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Marking 20 Years Since Operation Desert Shield

BY JIM GARAMONE
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When Iraqi forces began pouring over the border into neighboring Kuwait, most Americans would have had a hard time finding the country on a map.

Iraqi dictator Saddam Hus-

sein ordered his troops to occupy Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990 - calling the oil-rich nation Iraq's "19th province."

At the top of the Persian Gulf, Kuwait is a strategic country. It is a prominent member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. It has one of the

highest standards of living in the world. Controlling Kuwait meant that Iraq would significantly increase its share of the world's oil reserves.

The world was shocked by the Iraqi move, and neighboring Saudi Arabia was alarmed. No one was sure whether Iraq would stop at the border with Saudi Arabia or move forces into some of the most productive oil fields in the world.

A total of 140,000 Iraqi soldiers, supported by 850 tanks, entered Kuwait on Aug. 2. While tensions with Iraq were high, Kuwait had not alerted its forces. Iraqi aircraft bombed Kuwait City and the air bases in the country. Kuwaiti army units launched attacks against the invading forces, but they were far outnumbered, and the ruling family barely was able to escape to Saudi Arabia before Iraqi forces ringed Kuwait City.

Kuwait turned to the United Nations, and the Security Council passed a resolution calling for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait and asking member nations to work together toward that goal.

President George H.W. Bush ordered American air, sea and ground forces to Saudi Arabia, beginning Operation Desert Shield on Aug. 7, 1990. That day, the Air Force sent 48 F-15 fighters of the 1st Fighter Wing from Langley Air Force Base, Va., to Saudi Arabia, where they immediately began patrolling the Saudi-Kuwait-

Iraq border areas. The Navy sent the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and USS Independence carrier battle groups to the region. The Army and Marine Corps mobilized to send ground forces to Saudi Arabia, with the leading edge of the Army's 82nd and 101st airborne divisions arriving Aug. 8.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Colin L. Powell began a schedule of near-constant traveling to meet with counterparts around the world.

Those other nations hurried troops, ships and aircraft to the area, where they fell in on the American and Saudi forces and what was left of the Kuwaiti military. The coalition that eventually formed was broad-based, and included 34 nations from Argentina to Bangladesh. Iraqi neighbors Qatar, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt also participated to roll back the aggression.

The troops landed in Saudi Arabia during the hottest time of the year. Anyone who can afford to tries to leave Saudi Arabia in August; the temperatures regularly rise to more than 130 degrees, and the prevailing winds from the Persian Gulf bring humidity. The media were full of pictures of American servicemembers slamming down bottles of water as sweat stained their "chocolate chip" desert camouflage uniforms.

In the United States, Desert Shield necessitated the first major call-up of reserve component forces since the war in Korea. Under an order Bush signed on Aug. 22, National Guard and other reserve-component forces reported for duty.

The coalition commander they reported to was Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf. The media called him "Stormin' Norman." A West Point graduate who had served in Vietnam, Schwarzkopf had been the commander of U.S. Central Command since 1988. One of the plans on Centcom's shelf was the defense of the oil fields against an Iraqi invasion.

At the time, the Iraqi army was the fourth-largest in the world. American planners stressed the force was battle tested and had a large percentage of combat veterans from the Iran-Iraq War in its ranks. That war - the first launched by Saddam Hussein - lasted from 1980 to 1988, and Iraq held its own against a country three times larger. Centcom officials expected a battle to drive Iraq out of Kuwait would be long and costly.

At the beginning of August, there was little that would halt any Iraqi offensive into Saudi Arabia. By the middle of the month, air, sea and ground assets had grown. By the end of August, Desert Shield had grown to be able to defeat any attack into Saudi Arabia.



