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RoK Marine Corps Sgt. Major gets look at USMC training

BY CPL. MATTHEW BROWN
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Sgt. Maj. In-Ho Seo, sergeant major of the Republic of Korea

Marine Corps and Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, sergeant major of the United States Marine Corps, visited Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp

Pendleton, Calif., and Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Jan. 21 and 22 to tour the installations' training areas.

At Edson Range, Seo had

the chance to witness recruits attempt rifle qualification on Bravo Range, learn about Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer, watch Marines fire close quarters with M4s on Alpha range and fire for pistol qualification along with other sergeants major during day one of the visit.

"I noticed there are many facets of Korean Marine training that were derived from U.S. Marine Training," said Seo.

According to www.globalsecurity.org, the RoK Marine Corps is a small force of approximately 25,000, relative to the nation's army.

It (RoK Marine Corps) is in charge of amphibious operations on an enemy's seashore by use of landing crafts fleet ships and aircraft.

When needed, RoK Marines act as a 911 force, answering their nations call on short notice. All of these traits apply to not only the RoK Marine Corps, but the U.S. Marine Corps as well.

Due to inclement weather, day one and two of Seo's tour had to be cut.

Despite the change in plans, Seo was able to watch an indoor graduation of Company B Marines and then see how drill instructors are trained.

"My predecessor graduated from this Drill Instructor School and was very proud to march around while wearing the campaign cover he earned there," Seo said. "I would like to go through there some day too."

Seo also witnessed a Co. K platoon's Black Friday, the day new recruits meet their drill instructors for the first time.

"The Marines that graduate here seem very tough and ready, just like the new Marines of Korea," said Seo

Following the squad bay tour, Seo visited the depot's Marine Corps Martial Arts Program dojo to see how MCMAP compares to RoK Marines martial arts.

"In Korea, applicants must already have martial arts experience before coming to recruit training, and to make the sergeant rank, they have to reach a level of mastery with martial arts," Seo said. "These (US Marines) are very tough guys and did a good job showing me how (MCMAP) is used."

Once the MCMAP demonstration was complete, sergeants major Seo and Kent visited Recruiters School for a brief on recruiting and met with the depot sergeants major one last time before departing.



Sgt. Maj. In-Ho Seo, sergeant major of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, explains the differences and similarities he has noticed between the training methods of the two Corps, at Drill Instructor School here, Jan. 22. During Seo's visit to the states, he toured the west coast training installations of the U.S. Marine Corps with Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, sergeant major of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron

Senior Civilian Service Award presented to retired colonel

BY SGT. CARRIE C. BOOZE
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Clifford Myers, assistant chief-of-staff, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, was presented the prestigious Senior Civilian Service Award in front of hundreds of service members and civilians by Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, during the morning colors ceremony, Jan. 15, here.

The Senior Civilian Service Award is for the very top levels of civilian employees who are doing work that have impact beyond their installation, generally regionally, said Col. Carl Huenefeld, chief of staff, MCRD San Diego. Huenefeld said that Myers has not only positively impacted the performance of the command, but the lives of all military and civilian employees in the command, and that he brings to his performance of

duty a near unmatched commitment to excellence.

"I was very proud to have earned this award, but just as any award in the Corps, it isn't just about you, it is for all the Marines and civilians who work with me too," said Myers. "I'm happy they got the chance to be recognized as well."

Myers graduated from recruit training at MCRD San Diego in 1965 with the military occupational specialty of infantryman. After spending three years in the enlisted ranks, Myers applied for the Enlisted Commissioning Program and eventually traded his sergeant stripes in for gold bars. Once commissioned, Myers returned to his original MOS as an infantry officer.

After numerous years of climbing the officer ranks, Myers was assigned to MCRD San Diego as the commanding officer of 3rd Recruit Training Battalion in 1989. After serving at that position for 28 months,

he served as the base inspector.

Myers participated in the Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm while he commanded the 1st Light Armored Infantry Battalion and Task Force Shepherd, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., from 1989.

Myers served as the commanding officer of the 24th Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, Calif., from 1995 to 1998, before he retired from the Marine Corps and took a position with the Marine Military Academy in Harlington, Texas, as the commandant of cadets. He served in that capacity for four years, before assuming the position as assistant chief of staff here at the depot in 2001.

"Myers' infantry officer background has made him very efficient in taking a complex issue, seeing through the smoke, identifying the core issues, making essential decisions and quickly moving on," said Huenefeld.

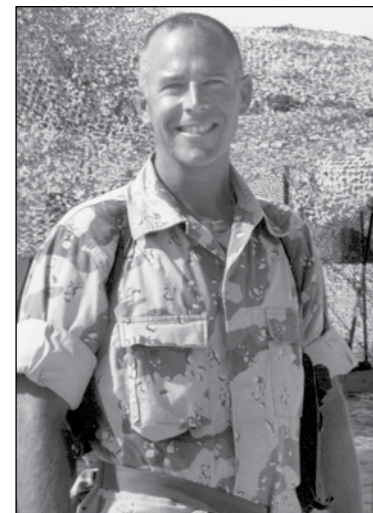
Huenefeld said that Myers applies the traits he acquired as a Marine colonel on a daily basis. He said that Myers builds on his experiences as an officer, but has also fully accepted and integrated himself into the business of managing and participating in civil services as a senior civilian Marine.

"His prior service has been very useful, but he doesn't try to intimidate others with his rank. Instead, he uses his experiences to complete his mission and better the lives of servicemembers," said Huenefeld.

Myers said that he loves his job and being able to help Marines on a daily basis. He said that he also enjoys mingling with the civilian community, telling the Marine Corps story, and speaking about the significance of the depot, its economic impact and the individuals Marines' efforts in volunteering.

"In recent history, only two

depot employees have been presented this award," said Huenefeld. "This is an award of a lifetime."



Clifford Myers participated in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm in Iraq in from 1990 to 1991, while he was a colonel in the Marine Corps.

Photo courtesy of Clifford Myers

Your cap and gown is a uniform

BY JANICE M. HAGAR
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For the last couple of years, I've written commentaries about a topic that pops in the national news every spring: new Marines who want to wear their dress blue uniforms to their high school graduations vice the cap and gown.

These new Marines are those hard-chargers, who earn their high school diploma mid-school year, come to recruit training and then return home in time to participate with their fellow senior classmates in the traditional graduation ceremony. These new Marines (and their families) are proud of those dress blues and rightly so. But when Marines are told they must wear the cap and gown, they become upset. News stories start showing up in the local papers. It's kind of sad because these new Marines are missing an important point. It's a point they should understand already. They've spent three months learning about uniformity, but yet they don't want to be in uniform with their fellow graduates.

