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MCRD promotes healthy lifestyle

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Marine Corps Community Services is slated to kick off its second annual 101 Days of Summer Campaign at the Wellness Expo aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, May 11.

The 101 Days of Summer will create activities all summer long that promote responsible use of alcohol as well as the elimination of illegal drug use within the military.

The Wellness Expo will serve as the first day of the campaign and will promote healthy lifestyle choices to all MCRD personnel through educational materials, interactive activities, fitness demonstrations, health screenings and a farmers market.

MCCS is planning on having an event every week of the summer to keep it a consistent thought on the Marines' minds. This year's event will also host all who want to attend as opposed to last year's events that were only able to host a few Marines.

The 101 Days of Summer Campaign will consist of two separate competitions, the Honor Competition and Oorah Competition. The Honor Competition will encourage

increased urinalysis testing, and a reduction of alcohol-related incidents and DUIs. Each command will start with a set amount of points. These points will get deducted for every month if the minimum amount of Marines are not tested or if there are any alcohol-related incidents. The command with the most points at the end of the competition will receive an award.

The Oorah Competition will challenge the commands to participate in the designated events that promote healthy alternatives to alcohol consumption. The competition will include a variety of events such as fitness challenges, a video game tournament, scavenger hunt and many others. The commands will receive points based on participation in each event.

The fitness challenges will run between certain hours of the day where Marines can show up to complete the challenge and their score will be recorded to determine a winner at the end.

The campaign will come to a close August 26 with a functional fitness competition. The winner of each competition will receive a plaque that will be displayed in the fitness center and a cash award deposited into their command's funds.

Chief of Staff retires after forty years



Lance Cpl. Michael Ito/Chevron

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region Chief of Staff Col. Carl F. Huenefeld, stands before the depot and WRR's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, and depot sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Sylvester D. Daniels, during his formal retirement ceremony. The ceremony was held on the depot's Shepherd Memorial Field March 25. Huenefeld has honorably served in the Marine Corps since June 1971 and will officially retire July 31.

Women veterans exhibit opens at vets museum

BY PFC CRYSTAL DRUERY
Chevron staff

Many women have honorably served in the United States military since 1778, when reportedly Deborah Samson of Plympton, Mass., disguised herself as a young man and enlisted herself in the Army. She served for three years before she was discovered to be a female and was discharged from the service.

This topic is just one of many subjects the female veterans of World War II discussed March 19 at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center for the opening of the women's military exhibit.

They took time out of their weekend to help better educate people on the many struggles military women have overcome to get where they are today.

The female veterans that spoke represented the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. All of the females brought different stories to the table from WWII, highlighting different aspects of female military history.

The Veterans Museum and Memorial Center is the former chapel of the Naval Hospital of Inspiration Point in San Diego's Balboa Park. The chapel was built during WWII and now bears one-of-a-kind artifacts.

The artifacts currently on display in the women's veteran exhibit vary from female Marine scrapbooks dating back to WWII, to a female Navy officer's cover. The exhibit also displays a few of the female dress uniforms from each service, and the inventory is expected to expand.

Despite the rich presence of female history currently present in the exhibit, the museum hopes to gather more artifacts to help better educate the public and those who come to visit. Jim Loh, the assistant curator and a San Diego native, explains how they are hoping the opening of the exhibit will have caught peoples eyes.

"The World War II veterans speaking today brought up that they didn't realize the value of their old military items, they are happy to help contribute to developing the greater story, women in the military," said Loh.

These females among other veterans are working with the exhibit to help give a women's perspective of what was important to them when they served years ago. The Veterans Museum and Memorial is also working with the San Diego Women's Museum, to help allow rotation of the artifacts on display like the traditional museums.

"The traditional museums

rotate their artifacts on a regular basis helping better educate the public on history by allowing them to see more from the past. That's what we're trying to accomplish here," said Loh.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Command Museum director, Barbara McCurtis, was also among the crowd at the exhibit opening showing her support of the military community.

