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## Bravo perfects performance



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Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael Rogers

Sgt. Antwan Jones, a drill instructor of Platoon 1093, Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, marches with his platoon during the company's initial drill evaluation on Parris Island, S.C., on Oct. 8. Bravo Company graduates today.

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Photo by Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Hill

Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds, commanding general of Parris Island and the Eastern Recruiting Region, left, and Rose Krauss, head librarian at the Parris Island and Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort libraries, cut a ribbon, symbolizing the opening of a new section in the library on Parris Island, S.C., called the First Lady of the Marine Corps Reading List. The new section of the library is comprised of 26 books that the commandant's wife, Bonnie Amos, recommends that all service members' spouses read in order to be more knowledgeable about the military.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda

Recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, repeat historical facts called out by the drill instructors during their 10-km, or 6.2-miles, hike to the rifle range Oct. 12 on Parris Island, S.C. The recruits needed to know these facts for their written test during training.

### Bravo starts together, finishes together

Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda  
Staff Writer

The recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, strengthened their brotherhood through teamwork during their 10-km, or 6.2 miles, hike to the rifle range Oct. 12 on Parris Island, S.C.

The recruits worked as a team to complete the hike. They showed they understood the value of working together and the concept of never leaving a Marine behind.

The recruits started their hike before dawn. They had to ensure everyone finished together, as the hike was not

an individual effort, said Sgt. Justin Morphis, a drill instructor for Platoon 1093. The hike was a team effort and had to be completed as a team. If the recruits leave someone behind, it shows they have not grasped the Corps values of honor, courage

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# Bravo Company's Graduates

## Honor Graduates

**Pfc. R. D. Lopez**, Stroudsburg, Pa.  
Platoon 1088, Lopez was recruited by  
Staff Sgt. Wilson and trained by Staff Sgt. Carrington Jr.

**Pfc. M. R. Burchfield**, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Platoon 1090, Burchfield was recruited by  
Sgt. Capane and trained by Sgt. Henderson

**Pfc. D. P. Bristot**, East Providence, R.I.  
Platoon 1092, Bristot was recruited by  
Sgt. Tiberio and trained by Staff Sgt. Rudolph

**Pfc. M. E. Cody**, Newport News, Va.  
Platoon 1089, Cody was recruited by  
Sgt. Lund and trained by Staff Sgt. Espinoza

**Pfc. S. Maldonado Jr.**, LaBelle, Fla.  
Platoon 1091, Maldonado Jr. was recruited by  
Staff Sgt. Christie and trained by Staff Sgt. Hudson

**Pfc. Q. M. Thaxton**, Bayonne, N.J.  
Platoon 1093, Thaxton was recruited by  
Staff Sgt. Reyes and trained by Staff Sgt. Wells

**Pfc. C. K. Gordon**, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
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# Bravo Company takes on the gas chamber

Lance Cpl.  
Caitlin Maluda  
Staff Writer

The recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, were one breath closer to becoming Marines after battling the effects of CS gas, a riot controlling substance, and their own instincts to flee the gas chamber while on Parris Island, S.C., on Oct. 9.

Recruits face numerous physical challenges during training. However, the gas chamber posed a mental struggle for these young men. The recruits of Bravo Company had to find the discipline within themselves to keep their mind stable to make it through the chamber.

Most people do not get the opportunity to go through a gas chamber. Recruits build confidence when dealing with the mental struggles that come with feeling the effects of the gas in the chamber, said

Cpl. Brandon Dockery, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense specialist.

The gas used in the chamber makes its way into the pores of the skin, causing a burning sensation. The gas also causes restricted breathing, nasal discharge and watering of the eyes.

"When you walk in the chamber, it is like your last moment to breathe. You immediately start feeling the gas burning your skin," said Pvt. Kevin Butler, of Platoon 1093. "You just have to close your eyes and hold your breath as instructed. My main thought was to stay relaxed."