For those future Marines who are here now at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego or at MCRD Parris Island, S.C., that plan on walking in their high school graduation ceremonies in May or June, please respect your school and wear your cap and gown. It really is the uniform of the day for that event.

The cap and gown are a part of a uniform called Academia Regalia. For high school graduation, the cap and gown is basic. It may be black or it may be the school colors, but it is basic in nature. The college undergraduate cap and gown is also basic in nature. However, those who graduate with a masters degree will have a hood (similar to a choir sash) draped around their necks. The color of the hood represents the discipline, or area of study) of the degree earned. For instance, a masters degree graduate with a light blue hood means they earned their degree in education. Social work is citron. Law is purple. Journalism is crimson. You can look at a graduate's cap and gown and know what they have studied. Someone earning their doctorate will have a gown that features three bars of velvet across the sleeve.

When you graduate from recruit training, you are a basically-trained Marine. You wear the emblem and the National Defense ribbon. Your dress blue trousers are blue. As you progress through your career, you will earn the red blood stripe when you become a noncommissioned officer. You will wear ribbons that signify where you've been, what wars or conflicts you have participated in, and how long you have conducted yourself in a good manner.

The point is your uniform starts off basic and as you move through the

Marine Corps, people will be able to know a great deal about you just by what you have earned for your uniform. It's basic like a high school graduation cap and gown. But that cap and gown changes too as folks move up through academia. Those colors and velvet stripes are earned, too.

Your high school graduation is a special time. It's a milestone, just like your graduation day from recruit training.

Your school's cap and gown is a uniform. Even though it's basic in nature, it is a well-earned privilege to wear them. Wear your dress blues to your graduation parties and family get-togethers. Be proud of them. But be proud of your opportunity to wear your cap and gown. It's also the respectful thing to do for your school. Honor those who helped get you to where you are today. Congratulations Class of 2010!



A young James Madison University student receives her doctoral hood during a recent commencement ceremony. Her gown denotes her degree by the three stripes on the sleeves. The caps and gowns worn at graduations are similar to uniforms and all have significance whether it's a high school or college.

Photo by Diane Elliott/Courtesy of James Madison University

BRIEFS

Father and Daughter Dance

The depot's annual Father and Daughter Dance will be held today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. The event is open to active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD and their guests. Free Hors D'oeuvres, beverages and gifts for the girls will be offered. A photographer will be available for a small fee. Formal attire is the uniform of the day. Tickets are \$10 for each father and daughter, and can be purchased at Bldg. 6E, or at the door. For more information, call (619) 524-0916.

Resource Fair

The Navy and Marine Corps School Liaisons will host the San Diego Education Options Resource Fair Feb. 3, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Murphy Canyon Chapel in the Murphy Canyon Housing area located just East of Interstate 15 on Aero Drive and Santo Road at 4867 T Santo Rd., San Diego. The event is for military K-12 students and their families to learn about educational options available throughout San Diego County. The options include charter, home, private and magnet schools; tutoring and enrichment resources; specialized high school/early college programs; summer leadership; and community service opportunities. For more information, call Kelli Miller at (858) 577-6633 or Chanin Massaglia at (619) 247-9082.

Super Bowl XLIV

Watch the Super Bowl at the depot Recreation Center on more than 24 TV screens Feb. 7. Doors open at 10 a.m. Free food, rally towels and raffle prizes will be provided. For more information, call (619) 524-4446.

Job Fair

Marine and Family Services, Bldg. 14, will host a Career Fair Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to military active duty and reserve, family members, military retirees, DoD civilians, and other personnel with access to military installations. Come meet face-to-face with more than 100 employers and learn about employment opportunities. For more information, contact Mina Threat at mina.threat@usmc.mil or call (619) 524-1283/8440.

Casino Night

Casino Night will be held at the depot Recreation Center Feb. 12 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. for all eligible patrons. Prizes will be awarded, to include harbor brunch tickets, movie tickets, massage baskets and amusement park packages. Games include craps, Black Jack, roulette and Texas Hold'em Poker. Registration is \$15 for individuals and \$25 for couples. The registration fee includes two free beverage coupons, \$500 in casino bucks and 10 raffle tickets for prizes at the end of the night. Free childcare for children two and older is available with advanced registration at (619) 524-0916. For more information, call (619) 524-8083.

CG Cup Scratch Bowling Tournament

A one-day bowling tournament will be held Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the depot Recreation Center. The event is open to depot active duty and MCCS DoD/NaFi employees aboard the depot. For more information, call (619) 524-6048/0548.

Semper Fit Strolling

Semper Fit Strolling classes are open to authorized depot personnel Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center. For information, call (619) 524-4427 or (619) 524-8465.

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VITA offers tax assistance on depot

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With the busy schedules that flood many active duty and retired military members aboard the depot, sometimes it can be hard for them to find time to file their taxes. To help battle this time-crunch, the base opened the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance to the public, through April 15. Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, was present to cut the ribbon for the opening Thursday.

VITA works hand-in-hand with the Internal Revenue Service to provide free income tax assistance to those who qualify. The organization aids clients in areas such as deter-

mining filing status; earned income tax credit; first-time homebuyer's credit; child care credits; and more. Electronic filing is offered at no charge. If applicable, the volunteers try to get the refunds back to the taxpayers within 10 days.

"This is our third year coming here and we absolutely love it!" said Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Stout, Naval Base Point Loma. "They make it so easy, no problems. They always just get my family in and out with no errors."

The volunteers who help prepare your taxes in the VITA office, have undergone 70 hours of training in a class led by the depot's personal financial manager, Mike McIssac, completed an examination, and have been certified by the IRS. The IRS prevents the tax preparers from

assisting with certain tax areas such as, Section C, which is profit or loss from business; Schedule E, rents and losses; and Form 2106, which is the form for employee business expenses.

The office is located on the second floor of building 7W, but if taxpayers are unable or have difficulties climbing the stairs, they may call VITA ahead of time at (619) 524-4110, to schedule a time for a volunteer to meet them in the depot library.

The VITA office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. Service will be by order of registration, which can be done in person or over the phone. Questions may be routed to Capt. Nicholas Grey, at (619) 524-4113.

Audience dizzy as Globetrotter performs tricks

BY LANCE CPL. DUSTIN R. HAMBY
Chevron staff

With an air of nostalgia and quaint childhood memories, children and adults alike fidgeted with excitement as the depot field house received a visit from the Harlem Globetrotters' Derrick "Dizzy" Grant, Jan. 20.