It's good that it gives hope to young females to say 'I can do that,' but they won't get that inspiration if they only see men in history accomplishing great things, said Barbara.



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Department of Defense establishes confidential sexual assault helpline

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Underreporting of sexual assault poses a serious challenge to military readiness according to the Department of Defense. The potential costs and consequences of sexual assault are extremely high and victim support is a key component of the DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response policy.

DoD is launching its new “Safe Helpline” this month, as part of its victim care program. The helpline is a confidential crisis support service for adult members of the DoD community affected by sexual assault.

To establish the service, DoD has contracted with the Rape, Abuse and Incent National Network to provide three new confidential, anonymous channels to assist the victims of sexual assault.

- They are:**
- An online hotline with anonymous chat capability to enable victims to reach out for one-on-one help via an instant-messaging type format.
 - A telephone hotline to provide live one-on-one support, advice, reporting information and referrals.
 - A short message service (texting) to provide automated referrals to

Sexual Assault Response Coordinators. The DoD Safe Helpline is confidential, free and available worldwide 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Help is just a click, call or text away.

- To access:**
- Go to www.SafeHelpline.org to receive live, one-on-one confidential help with a trained professional through a secure instant-messaging format. The website also provides vital information about recovering from and reporting sexual assault.
 - Call the telephone hotline at (877) 995-5247 to speak with trained Safe Helpline staff for personalized advice and support. Safe Helpline staff can also transfer users to installation-based SARCs/on-call Victim Advocates, civilian rape crisis centers or the Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
 - Text your location to 55-247 inside the U.S. and (202) 470-5546 outside the U.S., to receive automated contact information for the SARC at your installation or base.
- These three additional confidential avenues for help will be a valuable resource for victims of sexual assault that allows them to seek resources and crisis support anonymously, leading to victims reporting sexual assaults and getting needed care.

Your cap and gown is a uniform

BY JANICE M. HAGAR
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For the last couple of years, I’ve written commentaries about a topic that pops in the national news every spring: new Marines who want to wear their dress blue uniforms to their high school graduations vice the cap and gown.

These new Marines are those hard-chargers, who earn their high school diploma mid-school year, come to recruit training and then return home in time to participate with their fellow senior classmates in the traditional graduation ceremony. These new Marines (and their families) are proud of those dress blues and rightly so. But when Marines are told they must wear the cap and gown, they become upset. News stories start showing up in the local papers. It’s kind of sad because these new Marines are missing an important point. It’s a point they should understand already. They’ve spent three months learning about uniformity, but yet they don’t want to be in uniform with their fellow graduates.

For those future Marines who are here now at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego or at MCRD Parris Island, S.C., who plan on walking in their high school

graduation ceremonies in May or June, please respect your school and wear the cap and gown. It really is the uniform of the day for that event.

The cap and gown are a part of a uniform called Academia Regalia. For high school graduation, the cap and gown is basic. It may be black or it may be the school colors, but it basic in nature. Those graduates who are in the National Honor Society will wear a sash or cord that signifies they are graduating with honors. The college undergraduate cap and gown is also basic in nature. However, those who graduate with a masters degree will have a hood (similar to a choir sash) draped around their necks. The color of the hood represents the discipline, or area of study) of the degree earned. For instance, a masters degree graduate with a light blue hood means they earned their degree in education. Social work is citron. Law is purple. Journalism is crimson. You can look at a graduate’s cap and gown and know what he or she has studied. Those who are earning their doctorates will have a gown that features three bars of velvet across the sleeve.

When you graduate from recruit training, you are a basically-trained Marine. You wear the emblem and the National Defense

ribbon. Your dress blue trousers are blue. As you progress through your career, you will earn the red blood stripe when you become a noncommissioned officer. You will wear ribbons that signify where you’ve been, what wars or conflicts you have participated in, and how long you have conducted yourself in a good manner.

The point is your uniform starts off basic and as you move through the Marine Corps, people will be able to know a great deal about you just by what you have earned for your uniform. It’s basic like a high school graduation cap and gown. But that cap and gown changes too as folks move up through academia. Those colors and velvet stripes are earned, too.

Your high school graduation is a special time. It’s a milestone, just like your graduation day from recruit training. Your school’s cap and gown is a uniform. Even though it’s basic in nature, it is a well-earned privilege to wear them. Wear your dress blues to your graduation parties and family get-togethers. Be proud of them. But be proud of your opportunity to wear your cap and gown. It’s also the respectful thing to do for your school. Honor those who helped get you to where you are today. Congratulations Class of 2011!

BRIEFS

Comedy night
Laugh it up tonight at the Recreation Center. MCRD’s Comedy Night features Chris Clobber, London Brown, Andrew Norelli and a special guest. Doors open at 7 p.m., and show time begins at 8. This is a free event for all authorized patrons. Tickets can be picked up at the Tickets and Tour Office or at the Recreation Center. Call (619) 524-4446 for details.

Volunteer income tax assistance center
The depot tax center will be open for walk-ins and appointments Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. through April 18. The VITA center is found in Bldg. 12, in the Legal Services Center at 3700 Chosin Ave. Call (619) 524-5273 for an appointment. Enter through the rear entrance facing the parade deck. Tax preparers will be available from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays. Bring social security cards, W-2s, 1099s, proof of deposit information and all other tax-related documents. If you have internet access and are unable to use the VITA tax center, go to <http://www.irs.gov/app/freeFile/welcome.jsp> to prepare your tax return online.

Columbia University admissions interviews
The Columbia University dean of admissions will be conducting screening interviews in the MCIWEST CG’s Conference Room (Rm. 292, Bldg. 1160, mainstage Camp Pendleton) from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday. Screening is for undergrads only (no advanced degree candidates). Marines who pass the interview process will be enrolled and start freshman classes approximately Sept. 1. Columbia University prerequisites are: SAT Score – 1150 (Math + Critical Reading) or ACT Score – 25. Test scores must not be more than 8 years old. The screening is for Marines seeking to earn an undergraduate degree when transitioning back to civilian life after separation from active duty or retirement. For information call Casey Roberts at (760) 213-0957 or e-mail casey@roberts.net.

Emergency preparedness
The emergency preparedness theme for March is “Make Disaster Kits.” Don’t wait until it’s too late! Visit www.espfocus.org or MCRD San Diego’s Website and click on the emergency preparedness link for full details.

Walking club
Get out of the office on your lunch break and come walk and talk with Health Promotions! Starting April 4, participants will meet at the flagpole every Monday and Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., and explore different walking routes around base. The club is open to all fitness levels. Walks will vary in length from 20-60 minutes depending on the group’s interest that day, and will allow for different walking paces and turnaround points for those who desire a shorter walk or who need to get back to work. Call Andrea Callahan at (619) 524-8913 for information, or contact her at CallahanAL@usmc-mccs.org.

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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -- Sgt. Jeremy Garland (right), combat marksmanship coach, Delta Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion discusses motorcycle and vehicle issues with Oceanside Police Department Motor Officer Gene Gruntowicz during a safety and family readiness expo March 18. The WFTBn–sponsored event was held to allow Marines and their family members an opportunity to connect with all the specialists and resources available to them to ensure readiness and safety on and off the job.

Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: “Should Marines be allowed to wear their dress blues instead of the cap and gown, during academic graduation ceremonies?”



“They should absolutely not wear their uniform. Just as you graduate recruit training in a Marine Corps uniform, you should graduate high school in the appropriate uniform. Either situation signifies the completion of a major milestone in life.”
Lance Cpl. Eva Barton, training clerk, Headquarters Co.



“He should be able to wear his blues. That lets him show his pride for being a Marine. Pride is not something that should be disallowed.”
Gunnery Sgt. Baron Rice, student, Recruiter School



“He graduated. He’s a Marine. He can wear his blues wherever he wants.”
1st Sgt. Darryl Rush, company first sergeant, Special Training Co.

