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Students from Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif., provide security for each other while one Marine ensures it is safe to cross a street during Military Operations in Urban Terrain training Nov. 5. During MOUT training, Marines are taught how to patrol through an urban environment. For more photos and the story see pages 4 and 5. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*

Have a safe holiday season

Marines, sailors, Coastguardsmen, and civilian Marines of the recruit depot and Western Recruiting Region, the holiday season is upon us. This will be your opportunity to spend some quality time with families you see too little. Some of you may be traveling to other parts of the country, and around the world. Keep in mind that there are more fatal traffic accidents over the holidays than at any other time of the year. Treacherous road conditions combined with alcohol contribute to that fact. Remember that you are Marines 24/7. Carry yourselves with honor, courage, and commitment wherever you may be. Return safely back to your place of duty after the holidays and ready to begin another year of service to this nation.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season. Semper Fidelis.

RONALD L. BAILEY
BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING GENERAL

Former deputy commanding general visits depot

BY CPL. WAYNE EDMISTON
Chevron staff

A former deputy commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, paid a visit to the Marines aboard the installation. He brings a legacy of serving in two major conflicts the Marine Corps has faced in its long, memorable history. Retired Maj. Gen. James J. McMonagle, who served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, came aboard the depot and continued his task of ensuring the legacy of his Corps and the Marines he had served with over 20 years ago.

Today Maj. Gen. McMonagle resides in Oceanside, Calif., and says his current duty assignment is to observe. He watches every generation of Marines as they flood the streets of downtown Oceanside after exiting the yellow walls of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, where he formally served as the deputy commanding general in 1980. But during his tenure at the depot, the Soviet Union was the nation fighting in Afghanistan and a lance corporal made roughly \$580 a month, rather than \$1,399 today.

Maj. Gen. McMonagle entered the Corps in 1955, during the middle of the Korean War. He was a recent graduate of the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. The new lieutenant began commanding pla-

toons in the cold and unique climate of Korea. At the time, North Korea had signed the cease fire, and direct combat in Korea was at a standstill.

Maj. Gen. McMonagle compared his time in the Korean War much like the current situation in Iraq, where much of the kinetic conflict has faded away.

"We were north of the (Korean Demilitarized Zone) and were there to make sure the cease fire situation stuck," explained Maj. Gen. McMonagle. "We were there much as a force of presence."

Soon after, he was deployed to Lebanon with Marines to handle an international crisis between Lebanon and the newly-formed United Arab Republic. The Marines served as a peace-keeping force, which the Corps has often been called to do.

There he served as communications office for 1st Battalion, 8th Marines.

Shortly thereafter, he began his tour as a Marine officer instructor at the University of Mississippi and began the transformation for young officers beginning their newfound path in the Corps.

But it was in 1968 during the Vietnam War when Maj. Gen. McMonagle says his most proud memories as a U.S. Marine were formed.

There he served as a battalion commander for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. His battalion saw contin-

uous combat and faced the fierce fighting in the jungles of Southeast Asia.

"It was very fulfilling," McMonagle explained reflecting on his time there. "There were many hours of agony and many hours of ecstasy."

He received the Legion of Merit medal with Combat "V" following his deployment, and is constantly reminded of his Marines' legacy.

"Those Marines were wonderful," he said. "There were just as gallant and brave as the Marines of today and the Marines of the past."

After various assignments along the way, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general and took the position as the deputy commanding general. This position no longer exists, which is one major change that McMonagle said has happened at the depot since his term.

Another major change was the invention of the Crucible which serves as the test every recruit must go through to become a Marine. It tests every recruit physically, mentally and morally.

Maj. Gen. McMonagle is proud to say that Marines are being trained the way they have always been.

"The Marines today are just as good as they have always been," he said. "All you have to do is watch the news."

Other than making headlines,

Marines today have the same characteristics as the Marines he commanded in previous conflicts, he said.

"It takes a lot of attitude and emotion when it comes to making Marines," he explained. "The leadership is as fine as it has ever been."

As he walks around downtown

Oceanside and strides through the halls of the depot, it's hard not to notice Marines with iPod's and cell phones, but the formula is still right when making Marines, he said.

