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James Stewart, Life Skills Trainer, Marine Corps Family Team Building, instructs a class during the annual Joint Family Readiness Conference at the depot's Command Museum July 12-15.

Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

Depot hosts JFR Conference

BY CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
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Family Readiness officers and volunteers from the Western Recruiting Region attended the annual Joint Family Readiness Conference at the depot's Command Museum, July 12 to 15.

"Our objective is to give FROs the tools and resources they need to be effective at their jobs," said Natalie B. Francisco, director, Marine Corps Family Team Building. "It also gives FROs of WRR an opportunity to come together and exchange feedback with each other to see what is working and what isn't."

Those attending the conference were 8th, 9th and 12th Marine Corps Districts FROs, deputy FROs, Family Readiness volunteers, depot FROs and volunteers from the depot.

The theme for this year's conference was "Unmasking the Possibilities."

The theme was inspired by the families whose Marines are fulfilling their duty to the Corps, requiring long hours and traveling away from home.

"It's our duty to find ways to unmask the possibilities and see what we can do to help families stay strong," said Francisco.

Francisco's challenge to the FROs is to help those in charge make their families feel that their current duty station is the best duty station they have ever been, she said.

This includes recruiters, public affairs Marines, administrative Marines, civilians and families at

the recruiting stations, said Francisco.

"The concept of family is not exclusive to spouses and children," said Francisco. "It can be parents, who can be a part of the Family Readiness Program as well."

It seems that the younger generation parents are more involved in the Marines' lives, she said. Parents can get involved in the FRP and receive newsletters, informing them what is happening in their Marine's chain of command.

"For us, family is defined as the family you are born into, the family you are sworn into and the family that you marry into," said Francisco.

During the conference, FROs learned about ways to help families through marketing, Military One Source, the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program, 7-Habits, Lifestyle insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills program (L.I.N.K.S), and Marine and Family Services.

Marketing emphasized how FROs can market what the programs offer and attract families to their program, Francisco said.

FROs put a marketing plan together to help them think about their approach on promoting their program, said Francisco.

During a presentation by Military One Source representative, FROs learned that MilitaryOne Source.com offers a plethora of resources for active-duty and families, including information pertaining to military life and deployment, financial and legal

issues, as well as health and relationships.

"As Marines, we don't know all the information and resources available to us, including everything One Source offers," said Master Sgt. Duvan J. Forero, assistant recruiting instructor, Recruiting Station Houston. "Even I wasn't aware of all the free classes like stress management and family counseling. In addition, books and audio books are available to order for free with Military One Source."

Following the presentation from Military One Source, FROs learned PREP is offered by the Marine Corps Family Team Building staff and chaplains. PREP encompasses strategies that can help couples build a stronger and more rewarding marriage or relationship through communication, trust, listening effectively and problem solving.

Seven-Habits are concepts from the book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," by Stephen Covey, and were introduced as a blend of exercises and logical thinking to help create healthy family relationships. An ongoing class based on the Seven-Habits is offered by the Family Readiness Division.

L.I.N.K.S. was also explained as a program that provides a positive environment for Marines and their families to learn to manage the demands of the Marine Corps lifestyle and to work together in balancing family needs along with meeting expectations of the Corps.

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Depot recruits first to fire new service rifle

BY CPL. MATTHEW BROWN
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The first West Coast recruits to be issued the Corps' new service rifle, the M-16A4, fired the weapons during their first week at the rifle range at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., July 19.

Every Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego company of recruits following Kilo will be issued and train with the M-16A4 service rifle.

"The (M-16)A4 is the weapon we use out in the fleet, so it is best that the recruits train with it as well as fight with it," said Sgt. Ricardo Garcia, drill instructor, Platoon 3236. "Both weapons fire pretty much the same, but staying with the same kind of rifle should ease the transition from training to the fleet."

According to Staff Sgt. Luis Martinez, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3235, the Corps chose the M-16A4 because of the adaptability of the weapons'

integrated rail system which allows the use of a wide range of accessories for today's ever changing battlefield.

"Where we fight can change from the knife fight range of a house raid to a day's long patrol in the mountains of Afghanistan," said Martinez. "Throughout recruit training, we always say, 'adapt and overcome,' to our recruits, so it only makes sense for their gear to do so too."

Recruits must also train to carry and drill with the heavier weapons.

"The weapon is about a pound heavier," said Garcia. "So drilling with it or just hiking around with it slung on your shoulder can be more difficult. The recruits will get conditioned to the heavier weight and have an easier time when they reach the School of Infantry where they have already been using (M-16)A4s."

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Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, cuts the ribbon officially opening use of the depot's solar power project, using solar panels to generate electricity for local use. Pfc. Emily Cone/Chevron



Saturday night approximately 70 Marines, other base personal and family members attended Movie Night on the Bay in front of the Bay View boat house. The movie played was Avatar. Pfc. Emily Cone/Chevron

Families turn out for Movie Night on the Bay

BY PFC. EMILY CONE
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About 70 depot personnel and their families attended "Avatar" at the free Movie Night on the Bay, held at the depot boathouse, July 17. Movie Night on the Bay was one of three planned events for the summer, directed to help families spend leisure time together, according to Kelly Sitar, deputy director of Semper Fit here, and in charge of planning family events. The first family-themed event was a family bingo night, and the last event will be another Movie Night on the Bay, August 28. Sitar's 7-year-old son, Shane, bounced

up and down as he watched the crew set up the 40 by 25-foot jumbo screen, exclaiming the he was excited to see the movie. Senior drill instructor Sgt. Hector Sanchez, Company L, 3rd Battalion, said he was just glad to be spending time with his family. "I didn't know about the movie night until recently," Sanchez said. "I was looking up the boat house times online and saw that this was going on and thought it would be a cool thing to do." However, it wasn't just families that attended. A group of 15 injured recruits also got to see the movie. Capt. Timmothy Garrison, execu-

tive officer of the Recruit Separation Platoon, said he invited them in order to boost their morale. Garrison said he was more excited for the recruits to see the movie than he was to see it. Garrison said he even bought the recruits popcorn for the event. When the movie started, families and couples sat on blankets and lawn chairs scattered across the boat house lawn, some wearing glow necklaces and bracelets sold at the concession stand, while others ate popcorn. Even after the movie started, stragglers trickled onto the lawn to watch. Shane Sitar said that part of the reason he was excited was because he got to see his father.

First responders gain experience

BY CPL. FRANCES CANDELARIA
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Marines and sailors attended Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Emergency Awareness and Operations training July 12 and 13 here. Primarily, those attending the training were Marines who are part of or will be a part of Ground Security Force and medical personnel.

The class first learned how to recognize threats of CBRNE terrorism and devices, and who to call for responder actions in the CBRNE Responder Awareness training.

Following that was the CBRNE operations training, which encompassed both classroom and hands-on training, explaining who responders were and their standard operating procedures for reacting to a CBRNE attack. The responders for any CBRNE incident are PMO, the local fire department and hazardous materials team.

Four hours of hands-on responder training followed covering the use of proper protective equipment, decontamination and responder actions. Marines and sailors got the opportunity to don and operate personal protection equipment, including the Tychem suit, 3M Breathe Easy 10

Powered Air Purifying Respirator, boots, gloves and different radiation monitors.

The training finished with a brief on the TVI 3-Line Decontamination System, which is a decontamination shelter. The system received the name 3-Line because of its characteristic of allowing a line for females, males and any individuals who must be transported on stretchers.

"During the hands-on portions, the class seemed to have a better understanding of the training," said Joe Hill, CBRNE Awareness and Operations Course instructor. "It keeps them engaged. Sitting through a class is one thing, but when they combine seeing, touching and doing, it reaches students who learn in different ways."

As the class set up the decontamination tent, they saw the full effect of the TVI 3-Line Decontamination System.

"I felt it was very beneficial," said Cpl. Sean McLean, combat videographer, Combat Visual Information Center. "Giving us the hands-on experience with the tent makes it more memorable, helps it stick in the Marines' minds."

The instructors worked with the students to help them learn the full potential of the classroom time and hands-on participation.

"This training helps focus on what (GSF Marines and medical personnel) need to know and how they will actually be used in a CBRNE incident," Hill said.

Family Readiness, from Pg. 1

During the L.I.N.K.S. orientation, experienced and knowledgeable Marine Corps spouses mentored participants and shared information using small group discussion and interactive activities to help achieve understanding the Marine Corps mission, as well as successfully meeting the challenges of Marine Corps lifestyle.

"If families know where the resources are, they can become self sufficient," said Francisco. "This makes the Marine's life better, which can help them do their mission more effectively."

It's important for FROs to be knowledgeable of all the resources so they can recommend certain programs based on a families situation and needs, Francisco said.

"What I found most valuable during the conference was all the information that could be very useful for Marines and their families," said Forero. "It's important for the FROs to be knowledgeable and have access to information and resources because that is who Marines and their families go to for assistance. Without FROs, they may not know where to go to access that big pool of information," he said.

He said he hopes everyone uses the valuable information they got here and gives it to their families, said Forero.

The conference has been held annually for at least nine years in a row, which has been as long as Francisco has been working on the depot. It began as the Quality of Life Conference, and then was referred to as the Joint Depot and WRR Key Volunteer Conference before being known as the Joint Family Readiness Conference.

For more information about Marine Corps Family Team Building and Family Readiness, call (619) 524-0916.

BRIEFS

Free personalized fitness assessment

The Fitness Center now offers Micro-Fit to all eligible patrons. Patrons receive a free, personalized fitness/lifestyle assessment, to include results and printed report of: weight, body fat, heart rate, blood pressure, flexibility, strength and cardio conditioning. A clearance form signed by a physician is mandatory for those with heart problems, chest pain, history of stroke, men over age 45 and women over age 55, and those who have had surgery within the past year. Active duty patrons receive points for the 101 Days of Summer Drug-Free Challenge. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, call (619) 524-4427.

Gamer's Grub Video Game Release Party

The Gamer's Grub Video Game Release Party will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the depot Recreation Center. Patrons can play the newest released video game and receive a free lunch and drinks. The event is open to active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD and their guests. The event is held the last Tuesday of each month. For more information, call (619) 203-3277.

Activity Mornings for Parents and Tots

MCRD L.I.N.K.S. and New Parent Support are sponsoring Activity Mornings for Parents and Tots, Tuesday and August 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Bldg. 6E classroom. The event is for parents and their children under five. For details or to register, call Patricia Kalaye at (619) 524-8104 or Heather Chamberlain at (619) 524-0805.

Car and Motorcycle Show

A Car and Motorcycle Show will be held July 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between the Recreation Center and the Fitness Center. Music and food will be provided. Awards will be in these categories: General's Choice, People's Choice, the top three motorcycles and the top three cars in each category. The entry fee is \$10 and a new, unwrapped toy to support the Toys for Tots program. Download the entry form and map at mccsd.com. For more information, call (619) 524-5240.

