or pursue higher education.

TAP consisted of pre-separation counseling and a voluntary, three-day workshop from the departments of Labor, Defense and Veterans Affairs that was presented at selected military installations and attended by nearly half of the service members who separated from the services each year, White House officials said. Transition GPS is designed to strengthen, standardize and expand counseling and guidance for service members before leaving the military, and transform the military's approach to education, training, and credentialing, they added.

Transition GPS is to be implemented throughout the military by the end of 2013. It will:

- Extend the current three-day transition program to five to seven days;
- Offer individual assessment and counseling, including an individual transition plan;
- Include a five-day curriculum of financial planning, available veterans' benefits and services and a redesigned employment workshop;
- Include a "Military Occupational Code Crosswalk" to translate military skills, training and experiences into civilian occupations and credentialing;
- Include optional training specific to pursuing higher education, technical skills and training, or starting a business;
- Include a "capstone" event to verify that the participant is career-ready;
- Give a "warm handover" to appropriate government agencies and organizations for continued benefits, services and support of veterans; and
- Create a "Military Life Cycle Transition Model" to incorporate career readiness and transition preparation early into a service member's career.

## Bonus points for re-enlisting cut

As of June 30, re-enlisting corporals and below will no longer earn the 60 bonus points toward promotions once given as an incentive to stay in the ranks.

The practice was initiated in September 2007 while the Corps was increasing the number of Marines on active duty, according to a Corpwide message released July 2.

Now, as the Corps attempts to drawdown from 202,100 to 182,100 active-duty Marines by September 2016, the program is obsolete.

For more information, see Marine Administrative Message 358/12.

## Deadline to use excessive leave days approaching

Marines with unused leave piling up have until Sept. 30, 2013 to bring their balance below 60 days, according to new policy released July 23.

Beginning in 2008, service members were allowed to have up to 75 days at the end of each fiscal year due to the high deployment

rate of forces to Iraq and Afghanistan.

With operational tempos slowing, maximum leave accrual will return to 60 days. Excess leave not used by the end of a fiscal year is lost.

For more information, see Marine Administrative Message 390/12.

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An amphibious assault vehicle with the AAV platoon attached to I Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, acting as the battalion landing team for the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, suppresses targets on San Clemente Island off the coast of Calif. on July 20. The AAV platoon practiced water gunnery, an advanced level of AAV gunnery, in preparation for the 15th MEU's upcoming deployment.

# Marines open fire in the open sea

**Cpl. John Robbart III**  
15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND, Calif. - The splash of the cold Pacific Ocean and the thump of heavy machine guns surrounded the Marines of an amphibious assault vehicle platoon, I Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, acting as the battalion landing team for the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, as they conducted water gunnery training off the coast of San Clemente Island, Calif., on July 20.

The training was part of Composite Training Unit Exercise, the second at-sea period the 15th MEU since it assembled as a Marine air-ground task force in February. The training will prepare the two units to function as a team, capable of a wide variety of worldwide missions ranging from humanitarian aid to combat.

"Water gunnery is a skill that could possibly be used on deployment," said 1st Lt. Josh M. Coelho, platoon commander and native from Tucson, Ariz. "It's a part of the AAV doctrine, but it's the first time we've practiced this as a platoon."

The training involved three consecutive waves of three AAVs suppressing targets on the beach nearly one kilometer away with a mounted .50-caliber machine gun. After leaving the USS Green Bay, the platoon collected the ammo on the island and conducted a final brief before their exercise.

"After we arrived on the beach, we finalized the scheme of maneuver and conducted the training as planned," said Gunnery Sgt. Zackary Hefty, platoon sergeant from Ocean-side, Calif. "There are a lot of small things that can only be improved upon by doing more repetitions. We hope to conduct more evolutions like this one during the rest of the training cycle."

"I was very impressed with the way the Marines performed," said Coelho. "Additionally, I was pleasantly surprised with how accurately we engaged the targets."

Forty-seven Marines participated in the training, and nearly 6,000 rounds were expended to better hone the skills of the amphibious warriors.

"This was the best training I've ever taken part in as an AAV crewman," said Cpl. Evan L. Watson, assistant section leader, 3rd Section, with the platoon. "Engaging the target provided me with realistic training, further enhancing the MEU's amphibious capability."

In addition to water gunnery, the platoon has conducted a variety of field operations to better familiarize themselves with their vehicles. These include mechanized and amphibious raids, along with practice on live-fire and maneuver ranges.

While the other training helped, Watson explained the benefits of training on the island.

"San Clemente Island is a large area with an endless

amount of training possibilities," he said. "However, due to the amount of fuel it takes to get the AAVs to the island, we aren't able to conduct this training without the help of the Navy and their ships."

Coelho said he looks forward to conducting more training with his hard-working crew of

Marines.