Servicemembers and civilians who attended had the opportunity to win tickets to a Harlem Globetrotters game, receive basketballs signed by Grant and learn tricks of the trade from the Globetrotters' vault of secrets.

According to its official website, the Harlem Globetrotters adopted the name Harlem because of its connotations as a major black community. The origins of the Globetrotters took place in the South Side of Chicago where the original team members grew up. As an all-black team in a time when racism in the form of segregation was common, the Globetrotters were a haven for the black community to showcase their talents.

As the team grew in size and popularity, they worked comic routines into their games until they became known more for entertainment than sports. The Globetrotters' acts often feature coordination and skillful handling of one or more basketballs. They pass or juggle balls between players, balance or spin balls on their fingertips, and make unusual, difficult shots.

Composed of 29 players, the Globetrotters are roughly split into two teams of 14 and are based between the West Coast and East Coast.

A native of Princeton, N.J., Grant started playing basketball after he attended a Harlem Globetrotters game at the age of seven.

"I got a taste of it," Grant said. "I got my first basketball at the game, and ever since then I was hooked."

Grant, who has sported jersey number two in the East Coast Globetrotters team for the past four years, said becoming a Globetrotter is a lot like becoming a Marine. By teaching basketball techniques, running and classes, they prepare players for the exhaustive schedule of playing games every day.

"It's similar to boot camp," Grant said. "I was almost in tears my first few months on the team."

Grant said he became the New Jersey Athletic Conference Player of the Year his senior year of college at College of New Jersey, Ewing, N.J. This led to his recruitment into the Washington Generals, a similar exhibition-style basketball team that is best known for its competitive exploits against the Globetrotters.

"I played a season with the Generals before I joined the Globetrotters," Grant said. "I went from the team with an infamous losing streak, to a team with a famous winning record."

Since his induction into the Globetrotters, Grant, who practices at least two hours a day and travels ten months a year, has had the opportunity to visit nearly 50 countries as the Globetrotters tour the world.

"Every city is great," Grant said. "Even if we do not know the native language, almost everyone knows the international language of basketball."

While in Libya, Grant said he and his teammates were surrounded by 10,000 Libyans who were so happy to see them. As Ambassadors of Goodwill, the Globetrotters strive to bring their skills and antics to everyone around the world.

"I am definitely going to see the Globetrotters in action,"

said Sgt. Michael Garner, depot police sergeant, logistics. "I enjoyed seeing Dizzy and learning a couple tricks of the trade."

After a question and answering session, attendees were able to take photographs with Grant and receive autographs.

"This is great for the kids," said Garner. "It is wholesome

and good fun. The Globetrotters hold a certain value of good morals that is rarely seen in today's culture."

For more information about the Harlem Globetrotters or to attend the Globetrotters' game at the San Diego Sports Arena Feb. 12, visit their website at www.harlemglobetrotters.com.



Lance Cpl. Anthony D. Jones, administrative clerk, operations, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, learns how to spin a ball on the tip of his finger from Derrick "Dizzy" Grant of the Harlem Globetrotters. Grant, a native of Princeton, N.J., visited the depot field house where he taught servicemembers and civilians tricks from the Globetrotters' vault of secrets, held a question-and-answer session, provided photograph and autograph opportunities and promoted the next Harlem Globetrotters' game at the San Diego Sports Arena, Feb. 12. Lance Cpl. Dustin R. Hamby/Chevron

Lifelong learning opportunities are at education center

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

If servicemembers or their families want to earn a college degree, improve existing skills, start a new career path, or seek personal growth, the Lifelong Learning Education Center has a plethora of resources that assist in obtaining vertically any educational goal.

Once Tarra Fox, spouse of Gunnery Sgt. Paul J. Fox, drill instructor, recruiter's school, saw her four children grow up, she began considering re-entering the workforce. However, without a degree, she knew she would lack that competitive edge. The LLLC put her in contact with Columbia College, which gave her a military spouse scholarship to help with her program in business administration. To assist with her concern about childcare, Marine Corps Community Services provided her a reimbursement voucher for childcare so she could attend classes on campus.

"It's challenging going back to school after almost 10 years," said Fox. "But

I can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

The mission of the LLLC is to provide a world-class educational program that offers opportunities that inspire and prepare Marines, sailors, Coast Guardsmen and family members for success in their professional lives. Lifelong Learning can assist individuals with career progression, enlightenment and strengthen the Corps' personnel base, said James Brooks, education services officer, LLLC.

"Most people are stunned by how easy it is to sign up for school," said Brooks. "It can take less than 30 minutes to enroll in a school."

The Department of Veterans Affairs will fund education, whether it is through tuition assistance, Montgomery GI Bill, Post 9/11 GI Bill, Vocational and Employment Service, Veteran Educational Assistance Program, Reserve Education Assistance Program, scholarship opportunities or any other programs.

"Active duty Marines are surprised to learn they have \$4,500 to use per year for college just with tuition assistance," said

Brooks.

There are five simple steps to officially become a student, said Brooks.

The first step is to contact the unit education officer, discuss educational goals and obtain permission from the unit's commanding officer to attend off-duty education.

The second step is to find an appropriate college or university that complies with the individual's educational goals. The UEO can assist in this decision.

After the decision is made, they then enroll in the college by submitting the application to the admissions department. Once the application is approved and processed, the new student receives an identification number.

After enrolling, the third step is to attend College 101, an orientation and advisement session with the base education services officer at the LLLC. The certification received after College 101 will be required to receive tuition assistance.

Before filling out TA paperwork, the student must be registered for classes.

This can be done via the colleges' Web site or on campus.

The fourth step is to submit the TA paperwork. The paperwork will have to be signed by the unit's commanding officer. Once the paperwork is submitted to the LLLC, the staff will screen the TA form and submit it for payment for the classes requested. Once the student obtains the voucher, the student must give it to their college as payment for the classes.

After completing 12 college credits, the fifth step requires the students to sign a Servicemember Opportunity College Agreement. This protects the student by ensuring the colleges credits the student has earned will transfer to other institutions as the student pursues a college degree.

Using the five simple steps to pave a pathway to a college degree not only develops self-improvement, but enhances competitive edge in promotions within your job, Brooks said.

For more information, contact the LLLC at (619) 524-8158.

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Recruits Matthew Cox, right, and Craig P. Rossow, Platoon 2106, Company E, demonstrate the initial step of first aid by summoning medical assistance while keeping a low profile under enemy fire while at the depot's House of Knowledge Jan. 12. The demonstration prepares their fellow recruits for the practical application test to follow. Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

Company E recruits cash in on weeks of study

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

As recruit training dwindles down to an end, every company of recruits must undergo a week-long series of final tests encompassing drill, Marine Corps history, first aid, physical fitness and uniform inspection.

After nine scrupulous weeks, Company E recruits put the Marine Corps knowledge they absorbed to the test during a written and performance exam, also known as a practical application exam.

"During the test, the written portion asks mostly Marine Corps history questions," said Staff Sgt. Ryan L. Celaya, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2107, Co. E. "The second half includes applying first aid and knowing general orders, uniform regulations, rank structure, rifle function checks and Marine Corps history."

It's important to be familiar with Corps history and values, because you have to understand where you come from to understand where you're going, said Recruit David O. Billslo-

pez, Platoon 2106, Co. E.

"The written test was most challenging as well as the first aid portion," said Billslopez, a Russell, Kan., native. "First aid made me nervous because there are a lot of potential mistakes you can make like forgetting to take the tourniquet off; it's the little things that fail you."

Recruits answer more than 395 questions for pre-tests throughout recruit training, allowing the drill instructors to know which recruits need more help focusing on the material, Celaya said.

"We have what we call 'sit times,' which is when we go over different trivia categories and ask the recruits questions," said Celaya, a Watsonville, Calif., native. "The drill instructors interact a lot with the recruits and ask them every possible question that could be asked during the final test."

During the written test, recruits are asked 80 questions in duration of two hours.

"I feel like we studied every free second we got, even if we only had enough times to study three names in our chain of command," said Billslopez. "As we got closer to the final test

day, we gradually were spending about 70 percent of our time studying the knowledge."

It's important for recruits to know their basic Marine knowledge that every Marine should know, Celaya said.

"I'm confident I learned the basic weapons knowledge to use in combat," said Billslopez. "Every recruit should know the basics of first aid because it can help you survive in combat."

"We learned our knowledge through repetition," Billslopez said. "It becomes second nature when we are asked and the steps to first aid."

"I credit my drill instructors because they put us into us in preparation to be good Marines."

Following the written and performance exams, recruits have their final physical fitness test, combat uniform inspection and the Crucible the subsequent day.

"I'm very relieved and feel a lot less stress when the practical application is over," said Billslopez. "The weight is off my shoulders and I'm ready for the Crucible."



Company E recruits break down their rifles and perform a rifle function check. This practical application station is included in the day's activities to test recruits knowledge of how to ensure weapons work properly. Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron





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Lamont/Chevron



Recruit Jordan Pardee, Platoon 2105, Co. E, attempts to match Marine Corps uniforms with their correct names. Marines are expected to memorize all uniforms regardless of gender. Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron



Recruit Jordan Pardee, Platoon 2105, Co. E, conducts first aid on a mannequin with an impaled leg, during practical application testing, by wrapping the injury with gauze. Pardee verbalizes each step as he comforts the victim and keeps him alert.

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Recruit Zachary A. Gabrysch, right, Platoon 2105, Co. E, reports in to Staff Sgt. Jose J. Garcia, at a station during the practical application test. It is important for recruits to know how to report in because they will use it throughout their careers.

Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron



Sgt. Evan L. Harstine, drill instructor, Platoon 2109, Co. E, shows recruits what is expected of them during the rifle function check of the practical application test.

Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

Recruit ditches spuds, reaches for the pride

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

Even after obtaining his bachelor's degree, the America Falls, Idaho native found himself working with his states' claim to fame: potatoes. It was at the potato factory when he realized he had to make a life-changing decision. He knew that if he continued working there he would become complacent and stay his entire life, therefore, he needed a way out.

Named after an accomplished explorer, Jedediah Smith, who traveled the Rocky Mountains and West Coast in the 1800's, Recruit Jedediah J. Hoag, Platoon 2101, Company E, made the bold decision to leave his quaint hometown and enlist in the Marine Corps.

Hoag had thought about joining the military after graduating from high school, but his father encouraged him to get his bachelor's degree beforehand, Hoag said.

"I admired my father because he is everything I wanted to be," said Hoag. "He is a good man because he is truthful, reliable, responsible and very respectable."

Hoag's father was a captain in the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. After his service, he worked as a wetland plant ecologist and with stream bank res-

toration at the United States Department of Agriculture and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. His father has a masters degree in biology.

"My father taught me to never give up, do everything I want to do and that it's possible to get what I want out of life," said Hoag. "Basically he told me I could follow my dreams no matter what."

Hoag started studying biology at Idaho State University, but shortly switched his major to political science.

"I felt like political science was more interesting because at the time, Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama were in the elections," said Hoag. "It was an intriguing time in politics because it was the first time an African American and a woman were running for the presidency."

After graduating with his bachelor's degree, Hoag realized that it would take more than a degree to find a job in the country's current economy. Hoag resorted to working at the local potato factory.

"One day I was working the graveyard shift when it dawned on me that no one at this factory even knew I was here," said Hoag. "No one would notice if I got hurt. I was just another set of hands."

That is the moment he decided he wanted to be a part of something big, feel

as though he was on a team, and have his accomplishments noticed.

"I wanted to feel the brotherhood and camaraderie," he said.

The Corps appealed to Hoag because both his father, his best friend and more than 10 relatives served or are serving in the military. The Marines he knew were good people who were the kind of people with whom he wanted to surround himself, he said.

"My friend told me if I wanted to be a Marine, I had what it took to become one," said Hoag. "That spoke volumes to me."

After eight months of having a personal trainer, eating healthy and going to the gym, Hoag enlisted into the Corps.

"My younger brother and I both enlisted in the military the same week," said Hoag. "He joined the Navy and I joined the Marine Corps."

"My long-term goal is to go to Officer Candidate School," said Hoag.

He also wanted to experience the Corps as an enlisted Marine and work toward his master's degree, he said.

"He was assigned a job as the scribe, who handles all the paperwork for the platoon," said Sgt. Nicholas Robinson, senior drill instructor, Platoon 2101, Co. E. "He listens to orders and was very efficient as the scribe and went above and

beyond what was expected of him."

Robinson said that he believes Hoag will be accepted into the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program and become a commissioned officer.



After making his bed, Recruit Jedediah J. Hoag, Platoon 2101, Company E, meticulously smooths out his linen in his living quarters, Jan. 13.

Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

Company E drill instructor goes for the gold

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

The terrorist attack on Sept. 11, inspired him to join the ranks of America's toughest fighting force.



Staff Sgt. Renato Costa, drill instructor, Platoon 2103, Company E, has been accepted into the MECEP program and will attend Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla., in May.

Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

After two reenlistments and one extension, Staff Sgt. Renato Costa, drill instructor, Platoon 2103, Company E, said his dedication to duty has inspired him to go for the gold and apply for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program.

MECEP is a program that allows qualified active duty servicemembers to attend a four-year college full time while maintaining their active duty status and pay.

While Costa has been in the Corps, he earned his associate degree in general education by attending classes after work.

"It was never a question in my mind whether I should go to school or not," said Costa, a Recife, Brazil, native. "I was just taking advantage of all the opportunities presented to me."

Along the way, his commands supported his goals to seek off-duty education and it was a great incentive, he said.

Costa received his associate degree in three years, taking breaks when he was deployed to Iraq in 2005 and Afghanistan in 2007.

During his deployments, Costa had the opportunity to work with a few officers and has a special admiration for them. He said that they had outstanding leadership skills and handled business in a respectable way.

"Little by little I saw myself in their shoes," said Costa. "But as a corporal, I wanted to do more time as an enlisted Marine."

Costa said that he also wanted to fulfill his desire to be a drill instructor.

"Ever since boot camp I wanted to be a drill instructor, and I knew that I couldn't do so as an officer," said Costa.

He wanted to be a drill instructor so he could instill knowledge in future Marines, he said.

"I wanted to impact the recruits and be a direct part of that process from civilian to Marine," said Costa. "It feels good that I can offer something to the Marine Corps like that."

When Costa became a sergeant, he became serious about turning in his MECEP package. He researched the application process, and after being promoted to staff sergeant, he submitted his package.

"I felt like I had a lot of support from the chain of command and have good letters of recommendation from battalion commanders and the officers in charge," said Costa.

Costa will begin the program in May, and will attend Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla., for business management.

He chose business management because it's a versatile degree that can give him a plethora of career options.

"I like to make long-term goals," said Costa. "After I retire, I will be more set for the civilian world."

Costa feels the greatest asset he can offer the Corps once commissioned, is his experience and perspective that has evolved over time as an enlisted Marine.

"I joined thinking I'd do my four years and get out," said Costa. "But I made great friends, had great experiences and great opportunities. I fell in love with the Corps."

Brig. Gen. Herman S. Clardy III

Parade Reviewing Officer

Brig. Gen. Herman S. Clardy, III is the commanding general, Marine Air-Ground Task Force Training Command and commanding general, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Brig. Gen. Clardy was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1983, after graduating from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He received a Master of Science in management from Troy State University in June 1997 and a Master of Arts (with Distinction) in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in June 2004. His other formal military education includes The Basic School (1983); the Infantry Officer Course (1984); the Armor Officers Advanced Course and Cavalry Leaders Course (1991); and the Weapons Tactics Instructor Course (1992).

From 1985 to 1988, Brig. Gen. Clardy served as a heavy machinegun, rifle, and weapons platoon commander and com-

pany executive officer with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He deployed with the battalion to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the 26th Marine Amphibious Unit (Special Operations Capable). He was promoted to first lieutenant in May 1985. In January 1988, he was transferred to Quantico, Va., where he served as a tactics instructor at The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course. He was promoted to captain in April 1988. In November 1991, after graduating from the Armor Officers Advanced Course, Brig. Gen. Clardy was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion (redesignated 2nd LAR) at Camp Lejeune, where he served as company commander and battalion operations officer until June 1994.

Brig. Gen. Clardy was transferred in July 1994 to Tulane University in New Orleans, La., to become the Marine officer instructor, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit. He was promoted to major in September 1994. In August 1997, he was reassigned to the Division of Public Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, as the head of the community relations branch. Brig. Gen. Clardy transferred in July 1999 to Camp Lejeune. He served as the operations officer for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations

Capable) and participated in Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in October 1999. In September 2000, he was assigned to the II MEF as the expeditionary operations officer.

Brig. Gen. Clardy was transferred to MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, and assumed command of 3rd LAR Bn. From January to June 2003, he participated in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. Upon graduation from the Naval War College in June 2004, he was reassigned to Marine Corps Base, Camp Smedley D. Butler, and Marine Corps Bases, Japan, as the assistant chief of staff, community policy, planning and liaison. He was promoted to colonel in October 2004. Brig. Gen. Clardy assumed command of 2nd Marine Regiment at Camp Lejeune, in June 2006. Between December 2006 and January 2008, he commanded Regimental Combat Team 2 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Brig. Gen. Clardy served as the director of Expeditionary Warfare School from July 2008 to July 2009.

Brig. Gen. Clardy was promoted to his present rank in September 2009.

Brig. Gen. Clardy's personal decora-

tions include the Legion of Merit (with gold star and Combat Distinguishing Device); Bronze Star (with the Combat Distinguishing Device); Meritorious Service Medal (with two gold stars); Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with two gold stars); Combat Action Ribbon; and a Presidential Unit Citation.





Platoon 2102 COMPANY HONOR MAN Lance Cpl. N. D. Jones Irvine, Calif. Recruited by Sgt. E. Abrams	Platoon 2108 SERIES HONOR MAN Pfc. K. P. Pollard Jr. Davenport, Iowa Recruited by Staff Sgt. J. L. Span	Platoon 2101 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. D. F. Hudson Woodland, Calif. Recruited by Staff Sgt. E. Luna-Garcia	Platoon 2103 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. C. J. Carlson Pueblo, Colo. Recruited by Staff Sgt. D. Rivera	Platoon 2105 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. R. D. Longo Little Rock, Ark Recruited by Sgt. R. Bryson	Platoon 2106 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. C. P. Rossow Beaver Dam, Wis. Recruited by Sgt. C. A. Nelson	Platoon 2107 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. I. W. Owens Oklahoma City Recruited by Staff Sgt. B. R. Jacobson	Platoon 2106 HIGH SHOOTER (332) Pfc. B. A. DesOrmeaux Avilla, Ind. Marksmanship Instructor Sgt. J. D. Mejia	Platoon 2101 HIGH PFT (300) Pfc. L. O. Lamana Tucson, Ariz. Recruited by Sgt. K. Taylor
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Sergeant Major
Sgt. Maj. M. J. O'Loughlin
Battalion Drill Master
Staff Sgt. E. O. Hidalgo
Battalion Chaplain
Lt. Cmdr. R. T. Rinaldi