Cpl. Robert C. Unhoch, Company C, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, surveys the area after arriving at his mission location during Exercise Imminent Thunder, part of Operation Desert Shield in 1990. Tech. Sgt. H. H. Deffner/AFPS

During the Morning Colors Ceremony Aug. 6, Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, left, shakes hands with Cpl. Amanda L. Mazzei, a disburser with Headquarters and Service Battalion, and the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, in front of Pendleton Hall here. Additional winners of the Marine and Sailor of the Quarter Board, 3rd Quarter, are (from left): Lance Cpl. Brandon L. Fabrigas, a disburser with H & S Bn., and Marine of the Quarter; Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven M. Urquidez, hospital corpsman, MCRD Branch Medical Clinic, and Senior Sailor of the Quarter; and Seaman Anderson J. Dylan, hospital corpsman, MCRD Branch Medical Clinic, and Blue Jacket of the Quarter. Cpl. Rebecca Lamont/Chevron



Motorheads revved up for car show

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN THOMAS
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The 7th Annual Auto Hobby Car and Motorcycle Show, featuring classic, performance and American muscle cars brought by auto enthusiasts and car clubs, were on display next to the depot Fitness Center, July 31.

The event is not only intended to showcase vehicles, but also to help the Marine Toys for Tots foundation.

The car show was previously held in December because it was close to the Toys for Tots collection time, but this year it was moved to July to avoid the cold and rain of winter, said Tim Crain from the Southern California Shelby American Automobile Club.

"Moving to July was a bonus versus having it in December," said Crain. "My 1965 Shelby Cobra does not have a top."

Along with the vehicle enthusiasts and car clubs, many vendors participated in the event. Vendor stands provided information on where to find local transmissions, clutch repair, paint and body jobs and detailing. Food and entertainment were also provided.

The entry for the show was a small fee and a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program, said Jose Ortega Garcia, manager at the Auto Skills Center.

"We do anything we can do to help the Marines, like donating toys and raffle tickets," said Terry Nally of Escondido, Calif., and Bent Fenders car club member.

Most of the local car shows are oriented toward the military, said Nally. They donate necessities and amenities to troops, he said.

"It's a wonderful thing," said Jerry Price from Alpine, Calif., and member of the Over the Hill car club. "It's a morale booster for the Marines and sailors on base."

The show gives servicemembers a chance to get involved in building and customizing cars, said Price. They get to interact with the community and with many veterans who are hot rod enthusiasts. Additionally many car clubs such as the Prowlers and the Corvette Club make themselves available to young military members for advice and guidance on the hobby, said Price.

The show wasn't just for the cars to sit around looking pretty; it was also for competition. There were awards

for General's Choice, People's Choice, the top three motorcycles and cars in each category. The categories were Bullitt, Classic, Custom Car, Hot Rod, Import, Low Rider, Motorcycle, Truck, Muscle Car and Most Unique.

Jim Casey, a member of the South Bay Cruisers car club, won the General's Choice award with a restored 1957 Chevy.

Even if some of the participants didn't win, many said they left the show with the knowledge that they may have positively influenced a new car enthusiast to get started. The show was a chance for servicemembers and their families to mingle with other car enthusiasts, veterans and to possibly start a new hobby, said Price.



Jim Casey of the South Bay Cruisers car club poses with his restored 1957 Chevy, after winning the General's Choice Award at the 7th Annual Auto Hobby Car and Motorcycle Show here, July 31. Lance Cpl. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron

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L.I.N.K.S. 4 Kids

L.I.N.K.S. 4 Kids is a half-day class for children offered tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bldg. 6E classroom on the depot. The workshop is mentored by volunteers and hosted by Marine Corps Family Team Building staff to help spouses, teens, and children become familiar with the unique Marine Corps lifestyle. Topics include understanding separation and deployments, internet safety, being a good friend, and becoming involved in one's neighborhood. For more information, call (619) 524-8104.

Fight Gone Bad Competition

The Fight Gone Bad Functional Fitness Competition will be held Wednesday at the Field House lawn. Five-person teams will compete in five exercises for three rounds. Team check-in is at 11 a.m.; the first heat starts at 11:30 a.m., with an awards ceremony at 1:45 p.m. Team registration closes today at 4 p.m. For more information or to register, call Andrea Callahan at (619) 524-8913 or e-mail at CallahanAL@usmc-mccs.org.

Activity Mornings for Parents and Tots

MCRD L.I.N.K.S. and New Parent Support are sponsoring Activity Mornings for Parents and Tots, 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 years old.

