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Depot construction improves Corps' readiness

BY CPL. MATTHEW BROWN
Chevron staff

Construction of two new "H-style" barracks, a recruit rehabilitation facility, several independent restrooms and upgrades to numerous depot facilities began full swing early this summer and are slated for completion within the next 18 months.

"It's (the depot) a very old facility, constructed in the early 1920s, it's aged and in definite need of a face lift," said Paul Gerencser, assistant chief of staff, logistics, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region. "Headquarters (Marine Corps) realized we needed to upgrade once the commandant's Grow-the-Force initiative began, but there were many other reasons behind our current projects."

These projects are part of a budget of \$175 million awarded to the depot in support of the GTF initiative, which brought the forces to 202,000 active duty Marines, economic stimulus projects and Department of Defense contingencies, said Gerencser.

Once the upgrades are complete, the depot will have several new capabilities and uses in the

case of national emergencies.

These uses include the DoD using the depot as a mobilization site for other military branches in the case of a large war or a local disaster, said Gerencser.

"With extra facilities and the ability to convert several existing facilities, like the arcade into additional troop berthing, the depot's grounds and facilities could provide a staging area for a lot of troops and gear prior to deployment to sea or a disaster area," he said.

Once complete, the upgrades will allow the Corps to continue accomplishing its recruit training mission in the event of a debilitating disaster at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

"The hurricane study we did in 2002 and (Hurricane) Katrina helped put the projects into motion," Gerencser said. "The depot had to be able to house and train most of the recruits from Parris Island for an extended period of time if a hurricane rendered it unsuitable for training. This meant our antiquated facilities would need improvements soon."

Gerencser said the upgrades will enable the depot and Corps to produce quality fighting men and women for years after they

are completed.

"It's been identified by the DoD as an efficient and vital national asset, but soon, the

depot will be placed on the map as a pristine, state-of-the-art facility," said Gerencser. "The country will have a tremen-

dous place to send young men to become Marines and protect the country for years and years to come."



Company L recruits march by one of the 'H-style' barracks being built here, Sept. 1. The construction is part of \$175 million awarded to the depot for upgrades, economic stimulus projects and the commandant's Grow-the-Force initiative. Actual construction for the various projects began collectively in late spring and early summer and are slated for completion within 18 months.

Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron

First Lady urges family support

BY ELAINE WILSON
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Just days after the combat mission in Iraq ended, First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, reminded Americans that their commitment to military families must carry on.

"All of us are called to an ongoing mission: to support our troops, veterans and their families," Obama and Biden wrote in an op-ed titled, "The Troops Need Us," in USA Today.

America has made progress in its military support in recent years, they noted. Employers have created ways to support military families, classrooms have adopted deployed servicemembers and units, and people have committed "countless other acts of kindness."

Much work remains to be done. Obama and Biden said they've heard from military families - in communities from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Camp Pendleton,

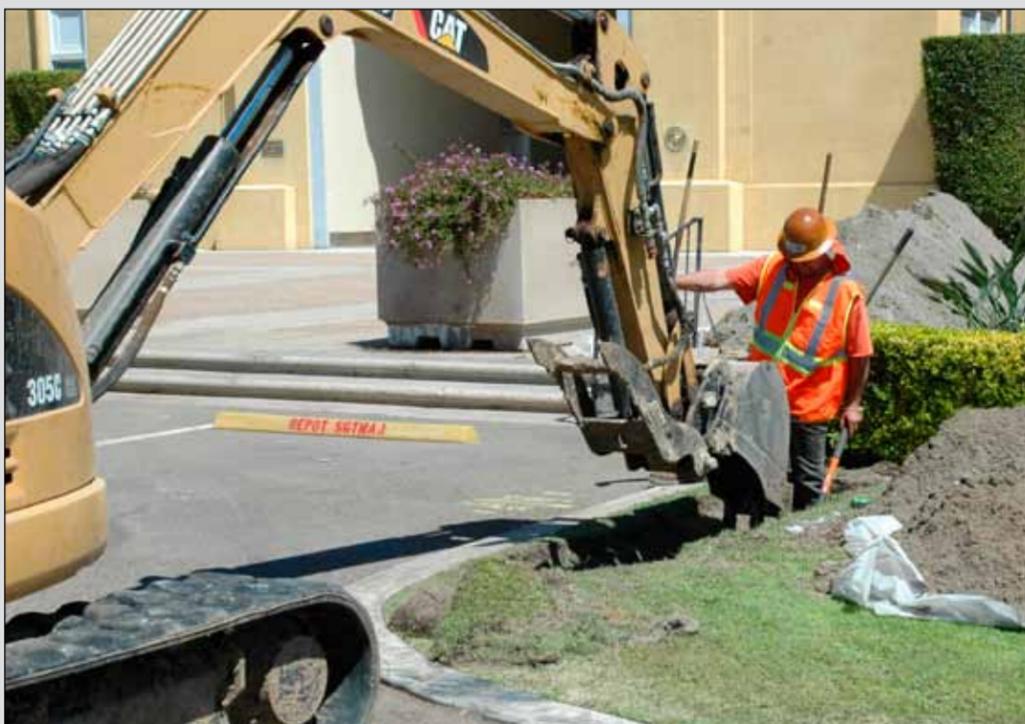
Calif., - who feel the nation isn't engaged enough in the war effort. They've spoken to National Guard families who feel isolated during deployments, and to military children having a tough time in school during deployments.

Yet, these families are making tremendous contributions to their communities.

Obama and Biden repeated a constant theme in their military-related talks: "support and engage our military families."

"You don't have to come from a military family, have a base in your community, or be an expert in military issues to make a difference. Every American can do something."

"We can do this," Obama and Biden wrote. "In every community, every day, we can find concrete ways to show our military families the respect and gratitude that each of us holds for them in our hearts. They deserve our support long after the welcome home ceremonies are over."



Kyle Steadham, a Hal-Hays Construction employee, gets ready to dig around water and steam lines buried behind Pendleton Hall here, Aug. 31. Construction workers are replacing some of the older steam and water lines around the depot. Following the pipe replacement, a local landscaping company is installing artificial turf to help the depot in a water conservation campaign.

Lance Cpl. Katalynn Thomas/Chevron

Choose TSP today for a better tomorrow

BY JEFF ZACCARO
MCRD San Diego Public Affairs

Graduating from recruit training is one of the most important, life-changing events you will ever experience. You may already be thinking about how much time you will spend in the Marine Corps, and regardless of whether you are thinking four years or forty years, there is no better time to secure your future than by investing in the Thrift Savings Plan.

The TSP is a federal government-sponsored retirement and savings plan. It is different than the standard Marine Corps retirement plan, because the standard military retirement plan is a defined benefit program. This means the amount of payout is determined by your time of service and the rank at which you retire, whereas the TSP is solely based on your contributions and earnings.

