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Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, new commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, left, shakes hands with outgoing Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey as their June 30 Change of Command Ceremony wraps up.

New commanding general takes reins in June 30 ceremony

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN THOMAS
Chevron staff

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region bid farewell to its commanding general, Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, who relinquished command to Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo during a change of

command ceremony on the commanding general’s lawn, June 30.

Bailey, who was commissioned in 1977, commanded MCRD SD/WRR since August 2009. He assumed command of the 1st Marine Division during a ceremony that same day and relinquished command of Marine Corps Recruiting Command, July 5.

Bailey expressed his gratitude to the Marines in his charge, their families and the San Diego community. He assured Yoo, whom he worked beside in Okinawa, that the MCRD SD/WRR community would continue the tradition of recruiting and making quality Marines.

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A message from **Leon Panetta** 23rd Secretary of Defense

Today, I was honored to take the oath of office to become the 23rd Secretary of Defense. I am mindful of the great responsibility the President has entrusted to me, and I will work with you – America’s men and women in uniform and this Department’s civilian employees – as I lead the Department of Defense in its mission to protect our citizens and our nation’s interests around the world. My long career in public service began in the 1960s when I proudly donned the uniform of this country as a young Army intelligence officer. In the decades since, my respect for the military has only grown stronger.



Bob Gates, my outstanding predecessor and good friend, has been a tireless advocate for our troops and their families, and I pledge to be the same. You and your families will always

be foremost on my mind and at the top of my agenda.

In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to visiting with troops and civilian employees of every rank and hearing your ideas, thoughts, and concerns. As your leader, I will ensure that our nation continues to have the best-trained, best-equipped, and strongest military in the world – a force prepared to confront the challenges that face us. As CIA Director, I saw first-hand the tremendous capabilities of our military, and I was always impressed by the professionalism and patriotism of the men and women of the Armed Forces.

Our nation is at war. We must prevail against our enemies. We will persist in our efforts to disrupt, dismantle, and ultimately defeat Al Qaeda. The successful operation that killed Osama Bin Laden – a mission that showcased American military strength and precision – is a major step toward that goal. As we begin the transition in Afghanistan,

we must remain committed to working closely with our Afghan and international partners to ensure that it never again becomes a safe haven for Al Qaeda and its militant allies. As we con-

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Commandant approves new re-enlistment procedures

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN THOMAS
Chevron Staff

Marines should be led by the best. New procedures have been put into effect to ensure quality Marines are retained.

Marine Administrative Message 273-11, released May 5, lets Marines know what to expect when re-enlisting, beginning with fiscal year 2012 re-enlistments.

“The Marine Corps wants to keep the best and the brightest,” said Sgt. Ryan Plummer, career retention specialist for Headquarters and Service Battalion.

Marines now have a 90-day window to submit re-enlistment requests starting July 1 and ending September 30. After that date, Headquarters Marine Corps will convene military occupational specialty boards for fast-filling MOSs.

Re-enlistment packages now include a four-tiered evaluation system rather than the traditional

commander’s recommendation.

“Marines should prepare for re-enlistment as they would for a promotion, like making sure they have high physical fitness test scores, combat fitness test scores, rifle range scores, and proficiency and conduct marks,” said Plummer. “The better you look, the better your package will look, and you want to present your package as the best.”

Targeted re-enlistment will also be implemented. This means that Marines can be offered lateral moves to highly technical MOSs the Marine Corps has a tough time filling, based on an evaluation of their record.

Commanding generals can solicit reenlistment approval from HQMC above boatspace allocations for qualified Marines.

“This MARADMIN was released to benefit Marines by keeping them informed,” said Plummer. “If Marines have any questions or concerns they should contact their battalion career planner.”

CHP officer reminds drivers to avoid highway hazards



Sgt. Cristina N. Porras

California Highway Patrol Community Outreach Officer F. Espiritu speaks to Marines and Sailors aboard the Depot during a summer safety stand down here June 28. Espiritu, a former Marine, warned the audience about dangerous trends he's recently seen on Southern California roads, including driving under the influence, texting while driving and excessive speed. "Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for young adults," said Espiritu. "It's my job to come out and educate [service members] so they can be careful out there and not do anything to risk their careers or their lives."

Branch Medical Clinic promoted by Maj. Gen. Bailey



Cpl. Matthew Brown

Major General Ronald Bailey, commanding general, 1st Marine Division, recites the United States Uniformed Services Oath of Office to Capt. Penny Heisler, branch head, Branch Medical Clinic, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, here, July 1. The BMC consists of 114 service members and civilians working in recruit processing, recruit health, staff health, optometry, physical therapy, audiology, laboratory, pharmacy, X-ray, and sports medicine and reconditioning center. Heisler says her staff works on separate missions toward the same goal of successfully processing 15,000 recruits and handling 120,000 patient visits a year. "I really enjoy treating active duty; my son is a sergeant who came through here as a recruit so I take it personally and it means a great deal to me to treat them," said Heisler.

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tinue our transition out of Iraq, we must cement a strategic relationship with the Iraqi government, one based not solely on our military footprint there but on a real and lasting partnership. It is in America's interests to help Iraq realize its potential to become a stable democracy in a vitally important region in the world, and to reinforce that responsibility for the future security of Iraq must belong to the Iraqis themselves.

As Secretary of Defense, I will do whatever is necessary to protect America and to meet the needs of the men and women who serve in harm's way, and the families who support them. Even as the United States addresses fiscal challenges at home, there will be no

hollow force on my watch. That will require us all to be disciplined in how we manage taxpayer resources. Throughout my career in public service -- as a member of Congress, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, White House Chief of Staff, and, until yesterday, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency -- I have focused on achieving that balance. I will continue that approach at the Pentagon. We must preserve the excellence and superiority of our military while looking for ways to identify savings. While tough budget choices will need to be made, I do not believe in the false choice between fiscal discipline and a strong national defense. We will all work together to achieve both.

This July 4th weekend, we celebrate our independence, the freedoms we enjoy, and America's promise. My

parents, immigrants from Italy, came to the United States to seek a better life. They taught me that it was important to give something back to the country they adopted. I will never forget my father's words: "to be free, we must also be secure." As Americans come together to commemorate what we and those before us have accomplished, and as I take on my new role, my thoughts are with you and your families. You are making personal sacrifices to preserve our liberty, serving on front lines around the world. You are fighting to keep America safe. Rest assured that I will fight with you and for you.

May God bless you and the nation we serve.

**Defense Secretary
Leon Panetta**

BRIEFS

Col. Nate Smith Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the Col. Nate Smith Memorial Scholarship are now available from the MCRD Museum Historical Society.

Three scholarships for \$1,000 each will be awarded this year.

The scholarships are available for MCRD San Diego and WRR enlisted Marines, sailors and their dependents.

Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate college degree program. They must have a high school diploma and provide proof of current enrollment.

Application forms are available at the Society Business office located in the museum. They may also be found on-line at www.mcrdmhs.org.

The deadline for applications is 14 July. For more information about the scholarship or application, call (619) 524-6719.

My Body Belongs to Me

The "My Body Belongs to Me" class is offered to children five to seven years of age, from 4 to 4:45 p.m., and those eight to nine years old from 5 to 5:45 p.m., on July 14, 21 and 28 in the Family Advocacy Conference Room, Bldg. 6E.

Topics include respect, personal space, setting boundaries, and help seeking skills.

The class also promotes self-respect and respect for the rights of others while teaching children to be assertive.

Registration is required. Contact Family Advocacy at (619) 524-0465 for questions or registration.

Healthy barbecue cooking

Join Health Promotions on July 19 from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Bay View Restaurant patio to get your grill on and learn how to make healthy and delicious foods.

Participants will work in groups, following recipes, to create meals that everyone will share. Participants will also receive copies of all recipes used in the class.

The class is \$10 per person. All food, equipment, and materials are provided.

This is an outdoor class. Dress accordingly.

For reservations call Andrea Callahan at (619) 524-8913, or e-mail callahanAL@usmc-mccs.org. For information go to www.mccsmcrd.com.

Sponsor orientation on-line

If you have been assigned sponsorship of an in-bound Marine, be aware that Marine Corps/Depot Orders require that sponsors receive an orientation and information brief.

For convenience, the Sponsor Orientation Brief is now available online and is located at the Relocation Assistance Program webpage of the MCCSMCRD.com website.

(Important note: After viewing the orientation presentation be sure to have the date recorded by your unit sponsorship coordinator for tracking purposes.)

This is a CGIP/IG inspection item. Sponsors may obtain additional assistance by contacting the RAP office at (619) 524-5298.

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Around the depot

This week's Chevron asks:
"What kind of new facility would you like to see on the depot?"



"We need a food court for more food choices and options for the Marines." Staff Sgt. Brandon Koppenhaver, career advisor, Recruit Training Regiment



"A Gamestop would be nice because they have a wider selection of the newer electronics." Lance Cpl. Vito Williams, Basic Marine Platoon



"Any sort of healthy dining or somewhere with fresh food." Capt. Joseph Gazmen, adjutant, Headquarters and Service Battalion



Lance Cpl. Chelsea Flowers

Cindy and Scott Pyeatt, parents of Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt, receive the Intelligence Community Medal for Valor on behalf of their son from James R. Clapper, the director of National Intelligence, June 29, 2011 at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence Headquarters in McLean, Va. Sgt. Pyeatt, a signals intelligence team leader, was killed in action in Afghanistan February 5, 2011.

Intelligence Community awards Medal for Valor to Marine KIA

BY LANCE CPL. CHELSEA FLOWERS
 Headquarters Marine Corps

Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt was posthumously awarded the Intelligence Community Medal for Valor during a ceremony at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence Headquarters in McLean, Va. James R. Clapper, director, National Intelligence, presented the medal to Pyeatt's parents, Scott and Cindy Pyeatt, in an intimate gathering, consisting of family, friends and Marines.

Pyeatt was killed in action February 5, 2011, while serving in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Pyeatt received the award for his exceptional leadership and skills as a signals intelligence team leader while in Afghanistan.

The medal for valor recognizes heroism and courage in connection with an intelligence community contribution to national security and is the second highest intelligence community award for bravery. Pyeatt's award is the 10th medal awarded and the fourth awarded posthumously since the medal was established in October 2008. The award was introduced to acknowledge the "extraordinary and mostly unsung accomplishments" of intelligence community professionals.

Pyeatt originally entered the Corps as an infantryman, but due to an injury was forced to move to a job in intelligence. Pyeatt tackled his new position with tenacity. While at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, Pyeatt became fluent in both Russian and Pashto, the language of the Pashtun people in Afghanistan. While deployed to Afghanistan, Pyeatt's job was to translate, monitor and transcribe for Marines and locals, as well as gain information about possible insurgent whereabouts.

Cindy described her son as a patriotic man who was dedicated to serving his country.

"He was so proud to do what he did," Cindy said. "I never knew exactly what he did, which meant he was doing his [intelligence] job right."

Pyeatt was only in Afghanistan for a short time when he volunteered for the first mission of the unit.

Because of his job, Pyeatt couldn't go on many missions, but insisted on participating in the initial operational convoy. He wanted to understand the environment in to which he was expected to take his men. While on the mission, the convoy was hit by an improvised explosive device, killing Pyeatt.

Lt. Col. Matthew Rau, the commanding officer of 2nd Radio Battalion, II

Marine Headquarters Group, acknowledged Pyeatt's place as a prominent leader and the "heart" of the battalion.

"He had influence on a lot of Marines," Rau said. "He was a great young leader."

Pyeatt's death was hard on his family. Emily Smalley, Pyeatt's sister, said he was an amazing uncle to her two children and hated to be away from them.

The pain, however, did not keep the family from staying involved within the battalion, Rau said.

"We expect to be there to support the family, but in this case, the family has been there to support the Marines," Rau said.

Since Pyeatt's death, the

family has gotten to know many of the battalion's young Marines, especially their wives and families, and offer help whenever needed.

The Marines of 2nd Radio Battalion will not soon forget the man or Marine Pyeatt was.

"No one could give more for his country or for his fellow Marines," Clapper said. "Sgt. Pyeatt is a credit to the Corps, the intelligence community, his nation, his family and his heavenly Father."

The Marine Corps honored Pyeatt's sacrifice by meritoriously awarding him the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal February 15, 2011.



Photo courtesy of Eileen Horan

Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt, killed in action in Helmand Province, Afghanistan on Feb. 5, is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

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With honors: Fallen service members

BY SGT. CRISTINA N. PORRAS
Chevron staff

A lone bugler stands in the distance prepared to play Taps as seven Marines in dress blues send a 21-round rifle volley ringing in the air. A crisply folded American flag is presented to a family member mourning the loss of a loved one, signifying the gratitude of a nation.

These are the final honors rendered to service members who die in the line of duty and honorably discharged veterans.

Ensuring the fallen receive the appropriate honors is a task the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego ceremonial platoon takes seriously. Each ceremony involves rigorous preparation on their part, as well as the assistance of other Marines around the Depot.

“There’s a lot that goes into each funeral; we have to train Marines

[who are augmented to the detail], get our rifles from the armory, get in touch with the family, deal with funeral coordinators and hold several rehearsals,” said Cpl. Ryan Johnson, a member of the MCRDSD ceremonial platoon. “We have to make sure everything is organized and precise.”

Additionally, the Marines must ensure their uniforms are squared away. Paying close attention to detail is a vital part of representing the Corps in this capacity.

“We are the last faces of the Marine Corps a lot of these people are going to see – sometimes we are the only face [of the Marine Corps] they’ll see,” said Johnson, who is an infantryman by trade.

Depending on the family’s wishes, each funeral can be different. Some families may choose to have Marines escort the casket and in some cases the deceased has been cremated. Whatever their request may be, the ceremonial platoon tries their best to accommodate them.

However, three elements are mandated by the Department of Defense and must be performed

to render honors. A 21-round rifle volley must be played by a bugler and an American flag must be presented to the deceased’s next-of-kin.

Because of the unique nature of the ceremonies, several Marines are permanently assigned to the ceremonial platoon. The permanently-assigned members ensure those augmented Marines are able to execute all drill movements with the



Marines augmented to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego ceremonial platoon rehearse a 21-round rifle volley prior to a memorial service for a deceased Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego receive appropriate honors.



Sergeant Zachary Robbins (far right), Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego ceremonial platoon noncommissioned officer in charge, and Cpl. Ryan Johnson (left), Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego ceremonial platoon NCO, render honors to a deceased Marine Corps veteran during a memorial service at Rosecrans National Cemetery, July 1

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“When you go out to ceremonies that involve other branches of service, you can really tell the difference,” said Sgt. Zachary Robbins, the ceremonial platoon noncommissioned officer in charge. “You really notice how the Marine Corps stands out.”

The number of ceremonies the platoon performs varies from week to week. Not only are they responsible for carrying out funeral details, but they also performs several other ceremonial duties both on and off the depot, including: color guard for the MCRDSD morning colors ceremony, graduations and supporting community engagement events.

“Some weeks we’ll go without any funerals and some days we’ll have three back-to-back,” said Johnson. Although laying the fallen to rest can be an emotional experience, it is a rewarding job for those Marines assigned to the duty.

“Yeah, sometimes you get a little choked up, but it’s an

honor and privilege to honor the fallen and their families,” said Cpl. Emmanuel Chavez, a ceremonial platoon NCO.

The majority of their ceremonies involve older veterans, but occasionally they are called upon to render honors to Marines who have died while on active duty.

“It’s the younger guys, like the [privates first class], that really hit me,” said Robbins. “It really makes you think about life.”

From the day a Marine swears to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, they are promised to be taken care of as part of the Marine Corps family, whether they choose to serve for four or 40 years.

The Marines of MCRDSD ceremonial platoon will continue to ensure they reach their final resting place with honor and dignity and their families hear these final words:

“On behalf of the President of the United States, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one’s service to Country and Corps.”



Sgt. Cristina Porras

Marine Corps Veteran at Rosecrans National Cemetery, July 1. The MCRD SD ceremonial platoon is responsible for ensuring fallen service members in the San



Sgt. Cristina Porras

Corporal Emmanuel Chavez (right), leads seven Marines after performing a 21-round rifle volley during a memorial service for a deceased Marine Corps veteran at Rosecrans National Cemetery, July 1. Chavez, along with six other Marines permanently assigned to the MCRD SD San Diego, are responsible for providing ceremonial details for deceased service members.

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"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to pass the colors to a good friend and neighbor," said Bailey. "The depot Marines will leave you standing proud."

Bailey also assured the recruiters, drill instructors and support Marines now under Yoo's command that they were in good hands.

"If you read his bio, [you will see that] Yoo is a tremendous officer," said Bailey. "He is an officer of great caliber who is going to take this depot to a new level."

Yoo was commissioned in 1985 as an infantry officer. He was previously assigned as the Commandant of the Marine Corps' Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

After thanking Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos and the senior leadership who entrusted him with this command, Yoo expressed his sentiment towards those now under his charge.

"Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, I am

honored and privileged to call myself your commanding general," said Yoo. "This was a memorable send-off for Major General Bailey and a warm welcome to me."

Bailey described to his guests how hearing the command 'deliver the colors' made his heart start to beat faster and how hearing it announced that he would command the 1st Marine Division made him stick out his chest a little more.

"When you hear someone say 'deliver the colors,' you know the tour is over," said Bailey.

Bailey commented on the difficulty of attaining a rank and position worthy of having your own band, "If you've got a band, you know you've done something right."

The passing of a unit's organizational colors is representative of the transfer of command from the outgoing to the incoming commanding general.

While this event means a new transition for the Marines, sailors and coast guardsmen aboard MCRD, it means a big transition for Yoo.

"Major General Bailey, you are a pro. I can't thank you enough for all you've done during the transition," said Yoo. "I wish you and your family fair winds and following seas."



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

The color guard marches as part of the pass in review during the change of command ceremony.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Brigadier General Daniel D. Yoo, who was previously assigned as the Commandant of the Marine Corps' Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City, speaks to the crowd as he takes over as commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, June 30.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Major General Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, 1st Marine Division and Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, salute the pass in review as they march past June 30 aboard MCRD. The ceremony celebrates the depot change of command.

Col. Stephanie C. Smith

Parade Reviewing Officer

Col. Stephanie C. Smith became commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, after serving one year as assistant chief of staff, staff judge advocate, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region.

Smith, a native of Goshen, N.Y., is the tenth of eleven children. She was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps via the Platoon Leaders Class in May 1987 after completing her undergraduate education at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.

Smith immediately switched her commissioning source to platoon leaders class Law when she was admitted to the University of Maryland School of Law, where she graduated in 1990.

Smith was admitted to the practice of law in the state bar of Maryland in

December 1990.

In January 1991, Smith reported to The Basic School, from which she graduated in June 1991. She completed her service legal training in Newport, R.I., and reported to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., in October 1991.

Smith served as a trial counsel, defense counsel, legal assistance officer, labor law officer and senior trial counsel while at MCACGG from October 1991 to July 1995. She also served as commanding officer, Company B, Headquarters and Service Battalion during that tour.

In August 1995, Smith attended the Amphibious Warfare School, graduating in May 1996. She then reported to Okinawa, Japan and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, (Special Operations Capable) to serve as the staff judge advocate. After two years with the MEU, Smith served as the deputy staff judge advocate and operational law specialist for III Marine Expeditionary Force.

In August 1999, Smith reported

to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., to serve as the head, Law of Armed Conflict Branch, Navy Judge Advocate General's International and Operational Law Division. There she principally conducted legal reviews for all weapons and munitions fielded by the Department of the Navy to ensure compliance with international law.

In August 2002, Smith transferred to the Army's Judge Advocate General's school in Charlottesville, VA. She received her Master of Laws degree in International and Operational Law in May 2003.

In June 2003, Smith reported to U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, now U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., where she served as deputy staff judge advocate and staff judge advocate until transferring to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego in June 2008.

Smith's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), the Joint Service Commendation

Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2nd Award), and the Army Achievement Medal.

Smith is a veteran of Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom.





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Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Dan Hernandez, executive producer of "Sportfishing with Dan Hernandez," teaches a group of Marines from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego how to use the fishing equipment that he provided June 29. Hernandez hosts an annual fishing trip to thank the Marines for their service.

Marines relax with deep water fishing expedition

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC
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Chevron staff

Marines from Marine Corps Recruit Depot spent a day on the water fishing and relaxing June 29, courtesy of Dan Hernandez, executive producer of "Sportfishing with Dan Hernandez."

"Sportfishing with Dan Hernandez" is a television show that airs every Sunday on San

Diego's MYTV 13. Hernandez has been hosting Marines for 14 years and was filming an episode for his Christmas special.

"I feel blessed that I get to go fishing for a living," said Hernandez. "I only get to do this because of the sacrifices service members make."

The fishing party of mostly drill instructors set sail early Wednesday. The boat named The Indian was provided by its captain Chris Randal.

"I wanted to give them a day off

base where they could forget about their day jobs," said Hernandez. "It was nice to see them relax and smile."

The ship also had a kitchen on board with breakfast and lunch menus for the Marines to enjoy between destinations. The Indian anchored at a few different locations off the coast of Tijuana, Mexico, moving to ensure the fish would keep biting.

"In all honesty, I don't think you can get any better than what we got," said Sgt. Gabriel Spires,

drill instructor, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. "The crew on the ship was awesome helping us out with our fishing poles and giving us quick ideas to help us get a better catch. Oh, and the food that they cooked up was fantastic."

The first catch of the day was a barracuda caught by Staff Sgt. Ismael Alicea and the largest fish was landed by Gunnery Sgt. Cyle Burton, chief drill instructor for receiving company. Barracuda, rock fish, sculpin, and white fish

were caught throughout the day with a variety of different lures.

On the way back to dock, while the Marines rested, the crew of the ship cleaned and prepared the fish so they could be taken home and cooked.

"For him to go out of his way and put this on his schedule for us was by far the best thing I think anybody has ever done, not just for me, but for service members in general," said Spires. "That was the best thank you I have ever gotten from anyone."



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Larry Yoshida, charter master, gives depot Marines tips on equipment handling and other aspects of deep water fishing during the June 29 fishing expedition. Dan Hernandez, executive producer of cable's "Sportfishing with Dan Hernandez," has hosted the annual event for the last 14-years.



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Larry Yoshida, charter master, teaches Sgt Mario Tabarracci, drill instructor, Company G, how to tie the San Diego jam knot aboard The Indian.

Depot recreation center offers refuge for summer fun

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Are high prices giving you the summertime blues? Don't have enough time to go off base to escape the hectic course of work?

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego recreation center is the place to go for affordable summer recreation and entertainment.

Some of the most popular amenities the recreation center offers include: free arcade games; a gamer's center that includes an X-Box 360, Playstation 3; free wireless internet access; a movie theater; bowling and a snack bar.

Hearing about these offerings may make someone think, "All that glitters

isn't gold. What's the catch?" The fact is, there is no catch.

"Our purpose is to serve the people here," said Brenda Morishige, assistant manager of the recreation center. "We are here to keep them and their families happy."

The recreation center is used for many occasions, such as going-away parties, periods of military instruction, graduation parties and for depot personnel to hang out on evenings and weekends.

"The good thing about it is that it's generally cheaper, and it's closer to the barracks," said Ally Moorehead, an administrative clerk for the Recreation Center. "If Marines living in the barracks want to drink, they don't have to worry about a (driving

under the influence charge) because they can walk back to their homes. It's a safer alternative."

To add even more fun, every Friday night they offer karaoke for free. After 5 p.m. on Fridays, it's 18-years-old and up in the center. Those under the age of 21 can still participate in karaoke, however they cannot be at the bar.

To promote safe drinking they offer several incentives to designated drivers.

"We offer soda for designated drivers, happy hour food and all the Karaoke singing they want," said Morishige.

For those who are shy, or don't sing in public, the recreation center has other opportunities for fun.

From 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

bowling is free for employees aboard MCRD on Fridays. During the summer, the center has a special every Tuesday that they call Family and Kids Summer Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. until closing. This special means, \$1 per person bowling, free bowling shoe rental, free arcade games, free kids' movies, and kids' food specials. Some bowling alleys out in town can cost almost \$4 a game or up to \$22 an hour.

The recreation center is committed to keeping a little extra cash in pockets and providing a place to hang out with friends in a safe, family environment.

For more information on the recreation center, visit their website at www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/RecreationCenter/index.html or call 619 524 4446.