"Marines have always stood up to the many environments that I have served in, and will continue to in every generation."





Members of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's Single Marine Program make a splash during their visit to Knott's Berry Farm Nov. 14. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*

Single Marines visit Knott's Berry Farm, Medieval Times

BY CPL. SHAWN DICKENS
Chevron staff

MCRD San Diego's Single Marine Program hosted a free trip to Knott's Berry Farm and Medieval Times in Buena Park, Calif., Nov. 14. Single Marines and sailors aboard the depot were invited to spend the day enjoying all the rides they could handle during the day, and an evening of knightly competition.

Knott's Berry Farm boasts the title of being, "America's first theme park and the 12th most visited amusement park in the country."

The park got its start when the original owners, Walter and Cordelia Knott, started The Chicken Dinner Restaurant as a way of making ends meet during the Great Depression. In 1934 Cordelia served chicken dinners on the china she received as a wedding gift for the all-inclusive price of 65 cents.

By 1940, the restaurant was serving 4,000 diners a night. It was then that Walter decided to give waiting patrons something to do. Walter, a Wild West enthusiast, decided to create an amusement park designed to resemble a small ghost town. He even shipped in buildings from actual ghost towns to make his park more authentic.

Over the years, more themes and rides were added until the park evolved into what it is today.

After the single Marines and sailors got their fill of

cotton candy and roller coasters, it was time to head to Medieval Times.

While patrons dined on baby dragon (roasted chicken) and beef ribs, the sound of clashing swords and lances smashing on shields filled the air as knights battled it out inside the arena for the right to be called champion of the realm.

Between the competitions, guests were entertained by demonstration of the purebred Spanish Andalusian horses used in the show. The two horses, referred to as the King of Horses and the Horse of Kings, performed various tricks and feats of agility.

Other entertainment included a falconer demonstration and a knighting ceremony.

After the winner of the competition was given his prize and a rousing three cheers, his majesty the king bid his guests good morrow and safe travels as they left his castle to return to their own.

Knott's Berry Farm is providing free park admission for servicemembers and one guest until Thursday as part of a tribute to past and present U.S. armed forces personnel during Veteran's Month. Up to six additional tickets can be purchased for \$15 each. Military ID or a DD214 presented with a photo ID is required for the discount.

For more information on either Knott's Berry Farm or Medieval Times, visit their websites at www.knotts.com or www.medievaltimes.com.

BRIEFS

Parking lot closure

The parking lot in front of Bldg. 31 along Henderson Avenue will be secured Sunday evening through Monday morning. This is to make room for the concrete truck and pumper needed for the repair work at Bldg. 31. For more information, call (619) 524-0690.

CG's Welcome Aboard

The depot's next Commanding General's Welcome Aboard is scheduled on Tuesday. The Welcome Aboard is an information-based orientation that begins at 8:30 a.m. at Marine & Family Services, Bldg. 14., with a formal welcome and an overview of programs and services. Following the brief is a bus tour that includes stops at key points of interest aboard the depot.

The bus tour finishes at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 590, where attendees will be treated to a complimentary luncheon and an "Info Expo" outlining various programs and support activities that may be of particular interest to them. Newly-arriving service members, their spouses, dependents, retirees, civil service/DoD, and NAF employees are invited to attend.

The Welcome Aboard is a mandatory attendance function for all newly-arriving Marines.

Childcare is available. To obtain childcare arrangement information, call the MCRD Marine Corps Family Team Building Program office at (619) 524-0916.

Gamers' Grub Video Release Lunch

The video release lunch will be held Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the depot Recreation Center, Bldg. 590. Newly-released video games of the month and free food will be offered. To register, call (619) 524-8083.

Brown Bag Lunch Seminar

The next Personal Financial Brown Bag Lunch Seminar will be "How to become a military millionaire," Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Marine & Family Services' Classroom, Bldg. 14. Seminars are free and open to authorized depot personnel and their families: active duty; reservists; retired military members; civil service and contract personnel. A free light lunch will be served, but attendees are welcome to bring their lunch. To register, call (619) 524-5728.