Even if you currently plan on staying in the Marine Corps until retirement, a lot can happen in 20 years, and it is good to have a backup plan in case your plans change. The TSP is a good choice.

According to Money Under 30, a Web site for young investors, by the time you are 30-years-old you should have saved at least one year's salary in your retirement account. The site states that if you start at age 22 and save just 10 percent of your salary and average 8 percent interest earned, you will meet this goal.

It is easy to invest in the TSP with the tools you already have access to. Since TSP enrollment is always open, you can

even start today by logging into your myPay account and selecting the TSP link on the main screen.

Once you start enrollment, you will be able to choose from many different funds in which to invest. The most common funds are the G and L funds, and although they may be the most common, they are very different.

According to <http://www.tsp.gov>, the G fund is the oldest of the TSP funds and carries the least risk. G fund invests solely in government securities issued to specifically to the TSP. Since securities are generally safe investments, the G fund usually posts profit, but with low risk comes low return, and G fund returns can sometimes be trifled by standard inflation.

The L fund on the other hand is the newest, and provides different options depending on your target retirement date. L funds are aggregates of G (government securities), F (government, corporate, and mortgage-backed bonds), C (stocks of large and medium-sized U.S. companies), S (stocks of small to medium-sized U.S. companies not included in the C fund) and I funds (international stocks of 21 developed countries) that have been professionally diversified to a risk and reward ratio geared toward your target retirement date.

Currently, the furthest retirement date for L funds is 2040. Looking into the 2040 fund, you will see a rollercoaster of returns. This is because the 2040 fund is comprised primarily of C, F, and I funds, which are portfolios of small to large

US and international companies. There is high risk with investing in small and international companies, as the chance of failure is high, but if one of the companies in these portfolios turns out to be the next Apple or Microsoft, you will reap the rewards well into your retirement.

One nice thing about the TSP is that you don't have to choose only one fund. Even though the L funds are prediversified, you can still contribute part of your income to an L fund, and part to a safer fund such as the G fund. Once you gain a better understanding of the market, you can even choose to diversify your own portfolio, and this can be done right from myPay.

The TSP also offers other features that may help you out later in your career, such as loans and hardship withdrawals from your account. This can be a useful during emergencies, or for large purchases such as a house. Additionally, if you ever go to work for the federal government after your enlistment or retirement, you can continue to contribute to your TSP, and under the Federal Employees Retirement System, even have your contributions matched on the first 5 percent of your contribution per pay period.

Regardless of the fund you choose, the important thing is to just do it. After graduating recruit training is the perfect time, as you are not yet accustomed to your pay amount, so if you set your contribution now, you will never know it's missing.

For more information on the Thrift Savings Plan, visit <http://www.tsp.gov>.

BRIEFS

Career and Education Fair

Marine and Family Services will host a Career and Education Fair Wednesday 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 and state agencies, among others. The event is open to military active duty and reservist, 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.

Multi-Cultural Heritage Day

The depot and the Western Recruiting Region will host a Multi-Cultural Heritage Day event from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The multi-cultural gathering will honor diversity and celebrate our American heritage. It is intended to serve as recognition of achievements, a venue for education, and a day of cultural celebration. For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Walker, equal opportunity advisor, at (619) 524-8730 or at timothy.b.walker@usmc.mil.

Whooping Cough vaccine

A Whooping Cough vaccine is available at Naval Medical Center San Diego and branch health clinics. State health authorities are reemphasizing the importance of vaccination to prevent the disease, and have broadened their recommendations for the vaccination. NMCS D active duty staff members can be vaccinated at the Military Health Center in Bldg. 1, 1st floor. NMCS D civilian staff members can receive vaccination through occupational health. Other servicemembers 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 D 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.

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. 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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Lance Cpl. Traymond Miller, musician, Marine Band San Diego, describes the menu of the band barbeque fund-raiser to Col. Christopher Conlin, assistant chief of staff, operations, Sept. 8. The money from the barbeque goes toward the band's Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November. Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron

Miss America visits depot, witnesses graduation ceremony

Caressa Cameron, Miss America 2010, watches the Company K graduation ceremony on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field Sept. 3. Cameron, a Fredericksburg, Va., native, won her title and a \$50,000 scholarship in January. She had to hurry off as her schedule had her visiting several sites in and around San Diego while she was in Southern California. Cameron is currently a student at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., where she studies broadcast communications. Her career ambition is to earn her master's degree and become a news anchor for a television station. Cpl. Rebecca Lamont/Chevron



Hispanics have helped build America and the Corps



U. S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Emilio de la Garza, Jr., is one of 43 Hispanic recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He served with Co. E, 2nd Bn., 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division during the Vietnam War. During combat on April 11, 1970, Garza threw himself on a grenade, saving the lives of his comrades. He was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps History Division.

BY CPL. JOSE NAVA
Chevron Staff

Fall is around the corner and that means that it will soon be national Hispanic Heritage Month. National Hispanic Heritage Month starts September 15 and ends October 15.

This year's theme recognizes the strength and hard work of Hispanic Americans. According to the Library of Congress, in 1968, Congress passed a law which authorized the president to issue a proclamation designating the week including Sept. 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week.

In 1988, Congress amended the law, which again authorized and requested the president to designate a 31-day period beginning Sept. 15 and ending Oct. 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

According to the 2009 U.S. Census Bureau annual population estimate there are more than 307 million people in the U.S., whom, more than 45 million people (15.1 percent of the total population) claim to be of Hispanic descent, making them the largest minority group.

"Hispanic" is an ethnic term defining people of Spanish or Latin descent according to the Census Bureau.

Historically, Hispanic Americans have a long tradition of serving in the armed forces. They have been involved in every major conflict and war since the birth of our nation. Many of these patriots have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage.

In 2009, out of the 202,000 Marines, 11.1 percent of the active ranks were made up by enlisted Hispanics, and officers comprised 5.71 percent.

Throughout the Corps' history, many Hispanic Marines have achieved greatness and have saved the lives of hundreds. One example is Pfc. Guy Gabaldon who is credited with capturing more than 1,000 enemy soldiers at the Battle of Saipan during World War II. Gabaldon was awarded the Silver Star Medal, which was later upgraded to the Navy Cross Medal for his actions. The Navy Cross medal is the highest medal that can be awarded by the Department of the Navy, and the second highest award given for valor.

The past is not the only place Hispanic Marines have played vital roles. Sergeant Rafael Peralta was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for his actions during Operation Phantom Fury, the second Battle of Fallujah. Peralta was mortally wounded as he led his team in clearing houses during the operation. After entering

an insurgent-filled room, Peralta was hit by enemy fire and fell to the ground.

He then moved out of the way to allow the Marines behind him to return fire. The enemy responded by tossing a grenade in the room where the Marines were inside. In a last act, Peralta reached out for the grenade to pull it under his body so he would take the majority of the blast to save his Marines.