Library On-line tutor

The depot library is offering free resources and on-line tutors to active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD and their guests. Professional tutors are available to help with math, science, social studies and English from elementary to advanced levels. Each session is anonymous and one-on-one in a secure online classroom. Help with writing resumes and cover letters is also available. A personal username and password are needed to access this service. Visit the depot library to create an account. For more information, go to www.usmc-mccs.org or call (619) 524-1849.

Be a Volunteer

Learn new skills, meet people and make friends, fill resume gaps, receive references and letters of recommendation, receive recognition for volunteering annually. Volunteers can have their hours recorded with the new volunteer tracking tool. The program is available to all eligible patrons. To register or for more information, call Yesenia Rodriguez, at (619) 524-0916.

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Southwestern educators get taste of the Corps

BY CPL. FRANCES CANDELARIA
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High school administrators, teachers and counselors from Recruiting

Stations San Diego and Los Angeles experienced a week-long synopsis of Marine Corps recruit training during the Educators Workshop Monday through today. The educator's first step in



Brittany Arledge, Special Education facilitator, Centennial High School, North Las Vegas, Nev., discovers humor helps her through her difficulty on the bayonet assault course. Arledge crawled through the sand and dirt while carrying a rifle and wearing a flak-jacket and Kevlar helmet during the Educators Workshop. Cpl. Francis Candelaria/Chevron



Duane Mattox, left, of Las Vegas High School in Nevada, and Keith Copeland, middle, of Summit Leadership Academy, Hesperia, Calif., along with other visiting southwestern educators, respond to the drill instructor who is welcoming them to the depot while they occupy the famous Yellow Footprints. Cpl. Francis



Keith Copeland, athletic director, Summit Leadership Academy, Hesperia, Calif., delivers elbow strikes with speed and intensity during the hands-on portion of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program demonstration. Cpl. Francis Candelaria/Chevron

their simulated transformation to becoming Marines began with their arrival on the depot.

As the buses came to a halt in front of the famous yellow footprints, drill instructors overwhelmed the vehicles and the passengers making their intimidating presence known.

After yelling for the educators to exit the bus and line up on the yellow footprints with speed and intensity, the drill instructors paced up and down the rows barking orders and ensuring the educators got into the proper position of attention.

After several minutes of controlled chaos, the drill instructors stopped their yelling and took a moment to congratulate the educators because they had survived the first two minutes of Marine Corps Recruit Training. The educators were then taken on a tour of the rest of the receiving process by their drill instructor guides.

"Today has been awesome," said Leiha Dulawan, career planner, Dos Pueblos High School, Santa Barbara, Calif. "It was a little hard to understand

the drill instructors but it's been a lot of fun. I've learned a lot."

The educators attended classroom briefs describing the entire enlistment process, including recruiting, joining the Marine Corps, boot camp graduation, the Fleet Marine Force, and Marines' lifestyles.

"If any of my students wanted to join I would tell them to weigh the options, but I would definitely call our recruiter to help them make a choice," said Dulawan.

They continued touring many training sites around the depot. They watched demonstrations of water survival training at the depot Swim Tank; Marines tackle the confidence course; and even received a class and some brief hands-on training with the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

"Something I've noticed (about the Marines) that really sticks with me is their devotion and camaraderie," said Duane Mattox, history teacher, Las Vegas High School, Las Vegas, Nev., "The strong devotion they

have for their Corps and the tight camaraderie built among one another is amazing."

Educators also watched a demonstration of the modified Bayonet Assault Course, and were offered a chance to run through the obstacles themselves. They maneuvered through the course; crawled through tunnels; and navigated a rope bridge, suited in flak jackets and Kevlar helmets, while carrying rubber M16-A2 service rifles with training bayonets attached before engaging targets at the end of the course.

The educators traveled to Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar and Weapons Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., as well, to get a closer look at some of the aircraft the Marine Corps employs and witness weapons firing and field training.

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



Sgt. Justin Hansen, drill instructor, Support Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, is one of the first drill instructors to give the educators from Recruiting Stations Los Angeles and San Diego their official and famous "Welcome to the Depot" greeting on the yellow footprints aboard MCRD San Diego, July 20. Cpl. Francis Candelaria/Chevron



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Co. H recruits have the world on a big string

BY PFC. KATALYNN THOMAS
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With nearly three months of training completed, the recruits of Company H have overcome many challenges. They have qualified with a rifle, swam in a full combat load and endured demanding physical training sessions. With only a few weeks remaining on the depot, they are given a task that takes the challenge to new heights; the rappel tower.

The recruits began their training day with a series of classes about the proper techniques for rappelling and how to create their safety harnesses to hold them securely while rappelling. The harness is made using a six-foot rope wrapped around the hips and legs and secured by a series of square knots.

Prior to the training evolution, each recruit was issued safety gear consisting of a tactical helmet, gloves, ropes and a carabiner. A spotter was also on hand to assist them in a safe descent to the ground.

"It gives them (the recruits) a broad view of all the types of training in the Marine Corps," said Sgt. Paul Bribiesca, drill instructor, Platoon 2169, Co. H. "Regardless of their military occupational specialty, it's a taste of what the Corps provides."

Once the classes ended, recruits lined up with their Kevlar helmets and gloves to perform the fast rope exercise.

Fast roping, a method for quick insertion on an objective from a helicopter, is the first technique recruits learn during this training phase. Sliding down a 15-foot rope to the ground, the fast roping technique is similar to the way a fire fighter slides down a pole

during an emergency.

To fast rope, the recruits grab the rope with their hands then use the inside portion of their boots to guide them down the rope, controlling their descent by squeezing the rope with their hands. They push off the edge and slide down, hitting the ground running to get their gear to tackle the rappel tower.