One second, the recruits are completely fine, and the next, they lose control, said Dockery. They forget what they were taught and begin to panic.

Butler, an 18-year-old from Chantilly, Va., said his biggest fear was not being able to breathe when he first heard of entering the gas chamber.

Butler said the recruits began overreacting and letting their fear take control when they stepped into the chamber and felt the effects of the gas stinging their skin.

Pvt. Hector Hernandez-Cabrera, of Platoon 1093, a 23-year-old from Kissimmee, Fla., said although the chamber was intimidating, he realized he was able to keep his composure while the gas took effect on his body.

Dockery, a 24-year-old from Trinity, N.C., said the recruits will know they can overcome and adapt to any situation as Marines. There is no task the Marine Corps can give them that they cannot accomplish.

The recruits of Bravo Company faced a fear that took more than muscle to get through. That same mental strength has brought these young men through recruit training, and before the world as Marines.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda

A drill instructor of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, waits inside the gas chamber for the recruits to enter while at Page field on Parris Island, S.C., on Oct. 9. Drill instructors supervise the recruits while in the chamber in case a recruit needs assistance with his mask. Bravo Company graduates today.



The recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, line up outside the gas chamber at Page Field on Parris Island, S.C., on Oct. 9. The recruits go into the chamber one row at a time.

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and commitment, said Morphis. Without these values they will not become Marines. There are no individuals, only the platoon.

Recruits such as Michael Adams, Platoon 1089, 18, from Pittsburgh, said they knew everyone was suffering similar pains. However, recruits worked together and encouraged each other to keep going.

"The greatest feeling is knowing I did my job," said Rct. Joseph Gonzalez, Platoon 1089.

Gonzalez said he learned during training there are no individuals but one solid unit. He kept the recruits beside him from giving up or slowing down, said the 19-year-old from Birmingham, Ala.

This hike was a significant point in training for most recruits, said Morphis, a 31-year-old Wichita, Kan., native. This is where they strengthen their bond of brotherhood.

The recruits' use of teamwork helped them on the hike and will assist them throughout their Marine Corps careers. The recruit beside them may one day be the Marine covering their back in combat. Having learned to understand that nothing is an individual effort in the Corps, these young men stand on Peatross Parade Deck today as Marines.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda

Recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, hike out to the rifle range on Parris Island, S.C., on Oct 12.

## BRAVO COMPANY SIGHTS IN ON SUCCESS

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The recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, gained the skills and knowledge to properly use the M16 A-4 service rifle and become qualified Marine Corps shooters while on the rifle range Oct. 22 - 26 on Parris Island, S.C.

Recruits are within arms reach of their weapons almost 24 hours a day for their 13 weeks of training. However, they do not use their rifle to shoot until their seventh week in training. The recruits learn how to shoot accurately during their time on the rifle range. These skills may one day save their life as well as the lives of countless others.

"It's what Marines do," said Staff Sgt. Emanuel

Hudson, a drill instructor for Bravo Company. "It's our profession. Every Marine is a rifleman and has to understand the basic fundamentals of rifle marksmanship."

Along with basic shooting techniques comes a general understanding of unselfishness for the recruits.

These young men will depend upon each other in combat one day, said Hudson. They have to understand these skills are not about them, it's about being able to properly use them to protect others.

Not every recruit feels reassured even with these thoughts in mind. Some have never shot a weapon before, much less an automatic rifle.

It's different from how it is depicted in video games, said Pfc. Torrel Washington, Platoon 1093. These are real

rounds being shot.

Washington said he was nervous about qualification day because he had never shot before.

The drill instructors emphasized that it is not only a person's own life being protected but the lives of everyone around them, said Washington, 20, from La Plata, Md. He said he ensured he was prepared for qualification day by paying close attention to all the classes about the fundamentals of marksmanship given to the recruits.

