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WWII female Marine reminisces about depot

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As a child, one usually counts down the days until his birthday; anticipating the cake, ice-cream, and gifts galore, a day all his own. But, as he ages, birthdays often become less important. Instead of signifying happiness and glee, they just represent another year older and more responsibility.

This year, Shirley Kornegay's 87th birthday signified something more than just another year older. It signified a time to reminisce about her enlistment in the Marine Corps, and a time to share her stories with her loved ones and Marines at the Veteran Home of California, Chula Vista, Calif., Jan. 30.

Kornegay enlisted in the Marine Corps in July 1943, in the middle of World War II, at age 18.

"After seeing the Marines come home in their dress blues, I knew that the Marine Corps was for me," said Kornegay.

She enlisted in the Marine Corps the same day her brother enlisted in the Navy, and left for boot camp shortly after. In 1943, boot camp was a bit different than it is today. It was a six-week course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Marksmanship and weaponry were subjects female Marines were not taught. Instead they were taught basic administration skills, proper wear of the uniform, and Marine Corps history.

While in basic training, Kornegay befriended Lena Mae Riggi,

the wife of the famous Medal of Honor and Navy Cross recipient, John Basilone.

Riggi became the godmother of one of Kornegay's daughters.

"At our age we didn't realize how lucky we were to have a woman like Lena in our lives," said Shawnee Miller, Kornegay's daughter. "We always just knew her as Aunt Lena we didn't realize how important she and her husband were."

Upon completion of her basic training, Kornegay, along with 48 other women Marines were sent to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif. These women, later nicknamed "the 49-ers," were the first female Marines aboard the depot.

"At first I thought I'd be homesick being so far from my home in Indiana, but once I got here I knew I wanted to stay," said Kornegay.

Originally, Kornegay was assigned the job of a telephone operator, but eight weeks into her work aboard the depot, her commanding officer called while she was working the switchboard, and she requested the opportunity to move to motor transportation because telephone operator was too mundane. The colonel obliged and allowed her to change jobs.

"In just the two years I was in, I changed 100 percent. I went from being too shy and timid, to too brave," she said.

During the time she was in the Corps, Kornegay met the man to whom she's been married for 65 years. His name is Kenneth Kornegay.

"We met and married as privates first class, and have been in love ever since," he said.

Now, Shirley and Kenneth, shared their stories and time spent in the Marine Corps with Marines from the depot.

Col. Stephanie Smith, commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Master Sgt. Yolanda Hamilton, staff non-commissioned officer in charge, property control office, and Staff Sgt. Heather Vecchia, Substance

Abuse Control Officer, all came to visit and give birthday wishes.

As Kornegay came through the hallway she was greeted with hand shakes, hugs, and kisses.

"This was her first real birthday party," said Susie Krystek, Kornegay's sister. "We grew up as 'depression kids' so we never really had the opportunity to have a birthday party," she said.

During the party Kornegay was sporting her old service uniform cover, which she has held

on to since boot camp and has kept in mint condition. Her family showed off old photographs of her during her time spent in the Marine Corps.

Kornegay labeled this day as the 'happiest day of her life' and a day that she would always remember.

"Even though I never did get my dress blues, I'm still glad I joined, I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world," she said. "I love the Marine Corps with all my



Shirley Kornegay, right, a former Marine, talks and reminisces with her friend Flo Harris, also a former Marine, during her birthday celebration, Jan. 30. Kornegay and Harris became friends when they met at the Veteran Home of California in Chula Vista. Pfc. Lauren Stehwien/Chevron

Finding black equality in the Marine Corps

BY PVT. LAUREN STEHWIEN
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Throughout history, racial equality has been one of the toughest battles America has fought, and in some aspects, still tries to fight. Blacks have gone through a series of struggles while trying to gain equality in the United States. Whether it is, equality in lifestyle, voting, education, or even, the ability to serve their country, they have had to fight for their rights to do so.

June 25, 1941, was a turning point for blacks wishing to serve in the United States military. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt issued Executive Order No. 8802, which was intended to establish the Fair Employment Practices Commission and created a non-discrimination policy in all branches of service.

However, full integration wasn't present until 1942 when Montford Point, N.C., was established in the Marine Corps. At this time, blacks were allowed in the military, however, they were not allowed to work alongside their white counterparts. Montford Point was the place created for black recruits to train and approximately 20,000

Marines trained there and went on to become either a steward, ammunition technician, or supply man.

"The Montford Point Marines were the first black Marines to serve in the United States Marine Corps, but there were blacks who served in the Continental Marines," said Joanie Schwarz-Wetter, education specialist, Command Museum, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. "The Continental Marines were Marines who fought in the Revolutionary War and other early wars in U.S. history."

The Montford Point Marines were sent to the all black, 51st and 52nd Defense Battalions. Although they were combat battalions, the Marines were non-deployable, therefore never got the opportunity to join the fight. Instead, the depot ammunition companies and the officer's stewards were the ones who earned their battle scars.

"The Montford Point Marines would volunteer to do patrols and as many combat-oriented jobs as possible," said Schwarz-Wetter. "These Marines wanted to do anything they could to prove themselves to the rest of the Marine Corps."

