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Secretary of Defense visits depot during SoCal trip

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Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, addressed new Marines Aug. 13, during his visit to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

“It takes uncommon perseverance to make it through basic training – just as it takes uncommon patriotism to make the decision to join the military in a time of war,” said Secretary Gates. “But then, as you know, there is nothing common about being a Marine.”

During Secretary Gates’ visit here, he served as the parade reviewing officer for the graduating Marines of Company A, 1st Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, toured the recruit training facilities and conducted a press conference with local media.

Gates said he has seen the impact Marines have made while in difficult and dangerous conditions while on trips to Iraq and Afghanistan.

“For my part, I will do all I can to see that you have everything you need to accomplish your mission and come home safely,” said Gates. “Because I feel a deep, personal responsibility for and every one of you, as if you were my own sons.”

Following graduation, he observed recruits at the combat conditioning course, then spoke with them afterward.

“When I was at Camp Lejeune last year, an officer told me about one Marine unit whose next assignment was switched from Okinawa to Afghanistan. As a result, more than 100 Marines who had planned to get out of



Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates speaks with recruits of Company E, 2nd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, as part of his two-day visit to Southern California. “Basic training is only the first step of the journey on which you have embarked. When you leave here, and move on to your permanent assignment, you have the great responsibility of defending our nation and its interests – here at home and in distant lands,” he said. “It is no easy task, but it is a vital one if the United States is to remain safe, prosperous, and strong.”

Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

the Corps decided to re-enlist instead,” said Gates. “That tells you a few things about United States Marines, above all, that if there’s a fight somewhere, Marines want to be in it.”

Gates thanked them for volunteering to be Marines.

“As secretary of defense, one of the true pleasures of my job is visiting with the troops,” said Gates.

“Personally, it gave me chills knowing someone that high up in command came to talk to us recruits,” said Recruit Joshua D. Corral, Platoon 2101, Co. E. “It means a lot and is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity I will never forget.”

In regard to the campaign in Afghanistan, Secretary Gates told reporters that the surge is nearly complete, and added that his hope

for Afghanistan is what happened in Iraq.

“Casualties were initially higher, but as we achieved success, the numbers declined significantly,” he said.

Secretary Gates’ visit followed his announcement Aug. 12 to cut \$100 billion from the Defense Department budget over the next five years.

While in California, he also

visited the Navy USS Higgins, an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer which is a new, more mobile ballistic missile defense system for the future; the Naval Medical Center at Balboa Park in San Diego; and the Navy’s Special Operations Command, where 67 sailors were enduring what is known to be “Hell Week” at the Basic Underwater Demolition and SEAL training in Coronado, Calif.



Change of Command

Col. Patrick G. Looney relinquishes command of Weapons and Field Training Battalion to Lt. Col. Michael N. Castle on WFTBn parade deck aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Aug. 16. Looney will be taking command of AFRI-COM Operations and Logistics.

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Depot to host Multi-Cultural Heritage Day in September

BY CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
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Multi-cultural Heritage Day is scheduled to be celebrated at the depot museum courtyard Sept. 16 from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

The event's purpose is to recognize achievements, provide a venue for education, honor diversity and celebrate our common heritage-- our American heritage, said Gunnery Sgt. Timothy B. Walker, depot equal opportunity advisor, equal opportunity office.

"We are united in the strength of diversity-- a nation of great resources and opportunities," said Walker. "...all of this can be attributed to the contributions and achievements of men and women of various racial, cultural and ethnic backgrounds."

The free celebration is open to all depot personnel and graduating Marines and their families. It is expected to offer food, which may include Hispanic and La Oceana cuisine, among others, as well as 12 different forms of entertainment and 20 booths displaying different cultures.

Entertainment is slated to include African dance with drums, bagpipes,

Country music, Latin American combo, Philippine music, Indian belly dancing, Japanese cultural dance, a magician, salsa and six depot Marines singing "The Women Marines' Hymn."

"I am making a board for our booth with the theme 'Women Through History,' including pictures and stories of prominent female figures like Brig. Gen. Margaret Brewer, the first female general in the Marines," said Staff Sgt. Rhonda A. Williams, administrative chief, 2nd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment.

Williams finds it crucial for everyone, not just women, to be educated and have a better understanding of how the equality of females has come a long way and what they have accomplished in the Corps.

The booths are scheduled to include information on various heritages, like African American, American Indian, Asian Pacific American, Hispanic, Martin Luther King Jr., women's equality and women's history.