COMPANY E

Commanding Officer
Capt. D. P. Hagarty
Company First Sergeant
1st Sgt. J. R. Sanders

SERIES 2101

Series Commander
1st Lt. C. Schnappinger
Chief Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. A. D. Carlton

PLATOON 2101

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Drill Instructors
Sgt. G. P. Gonzales
Sgt. C. F. Onyejiaka
Sgt. J. Valles-Esparza

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Pfc. A. J. Ahmann
*Pfc. J. A. Almanza
Pvt. G. T. Angle
Pvt. G. A. Armstrong
Pvt. M. Armstrong
*Pfc. M. D. Bacon
Pvt. M. M. Balde
Pvt. S. Banuelos Jr.
Pvt. C. E. Barahona
Pvt. E. Barrera
Pvt. W. G. Blakley
Pfc. C. A. Brice
Pvt. T. S. Bridges
Pvt. G. T. Bristol
Pvt. C. K. Bradwell-Johnson
Pvt. M. Bunetta
Pvt. J. R. Buraczyk
Pvt. D. C. Burns
Pvt. J. H. Camacho
Pfc. C. M. Castillo
Pvt. C. P. Chapman
Pvt. R. Chavez
Pvt. N. R. Clark
Pvt. C. A. Croaker
Pfc. A. D. Cruz Jr.
Pvt. C. J. Daniel
Pfc. R. A. Davis
Pfc. S. M. Day
Pvt. D. A. Decker
Pvt. J. Deleon
Pvt. N. A. Demaria
Pfc. C. W. Diamond
*Pfc. J. C. Dominguez
Pvt. C. A. Drentlaw
Pfc. K. T. Eaton
Pvt. R. Escamilla
Pfc. I. Escoto
Pfc. S. Fernandez Jr.
Pfc. W. B. Finney
Pvt. E. J. Fisher
Pfc. B. M. Forstner
Pvt. J. Foust
Pvt. J. A. Fuller
Pvt. L. A. Garcia
Pvt. V. R. Genosa
Pfc. K. C. Gragnano
Pvt. P. Greenlee
Pvt. J. G. Gutierrez
Pvt. J. A. Guy
Pvt. D. A. Hampton
Pfc. J. L. Hedrick
Pvt. J. M. Hengen
Pvt. A. J. Hermann
Pfc. T. P. Hess
Pfc. J. Hillman
Pvt. J. J. Hoag
Pvt. C. L. Howard
Pvt. K. Hudson
Pvt. E. R. Hudson
*Pfc. D. F. Hudson
Pfc. B. J. Irwin
Pvt. J. Jacquez
Pvt. C. A. Kingsolver
*Pfc. L. O. Lamana
Pvt. S. J. Martin
Pvt. C. A. Rieg
Pvt. E. J. Villanueva
Pfc. T. D. Wilson

PLATOON 2102

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. S. R. Haynes
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. J. J. Ancaux
Staff Sgt. J. F. Richard
Sgt. P. J. Jackson

Pvt. J. D. Abarca
Pvt. A. A. Aledo
Pfc. T. J. Alexander
Pfc. M. B. Alfaro
Pvt. A. Austin
Pvt. A. L. Austin
Pvt. J. P. Babilis
Pvt. J. T. Bachman
Pvt. A. Bailey
Pvt. R. D. Barnett
Pfc. A. J. Beltran
Pvt. J. A. Bereiter
*Pfc. B. M. Bourne

Pvt. C. H. Breve-Munguia
Pvt. H. A. Briseno
Pvt. A. L. Brown
Pvt. J. N. Bui
*Pfc. J. M. Busby
Pvt. R. A. Cagle
Pvt. C. A. Cain
Pvt. R. A. Carlile
Pfc. S. J. Carlson
Pvt. M. A. Castaneda
Pvt. J. N. Cavaness
Pvt. J. Church
Pvt. A. R. Condon
Pvt. A. N. Corley
Pvt. J. A. Crenshaw
Pfc. S. G. Cunningham
Pfc. E. Del Rio
Pvt. R. M. Denouden
Pvt. J. Diaz
Pvt. G. Diaz
Pfc. M. J. Dinanno
Pvt. S. G. Doonan
*Pfc. A. S. Duron
Pvt. A. Eldredge
Pvt. J. Engelman
Pvt. D. T. Ericson
Pvt. J. J. Farnsworth
Pvt. A. E. Ferkowicz
Pvt. L. T. Galvan
Pvt. S. Garrison
Pvt. J. G. Garza
Pfc. E. Gil
Pvt. L. Gomez
Pvt. G. Gomez
Pvt. M. A. Griffiths
Pvt. N. E. Hauser
*Pfc. J. M. Hidalgo II
Pvt. C. K. Hilborn
Pvt. M. G. Holmes
Pvt. A. L. Jennings
Pfc. E. A. Jimenez
*Lance Cpl. N. D. Jones
Pvt. T. A. Kidder
Pvt. M. Klumpp
Pvt. J. E. Lacko
Pvt. C. R. Lalama
Pvt. M. Lamas Jr.
Pfc. J. Lopezamora
Pvt. K. A. Neubecker
Pfc. J. J. O'Donnell Jr.
Pvt. M. Quintanilla-Benivides
Pvt. F. Ramirez-Martinez
Pvt. E. Rivera
Pfc. A. G. Snyder
Pvt. M. A. Villagomez-Lopez

PLATOON 2103

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Staff Sgt. G. Hernandez
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. N. Casias
Staff Sgt. R. Costa
Sgt. J. Soto