Blacks only served as enlisted Marines until Nov. 10,

1945, when Fredrick C. Branch was commissioned, earning the title of first black commissioned officer.

Up until 1949, blacks stayed in their segregated units. President Harry S. Truman put that to an end when he signed an executive order to fully integrate the armed forces, said Schwarz-Wetter.

It was this same year that Annie E. Graham would be the first black woman to enlist in the Marine Corps.

From that point forward, black men and women would be able to serve their country alongside their Caucasian counterparts.

As for Montford Point, it was later renamed Camp Gilbert H. Johnson, in honor of one of the earliest Montford Point recruits who ended up serving a total of 32 years in the military, 17 of which were in the Marine Corps, and reached the rank of sergeant major.

The Montford Point Marines paved the way for future blacks to follow. Frank E. Peterson was promoted to brigadier general in February 1979, which earned him the title of first black general. In June 1999, Alford L. McMichael was the first black to become Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

Raising America's flag on Iwo Jima during WWII

BY CPL. SHAWN DICKENS
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February marks an important time in the Marine Corps and the Navy's history.

On February 23, 1945, the men of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines, and a Navy corpsman raised the American flag at the summit of Mt. Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima. According to then Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, this moment guaranteed a Marine Corps for the next five hundred years.

The first flag raising was an important event that marked the capture of an island that was the turning point in the second World War. But it was photos of the second flag raising that would be remembered for years to come.

If you ask any stranger on the street to point out Iwo Jima on a map they probably couldn't do it. But if you show them the picture of the flag raising they are more than likely able to tell you what it is.

The image of those six men, Marines, Sgt. Michael Strank, Cpl. Harlon Block, Cpl. Rene Gagnon, Cpl. Ira Hayes, Pfc. Franklin Sousley and their Navy corpsman, Pharmacists' Mate 2nd Class John Bradley, has become not only an icon of American triumph during the war, but also a

symbol of the Marine Corps over the years.

As a former corpsman, I know what it is like to be in the thick of it with your brother Marines and know that you rely on each other to make it through the hardships you experience in combat. You truly are a team.

The image of the Iwo Jima flag raising perfectly captures the Navy and Marine Corps team. It portrays in a photograph the one thing every corpsman who has served with the Marines knows, you have to go through everything with the Marines you serve with, from training in the field to clearing buildings in a combat zone. If you show them you will be there when they need you, they will trust you with their lives. It is that trust that you cherish as a corpsman. To know that a platoon of Marines looks to you to make sure they come home safe, is on one hand, a great burden, but on the other hand, a great reward.

Joe Rosenthal, an Associated Press photographer, took the Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the second flag, while Sgt. Bill Genaust, a Marine Corps war photographer, shot video next to him.

According to petty officer Bradley's son, James Bradley, in his book, *Flags of our Fathers*, the second flag was raised after Chandler Johnson,

2nd Battalion commander, found out that Forrestal wanted the first flag as a souvenir. In Johnson's mind, the flag belonged to the men of 2nd Battalion, so he ordered the second flag raised.

After Rosenthal sent his film to be processed, the image was quickly wired out to be published and became to be regarded in the United States as one of the most significant and recognizable images of the war and possibly the most reproduced photograph of all time.

Rosenthal's photo was used for raising money during the 7th War Bond Drive, and has been recreated on everything from postage stamps to commemorative coins. It was even used as a comparison to photos of firefighters raising a flag at the aftermath of the collapse of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

On that day in 1945, six men raised a replacement flag on top of a little mountain in the Pacific and Joe Rosenthal took a picture that would not only inspire millions, but capture what it means to be a part of the Navy/ Marine Corps team!

It has become such an iconic image that as we celebrate all that February has to offer us and we give heart shaped boxes of chocolate to loved ones, we should take a moment to reflect on our Marine Corps history and those who have given so much for us to be where we are today.

BRIEFS

CG's Welcome Aboard

MCRD San Diego's next Commanding General's Welcome Aboard is scheduled for Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Marine & Family Services, Bldg. 14. The Welcome Aboard is an information-based orientation offering an overview of programs and services. A bus tour following the brief will include stops at key points of interest aboard the depot. The tour ends at the Recreation Center, Bldg 590, where attendees will receive a free luncheon and an Information Expo.

Newly-arriving service members, their spouses, dependents, retirees, civil service/DoD, and NAF employees are invited to attend. Per Depot Order, the Welcome Aboard is a mandatory attendance function for all newly arriving Marines.

Childcare is available. To obtain Welcome Aboard childcare arrangement information, call (619) 524-0916. For additional information, call (619) 524-5298.

Self-defense class for women

A self-defense class for women will be held Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Bldg. 5E classroom, second floor. Instruction includes the myths and facts of sexual assault, personal safety, assertive techniques, and personal defense. Free child care will be offered to children age 2 and older. To register, call (619) 524-1200.

EFMP Activity & Resource Expo

The Exceptional Family Member Program at MCRD San Diego and Lincoln Military Housing will host families enrolled in their service EFM Program to the 3rd Annual EFMP Activity & Resource Expo Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the depot fieldhouse. The event includes over 40 agencies providing information and resources; interactive demonstrations for the children; presentations by legal, medical and Social Security experts; a Fun Zone; and lunch. For lunch reservations call (619) 524-8086/6078 or email Jennifer Reid at jreid@lpsi.com.