"We are diverse people," said Walker. "Celebrating our differences, as well as our common interests, helps unite and educate us."

The Marine Corps is a great mixture of

diverse Americans. Unfortunately, there are some cultures that we don't know much about, Walker said.

"Take the opportunity to question your co-workers and fellow Marines," said Walker. "Open up and gain knowledge about their cultures and ask where they came from."

Learning about each other can be very beneficial for Marines who travel to foreign countries, Walker said.

"If you are stationed in a different country like Japan and you stayed in a small little box on base, how could you enjoy the different environments and the impact they have on people?" Walker asked.

Observing these environments help people learn about themselves and become a more effective people, observing the good that all cultures have to offer, Walker said.

Walker urges people to understand and learn to appreciate other cultures, and is enthusiastic to offer this opportunity thorough Multi-Cultural Heritage Day.

For more information, contact Walker at (619)-524-8730.



Mexican dancers in colorful traditional costumes illustrate some of the cross-cultural heritage for which they are famous. Performers such as these, a Japanese cultural dance troupe, an African dance troupe with drums and bagpipes and booths representing various heritages will mark Multi-Cultural Heritage Day in the depot museum courtyard Sept. 16 from 2 until 6:30 p.m. Larry Dale Gordon

Back-to-school shots: don't forget them!

TRIWEST HEALTH CARE ALLIANCE

In the midst of your back-to-school rush, don't forget about the most important stop for your child—the doctor's office.

Yes, that's right. Between the running around for new shoes, shirts, fresh pencils and notebooks, part of that back-to-school routine should be your child's vaccinations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that most children be vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria, hepatitis B, human papilloma virus, measles, mumps and rubella. All of these diseases can cause serious health problems if your children's shots aren't up-to-date.

The HPV Vaccine

The HPV vaccine could protect you and your daughters from cervical cancer. It protects against the four types of HPV that cause 70 percent of all cervical cancers. But the vaccine will work only if given to girls before they are exposed to the virus.

Women and girls can receive the vaccine at the same time as other vaccines. The CDC recommends and TRICARE covers giving the vaccine to females between ages 11 and 26, although girls as young as 9 may get it.

The vaccine does not protect against every type of HPV infection and cannot prevent all cervical cancers. Therefore,

women should still continue getting regular exams and Pap tests. Additionally, the vaccine does not protect women from sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS.

Flu shots

As the fall rolls around, you'll want to remember the seasonal flu vaccine. It's a TRICARE-covered benefit and has up to a 90 percent success rate in a healthy population, according to the CDC. On top of that, it's available as a shot or nasal spray.

To get the seasonal flu vaccine, those with TRICARE Prime who are enrolled at a military clinic should call the facility to find out when the vaccines are available. As long as they receive the shot, or spray, from a TRICARE network provider—such as their primary care manager or a pharmacy—the vaccine is free. However, some network doctors' offices may still charge a small co-pay for the visit.

The same rules apply for those using TRICARE Standard and Extra, or enrolled in TRICARE Prime Remote, as long as the vaccine is administered by a TRICARE-authorized provider.

All in all, TRICARE will cover age-appropriate vaccinations, as recommended by the CDC. If you're not sure which vaccinations are covered, you can always ask your doctor, check TriWest's immunizations page at www.triwest.com/immunizations, or call TriWest at 1-888-TRIWEST.

BRIEFS

Career and Education Fair

Marine and Family Services will host a Career and Education Fair Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the depot Field House. More than 100 employers and educators will be on-site. Employment areas being represented are high tech, electronics, IT, law enforcement, Fortune 500, federal agencies, banking, colleges and universities, retail and city/county/state agencies, among others. The event is open to military active duty and Reserve, family members, military retirees, DoD civilians, and other personnel with access to military installations. For more information or updates, contact Mina Threat at mina.threat@usmc.mil or (619) 524-1283; or James Brooks at james.brooks@usmc.mil or (619) 524-8158.

Whooping Cough vaccine available

A Whooping Cough vaccine is available at NMCS and branch health clinics. NMCS beneficiaries can be vaccinated at their primary care clinic.

NMCS active duty staff members can be vaccinated at the Military Health Center in Building 1, 1st floor. NMCS civilian staff members can receive vaccination through occupational health. Other service members in the San Diego area can be vaccinated at their respective branch health clinic or wherever they receive their primary healthcare. Call (619) 532-5358 for information about vaccination hours at NMCS and its branch clinics.