It is not only the enlisted side that Hispanic Marines have made an impact; many Hispanic officers have made history as well. Brig. Gen. Joseph V. Medina, for example, became the first Marine officer to command a U.S. Navy flotilla in 2003.

History making was not just left to the men. Maj. Gen. Angie Salinas was the first Hispanic female to be promoted to the rank of general in 2006. Maj. Gen. Salinas was also the first female to command Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region.

Throughout this country's short but active history, Hispanics have contributed to the successful development of America. Some have even made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this nation. As the country continues to grow, there will be Hispanics in society and in the military that will continue to guard this nation both at home and abroad.



The Marines of Company K scream cadence for visiting family and friends during the motivational run here, Sept. 2. The motivational run, commonly known as the moto-run, is a 3.5 mile run in which Marines of the graduating company sing cadence in step as they tour the entire depot. The run also provides loved ones a sneak peek at their new Marine prior to their formal release to the Marines' first hours of liberty. Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron

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Charlie Company flies through the final PFT

BY CPL. FRANCES CANDELARIA
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It's 7:30 a.m., and if someone is standing in one spot for even half a moment too long he'll feel the warmth of southern California's summer sun. Good thing the recruits of Company B won't be standing still for their final Physical Fitness Test

The PFT is administered the first six months of the year, to be accompanied by the newly incorporated combat fitness test which is administered within the remaining six months of the year.

The PFT in the Marine Corps is more rigorous than the other services with a three mile run, crunches and pull-ups instead of push-ups. The basic requirements for male recruits is set at a minimum of running three miles in less than 28 minutes; completing at least three pull-ups and performing at least 50 crunches in two minutes. Most Marines, however, strive for a perfect score of 300 points which requires running three miles in 18 minutes or less; completing a maximum of 20 pull-ups, and performing 100 crunches in two minutes.

Striving to bring the best out of the recruits is vital and constant throughout boot camp.

"The PFT is important for the recruits because it sets a standard of requirements they need to

meet and want to meet at the same time," said Sgt. Pedro Lopez, drill instructor, Platoon 1051, Company C. "The recruits know the minimum is all that is required to pass. We teach them to hold themselves to a higher standard. The final PFT is the ultimate test for them in their physical abilities and they all want to see how much they improved from the moment they got here up to this point."

The recruits performed an initial strength test when they first arrived on the depot. They then completed their initial and intermediate PFT's which allowed them to reflect and set new goals to achieve. The drill instructors also observe and push them to be their best.

"We work hard on trying to get our individual platoons stronger and faster for this very occasion," Lopez said. "As a company, we do an outstanding job keeping our recruits engaged in improving their physical abilities."

The drill instructors keep up this standard with everyday things such as pushing them to do a maximum set of pull-ups and using their senior drill instructor time (time each day the recruits are given as structured free-time) available to do as many pull-ups, sit-ups and push-ups as possible. All of this preparing results in improvement on their final PFT, not just individually, but also as a company.

"Charlie Company, as a whole, always does well," said Lopez. "I am extremely confident that even this time around we had every recruit improve from the intermediate PFT. I have no doubt in my mind that we did anything other well."

It's easy for drill instructors to be confident in their platoons when their recruits are just as confident in their physical abilities as individuals and as a team.

"This company is one of the best," said Recruit Andrew Paseka, Platoon 1051, Co. C. "I know we'll do very well and pass barriers we didn't think we could. As long as we keep going and want to make ourselves better, we will if we give 150 percent."

With mindsets like that in their recruits and the tenacity of the drill instructors of Company C, Lopez believes his recruits will be very successful.

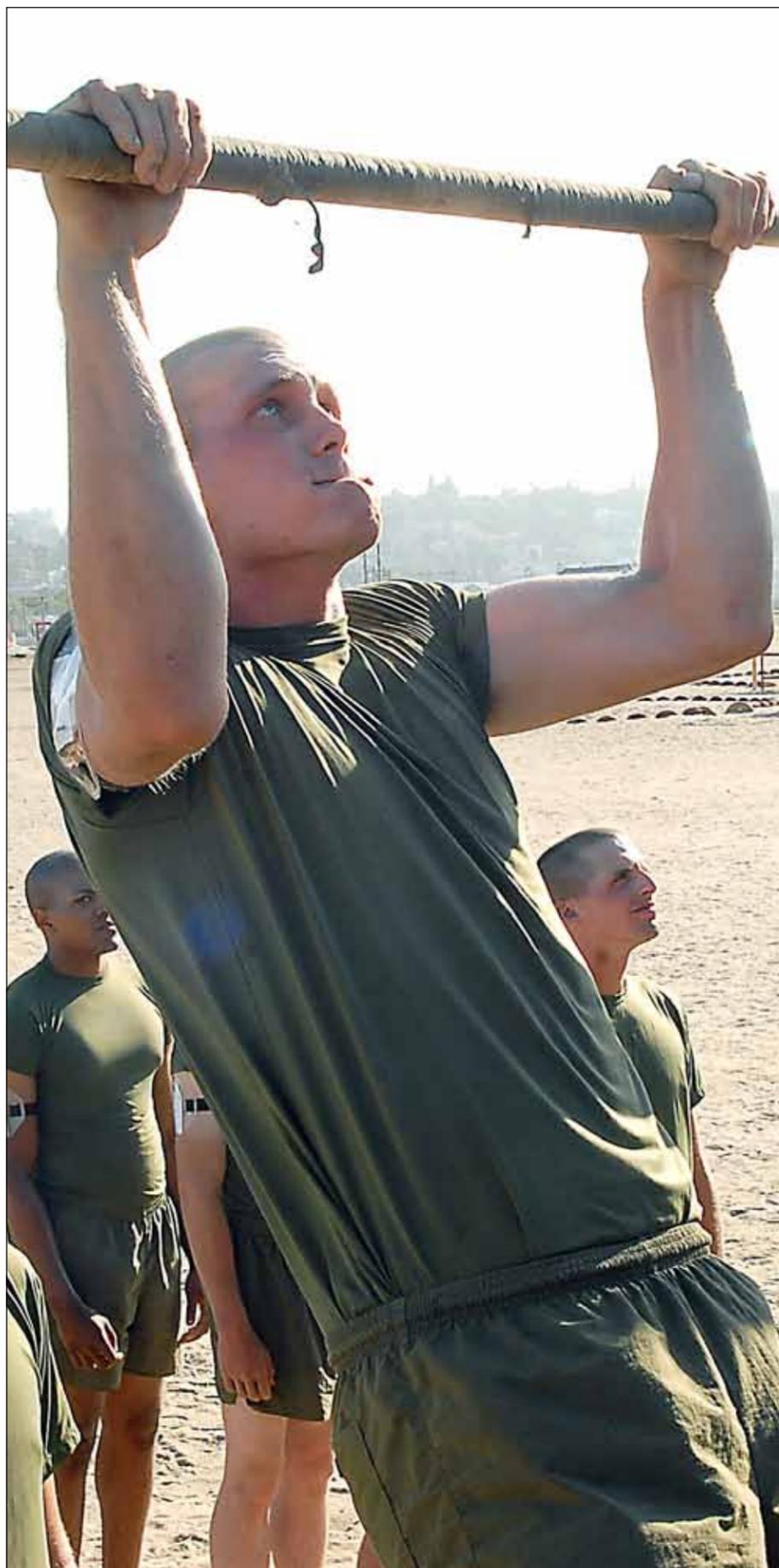
"We take the making of Marines very seriously," Lopez said. "We are demanding of our recruits, sometimes demanding the impossible, but it is only to teach them that anything is possible if you set your mind on it. We train them to the best of our abilities to make the best product in keeping with our traditions and Corps values. We succeed every time."



Company C, in the last leg of their final PFT, are pressing hard to complete as many crunches as possible in two minutes. Cpl. Frances Candelaria/Chevron



Drill instructors of Company C start the three-mile run portion of the final physical fitness test with their recruits in order to set a good pace. Cpl. Frances Candelaria/Chevron



Recruit Jordan A. Butler, Platoon 1050, Company C, performs pull-ups during the first portion of his final PFT, 26 August. For a pull-up to count the recruits must pull their chin clear over the bar and fully extend their arms on the way down. Cpl. Frances Candelaria/Chevron



Recruit Matthew S. Cannon, Platoon 1049, Company C, pushes hard toward the finish line, completing his three-mile run for the final PFT. Cpl. Frances Candelaria/Chevron

Recruit brings family values to the Corps

BY CPL. FRANCES CANDELARIA
Chevron staff

Most people in American society may frown upon a high school dropout, but Andrew Paseka, Platoon 1051, Company C, doesn't seem to mind since he dropped out to take care of his family and eventually do what most Americans would be too scared to; earn the title United States Marine.

High school students in their senior year may often concentrate on graduation or what college they will be attending if they decide to continue on with their education. As for Paseka, he was fully focused on his family's health and well-being.

Paseka dropped out at the age of 17 to take care of his father, Stanley Paskea Jr., a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran, who was diagnosed with cancer for the second time.

Unfortunately, after Paseka spent months taking care of his father at home, Stanley died in 2003. Several months later, Paseka found out that his grandparents' health was also deteriorating.

Both of Paseka's grandparents, Stanley Joseph Sr., a World War II veteran who served as a co-pilot on the USS Saratoga, and Margelyn Paseka, were beginning to show signs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Paseka then changed his work schedule to a graveyard shift while he and his older brother took on the responsibility of moving in with his grandparents and taking care of them every day. Paseka was their caregiver and worked the graveyard shift for four years until 2008 when his grandfather died of congestive heart failure, and several months later his grandmother died of natural causes.

While Paseka and his older brother had been taking care of their grandparents, their mother, having bipolar disorder, had lost custody of their two younger siblings. Paseka worked hard to help his mother as much as possible to regain custody of his younger brother and sister.

"I was very close to my grandparent. Their deaths had a huge impact on me," said Paseka. "My manners, morals

and views of life came from the era in which my grandparents were raised, which differs from the way most are raised now."

These characteristics are not just something Paseka holds close to his heart, but something that others notice about him as well.

"He has never quit," said Staff Sgt. Lukhama McBride, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1051, Co. C. "He came here with a mission and it shows through his determination."

Though Paseka has a strong character about him, his family soon went their separate ways. After the deaths and seeing tragedy consistently happen to his family, Paseka decided his life needed change.

"After seeing my loved ones pass away and how bad things were, I decided to accomplish something worth doing in life," said Paseka.

Although his mother held certain resentment toward his decision, Paseka chose to follow in his father's footsteps. Within the following months he moved back and forth between his older brother's place and mother's house, and he began talking with a Marine Corps recruiter and grasp what the Marines are all about.

"I had no idea what being a Marine truly was until I started getting involved in the Delayed Entry Program, and that made me want it more," said Paseka. "After two months of adult school I received my diploma and was able to sign up."

Paseka worked hard to earn his diploma and continues to give his all to those around him and to the Marine Corps.

"He possesses a great amount of determination," said McBride. "He has this driving force inside him that pushes him to consistently try harder each day. One thing for sure is that he will never quit. He will continue to grow and will be a valuable contribution to any unit he is assigned to in the fleet. He has a solid foundation now. He is a good Marine. I am confident that he'll only get better, grow stronger and build on that foundation in the fleet."

Upon adopting a new sense of pride before he became a Marine, he found that his

younger sister was also proud of the choice he made and they started to build a stronger bond.

"Her pride in me gave me more confidence in following my dad and grandpa's foot-

steps," Paseka said.

Paseka hopes that his decision to become a Marine and lead by example doesn't just inspire his little sister, but also motivates all of those around him.

"The decisions you make are what make you who you are," said Paseka. "So if you apply yourself and stay dedicated to a higher standard, you will make yourself a better person."



Pvt. Andrew Paseka, Platoon 1051, Company C, stands outside the recruit chow hall waiting for the rest of his platoon to finish evening chow. Paseka is older than most recruits who come through training. At the age of 24, he adds the Marine Corps' values to his foundation of past experiences and strong moral character. Cpl. Frances Candelaria/Chevron

Leo Marquez

Parade Reviewing Officer

Leo Marquez was born in Fowler, Calif., in April 1930. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 1948 and was honorably discharged in 1959 at the rank of staff sergeant.

After graduation from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Marquez was assigned to the Naval Supply Depot in Clearfield, Utah, and following a transfer to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Marquez participated in the formation of Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, where he was initially assigned the duties of rifleman.

As a rifleman with Company C, Marquez took part in the amphibious assault landing at Inchon, Korea, in

September 1950, and in the liberation of the city of Seoul, South Korea.

Marquez was promoted to corporal in November 1950 and participated in the Chosin Reservoir campaign and the Battle of Horseshoe Ridge. In April 1951, he was serving as a fire team leader with Company C when his unit was attacked after a large enemy unit succeeded in penetrating a portion of the defense line during a string of night attacks. Marquez was able to maneuver his fire team into a position where they faced enemy forces head-on. Frequently engaging the enemy in hand-to-hand combat throughout the all night attack, he and his team were able to limit the enemy's entry and secured the area. Marquez was awarded the Silver Star for his actions in that encounter.