Military Saves Financial Seminar

A Military Saves Financial Seminar will be offered to all eligible patrons March 2, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the depot theater. Learn how to build wealth, develop a personal financial plan, establish good credit and take charge of your financial future. For information, call (619) 524-5728.

Men's varsity baseball team

The MCRD Warriors, the depot men's varsity baseball team, is looking for active duty Marines, sailors and Coastguardsmen to join the team. Tryouts will be March 1-3 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the main softball field. For information, call Capt. Seth Chambers at (619) 524-4665.

CG's Cup Bowling Tournament

Register for the CG's Cup Bowling (Scratch) tournament Feb. 16, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Health Promotions Training Room located in the Fitness Center. This one-day individual's event will be hosted at the MCRD Recreation Center on 24 February. This event is open to MCRD active duty, and DoD/NaFi employees aboard the depot. For information, call (619) 524-0548.

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Become your best self in 2010

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Have you ever wondered what things will really matter or be of consequence when this life has finally come to an end? Will the outwardly visible things we've done tip the scales in our favor, or will it be the thoughts and intentions of our hearts? Or will it be some combination of these? When it's all said and done and we look back upon it all what will really matter to us and to God?

Think about the worldly standards of success we have all around us. Consider the man who rises through the ranks to be CEO of a major corporation, or his friend who worked hard to become an all-star quarterback or high-ranking military officer. How about the woman who has devoted her life to raising a good family, or her sister who has become an outstanding cardiologist or senator? When we watch the Olympic games this coming month, we are inspired by the persistent hard work and determination of these athletes, who set new world's records, and wish we could be in their shoes as they win those gold medals. Yet the time inevitably comes when the games are over, the spectators go home and new Olympic hopefuls train to take their places in the near future. Similarly, the CEOs, quarterbacks, military officers, doctors and senators will retire and others will take their place; even moms will find their nests finally empty, in spite of wondering if such a day would ever come! Then what?

I read a quote once by a former state Supreme Court justice, Dallin H. Oaks, who stated, "The Final Judgment is not just an evaluation of a sum total of good and evil acts - what we have done. It is an acknowledgement of the final effect of our acts and thoughts - what we have become. The commandments are not a list of deposits required to be made in some heavenly account." He went on to say that he believes the point of it all is to become what God desires us to become.

While we may admire and envy the Olympians and others who achieve such extraordinary successes, the fact is that most of us are not going to be on the cover of any magazine. It is seldom that those who go about quietly serving and blessing others, or who faithfully do their job day after day, or persevere in a difficult marriage, are seen on the evening news or are heralded for their efforts. But, what of their accomplishments? Will they all be forgotten, or are they seen and remembered by someone who will one day stand before us when we account for our lives here? If Justice Oaks is right, that God will be more interested in what we've become, then the question is, "What does God desire you to become?" Something or someone you have no interest in being? I don't think so.

An elderly member of a family, who has shunned organized religion throughout his life, mentioned a dream

he had some years ago. He said, "In my dream, I was sitting in a church with all of you, and I was wearing the most god-awful, itchy suit imaginable. All I could think of was being able to go home and get out of that itchy suit!" It made him itch all over just to remember that vivid dream as he retold it to us. Yet, the dream candidly expressed his fears where God is concerned. I think too many people similarly assume that God desires for them to live out their lives in some itchy suit that they don't want to be wearing in the first place. However, I have found God to be a loving father, who recognizes and respects the intrinsic differences in each of His children, and loves those differences. I don't think he is looking for mass conformity. I think He desires for us to be the happy, healthy, joyful people we are capable of being. I doubt we could picture or desire anything better for ourselves, than He already has in mind.

I don't know about you, but I would not want the flowers in my garden to all be the same, or look the same. Some are more fragile than others and require special care; some are hardier and can make it through a cold winter, untended. That's okay. Each one is a work of art. Each one is exquisite and unique in its own way, much like our children. It's hard to imagine that God could possibly have less love or desires for us, than we have for our own children.

Probably the biggest desire I have for my children on any given day is for them to be kind to anyone and everyone who comes in contact with them. You may have heard the saying, "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice." If any of my kids became famous, I'd be proud of them, but less so if they weren't also good to other people. I have a strong hunch God feels the same.

As I have people come to me for counseling, with their hearts broken over things said and done to them, I feel badly that they have been denied the basic kindness, consideration and compassion they deserve. Such experiences often cause them to doubt their own value or worth as a person. For any of you who may feel the same, I hope you will remember that you were God's child first, before you were anyone's wife, husband, parent or child. That is your first identity, your ongoing identity, and the one that will still be left standing when this life is all done. If you must walk away from any situation, you don't walk away as a "no one." You walk away as a beloved child of God. Although we cannot control the way others may treat us, we still can control how we treat others and how we choose to live.

I feel we all want a life that really matters, one that is full of purpose and hope. If this is what we concentrate our thoughts and actions upon, this is what we will achieve. We have all known or heard of people whose love and goodness continued to be remembered long after they died, living on in the hearts and memories of people for generations. Each of us has the power to be such a person. Go and become your best self.