After fast roping, they move on to the rappel tower to learn how to wall rappel. This method is used with a safety harness and a spotter, and simulates rappelling down the side of a building. While on top of the 60-foot tower, some recruits get nervous but their senior drill instructors and Instructional Training Company drill instructors are close by to offer words of encouragement.

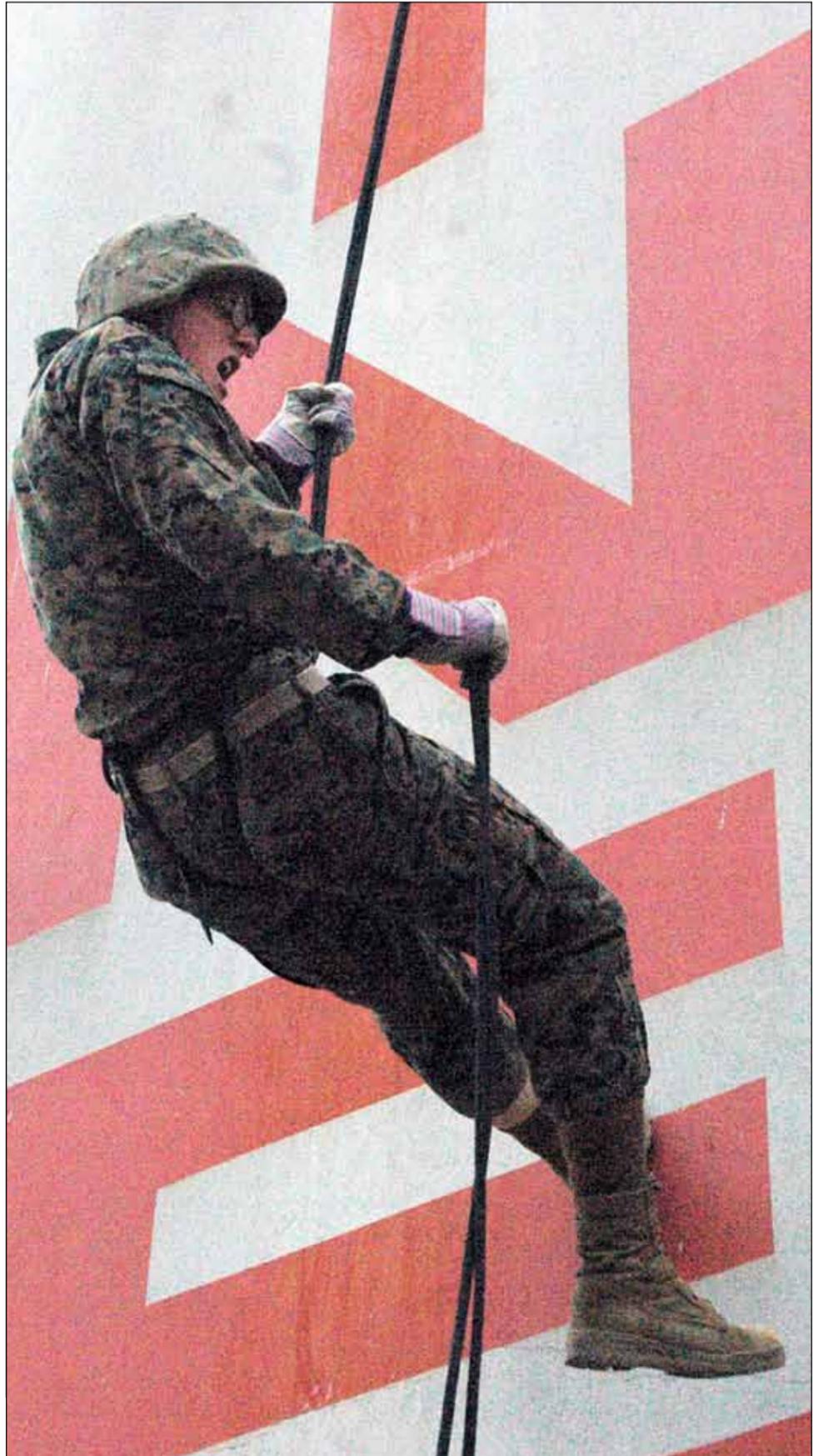
"When I was waiting, all I could feel was adrenaline," said Recruit Jonah Tellez, Platoon 2171, Co. H. "One of the ITC instructors told me, 'Nothin' to be scared of, son.' Then I realized there really was nothing to it."

Recruit Chris Reudelhuder, on the other hand, had a different experience. He said he was scared of heights, and getting yelled at made him nervous. While he was descending, his rope got caught and he couldn't move, but he said after it was over it was relatively fun.

This part of training is intended to help the recruits, not scare them.

"It helps build confidence and courage," said Sgt. Jose Vigil, drill instructor, Platoon 2170, Co. H. "It helps them get confident in their abilities."

Even if this is the first and last time the recruits rappel, the experience of dangling 60 feet in the air is something they are bound to never forget.



Recruit Chris Reudelhuder, Platoon 2173, descends the rappel tower here with the assistance of his spotter waiting at the bottom so that he doesn't fall. Pfc. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



The guides and squad leaders of Company H watch an Instructional Training Company drill instructor demonstrate how to make the safety harness they will be using when wall rappelling here. Once they see how the drill instructor performed the step, they followed suit.

Pfc. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



Company H recruits rappelling down the tower here, July 9. Pfc. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



Instructional Training Company drill instructor demonstrating how to make the safety harness they will be using when wall rappelling here, July 9. Recruits then followed suit.



Company H recruits rappelling down the tower here, July 9. Recruits then followed suit.