These recruits have become basic marksman. They have obtained the skills and knowledge to save themselves and the ones they swore to protect. The recruits of Bravo Company walk in front of the world today as Marines.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda

Rct. Larry Elrod, Platoon 1088, Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, removes a magazine from his magazine pouch to load into the rifle before firing on the 500-yard line at the range Oct. 26 on Parris Island, S.C. Elrod, an 18-year-old from Knoxville, Tenn., was taught the value of using his skills with the rifle to protect not only himself but others around him.



Cpl. Noah Berry, a marksmanship coach, answers questions from the recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion before they begin shooting from the 500-yard line at the range Oct. 26 on Parris Island, S.C. Recruits who had never shot before used this opportunity to ensure they understood how to properly apply the fundamentals of marksmanship before they shot. Bravo Company graduates today.



Photos by Lance Cpl. Michael Rogers

Platoon 1093, Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, performs drill techniques during their initial drill evaluation on Parris Island, S.C., on Oct. 8.

## Bravo Company drills for Gold

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The recruits of Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, competed during their initial drill evaluation on Parris Island on Oct. 8.

Recruits hone these abilities throughout their training for three specific days; the days of their initial and final drill evaluations and their graduation ceremony.

However, drill is not just an opportunity for recruits to show off their precision movements.

Learning the techniques instill instant, willing obedience to all orders, self-reliance and teamwork, said Gunnery Sgt. Randy Barlow,

regimental drill master for Parris Island.

Drill is one of the methods drill instructors use to instill discipline, said Sgt. Antwan Jones, a drill instructor from Platoon 1093. It also builds their confidence as a platoon and brings them together.

The competition between platoons is intended to drive recruits to try harder and give their best effort.

“When they see another platoon, they want to strive to be as sharp and as crisp as them,” Jones said.

Drill is conducted throughout training, all the way to their final moment on Parris Island – the graduation ceremony.

Drilling is a meticulous process. The platoons will practice for intervals of approximately 20 minutes, split by periods of instruction to hone and perfect their skill, Jones said. Drilling sessions can last one - two hours.

The two competitions are used as a way to evaluate the recruits and show the progress they have made.

The recruits and drill instructors are given a final score that helps dictate which platoon will be the honor platoon. They are also given something much more lasting and valuable: the discipline they will carry with them throughout their time as U.S. Marines.



Rct. Carlos Requena, a 17-year-old from Clearwater, Fla., Platoon 1093, Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, awaits the command for the next drill movement during Bravo Company's initial drill evaluation on Parris Island, S.C., on Oct. 8.



Sgt. Antwan Jones, a drill instructor of Platoon 1093, Bravo Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, prepares to give the next command to his platoon during Bravo Company's initial drill evaluation on Parris Island, S.C., on Oct. 8.

## Mike Battery conducts live-fire training

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NORTH FUJI MANEUVER AREA, Shizuoka prefecture, Japan – Marines and sailors with Mike Battery conducted live-fire training with M777A2 155-mm howitzers and crew-served weapons during the Artillery Relocation Training Program at the North Fuji Maneuver Area, Japan on Nov. 10-19.

The routine training promotes regional stability and security by allowing the artillery battalion and batteries on Okinawa to improve their ability to support III Marine Expeditionary Force's role in the defense of Japan under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

Mike Battery, which usually trains at its home station of Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., is exercising its artillery capabilities in unfamiliar terrain while assigned to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III MEF.

"I think it's a good opportunity for the Marines to get out of Twentynine Palms and experience a new environment and culture," said 1st Lt. Richard O. Littlefield, executive officer for the battery. "We're training hard out here and preparing for any contingencies that might happen in our area of operations."

The training allows Mike Battery to increase its proficiency in the core task of providing fire support to maneuver units, which could be called upon in any climate or terrain.

"This is good training for our Marines. We're really working on our mission-essential tasks," said Staff Sgt. Shawn J. Dudley, battery gunnery sergeant. "This gives us an opportunity to hone our skills as an artillery battery, and I think we're accomplishing our goals."

Due to the dense vegetation in the maneuver area, occupying a gun position becomes challenging for the battery. Positioning of howitzers is dictated by terrain.