Recruit housing changes with nation's call

BY CPL. WAYNE EDMISTON
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Since Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego was built, the face of the landscape has changed time and again. A major factor in the overall look of the installation is what recruits call, "the house," otherwise known as their squad bay. Squad bays are the places where recruits sleep after long days of training, and a source of pride for every individual platoon. But over the years, the squad bay has resided in many types of dwellings

Currently the squad bays are "H" style buildings that are scattered throughout the recruit training side of the parade field. For the majority of the depot's history, this was not the case.

According to the MCRD Museum Historical Society, the first place San Diego recruits called home was the current historical arcade located along the north side of the parade deck is now home to the multiple recruit training battalions, as well as other command offices. The depot broke ground for arcade construction on March 15, 1919. Famous architect Bertram Goodhue designed the buildings, where new Marines are currently housed during the Marine Week phase of the training cycle; a recruit's final week on the depot prior to graduation. Goodhue's renowned work includes the Nebraska State Capitol and the Church of Saint Thomas in New York City.

The 1940s brought the United

States' involvement in World War II and resulted in an enormous influx of Marine recruits. The recruits were forced out of the arcade and moved into tents on the opposite side of the tidal flats. The tents served as a temporary solution, and soon the idea was proposed for Quonset huts.

Sheet metal Quonset huts were easy to fabricate and served as an ideal location for recruits to live. During World War II, many other buildings were constructed on the depot to include a training pool, gym, administration buildings, post office and exchange. During the 1950s, when the Korean War started, 700 more Quonset huts were added on to the hundreds already on base.

Following the Korean War, although the buildings had deter-

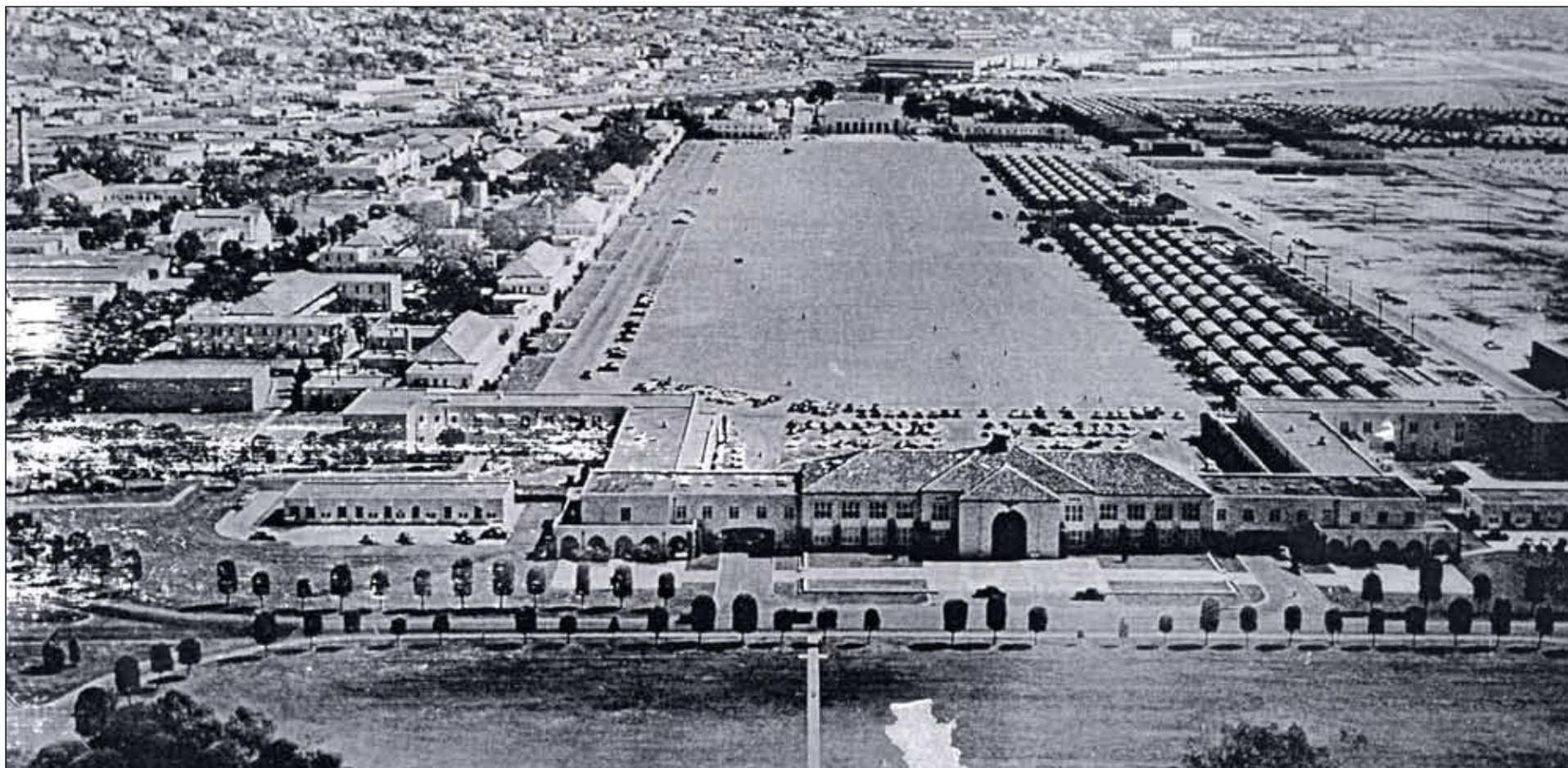
riorated, more than a half-million recruits occupied the depot's Quonset huts during their tenure. The structures continued to be used until the Vietnam War. With tents being constructed in response to the war influx, an inspection was conducted by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in 1966, to decide the fate of the Quonset huts. It was determined that the Quonset huts did not meet building standards and a more permanent solution was in order. The lack of space was such an issue on the depot that recruits were forced to attend classes during the night to make room for recruits during the day.