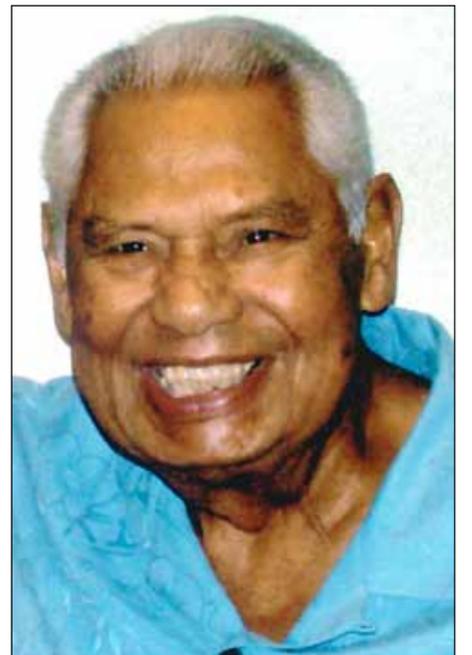
After his service during the Korean War, and being promoted to staff sergeant in March 1952, Marquez served

as a drill instructor at MCRD Parris Island, S.C., and later served a tour of duty as a recruiter in San Francisco. He also served as a radiation monitor with the 4th Marine Provisional Atomic Exercise Brigade at the Nevada test sites, and completed two tours with the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan.

In 2008, Marquez returned to the Battle Site at Horseshoe Ridge in Korea to assist in the search for missing Marines.

In addition to his Silver Star, Marquez also received the Purple Heart Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V," the Korean Campaign ribbon with six battle stars, the Presidential Unit Citation with two stars, and the Korean Presidential Citation.

Since his discharge in 1959, Marquez has resided in Selma, Calif., with his wife of 37 years, and is now retired from a supervisory position with the Vie-Del Winery in Fresno, Calif.





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Pfc. L. M. Bordewyk
Pfc. D. K. Buckles
*Pfc. J. D. Burchett
Pvt. M. S. Cannon
Pvt. P. T. Cash
Pfc. D. A. Castaneda
Pfc. C. T. Cole
Pfc. P. E. Colton
Pfc. D. J. Concua
Pfc. M. S. Curtis
Pvt. M. A. Davila
Pfc. K. W. Davis
Pfc. N. C. Dees
Pvt. J. M. Delgado
Pvt. C. Downes
Pfc. P. S. Eason
Pfc. L. T. Edgar
Pfc. M. M. Esser
Pvt. C. W. Eutsler
Pvt. R. J. Farinelli
Pvt. S. W. Feldt Jr.
Pfc. B. A. Florey
Pvt. M. T. Fowler
Pfc. H. M. Gallardo-Guerrero
Pfc. M. A. Gallardo-Guerrero
Pfc. J. P. Gardner
Pvt. A. C. Grell
Pfc. M. H. Hammack
Pvt. J. R. Haugland
Pfc. J. G. Hernandez
Pvt. I. R. Herrera
Pfc. H. P. Holbrook
Pvt. A. J. Kishpaugh
Pfc. D. M. Krauskopf
Pfc. M. L. Kremer
Pfc. J. V. Kruger
Pvt. A. L. Link
Pvt. J. A. Lira
Pvt. S. C. Lopez
Pvt. J. C. Loren
Pvt. A. L. Love
*Pfc. J. B. Lubey
Pfc. K. Mendoza
Pfc. H. J. Miles III
Pfc. S. J. Millan
Pvt. J. W. Minter
Pfc. J. B. Mitchell
Pfc. I. Morales
Pvt. J. F. Morales-Contreras
Pfc. S. A. Mullis
Pvt. D. R. Needs Jr.
Pvt. N. S. Newville
*Pfc. T. N. Nicks
Pvt. D. J. Ortiz
Pfc. P. D. Parker
Pvt. J. J. Parmer
Pvt. D. M. Phelps
*Pfc. H. Z. Rakes
Pvt. J. R. Regalado
Pfc. J. J. Rodriguez
Pfc. S. A. Sargent
Pvt. J. J. Valladares

PLATOON 1050

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. R. G. Cruz
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. C. R. Mazzeo
Staff Sgt. W. M. Whitfield

Pvt. S. B. Abernathy
Pvt. J. J. Aguon
Pvt. S. C. Bardell
Pvt. A. W. Barlow
Pfc. S. T. Begin
Pvt. C. R. Bowen
Pfc. J. S. Bowers
Pvt. D. J. Brewer
Pvt. J. W. Brown
Pvt. T. C. Brunow
Pvt. J. A. Butler
Pfc. D. J. Carson
Pvt. R. E. Casillas
Pvt. J. D. Casto
Pvt. T. T. Clough
*Pfc. T. J. Cochrane
Pvt. L. N. Creekmore
Pfc. C. T. Crony
Pfc. J. T. Dalbec
Pvt. J. L. Darley
Pfc. J. T. Davis
Pfc. J. G. Deaton III
Pvt. S. A. Dennis
Pvt. J. D. Doran
Pvt. K. D. Drake
*Pfc. S. M. Dyer
Pvt. X. L. Edwards
Pvt. S. G. Fletcher
Pvt. O. G. Flores
Pvt. M. A. Galindo-Viayra
*Pfc. J. D. Gambill
Pfc. L. Garcia Jr.
Pvt. J. W. Gohman
Pvt. B. D. Gonzalez
Pvt. D. L. Green
Pvt. J. T. Halbrooks
Pvt. N. A. Hall
Pfc. M. A. Hankins
Pvt. K. C. Hebert
Pvt. D. C. Hernandez
Pfc. T. E. Hopkins
Pvt. C. J. Horton
Pvt. M. J. Jennison
Pfc. T. J. Jensen
Pvt. J. I. Johnson
Pvt. T. R. Johnson
Pvt. D. A. Kahl
Pvt. R. B. Kelly
Pvt. R. H. Kirby
Pvt. A. Krupetskiy
Pfc. B. A. Lainez
Pvt. R. S. Lane
Pfc. K. R. Langstraat
*Pfc. J. D. Lee
Pfc. C. Lin
Pvt. J. A. Lin
Pvt. C. R. Lindeman
Pvt. C. Lor
Pvt. D. J. Madden
Pvt. N. T. Magers
Pvt. J. A. Martinez
Pvt. S. M. Martinez
Pvt. W. R. May
Pvt. C. L. McAllister
Pfc. C. M. McLaughlin
Pfc. J. K. Metzger
Pvt. T. G. Moore
Pvt. Z. M. Moulds
Pvt. Z. D. Nathan
Pvt. P. P. Nazario
Pvt. N. D. Nelson
Pvt. T. M. Nguyen
Pvt. S. J. Perrow
*Pfc. D. A. Persson
Pvt. I. T. Petersen
Pvt. J. A. Peterson
Pvt. R. F. Pineda
Pfc. Z. M. Powers
Pvt. G. Rodriguez
Pfc. D. B. Shaw
Pvt. T. M. Tollefson

PLATOON 1051

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. L. McBride
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. J. R. Molgaard
Sgt. P. J. Lopez

Pvt. A. C. Balke
*Pfc. C. B. Banda
Pfc. B. J. Barker
Pvt. R. J. Bates
Pfc. A. D. Bennett
Pvt. K. A. Bloomer
Pvt. M. L. Board
Pvt. S. B. Bodine
Pvt. A. J. Borowick
Pvt. T. J. Brookbank
Pvt. G. P. Broussard
Pfc. A. W. Burzynski
Pvt. M. Castillo
Pfc. D. J. Chouinard
Pvt. C. G. Cooper
Pvt. J. D. Cooper
Pfc. E. Coronado
Pfc. D. J. Cox