Thanksgiving buffet

The depot's Bay View Restaurant will host a Thanksgiving buffet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday for active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD personnel and their guests. The price is \$24.95 for adults and \$12.50 for children ages 3 to 11. Children under 3 eat free. Traditional Thanksgiving dishes and trimmings will be served. For information and reservations, call (619) 725-6388.

Santa at the Exchange Mall

Santa Claus will be at the depot's Exchange Mall on Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment will also be provided. The event is open to active duty, reservists, retirees, DoD and their guests.

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AROUND THE DEPOT



A Marine from the depot's Provost Marshal Office directs recruits from Platoon 2150, Company G, on the proper way to fold the garrison flag after evening colors, Nov. 8. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*

THE BEST IN THE WEST

Phoenix recruiter recognized as WRR's Recruiter of the Year

BY CPL. FREDRICK J. COLEMAN
MPA RS Phoenix

One recruiter from Marine Corps Recruiting Station Phoenix recently earned recognition as the Western Recruiting Region's recruiter of the year.

Sgt. Tyler A. Davis, a canvassing recruiter for Recruiting Substation West Phoenix, will have his name submitted by WRR officials to Marine Corps Recruiting Command as recruiter of the year, a title given to one of the 3,000 Marine Corps recruiters.

"To be recognized as recruiter of the year for the 8th Marine Corps District and WRR is a great honor that isn't easily earned," said Davis, who is selected for the rank of staff sergeant. "I've had great mentors along the way to help me in my, thus far, successful recruiting tour."

To help solidify his nomination as recruiter of the year, Davis wrote 14 contracts in two months, helping RS Phoenix continually make their mission.

"The first time I wrote seven contracts in one month. Those seven came from me continually calling my prospects and making sure they still wanted to be Marines," said the 23-year-old. "The following month, another recruiter dared me to do it again. I'm always one to take on a challenge, so I did."

Davis said the most rewarding part of recruiting is seeing the change that young men and

women undergo when they enter the Delayed Entry Program and continue through the training periods that include recruit training, Marine Combat Training and Military Occupation School training. The change sometimes seems like night and day with some of the Marines he recruited, added Davis.

"When I see (Marines) I recruited come back, I can instantly notice a difference in their mannerisms. Whether they walk taller with more confidence, lose weight during training, or be more respectful, the change is there," said Davis. "Knowing that I was a small part of that change is a reward within itself."

Davis' decision to become a recruiter came after speaking frequently with Master Sgt. Greg Kopecky during his time with 2nd Low-Altitude Air Defense Battalion at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

"I couldn't see myself as a drill instructor to help better advance my career," said Davis. "Recruiting duty gave me the opportunity to go back to my home town and do what I love, be a Marine recruiter."

Growing up in an Air Force family, Davis always knew he would join the armed forces after graduating from Sunrise Mountain High School. Although the Air Force was in his blood, the Marine Corps became his destiny.

"I picked the Marines



After winning WRR's Recruiter of the Year, Sgt. Tyler A. Davis, recently had his name submitted for recognition as the Marine Corps Recruiting Command Recruiter of the Year, a recognition only earned by one of the 3,000 Marine recruiters. Davis, a 23-year-old Peoria, Ariz., native, is a canvassing recruiter for Recruiting Substation West Phoenix, Marine Corps Recruiting Station Phoenix, 8th Marine Corps District. Cpl. Fredrick J. Coleman/RS Phoenix

because no other branch of service stood out to me when I went and talked to other recruiters," Davis said with a laugh. "The Marine recruiter was the one who made the best impression on me."

After hearing that their son had joined the Marines, Davis' parents looked at him in shock because he didn't choose the Air Force. After seeing

how determined to become a Marine and the time he spent researching the Marine Corps they accepted his decision.

"When he first told me about his decision, we tried to discourage him from joining due to activity during Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Davis' mother, Daryl. "He has accomplished so many things since he joined and we

couldn't be more proud of him."

Davis hopes to continue his career until he is eligible for retirement from the Marine Corps. During his journey, he hopes to complete his bachelor's in business administration from the University of Seattle and enter the warrant officer or limited duty officer ranks of the Corps.