Construction began on the "H" style squad bays in 1967 and, in a year, two were finished. Three more buildings followed

the next year. After years of adapting to the rise and fall of recruit numbers, the depot finally found a solution that was permanent and still houses recruits to this day.

The Quonset huts were torn down, except for a remaining few that lie in front of the recruit in-processing center. The modern Confidence Course and Obstacle Course now cover much of the ground where Quonset huts were located.

The multiple major conflicts that have occurred since the Vietnam War have proven that the "H" style squad bays have a huge capacity. But it's hard not to notice the footprints that can still be seen painted the arcade walkway, reminding us of how the depot used to be.



An aerial photo of MCRD demonstrates the layout of the base in the 1950s, with Quonset huts on the right side of the parade deck. Throughout the years depot has been in existence, the face of the landscape has changed in many ways. During the 1950s, when the Korean War started, 700 more Quonset huts were added on to the hundreds already on base. Photo courtesy of the MCRDSD Museum

Local chiropractor offers treatment services at depot

BY PFC. DUSTIN R. HAMBY
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For the first time, servicemembers aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego have the opportunity to receive hands-on chiropractic care at the Navy Regional Medical Center Branch Clinic, MCRDSD.

"This is the first chiropractic care clinic at the depot," said Lt. Cmdr. Rafael Perez, senior medical officer, NRMCBC. "I have seen great success in the medical field in relation to chiropractic care and I am proud to be able to offer this at the clinic."

Excited for the locally-situated clinic, Perez said servicemembers now do not have to drive to Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., or Naval Air Station North Island San Diego to receive chiropractic care.

Perez said chiropractic care is just part of what he hopes will bring better service and medical care at NRMCBC.

At Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, Calif., his previous command, Perez saw similar injuries with the Navy SEALs he treated as well as with the Marines his command treats now.

"We see both young and old Marines sustain the same injuries, however the older Marines require more attention and alternative means of recovery whereas younger Marines can heal quicker," said Perez.

"As a chiropractor, I work with muscles, bones and joints," said Dr. Bart Green, D. C., NMCSD. "You must focus on the body's ability to heal."

The website www.lohas.com defines the chiropractic system as based on the premise that the spine is literally the backbone of human health. Misalignments of the vertebrae caused by poor posture or trauma results in pressure on the spinal cord, which may lead to diminished function and illness. The chiropractor seeks to analyze and correct these misalignments through spinal manipulation or adjustment.

Coordinating closely alongside the depot's sports medicine department as part of a multi-disciplinary clinic focusing on sports injuries, Green said he concentrates on treatment that involves manual therapy, including manipulation of the spine, other joints, and soft tissues. Treatment also includes exercises and lifestyle counseling.

"Cmdr. Penni Hiesler, department heard here, said providing better care means thinking outside of the box," said Perez. "She encouraged us to increase the quality of care for not only recruits, but servicemembers as well. That is why I believe that these chiropractic clinics are so popular. If you build it, they will come. We have seen the clinic booked solid for chiropractic care and Dr. Green has even accepted walk-ins."

For more information about chiropractic care at NRMCBC or to book an appointment, call staff health at (619) 524-1565

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The recruits of Company I use teamwork in order to complete the Weaver on the obstacle course at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 10. Teamwork is essential in completing all of the obstacles during the Crucible, a 54-hour training exercise in which they receive little food and sleep. Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



A safety net hangs beneath the Weaver to catch any recruits who may fall off the logs, saving them from possible injury. Safety is a top priority during recruit training. Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



Sgt. Samuel R. Villa, drill instructor, Platoon 3205, Co. I, provides mentorship to the recruits of Co. I. Throughout recruit training, drill instructors mentor the young men in the hope that they can sharpen their minds along with their bodies. Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



Recruit Jordan Kim, Platoon 3205, Co. I, attempts to go under a log on the Weaver. The Weaver is one of 32 obstacles that recruits must attempt during the Crucible. Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron

Recruits test smarts and brawn

BY CPL. JOSE NAVA
Chevron Staff

Aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., a group of Marine recruits yell and argue. They're tired and hungry, but they have a mission to accomplish. That mission is to move their squad through and over a wooden structure in a certain amount of time. The structure they are supposed to navigate looks daunting.