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

L.I.N.K.S. 4 Kids is a half-day workshop for elementary school-aged 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.

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.

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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Depot hosts 2010 Junior USA Triathlon Festival

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Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego hosted the USA Junior Triathlon Festival 2010 National Championship, Aug. 14 and 15. Youth and teens from across the nation came to the depot with high hopes and record-setting goals.

This two-day event, sponsored by USA Triathlon, brought more than 500 athletes from the ages of 7 to 19 to the depot for the opportunity to compete in 13 different races. The participants were broken down into age groups; Youth, ages 7 to 15 for athletes of all skill levels; Youth Elite, ages 13 to 15, and Junior Elite, ages 16 to 19.

The athletes started their weekend of events on the depot with a pre-race clinic Friday afternoon. Saturday began with swimmers in the water at 7:30 a.m. and ended at 3:30 p.m. with an awards ceremony. Sunday was a shorter day with the first ever team relay event with team members ranging from ages 13 to 19, beginning the swimming portion of their race at 8:30 a.m.

"It's my third year on the team and I'm the youngest in our age group," said Hunter Honeycutt, 15, South East Region Elite Team member, team relay first-place winners. "I thought I'd place in the top twenty. I really didn't expect to win."

During Sunday's team relay, each team had to have three members with at least one female team member. The relay had each competitor complete a 250-meter swim, a 5K bike ride and a 2K run.

"It's so exciting (that he and his team won)," said Marci Honeycutt, mother of Hunter Honeycutt. "We started doing this to get in shape. It's not just a sport; it's a lifestyle, and these events have been such a great experience that we now plan our vacations around them."

All of Marine Corps Community Services' efforts to host the event was appreciated by most of the attendees.

"I would like to thank MCRD for opening up the depot to us and letting this event be held here," said Marci Honeycutt. "It has been absolutely spectacular. Thank you."



Jasen Missailidis, triathlon participant, speeds off on his 5K cycling leg of the team relay race held on MCRD San Diego, Sunday Aug. 15. Cpl. Frances Candelaria/Chevron



Tanelle Berard and Tamara Gorman hold hands as they cross the finish line together. They are both the first of their individual three-man teams to complete their portion of the relay.

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Tanelle Berard, triathlon participant, runs with her bike through the transition area during the team relay race held Aug. 15 of the two-day event on the depot.

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ear instructor, Weapons Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., burns more chlorobenzylidene
e Chamber, Aug. 9. CS gas is not fatal, but it does cause burning skin, irritation of the nose and throat, coughing, excess mucous and watery

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to cough uncontrollably. The drill instructors are inside the chamber to stop any recruits who get out,” said Staff Sgt. Matthew [Name], Weapons Field Training [Name], Camp Pendleton, Calif. “If [Name] start to panic, a CBRN instructor will check his mask and calm him

recruits had to wait for the instructor to check that everyone had the seals on their masks and they could reseal them.

“We have confidence in my [Name] Golf Company?” said Sermer-

ough coughing and sniffing, recruits screamed back with a rum-
“Yes, sir!”

They were instructed to grab the [Name] of the recruit in front of [Name] and ordered to file out of the [Name] through a door opposite of [Name] that they came in.

CS gas affects the respiratory [Name],” said Sermersky. “There are [Name] sensations to the skin and [Name] irritations to the sinuses and it [Name] out the lungs.”

Though the recruits entered the Confidence Chamber with hesitancy and [Name] reboding, they left with a sense of accomplishment and are now [Name] ed to tackle more challenges [Name] ercome new adversities as they [Name] e in their Marine Corps careers.



Recruit Nicholas Gallagher, Platoon 2149, cleans his gas mask after exiting the Confidence Chamber.
Lance Cpl. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



Company G recruits hastily exit the Confidence Chamber, holding the shoulder of the recruit in front of them as a guide. Lance Cpl. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron



Company G recruits break the seal on their gas masks to allow CS gas inside their masks while in the Confidence Chamber, Aug. 9.
Lance Cpl. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron

Change of heart leads rugby star to Marines

LANCE CPL. KATALYNN THOMAS
Chevron Staff

He is an outstanding student and excellent rugby player and he already had a full-ride scholarship to the college of his choice through rugby and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

He has an ambition that was channeled into his carefully planned destiny inspired by his grandfather, Lt. Col. Gerald M. Katz, a pilot in the Air Force. He wanted to be just like him, until he realized in his mind that he wanted to become a Marine.