Depot hosts free health screening

Employees of the Family Health Center San Diego provide free cholesterol and glucose screening to patrons at the depot's Cardiac Risk Screening inside the Fieldhouse on Nov. 17. During the event, patrons were invited to visit various booths designed to test their hearts' health as well as their blood pressure and body fat percentile. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron



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Pfc. Joseph Cwik, student, Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., right, prepares to clear the corner of a building in one of Camp Pendleton's Military Operations in Urban Terrain towns, by using the 'popping' method, Nov. 5.

Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron



Pfc. Anthony Cavdo, student, Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif., applies a battle dressing to a mock casualty during a training exercise. During training, simulated casualties are thrown into the scenario to add to the realism of the training. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron



A team of students from Marine West, Marine Corps Base Camp during their Military Operations learn how to clear buildings and



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How Marines Storm the Streets of MOUT Town

CARRIE C. BOOZE
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As the blazing sun beat down on the desert sand, Marines donning full combat loads darted across streets and cleared buildings. The once eerily desolate town was being cleared by green machines, barking orders and pop-pops.

Though the scene was similar to what those seen in Iraq or Afghanistan, this took place at the School of Infantry West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., during the Marine Combat Training Battalion Military Operations in Urban Terrain training exercise.

MOUT is all military actions that are planned and executed on a topographical complex and its adjacent areas where man-made construction is the dominant feature. It includes combat in cities, which involves house-to-house and street-by-street fighting in towns and villages.

Though they are not grunts, every Marine is a combat instructor, therefore, they need to be able to clear a building. "This way, if they do find themselves in a situation deployed, they can refer back to MCT training to apply what they have learned to the situation." Staff Sgt. Gerald Hooee, combat instructor, MCT, and infantryman, knows the importance of having MOUT knowledge from his days attached to a sniper platoon in

Fallujah, Iraq. "I used all the skills these Marines are learning today," he said. "You never know where you will get hit when you are clearing a city, therefore you need to be very stealthy."

In addition to clearing the faux cities, the Marines are also taught how to set up checkpoints and search vehicles.

"A vehicle will approach the checkpoint every thirty minutes," said Hooee. "Some are a threat and some aren't. It is the Marines job to search the vehicle and personnel for improvised explosive devices."

During several scenarios, role players jump out of the vehicle and attack the Marines. At these times, the Marines have to lay down fire and suppress them. If a Marine is tagged as "injured" by their instructors, the rest of the Marines have to assess their health and get them out of the danger zone.

"After going through this training and being mentored by my instructors, there is no doubt in my mind that I will be able to apply this training in a real life situation," said Depe Kwate, a native of Aiea, Hawaii.

At the end of the day, the Marines can rest assured that they can defend themselves and their fellow warriors if ever placed in a MOUT environment, said Hooee. Upon graduation from MCT, each Marine will go to their individual occupational schools, but know that they are all capable of being infantry augments.

For more information on the MCT visit www.marines.mil/units/hqmc/tecom/soiwest/Pages/MCTBn/Marine-CombatTrainingBattalion.aspx.

Two of the most important skills to master are communication and security, said Artam. "This company has been good at communication, but many of the Marines struggle with understanding their sectors of fire," said Artam. "They need to work on covering their sections and following through with their roles."

Artam said that the Marine Corps has been so effective in MOUT environments because they learn every role of a fire team, so if one person goes down, another one can step up and take their place.

After roaming the streets the first time without any ammunition, the Marines receive blanks to fire during their second time around.

"We use the blanks to make it seem more realistic; the Marines will have to deal with speed reloads and jams," said Artam. "The noise also forces Marines to hone their situational awareness."

Pfc. Polycarpe Depe Kwate, MCT student, said that he enjoys the combat environment that was created because it will prepare him for the tribulations he may face if deployed in a combat zone.

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Marine students at Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif., prepare to cross a danger area during MOUT training. During MOUT, students must defend a mock base from attacks simulating scenarios that could happen in the operational forces. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron



Marine students at Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif., pretend to be opposing forces for their fellow Marines during a training exercise. During the training, students must defend a mock base from attacks simulating scenarios that could happen in the operational forces. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron



Pvt. Michael Dechant, student, Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry West, Camp Pendleton Calif., scans a window for threats using the 'pieing' method, during MOUT training. During the training, Marines are taught how to navigate safely through urban areas. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron

From silent drill to sing-songs

BY PFC. DUSTIN R. HAMBY
Chevron staff

Woodrow Wilson once said, "Absolute identity with one's cause is the first and great condition of successful leadership."