"In Twentynine Palms, it's a lot more open and it's a desert environment," said Littlefield. "Out here, the positions we put the artillery in are a lot smaller, so organizing the battery in order to be effective in these areas presents a new challenge for us."

Despite the different environment, the Marines and sailors of Mike Battery remain proficient in their duties and each member of the unit still has a specific role they must perform in order for artillery rounds to impact on time and on target in support of friendly units.

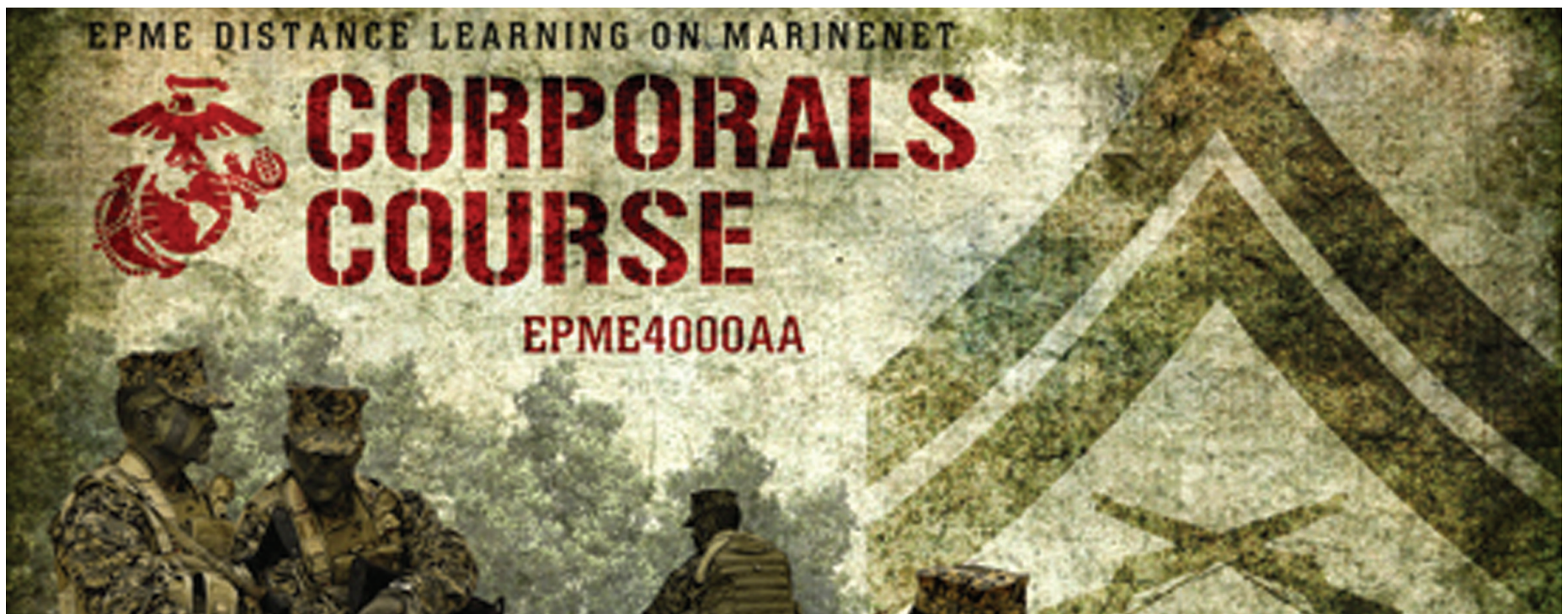
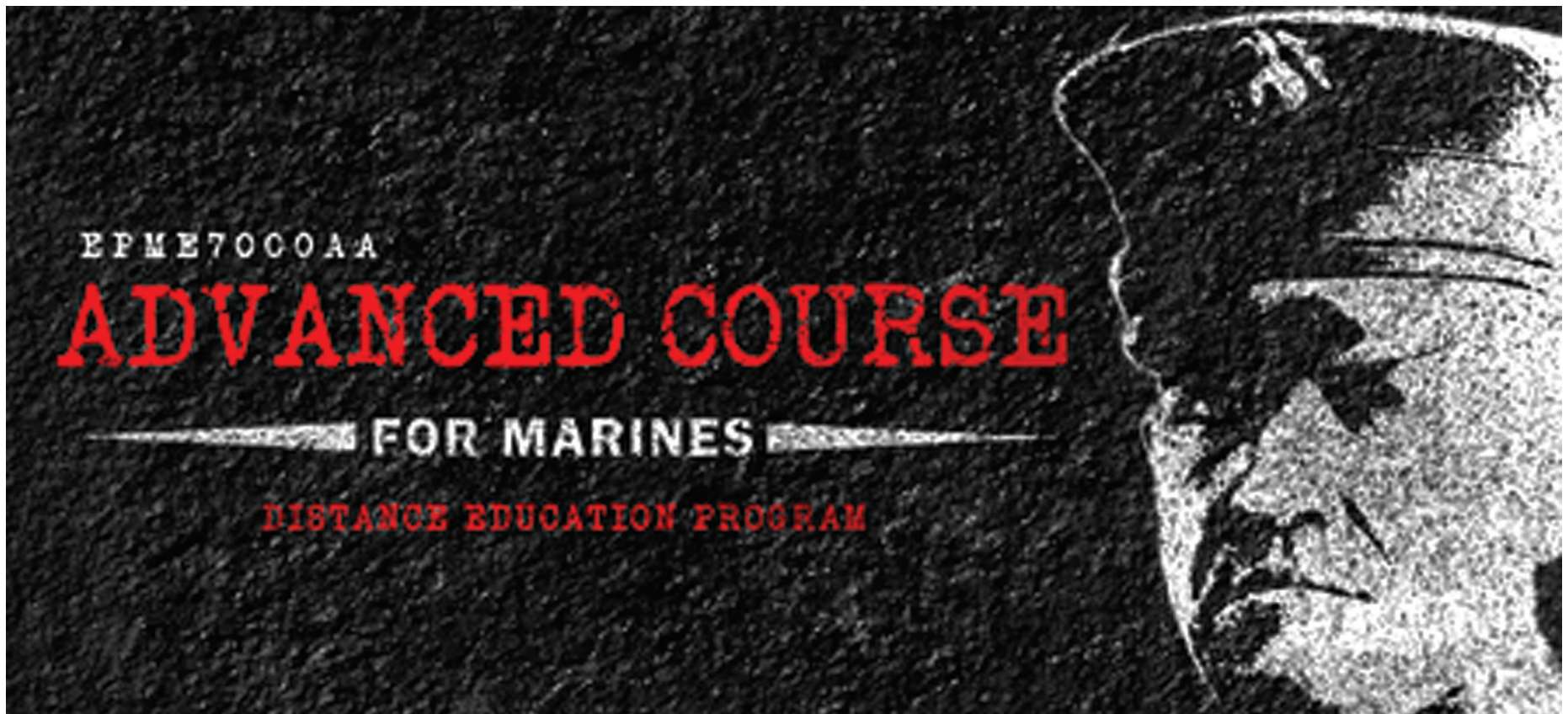
Throughout the training, the battery's Marines took advantage of the training opportunities to maintain their readiness.

"I think the past 10 days of training gave the Marines a chance to maintain the basic skills they have been taught," said Littlefield. "The Marines worked together on many different events."



Photo by Lance Cpl. Katelyn Hunter

**Marines fire an M777A2 155-mm howitzer during a demonstration for local government officials and media at the North Fuji Maneuver Area, Shizuoka prefecture, Japan, Nov. 13. The demonstration allowed Marines to showcase their proficiency to visitors attending the event as part of the Artillery Relocation Training Program. Mike Battery is currently assigned to 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.**



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