Lance Cpl. Cody Andrew

Katz, Platoon 2155, Company G, spent most of his adolescence preparing himself physically for his dream. Simultaneously, Katz was preparing himself mentally in school, he said.

He was an avid learner and a good student who strived to be at the top. All the hard work paid off because he was at the top five percent of his class, he said.

While Katz cared about his education, he was also into sports, he said. Katz was deeply involved in the district high school rugby team by his senior year.

"I had only played one season, but my coach had already noticed potential in me," said Katz.

His coach pulled him aside

and asked him what his plans were for college, so Katz told him about his dream of becoming an Air Force pilot because he needed a college degree. But didn't know which college to apply to, he said.

Fortunate for Katz, his coach was close to the rugby coach at the University of California, Los Angeles. Katz' coach set up a meeting between him and the UCLA coach, he said.

When Katz met the UCLA coach, he was asked if he had any interests other than rugby. So he told the coach about his interest in the Air Force.

"The coach mentioned the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps," said Katz. "So I took the

advice and applied."

After several months, Katz was accepted to UCLA with a full ride AFROTC/ rugby scholarship with a major in physics.

After high school graduation, he was on top of the world said Katz. He loved telling people that he was going to one of the best schools in the world for free.

"During my first quarter, I began to notice the Marine Corps commercials more and more," said Katz. "At first, I paid no attention to them, but the more I watched, the harder it was to turn away."

Although the Corps was nagging in the back of his mind he still wanted to fulfill his dream of being in the Air Force, he said.

"I didn't want to satisfy my desire to get a closer look at the Corps," said Katz. "I was dead set on my goal, nothing was going to stop me, plus I had school to worry about."

Regardless of how determined he was Katz still had the Corps in his thoughts, he said.

With the Marines in the back of his mind during his first quarter of college, he made a trip to the Marine recruiter's office, just to get some information and then be on his way, Katz said.

"Two weeks into my next quarter, the sight of the Marine dress blue alphas that were hanging in the recruiter's office became steadily clearer and clearer in my mind's eye," said Katz.

The uniform not only helped him decide he wanted to become a Marine, but stayed in his mind through trials to come.

Katz was associating with a bad crowd and made some wrong decisions in early, 2009.

"I was scared to death that I was going to lose my scholarships and be dropped from UCLA," said Katz. He notified his commander about what had happened, and his commander told Katz that he was safe and wasn't going to lose either scholarship, he said.

About a week after her returned to school he couldn't help but return to the recruiter, he said.

"My eyes instantly clicked to the uniform and I had finally had enough of just imagining them," Katz said. "I went to my commander and told him that I wanted to cancel the scholarship and withdraw from the school."

Katz knew that he needed the discipline to never make another

bad decision again, he said.

"The Air Force wouldn't be able to give me enough discipline," Katz said. "But the Marine Corps definitely would."

It took a little longer than a year for Katz to get everything cleared with the Air Force and UCLA, but when he did he was at the military entrance processing station the next day taking his armed service vocational aptitude battery exam.

It took several days to fill out the paperwork to withdraw from the school, but it took several months to have the Department of Defense approve the forms and process Katz into the Corps, he said.

One week later, Feb. 16, Katz enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He arrived on the depot, May 24.

"The uniform in the office is one of the things that really pushed me through the hard parts of boot camp," said Katz. "I wanted to be one of the eight to graduate in my full dress blue uniform because I was guide." The fact that the Marine Corps only wears their Dress Blues for special occasions shows the professionalism of the Marines, he said.

Katz will be graduating in his full dress blue uniform because he was the guide for Platoon 2155 the entire time he was at boot camp, according to Staff Sgt. Johnathan Conwill, senior drill instructor, Company G, Platoon 2155.

"He demonstrated pretty good leadership," said Conwill. "Katz was the platoon guide from day one. Being a team captain for rugby, he had an idea of what it meant to lead a team. Recruit training is about teamwork so it was natural to him."

"He demonstrates good moral courage and the ability to lead by example," said Conwill. "He shows a strong level of maturity for his age. The other recruits follow him because they notice the maturity."

Katz can't wait to show the Marine Corps what he has learned from his drill instructors, said Katz.

"I want to make my senior drill instructor proud," said Katz.