Being able to passionately do one's job and have life goals is crucial to many successful people. In the Marine Corps, being able to overcome the difficulties of each challenge can ultimately lead to a healthy and successful life.

Staff Sgt. Jaun P. Segura, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3230, Company K, is slated to receive the Dan Daly Award, an award given to the best drill instructor in each company. This award is based on Sgt. Maj. Daniel Joseph "Dan" Daly, a United States Marine and one of 19 to receive the Medal of Honor twice. Daly is remembered for his battle cry during the Battle of Belleau Wood, "Come on, you sons of bitches, do you want to live forever?"

"Every recruit hates him in the beginning," said Staff Sgt. Brody

V. Goldthwaite, drill instructor, Platoon 3229, Co. K. "By the end of recruit training, however, he is the first person that each recruit thanks. They are able to appreciate him in a new light. They know that he is a poster Marine and that he is a great leader."

After graduating from recruit training, Segura, a native of Miami, Fla., was stationed at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., where he served as a member of the Silent Drill Platoon.

"The Silent Drill Platoon exemplifies Marine Corps discipline and skill," said Segura "I learned how to be sharp and look good."

Members of the Silent Drill Platoon are handpicked to represent the Marine Corps. Through intense practice they learn precise rifle drills performed for audiences across America.

"I drive myself off of pride," said Segura. "I feel as if I can not be defeated. I have to be able to conquer each challenge head-on."

Segura said after finishing his tour with the Silent Drill Platoon he

wanted to see combat.

"I saw (American Airlines Flight 77) crash into the Pentagon from my room in Marine Barracks," Segura said. "It was a battle cry for me."

Segura deployed to Iraq in early 2002 with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

"I feel that if I am not being challenged, I am not getting things done," he said.

As a platoon leader, Segura learned crucial skills from watching the young men under his charge.

"The way my men reacted showed that I was doing something right," he said. "I knew that if my men's morale was up, we would complete the mission."

Continuing his search for his next challenge, Segura decided to put the skills he learned from the Silent Drill Platoon and the field into becoming a drill instructor.

"Drill instructor school was just the next step," he said.

As a drill instructor, Segura said he understands that your actions define who you are.



Staff Sgt. Jaun P. Segura, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3230, Company K, teaches his team of recruits about honor, courage and commitment, during the Crucible. Segura is slated to receive the Dan Daly Award, an award given to the best drill instructor in each company. Pfc. Dustin Hamby/Chevron

"You can not forget the basics," he said. "Building on what I know and working on how I react to different situations has gotten me through so many hurdles."

Segura, now 28 years-old, said

he hopes one day to become a chief drill instructor or even an instructor at Drill Instructor School.

"As soon as I find a challenge, I will jump at it with no looking back," Segura said.



Recruit Scott W. Gilchrist, Platoon 3229, Company K, watches as his squad completes The Weaver Nov. 12. The Weaver is an obstacle recruits encounter during the Crucible on Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Upon completion of the Crucible, recruits earn the title Marine. Pfc. Lauren Stehwiem/Chevron

New honorman achieves dream

BY PFC. LAUREN STEHWIEN
Chevron staff

Childhood aspirations are often lost throughout time, and very seldom do elementary desires follow through to adulthood. However, Recruit Scott W. Gilchrist, Platoon 3229, Company K, was different; he did all things possible to make his childhood dreams become a reality.

"I knew this was something I wanted to do since I was in the fourth grade," said Gilchrist, now 21 years-old.

It all started when he stumbled across his former stepfather's old and weathered Marine Corps sea bag. While rummaging through the uniforms and miscellaneous military memorabilia Gilchrist, a native of North Richland Hills, Texas, had an epiphany, and decided the Marine Corps was what he wanted to do.

"It just felt right, like something I should do," he said.

After making the decision, Gilchrist started talking to his family about it and discovered that three of his uncles served in the Marine

Corps. One served during the Vietnam War and received the Purple Heart medal. Another spent time as a drill instructor.

"My uncles told me (recruit training) would be difficult, but I'd come out a better, more disciplined man, and I truly feel they were right," he said.

Gilchrist said his mother also had a major influence on him becoming a Marine.

"She was always talking up the Marine Corps, saying how great the lifestyle was; she is very pro-Marine Corps," he said.

Originally, Gilchrist said he wanted to go into the reserves in order to attend college then become an officer. He later changed his mind because he wanted to live the Marine Corps lifestyle to the fullest, and believed that being enlisted was the best route for him.

While growing up, Gilchrist held leadership positions in sports and in the jobs he held while in high school. He said being a leader in the past helped shape him to be a better leader in recruit training. His leadership skills

were evident, which made his drill instructors give him the billet of guide starting on training day one.

Gilchrist's dedication to success enabled him to keep his billet throughout the entire training cycle ultimately earning him the title of company honor man and a meritorious promotion to the rank of lance corporal.

"He's an aggressive leader," said Staff Sgt. Brody V. Goldthwaite, drill instructor, Platoon 3229, Co. K. "He will get what needs to be completed done in the most efficient way. He will definitely be successful in the Marine Corps if he keeps this up."

Upon graduating from recruit training, Gilchrist will be assigned to the Infantry Training Battalion at the School of Infantry West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., to complete training and become an infantryman.

"The Marine Corps is the tip of the spear," said Gilchrist. "I joined the Marine Corps, the world's best fighting force, because I want to fight," he said.

Retired Brig. Gen. Michael I. Neil

Parade Reviewing Officer

Retired Brig. Gen. Michael I. Neil was born in Long Beach, Calif., in 1940. He graduated from San Diego State University in 1962 with a B.A. degree in pre law and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California at Berkeley, in 1966.

After completing Officer Candidate School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1966. Upon graduation from The Basic School in Quantico, he was ordered to the 1st Marine Division for duty in the Republic of Vietnam.

From June 1967 until January 1968, he served as a platoon commander with Company D, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. While serving in this capacity, he received the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in action, and later received the Navy Cross as a result of combat action. In January 1968, he was as an aerial observer and was assigned to the air observer section, 1st Marine Division,

located at Marble Mountain, DaNang, Vietnam. While serving as an air observer, he was awarded six Air Medals.

Returning from overseas in July 1968, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, for duty in the office of the Staff Judge Advocate. In September 1968, he attended the Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I., graduating in November 1968. He served as both a defense attorney and prosecutor in the legal offices at MCRD San Diego, until his release from active duty in March 1970.

After his release from active duty, he affiliated with the Volunteer Training Unit Law unit in San Diego until 1982. During the interim period, Brig. Gen. Neil attended the Reserve Amphibious Warfare School, Phases I and II, in 1976 and 1977. He attended the Reserve Command and Staff College, Phases I and II, in 1978 and 1979; and in 1980, he participated in Reserve Counterpart Training with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, as the battalion operations officer. He served as the officer-in-charge, Tactical Exercise Control Group for the 5th Marines' Combined Arms Exercise at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif., in 1981.

In 1982, Brig. Gen. Neil was assigned to extended active duty with I Marine

Amphibious Force, serving as executive officer of the Exercise Control Group for Exercises Freedom Pennant I and II. These exercises were held in Perth, Australia, and combined an amphibious landing exercise with a fly-in of the 7th Marine Amphibious Brigade and linkup with equipment on pre-positioned shipping.

From 1983 to 1985, Brig. Gen. Neil served as commanding officer, 4th Tank Battalion located in San Diego. Subsequent to this command, from 1985 until 1988, he served with the I Marine Expeditionary Force Reserve Augmentation Unit as the assistant operations officer for plans. His duties included acting as commanding general, I MEF during war games, including the annual Global War Game at Newport, R.I.

