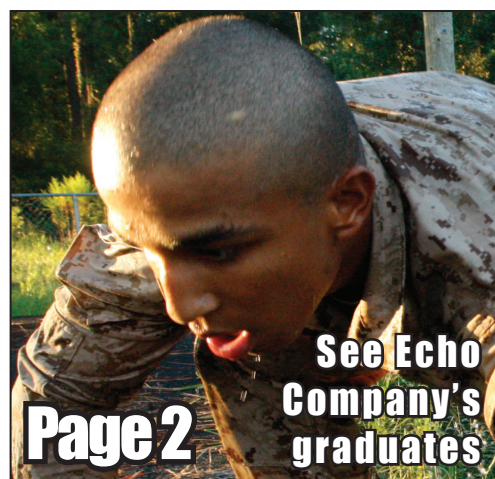


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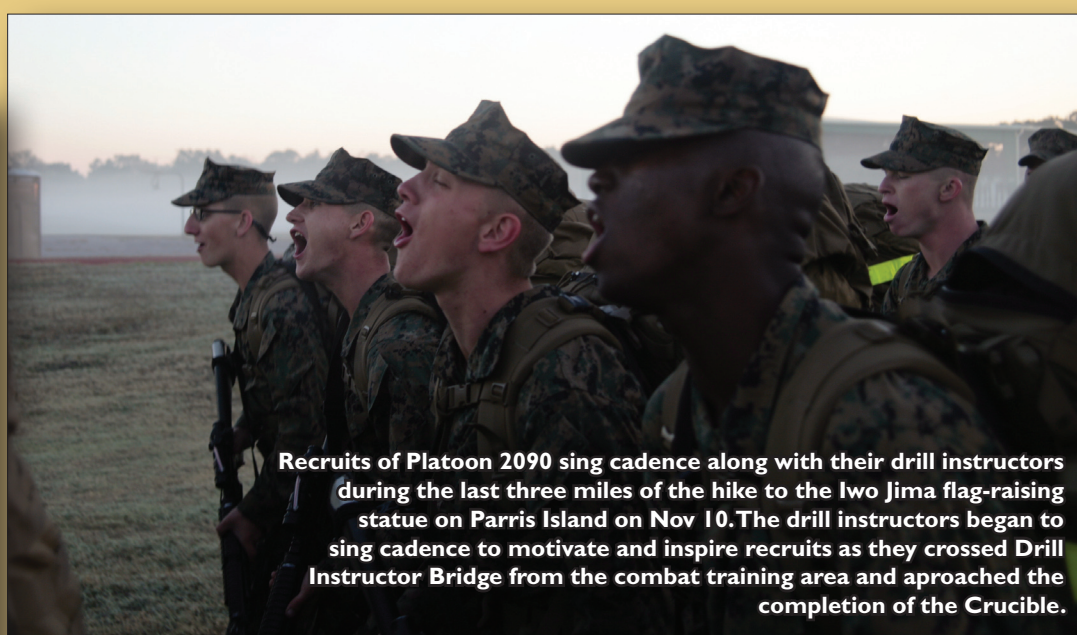
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## MARINES of Echo Company born on Corps' 237th birthday



Photos by Lance Cpl. David Bessey  
Pfc. Ronald Lewis, 18, Platoon 2088, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, receives his Eagle, Globe and Anchor from his drill instructor at Parris Island's Iwo Jima flag-raising statue Nov. 10, the Marine Corps' birthday. The Eagle, Globe and Anchor is given to recruits at the close of the Crucible and symbolizes a recruit's official transformation into a Marine.



Recruits of Platoon 2090 sing cadence along with their drill instructors during the last three miles of the hike to the Iwo Jima flag-raising statue on Parris Island on Nov. 10. The drill instructors began to sing cadence to motivate and inspire recruits as they crossed Drill Instructor Bridge from the combat training area and approached the completion of the Crucible.

Eagle, Globe and Anchors are placed on wooden plaques after the nine-mile hike at the end of the Crucible at Parris Island's Iwo Jima flag-raising statue Nov. 10. Recruits endure 12 long weeks of training before receiving their personal Marine Corps emblems.



## ECHO BANDS TOGETHER, GAINS CONFIDENCE



Photo by Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda

Rct. Alex Worton, Platoon 2089, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, uses his upper-body strength on the Arm Walker, an obstacle at the Confidence Course on Parris Island on Sept. 10. Worton, an 18-year-old from Brooksville, Fla., and his fellow recruits motivated each other as they sprinted, climbed and muscled their way through the 15 obstacles that make up the course. Worton is scheduled to graduate with his company today.

Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda  
Staff Writer

The recruits of Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, came together to conquer their fears at the Confidence Course on Parris Island on Sept. 10.

The recruits were given the opportunity to challenge themselves both mentally and physically on the 15 obstacles that make up the Confidence Course on their 12th training day. These recruits used teamwork to accomplish feats they found terrifying.

The reason recruits go through the course is to overcome any fears they may have, said Staff Sgt. Anthony Stockman, a 25-year-old Indianapolis native and drill instructor for Platoon 2090. They must learn to push each other past their anxieties.

Pvt. Micheal Stamper, Platoon 2089, who said he had a fear of heights, said his first thought was "holy crap," when he looked at the towering obstacles on the course. He said the most daunting event was the Tough One.

The Tough One requires recruits to climb a 12-foot rope, run across a platform of logs, then climb a ladder to the peak of the obstacle.

Once there, recruits must descend another rope back to the ground.

Initially, the course seemed terrifying, said Stamper, a 19-year-old Brooksville, Fla., native. However, he said he became more confident once he started maneuvering through the obstacles.

Stamper watched and learned as recruits who went before him triumphed over the obstacles. Stamper said he was encouraged by their success and was motivated to keep going and assist others who were struggling.

"Being able to face that fear today was a confidence boost," Stamper said. "After today, I feel I should be able to do some of those things better."

The recruits kept moving forward, encouraging one another through each obstacle while overlooking their own discomforts. Looking at the recruits beside him, Stamper said he was glad he had brothers around him who cared about his success.

These young men learned early in training that teamwork can accomplish the impossible as they battled through their struggles together. Today, they stand next to their brothers as Marines.

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# Echo Company's Graduates

## Honor Graduates

**Pfc. J. J. Stoy**, Byron, Ga.

Platoon 2088, Stoy was recruited by Sgt. Dunlop and trained by Gunnery Sgt. Amescua

**Pfc. Z. F. Lewis**, Sidney, Ohio

Platoon 2090, Lewis was recruited by Staff Sgt. Delarieuses and trained by Staff Sgt. McFadden

**Pfc. D. J. Kirby**, Allentown, N.J.

Platoon 2092, Kirby was recruited by Sgt. Ramirez and trained by Sgt. Moore

**Pfc. C. M. Casilio**, Hellertown, Pa.

Platoon 2094, Casilio was recruited by Staff Sgt. Hauck and trained by Staff Sgt. Smith

**Pfc. P. L. Freeman**, Birmingham, Ala.

Platoon 2089, Freeman was recruited by Staff Sgt. Kirkland and trained by Sgt. Henderson

**Pfc. T. C. Tipton Jr.**, Alexandria, Ky.

Platoon 2091, Tipton was recruited by Sgt. Sinclair and trained by Staff Sgt. Rhode

**Pfc. D. S. Slater**, Swainsboro, Ga.

Platoon 2093, Slater was recruited by Sgt. Roennebeck and trained by Sgt. Kern

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Recruits of Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, view a display of medals awarded to individuals throughout the Marine Corps' history Oct. 13 at the Parris Island Museum. Recruits toured the museum to learn and understand the history they would soon be part of as Marines. Echo Company is scheduled to graduate today.

## ECHO RECRUITS LEARN CORPS' HISTORY

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The recruits of Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, caught a glimpse of Marine Corps history during their tour of Parris Island's museum Oct. 13.

The museum tour was part of the eight hours of instruction on Marine Corps history recruits received during training.

The purpose of the tour is to visually show recruits how weapons and tactics have evolved since the founding of the Marine Corps in 1775.

The museum serves as a tool to support the depot's mission to train recruits by enforcing the core values of honor, courage and commitment, said Eric Junger, depot training officer and a member of the Living History Detachment.

Outside, the recruits viewed a special display from volunteer veterans. They were able to see the gear and weapons used by Marines during World War II such as basic tool kits and a Browning Automatic Rifle.

Recruits also listened to the veter-

ans tell their stories and learned how the core values have remained the same to this day.

"The biggest thing we can do is to train a basic Marine in learning honor, courage and commitment," said Junger.

Inside, the museum displayed exhibits depicting the beginning of the Marine Corps to its early engagements in Afghanistan.

A unique aspect of the museum is the theater. It showed recruits a 15-minute video about the purpose of recruit training and its ultimate goal of making new Marines.

For one recruit, the tour reminded him of why he enlisted.

"You get to see what the Marine Corps is and what they went through," said Pfc. Zafier Thompkins, 20, of Platoon 2089 and a native of Syracuse, N.Y. "You get to see the knowledge they have left behind and how they have progressed."

In the end, the recruits of Echo Company finished their day with greater insight into the history and challenges Marines have endured.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Notice to Mariners

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island is scheduled to conduct live-fire training Sunday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The marsh and waterways in the range impact area to include Archers Creek, Ribbon Creek, and Edding Creek will be closed to boater traffic. For questions regarding firing times and waterway closures please contact the Weapons and Field Training Battalion Range Control at 228-3170.

### Commandant's wife launches reading list for spouses, children

In the spirit of the Marine recommended reading lists often chosen by the Corps' commandant, the wife of the Marines' top general recently released her picks of books for spouses and children. Bonnie Amos, wife of Gen. James Amos, intends for the selections on "The First Lady of the Marine Corps Recommended Reading List" to provide relevant and tangible resources to military members and their families. "It can be lonely being a military spouse, but through these books we hope to provide inspiration and make a difference in people's lives," said Amos during a book signing at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Oct. 26. The books are expected to be available at the Parris Island library in the near future. Books may also be available at the exchange.

### For Spouses:

"Separated by Duty, United in Love" by Shellie Vandevorode  
 "1001 Things to Love about Military Life" by Tara Crooks, Starlett Henderson, Kathie Hightower and Holly Scherer  
 "Help! I'm a Military Spouse – I Get a Life Too!" by Kathie Hightower and Holly Scherer

"Confessions of a Military Wife" by Mollie Gross  
 "The Military Spouse's Employment Guide: Smart Job Choices for Mobile Lifestyles" by Janet I. Farley  
 "The Road Home Again: Smoothing the Transition Back from Deployment" by Elaine Gray Dumler  
 "Transformation: The Mindset You Need. The Body You Want. The Life You Deserve" by Bill Phillips  
 "Faith Deployed ... Again: More Daily Encouragement for Military Wives" by Jocelyn Green  
 "Courage After Fire: Coping Strategies for Troops Returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and Their Families" by Keith Armstrong, Dr. Suzanne Best, Dr. Paula Domenici and Bob Dole  
 "Wounded Warrior, Wounded Home: Hope and Healing for Families Living with PTSD and TBI" by Marshelle Carter Waddell and Kelly K. Orr  
 "The 17 Day Diet" by Mike Moreno  
 "Service Etiquette, 5th Edition" by Cherlynn Conetsco and Anna Hart  
 "A Families Guide to the Military for Dummies" by Sheryl Garrett and Sue Hoppin  
 "The Day After He Left for Iraq: A Story of Love, Family and Reunion" by Melissa Seligman  
 "Eating for Life" by Bill Phillips  
 "The Dream Giver" by Bruce Wilkinson  
 "Heroes at Home: Help and Hope for America's Military Families" by Ellie Kay

### For Children:

"Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops" by Jill Biden  
 "A Salute to Our Heroes: The U.S. Marines (A Marine Corps children's book)" by Brandon W. Barnett  
 "Our Daddy Is Invincible!" by Shannon Maxwell  
 "Big Boss Brain: Learning About Traumatic Brain Injuries" by Shannon Maxwell  
 "Uncle Sam's Kids: Moving Again Mom" by Angela Sportelli-Rehak



Photos by Lance Cpl. David Bessey

**Pfc. Matthew Breton, 21, Platoon 2089, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, renders a salute during the national anthem at Parris Island's Iwo Jima flag-raising statue before receiving his Eagle, Globe and Anchor on Nov 10. Breton is from West Haven, Conn.**

# BORN ON THE BIRTHDAY

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It is said that less than half of 1 percent of the American population ultimately makes the choice to join military forces and even fewer make the attempt to claim the title of Marine.

The recruits of Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, hiked to the finish line of the Crucible on Parris Island on Nov. 10, the Marine Corps' birthday, to claim their titles.

However, they were not alone. Members of the Living History Detachment joined them half way through their hike while wearing Marine Corps uniforms from different eras of the Corps' existence.

"The purpose of the Living History Detachment is to preserve the history of the military," said Steven Price, a founder of the LHD and a museum technician at the depot museum.

Plumes of smoke escaped from the trees from the side of the road as the recruits marched through Elliot's Beach. Like ghosts appearing before their eyes, the LHD members emerged through the smoke.

"Yesterday was history," the members shouted. "Today it is your heritage!"

For one recruit, those words motivated him to continue pushing forward.

"When they said 'Remember your heritage,' it was so inspiring to actually be a part of that and maybe one day leave our own mark in history," said Pfc. Joshua Babtist, 17, of Platoon 2094, and a native of Fort Washington, Md.

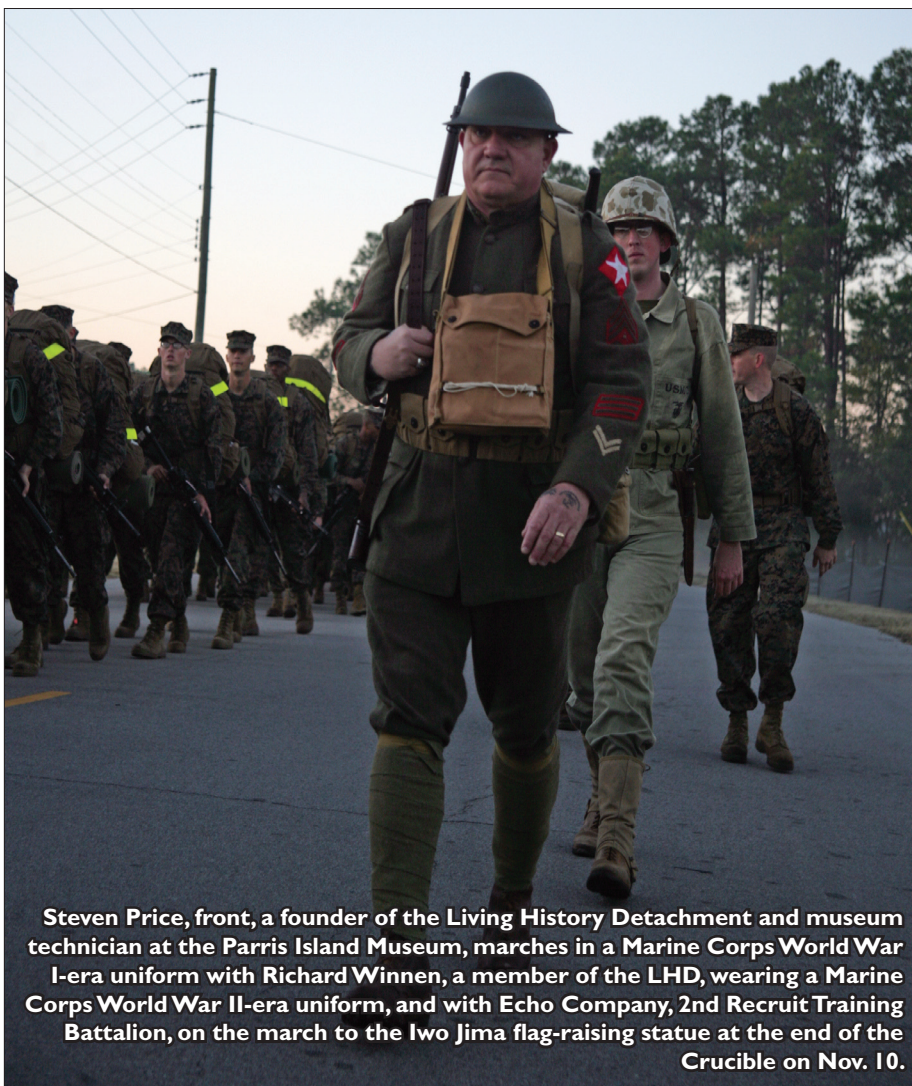
Detachment members march with a graduating company once a month, said Eric Junger, a member of LHD and the depot training officer.

However, for Echo Company, LHD marched with the recruits in honor of the Marine Corps birthday.

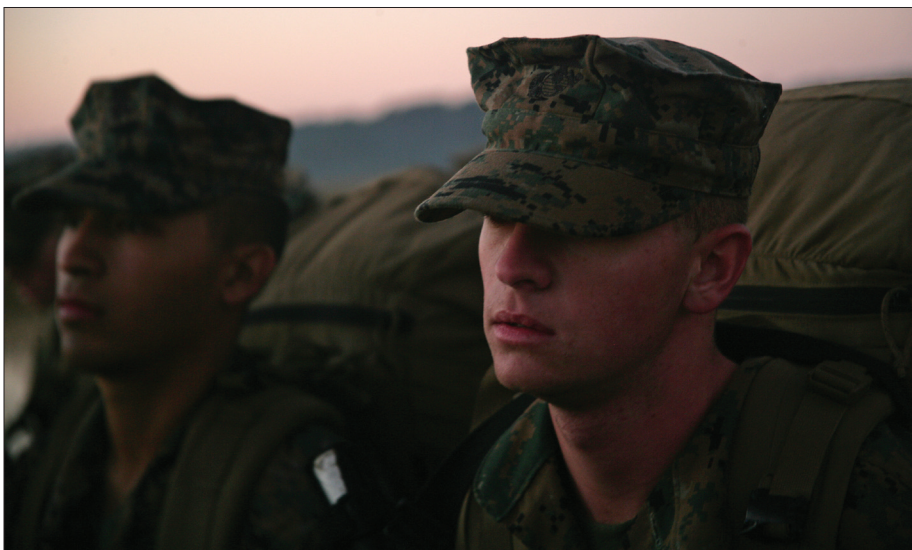
Just the idea of becoming a Marine on the Corps' birthday was enough for some recruits to push themselves to the finish at the Iwo Jima flag-raising statue to receive their Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

"It just makes all the pain in my feet and aches in my body just go away," said Pfc. Christopher Casilio, 21, Platoon 2094, and a native of Bethlehem, Pa.

With the Crucible behind them and only their future in the Marine Corps ahead, the new Marines are now able to create their own history and image in the Marine Corps.



**Steven Price, front, a founder of the Living History Detachment and museum technician at the Parris Island Museum, marches in a Marine Corps World War I-era uniform with Richard Winnen, a member of the LHD, wearing a Marine Corps World War II-era uniform, and with Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, on the march to the Iwo Jima flag-raising statue at the end of the Crucible on Nov. 10.**



**Rct. Roger Sherman, 20, Platoon 2088, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, tiredly walks in his platoon's formation during the nine-mile hike from the Crucible on Nov. 10. The recruits' final stretch took them across Drill Instructor Bridge to Parris Island's Iwo Jima flag-raising statue at the Peatross Parade Deck. Sherman, a Greenville, Tenn., native, is scheduled to graduate with his company today.**



Rct. Joseph Stoy, left, a 20-year-old from Byron, Ga., and Rct. Ronald Lewis, an 18-year-old from Fort Worth, Texas, apply their land navigation skills as they attempt to find their way through Parris Island's forested areas Oct. 25. Stoy and Byron, Platoon 2088, Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, received classes on how to operate a compass and find their position on a map prior to being sent into the woods. Echo Company is scheduled to graduate today.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda

# Echo tests land navigation skills

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Staff Writer

The recruits of Echo Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, discovered that trust is an essential component to building a strong brotherhood as they maneuvered through the densely forested areas of Parris Island during their land navigation training Oct. 25.

Recruits expressed this was the first time they had to rely solely on each other rather than their drill instructors in order to complete a task. Teamwork was essential for recruits to make it to their destinations.

"It felt liberating, making our own decisions for once," said Pfc. Javier Collado, Platoon 2089.

Recruits learned land navigation skills to build

self-confidence in their abilities to find any given destination using only a map and compass, said Cpl. Brandon Dockery, an instructor at the combat training area.

Collado, an 18-year-old from Rocky Hill, Conn., found that making it through the thick underbrush was not a task he could accomplish alone.

Recruits paired up and entered the woods with a set of coordinates to follow. They started on one side of the forest and used their compasses and maps to direct them to designated locations on the other side.

"We became more dependent on one another," said Collado. "We had to open up to each other's ideas and trust that our partner would get us through these woods."

Collado's partner, Pvt. Dustin Dresbach, Platoon 2089, said he had taken for granted being self-suf-

ficient prior to recruit training. He said the experience made him realize how much he had to trust his partner to accomplish the task at hand.

Dresbach, a 21-year-old from Chelsea, Ala., said he relied on Collado for his every movement. He said he had to trust in Collado's ability to properly read the compass and direct them toward the end without getting lost.

Collado said after they found their way through the maze of trees, spider webs and thorn bushes, they built a strong, brotherly bond he feels will last a long time.

The 13-week journey to earn the title was one the recruits completed side by side. These young men trekked through the woods as recruits together, just as they march together across the Peatross Parade Deck as Marines.