Each month will feature themed activities to include parent and child-centered activities such as story time, arts and crafts, movement activities, snack making and take home ideas. For details or to register, call Patricia Kalaye at (619)524-8104 or Heather Chamberlain at (619) 524-0805.

Free personalized fitness assessment

The Fitness Center now offers Micro-Fit to all eligible patrons aboard the depot. 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.

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.

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DiCaprio thriller 'Inception' confuses, amazes

BY SGT. CARRIE C. BOOZE
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When the task of choosing a topic to cover for this week's paper came around, I didn't have to brainstorm or scan the recruit training syllabus for an idea. Christopher Nolan's mind-twisting "Inception" recently hit the big screen and although I am not a movie aficionado, I could never pass up the opportunity to shamelessly gaze at Leonardo DiCaprio for hours, then blame it on having to write a movie review.

Little did I know, this would be no easy task. The movie seemed to begin abruptly and I found myself looking around at other spectators' faces to see if they looked as lost as I was. A little while into the film I grasped exactly what was going on, but it is hard to explain the plot in depth without spoiling it.

Once the movie concluded and everyone swarmed to the exit, they were all talking about three things that made this movie box office hit-worthy: the complexity, special effects and the ending.

Inception is filmed in layers of dreams within other dreams, to the point where the characters need a unique item called a totem in order to tell whether or not they are still dreaming. I knew this movie was going to be elaborate when even the characters had to take special measures to avoid confusion.

Each character in the movie has a

specific job. DiCaprio plays Cobb, the Extractor, a man who enters other people's dreams to steal their secrets; Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Arthur, the point man; Ellen Page as Ariadne, the architect; Tom Hardy as Eames, the forger; and Dileep Rao as Yusuf, the chemist.



Cobb is hired to do a never-done-before job of inception—the planting of an idea in a subject's mind. Cobb accepts the job based on a promise that once it is complete, the unjust murder charge

against Cobb will disappear so he can return to his family. The story gets even more complicated when Cobb's wife Mal, played by Marion Cotillard, continues to haunt Cobb's dreams and throws a wrench into his inception mission.

There are many other twists and turns in this movie. All dreams have rules where if you die in a normal dream you wake up, but if you delve too deeply into the mind and die then it can cause eternal sleep called limbo. Using memories to construct dreams is also dangerous because it makes it difficult to determine what's real. Also, intruding on dreams of others is dangerous because it will cause the dreamer's human representations to attack the intruder. These rules only skim the surface of the details in this movie.

Inception was Matrix-like with the action scenes, and the special effects used in the dream cities were remarkable.

DiCaprio's has had noteworthy performances from Titanic to Shutter Island, so I had no doubt he would be amazing. The actresses, however, seemed to come up short. Page was her normal dry and emotionless self, and Cotillard's character was underdeveloped, and at times awkwardly creepy.

The ending of this movie will leave some viewers happy and others disappointed, but I loved it and thought it ended this psychological thriller perfectly. I would absolutely recommend this movie to those who like a good mind trip.



Sgt. Brandon A. Small, drill instructor, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, sternly instructs Terry Coker, geography teacher, Montgomery High school, Montgomery, Texas, to stand still and get into the position commanded on the depot's yellow footprints, Aug. 10. Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

Houston, San Antonio educators sample recruit training

BY CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

High school administrators, teachers and counselors from Recruiting Stations Houston and San Antonio experienced a week-long synopsis of Marine Corps recruit training during the Educators Workshop Monday through today.

The educators' first step in 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 barked at the passengers, making their intimidating presence known.

After sternly instructing 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 yelling orders and ensuring the educators got into the proper position of attention.

Following several minutes of controlled chaos, the drill instructors stopped their yelling and took a moment to congratulate the educators because they survived the first two minutes of Marine Corps recruit training. The educators then took a tour of the rest of the receiving process by their drill instructor guides.

"On the yellow footprints, I felt confused because there were so many commands, I didn't know what to listen to and I could hardly understand the drill instructors," said Nicole Clark, history teacher, Karen Wagner

High School, San Antonio. "It's like they speak a different language."