"The Marines are well trained," he said. "They have put in countless hours to perfect their skills, and it shows when we conduct training like water gunnery."

The AAV platoon is attached to I Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 15th

MEU's ground combat element. With the help of the AAV platoon, I Company is the only mechanized infantry company in the battalion. It offers armored transportation and allows commanders to expand the battle space with increased direct and indirect fire capabilities.



**Gunnery Sgt. Zackary J. Hefty**, platoon sergeant, for the amphibious assault vehicle platoon attached to, I Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, acting as the battalion landing team for the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, supervises his platoon's training off of San Clemente Island, on July 20.

An amphibious assault vehicle with AAV platoon, India Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, acting as the battalion landing team for the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, cruise towards San Clemente Island, July 20. The AAV platoon practiced water gunnery, an advanced level of AAV gunnery, in preparation for the 15th MEU's upcoming deployment.





Photos by Lance Cpl. Codey Underwood

Assaultmen from 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, acting as a battalion landing team with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, detonate a door during urban mobility breaching training at Camp Hansen, Japan, on July 17.

# Marines blow doors off demolition training

**Lance Cpl. Codey Underwood**  
31st Marine Expeditionary Unit

CAMP HANSEN, Japan - Stacked together just meters from a highly explosive charge, the Marines brace for the familiar sound and impact of detonation.

Infantry assaultmen with 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, serving as the battalion landing team for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted urban mobility breaching July 17.

"This training allows our team to do what we're trained to do, get hands on and blow targets up," said Lance Cpl. Robert L. Slown, an assaultman with F Company, and a native of Fort Collins, Colo. "If it was not for great training like this, we would not be prepared when the time came for us to operate."

Assaultmen serve a number of roles in support of Marine operations. Their capabilities include clearing mine fields, breaching doors and windows, and en-

gaging targets with a shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon.

This training focused on breaching and the understanding of which type of explosive charges are appropriate for different situations.

"When the Marines need to breach a door or window, it sometimes calls for a precise charge, targeting a certain point on the entry," said Sgt. Patrick Hause, section leader for the company assault section and a native of Shirley, Mass.

What explosive is used, and in what method, depends upon the target the team is given. The size and material of the door, as well as the type of lock, are determining factors in the decision.

During the training, the assaultmen used plastic explosives, detonation cords and a variety of emplacement to accomplish the breach. But when it comes to the joy of the assaultmen, it doesn't matter what charge is used.

"When we are about to breach a building, I always get a rush," said Slown. "The charges can pack a powerful punch when you're that close to the explosion."

As satisfying as the sight of flying debris is to the assaultmen, this audio and visual display is not their signal for a job well done. With their hearts pounding, the Marines join their fellow infantrymen to conduct one of their most dangerous assignments - clearing a structure of enemy personnel. This part of their responsibilities requires knowledge in advanced infantry tactics to complement their expertise in demolitions.

"There is a lot to our job that we have to know and maintain," said Lance Cpl.

Travis J. Reynders, an infantry assaultman with the company and a native of St. Louis. "Keeping these skills fresh allows the assaultmen to bring important and precise capabilities to the MEU."

Knowing the importance of their role, the assaultmen use these training opportunities to ensure their skills are honed to an exceptional level.

"When we come out here to the range, my Marines train with high standards," said Hause. "When the time comes and my Marines get attached to other platoons, the platoon commander and company commander will have a good sense of confidence in my Marines."



Assaultmen from 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, acting as a landing team with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, use their knowledge of demolitions to clear mine fields, breach doors and windows, and engage targets with a shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon July 17.



Assaultmen from 1st Marine Regiment set up security and place an explosive charge on a door during urban mobility breaching training at Camp Hansen, Japan, on July 17.

# 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-10PM .....Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
- 6AM-6PM .....Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
- 7AM-5PM .....Engraving Shop open
- 7:30AM-4PM .....Douglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival  
Java Café (9AM-11:30AM)  
Graduation Station (8AM-4PM)
- 9AM-4PM .....Family 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
- LUNCH .....Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club), Food Court, Subway, Golf Course, Back Yard Burgers
- 1:30PM-3:30PM .....Family Orientation Brief at the Lyceum
- 5PM-8PM .....Steak Night at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club).  
Reservations required

### Thursday

Welcome to Family Liberty Day at Parris Island

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

### Friday

Welcome to Graduation Day at Parris Island

- 6AM-2PM .....Douglas Visitors' Center open  
Java Café (6AM-12PM)  
Graduation Station (6AM-12PM)
- 6AM-10PM .....Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
- 6AM-6PM .....Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
- 7AM-5PM .....Engraving Shop open
- 7:45AM .....Morning Colors at Barrow Hall
- 9AM-10AM.....Graduation at Peatross Parade Deck (weather permitting)
- 11AM-1PM .....Lunch Buffet at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club)