Lance Cpl. Katz doesn't need to worry. His senior drill instructor will be watching for him.

"I look forward to seeing him succeed in his Marine Corps career," said Conwill.



Lance Cpl. Cody Katz checks the alignment of his platoon's rifles, as they were staged behind the parade deck here, Aug. 8. The rifles were staged in preparation to go to the Crucible. If any were out of alignment he would direct his squad leaders where to adjust them. Lance Cpl. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron

Sgt. Maj. Robert C. Hollings

Parade Reviewing Officer

A native of Florida, Sergeant Major Hollings enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 1979. He has completed all resident and non-resident PME's required for enlisted Marines.

As a junior Marine, he picked up lance corporal and corporal meritoriously. Hollings reported to Drill Instructor School, MCRD San Diego, as a noncommissioned officer in October 1987. Upon completion of Drill Instructor School, Hollings was assigned to 1st Recruit Training Battalion where he served as drill instructor, senior drill instructor, and series chief drill instructor. While serving aboard MCRD San Diego, he was promoted to staff sergeant and was subsequently promoted meritoriously to the rank of gunnery sergeant.

In 1991, Hollings was deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In March 1993, Hollings reported to Headquarters, Marine Corps, where he served as a supply monitor. Upon promotion to first sergeant, Hollings was assigned to 3rd Force Service Support Group and deployed with Combat Service Support Det-33 and 44 in support of Operations Freedom Banner and Cobra Gold. He was then reassigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, where during his tour with the MEU, was promoted to sergeant major.

Hollings' first duty as a sergeant major was with 3rd Force Service Support Group, Supply Battalion, sergeant major. Upon returning from an overseas tour duty, he was assigned to Recruiting Station, Jacksonville, Florida. In April 2002, he was then transferred to assume the duties of sergeant major, Marine Helicopter Squadron One, Quantico Virginia, where he

executed missions in Amman, Jordan; Krakow, Poland; Senegal, Africa; Abuja, Nigeria and countless missions throughout the United States in support of the President.

In June 2004, Hollings was assigned to the position of sergeant major, Parris Island, South Carolina. During January 2007, he was assigned to his final position as sergeant major for the 3rd Marine Division.

Hollings retired on May 21 in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii after 31 years of service.

Hollings' decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (fourth award), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (second award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (second award), Korean Defense Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Humanitarian

Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award.





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Sgt. D. C. Downing
Sgt. J. F. Hernandez
Sgt. C. J. Marcus
Sgt. Y. Sesay

Pfc. D. G. Dillender
Pfc. J. Ford
Pfc. C. R. Johnson
Pfc. B. L. Kizer
Pvt. D. P. Masten
Pfc. A. Moreno
Pfc. G. W. Noble
Pfc. L. A. Nunez
Pfc. C. N. Ogembo
Pfc. R. D. Paclibar
Pvt. C. J. Paskevicius
Pvt. L. Perrowicz
Pfc. R. A. Poirier
Pvt. D. C. Reynolds

Pvt. R. A. Rodriguez
*Pfc. R. A. Rodriguez
Pfc. N. J. Ropchock
Pvt. J. R. Rupp
Pvt. F. J. Santoyo
Pfc. P. S. Schuiteman
Pvt. J. E. Shulte
Pvt. N. A. Skaggs
Pvt. B. A. Southwick
Pvt. D. L. Stanton
Pvt. S. L. Stone
Pvt. M. W. Templeton
Pvt. S. J. Tober
Pvt. J. J. Town
Pvt. J. J. Tsang
*Pfc. J. D. Valdez
Pvt. A. C. Vaughan
Pfc. A. J. Venegas
Pfc. E. I. Ventura
Pvt. B. Viernes Jr.
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Pfc. J. B. West

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Sgt. D. P. Chavez
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Sgt. L. B. Soderbery

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Pvt. E. T. Baderdeen
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Pvt. D. A. Fidermak
Pfc. B. J. Filipp
Pvt. N. J. Genovese
Pvt. M. W. Harrison
Pfc. J. C. Hartman
Pfc. B. C. Heath
Pfc. B. S. Henry
Pvt. D. K. Hlad
Pvt. T. S. Holloman
Pfc. D. J. Hutchings
Pvt. B. D. Kimball
Pfc. J. W. Kinne
*Pfc. D. J. Koehne
Pfc. C. J. Leal
Pvt. P. L. Marx
Pvt. T. N. Nagao
Pvt. M. J. Nasadowski
Pfc. T. W. Noyes
Pfc. R. G. Polacek
Pfc. G. N. Ramakrishnan

Pfc. E. D. Scruggs
Pvt. E. C. Slack
Pvt. S. M. Trafter
Pfc. E. P. Vanderwilt
Pvt. A. L. Vasquez

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Senior Drill Instructor
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Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. W. S. Crespin
Staff Sgt. B. E. Price
Staff Sgt. R. R. Ramirez
Sgt. D. Hernandez Jr.

Pvt. A. M. Koci
Pfc. B. M. Landowski
Pfc. P. C. Landry
Pvt. J. V. Le
Pvt. H. G. Loebbecke
Pfc. K. D. Macagba
Pvt. J. A. Mace
Pvt. A. C. Marroney
Pfc. M. P. Martinez
Pfc. J. A. Matlock
Pvt. R. C. McIntosh
Pvt. J. M. Meppelink
Pvt. L. A. Mooney
Pvt. A. J. Morris
Pvt. T. S. Murphy
*Pfc. C. Pinon
*Pfc. S. V. Ramsden
Pvt. A. Rodriguez-Diaz
Pfc. T. W. Schlittenhart
Pvt. L. E. Sierra
Pvt. J. D. Simpson
Pfc. M. D. Small
Pvt. S. C. Spradling
Pvt. A. C. Stanislav
Pfc. R. B. Starks
Pfc. B. P. Thompson
Pfc. L. P. Tkach
Pfc. R. P. Trainor
Pvt. X. Vang
Pfc. A. Venikov
Pfc. J. P. Vernon
Pvt. J. J. Villeneuve
Pvt. L. G. Voight
Pfc. J. Z. Vrooman
Pvt. D. J. Wamsley
Pfc. T. J. Ziemann

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Senior Drill Instructor
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Drill Instructors
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Drill Instructor
Sgt. V. A. Black
Sgt. A. J. Cole
Sgt. J. A. Felix

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Pvt. C. M. Dunham
Pvt. C. Durek
Pfc. A. A. Esquivel

Pfc. B. C. Fuentes
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Pvt. J. M. Gunneson
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Pvt. C. C. Heath
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Pvt. T. E. Houle
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Pvt. W. T. Hudson
Pvt. A. Huss
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Pfc. L. Kameen III
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H & S Battalion celebrates summer



Lance Cpl. Miguel Hernandez, clarinet player, Marine Band San Diego, gets in some target practice with a paintball gun during the H & S Battalion Summer Fun Day here. *Pfc. Emily Cone/Chevron*

BY PFC. EMILY CONE
Chevron Staff

More than 200 servicemembers, civilians and their families turned out for Headquarters and Service's Battalion Summer Fun Day at the boat house lawn here, Aug. 6

The free event featured free barbeque as well as a plethora of family-friendly activities, such as games, a petting zoo, artists and music, balloon animals, face painting, and a caricaturist who made cartoon drawings.

Lance Cpl. Ethan McDaniel, french horn player, Marine Band San Diego, showed a drawing of himself in a superhero costume and said he enjoyed the caricature artist.

"I thought the variety of the entertainment was incredible," McDaniel said.

There were also hands-on events for

active children, such as a blow-up obstacle course, a bouncey house, pony rides, and for older patrons there was paintball and volley ball.

Sgt. Maria Salcedo, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, facilities division, said she was glad to be able to bring her daughter to an event like this.

"My daughter enjoyed the pony ride," she said.

Armor of Light provided the food and drinks for the event, to include popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones.

The balloon animals, provided by Project Prayer Flag, ranged from simple shapes like a snake to complex winged dragons.

A disc jockey provided music, and children and adults danced.

"For the kids, the pony ride was nice," said Staff Sgt. Robert Moran, postal chief, postal section, Headquarters Company.

"For me, I enjoyed the camaraderie with the Marines and family."



Lance Cpl. Abraham Lopez, an administrative clerk with the assistant chief of staff recruiting office, makes snow cones as part of the many activities provided at the battalion's Summer Fun Day. *Pfc. Emily Cone/Chevron*



Gunnery Sgt. Trace Bolding, Headquarters and Service Battalion, slides down the end of a blow-up obstacle course, August 6, during Headquarters and Service Battalion Family Summer Fun event on the Boat House lawn. *Pfc. Emily Cone/Chevron*