Recruits are given words of encouragement from Sgt. David Jimenez, drill instructor, Platoon 2171, Company H, to remove their gear faster after they had completed the rappel tower

Pfc. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



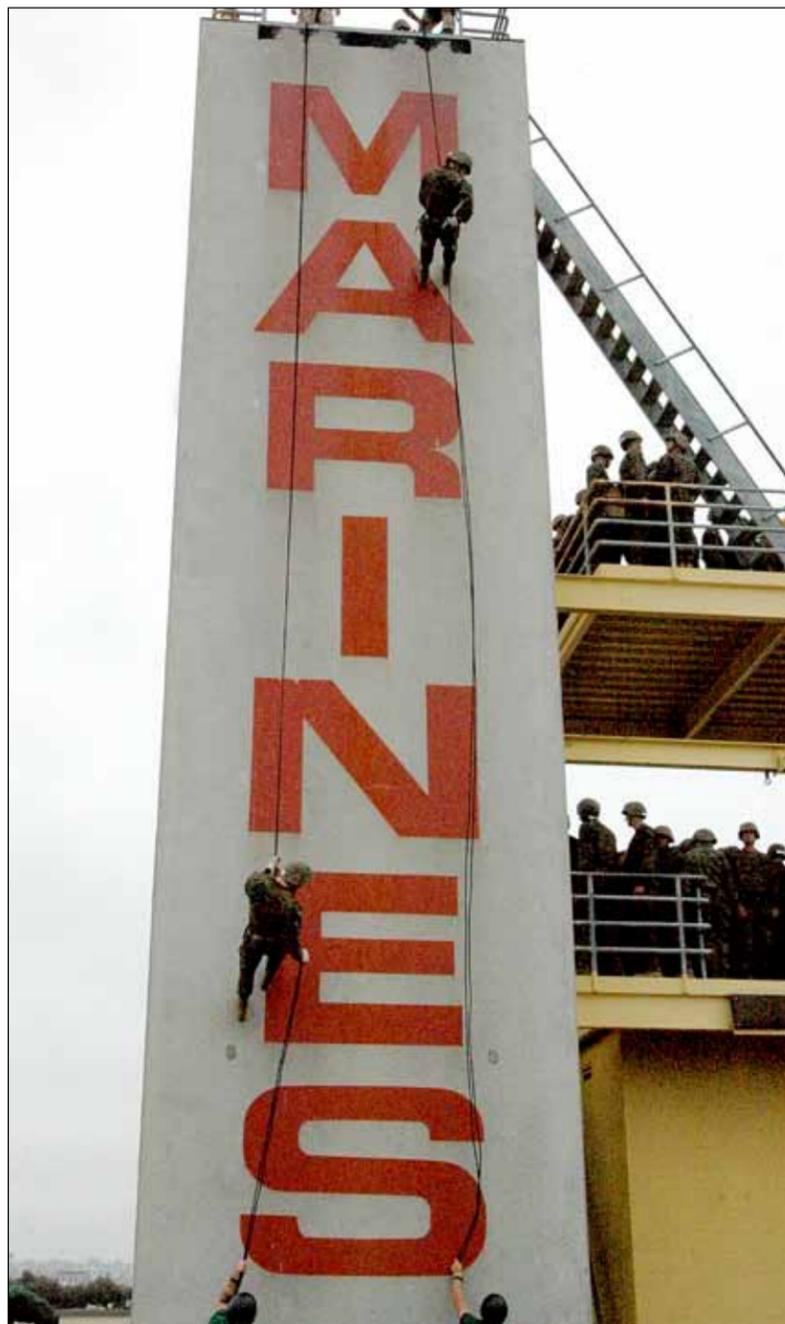
Training Company drill instructors spot recruits as they descend the rappel tower here, and those that have already finished the rappel towers run a counter to keep track of how many recruits come down the rope.

Pfc. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



Recruits begin the steps of fast roping by repeating and doing what the Instructional Training Company drill instructors say. Once they have done that, they push off the edge and slide to the edge of the depot rappel tower.

Pfc. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



Company H recruits descend the 60-foot rappel tower. Before the recruits go to the rappel tower, they are given classes on how to properly descend and secure their safety harnesses.

Pfc. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron

Hawaiian musician finds new music in Marine Corps

BY PFC. KATALYNN THOMAS
Chevron Staff

Pvt. David Keawenuiaumi Tsutomu Holt, Platoon 2173, Company H, has achieved his ambition to be the first person in his family to join the armed forces. He took a long road getting here.

Holt was a professional dancer, a musician and a flight attendant before he enlisted.

He is leaving the depot with a few more tricks to add to his bag.

Holt has survived his drill instructors, martial arts and grueling physical training. He has also made it through inspections, confidence and obstacle courses and qualifying with a rifle. He has completed physical fitness and combat fitness tests, the rappel tower and hikes. He has faced the confidence chamber and boot camp's culminating test: the Crucible. He did all of this to get to his next step: to be an infantryman in the Marine Corps.

"I always wanted to join the Marine Corps," said Holt. "It was just never the right time, until now. I like the 'First to Fight' mentality, and everything that the Marine Corps stands for, I stand for as well."

Because no one in his family has joined the armed forces willingly, Holt had to fight to convince his family to let him join. They didn't understand why he wanted to join, he said, because his grandfather was drafted.

"I've always been the oddball," said Holt. "I like to make my own path. Part of my personality is to try things that no one around me has tried to do."

While weighing his decision to become a Marine, Holt was dancing to his own tune in Kalihi, an island of Oahu, Hawaii, where he was born and raised.