Pvt. Z. D. Andera
Pvt. B. J. Anderson
Pvt. M. B. Banks
Pvt. K. A. Baughman
Pfc. J. P. Beaven
Pvt. D. J. Birchman
Pvt. J. M. Brady
Pvt. N. D. Brooks
Pvt. R. J. Bukowski
Pvt. M. J. Burrows
Pfc. A. R. Bustos
Pvt. Z. D. Butler
Pfc. T. D. Campbell
Pvt. D. Carey
Pfc. C. J. Carlson
Pvt. G. Carpio
Pvt. F. E. Chapman
Pfc. D. L. Chasen
Pvt. A. Clifton
Pvt. M. Correa
Pfc. G. S. Crowe
Pvt. N. Davidson
Pvt. D. R. Emerson
Pvt. J. R. Ericksen
Pvt. N. A. Fitzgibbon
*Pfc. A. P. Flesher
Pvt. M. H. Franco-Hernandez
Pvt. E. T. Gagliano
Pvt. J. C. Garcia
Pvt. C. E. Gregory
Pvt. H. L. Grittman
Pvt. A. J. Hansen
Pvt. C. M. Hansen
Pvt. D. B. Harris
Pvt. Z. B. Holland
Pfc. J. L. Holiday III
Pvt. D. M. Hull
Pvt. M. D. Huser
Pfc. G. R. Johnson
Pfc. C. E. Julson
Pvt. J. Karns
Pfc. O. S. Keller
Pvt. D. O. Keller-Van Wyck
Pvt. S. E. Lambert
Pvt. C. S. Landry
Pvt. M. A. Mier
*Pfc. G. S. Mills
*Pfc. R. W. Mills Jr.
Pvt. T. J. Molitor
Pfc. W. H. Morgan
Pvt. K. Moring
Pfc. A. C. Morton
Pvt. J. V. Nakanacagi
Pvt. A. R. Nordstrom
*Pfc. E. J. Norman
Pfc. B. K. Olson
Pvt. K. D. Olson
Pvt. E. Onochie

Pfc. T. S. Ortega
Pvt. O. P. Pellissier
Pvt. R. Perez
Pvt. J. E. Preciado
*Pfc. C. J. Price
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Pfc. E. D. Schulz
Pvt. E. L. Shields
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PLATOON 2105

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. C. Galvan
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. E. S. Hernandez
Sgt. A. J. Butler
Sgt. D. J. Camacho

Pvt. J. A. Adkins
Pvt. G. W. Allison
Pvt. R. Antu
Pvt. J. L. Apgar
Pvt. K. M. Arlington
Pvt. T. A. Block
Pvt. P. Breen
Pvt. A. Burt
Pfc. L. D. Byars
Pvt. E. Camargo
Pvt. A. J. Carty
Pvt. A. Castillo
Pvt. E. Chu
Pvt. B. K. Clark
Pfc. J. E. Correa
Pvt. O. Correa
Pvt. T. S. Craig
*Pfc. A. L. Cullefer
Pfc. B. J. Despaigne
Pvt. D. C. Eastwood
Pfc. M. E. Fernandez
Pfc. S. J. Follett
*Pfc. C. A. Forrest
*Pfc. B. J. Friday
Pvt. Z. A. Gabrysch
Pfc. C. M. Garcia
Pfc. M. B. Garrison
Pfc. D. T. Gibbs
Pvt. K. C. Harwell
Pvt. J. E. Haskell
Pfc. C. R. Heinesh
Pfc. A. G. Hernandez
*Pfc. L. A. Hernandez
Pvt. J. C. Herrera
Pvt. A. J. Hess
Pvt. D. W. Hicks
Pfc. N. P. Hight
Pvt. K. J. Horn
Pfc. E. A. Hriz
Pfc. E. D. Hubley
Pvt. L. R. Huss
Pfc. D. B. Jack
Pvt. J. Jongekrijg
Pvt. J. M. Kinzel
Pfc. W. T. Lashbrook
Pfc. M. L'Esperance
Pfc. R. D. Longo
Pvt. B. J. Mabb
Pvt. G. M. Maltez
Pvt. C. L. Meton
Pvt. D. I. Miller
Pvt. R. Munton
Pvt. M. S. Ortiz
Pfc. D. P. Ott
Pfc. J. Pardee
Pvt. J. O. Parsons
Pvt. N. D. Parsons
*Pfc. A. Perez
Pfc. J. A. Potts
Pvt. A. J. Pummill
Pfc. J. A. Reyes
Pvt. R. Ringler
Pvt. A. J. Rodriguez
Pvt. E. J. Rodriguez
Pvt. N. A. Rublein
Pvt. M. D. Steward
Pvt. D. A. Tank
Pfc. M. H. Tice
Pvt. C. Vanstrom
Pfc. W. A. Williams II
Pvt. G. T. Withers

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Sgt. J. Gonzales
Sgt. G. C. Watts

Pfc. A. Adachi
Pvt. J. W. Babbitt
Pfc. M. C. Berry-Crenshaw
Pvt. J. D. Beston
Pvt. D. O. Bills-Lopez
Pfc. T. W. Bryant
Pfc. D. Calloway
Pvt. K. P. Case
Pvt. M. S. Castellanos
Pvt. J. Z. Chen
Pvt. M. Cox
Pvt. O. K. Craig
Pfc. J. D. Daisley
*Pfc. B. A. DesOrmeaux
Pvt. J. L. Dull
Pvt. D. C. Eggensammer
*Pfc. T. H. Fowlkes

Pvt. C. Gast
Pvt. M. Goeas
Pvt. R. S. Gregnier
Pvt. A. Guzman
Pvt. M. D. Holland
Pfc. D. S. Horney
Pvt. V. N. Huynh
Pvt. J. Jacobo
Pvt. D. Jacobs
Pvt. C. Jaquays
Pvt. P. B. Johnson
Pfc. J. Kim
*Pfc. J. E. Klump
Pfc. T. T. Lamphere
Pvt. A. M. Maronie
Pvt. C. Martin
Pfc. E. Matlock
Pfc. W. R. May
Pfc. S. A. Monka
Pvt. D. M. Moore
Pfc. S. J. Mucaria
Pvt. M. P. Nelson
Pfc. E. M. Noga
Pvt. T. C. Nusbaum
Pvt. N. R. Osborn
Pfc. A. Ostojic
Pvt. S. D. Penrod
Pvt. D. L. Poole
Pvt. A. T. Powers
Pvt. B. Provance
Pvt. J. A. Raimo
Pvt. C. D. Recio
Pvt. M. A. Rios
Pvt. C. R. Ross
*Pfc. C. P. Rossow
Pvt. J. D. Ruiz
Pvt. A. J. Saleh
Pvt. J. D. Schwank
Pvt. A. C. Seidler
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Pfc. J. R. Smallman
Pfc. B. D. Streeter
Pvt. J. J. Stufflebean
Pvt. J. A. Talavera-Little
Pvt. M. P. Tierney
Pfc. M. Valenzuela
Pvt. D. A. Waack
Pvt. C. D. Wanicki
Pvt. R. J. White
Pvt. T. Wilson
Pfc. D. Wulz
Pvt. M. E. Yard

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Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. M. A. Flores
Staff Sgt. J. A. Ratliff
Staff Sgt. K. M. Salas

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Pvt. T. J. Bell
Pvt. J. C. Borden
Pfc. D. M. Coolidge
*Pfc. R. A. Espinoza
Pvt. H. O. Lizama
Pvt. R. M. Lopez
Pvt. J. E. Lozon
Pvt. D. Luu
Pvt. K. R. Matthews
Pfc. J. M. Mican
Pfc. W. A. Motschenbacher
Pfc. Z. B. Mullis
Pvt. C. A. Murray
Pvt. D. M. Neu
Pvt. S. E. Oakry
Pvt. L. A. Omana
Pfc. I. W. Owens
*Pfc. A. E. Pena
Pvt. J. C. Ramirez
Pvt. B. G. Roberts
Pvt. J. A. Rocha
Pvt. E. A. Rojo
Pfc. J. A. Rolfes
Pvt. J. D. Roper
Pfc. J. Rose
Pvt. A. D. Rubio-Ordaz
Pvt. C. W. Rusk
*Pfc. A. N. Rusk
Pvt. J. A. Salas
Pvt. F. I. Salcido
Pvt. C. J. Samson
Pvt. W. D. Schaller
Pvt. D. J. Schumi
Pvt. A. J. Sennett
Pfc. J. A. Skalla
Pvt. J. M. Smith
Pvt. K. J. Smith
Pfc. R. M. Sonnack
Pfc. R. B. Sorn
Pvt. K. M. Spearing
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Pvt. D. P. Sterr
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Pfc. T. F. Stone
Pfc. J. A. Stratton
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Pvt. B. J. Thulin
Pvt. Z. T. Thurston
Pvt. S. Tobin
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Pvt. S. Tucker
Pvt. A. J. Urias
Pvt. A. Voynovich
Pfc. C. T. Wasicak
Pvt. J. T. Weatherspoon
Pfc. J. D. Webb
Pvt. J. Weibach
Pvt. E. C. West

Pvt. A. J. Wheeler
Pvt. J. T. Whitman
Pfc. D. M. Williams
Pvt. G. D. Willingmyre
Pfc. C. P. Willis
Pvt. B. T. Wojcik
Pvt. J. A. Wright
Pvt. C. L. Yglesias

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Sgt. B. W. Ormsby
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Pvt. R. A. Jaggars
Pvt. J. A. Jaramillo
Pvt. M. J. Jauch
Pvt. J. K. Jenkerson
Pvt. D. A. John
Pvt. T. F. Jones
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Pvt. D. Keller
*Pfc. C. A. Kilpatrick
Pvt. J. D. Kohler
Pvt. R. M. Krauss
Pvt. O. Kunytsky
Pfc. C. A. Kynaston
Pvt. D. L. Mallow
Pvt. D. M. Manning
Pvt. E. A. Marin
Pvt. A. B. Martinez Jr.
Pfc. N. W. Marzigliano
Pvt. J. N. McConnon
Pvt. J. J. Mendez
Pvt. T. M. Miller
Pfc. E. J. Morales
Pvt. A. P. Naumovich
Pvt. D. R. Odell
Pvt. B. M. Palmer
Pvt. J. Plazola-Corona
Pfc. K. P. Pollard Jr.
Pvt. A. D. Ramirez
Pvt. J. R. Ramon
Pvt. C. A. Rejon
*Pfc. T. M. Relling
Pvt. J. Rincon
Pvt. J. D. Rivas
Pfc. A. Rodriguez
Pfc. D. P. Rossi
Pvt. A. J. Ruben-King
*Pfc. S. A. Salazar
Pvt. S. Sanchez
Pvt. J. E. Sanchez-Montes
Pfc. R. N. Sasamoto
Pvt. C. M. Shanahan
Pvt. B. A. Shobe Jr.
Pfc. J. A. Smithson
Pfc. A. G. Solache
Pvt. L. K. Stone
Pvt. F. H. Stranathan
Pvt. A. J. Tate
Pvt. M. A. Tello
*Pfc. D. O. Thompson
Pvt. A. J. Tosoni
Pfc. C. A. Tyler
Pvt. J. Valdez
Pvt. T. J. Varner
Pvt. J. Vasquez
Pvt. L. A. Veracruz
Pvt. J. R. Villalobos
Pfc. J. H. Vincent
Pvt. E. J. Wagner
Pvt. D. C. Wallace
Pvt. K. C. Wallen
Pfc. A. D. Wendt
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Pfc. J. L. Wood
Pvt. J. D. Wooten
Pvt. D. J. Young
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* Denotes meritorious promotion



Quarterback Anthony Watts, Traffic Management Office, prepares to throw the ball down the field. Unfortunately the pass ended up incomplete. Despite their best efforts, TMO crumbled at the hands of Ceremonial Detail with a final score of 31-7, during the second week on the Commanding General's Cup Flag Football competition, Jan. 26. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron



With the ball loose both teams scatter to possess it. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron

Still on Top

Ceremonial trucks through the competition to continue winning streak, dominate yet another team

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Day one of the second week of Commanding General's Cup Flag Football was full of epic wins and embarrassing defeats. In the final game of the day, Ceremonial Detail triumphed over the Traffic Management Office, securing their undefeated title, with a final score of 31-7.

Before the game began, trash talking was exchanged both verbally and through e-mails, spiking both teams competitiveness.

Ceremonial won the coin toss and chose to defer to the second half. Despite being given first dibs, TMO was unable to get the ball down the field and was forced to punt not long after.

Ceremonial's second offensive play was a successful one. Quarterback Francisco Silva hit wide receiver and quarterback Richard Harmon for a 20-yard touchdown. Once Ceremonial recovered the ball, Harmon pitched it to run-

ning back Steve Phillips for a 15-yard touchdown. A wave of silence came over TMO players as they called cease fire on their trash talking.

The games' first half ended, 13-0. TMO was able to penetrate Ceremonial's defense one time during the game, when TMO receiver Anthony Misenhiemer scored a touch down in the third quarter making the score 13-7.

Feeling a little pressure, Ceremonial took possession of the ball and Silva hit Harmon on a slant for an impressive 40-yard gain. During the next play, Silva completed a pass to tight end Benjamin Johns for a 10-yard touchdown.

There is no telling whether the TMO lost hope or skill, but they allowed Silva to complete another pass to receiver James Humerick for a 40-yard touchdown, sealing their losing fate and ending the game.

Earlier in the day, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion trumped the Consolidated Personnel Administrative Center, 39-7, and Recruit Training Regiment stomped Recruiters School, 27-0.



TMO tries to flee from Ceremonial Platoon's vicious defense, but were unsuccessful in their attempts. Ceremonial shut down TMO's efforts, and secured their undefeated title. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron