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## CMC names Drill Instructor of the Year



Sgt. Cristina N. Porras

Staff Sgt. Jimmy Richard, drill master, 2nd Battalion is meritoriously promoted to gunnery sergeant by Brig. Gen. Daniel Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region at the yellow footprints Dec. 6. Richard was promoted after winning the Commandant of the Marine Corps Drill Instructor of the Year award. Drill instructors from MCRD SD have won the award three consecutive years and there are currently four past winners serving on the depot.

BY SGT. WHITNEY N. FRASIER  
Chevron staff

Identifying the most qualified Marines in the Corps does not have to be difficult. Most of them can be found right at the recruit depots, a place where drill instructors might as well call home. But when it comes to choosing the best of the best, things become competitive really fast.

The winner for the Commandant of the Marine Corps Drill Instructor of the Year is Gunnery Sgt. Jimmy Richard, drill master, 2nd Battalion.

Accepting the title for Richard was the easy part, but getting selected took some work.

“Every year, each depot recognizes their top drill instructor,” said Sgt. Maj. Peter Siaw, sergeant major, 2nd Bn. “That in itself is a huge achievement for whoever wins because someone is saying a single person is the best of all the drill instructors on that particular depot.”

To be elected, the Marine most compete on a selection process known as a board. Boards are extremely common and are used in a variety of situations from medical issues to granting promotions. Like any other board, a lot of planning goes into selecting the recipient of this award.

Siaw explained this particular board and selection process is a tedious one, starting at company level. At San Diego’s recruit depot, there are four companies per battalion and four battalions.

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## Service members learn basics of rental home ownership

BY SGT. CRISTINA N. PORRAS  
Chevron staff

Making the decision to invest in a rental property is one that requires adequate research and planning.

To help service members understand

the basics of owning a rental property, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Personal and Professional Development hosted the ‘Rental Property Ownership as an Investment’ seminar Nov. 23.

Michael A. McIsaac, personal financial management specialist, highlighted the

risks and benefits associated with owning a rental property during the hour-long seminar. Having retired from the Marine Corps after 30 years, he understands the unique situations that can arise for service members.

Since military families are constantly

on the move with deployments and permanent changes of station, it’s important to fully understand what home ownership entails before pursuing it, said McIsaac.

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## Stress can create problems during holiday celebrations

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY  
Chevron staff

“The avarice never ends! I want golf clubs. I want diamonds. I want a pony so I can ride it twice, get bored and sell it to make glue.

Look, I don’t want to make waves, but this whole Christmas season is stupid, stupid, stupid,” said the Grinch who stole Christmas.

The holidays are supposed to be full of fun, family gatherings and enjoying the things that matter most in life, but a time of cheer isn’t always the resolute. Many people find themselves more stressed during the holidays.

One of the biggest stressors during the holidays is finances, said Jeanne Mossuto, marriage and family therapist at the Family Advocacy Program aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

“There is no doubt that stress increases over the holidays. Preparing for the financial cost

that you didn’t plan for plus adding alcohol consumption to help relax can all factor in and increase domestic violence,” said Mossuto.

Becky Roman, Headquarters and Service Battalion Family Readiness Officer, suggests doing things that are inexpensive, like stringing popcorn with the family, it provides more meaningful time with family; quality time versus a feeling of obligation.

For those who aren’t familiar with stress coping mechanisms, the holidays can be overwhelming. People with a pattern of not being able to resolve issues, plus stressors, mixed with alcohol can result in domestic violence. Mossuto suggests consuming a controlled amount of alcohol to prevent it from becoming a liquid disinhibitor. Though alcohol is just one of the many contributors to domestic violence, it is not the key ingredient.

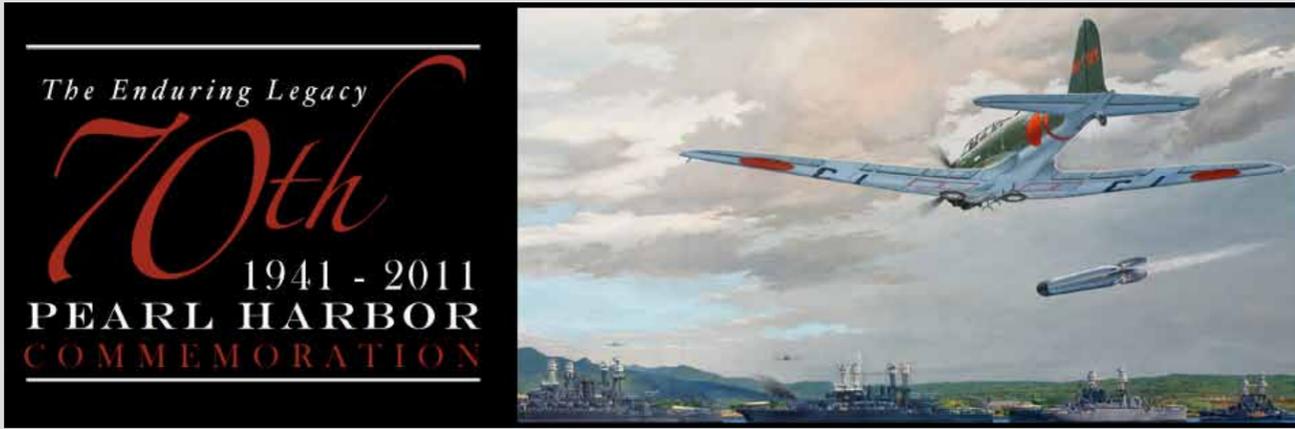
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## Afghan Leaders Visit



Senior Afghan National Security Force leaders observe Marine recruits training at Camp Pendleton Nov. 30. Maj. Gen. Nabi Jan Mullah Kihl, Maj. Gen. Sayed Malouk and other Afghan military and police leaders came to California to see how their U.S. counterparts train and work. Mullah Kihl is the deputy commander of the Afghan Uniform Police 707 Regional Headquarters. Malouk is the corps commander for the Afghan National Army 215 Corps. The visit is also a way to build relationships and trust to lay groundwork for further progress during I MEF (Fwd)’s upcoming deployment. Photo by Sgt. James Mercure, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Fwd)



## Secretary of Defense remembers Pearl Harbor Day

"Seventy years ago on a December morning, our nation sustained a cruel and destructive attack at Pearl Harbor. Our enemies thought that by this sudden and deliberate raid, they could weaken America. Instead, they only strengthened it. That day truly awoke a sleeping giant.

"As we join you in remembering the events of December 7, 1941, we honor you and your fallen comrades for your indomitable will – and we remember the sacrifice and shared purpose of the American people, as well as the strength of our elected and military leaders during the war.

"December 7, 1941 was indeed a day that will live in infamy. But in the memories of that day we continue to draw determination and conviction to protect our freedoms, to sacrifice for our fellow citizens, and to serve a purpose larger than self. You, the survivors of Pearl Harbor and of the war that followed, embody this conviction, this determination to raise high the torch of freedom and sacrifice. From your stories, posterity records for all subsequent generations the emotion, the heroism, and the tragedy of a harrowing attack and the titanic struggle that would later unfold.

"As a young boy, I remember seeing troops move through Fort Ord during the war years in Monterey, California. My parents would invite soldiers into our home for Christmas dinner, and I remember seeing young men from all over the country about to go to war. And I remember thinking in that uncertain time: "This is going to be the last opportunity these young men have

to enjoy the comforts of home for a long time.

"You are the veterans of that greatest generation. You have lived full lives and witnessed years of great prosperity because of the freedom you helped to secure for America and her allies. I know you take great pride, as I do, that your legacy lives on in today's men and women in uniform, who have borne the burden of a decade of war, and who are truly this nation's next greatest generation. The 9/11 generation, like you, has stepped forward in your image of service and sacrifice, volunteering for military duty after another sudden and terrible attack on our shores.

"We treasure you. You have brought everlasting credit to your fallen comrades. The men and women in today's military stand on the shoulders of your individual and combined sacrifice and service to our nation. Your example inspires those in uniform today, strengthens our nation's moral fiber, and proves that with united resolve our country can surmount any challenge. Thank you for your service, for your sacrifice, and for your endless zeal to see to it that our children and grandchildren can pass along a better life to the next generation. This has always been the American dream, a dream we can realize because of the determination of our citizens to defend it.

"God bless you, God bless our troops, and God bless the United States of America."

Leon E. Panetta  
Secretary of Defense

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Every battalion then chooses their number one drill instructor, who will compete and be placed in order at the regimental level. Once that is completed, the top depot staff has the final say on who will go to Headquarters Marine Corps, Quantico, Va. and compete against the finalist from MCRD Parris Island.

These drill instructors are judged so thoroughly that their entire career is looked at from the day they became active duty. Their past and present career is torn apart and nothing goes unnoticed.

"It's not just about you when you win," said Siaw, 38, Bolingbrook, Ill. "The winning DI is representing every DI on the base. When one wins over the other, they are supportive over each other with a go get 'em attitude."

For the simple reason the winner is decided by HQMC is reason enough to

make this board stand out among the crowd, but winning comes with a lot of weight.

"I feel that it was a huge responsibility to represent the entire depot," said Richard, 30, San Bernardino, Calif. "Especially now because everyone will always be watching me to make sure I am always on point. Not just now, but my entire career."

Although this competition is a friendly one, being a winner pays. Literally.

"The winner receives a meritorious promotion among other things," said Siaw. "Different associations give items similar to plaques and gift cards for their effort because they know what it takes to get here."

As if drill instructors aren't competitive enough, they are also competing to give the commanding general, and themselves, bragging rights explained Siaw, who won the award in 2000.

### STRESS ◀ 1

problem and resolve it then you'll lessen your stress. If you can't resolve it then you'll just be more stressed out and then you run the risk of some people trying to get their way through violence, especially if they have a history of violence," said Mossuto.

Mossuto said that people should pay attention to how they feel. If they start feeling overwhelmed or out of their normal good nature, they should take a breather and try to resolve the issues at

hand. She suggests having someone not involved in the situation to help the problem. Even just having someone to vent to can help relieve stress, said Staff Sgt. Duane Commiato, chief instructor trainer, Recruit Training Regiment.

People often find themselves feeling like they don't have enough time to themselves during the holidays. Mossuto said to help overcome this people should take some personal time. She suggests getting a massage or having a date night that doesn't "break the

bank." On MCRD the Family Readiness Program offers a Parents' Day Out Dec. 10, giving parents a four-hour window to go to the gym, shop or do whatever else they need or want to do on base.

"When I find myself stressing out to much I just go workout, it helps me relax and release some of the stress," said Commiato.

Commiato is a married drill instructor with two children who manages to find time to balance out his work and home life. Another way he keeps calm during the holidays is by not letting

things get to him, he said.

Though the holidays bring many overwhelming factors, if people find a balance and resolve their issues, they are less likely to have minor disagreements develop into major arguments.

"Slow down and be thankful for the blessings you have and the people that are in your life," said Roman.

Those who would like to register for the Parents' Day Out can contact Claudia Short at (619) 524-0916. There will be a stress management workshop during Parents' Day Out.

### BRIEFS

#### Holiday concert

The MCRD 2011 Holiday Concert and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. tomorrow, at Building 31. Depot military members, civilian employees and families are invited.

Those attending are welcome to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

Refreshments will be available.

#### Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits Workshop

A workshop featuring VA experts on post 9/11 GI Bill benefits will be held Tuesday from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m., in the depot recreation center, building 590.

Topics will include:

- Amendments to the 9/11 GI Bill
- Eligibility requirements
- How to apply for benefits (VONAPP-VA Online application)
- Transfer of 9/11 benefits
- VA TOP-UP program
- Approved training
- Compare Chapters 30 and 33/9-11

All branches are welcome. For more information contact the Education office at (619) 524-1275 or (619) 524-8158.

#### Restricted parking

The area behind Building 31 (where the band forms for the Friday morning Color Ceremony between building 31 and Russell Ave.) is closed to parking today, tomorrow and Sunday, for to annual MCRD Holiday Concert and Tree Lighting Ceremony. For more information call Gunnery Sgt. Carr at 524-8830.

#### Duncan Hall holiday closure

Duncan Hall will be closed for the holiday. The last meal will be served Dec. 21. Normal hours resume Jan. 4. Marines may eat at the recruit mess hall, building 569, during the closure.

Those using the recruit mess hall must be the uniform of day.

#### Free movies

The Single Marine Program has scheduled a free movie night at the AMC Mission Valley theater Dec. 14. Round-trip transportation, movie ticket, small popcorn and small drink are included. The event is open to single or unaccompanied service members aboard MCRD San Diego only.

For more information contact Diana Vuong, Semper Fit Interim Single Marine Program coordinator at (619) 524-8083 or via e-mail at vuongd@usmc-mccs.org.

#### Vertical Hold

The Single Marine Program will be taking a day trip to Vertical Hold rock climbing facility tomorrow.

The event is free and includes lessons, gear and a day pass.

Round-trip transportation will be provided. This trip is open to single or unaccompanied service members aboard MCRD San Diego only. Sign up today, space is limited.

For more information contact Diana Vuong, Semper Fit Interim Single Marine Program coordinator at (619) 524-8083 or via e-mail at vuongd@usmc-mccs.org.

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## Around the depot

**This week the Chevron asks: "How do you help the less fortunate during the holidays?"**



**"I donate to Toys for Tots and I make sure my Marines are taken care of (and) that they have the things they need for the holidays."** *Frances Kirsten, managerial accounting officer, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



**"I donate to Toys for Tots and I give money now and then to those who need help."** *Staff Sgt. Hector Alanis, assistant training chief, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion*



**"I absolutely do. I support Father Joe's Ministries. They are effective at distributing the funds to where they need to go."** *Cmdr. Rafael Perez, physician assistant, Branch Medical Clinic*

# CLC-6 reinforces Sangin patrol bases

BY SGT. JUSTIN J. SHEMANSKI  
2nd Marine Logistics Group

**PATROL BASE NEW JERSEY, Afghanistan** — Fresh off a foot patrol, an infantryman with the 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, stepped out of an expeditionary field shower facility only to traipse through a courtyard blanketed by the region's fine talcum powder-like sand where he was once again dusted with grime.

The Marine let out a sigh of frustration as he continued his trek through the compound.

"Pretty soon, you won't have to do that anymore!" yelled a combat engineer with Combat Logistics Company 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward).

At that very moment, the engineers were building an elevated walkway through the compound to prevent the unavoidable displeasure. As of Nov. 24, the Marines and their counterparts within the company had spent countless hours over the last several weeks building and enhancing new patrol bases like PB New Jersey across the Upper Sangin Valley.

It was all about providing top-notch support for the grunts.

"We try to go above and beyond and give them as much as we can — shelves, benches, picnic tables [and] decking," explained Chief Warrant Officer 2 Justin Young, a native of Oregon City, Ore., and platoon commander for CLC-6's 2nd Engineer Platoon. "We treat them as the customer and build them what they need."

The engineers also built gym

equipment and hygiene facilities.

The base is one of several CLC-6, an element of Combat Logistics Battalion 6, was tasked with building along the area's main thoroughfare, Route 611. The company was formed with the sole mission of supporting Task Force 1/6 during Operation Eastern Storm.

The major operation was launched in early October in an effort to rid the Upper Sangin Valley of the Taliban-led insurgency. In addition to reestablishing a sense of stability among the local populace, a secured Route 611, which traces north through Helmand province, will allow freedom of movement and commercial development as far north as Kajaki.

"611 is huge, 611 is the key. It helps establish the infrastructure and it helps to show the locals that we are not only talking the talk, but we are walking the walk — we're helping provide them with a product that's both useable and long lasting," said Young.

To bolster security forces along the route, the engineers broke ground on multiple positions during the first week of October. Construction was broken down into two phases — expeditionary and deliberate — and work was split between CLC-6's two engineer platoons.

The expeditionary phase consisted of the survivability and force protection measures, such as the creation of dirt berms and concertina wire around the perimeter, as well as elevated fighting positions. The deliberate phase allowed the engineers



Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski

**Lance Cpl. Bonstihl Bourne, of South Boardman, Mich., completes work on a set of shelves at Patrol Base New Jersey, Afghanistan, Nov. 24.** Bourne is a combat engineer with Combat Logistics Company 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward). The CLC, which is comprised of two engineer platoons and one motor transportation platoon, is an element of Combat Logistics Battalion 6 and was formed to provide direct support to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, during Operation Eastern Storm. Engineers were tasked with building several of the patrol bases along Route 611. Once force protection measures were in place, the Marines then built comfort items that included benches, hygiene facilities and gym equipment for the infantrymen operating from the bases.

to focus more on comfort and livability measures, like those noted by Young.

Additional force protection measures were also put into place at this time and the meaning behind such things were not lost on the engineers themselves.

"It's a big deal and we are very happy about what we are able to give these guys," said Lance Cpl. Derek Caylor, a native of Roseburg, Ore., and combat engineer with CLC-6. "I really enjoy helping the grunts. It's the real deal out here and they deserve it all."

Young echoed these sentiments, though in much broader terms, hailing the operation as an "eye-opening experience" for all of those involved.

"Working for the MLG, it's a complete support capacity — supply and support," he said. "It's good for my Marines to see what the infantry is doing and what their role and responsibility is, as well as to be reminded of the sacrifices the infantrymen are making during Operation Eastern Storm."

"It's a big eye-opener for them."



Sgt. Justin J. Shemanski

**A heavy equipment operator with Combat Logistics Company 6, 2nd Marine Logistics Group (Forward), uses a front loader to haul gravel for a landing zone at Forward Operating Base New Jersey, Afghanistan, Nov. 23.** The company, which is comprised of two engineer platoons and one motor transportation platoon, is an element of Combat Logistics Battalion 6 and was formed to provide direct support to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, during Operation Eastern Storm. CLC-6 engineers built several of the patrol bases along Route 611.



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Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Cpl. Christian Gallego, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Provost Marshal's Office canine unit, canine handler, searches cars Dec. 1 with Sita, his working dog. Every week MCRD has hundreds of recruit families coming through its gates. To ensure the depots' safety, the canine unit searches hundreds of cars a week looking for narcotics, explosives and weapons.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Sita is a Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego military working dog. Together with her handler, Cpl. Christian Gallego, she helps search vehicles for drugs, explosives and weapons, upholding the Marine Corps zero tolerance policy.

# Working dogs help keep MCRD safe

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUEY  
Chevron staff

Every week Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego has hundreds of recruit families coming through its gates. The Provost Marshal's Office canine unit works around the clock, sniffing out trouble and ensuring the depot's safety.

The canine unit searches hundreds of cars each week, upholding the Marine Corps zero tolerance policy on drugs and keeping the depot free of explosive devices and weapons. Six military working dogs in the unit are trained to detect explosives and narcotics while searching vehicles and patrolling base.

"The working dogs provide a resource that no human can do," said Sgt. Andrew Johnson, kennel master, Headquarters and Service Battalion.

The dogs' ability to smell narcotics and explosives makes them a valuable asset. When the dogs find something, they sit and the handler can see a change in the dog's behavior, said Lance Cpl. Christina Hill, canine handler, Headquarters and Service Battalion.

Each dog is paired with a handler. These handlers

are military police who are selected from their primary job to advance to canine handler due to their outstanding military proficiency. After on-the-job training, new handlers are sent to a three-month basic handler's school.

"The school has its challenges because it's all new and you're working with multiple stubborn dogs," said Hill.

Once handlers get back from school they work up to becoming a partner with a working dog. They have a month to build rapport and discipline with the dog before they go out on patrols.

"The handlers are paired up with dogs that have similar personalities. Strong handlers are matched up with strong dogs," said Johnson.

Working dogs are breeds that desire to please their handlers and capable of long periods of training. These breeds usually consist of German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois for the military. Since the dogs want to please their handler, it makes it easier for them to build rapport which is an important aspect of the dog-handler relationship.

"It's a partnership, not a working relationship," said Cpl. Christian Gallego, canine handler, Headquarters and Service Battalion. "In our line of work it's good to know your partner is reliable. I know she has my back and she knows I have hers."

To ensure the dogs are willing to protect their handlers under any circumstances, they undergo gun fire training each month, said Johnson. This can consist of gunfire while doing bite work or searching for narcotics and explosives to make sure the dogs don't fear loud noises.

While MCRD doesn't have any significant threats, the base does have a lot of recruit families who try to come on the base with medical marijuana, said Johnson. While this is a concern, Johnson said, they have a higher concern for explosives coming on the depot, so they usually use explosive-detecting dogs while searching cars. Suspicious packages are often called in on Thursdays and Fridays from families leaving things behind on accident.

A handler comes in at 5 a.m. to feed the dogs and clean their kennels, and then start their daily patrols. Normal

base operations for the canine unit are searching recreational vehicles, buildings and walking patrols.

"My dog and I have a wonderful working relationship. She's always very excited and eager to work with me every day," said Gallego, North Bergen, N.J. native.

Gallego has been working the MCRD kennels since January 2009 and said it's a very unique experience to be able to work with a military working dog, since not many people get the opportunity. It has its challenges though, said Gallego.

"The diversity is challenging. You have to be the best as a Marine, military police and canine at all times," said Gallego, who believes the rewards of the job outweigh the difficulties.

While the working dogs of MCRD are hard at work keeping the base safe from explosives and narcotics, they do get downtime with their handlers to help build and keep rapport. The dogs are constantly training but enjoy it at the same time.

"Training is constant. There are always new aspects, and the dogs and handlers can always advance," said Johnson.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druey

Sita, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego military working dog, launches after Sgt. Andrew Johnson, kennel master, after her handler Cpl. Christian Gallego, canine handler, gives the command. The six military working dogs aboard the depot train regularly in bite work, explosive and narcotics searches. Once a month they also undergo gunfire training to ensure the dogs are willing to protect their handlers under any circumstance and do not fear loud noises.

# Program provides 'home' away from home

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN RODGERS  
Chevron staff

The holidays can be an upbeat time of the year, but they can also be stressful and sometimes depressing, especially for those who don't have families nearby.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego has a year-round program that is designed specifically for single Marines to get together and build new bonds.

"Many Marines are not able to go home during the holidays to visit their families," said Kelley Sitar, deputy Semper Fit director. "The program helps build camaraderie amongst the single Marines so that they become each other's families and amongst one another, they have a home away from home."

The Single Marine Program provides opportunities for members to discuss their overall quality of life here on the depot, and doing so lets them plan their own activities that give them a chance to participate in their own community and develop bonds with other service members.

"I am part of the SMP because I have fun participating in all the events that are available," said Lance Cpl. Tommy Diaz, administrative clerk, Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion. "The people in charge really try to make sure we are having a good time, and there's a variety of things to do from camping to rock climbing to the free movie night."

The SMP offers chances for its members to get to know people they normally wouldn't meet by being in their workplace or staying in the barracks. This can give a feeling of having a home away from home.

"I definitely feel that the SMP is a morale booster for those who attend the events," said Diaz. "It's fun to get together, try to have a good time, and the volunteer events feel good to help out the community."

Giving the Marines a chance to get together both during the holidays and throughout the year can help alleviate the stresses they may have from work or other things.

"The holidays can be stressful for single Marines when they are away from their families," said Sitar. "But, this is also the time of year when Marines help Marines."

If there is an SMP representative that knows of another Marine that isn't planning on going home for the holidays, they

invite them to participate in these events, added Sitar.

"I think it can help with holiday stress," said Diaz. "When we have holiday events we don't have to worry about

having a bunch of Marines off celebrating by themselves. Instead we can get together and share each other's company."

There is a lot more to do in the area in November and December, so the members of the SMP want to do more such as movie nights, ice skating and some even want to help out at soup kitchens, said Sitar.

The program even promotes common Marine Corps skills.

"Each SMP Council elects leaders to serve on the executive council including: president, vice president, scribe, and treasurer," said Sitar. "These positions provide leadership, motivation, and accountability to the other council members. They represent the installation

at meetings and other working groups on items relevant to single Marines. The executive council also works closely with the SMP coordinator and the installation sergeant major."

According to Sitar, the last Wednesday of every month, the SMP council meeting is held where command representatives and the SMP council members discuss future and tentative activities. Quality of life issues are also discussed at this time.

The SMP participates in a variety of events like community service, recreation and special events.

Their community service consists of events like Meals on Wheels, toy drives, soup kitchens, Make-A-Wish and Veteran's Affairs visits.

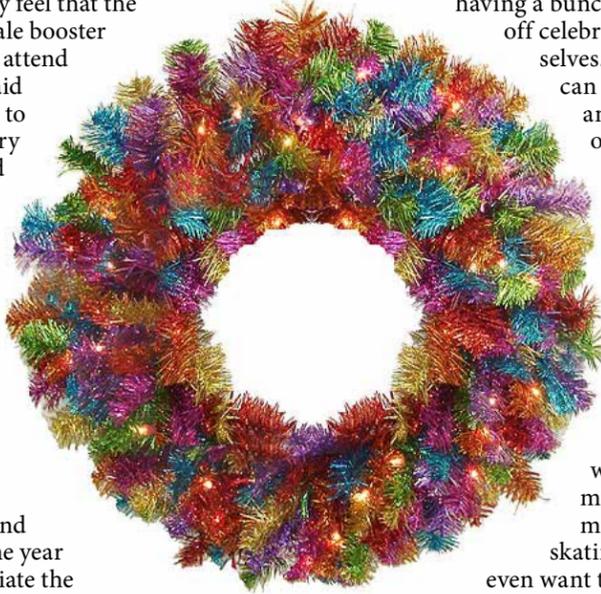
Members of the SMP participate in recreational events, recreational tournaments and attend professional sports games.

Some events require the members to pay out of pocket, but usually at a discounted price if not free.

The program is advised by the sergeant major of the depot, and supported by the family readiness officers aboard MCRD.

Marines put plenty of effort into helping plan the trips and activities the program participates in, the coordinators plan to give back.

Sitar stated single Marines who will be spending their Christmas at the barracks should keep an eye out for something special during the holiday season.



## RENTAL ◀ 1

He explained all the responsibilities required of a landlord. Some people don't consider the smaller details that go into owning a rental property such as repairs, utilities and finding good tenants. Not to mention, tax season can become a confusing time and it can be difficult to manage a rental property while living in another state.

"Owning a home is not for everyone," said McIsaac. "It isn't only a financial investment – it's also an investment of time and sometimes, an investment of emotion."

He stressed the importance of clear-

ing any existing debt to achieve a high level of financial comfort and stability prior to becoming a homeowner.

"In the investment pyramid, owning a rental property is at the top," said McIsaac. "You start out with the basics like retirement plans and savings, then purchase your own home and finally work your way up to rental properties. It isn't something you can just jump into."

Lt. Jarrod D. Johnson, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion chaplain, and his wife, Synthia, attended the seminar to gain a greater understanding of the fundamentals as they consider purchasing a rental property.

"It was helpful to see the bigger pic-

ture," said Johnson. "Now we know which direction to pursue and how to avoid some of the potential pitfalls and dangers."

Attendees were able to ask any questions they had and McIsaac shared real stories he has encountered during his tenure as a Marine and financial advisor to help attendees understand special circumstances and scenarios.

"He explained things so that we could all understand," said Synthia. "He backtracked when we needed a little more explanation and made sure we understood everything."

In addition to teaching monthly seminars on finance topics, McIsaac offers

one-on-one sessions for retirement planning, personal financial management and teaches basic financial classes to Marines aboard the depot.

"I'm here to help people learn enough to take care of themselves and understand the importance of saving and investing," said McIsaac. "I'm here for the Marines and their families, for whatever financial information they may need."

McIsaac's December seminar, 'Tax Planning and the New Tax Laws,' is scheduled for Dec. 21. To reserve a spot for this seminar or more information on financial services available aboard the depot you can call (619) 524-1204.

## Retired Lt. Gen. William R. Etnyre

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Lt. Gen. William R. Etnyre retired as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Va., Aug. 1, 1990.

Born March 5, 1931 in Kansas City, Mo., he graduated from Proviso High School in Maywood, Ill., in 1944. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1951 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in August 1953.

Upon completion of The Basic School in 1954, he joined 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in Korea and served as a platoon leader and company executive officer. He returned with the division to Camp Pendleton, Calif., and was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Weapons Company and Company B for the next 18 months.

Etnyre was then transferred to 12th Marine Corps District in San Francisco. He was assigned to the Organized Reserve program. While in this assignment, he was promoted to captain in November 1957. He graduated from the University of

San Francisco in June 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics.

During November 1959, he reported to Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif., to serve as the brig officer. In January 1963, he transferred to 3d Marine Division on Okinawa, Japan.

Etnyre returned to the United States in February 1964 and was a student at the Naval Postgraduate School, George Washington University, where he earned his Master of Business Administration. Following graduate school, he was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as a budget analyst, and later, as a member of the SASSY Task Force from 1965-1968. While there, he was promoted to major in March 1966.

Etnyre was next assigned to the II Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam as Operations Officer and Executive Officer, 1st Bn., 3d Marines from October 1968 to September 1969. He reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., in 1970, where he served a three-year tour as Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in October 1970.

In July 1973 he was assigned as the Military Aide and Special Assistant to the Assistant

Secretary of the Navy, where he served until August 1975. He was selected to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in August 1975, and was designated a distinguished graduate in June 1976.

Following graduation, he transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., and served initially as Assistant Chief of Staff, Management, and later, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1. He was promoted to colonel in October 1976.

He returned to the 3d Marine Division in June 1979, where he served as Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller and Commanding Officer, 4th

Marines. During May 1980, he returned to Headquarters Marine Corps to assume duty as the Deputy Fiscal Director of the Marine Corps. While serving in this assignment, he was selected in February 1981 for promotion to brigadier general and was advanced to that grade April 3. On July 15, 1983, Etnyre was assigned duties as Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center/Commanding General, 7th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Twentynine Palms, Calif., where he was promoted to major general June 14, 1985. He assumed duty as Deputy Chief of Staff for Requirements and

Programs, Headquarters Marine Corps June 24, 1985. Etnyre was advanced to lieutenant general July 8, 1988.

His decorations and awards include: the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; Meritorious Service Medal; Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with star; Presidential Unit Citation (Korea); United Nations Service Medal; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

*"Congratulations to all who have successfully completed recruit training and now can be called Marine. In 1951 this Marine stood on this same parade deck when graduating from recruit training, then spent the next 39 years a Marine and retired at MCCDC, Quantico, Virginia. I did not plan on that career when standing where you are today, but the Marine Corps readied me for what ever direction was selected that day in 1951. So it is with you today, you have become an integral part of the finest organization in this world; and are going to train with and be one of those they write about tomorrow. Set your sights high – once a Marine, always a Marine. Good luck, smooth sailing and Semper Paratus."*





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Recruited by  
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St. Louis  
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Sgt. S. M. Regentz Jr.

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A Marine Corps Recruit Depot Vikings player quickly passes the ball to his teammate before a Murphy Canyon Cowboy could remove any of his flags and stop the play during their game at Damato Field Dec. 3. The children were playing for the 8 to 10-year-old division of MCRD's Family Team Building's youth sports flag football.



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A MCRD Vikings player is blocked by a Murphy Canyon Cowboy before he could score a touchdown for his team during their game at Damato Field Dec. 3. When a player's flag is removed from their belt and they are carrying the ball, the play is stopped.

## Mini football players defend turf

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN RODGERS  
Chevron staff

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Vikings and the Murphy Canyon Cowboys came to a stalemate at the end of their 40-minute game with neither team scoring any points Dec. 3.

MCRD and Murphy Canyon's 8 to 10-year-old flag football teams played on the field together unaware of the score, listening to their coaches and smiling at their parents.

"The kids really don't know the score," said Marry Young, special events coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services. "We just let them play. It's about developing skills and playing. A recreational sport is about the game, not the competition."

Since this was a friendly game, with no score being kept the children were able to focus on learning how to play the game.

Although the teams couldn't shake the other's defense, they didn't let it get them down and kept pushing toward the end zone.

"I like to play football because all of my friends are here," said Andrew Hernandez, MCRD Vikings

player. "We get to work together when we play."

In flag football, the game is interrupted when a defender pulls a flag or strip of cloth from the offensive player's belt, who has possession of the ball.

Needless to say, there were plenty of flags on the field for this game. The ball traveled back and forth across the field as the children tried to break away and score a touchdown.

The teams would play through their four downs, trying to gain ground toward the end zone rather than be pushed back, but neither was successful.

MCRD held their way through the downs, decreasing the yards between them and the end zone marginally. Then they would rush past the defense, getting caught mere yards from the end zone.

Fortunately for Murphy Canyon, they were able to take the ball back and perform an almost mirror image to MCRD's previous plays.

Both teams were able to successfully goose egg each other, leaving the final score at 0-0.

After the clock ticked off the last second, the children happily lined up to give each other high-fives and tell each other "good game."

"The youth sports program really benefits the children," said

Lydia Lawrence, whose son plays with the Vikings. "It helps them build confidence and make friends here that they wouldn't necessarily make at school."

Flag football can help build community and camaraderie between the kids and gives children a chance to develop leadership skills through organized teams.

"It's an opportunity for kids to identify with their community and it allows for them to have community pride," added Young.

These sports allow children to get active and stay healthy, all while spending the day playing with other children, said Young.

The flag football season is part of a series of sports provided throughout the year by Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's Family Team Building.

Children who wanted to play football were placed into divisions based on their ages. There were three divisions; 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds and 11-13 year olds.

The next flag football games are slated for Dec. 10 at MCRD San Diego.

For more information or to sign children up for youth sports, contact Rafael Aceves, youth sports coordinator, at

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Players from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Vikings, left, give high-fives to players from the Murphy Canyon Cowboys, right, after their game at Damato Field Dec. 3. The game ended with neither team scoring a touchdown, leaving the score at 0-0. The children were part of the 8 to 10-year-old age group. The MCRD teams were put together by the depot's Family Team Building.