While growing up, Holt decided to help his family by earning money as a Polynesian dancer. He started dancing professionally when he was 12. Of course he didn't just decide one day that he was going to be a dancer, it was in his roots.

Holt was brought up in a family of entertainers. His mother was a dance instructor and a hula dancer her whole life and his father and brother are professional musicians, said Holt.

Because of limited jobs, Holt and his family had to move

around a lot when he was younger, he said. They wound up in Vancouver, Wash., where they lived for 11 years. While there, their lives started to get better, he said.

In June 2008, Holt landed a job as a flight attendant with Hawaiian Airlines.

"I didn't think I would get the job," said Holt. "I just thought 'oh that would be cool.' The next day they e-mailed me back telling me I got the job."

Along with being a Polynesian dancer and a flight attendant, Holt and his brother performed music together.

Holt started performing with his brother, Kaloku Holt, at age 15. For the past 8 years, they traveled frequently to Japan, the Philippines and all over the United States and have released two CDs of contemporary and traditional Hawaiian music.

"A lot of kids had Hot Wheels and toys to play with," said Holt. "We had guitars and ukuleles. It became a passion over the years. We started playing at restaurants and knew a total of ten songs, but now we can play different songs for a whole month straight."

Their songs are mainly on youtube.com (The Brothers Kaloku and Keawe), and their CDs are released in Hawaii and in the northwestern United States, he said. They are in the process of getting their CDs into stores.

Holt believes he will be just as successful in the Marines as he is playing music.

"I believe I will be a good Marine and a good leader," said Holt. "To be a good leader you have to be a good student."

He admits to have made plenty of mistakes, but learns from them. Holt said that everything he learned in boot camp will surely carry over to the fleet.

Holt has already shown his abilities as a good leader during his stay here on the depot. From the first day the senior drill instructors picked their guides, Holt has been the guide for Platoon 2173 according to Holt's senior drill instructor Sgt. Edward Gonzalez. Whenever he came close to being fired, he rose to the challenge to keep his place as the guide, he said.

"Holt is an outstanding leader," said Gonzalez. "He leads by exam-

ple and makes sure the recruits in his charge are well taken care of."

"I have to give the drill instructors credit," Holt said. "How do they balance it?"

The drill instructors taught him to be a basically trained Marine, leadership principles, how to apply and enforce leadership and to delegate responsibilities.

"Senior drill instructor Sgt. Gonzalez was a great role model," Holt said. "You can tell how much his peers respect him and how he carries himself. He has good character, someone that I want to be like. He is what he preaches."

While he takes some characteristics from his senior, Holt is also making his own career decisions.

He plans on getting a degree in music and a minor in business, in order to open doors to pursue other things he wants to accomplish. While he is sure of his education choices, he is not too sure if he will make the Marine Corps his career.

Holt said that he has just applied what they taught him and became a better person, a more serious person. He said it's hard for him to joke around now, when

he used to be a joker. Being the platoon's guide for so long didn't give him much time to relax, he said, but he is more motivated to tackle life head-on.

Holt believes that he hasn't changed much since when he arrived here on the depot, but that is for his family to decide.



Pvt. David K. Holt, Platoon 2173, Co. H, graduates from recruit training today.

Pfc. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



The Holt brothers, Kaloku, left, and David, play Hawaiian music for the crowds attending 2009's Three Days of Aloha Festival in Vancouver, Wash., their home town. David graduates from recruit training today and begins his career as a member of the Marine Corps Reserve. Photograph courtesy of Miguel Mesa

Maj. Gen. Anthony L. Jackson Parade Reviewing Officer

Maj. Gen. Anthony L. Jackson is the Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West.

He was born in Fort Lewis, Wash. He graduated from San Jose State University, San Jose, Calif., in 1971. In 1973, he completed his master's degree in history at San Jose State.

In May 1975, he enlisted in the Marine Corps to attend Officer Candidate School. Upon graduating from the Basic School in June 1976, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. While there, he served as a Rifle and Weapons Platoon commander and battalion adjutant. In 1978, he left the regular Marine Corps; however, he continued to serve in the reserves as the Weapons Platoon commander, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Upon returning to the regular Marine Corps in December 1979, he was again

assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. During this tour, he served as the assistant operations officer and as a Rifle and Weapons Company commander. In February 1982, he was transferred to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. While here, he served as a battalion operations officer, company commander, and officer-in-charge, Recruit Field Training Division. In June 1984, he was assigned as the commanding officer, Marine Detachment, USS Long Beach (CGN-9), homeported in San Diego. In July 1988, he was transferred to 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. While in 1st MEB, he served consecutively as a Headquarters and Service Company commander and Combat Service Support plans officer in Brigade Service Support Group-1, and as the operations officer and executive officer of 3rd Bn, 3rd Marines.

After completing his tour with 1st MEB, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. Upon graduation in June 1990, he served as a senior emergency action officer in the National Military Command Center, Joint Staff, Washington, D.C., until July 1992. Upon transfer, Maj. Gen. Jackson served as the

chief of instructors, The Basic School, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va. From July 1993 to June 1995, he was the commanding officer, Marine Security Forces, Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga. In June 1997, he completed an assignment as the advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps on equal opportunity matters and as the head of the Equal Opportunity Branch, Headquarters, Marine Corps.

In June 1998, he graduated from the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. Upon graduation, he was assigned as the assistant chief of staff, Command Inspector General, I Marine Expeditionary Force. He served in that billet from June 1998 to June 2000. He then served as the commanding officer, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. After that assignment, he was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, where he was the division's chief of staff. During this assignment, he served concurrently as the chief of staff, Joint Task Force-555, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines. From August 2003 to March 2005, he served as the assistant chief of staff, facilities division, 1st MEF

and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. From June 2005 to September 2007, he served as the deputy commanding general, U.S. Marine Forces, Central Command. His last assignment prior to assuming his current command was as the director of operations and logistics, U.S. Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany.