That structure, known as the Weaver, is part of the Crucible, the final training event for recruits before they earn the title, Marine. The Crucible is a 54-hour training exercise where the recruits work their way through 32 obstacles with limited sleep and food.

Before they take on the challenge, one of the recruits is appointed leader of a squad. The leader reads a five-paragraph order, detailing what the group must do in order to complete the assigned task.

After the order has been read to the squad, the recruit in charge must then devise a strategy to complete the task. In the case of the Weaver, the recruits must get through the obstacle by weaving over and under 22 logs set up in an A-frame design. In addition to weaving

themselves through the logs, the recruits must also move weapons and ammunition cans filled with 30 pounds of sand. If a recruit or a piece of gear fall from the logs into the safety net below, they must start the task all over again. If a recruit touches any part of red on the obstacle, he is considered a casualty and the squad becomes one person short.

"Building teamwork and camaraderie is important to accomplishing the Crucible and these obstacles test the trust and confidence that the recruits have built for themselves over the three months they were in boot camp," said Sgt. Samuel R. Villa, drill instructor, Platoon 3205, Company I, 3rd Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Seven hours into the Crucible, the recruits' weariness begins to surface while they attempt to complete their challenge. Though they are tired, the recruits still manage to keep going.

"I thought I was prepared to take on the challenge of the Crucible, and I knew I would be tired, but after I have finished I would feel like I accomplished something worthwhile," said Recruit Tanner J. Henry, Platoon 3205, Company I, 3rd Battalion, RTR, MCRD San Diego.

Near the end of the task, one of the recruits

lets an ammunition can full of sand slip from his grasp. It falls off the logs and into the safety net below, forcing the recruits to start the obstacle over. Besides developing teamwork among the group, this certain obstacle also challenges their ability to move gear from one point to another.

"It is also a small taste of logistical training because the recruits have to pay attention to all the moving parts and communication is essential in completing the Weaver," said Cpl. Greg T. Maisch, field instructor, Field Company, WFTBn, MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif. "The Weaver is one of the more difficult obstacles as everyone has to work together to accomplish the mission."

The recruits finish the task, climb off of the wooden structure and get into a formation. Their drill instructor barks the order to start their movement to the next series of challenges over the following 47 hours.

"The Crucible is not as bad as I have made it out to be in my mind, but it is still intense and challenging," said Henry. "It is simple for me to put myself into a combat mindset with all the surrounding noise of the helicopters flying over head, shots fired in the distance and the recruits yelling."



Company I recruits move ammunition cans filled with 30 pounds of sand over and under logs on the Weaver, one of the obstacles they must negotiate during the Crucible. Recruits must work together as a team to successfully move themselves and gear. If a recruit or a piece of gear falls off the obstacle, the recruits must start the challenge over again. Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron

Recruit honors promise, commits to Corps

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT
Chevron staff

"Would you become a United States Marine if I had asked?" said the cancer-stricken elderly man as he lay weak in his hospital bed.

"Yes, I promise I will become one," responded his grandson, without hesitation.

When Recruit Calvin J. LaDuke's grandfather made this one request before his death, LaDuke agreed to let nothing stop him from becoming a Marine and honorably fulfilling his duty.

"My whole life I followed my grandfather," said LaDuke, an Atticus, Ind., native. "He was always there for me, even if I just scuffed my knee while playing."

LaDuke spent the majority of his adolescence at his grandfather's house, who lived right down the street from him.

"Everything my grandfather did was in a professional manner," said LaDuke. "He was calm, collected, trustworthy and I didn't know anyone who didn't like him."

He also admired his grandfather's intelligence and noticed his grandfather reading a different book every week.

"Like my drill instructors, my grandfather didn't sugar-coat anything," said LaDuke. "He was very honest."

LaDuke's grandfather served in the Marine Corps for 20 years. However, he rarely spoke about being a Marine and said nothing specific about his experience.

But when he was suddenly in the hospital for terminal cancer, the Corps was the only topic he wanted to discuss with his grandson.

"It really surprised me that he would ask for me to become a Marine because he rarely spoke about it," said LaDuke.

After his grandfather died, LaDuke discovered that his grandfather's wedding band had some etched lettering inside of it.

"My grandma showed me the wedding band which had the letters USMC and my initials inscribed in it," said LaDuke. "I broke down because it must have been something he wanted to ask of me but just didn't know when the time

would be right."

Prior to his grandfather's request, LaDuke aspired to become an architect.

"I have a fascination with structures, building and being able to design something," said LaDuke. "I like the idea of someone putting their unique style in their work and having it exist for generations."

Ieoh Ming Pei is LaDuke's favorite architect because he admires the way Pei designs his structures with a unique style. Pei's designs include the Luce Memorial Chapel in Taichung, Taiwan, the Mesa Laboratory for the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., and the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston, Mass.

"Another reason why I like him is because people know him by name and not just by the structures he designed," said LaDuke.

When LaDuke was young, his favorite toy was Legos and took every chance he could to get more.

"For my birthday and for Christmas, I would always ask for Legos," said LaDuke. "My room was covered in Legos. I even made a life-sized chair for my room with them."

LaDuke was also interested in the medical field.

"My mom is a nurse and introduced me into the medical field," said LaDuke. "I am a Certified Nurse Assistant."

After high school, LaDuke was

planning on going to the University of Texas in Austin, Texas, for pre-medical classes. Instead, a few months after making the promise to his grandfather, LaDuke spoke to a Marine recruiter and enlisted.

When LaDuke arrived at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, he was picked up by Platoon 3205, Company I.

"I'm very glad he adhered to his commitment," said Staff Sgt. David J. Washington Jr., senior drill instructor, Platoon 3205, Co. I. "This indicates his commitment to the Corps' values of honor, courage and commitment."

LaDuke said that he knows he is making a successful path for himself and enlisting was a positive life-altering decision.

"I see a change in myself already," said LaDuke. "I used to be more big-headed and now I am a lot more grateful."

LaDuke explained during Christmas in boot camp, he received one cookie and it was indescribably delicious because there aren't a lot of treats in boot camp.

"My outlook on life is different, I take it one day at a time now," said LaDuke.

LaDuke chose combat engineering as his military occupation specialty because it complemented his interest in architecture and design.

"I hope LaDuke reaches for the moon," said Washington. "If he misses he will at least be among the stars."



Recruit Calvin J. LaDuke, Platoon 3205, Co. I, helps his fellow recruits complete the Weaver obstacle at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Feb. 2.

Lance Cpl. Rebecca A. Lamont/Chevron

From fixing up choppers to making brand new Marines

BY PVT. LAUREN N. STEHWIEN
Chevron staff

Often times, people tend to be their own worst critics, which can be both a positive and negative trait. For Staff Sgt. Dana A. Jones, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3207, Company I, self-critiquing is what formed him to be the best Marine he can be.

Prior to reenlisting with a drill instructor duty incentive, the Redmond, Ore., native spent his first four years working as a helicopter mechanic.

"I wanted to be a drill instructor because a gunnery sergeant in my last command who I admired was a former drill instructor," said Jones. "He was a good leader, and I felt that becoming a drill

instructor would help me not only become a better Marine, but a better person."

Being in the drill instructor field poses many challenges to overcome, such as adjusting to the busy schedule, limited sleep, and rigorous physical training.

However, these small obstacles weren't going to get in the way of Jones' success.

"I take pride in everything that I do," said Jones. "The smallest thing that I mess up on is something I take very personal, and I feel that is what makes you a better drill instructor."

Jones' pride and hard work paid off when his superiors told him he would be competing for Drill Instructor of the Quarter, in February 2009. Two drill instructors from each recruit training battal-

ion are selected to compete in a board. During these boards, the Marines present themselves in front of their

company first sergeant and their battalion sergeant major and are tested on knowledge, bearing, and the wear of their

uniform.

After winning his board, Jones was offered the opportunity to compete on a Meritorious Staff Sergeant Board in September 2009. With only three days to prepare, Jones went in there exuding confidence and putting his best foot forward. The long nights of studying and uniform preparation paid off when he received an e-mail from the commanding officer of his battalion congratulating him on his success in earning the rank of staff sergeant.

"Staff Sgt. Jones is one of the best senior drill instructors in the company," said Staff Sgt. Erick Guvman, chief drill instructor, Co. I. "He has the ability to make calls with no hesitation. Not only is he a good teacher, but he is also a good learner."



Staff Sgt. Dana A. Jones, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3207, Co. I, gives guidance to a recruit while the recruit awaits a hair cut outside the recruit barber shop, Feb. 9, 2010. Jones meritoriously earned the rank of staff sergeant after competing in boards against his peers in September 2009. Pvt. Lauren N. Stehwien/Chevron

Maj. Gen. Raymond C. Fox

Parade Reviewing Officer

Maj. Gen. Raymond C. Fox assumed duties as the commanding general of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in July 2008.

Maj. Gen. Fox was born in Spokane, Wash. He received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Eastern Washington University in 1977, entered the Marine Corps through the Platoon Leaders Class program, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in June 1977. He was designated a naval aviator in August 1979.

Maj. Gen. Fox was transferred to 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Kaneohe, Hawaii, in 1980. Serving with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadrons 262 and 265, he completed multiple deployments to the western Pacific and Indian Oceans. In January 1983, he was transferred to Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301,

3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Tustin, Calif., and later transferred to MM-268 where he served as the operations officer during the squadron's first shipboard Marine Expeditionary Unit deployment.

In 1986 Maj. Gen. Fox was transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., and was assigned to the Enlisted Assignment Branch serving as the head of enlisted counseling/substandard performance section.

In July 1989, he was transferred back to MM-268, 3rd MAW, Tustin, Calif. In December 1989, he was the commander of Law Enforcement Marine Air Ground Task Force 2-90. In December 1990, he deployed to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as part of the 11th MEU.

In January 1993, Maj. Gen. Fox attended Australian Army Command and Staff College, Victoria, Australia, and earned a graduate diploma in management. In January 1994, he was assigned to an air-ground exchange tour, serving as the logistics officer for 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine

Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Maj. Gen. Fox next served as executive officer, and then commanding officer, of MM-163, 3rd MAW, El Toro, Calif. In June 1999, he attended the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Penn., concurrently completing a master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pa.

In June 2000, he reported to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C., serving in joint requirements division. In May 2002, he reported to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron, Yuma, Ariz., as the executive officer. He later assumed command of MAWTS-1 in November 2002. In February 2003, Maj. Gen. Fox served as a battle captain for 3rd MAW during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In November 2004, he served as the 2nd MAW liaison officer to the Combined Air Operations Center, Qatar. From July 2005 to April 2007, Maj. Gen. Fox served as the assistant deputy commandant for Programs & Resources,

HQMC. In April 2007, he returned to the Joint Staff as the deputy director of Resources and Acquisition, remaining until July 2008, when he was ordered to his current assignment.





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Pfc. K. J. Beamon
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Pvt. S. E. Rodriguez
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Pfc. R. G. Salazar
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Pvt. C. J. Scherer
*Pfc. C. W. Schultz
Pfc. J. N. Sears
Pfc. D. G. Shcherbinskiy
Pvt. M. A. Shumake
Pvt. R. T. Slotterbeck
Pvt. C. M. Smith
Pvt. J. D. Smith III
Pvt. K. M. Smith
Pfc. R. W. Stephens
Pvt. J. J. Stewart
Pfc. T. L. Stewart
*Pfc. E. A. Swanson VI
Pfc. P. B. Tabil
Pvt. C. H. Thorne
Pvt. J. M. Trevino
Pvt. C. J. Trujillo
Pvt. R. L. Van Der Vliet
Pvt. A. T. Vo
Pvt. K. B. Vogt
Pvt. S. D. Walker
Pvt. N. L. Wampole
Pfc. B. M. Welsh
Pvt. J. M. Whaley
Pvt. S. D. White
Pvt. D. S. Whitehead
Pvt. F. C. Whitford
Pvt. J. J. Whitt
Pvt. J. S. Williams
Pfc. T. L. Wise
Pvt. D. M. Wisham
Pvt. R. M. Wolski
Pfc. D. P. Yackel
Pvt. F. I. Ybarra III
Pvt. G. M. Zipprich

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Wide receiver Richard Harmon, right, trucks down the field with the ball while Coast Guard line backer Troy Fuller, center, struggles to stop him before being taken out by cornerback Steven Phillips, left, during the Commanding General's Cup Flag Football game at the depot sports field, Feb. 9. Both teams were undefeated going into the game, but Ceremonial prevailed as the best on the depot with a winning score of 26-7.

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Running back Zach Robbins, yellow jersey, hauls through the mass of Coast Guard players and manages to stay untouched long enough to score a first down, during the Commanding General's Cup Flag Football game at the depot sports field, Feb. 9.

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With the ball in hand, wide receiver Richard Harmon runs down the field while his team provides impassable defense, during the Commanding General's Cup Flag Football game at the depot sports field, Feb. 9.

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WHO DAT?

Ceremonial Detail sinks Puddle Pirates' dreams of an undefeated season

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The final regular week of the Commanding General's Cup Flag Football was intense, as teams fought tooth and nail for a spot in the playoffs at the depot sports field, Feb. 9. In the first game of the day, Ceremonial Detail and the Coast Guard, both undefeated teams, went head-to-head in hopes of continuing their winning streaks. The Coast Guard fought to stay afloat, but in the end, Ceremonial was crowned the unbeatable with a final score of 26-7.

The Coast Guard won the coin toss, and chose to defer to the second half, unbeknownst of the havoc Ceremonial detail would serve them in the first half. Ceremonial drove the ball down the field before quarterback Francisco Silva hit wide receiver Richard Harmon on a 10-yard touchdown pass.

The Coast Guard took control of the ball, but was unable to make any progress. Bored with the unsuccessful offense plays, Harmon decided to intercept the pass on third down. On the next drive, Harmon hit tight end Benjamin Johns for a touchdown.

The Coast Guard were shown mercy when Silva threw an interception, and the Coasties

took possession of the ball at the 1-yardline. Despite the fact that they work in the water, the sprinkling of rain had the Coasties' offense slipping, sliding and unable to stay on their feet long enough to move the ball. They were unable to penetrate Ceremonial's defense and the first half ended, 13-0.

During the first drive of the second half, Harmon intercepted the ball and ran it back to the 20-yardline. It was not long before Harmon ran the option and pitched the ball to running back Zach Robbins who trucked into the in zone for a touchdown. With the pressure on in the second half, the Coasties seemed to forget it was flag football and began tackling Ceremonials' defense.

In the third quarter, wide receiver Dustin Broz was able to sneak past Ceremonials' defense and score a touchdown. Ceremonial was unable to score, but took back the ball when linebacker Tony Holmes made an interception giving Ceremonial possession. Silva hit Harmon for the final touchdown of the game.

Next week marks the beginning of the playoffs when flag football enthusiasts will see if Ceremonial can remain the reigning champs, and if the Coast Guard can recover from their loss.



With Ceremonials' defense on his heels, the Coast Guard attempts to move the ball down the field, but were quickly shut down before being able to make a first down during the Commanding Generals Cup Flag Football game at the depot sports field, Feb. 9.

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