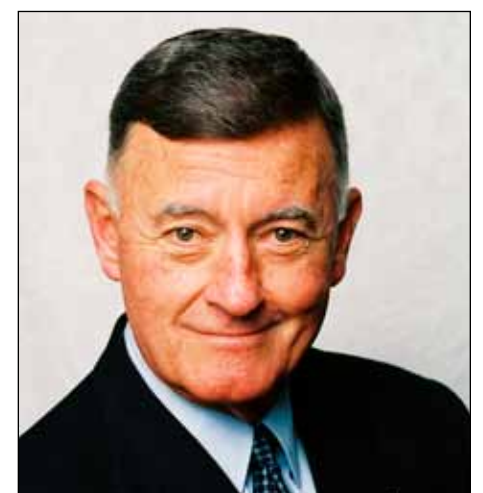
Since leaving the I MEF RAU, Brig. Gen. Neil has served as the executive officer of Mobilization Training Unit California - 53 at the Landing Force Training Command, Pacific in Coronado, Calif. During the interim period in August 1988, he served as a special projects officer at the Marine Corps Warfighting Center, Quantico.

He was promoted to brigadier general on April 29, 1989; on July 26, 1989, the commandant of the Marine Corps assigned him as commanding general, Marine Corps

Base, Camp Pendleton - mobilization designee, a billet that became a reality for him on Sept. 7, 1990, when he took command of the base as the result of Operation Desert Shield. His mobilization assignment was assistant division commander, 4th Marine Division, New Orleans, La., in June 1992.

He retired from the Marine Corps on Aug. 1, 1993.

He is the president and lead trial attorney of the law firm Neil, Dymott, Frank, McFall & Trexler APLC, located in San Diego.





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Sergeant Major
Sgt. Maj. T. W. Petersen
Chaplain
Lt. R. W. Peters III, USN
Battalion Drill Master
Staff Sgt. S. Gaytan

COMPANY K

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Company First Sergeant
1st Sgt. J. E. Quijada Jr.

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Gunnery Sgt. R. J. Alexander

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Pvt. T. D. Berhost
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Pfc. E. Z. Randel
Pvt. R. D. Teague
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Pfc. B. Tran
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Pvt. S. D. LeJeune
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*Pfc. A. A. Lokonobei
Pvt. J. J. Long
Pvt. B. J. Lub
Pvt. A. L. Martinez
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Pvt. J. K. Geier
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Pvt. J. L. Payne

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Pvt. E. D. Porter
Pvt. E. R. Ramirez
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Pfc. D. J. Rush
Pfc. A. Saenzpardo
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Pvt. K. H. Shoemaker
Pvt. D. A. Sliger
Pvt. H. R. Smith
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Pvt. K. A. Stewart
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Pvt. D. J. Sullivan
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Pvt. J. D. Waite
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Pvt. D. A. Wanek
Pvt. M. J. Wells
Pvt. S. P. Wells
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Pvt. J. R. Wiggins
Pvt. K. L. Xiong
Pvt. M. Zuniga

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Sgt. C. D. Henderson Jr.
Sgt. S. Rios
Sgt. G. L. Wiedner

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*PFC. J. K. Anderson
Pfc. J. T. Anderson
Pfc. T. A. Barron
Pvt. E. D. Bodzin
Pvt. R. J. Boyer
Pvt. T. L. Cannefax
Pfc. V. E. Christianson
Pvt. D. J. Coffey
Pvt. K. V. Crawley
Pvt. M. M. Diaz
Pvt. S. R. Dickens
Pvt. X. Du
Pvt. C. A. Dunlap
Pvt. D. G. Flores
Pfc. M. A. Foster
Pfc. J. S. Gorman
Pvt. C. E. Harthun
Pvt. T. S. Hohner
Pvt. K. R. Jacoby
Pvt. J. F. Jimenez
Pvt. D. A. Jones
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Pvt. M. C. Litz
Pvt. T. S. Lyons
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Pfc. A. Merced
Pvt. A. D. Mertig
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Pvt. C. Mondragon
Pfc. V. R. Moore
Pvt. M. A. Moraga
Pvt. J. R. Perez
Pvt. S. T. Pham
Pvt. M. A. Proney
Pfc. J. S. Ramos
Pfc. M. A. Ransom
Pvt. J. R. Revenaugh
Pvt. J. A. Reyes
Pvt. J. S. Reynolds
Pvt. G. R. Ripper
Pvt. R. R. Roberts
Pvt. R. C. Rooks
Pvt. L. N. Ruble
Pvt. M. M. Ruiz
Pvt. J. Schnittker
Pfc. A. N. Schuh
Pvt. R. Serrano
Pfc. P. D. Shaheen
Pfc. W. T. Simone
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Pvt. K. D. Franklin
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Pvt. J. A. Garcia
Pvt. T. G. Klein
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Pvt. D. T. Massey
Pvt. M. D. McClanahan
Pvt. E. S. McCoy
Pvt. G. L. McGilvray
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Pvt. K. M. Medlin
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Pvt. T. J. Michelson
Pvt. D. A. Neely
Pvt. T. J. Nez
Pvt. J. K. Oelger
Pfc. B. J. Ortiz
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Pvt. J. R. Pattillo
Pvt. A. J. Percuoco
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Pvt. K. A. Prak
Pfc. N. B. Pursel
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Pvt. B. N. Rose
Pvt. J. Salinas
Pvt. C. R. Saucedo
Pvt. B. A. Scholtiscek
Pvt. T. W. Smith
Pfc. J. R. Snyder
Pvt. D. J. Solberg
Pvt. D. F. Staring
Pfc. R. A. Stewart
Pfc. F. J. Tamayo
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Pvt. D. T. Toland
Pvt. C. E. Tollefson
Pvt. A. Torres
Pvt. K. A. Tsosie
Pvt. K. M. Turner
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Pvt. B. R. Utsinger
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Pvt. M. W. Vogel
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Pfc. A. D. Webb
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* Denotes meritorious promotion



Recruits listen intently as retired Gunnery Sgt. Bob Bailey shares stories and information about World War II battles in the Pacific during their tour of the depot's command museum, Nov. 5. As recruits are guided through the museum, they gain a deeper understanding of the Marine Corps legacy, a crucial part of what it means to be a Marine. Pfc. Dustin Hamby/Chevron

Company K witnesses living Corps history

BY PFC. LAUREN N. STEHWIEN
Chevron staff

Throughout boot camp, recruits are taught about heroic Marines in history and their prominent battles and events. On training day 56, these historical lessons come alive for recruits when they visit the depot's command museum.

During this time, recruits not only have the ability to visualize the Marine Corps' accomplishments and noted heroes, but they enjoy a stress-free environment to take in the information from the docents rather than their drill instructors.

The docents who guide the recruits through the museum are military veterans who share information about the museum as well as some of their own experiences in wartime. The docents are all veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

"Being able to hear first-hand the incredible stories of Vietnam and Korea from the guides was really motivating," said Recruit Andrew L. Trimble, Platoon 3229, Company K.

The museum's mission is to provide an educational setting that portrays the legacy of the Marine Corps for the training of recruits and the continuing education of Marines. It also supports the recruiting effort and that serves as a bridge to the civilian community, according to the museum's historical society web site.

The 22,233 square foot museum has many rooms which highlight different battles

throughout history and one of the most extensive displays of Marine Corps historical items in the nation.

The recruits were able to view paintings that illustrated Marines from as early as 1775, continuing throughout the years. Several displays showcased the gear, uniforms and weapons Marines have used which have changed dramatically over the past 234 years.

The Vietnam exhibit, the newest addition to the museum, includes a three-dimensional life-size replica of a Viet Cong fighting tunnel, which were often rigged with traps for the Marines. There are also replicas of Marine Corps reinforced fighting posts with weapons and dummies displaying how each post was used.

Recruit Travis J. Daugherty, Platoon 3230, Co. K, enjoyed the Marine Raiders room the most. It gave him insight on how the Marines conducted amphibious light infantry warfare during World War II. Seeing and learning about these men sparked an interest in him because he aspires to do become a reconnaissance Marine later in his career, he said.

"I really enjoyed the museum," said Recruit Scott W. Gilchrist, Platoon 3229, Co. K. "I love knowledge and learning all that I can, so it was really interesting to see all of this in real life and to hear the real life stories of the docents."

The command museum is free and open to the public Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Retired Marine Col. Len Howard educates Company K recruits about the Vietnam War and the individual conflicts using a miniature model of Vietnam. The Vietnam exhibit, the newest addition to the museum, includes replicas of fighting posts, a Viet Cong tunnel and weapons.

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