Platoon 2174 COMPANY HONOR MAN Pfc. C. R. Schultz Parker, Colo. Recruited by Staff Sgt. A. K. McLeod	Platoon 2171 SERIES HONOR MAN Pfc. A. K. Rojas-Espino Gresham, Ore. Recruited by Sgt. D. G. Rafael	Platoon 2169 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. L. D. Andrade II Fairfield, Calif. Recruited by Sgt. S. J. Balcobero III	Platoon 2170 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. M. S. Eadie Ft. Worth, Texas Recruited by Staff Sgt. F. Sotelo	Platoon 2173 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. D. K. Holt Aiea, Hawaii Recruited by Staff Sgt. R. W. Brandt	Platoon 2175 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. M. S. Maddux Portland, Ore. Recruited by Staff Sgt. D. Brewer	Platoon 2170 HIGH SHOOTER (331) Pfc. T. D. Barton San Diego Marksmanship Instructor Cpl. J. Parker	Platoon 2175 HIGH PFT (300) Pfc. A. P. Kinder Chaffee, Mo. Recruited by Staff Sgt. T. Flanagan
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HOTEL COMPANY

2ND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Lt. Col. G. G. Malkasian
Sergeant Major
Sgt. Maj. M. J. O'Loughlin
Chaplain
Lt. Cmdr. R. T. Rinaldi
Battalion Drill Master
Staff Sgt. E. O. Hidalgo

COMPANY H

Commanding Officer
Capt. C. J. Buscemi
First Sergeant
1st Sgt. S. W. Muller

SERIES 2169

Series Commander
Capt. P. L. McAnany
Chief Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. C. J. Requejo

PLATOON 2169

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. S. R. Haynes
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. J. A. Collins
Sgt. P. Bribiesca
Sgt. M. Medina

*Pfc. M. P. Adams Jr.
Pfc. M. S. Allen
Pfc. L. D. Andrade II
Pvt. J. A. Arteaga Jr.
*Pfc. K. L. Barracks
Pvt. J. R. Barcelo
Pvt. D. R. Bartlett
Pvt. C. D. Battles
Pvt. J. Belmonte
Pvt. E. G. Bourne
Pfc. T. L. Broome
Pfc. P. M. Brosseau
Pvt. K. W. Brown
Pvt. B. L. Call
Pvt. C. A. Cheeseman
Pfc. A. Crew
Pvt. T. W. Crowden
Pvt. K. J. Debus
Pvt. K. R. Duran
*Pfc. M. A. Ebeling
Pvt. P. D. Felts
Pvt. D. J. Figueora-Rullan
Pvt. J. C. Friend
Pfc. A. D. Garcia

Pvt. M. L. Garcia
Pvt. R. M. Garcia
Pvt. B. R. Thornbury
Pvt. R. S. Salas

PLATOON 2170

Senior Drill Instructor
Sgt. A. J. Martinez
Drill Instructors
Sgt. L. L. Desma
Sgt. C. L. Hall
Sgt. C. D. Maginnis
Sgt. M. A. Vigil

Pfc. M. Aguilera Jr.
Pvt. C. K. Alarcon
Pfc. D. Alcantara
Pvt. J. M. Alvarez
Pfc. T. D. Barton
Pvt. T. D. Bellish Jr.
Pvt. J. D. Bock
Pfc. M. D. Bornhoft
Pvt. R. M. Brown
Pvt. S. H. Brown
Pvt. J. Burciaga
Pvt. D. S. Burns
Pfc. W. R. Calhoun
Pvt. D. Cano
Pvt. D. M. Castillo
Pvt. S. M. Chambers
Pvt. J. S. Chiesl
Pvt. J. T. Connolly
Pvt. N. M. Craft
*Pfc. J. J. Davitt
Pfc. M. S. Eadie
Pvt. S. P. Espinoza
Pvt. R. Gonzalez
*Pfc. D. Goudeau
*Pfc. D. E. Greer
Pvt. J. Guarnero
Pvt. G. Hernandez
Pvt. J. D. Hendrix

PLATOON 2171

Senior Drill Instructor
Sgt. R. N. McCrary
Drill Instructors
Sgt. D. J. Jimenez
Sgt. B. G. Jordan
Sgt. A. X. Ponce

Pfc. J. A. Inmon
Pfc. P. L. Ortiz III
Pfc. B. K. Pinto
Pfc. J. K. Prasad
Pfc. C. D. Redlin
Pvt. J. V. Rodriguez
*Pfc. A. K. Rojas-Espino
Pvt. W. K. Roumelis
Pvt. R. R. Ruiz

Pfc. R. T. Salasmoala
*Pfc. K. P. Salmon
Pvt. M. A. Sanchez
Pfc. B. F. Schoffstall
Pvt. R. J. Sears
Pfc. J. M. Sizemore
Pfc. A. J. Smith
Pfc. K. W. Smith
Pvt. J. A. Soliman
Pfc. S. T. Stoker
Pvt. J. A. Tellez
Pvt. J. K. Terry
Pvt. R. Vences Jr.
Pvt. S. P. Wadman
*Pfc. B. M. Wager
Pvt. N. T. Weidmayer
Pfc. T. J. White
Pfc. T. Woden
Pvt. D. Ybarra

SERIES 2173

Series Commander
Capt. R. J. Franzen
Chief Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. T. L. Horn

PLATOON 2173

Senior Drill Instructor
Sgt. E. J. Gonzalez
Drill Instructors
Sgt. J. K. McNatt
Sgt. R. J. Miller
Sgt. F. J. Olivas

Pvt. B. J. Breska
Pvt. S. J. Buroker
Pvt. J. C. Cerrone
Pvt. C. J. Cooley
Pvt. B. L. Dunston
Pvt. M. D. Funes
Pvt. J. T. Georgeson
Pvt. J. A. Herrera
Pvt. J. D. Herrera
Pfc. J. E. Hollingsworth Jr.
*Pfc. D. K. Holt
Pvt. A. A. Hoyt
Pfc. B. A. Hughey
Pvt. M. A. Jahnke
Pvt. A. D. Johnson
Pvt. S. M. Kurtti
Pfc. M. A. Lewis
Pfc. J. R. Masino-Rivas
Pvt. A. Q. Mayo
Pvt. J. A. Medina
Pvt. L. A. Pacheco
Pfc. C. D. Reudelhuber
Pvt. A. J. Quinn
Pvt. T. A. Rosio
Pfc. J. M. Schweinler
Pvt. C. A. Siegismund

Pvt. J. R. Smesny
*Pfc. C. J. Torres
Pvt. H. Venegas
*Pfc. B. E. White

PLATOON 2174

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. K. J. Consiglio
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. D. L. Drum
Staff Sgt. J. A. Salgado
Staff Sgt. C. M. Swan

Pvt. F. J. Gonzalez
Pvt. A. L. Lovely
Pvt. J. M. Martinez
Pvt. J. C. Mata
Pfc. C. B. Mayfield
*Pfc. J. Medina
*Pfc. N. Mendez-Hernandez
Pfc. J. D. Myers
Pvt. A. C. Naatz
Pvt. T. G. Olsen
Pvt. M. V. Peatrowsky
Pvt. W. T. Purdue
Pfc. J. R. Piedra
Pvt. C. P. Pierce
Pvt. B. K. Platten
Pvt. J. F. Ptacek
Pvt. O. A. Ramirez
Pvt. O. L. Rivitt
Pvt. A. J. Schambureck
*Pfc. C. R. Schultz
Pvt. D. B. Serve Jr.
Pvt. J. W. Sheehan
Pvt. J. T. Smith
Pfc. K. G. Spence
Pvt. P. D. Swindler
Pfc. C. D. Tolmachoff
Pvt. M. P. Wedlock
Pvt. E. R. Wilson

PLATOON 2175

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. J. Chanhdysoth
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. M. D. Blua
Staff Sgt. G. Lozano
Staff Sgt. J. R. Martinez

Pvt. J. R. Garcia-Herrera
Pvt. K. R. Golz
Pvt. A. P. Goodwin
Pvt. N. D. Grogan
Pvt. C. T. Hall

Pfc. J. L. Hallman
Pvt. A. B. Hammond
Pvt. S. E. Harris
Pvt. M. J. Hawkins
Pvt. T. J. Heathorn
Pvt. L. P. Huckins
Pfc. A. L. Jackson
Pvt. J. P. Johnson
Pfc. Y. T. Kim
*Pfc. A. P. Kinder
Pvt. M. L. King
Pvt. M. D. Kistler
Pfc. P. K. Koedyker
Pvt. C. M. Lane
Pvt. H. S. Linares
Pvt. J. R. Lovelace
Pfc. J. W. Lowrey
*Pfc. M. S. Maddux
*Pfc. B. T. Malone
Pfc. J. M. Mazur-Baker
Pfc. F. Montano
Pvt. J. W. Morris
Pvt. T. T. Naing
Pfc. A. A. Nassiri
Pvt. L. R. Newman
Pfc. A. P. Niles
Pvt. N. A. Nunez
Pvt. R. C. O'Daniell

*Indicates meritorious promotion



Recruit Jerrod Smith, Platoon 3236, Company K fires another round from his M-16A4 service rifle during a rapid fire portion of the rifle range at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif., July 19. Smith will be the first of many recruits who carries, cleans, drills with and fires that specific M-16A4 because of the constant flow of recruits attempting to become Marines here. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*



Recruit Michael Scowronski and his firing relay observe the progress of their fellow recruits as the range coaches walk up and down the firing line to ensure safety rules are being followed and that recruits are using proper technique.

Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron



A recruit from Platoon 3236, Company K, receives coaching on firing technique during the sitting slow-fire portion of the first day of firing week. Recruits learn weapon safety rules, breathing and trigger control techniques as well as stances but often require slight adjustments from their range coach. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*

New Rifle, from Pg. 1

A new weapon will necessitate new training to be incorporated into future recruit schedules.

More important than recruits receiving new gear, is the way the Marine Corps is continually becoming a more efficient machine says Martinez.

“There’s a reason for all of this talk of easy transitions and adaptability,” said Martinez. “No one knows where or when the Marine Corps will fight its next big battle, however, we will continue to train and equip our Marines to be ready for any possible scenario.”

Like the M-16A2, the A4 has a muzzle velocity of 3,100 feet-per-second allowing it to accurately strike point targets from 550 meters away, said Sgt. Cesario Orozco, platoon sergeant, depot armory, Service Company. However, the slight increase in weight is due partly to the heavier duty barrel which allows a higher rate of fire and slower over heat time, Orozco added.

The older M-16A2s will be redistributed or destroyed after being sent to Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga.



Recruit Dustin Woolum plots his hits in his data book in order to effectively position his shot group in the black, or center of the target. Regardless of what their Military Occupational Specialties will be, recruits must all reach an equal standard for weapons handling because every Marine is a rifleman. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*