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 my students were interested in the Marines, I would talk to them about it and find out why they were interested," said Dave Stritz, assistant principal, Belleville High School, Belleville, Texas. "From what I've seen, they would have to be very committed because for 13 weeks, a recruit must go through a lot of mental and physical challenges."

The educators 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 received a class and some brief hands-on training with the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

"What surprised me most about this workshop was learning about the structured days and the non-stop activity of the recruits," said Stritz. "I heard they were busy, but to actually witness it first-hand, they are really doing something every minute of the day."

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 M-16A2 service rifles with training bayonets attached before engaging training targets at the end of the course.

"I have a deep appreciation of how physically strong these recruits are because of the stamina required to go through the course and hold their rifle correctly while low-crawling," said Ashley Philipps, world geography teacher, Summer Creek, Houston. "I go to the gym and use a treadmill, but this is a whole new level of being physically fit."

The educators traveled to Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, and Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., as well. There, they got a closer look at some of the aircraft the Marine Corps uses, fire computer-generated weapons in the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer and participated in the 12-Stall obstacle at Edson Range. During the 12-Stall, recruits overcame 12 problem-solving obstacles using teamwork and the limited resources they were given.

Educators leaving the depot

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

In addition, educators may also take some tips from the depot.

"I think it would be beneficial for all teachers to see how drill instructors teach recruits, said Stritz. "Teachers can learn from drill instructors in the way they repeat things. I definitely see a correlation between what drill instructors do and what teachers do. The drill instructors are very thorough and make sure the recruits understand what they are being taught."



David Sparks, criminal justice teacher, Klein Collins High School, Houston, shuffles through the sand as he low crawls through the Bayonet Assault Course here. Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

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EARNING THE TAB

BY CPL. MATTHEW BROWN
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The Marines of Class 4-10 are currently attempting to become Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructors and set the example for their fellow Marines at the depot's Marine Corps Martial Arts Satellite School.

"The role of a MAI is one of leadership," said Sgt. Keun Chung, squad instructor trainer, Marine Corps Martial Arts Satellite School, Support Battalion. "That's why it's required that a Marine must be at least a corporal and at minimum, a gray belt, to take the course."

During the three-week course, Marines are taught a wide variety of lessons in order to better help them teach Marines MCMAP.

"We are trying to make our students well rounded and ethical warriors," said Chung. "We do this by emphasizing what we call the synergy."

Mental, physical and character disciplines make up the synergy which, according to Chung, makes Marines different.

"It's like a three-legged stool, so if anyone is lacking too much in any of the disciplines, it will be a wobbly and ineffective," Chung said. "As a Corps, we do humanitarian efforts, police action, fight wars in populated areas and must use the continuum of force. You can't just go out and kill people."

The students are taught these lessons through tie-ins, warrior case studies and martial culture studies.

"With warrior case studies, we look in depth at Marines of the past and present who displays the synergy," said Chung. "We do tie-ins during things like PT (physical training) and belt sustainment and compare lessons we are teaching or examples of what Marines have done in the past to whatever the students were doing."

Martial culture studies include discussions on the positives and negatives of other cultures, which had warrior classes that stood above the rest and how students can try to emulate them.

"As a culture, we try to learn and take from other cultures to better our own," Chung said.

"The synergy is our bread and butter here."

The course also emphasizes teamwork, leadership, combat readiness, fitness and realism.

"The course stays away from green (PT shorts) on green (shirts)," said Chung. "We don't fight wars in PT gear, we fight in cammies with boots on our feet and flaks (armored vests) on our bodies."

Chung added that, although it is not the primary objective, combat conditioning can be one of the most difficult parts of the course.

"When it comes to fitness, we are trying to get the students combat conditioned so they can be more effective when they get to the field," Chung said. "A lot of Marines haven't conditioned their bodies for that kind of use, which makes the PT very difficult for some."

"As I work my way through the course, I am learning there is nothing more important than teamwork," said Sgt. Timothy Bicker, recruit screener, Receiving Company, Support Bn., Recruit Training Regiment. "We wouldn't be able to ever finish some of the drills

we have to do without it."

Bicker also said that teamwork in particular has been and still is the most physically demanding part of the course.

"Being a good member of a team, which is the most difficult part of the course, means to ignore personal pain and focus at the mission at hand," Bicker said. "Even as a sergeant, I am still learning how far I can push myself and how to break my preconceived limits."

Although he is slated to graduate from the three-week course Aug. 20, Bicker said he can already tell that taking the course is worth the effort.

"I am not done yet, but I can already tell I'm becoming a better leader, a better Marine and a better martial artist," Bicker said. "I recommend the course to any Marine (noncommissioned officer) and above who want to better themselves as leaders and instructors."

For more information on becoming a MAI course student or increasing belt levels, contact the depot's MCMAP satellite school at (619) 524-5114.



Staff Sgt. Antonio Gomez, drill instructor, Company D, 1st Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, right, fireman carries Sgt. Chad Khamphasouk, drill instructor, Company K, 3rd Bn., RTR, during a demonstration on how to perform each task that the landing zone drill requires. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*



Sgt. Michael Dickinson, forward observer, 3rd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Marine Forces strikes on squad mate Cpl. Ryan Bottoms, avionics technician, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron portion of the Martial Arts Instructor Course on the 400 meter track here. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*



Martial Arts Instructor Course students perform burpees, an exercise that adds a high leap to the end of a squat thrust during the landing zone drill of the MAI course here. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*



A Martial Arts Instructor Trainer observe they perform abs exercises as part of the course. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Maynard, tool room staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-462, center, and Sgt. David Chavez, Osprey Mechanic, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron-161, left, perform a fireman carry with their squad mates during the fireman carry portion of the landing zone drill at the 400 meter track here, Aug. 10. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*



Sgt. David Chavez, Osprey Mechanic, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron-161, left, performs upper body portion of the fireman carry during the landing zone drill.



Squads two and three of the Martial Arts Instructor Course perform a warm-up run prior to conducting the landing zone drill at the depot 400 meter track. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Maynard, tool room staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-462, observes a squad of MAI course students as they perform a fireman carry during the landing zone drill.



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Maynard, tool room staff noncommissioned officer in charge, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-462, yells commands to his classmates in order to keep their squad push-ups organized. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*

Marine chooses to lead a life worthy of pride

BY CPL. FRANCES CANDELARIA
Chevron staff

Three months straight of being yelled at, told what to do, where to sleep, and when to eat isn't the sweet life most 19-year-olds dream of. When most would be worn out by

the constant rigor of Marine Corps boot camp, Recruit Anthony Hunt, Platoon 1011, Company A, stands tall with pride knowing he has made it this far and is in the last stretch before earning the title of United States Marine.

His drill instructors know that he came to Marine Corps

Recruit Depot San Diego to become a Marine, but not all of them know his reasons for coming. Hunt has told few that the first day he made the decision to learn about the Marine Corps instead of hanging out with friends was the day that saved his life.

"I was hanging out with a

crowd I shouldn't have," said Hunt, as he shifts his weight from one foot to another as if sharing his past is uncomfortable. "It all started in my seventh grade year when my mom cut my hair and accidentally shaved off my right eyebrow."

Bridgette Hunt felt bad for the mistake and looked for a way to help cover up the accident. While Hunt was asleep that night she came into his room and filled in where his eyebrow should have been with an eyebrow pencil.

"It didn't look bad and everything was actually fine until someone found out it was makeup," said the Ft. Worth, Texas, native. "This kid (known as) 'D' called me out on it in front of a lot of kids and embarrassed me about it. It escalated, and we ended up fist fighting."

After the fight, both students were sent to the principal's office. There they developed sort of a friendship.

"He said he could respect someone who fought like I did and we just kind of started hanging out after that."

Hunt recalled that a few months down the road he was asked by his new friend if he wanted to join their group. Even though he didn't know the exact details, he said yes.

"We were all over at this one guy's house and they took me out in the backyard. I stood in the middle of four guys," said the son of a Texas pastor. "I thought I knew how to fight, but I didn't know anything about fighting more than one guy at a time."

Hunt was then initiated or jumped into the group. From that point on he was one of them.

"I started going downhill after that," said Hunt. "I flunked seventh grade and while the rest of 'the clique' went on with school, I was a year behind them."

While the rest of his group was in their sophomore year, they decided to rename themselves and told Hunt that he needed to be jumped in again if he wanted to stay a part of the group.

"I said 'no.' It just didn't seem worth it," said Hunt. "I was passing all my classes and starting to get into sports. Saying no probably saved my life in the first place, but I

think Marine Corps saved my life for good."

Hunt's friend "D" asked him to go hang out with him and a couple girls, and Hunt said of course as long as "D" came to pick him up.

"At the very moment we were walking out of my house, my cousin pulled up and called me over to his car,"

Hunt's cousin was a former active duty Marine who knew the type of crowd his younger cousin was hanging out with wasn't the best.

"All he said was 'do you really want to go with him and keep living this life, or do you want to be a real man?' I knew I wanted to make something of myself someday so I chose to get in my cousin's car and he took me to some Army base in Ft Worth."

Hunt learned about Marine Corps' history, traditions and pride that day, and how it helped his cousin. He also learned later that day that getting in his cousin's car was the smartest choice he's ever made.

"God must have really been watching me because I heard later that there was a drive-by at the girls house I was suppose to go to and that 'D' was killed in the shooting. From then on I focused on finishing school and getting into the Marine Corps."

Though Hunt has had a past that most would frown upon it's those who know him now that believe he will achieve great success.

"He just has such heart and a great level of motivation," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Walters, senior drill instructor, platoon 1011, Co. A. "You could tell he had a certain past, but you can also tell he really wants to be here and that's what draws the other recruits to him. He has such great potential to lead Marines."

Rec. Hunt will be continuing in the Marine Corps' Legal Administrative field and hopes to go on to college to become a lawyer.

"I hope that everyone who knows about my past or finds out about it doesn't judge me on those mistakes because I am different now," he said. "I am ready to take on all the responsibility that comes with this new (and honorable) change."



Recruit Anthony Hunt, Platoon 1011, Co. A, waits his turn to perform a fireman's carry using a fellow recruit as a simulated casualty during the Crucible at Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 4. Cpl. Frances Candelaria/Chevron

Dr. Robert M. Gates Secretary of Defense

Parade Reviewing Officer

Secretary of Defense Dr. Robert M. Gates, was sworn in on December 18, 2006, as the 22nd Secretary of Defense. Secretary Gates is the only Secretary of Defense in U.S. history to be asked to remain in that office by a newly elected President. President Barack Obama is the eighth president Secretary Gates has served.

Before entering his present post, Secretary Gates was the President of Texas A&M University. Prior to assuming the Texas A&M presidency, on August 1, 2002, he served as interim dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M from 1999 to 2001.

Secretary Gates joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1966 and spent nearly 27 years as an intelligence pro-

fessional. During that period, he spent nearly nine years at the National Security Council, The White House, serving four presidents of both political parties.

Secretary Gates served as Director of Central Intelligence from 1991 until 1993. He is the only career officer in CIA's history to rise from entry-level employee to director. He served as deputy director of Central Intelligence from 1986 until 1989 and as assistant to the President and deputy National Security adviser at the White House from January 20, 1989, until Nov. 6, 1991, for President George H. W. Bush.

Secretary Gates has been awarded the National Security Medal, the Presidential Citizens Medal, has twice received the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, and has three times received CIA's highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

He is the author of the memoir, *From the Shadows: The Ultimate Insiders Story of Five Presidents and How*

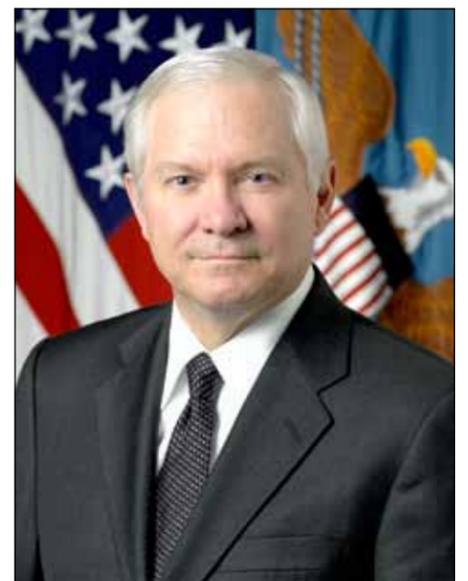
They Won the Cold War, published in 1996.

Until becoming Secretary of Defense, Secretary Gates served as chairman of the Independent Trustees of The Fidelity Funds and on the board of directors of NACCO Industries, Inc., Brinker International, Inc. and Parker Drilling Company, Inc.

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Pvt. J. J. Scott
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Pfc. M. D. Smith
Pvt. T. E. Spicer
Pfc. T. B. Stokes

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Sgt. C. A. Hoover

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Pvt. J. M. Harrington
Pvt. A. V. Hilbers
Pvt. A. S. Hooper
Pvt. J. T. Howell
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Pvt. R. F. Jones
Pfc. R. D. Kiem
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Pfc. J. E. Landis
Pvt. C. J. Lee
Pfc. R. A. Lopez
Pvt. S. E. Lucas
Pfc. M. B. Lyman
Pvt. K. M. Manny
Pvt. J. A. Martinez Jr.
Pvt. R. Martinez
Pvt. M. A. Mason
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Pvt. S. M. McNeeley
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Pvt. K. E. Niedzwiecki
Pfc. M. W. Noyes
*Pfc. T. M. Olivas
Pfc. L. Olvera Jr.

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Drill Instructors

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Staff Sgt. S. A. Garrett

Staff Sgt. M. A. Rodriguez

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Pvt. C. W. Damron

Pvt. M. N. Orner

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* Meritorious
Promotion

Co. A works together to master the Crucible

BY CPL. FRANCES
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Chevron staff

They came from different cities and towns. They came individually and with their own reasons, but the recruits of Company A have all learned they are ineffective as individuals unless they can work together as a team. Their drill instructors had been teaching them every day for the past 13 weeks on how to work together. When Alpha Company set-out on the Crucible, it was time for them to show their drill instructors everything they were taught was not in vain.

During the Crucible, a 54-hour cumulative training exercise where recruits receive rationed food and only 12 hours of sleep, recruits start their days early and end them late with multiple tasks in between.

Held at Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., the Crucible puts all the training they have received to the test. They will take on many tasks and must complete each one together while fighting off hunger and sleep deprivation.

On the first day of the Crucible, recruits shot weapons, applied hand-to-hand combat techniques, conducted foot patrols, learned to identify Improvised Explosive Devices, and began the first of many obstacles.

Many of the tasks require the recruits to work as a team in order to carry extra supplies or a fellow recruit acting

as a casualty across or over different obstacles.

Before fully engaging each mission, the recruits assess the situation and come up with a plan. Everything the recruits are asked to complete during the Crucible is meant to get them thinking and building strong unit cohesion.

"No obstacle was designed (for a recruit) to do it on his own," said SSgt. Daniel Walters, senior drill instructor, platoon 1011, A Co. "Every one of these obstacles is to show the recruits what teamwork is all about. It's the first real eye-opener that shows the recruits how keeping one another informed improves mission accomplishment."

Though each obstacle varied in levels of difficulty, the hardest objective for most recruits was fine-tuning their teamwork skills.

"We're all still learning (about teamwork)," said Recruit Michael Peers, guide, platoon 1011, Co. A "We're letting the leaders lead and the rest follow, and making sure it's not a 'too many chiefs, not enough Indians' situation."

As the recruits work together during the days of the Crucible, the drill instructors diligently monitor them even though at this point in training, they are confident their squads will reach their maximum potential.

"I have no doubt they will do great," said Walters. "So far they have shown they are very intelligent. I know they will be successful."



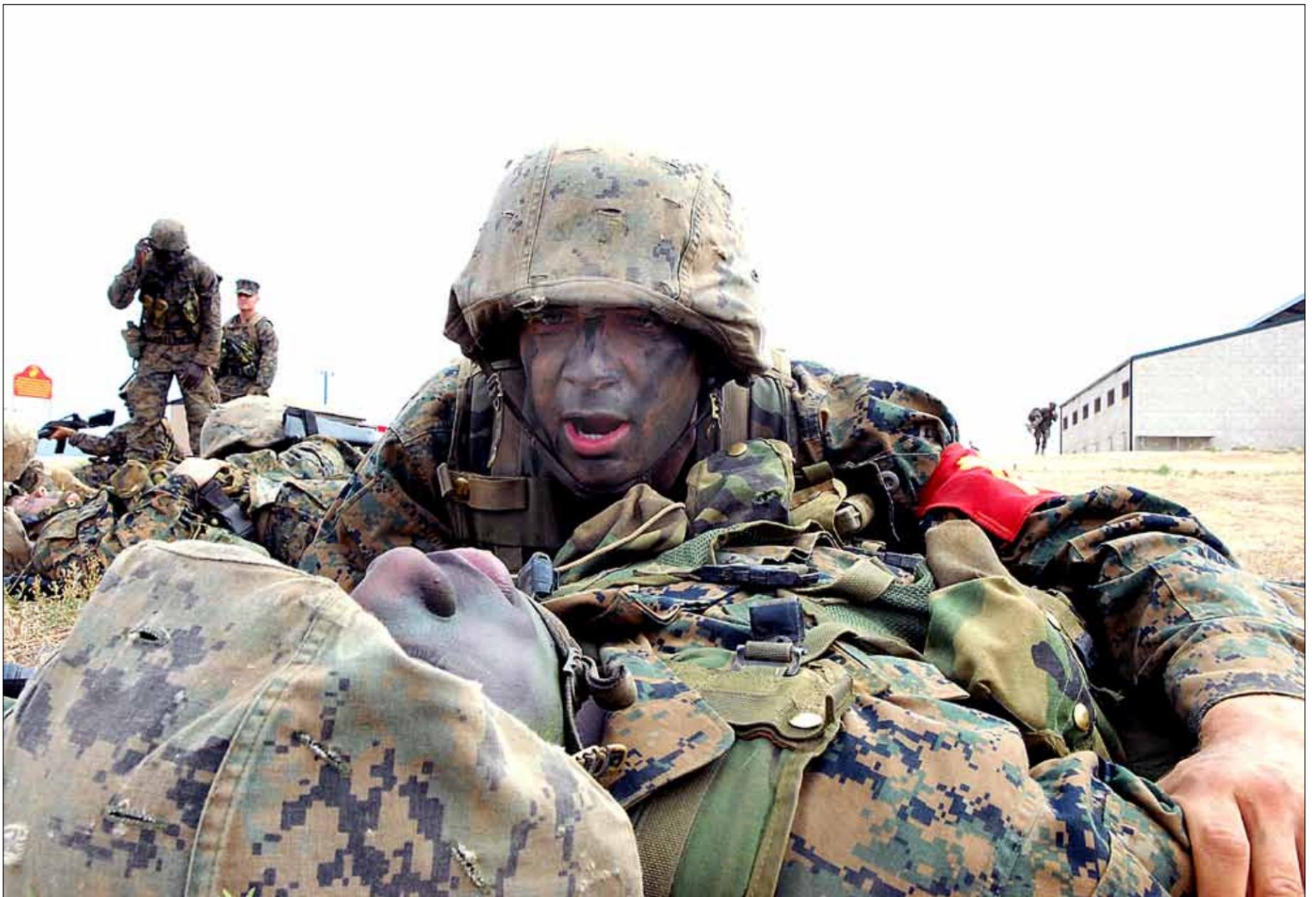
Company A recruits work together during the Crucible to get over an obstacle while carrying a simulated casualty without injuring themselves or dropping the 100-pound plus dummy.

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Co. A recruits provide security while their fellow recruits complete an obstacle during the Crucible.

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Recruit Michael Peers, guide, Platoon 1011, Co. A., applies first aid to a simulated victim with a sucking chest wound during the Crucible at Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 4. *Cpl. Frances Candelaria/Chevron*