Pfc. K. D. Crow
*Pfc. C. W. Crowley
Pvt. P. A. Davidson
Pfc. J. L. Dubuque
Pvt. J. A. Dudley Jr.
Pvt. D. H. Favre
Pvt. J. A. Felske
Pvt. D. J. Finch
Pvt. J. J. Foley
Pvt. G. R. Foster
Pvt. M. J. Freel
Pfc. G. T. Gaitheru
*Pfc. J. M. Garcia
Pvt. J. C. Gering
Pfc. I. A. Gonzalez-Herrera
Pvt. R. D. Grant
Pvt. A. G. Green
Pvt. R. M. Griesbach
Pvt. J. M. Guerrero
Pfc. A. Gutierrez
Pfc. G. T. Harper III
Pvt. E. T. Heasley
Pvt. I. J. Hendersson
Pvt. J. Hernandez
Pvt. R. D. Hernandez
*Pfc. F. D. Holson
Pvt. C. J. Hunter
Pfc. J. T. Jacobs
*Pfc. J. H. Jones
Pvt. A. R. Jorgensen
Pvt. J. A. Kamm
Pfc. P. W. Kempf
Pvt. A. R. Kramer
Pvt. A. S. Kuzee
Pvt. T. J. Ledebauer
Pfc. C. A. Lewis
Pvt. M. R. Lipsey
Pvt. N. A. Hall
Pvt. A. J. Luft
Pvt. J. M. Malidore
Pvt. C. N. Marek
Pvt. R. J. Martinez
Pfc. A. C. Matschek
Pvt. J. T. McGrath III
Pvt. J. D. McLaughlin JR.
Pvt. G. J. McLellan II
Pfc. S. A. McMillen
Pvt. J. B. Means
Pvt. A. S. Medina
Pvt. W. K. Miller
Pvt. I. P. Motilla
Pvt. Z. J. Nelson
Pfc. C. T. Nguyen
Pvt. M. C. O'Donell
Pfc. R. L. Olsen
Pvt. J. J. Pacheco
Pvt. A. P. Paseka
Pvt. M. A. Pena
Pvt. G. V. Saldana
Pvt. A. R. Withrow-Warden
Pvt. M. B. Woolford

SERIES 1053

Series Commander
Capt. K. E. Harris
Chief Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. Z. B. Mott

PLATOON 1053

Senior Drill Instructor
Sgt. B. L. Bishop
Drill Instructors
Sgt. W. Caballero
Sgt. J. C. Poole
Sgt. A. L. Sharp

Pvt. J. A. Alvarez
Pvt. H. V. Amlett IV
Pvt. J. J. Aquiningoc
Pvt. R. Armenta
Pvt. J. J. Arvizu
Pvt. A. J. Avalos-Morales
Pfc. J. A. Bacon
Pvt. H. S. Berber
*Pfc. C. Boschee
Pvt. T. C. Brown
Pvt. A. C. Camacho
Pvt. E. Casio
Pvt. R. C. Castro
Pfc. C. A. Cervantes
Pfc. H. J. Cervantes
Pfc. K. E. Covey
Pvt. A. I. Craig
Pfc. L. C. Cummings
Pfc. P. M. Cutler III
Pvt. R. A. Dahlson
Pvt. A. L. Decker
Pfc. J. De LaGarza
Pfc. J. Deleon-Ortiz
Pvt. R. Diaz
Pvt. D. N. Ditch
Pfc. K. D. Ditto
Pvt. L. E. Dominguez-Plascencia
Pvt. H. E. Drew Jr.
*Pfc. S. P. Duncan
Pvt. S. R. Earhart
Pfc. K. D. Field
Pvt. R. J. Fleischer

Pvt. R. Garcia Jr.
Pfc. E. Garibay
Pfc. T. Garza
Pfc. D. B. Gilmore
Pvt. D. Gomez Jr.
*Pfc. R. A. Gonzales
Pvt. S. J. Gonzalez
*Lance Cpl. G. S. Guzman
Pvt. R. J. Hacker
Pfc. J. K. Haine
Pvt. R. J. Herbert Jr.
Pfc. P. Hernandez
Pvt. K. S. Hoesman
Pvt. J. C. Gering
Pfc. C. A. Johnson
Pfc. J. A. Kaul
Pvt. T. J. Kerrn
Pfc. D. M. Kinkade
Pvt. K. S. Kuykendall
Pvt. A. M. Lange
Pfc. M. L. Lawson
Pvt. C. Lee
Pfc. T. T. Luu
Pfc. A. V. Macias
Pvt. C. J. Melby
Pvt. C. W. Michalski
Pfc. M. C. Michaud
Pfc. M. A. Miller
Pvt. J. A. Montero
Pfc. B. J. Moore
Pfc. A. Moreno Jr.
Pfc. N. R. Navarro
Pfc. D. E. Nelson
Pfc. A. E. Nieves
Pvt. J. W. Oimoen
Pfc. J. H. Palacios
*Pfc. K. L. Palmer
Pvt. B. P. Locke
Pvt. J. D. Pauly IV
Pvt. Z. S. Pinney
Pfc. D. P. Provencio Jr.

PLATOON 1054

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. J. C. Sandoval
Drill Instructors
Sgt. D. A. Adames
Sgt. T. S. Cullors
Sgt. M. F. Sloan

Pvt. S. E. Allison
Pfc. J. G. Banda
Pfc. B. Becerra
Pvt. B. K. Bell
Pvt. F. Bernardino
Pvt. A. J. Biasioli
Pvt. K. K. Bohol
Pfc. L. O. Borundaorta
Pvt. C. A. Brandlin
Pfc. J. J. Briggs
Pfc. J. E. Cacy
Pvt. M. M. Carter
Pvt. C. A. Cassabon
Pvt. A. J. Chouery
Pvt. T. E. Cobler
Pvt. B. D. Cooper
Pvt. W. H. Crabtree
Pvt. H. J. Cuturia
Pfc. K. Dunn-Aurello
Pvt. C. J. Eisenberg
Pvt. A. N. Enriquez
Pvt. E. T. Fernandez
Pvt. B. W. Gaines
Pfc. D. N. Gray
Pvt. D. E. Hagan II
Pvt. M. A. Hall
Pvt. G. M. Hoffman
Pvt. S. E. Holm
*Pfc. C. E. Hood
Pfc. M. S. Jacobson
Pvt. E. H. Kim
Pvt. J. D. Knese
Pfc. A. W. Konecny
Pvt. M. B. Kowderuck
Pvt. A. S. Kruger
Pvt. M. D. Lamarca
Pvt. A. E. Leal
Pfc. T. J. Loman
Pvt. E. V. Longoria
Pvt. P. L. Markham
Pvt. A. W. Marr
Pvt. J. C. Martinez
Pfc. F. E. Matthews III
*Pfc. L. M. Maxwell
Pvt. J. J. Medrano
Pvt. M. N. Mendoza
Pvt. A. R. Miller
Pfc. L. A. Montenegro
Pvt. C. A. Monterroza
Pvt. J. H. Myatt
Pvt. L. A. Newmann
*Pfc. M. A. Orduño
Pvt. C. E. Owen
Pvt. P. Payne
Pfc. P. J. Pena
Pvt. R. C. Pence
Pvt. J. J. Petersen
Pvt. O. Pineda

Pfc. R. V. Pint
Pvt. J. M. Prones
Pfc. K. D. Rader
Pvt. V. J. Randall Jr.
Pvt. A. Z. Rodriguez
*Pfc. C. R. Rogge
Pfc. W. K. Sakamoto Jr.
Pvt. M. A. Samperio
Pfc. B. D. Schaben
Pvt. D. T. Schergen
Pvt. V. D. Shafer
Pvt. L. D. Shriver
Pvt. A. L. Siegel
Pvt. D. M. Storey
*Pfc. E. A. Tanner
Pfc. B. C. Thompson
Pvt. E. A. Torres
Pvt. R. J. Trecker
Pvt. W. J. Triphahn
Pvt. V. S. Tuncap

PLATOON 1055

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. J. M. Shipman
Drill Instructors
Sgt. J. Duque
Sgt. A. Hernandez Jr.
Sgt. M. B. Partee

*Pfc. A. C. Dinh
Pvt. H. Herring
Pfc. K. S. Prince
Pfc. G. G. Purcell
Pfc. C. M. Remaley-Smith
Pvt. J. D. Renfrow
Pvt. H. R. Reyes-Herrera
Pfc. J. S. Riosbaas
Pvt. B. C. Roa
Pvt. K. A. Roberson
Pfc. B. T. Rohne
Pfc. A. J. Ross
Pvt. J. B. Russell
Pvt. A. Salcedo
Pvt. T. J. Sandefur
Pfc. J. A. Schmidt
Pvt. N. E. Schoen
Pfc. A. J. Schreiber
Pvt. J. P. Schwarting
Pfc. B. A. Scott
Pfc. J. Sen
Pvt. F. W. Senkewicz
Pvt. E. Serrato Jr.
Pvt. D. S. Shawver
*Pfc. D. C. Sherrill Jr.
Pvt. J. J. Shileny
Pfc. M. J. Shippy
Pfc. M. R. Short
Pvt. A. Y. Silvatorres
Pvt. S. K. Slentz
Pvt. T. R. Sletterink
Pvt. T. M. Smalley
Pvt. J. H. Smith
Pvt. P. E. Smith
Pvt. A. M. Soliman
Pvt. D. L. Sparrow
Pfc. J. D. Speegle
Pfc. T. A. Speer
Pfc. W. V. Spitznagle
Pvt. B. K. Stahl
Pvt. K. D. Stark
Pfc. K. W. Strohl
Pfc. J. D. Sweetwood
Pvt. J. R. Taylor
Pfc. N. D. Teschner
Pvt. J. M. Thomas
Pvt. M. E. Thomas
Pfc. W. T. Thomas
Pvt. C. M. Thurston
Pvt. B. M. Tobin
Pvt. A. Torres
Pvt. C. J. Tracy
Pvt. T. A. Traister
Pvt. J. Tran
Pfc. Q. B. Tran
Pfc. Z. R. Travis
Pfc. W. R. Troutt
Pvt. G. E. Turen
Pvt. A. J. Ulschmid
Pvt. C. M. Upmeyer
Pvt. L. A. Varela
*Pfc. A. A. Vargas-Rodriguez
Pvt. R. S. Wagner
Pvt. C. W. Walcott
Pvt. C. E. Warr
Pvt. J. P. Watkoski
Pvt. P. W. Watson
*Pfc. C. T. Watt
Pfc. S. A. Wehrmeyer
Pvt. K. E. Wells
Pvt. J. E. Wheeler
Pvt. I. Q. Wiest
Pvt. R. G. Wilburn
Pvt. S. L. Williams III
Pfc. A. N. Winsor
Pvt. B. W. Winter
*Pfc. R. A. Wischer
Pvt. J. W. Wittman
Pfc. J. P. Wood

Pvt. T. A. Wulbrecht
Pfc. A. J. Wysocki
Pfc. H. Yang
Pfc. J. G. Zavala

PLATOON 1056

Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. E. Aceves
Drill Instructors
Sgt. A. G. Moreno
Sgt. K. H. Nguyen

Pfc. J. W. Blatnick
Pvt. D. M. Storey
*Pfc. E. A. Tanner
Pfc. B. C. Thompson
Pvt. E. A. Torres
Pvt. R. J. Trecker
Pvt. W. J. Triphahn
Pvt. V. S. Tuncap
Pvt. M. J. Pruet
Pfc. D. Radonic
Pfc. A. R. Ramirez
Pfc. J. Ramirez
Pfc. J. Ramirez III
Pvt. B. N. Ray
Pvt. A. M. Rendon
Pvt. A. L. Renteria
Pvt. G. N. Rivera-Velez
Pvt. K. S. Robinson
Pfc. A. J. Ross
Pvt. B. J. Roblan
Pvt. A. Rodriguez
Pfc. J. Rodriguez
Pvt. M. Rosas
Pfc. R. A. Rossiytsev
Pvt. C. D. Roy Jr.
Pvt. J. M. Roye
Pvt. D. R. Rush
Pvt. C. S. Rushing
Pvt. S. H. Saephanh
*Pfc. R. W. Schaefer
Pfc. A. J. Schafer
Pvt. K. K. Schoonover
Pvt. D. A. Schutt
Pvt. T. R. Sereika
Pvt. G. C. Shows
Pvt. G. R. Showate Jr.
Pvt. J. C. Siguenzapena
Pvt. S. A. StPierre
Pfc. K. C. Suruki
Pfc. G. R. Terrazas III
*Pfc. A. D. Thibaudeau
Pvt. D. L. Tresch
Pvt. M. S. Tuel
Pvt. T. T. Unterein
*Pfc. J. R. Velazquez
Pfc. E. A. Venegas
Pvt. M. Vilano Jr.
Pvt. M. A. Villa
Pfc. E. D. Villalobos
*Pfc. T. A. Vu
Pvt. C. B. Waggoner
Pfc. J. E. Walker
Pvt. J. K. Wallace
Pvt. J. T. Wayne
Pvt. E. W. Wederstrand
Pvt. J. V. Weekly
Pvt. J. T. Wilder
Pvt. M. L. Williams
Pvt. T. L. Wills
Pvt. S. A. Wineinger
Pvt. K. R. Wink
Pfc. T. W. Wolterman
Pfc. A. D. Womack
*Pfc. C. O. Wooten Jr.
Pfc. C. A. Worley
Pvt. S. W. Zint

* Indicates meritorious promotion



Marines, part of the depot's Special Response Team, stack up Sept. 2, outside the entry into a building. The formation is used to gain surprise entry into a suspect structure. The team is used in hostage rescue, reconnaissance, dynamic entry and the clearing of buildings and areas, and is used in general military operations on urban terrain. Team members are (from left) Sgt. Justin M. Curtis, special response team leader, acting as forward security, Lance Cpl. Brandon C. Neuman, SRT assault man, Lance Cpl. Wes L. Irwin, military police acting in the assault position, and Staff Sgt. Brian J. Weinmeister, SRT commander. *Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron*

Provost Marshal's Office makes depot a safer place

BY CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

Contrary to what some servicemembers aboard the depot may think, military police's sole purpose on the depot is not to just pull people over.

In fact, their job entails much more, and the installation would be very different without them.

"The depot wouldn't be safe if there were no barriers or monitored entry control points," said 1st Lt. Ian M. Johnston, operations officer, Provost Marshal's Office. "Felons could be mingling among us, people breaking traffic laws and causing accidents, damaging property and hurting other individuals."

With specialized law enforcement and security operations, PMO maintains an environment of good order and discipline. It's PMO's responsibility to ensure the welfare of everyone aboard the installation, Johnston said.

In addition to PMO's mission of maintaining good order and discipline, law enforcement

personnel find ways to diminish issues that arise on the depot.

"We do not just fight the symptoms," said Johnston. "One of the key things we do is find the source of problems and stop it."

On the depot, PMO consists of 70 percent Marines and 30 percent civilians, according to Johnston.

"Headquarters Marine Corps wants to maintain a Marine Corps appearance," said Johnston. "There will always be a little more Marine MP presence than civilian police."

Not only does PMO control access points by checking for Department of Defense decals and confirming the identity of individuals accessing the base, but they search vehicles, verify licenses, car registration and insurance, and search deliveries with their K-9 dogs, which are specialized in narcotics and explosives.

"There is no point in having a perimeter if we are not avidly protecting it," said Johnston.

Some of the physical security PMO is responsible for are the fences along the perimeter of the depot and around the armory, alarm systems, barriers and lightning around the depot that aligns with DoD instructions.

There is also an accident aid investigators division, who go through Accident Investigators Course and Accident Reconstruction Course, which helps gather evidence that can reveal how an accident happened.

Many aboard the depot may have seen MPs on bikes. This is their bike patrol, with the advantage of responding to calls faster than a patrol car because they are more agile. In addition, they perform random registration checks. They also can get off their bike, direct traffic and respond to calls for service if they are needed.

PMO's reach doesn't end at the depot's gates. It also extends across the Western Recruiting Region to safeguard Marines.

"I want to make sure they are safe, and assure physical security

goes there at least once a year as scheduled," said Johnston. "And the Criminal Investigative Division will travel to recruiting stations if they are needed to investigate there."

PMO also coordinates McGruff The Crime dog appearances in the community and talks with children.

As for training, every MP goes through basic instruction at their military occupational specialty school. After that, they have to maintain proficiency through sustainment training when they are not actively working.

"We do a lot of sustainment training focusing on physical security, sex crimes, anti-terrorism, child abuse prevention, special response team, special response marksman/observer and narcotics," said Johnston. "We also have training on state, federal, and UCMJ laws and articles, and on writing reports."

K-9 handlers train their own dogs and keep the dogs certified, which requires a standard

amount of hours. The K-9 handlers are responsible for grooming, feeding, walking patrols and must know how to do basic first aid on their dogs.

Many MPs have various duties like Cpl. Jennifer R. Goodspeed, military police. She conducts patrols, gate guard and works as a desk sergeant. A desk sergeant is the liaison between the operations officer, watch commander, gate sentry, patrol supervisor and units.

"The most exciting thing about this job is that every day different," said Goodspeed.

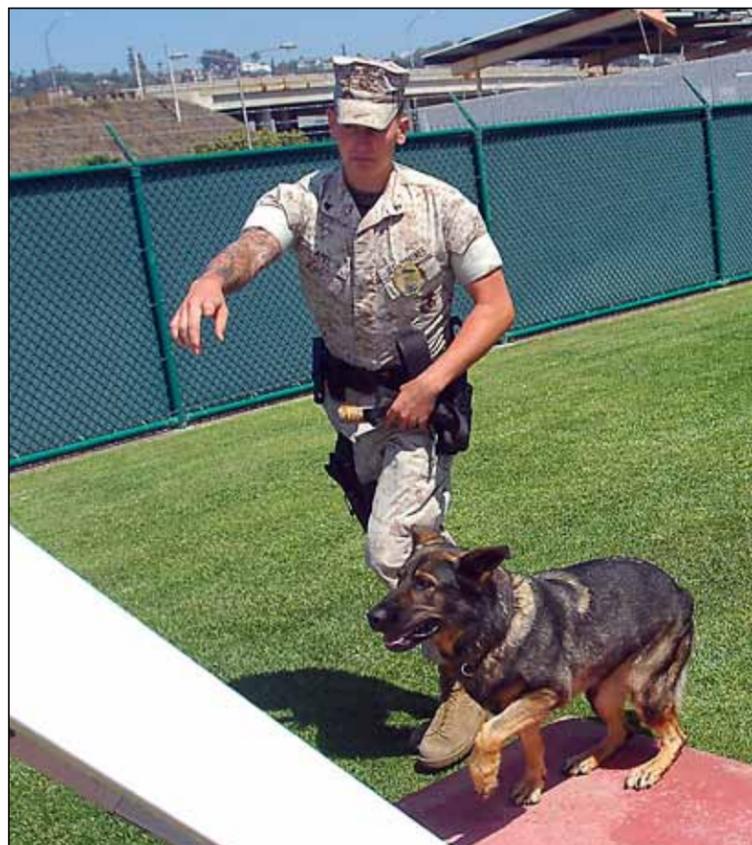
It's a gratifying experience because she is making a difference, even with the smallest things, Goodspeed said. For example, she went with McGruff The Crime Dog, to talk to Girl Scouts about safety.

Very few people don't see the big picture, which is to protect and serve, she said.

"At the end of the day, I am exhausted," said Goodspeed. "But in turn, I know it's a much safer environment."



Lance Cpl. Nathaniel D. Corum, military police, Provost Marshal's Office, works as gate sentry, greeting and checking the drivers DoD decal and identification Sept. 2, ensuring only authorized individuals come aboard the depot. *Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron*



Cpl. Arnold A. Apel, military working dog handler, Provost Marshal's Office, runs Nora through an obstacle course Sept. 2. It's crucial to train the dogs daily to keep them certified and current in their duties. *Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron*