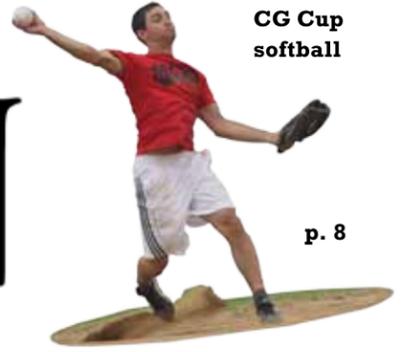




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## West Coast educators get live-fire weapons training

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN THOMAS  
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Forty-one high school administrators, teachers and counselors from Sacramento and San Francisco participated in live-fire weapons training with the M-16A2 service rifle at Weapons Field Training Battalion aboard Camp Pendleton during an educator’s workshop, July 21.

This workshop is one of 12 held throughout the year aimed toward providing first-hand knowledge of the recruiting process and recruit training to educators from Western Recruiting Region.

Each workshop affords educators the opportunity to visit WFTBn to witness and experience recruit field and weapons training. However, not each group gets the chance to fire live rounds. By getting the chance to do so, educators get to see recruit training as a recruit does.

“We do this to give them a real experience of what recruits do,” said Staff Sgt. Brody Goldthwaite, night chief, Receiving Company, Support Battalion. “For a lot of them it’s their first time holding a weapon. They get to feel the same fear the recruits go through when they get live rounds.”

The educators were supervised by primary marksmanship instructors while they fired. The PMIs taught them how to properly fire a weapon and safety pro-

cedures that go along with it.

“They explained what to do simply, in concise, clear words. I was a little overwhelmed, but there was always a mentor right there to guide me,” said Susanne

Woods, an educator at Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley, Calif. “It was like getting a private shooting lesson from a Marine. I’ll cherish it.”

For most of the educators,

participating in a live-fire exercise was the highlight of the week-long workshop.

“It was the most liberating, powerful feeling in my life,” said Woods. “It was a once-in-a-life-

time opportunity for someone like me. It was like being able to go to the moon. It was a really unique experience.”

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Sgt. Whitney N. Frasier

Marines assist educators on the firing line at a live-fire exercise during an Educators Workshop. There are 12 workshops a year, offering educators from Western Recruiting Region the opportunity to experience the phases of Marine Corps bootcamp.

### H&S Battalion change of command ceremony



Sgt. Cristina N. Porras

Colonel Stephanie C. Smith (right) transfers the Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, organizational colors to Col. Wayne A. Sinclair (left) during a change of command ceremony at Shepherd Field, July 20. By transferring the colors, Smith officially relinquished command of H&S Bn. to Sinclair, who previously served as the Chief of Plans, J-5 U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. Smith’s next assignment will be at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

### Major changes for enlisted to officer commissioning programs

BY LANCE CPL. DAVID FLYNN  
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QUANTICO, Va. - The Marine Corps Recruiting Command announced July 22 changes to the active duty enlisted to officer commissioning programs.

The announcement message, MARADMIN 415/11, lays out a new process for enlisted Marines applying to become officers and includes the elimination of one of the enlisted commissioning programs.

According to Capt. Adam Scott, head of regular officer programs, MCRC, the Meritorious Commissioning Program for active duty Marines will no longer be an option.

“(The Meritorious Commissioning Program) was inefficient because we weren’t getting enough people submitting packages for it,” said Scott. “We realized that someone applying for MCP would most likely be qualified for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program as well, so they can continue to pursue a commission that way.”

Another big change detailed in the MARADMIN is the applicant board selection process. Previously, each individual enlisted commissioning program had a board to select from the pool of candidates. Beginning in fiscal year 2012, all applicants for MECEP, ECP, ECP-Reserve, and MCP-Reserve will be selected on the same board, which will be held three times annually.

“We combined the boards to improve efficiency,” said Scott. “Aside from the individual program requirements, the applications for the different enlisted commissioning programs are almost identical.”

By conducting three boards a year for all the programs, prospective Marine officers will have more chances at earning the opportunity to go to Officer Candidate School.

According to Scott, a surprise to some of the Marines selected will be the new requirement regarding attendance at OCS.

Previously, Marines accepted

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## “Nate Smith” scholarships presented in annual ceremony



Sgt. Cristina Porras

Janie Smith (far right), stands with the recipients of three \$1,000 “Col. Nate Smith” scholarships given in her husband’s name in a ceremony held at Duncan Hall Dining Facility Tuesday. The recipients are (from left to right) Col. Wayne A. Sinclair, commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, who accepted the award on behalf of Staff Sgt. Heather D. Vecchia; Mariah L. Muller, daughter of 1st Sgt. Stephen Muller, Company H, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion; and Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Evans, recruiter, Recruiting Sub-station Provo, Utah. The recipients were selected based on educational and career accomplishments, community service and their potential for success in the future.

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Educators learned recruits maintain their weapons throughout recruit training and must take good care of them because every Marine is a rifleman.

“This shows them how being a rifleman is an intricate

part of being a Marine,” said Goldthwaite. “Every Marine, no matter what their job is, is a rifleman.”

During the workshop, educators visit Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton to experience

different aspects of the Marine Corps. This gives them an opportunity to communicate their first-hand experience to students about the Marines.

“As a teacher, it’s easy to have everything in the theoretical realm, but to have it as a tangible reality can cause a shift in your thinking,”

said William Samuelson, an educator at Minarets High School in O’Neals, Calif. “To me, it brings home the idea of deadly force, that this is not a game. It’s not summer camp. It’s sobering to work with something that could kill you or someone else, but that’s the bottom line of it.”



Sgt. Whitney N. Frasier

Cpl. Erik A. Christianson, rifleman, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., assists Christine Callas, a teacher with Pleasant Valley High School, Chico, Calif., while she prepares to shoot at a target. Educators from Recruiting Stations Sacramento and San Francisco who attended the workshop were afforded the opportunity to understand the feelings some recruits experience firing a weapon for the first time.

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for the MECEP program would attend college and participate in a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program for a year before going to OCS. Under the new policy, Marines accepted for MECEP must successfully complete OCS and have an acceptance letter to their college of choice before receiving orders to go to school.

“There is no sense in sending Marines to school through the MECEP program if they can’t make it through OCS when the time comes,” said Scott. “Officer Candidate School is usually the biggest hurdle for Marines. By getting it out of the way right off the bat we’re

making sure that the Marine Corps isn’t wasting time and money sending someone to school who will eventually fail to make it through OCS.”

In addition to saving the Corps time and money, OCS-trained Marines will have an easier time in school and be even more valuable to their NROTC unit.

“Once a Marine has gone through OCS all they will have to focus on then is school,” said Scott. “They will also show up to their NROTC unit ready to assist in training Midshipmen for OCS.”

Although there are several significant changes to enlisted commissioning programs, some things will not change.

According to Scott, the requirements

for submitting packages for the various programs are not changing and Marines should not expect selection boards to be any more or less competitive.

Further guidance on the changes to enlisted commissioning programs will be published in a follow on MARAD-MIN message and will be incorporated into an updated version of Marine Corps Order 1040.43A Enlisted to Officer Commissioning Programs.

For more information on the various commissioning programs available for enlisted Marines, to include the NROTC scholarship and Naval Academy applicant process, check MCO 1040.43A or contact MCRC officer programs at 703-784-9448.

### BRIEFS

#### Car and Motorcycle Show

This event directly supports the Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” program. Bring an unwrapped toy to the area between the depot’s recreation and fitness centers tomorrow, to enjoy automotive displays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information go to <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/SemperFit/AutoSkillsCenter/CarMotorcycleShow/index.html>

#### Military Retiree Fair

For retired military personnel and those on active duty retiring in the next few years are invited to attend a retiree fair in the depot’s Semper Fit Fieldhouse, Bldg. 650, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m.

Due to limited seating pre-registration is required at [www.mccsmcrd.com](http://www.mccsmcrd.com), <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/>

#### Bootcamp Challenge

The 2011 Bootcamp Challenge, a three-mile obstacle run on the depot, is scheduled for Sept. 24, 9 a.m. Participants in the event are encourage to use public transportation. Participants may register at <http://www.bootcampchallenge.com>.

#### Get ready for school

Marine Corps Community Service is sponsoring kids workshops and events in August, to help kick off the new school year with a bang. These events are designed to promote confidence and resiliency. All events/workshops will be held at MCRD Family Readiness Bldg. 6E, in the Marine Corps Family Team Building Classroom unless otherwise noted. The workshops are:

- Aug. 6 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. LINKS for Kids; 1st grade to 12 years old. Military kids connect with each other and have fun learning about important topics such as moving and separation! Light refreshment provided.
- Aug. 9 – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Activity Morning; Bring your newborn to five year old for a fun filled morning all about going to school!
- Aug. 15 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Child Readiness Workshop; All ages welcome. Come explore ways to understand and best support your military child! Light refreshment provided.
- Aug. 16 – 10 a.m. to noon. Tell Me A Story; Kindergarten to 12 years old. The first 25 participants to arrive will receive a free book.
- Aug. 17 – 1 to 3:30 p.m. “Who Moved my Cheese?” First grade to 12 years old. This is an interactive workshop focusing on transition.
- Aug. 18 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. SuperStar Kids; Kindergarten to 12 years old. An interactive workshop focusing on child readiness for the new school year including goal setting, networking, healthy choices, physical activity, the importance of reading and more. Light refreshment provided.
- Aug. 27 – 10 a.m. to noon. Back to School Readiness Resource Fair; MCRD Fieldhouse. Fun for the whole family! Come and see vendors and resources before the school year!.Kids activities! No RSVP required!

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## Around the depot

**This week the Chevron asks: "What do you think is this summer's hottest movie and why?"**



**"The Hangover Two. It was crazy and really funny."** Althea Beason, cashier, housewares, Marine Corps Exchange



**"Transformers: Dark of the Moon. It has a great storyline and is the best out of the three Transformers movies."** Staff Sgt. Michael Saldana, 1st Battalion drill master, Recruit Training Regiment



**"I loved Harry Potter: The Deathly Hallows Part Two, the special effects were magical."** Lance Cpl. Katrina Perkins, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion

# ANSF leads operation in Helmand capital ahead of security transition

BY CPL. ADAM LEYENDECKER  
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**LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan** – More than 400 Afghan National Security Forces rolled through the outskirts of the Helmand provincial capital of Lashkar Gah along Highway 601 during Operation Zmaray Sika, July 17.

The Afghan National Police led the operation, which also included forces of the Afghan Border Police, National Army, National Civil Order Police, National Directorate of Security and coalition troops with Task Force Helmand.

Afghan security forces have been gradually taking the lead in more operations throughout the capital region over the last year. The operation took place just ahead of the official transfer of authority of security in Lashkar Gah from coalition forces to Afghan July 20 at provincial governor Gulab Mangal's compound.

From the planning to execution of Operation Zmaray Sika, the Afghans were in the lead with no assistance from coalition forces, said Lt. Col. Alistair Aitken, the commanding officer of Combined Forces Lashkar Gah.

Afghan National Policeman Col. Kamalladim, chief of security for Lashkar Gah, led the operation and directed the other branches' assignments.

Troops with the 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, also known as "the Highlanders," provided air support and counter-improvised explosive device teams.

At dawn on the first day of the operation, Afghan security forces gathered at a newly established

patrol base outside of the capital. The troops said they were eager to quell an insurgent force which had harassed the local area.

Likewise, locals said they were waiting for the Afghan forces to bring stability to the area.

"This is important to the people of Lashkar Gah," said Aitken. "It sends a message that there is an effective Afghan national security force in the area. The locals are tired of being intimidated by outsiders and young men who have been led astray."

As the sun rose and lit up

the rural landscape, the Afghan forces conducted mounted and dismounted patrols in hopes of flushing any insurgents.

"The goal of the operation was to deny insurgents the range in this area to launch attacks on the city," said Capt. Andy Magee, battle captain for 4 SCOTS.

The Afghan forces rolled through miles of unpatrolled land with ease. The Afghan Border Police patrolled further north of the 601, as the Afghan National Army stretched their forces to the south. The police cleared the heart of the

operation while being supported by troops with the NDS and ANCOF.

The Afghan security forces made it through the day without firing a shot in an area known for a strong insurgent presence. They also successfully removed a few IED's from the area to make the land safer for the local populace.

"If more people can witness this type of operation they will be convinced of how incredible a force the ANSF really are," said Aitken. "All these people are a part of a greater Lashkar Gah."



Cpl. Adam Leyendecker

**Lt. Col. Alistair Aitken, commanding officer of Combined Forces Lashkar Gah, left, and Warrant Officer Evan Philbin, middle, with Company A, 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, discuss Operation Zmaray Sika in the rural area outside of Lashkar Gah, Helmand province, July 17. Task Force Helmand troops were present to provide air support and counter-improvised explosive device teams.**



Cpl. Adam Leyendecker

**Highlander Guy Jones, a gunner with Company A, 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland, provides security during Operation Zmaray Sika. Four SCOTS provided air support and counter-improvised explosive device teams during the Afghan-led operation.**

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# Semper Fit sponsors biannual Casino Night

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA  
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Marine Corps Recruit Depot's Semper Fit program transformed the recreation center into a gamer's dream with five different casino games to choose from July 22.

Casino Night is held twice a year giving depot guests a night to relax and enjoy time with fellow service members. The night included three hours of Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, Texas Hold'em and Pai Gow. A \$15 or \$25 registration fee bought

participants either \$1,500 or \$3,000 in casino chips and had the choice to buy back in for \$10 if they ran out.

"These events build excitement," said Dominique Gary, event coordinator, Semper Fit. "You can forget about mundane work life to have fun."

Semper Fit opened the event to service members and their families, as well as Department of Defense civilians. Each participant started with 10 raffle tickets and could use their chips to buy more at the end of the night.

"It definitely boosts morale because I

enjoy gambling," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Barry Beard, a hospital corpsman with the Branch Medical Clinic aboard MCRD. "It gives us something to do -- I even brought my wife."

The sounds of shuffling cards and dice bouncing off the table made it a true casino experience for all in attendance. A local casino provides tables and dealers for the participants twice a year in addition to helping with poker tournaments aboard the depot.

"This was very fun and relaxing. It was good to have that time off to relieve that stress when you work as much as we do, because our schedules are always

changing," said Sgt. Michael McDonald, a student at recruiter's school.

At the end of the night, participants had the opportunity to win one of 28 raffle prizes. The prizes were themed gift baskets valued between \$100 and \$300 and included items such as San Diego Zoo tickets, massage packages, dinner and a movie packages and many others. Semper Fit was able to add 10 more baskets to the raffle from the last Casino Night.

"It brings a lot of different people together -- all ranks get to play and they are a great group of people," said Memo Garcia, manager, Casino Gold.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Marine Corps Recruit Depot's Semper Fit Program hosted its biannual Casino Night July 22 at the Recreation Center here. The players were able to use casino chips to buy raffle tickets to win one of 28 themed gift baskets. Semper Fit was able to provide 10 more prizes than it's previous Casino Night.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

The roulette wheel spins as players watch the ball go around hoping it lands on their number during Marine Corps Recruit Depot's Semper Fit program's Casino Night July 22. Players had the choice to buy in for \$15 or \$25 giving them either \$1500 or \$3000 respectively in casino chips to start the night.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Petty Officer 3rd Class Barry Beard, a hospital corpsman with the Branch Medical Clinic aboard MCRD, receives his gift basket after his raffle number was called. Each gift basket was themed with prizes such as zoo tickets, massage packages or car care kits.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Marine Corps Recruit Depot's Semper Fit Program hosted its biannual Casino Night July 22 at the Recreation Center here. There were five different games available for players to choose from: Black Jack, Texas Hold'em, Pai Gow, Craps and Roulette.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Players hide their cards and their emotions July 22 during Semper Fit's Casino Night at the Recreation Center aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The Texas Hold'em and roulette tables were filled all night with players hoping to win big.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

A deck of cards gets shuffled at the Black Jack table July 22 during Semper Fit's Casino Night at the Recreation Center Aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Players had the opportunity to play Black Jack, Roulette, Texas Hold'em, Craps or Pai Gow.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Dominique Gary, Semper Fit event coordinator, reads off one of the winning raffle tickets while Pfc. Phillip Saxon, Basic Marine Platoon, Support Company, spins the tumbler during Casino Night July 22 at the Recreation Center aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Players had the opportunity to win one of 28 themed gift baskets.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Players enjoy a game of Black Jack during Semper Fit's Casino Night July 22 at the Recreation Center aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Casino Night is held twice a year on MCRD.



Lance Cpl. David Flynn

Black belt instructors with the Martial Arts Center of Excellence demonstrate the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program to educators with the Western Recruiting Region College and University Educators' Workshop July 12. After seeing the demonstration, educators were taught a few MCMAP techniques.

## Western Recruiting Region educators get an inside look at the Corps

BY LANCE CPL. DAVID FLYNN  
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

**MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va.** — Marine Corps Recruiting Command hosted the second of two College and University Educators' Workshops here July 11-14.

The workshop provided staff and faculty from colleges and universities across the Western states an in-depth look at the Marine officer accession and development process and an opportunity to develop purposeful relationships with MCRC personnel.

Educators began the workshop with a visit to The Basic School. After completing Officer Candidate School and accepting their commission, Marine officers continue on to TBS where they are prepared for duty as company grade officers in the operating forces. Particular emphasis is placed on the duties, responsibilities and war-fighting skills required to be a rifle platoon commander.

While at TBS, educators witnessed and experienced the elements of training received by second lieutenants. The atmosphere of TBS reminded one educator of his youth.

"I grew up in a missionary school in Nigeria," said Bolanle Olaniran,

department of communications chair, Texas Tech University. "We followed similar regimented schedules as (the lieutenants at TBS) do."

While at TBS educators witnessed students prepare for a patrol in armored vehicles, saw a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program demonstration from three experienced black belt instructors, received a lesson in squad based tactics and had lunch at the same chow hall that some of their former students now dine in.

"I know a lieutenant at TBS now," said Rod Keller, English professor, Brigham Young University- Idaho. "He is the person who told me about this workshop and was very excited when I said I was going."

Like Keller, Olaniran also found out about the opportunity the Marine Corps offers to educators through a student.

"I know a young man who became a lieutenant a few weeks ago," said Olaniran. "That's how I got invited to the workshop."

Following their trip to TBS, the educators headed over to the Marine Corps University for a series of briefs about the different professional military education programs offered to Marines.

"I really enjoyed hearing about

the PME because I can relate to that," said Olaniran. "It's similar to what I teach; strategic decision making, crisis management and conflict management. I can wrap my hands around it a little more."

After their day on base, educators spent their evening at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., to see a performance by the Commandant's Own Drum and Bugle Corps and the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon during the Sunset Parade. The Sunset Parade is conducted every Tuesday night during the summer.

Day two of the workshop started with a tour of base housing followed by a look at the Corps' future with a presentation of former commandant Gen. James T. Conway's Vision and Strategy 2025.

"I really liked the way they showed us the Marine Corps' plan for 2025," said Keller. "It's good to know that the Marine Corps has an eye on the future."

After enjoying a large lunch at the Clubs at Quantico, workshop participants had the unique opportunity to fly on board a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter with Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1).

Marine Helicopter Squadron

One is the unit responsible for the transportation of the President of the United States and uses the call-sign "Marine One" when he is onboard.

"The helicopter ride was my favorite part of the workshop," said Olaniran. "It's probably everyone's favorite."

On the final day of the workshop the educators visited Officer Candidate School. They were greeted at OCS by the commanding officer, Col. Richard C. Jackson.

"Here at OCS, we screen and evaluate candidates to find out if they have what it takes to be a Marine officer," said Jackson. "Just being here means a candidate meets our moral, physical and educational requirements to be offered a commission. It will all depend on how much effort they're willing to give us. Think of OCS as a 10 week job interview."

At OCS the educators witnessed training and had the chance to sit in on a guided discussion between candidates and their platoon sergeant.

The workshop concluded with a tour of the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

"The workshop has been amazing," said Keller. "It's been a great experience."

### Jeff Moorad

#### Parade Reviewing Officer

Jeff Moorad is the vice-chairman and chief executive officer of the San Diego Padres. He brings more than 25 years of sports industry experience to San Diego. Moorad was named to his current posts when, in February 2009, he and a group of investors reached an agreement to buy 100 percent ownership of the Padres over five years.

Moorad comes to San Diego from Phoenix where he was a member of the executive team of the Arizona Diamondbacks. He brought a wealth of experience in Major League Baseball from the player's side of the table.

While with Arizona, Moorad was a general partner, CEO, spokesman for the Diamondbacks' ownership group and overseer (along with Ken Kendrick) of the day-to-day operations of the franchise.

The founder of Moorad Sports Management, Moorad began specializing in athlete representation in 1983, with his main focus on MLB.

Moorad's reputation as a knowledgeable and respected negotiator has earned him a spot on The Sporting News' 100 Most Powerful People in Sports on eight occasions, as he helped revolutionize player representation.

Moorad's client base took off in 1984 when he was retained by Will Clark and four other members of the U.S. Olympic baseball team, each of whom were Top 10 draft choices. He then joined forces with Leigh Steinberg in 1985 to form one of the most dynamic twosomes in the history of sports representation, covering both MLB and the National Football League. The duo negotiated more than \$3 billion in athlete contracts throughout their 18 years together.

They represented Pro Football Hall of Famers Steve

Young, Troy Aikman, Warren Moon and Thurman Thomas.

Moorad was the negotiator on a number of landmark contracts for a baseball client base that included Manny Ramirez, Eric Karros, Ivan Rodriguez, Mo Vaughn, Shawn Green and Raul Mondesi.

Moorad represented more than 40 first-round selections from baseball's annual First Year Player Draft in his practice, highlighted by breakthrough deals for No. 1 overall selections Darin Erstad (1995) and Pat Burrell (1998), both draft records at the time.

While sports representation occupied the majority of Moorad's professional time, it also led to work in the entertainment field. He has consulted and appeared in major motion picture projects involving sports. He was the baseball technical consultant for the Universal motion picture "For Love of the Game" and had a cameo appearance in

the movie. Both he and former partner Steinberg appeared in and served as technical consultants to director Cameron Crowe in the 1996 Oscar-winning picture "Jerry Maguire."

The former president and CEO of Moorad Sports Management, Moorad guided his firm into a variety of sports technology ventures, publishing projects and charitable community projects.

Moorad is committed to civic service and helped his clients understand the responsibility of serving as role models in the community, encouraging them to contribute millions of dollars to community programs, including their own non-profit foundations and alma maters. Leading by example, Moorad endowed a \$100,000 scholarship to his alma mater UCLA.

Moorad has also ventured into National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing and bought a controlling interest in

Hall of Fame Racing from Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman.

A native of Modesto, Calif., Moorad earned an Associate in Arts degree from Modesto Junior College in 1976, where he served as student body president. He earned a B.A. in Political Science in 1978 from UCLA, and then received his law degree from Villanova University School of Law (J.D.) in 1981.





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- Pvt. S. P. Mahoney
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# Self-defense class empowers depot women

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY  
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Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Behavioral Health Services hosted a self-defense class for women, including service members, civilians and military spouses, July 23.

The three-hour class, held in building 5E, was meant to empower women while educating them on how to be more assertive and giving them a role-playing lesson on how to defend themselves if they ever become targets of assault.

"This class is important for the depot military spouses especially because they spend a lot of time on their own," said Laura Texier, intake counselor and prevention specialist, MCRD BHS. "This class is meant to give the women awareness, intuition and assertiveness so they can protect themselves."

Texier explained sexual assault situations could happen any time, so females need to make themselves aware of what to do and what to look out for.

According to the instructor, Kate Wager, one out of every four women is sexually assaulted. Wager is a prevention educator with the Center for Community Solutions, an organization that emphasizes

the prevention and intervention of sexual abuse, assault and relationship violence.

In the beginning of the class, Wager explained attackers typically target women who appear vulnerable. Statistics indicate 82 percent of attacks were prevented when women were more assertive. She explained that attackers typically go after vulnerable targets.

"The situation doesn't have to get physical," said Wager. "Just by being assertive you can prevent a sexual assault from occurring."

Wager indicates statistics show females are assaulted more often than males because they are seen as weak and its human nature for males to be dominant. She explains that to avoid being targeted, women must demand space, make people think someone's expecting them when they're alone, and when home alone, make it seem like multiple people are there. Even neighbors can be dangerous.

Wager suggested keeping window blinds shut at night, keeping lights on in multiple rooms and putting up a "beware of dog" sign to scare attackers away.

"I'm not saying be scared of your neighbors — just be aware," said Wager. "Eighty



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

**Kate Wager (left), prevention educator, Center for Community Solutions, assists Terra Pack (right), home visitor, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Family Advocacy Center, with the heel-palm strike to nose during a women's defense class held on MCRD, July 23. The class taught females how to be assertive and physically defend themselves if they ever become a victim of an assault.**

percent of the time attackers are acquaintances or dates. They're almost always not a stranger."

She also encourages people to follow their intuition.

"We tend to not use intuition because people will say your being paranoid," said Wager.

If all else fails and a physical attack occurs, Wager showed the females how to execute effective self-defense techniques to fight off an attacker.

Lance Cpl. Esmeralda Ramirez, an administrative clerk with Headquarters Co., Headquarters and Service Battalion, participated in the class with her corporal so they could get more experience and information on being aware.

"I think a lot of females can benefit from this class," said Ramirez, who is a black belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. "You never know when you'll be alone and in a

situation and Marine Corps Martial Arts isn't always the way to go," she added.

Participants attended the class to educate themselves and get useful information, and many left with a higher sense of confidence.

"When the females leave this class it's pretty amazing to see," said Texier. "Just from the role playing they go from being passive to being aggressive. It's pretty empowering to watch."

# 12th District takes a swing in CG's Cup softball

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC  
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A close game ended in a victory for 12th Marine Corps District against the Consolidated Personnel Administration Center 13 - 9 during a Commanding

General's Cup softball game July 26 at Beeson Field aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

A back-and-forth struggle that began in the third inning had both teams striving for the lead. In the end, 12th District's hunger for the win showed as they outplayed CPAC, bringing their record to 3

and 0.

"We started off a little shaky, but we came back," said Sgt. Rashi Seagrace, right fielder, 12th District.

At the end of the second inning, CPAC had the lead 7 - 4. With the bases loaded, Sgt. Benedict Baclig, 2nd base, 12th District, turned the tides on CPAC with an interpark grand slam.

"We were very confident and

feeling good," said Seagrace. "But we were trying to make sure to have a good time and have fun first."

Going into the 6th inning CPAC was in the lead 9 - 8. Due to the 55 minute time constraint on CG cup softball games, time was running out and 12th District needed to make an offensive push. 12th District stepped up to bat and knocked out four runs giving

them the win.

Although CPAC started out strong, they realized where the mistakes were made and know what needs to be done for future games.

"We beat ourselves. There were too many errors on our part and too many dropped balls," said CPAC head coach and center fielder, John Lopez. "Next time we'll go better prepared."



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Tishiro Walker, human resources promotions, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, connects with the ball July 26 during a softball game against 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District at Beeson Field aboard Marine Corps Recruiting Depot San Diego. The game was part of the Commanding General's Cup, and ended with a win for 12th District.



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**Gunnery Sgt. Lenwood Hall, comptroller chief, 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District, pitches against a batter from the Consolidated Personnel Administration Center team during a Commanding General's Cup softball game July 26 at Beeson Field aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The win brings 12th District to a record of three wins and zero losses.**



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**Jeffery Peterson, identification card clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, dives to catch the ball July 26 during a softball game against 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District at Beeson Field aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.**