Marine unit recovers 240 weapons caches

BY SGT. JESSE STENTE
Regimental Combat Team 1

MARJAH, Afghanistan -- Like tomb raiders, the Marines unearth the deadly treasures of those who no longer rule Helmand province. Scouring dry creek beds and abandoned compounds, they collect caches of AK-47s, Soviet era grenades and homemade explosives buried by the insurgents.

Capt. Walker Koury, the commanding officer with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, said his troops find caches every day as citizens of Northern Marjah warm to the Marines.

“I think this makes it much more difficult for them to return,” said Koury, addressing the possibility of an insurgent spring campaign in the area.

For Fox Company, weapons cache finds are the most tangible evidence of the insurgent’s woes in northern Marjah. The company has averaged three per day over the last three months, accumulated more than 240 since the beginning of their deployment almost five months ago, and accounted for more cache finds than any other Marine company in Afghanistan, Koury said.

Koury, from Nashville, Tenn., said the increased rate of cache finds is a by-product of the growing support for Marines in Northern Marjah.

“If the people support the Marines, they’ll tell them that the (insurgents) are coming,” explained Koury. “Who’s going to spot the (insurgents)? Not us. The people. Because they’re going to see the (insurgents) moving with the weapons, so that’s (why the insurgents) are having to hide all of this stuff ... What they’ll do is hide the weapons where their going to conduct the attack.”

“So therefore,” concluded Koury, “I’m literally attacking their ambush position, but they’re not there; they’re weapons are.”

1st Lt. Shane Harden, the Fox Company executive officer, noted a significant decrease in insurgent small arms attacks since the beginning of the deployment. Harden said firefights used to be a daily occurrence. Now, he said, more than two weeks have passed since their last engagement with the enemy. Harden, from Dublin, Ga., believes the decrease in violence is directly related to the increase in cache finds.

Koury, whose company supports 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, said the turnaround in Northern Marjah is the by-product of a change in command philosophy. The former battalion focused more on destroying the enemy, whereas 3/9 and Fox Company have concentrated more on building relationships with the locals, Koury said.

Harden noted that Fox Company and 3/9 face a weaker enemy than past Marine units in the area – units that adopted a more aggressive approach by necessity, he said. He conceded that Fox Company’s approach wouldn’t have been possible in the spring of 2010, when local insurgent forces were a more formidable threat, and he credited previous battalions for laying the groundwork for the present phase of counterinsurgency operations in the region. Nevertheless, he said, Fox Company saw no progress until a point early in the deployment, when they shifted their focus from killing the enemy to embracing the community.

Koury illustrated the problem Marines have had in the past.

“Say you get attacked, and you go through – you break people’s stuff,” he said. “You point weapons at people, and every time your (base) gets shot at, you return with machine gun fire. Now what are the people going to think about you? You can see it however you want, but they’re not going to like you.”

“The next day, the (insurgents) come

by, and they go up to these people and say, Hey, you know the guys who broke your door? The guy who just pointed that weapon at your kid? That guy who searched your house? He’s coming down the road in 15 minutes. We’re going to put this bomb in the road, and don’t you say anything to him.”

Koury looked up, breaking off the narrative. “Would you say anything to him? Would you tell him there’s a bomb in the road?”

In Northern Marjah, the people will, asserted Koury, because the Fox Company Marines have avoided endangering the civilian population in pursuit of insurgents.

Sgt. Gerry Cariaga, a squad leader with Fox Company, said he’s surprised at how much of the deployment he’s spent talking to people and searching for buried weapons. He said departing Marines from the last unit warned that violence would resume with the changing of seasons.

“They said, ‘Hey, once it gets hotter, it’s going to get worse.’”

Cariaga, from Solsona, Ilocos Norte, Phillippines, said he’s sometimes disappointed by the unfulfilled prophecy. He sometimes misses the firefights, he explained, but overall, he’s glad that his company has found a safer, more effective way to operate.

“If you treat people with respect, they will respect you,” Cariaga observed.

Koury attributes the company’s success – the uncovered caches, burgeoning public support and reduced hostility – to Marine discipline. Marines prefer the gallantry of combat to playing the role of neighborhood watch, but they will always restrain their natural aggression for the sake of mission accomplishment, he said.

“You can kill every (insurgent), but if you don’t have the support of the people, it doesn’t matter,” Koury said. “In fact, you don’t have to kill any (insurgents), and you can win.”



Sgt. Jesse Stente/Regimental Combat Team 1

Lance Cpl. Parker Hobbs, a Boston native and combat engineer with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, uses a metal detector to search for weapons caches in a village in Southern Marjah, March 23, during Operation Watchtower. Watchtower, devised by Regimental Combat Team 1, targeted suspected Taliban bed-down and supply locations in Central Helmand province, Afghanistan. The operation, which included four battalions from RCT-1, ran in conjunction with Marine patrols near the Pakistan border to pre-empt a possible influx of Taliban fighters this spring.

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Rifles fly as members of the Marine Corps' Silent Drill Team perform during their March 12 visit to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The drill team and the Battle Color Detachment put on a display of precision close order drill and entertained more than 500 San Diegans.



'The Commandant's Own' performed a total of six songs, including the 1896 John Philip Sousa classic "The Stars and Stripes Forever." This wrapped up their performance, making their way for the second half of the program.



The Silent Drill Platoon performed complex drill movements across the black parade deck March 12. Wearing sharp dress blue uniforms, they slapped their gloves against hand-polished, 10-and-a-half-pound rifles to stay in harmony with one another.



The purpose of the Silent Drill Platoon is to showcase the precision and professionalism of the Marine Corps. They displayed that on Marine Corps Recruit Depot's parade deck March 12.

Ceremonial rifles soar for San Diego

BY PFC. CRYSTAL DRUERY
Chevron staff

Rifles and drum beats soared into the air at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, March 12, as the Marines of the Battle Color Detachments put on a thrilling display of precision drill and harmonious music.

As everyone in the crowd anxiously awaited for the parade to kick off that hot Saturday afternoon.

The Drum and Bugle Corps opened the program with the popular Broadway song “Don’t Rain on my Parade.” This piece was made famous by Barbra Streisand who performed it in both the Broadway musical and the film version of ‘Funny Girl.’

Then the Commandant’s Own marched onto the parade deck as they rounded the flagpole in a crisp formation, making their way into the crowd’s view on the parade

deck. They continued with four other songs and finished their performance with the 1896 John Philip Sousa classic “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” as they made way for the second half of the program.

After waiting at parade rest, the Silent Drill Platoon popped to attention and entered the reviewing area. They began their performance of complex drill movements across the black parade deck. Wearing sharp dress blue uniforms, they slapped their gloves against hand-polished, 10-and-a-half-pound M1 Garand rifles to stay in harmony with one another.

The Silent Drill Platoon consists of 24-riflemen who conduct an intense-drill performance without spoken cadence. The Marines drill with the M1 Garand affixed with bayonets and their performance always includes an impressive rifle inspection sequence

involving complex rifle spins and tosses.

The purpose of the Silent Drill Platoon is to showcase the discipline and professionalism of the Marine Corps, which is exactly what was displayed on the depot’s parade deck.

“We spend countless hours of drilling and perform more than 100 shows a year,” said Cpl. Austin Gullett, a Silent Drill Platoon member from Phoenix.

In 1948, the Silent Drill Platoon was put together for a one time demonstration for an evening parade, but due to the overpowering response, they soon became a regular part of the routine for the parades at Marine Barracks, Washington D.C.

The Marines chosen for this platoon are selected from the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejune, N. C., through interviews and background screenings conducted by barracks personnel.

The basic requirements include height ranging from 5’11” to 6’1” and maintain strict adherences to height and weight requirements. Unless selected to become one of the two rifle inspectors, they serve a ceremonial tour of two years.

Cpl. Michael Hintz, drill master and rifle inspector from Capers Villa, Mich., is on his third year assigned to the Silent Drill Platoon.

“Our performances are what reflect our intense long practices,” said Hintz.

While performing at numerous events throughout America, the Marines still maintain their infantry skills throughout the year at the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va., and other bases.

After giving the depot a show, the Battle Color Detachment headed to Atlanta for their next performance.



Pfc. Crystal Druery

Members of the Drum and Bugle Corps perform for staff, family and friends of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 12. These musicians have the distinction of being the only drum and bugle corps in America’s armed services.



Pfc. Crystal Druery

‘The Commandant’s Own’ kicked off the parade by playing the popular Broadway standard “Don’t Rain on my Parade” as they rounded the flagpole in a crisp formation making their way into the crowd’s view on the parade deck. This piece has been performed by Barbra Streisand in both the Broadway musical and film versions of ‘Funny Girl.’



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The Silent Drill Platoon was formed in 1948 for a one-time demonstration during an evening parade, but due to the overpowering response, they soon became a regular part of the the parades at Marine Barracks, Washington D.C.

Company G recruits achieve range landmark

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

Every single recruit in Company G qualified on their first attempt on the rifle range at Edson Range, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., March 4, achieving a landmark not done in recent years.

All 388 recruits from the company fired for score and qualified on the Table 1 Rifle Qualification on their first attempt. One recruit was unable to fire with the rest of the company due to medical reasons; however, he fired on March 7 and also qualified, making a total of 389 recruits.

WFTBn. uses the expression “gone clean” to describe when everyone qualifies on the first attempt. Although this has come close to happening in the past, this occurrence is believed to be the first. This is also a big accomplishment for the primary marksmanship instructors who lead their recruits to the top.

The PMIs are responsible for teaching the recruits the foundation on how to handle and fire the M16-A4 service rifle safely and accurately.

“Our job is to make the recruit become what every Marine is supposed to be, a basic rifleman,” said Sgt. Thomas P. Sampson, PMI, Field Company, WFTBn.

Six PMIs, one assigned to each platoon, are responsible for helping the company qualify. For two weeks each PMI instills the art of basic marksmanship like stance, sight alignment and breath control.

In “grass” week, the recruits practice firing the weapon with no ammunition, which is referred to as “snapping in.” This helps the recruits learn what the weapon feels

like while sighting in on simulated targets. It’s not until the second week that the recruits are taken to the range and given ammunition to practice on real targets.

Due to the supervision required during the second week, range coaches come to assist the PMIs to make sure every recruit has the opportunity to ask for help if they are having difficulties. There is an average of one range coach for every six recruits, but the platoon’s PMIs also watch closely to make sure the recruits are using the fundamentals they learned the past week.

“We were able to get the recruits out of the recruit

mindset and open up a learning environment where they could ask questions,” said Sampson. “The drill instructors were very helpful and able to assist us in opening up this learning environment.”

The drill instructors play an essential role in rifle qualification as well, making sure the recruits understand the importance of marksmanship and ensuring that it is the focus of their training at this point.

“When the drill instructors help out, whether it’s going over the marksmanship knowledge or helping them snap in, the recruits become that much more dedicated to what we’re

trying to do,” said Sgt. Brandon Green, PMI, Field Company. “Even though we get to know the recruits for a whole week and see them every day, the drill instructors have so much influence that it makes it hard to succeed without their help.”

The difference in Company G was apparent from day one. They started at an advanced level, said Sgt. David Jilek, PMI, Field Company.

“Company G asked a lot of questions, and I think that’s really what made them so successful. When the recruits ask questions, it makes my job easier,” said Cpl. Steven Stewart PMI, Field

Company. “There are a lot of times the recruits come into the classroom with the mindset of ‘I just want to make it to chow,’ and I have to guess what’s on their mind and just assume they understand. It wasn’t like that with this company.”

The recruits of Company G came to the field ready to learn and really showed that every recruit is given the training to fulfill the mantra that every Marine is a rifleman.

“The reward for me is knowing that the people I train are trained well, and because of that training, [everyone gets] to come home,” said Jilek.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Sgt. Eric Dies, primary marksmanship instructor, Field Company, Weapons Field Training Battalion, gives a class to a platoon of recruits March 15. The recruits spend a week in a classroom setting to learn the basic functions and fundamentals of how to fire the M16A4 service rifle.



Vice Adm. George W. Emery (retired)

Parade Reviewing Officer

Vice Admiral George W. Emery, (Retired) graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1963. During his 33-year naval career he commanded two nuclear submarines, served as a Carrier Battle Group chief of staff, executive assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, deputy chief, Naval Personnel for Manpower Policy and Career Development, and as the 24th commander of U.S. and Allied Submarine Forces, Atlantic.

After retirement he joined Raytheon as

executive vice president, and subsequently president, of Raytheon Technical Services.

He has served as chairman of the Senior Advisory Group to the Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and currently chairs the Submarine Technology Symposium sponsored jointly by the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and the Naval Submarine League.

Emery serves on the board of directors of Sauer Compressors USA, Stevensville, Md. and First Support Services, Inc. of Dallas.

He is a director of the Naval Submarine League and a life trustee of the USS Constitution Museum.

From 1997 to 2006 the admiral was a member of the Secretary of the Navy’s Advisory Subcommittee on Naval History.

He is the author of Historical Manuscripts in the Navy Department Library, Washington, 1994, The George Henry Preble Collection at the Navy Department Library (2006), The Rodgers Family Collection at the Navy Department Library (2007), Charles Morris: A Man of Letters...and Numbers (2008), and Thomas Truxtun: “First Mentor” of the Federal Navy (2010). He has contributed to several published works including America’s Naval Heritage. A Catalog of Early Imprints From the Navy Department Library, Washington, 2000; U.S. Navy. A Complete History, Naval Historical Foundation, 2003; and Leadership Embodied. The Secrets to Success of the Most Effective Navy and Marine Corps Leaders, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., 2005.

Maj. Gen. Matt Caulfield (retired)

Parade Reviewing Officer

Major General Matt Caulfield, a New York City native, was commissioned after graduation from Fordham University in 1958. He is a 1963 graduate of the Army Special Warfare School, Fort Bragg, N.C. He received an M.S. degree from George Washington University in 1966; an MBA from Harvard University in 1972.

Upon graduation from The Basic School in Quantico, Va., Caulfield was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served in a variety of infantry command and staff billets.

In 1963 Caulfield was promoted to captain and assigned to sea duty as the commanding officer of the Marine Detachment, *USS Holland*, Rota,

Spain. Upon his return to the United States in 1965 he was assigned as the Marine Corps representative to the Naval Audit Office, Washington, D.C.

After graduation from Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Va., in June 1967, he was ordered to Vietnam, where he served as the commanding officer, Company I, 3rd Battalion 26th Marines.

Further assignments included combat duty in South Vietnam, staff assignments in Washington, D.C., Southern California and Japan.

He was selected in 1977 to attend the Royal College of Defense Studies in London, England. Upon graduation in 1978, he transferred to the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., as the Director of the Marine Corps Institute.

From 1982-1983 he served as a military fellow in the Council of Foreign Relations in New York.

In a follow-on assignment, Caulfield was assigned duties as deputy director, the Military Office,

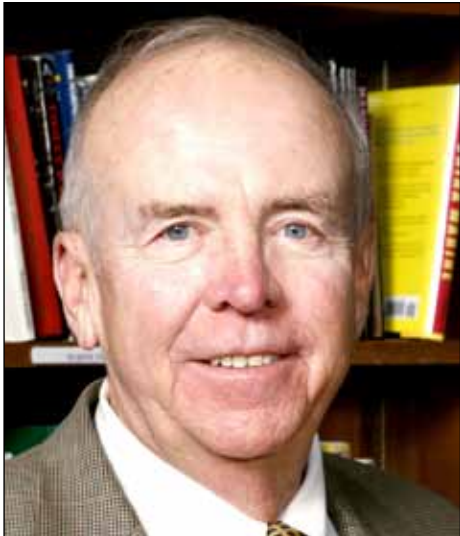
the White House on May 4, 1983. While serving in this capacity, he was selected for promotion to brigadier general in February 1985.

He was advanced to that grade on April 18, 1985, and assigned duties as Commanding General, Landing Force Training Command, Atlantic/Commanding General, 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade, NAB, Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.

He returned to the Washington, D.C. area in April 1986 and was assigned duty as the director, Inter-American Region (ISA), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense on June 13, 1988. General Caulfield served in this capacity until he was assigned duty as Deputy Commander for Training and Education/Director, Marine Air-Ground Training and Education Center, MCCDC/Commander, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., on Dec. 30, 1988.

He was promoted to major general on March 15, 1989.

Caulfield retired from the Marine Corps on July 2, 1990. In retirement, he has been active in programs involving Veterans’ employment, serves on the board of the Military Officers Association of America.





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Robbin Cresswell/U.S. Air Force

The U.S. Marine Corps broke the Army’s winning streak when Lance Cpl. Abraham Lopez, left, dominated Spc. Guy Jean-Baptiste, shutting him out for the first two rounds of their bout and holding him at bay in the third for the 16-5 win. Lopez took gold in the bantamweight class.

Marine defeats Army boxer, takes gold medal

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

Hand raised in the air after the championship boxing match came to an end, all he could think was how all his hard work paid off.

Lance Cpl. Abraham Lopez, administrative clerk for the assistant chief of staff recruiting, competed in the 2011 Armed Forces Boxing Championship at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas Feb. 18. He defeated Army Spc. Guy Jean-Baptiste 16 to 5, in the 123-pound weight class and took home the gold medal.

Lopez was able to stay ahead of his opponent in points by holding out for three rounds consisting of three minutes. In order for him to score a point, he had to connect the white spot on his glove with the opponent’s face, and the judges had to agree to award a point.

The 123-pound weight class was the third match of the day and the first that the Army had lost. Although the All Army Team won the team award, the Marine Corps brought home a total of three gold medals that day.

Lopez began his training with the All-Marine Boxing team on Feb. 1, and competed in just one other match to get him to the championship.

Lopez, 19, a Callexico, Calif. native, began boxing at 12 years old when a friend asked him to accompany him to the gym. He has been in love with the sport ever since, he said.

After winning a California tournament, he was invited to try out for the Baja California, Mexico team, where he went on to win two state championships.

He began training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San

Diego fighting dojo where he was approached to join the All-Marine Boxing team. Lopez was reluctant at first due to it being based out of Camp Lejeune, N.C. However, Capt. George Mittnacht, commanding officer of special training company, explained the opportunities available to him through the team.

“I didn’t want to grow up and regret not taking this chance,” said Lopez. “I wanted to know if I could make it.”

Mittnacht drove Lopez to Encinitas, Calif., to train and try out for the All-Marine Boxing Team. After just one session, he was invited to join the team in Camp Lejuene and begin his training. A typical training day for Lopez consisted of running, weights and sparring.

The most important thing to keep in mind while training is to always be challenging and stay a step ahead of the opponent at all times, said Lopez.

Due to his win in Texas, Lopez has a spot in the Olympic trials, where he will have the chance to make the United States Olympic team.

Lopez will also be flying to Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, for the International Military Sports Council games in July. The games are one of the largest multi-disciplinary organizations in the world. They organize various sporting events for the armed forces for all 133 countries involved.

Lopez has now been reassigned to Camp Lejuene, where he can better focus on his training and be with his fellow teammates.

“I’m proud of myself,” said Lopez. “It’s the opportunity of a lifetime to represent the Marine Corps in a big tournament.”



Staff Sgt. Sharida Jackson/U.S. Air Force

Lance Cpl. Abraham Lopez puts on his boxing shoes before his Armed Forces Boxing Championship 123-pound title fight at the Chaparral Fitness Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Feb. 18.