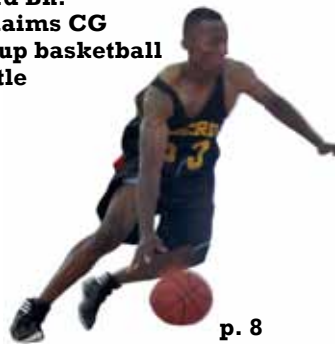


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MCRC recruits decade's most diverse group of officers

BY LANCE CPL. DAVID FLYNN
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — The Marine Corps Recruiting Command continues to answer the call from Gen. James Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, to build a Marine Corps that reflects “the face of the nation.” Over the course of the past fiscal year, MCRC has recruited its most diverse group of officers in a decade.

“In order to stay relevant with society, the Marine Corps has to look like society,” said Lt. Col. Chester McMillon, head of officer programs, MCRC. “It is especially important among officers in order to maintain credibility with our much more diverse group of enlisted Marines.”

The command began the fiscal year with a mission to access 1,650 second lieutenants. In the end, 1,663 of the nations best and brightest reported on active duty, ready to endure six

months of intense training at The Basic School here. Of those 1,663 new officers accessed, 85 were African-American, 122 Hispanic and 99 of other ethnic background.

“We increased diversity of this year’s candidate pool in all of our commissioning programs,” said McMillon.

In comparison to FY10 officer accessions among African-Americans, the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps saw an increase of seven, Officer Candidate Course and the Platoon Leaders Courses saw increases of eight and enlisted to officer programs and the United States Naval Academy each saw an increase of one.

Though the results were especially evident this fiscal year, the officer accession process is often times a four year initiative as potential officers work towards completing their college degrees.

“The hard work that our officer selection officers put

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Lance Cpl. David Flynn

Captain Jacob Aldean, officer selection officer, Recruiting Station Twin Cities, speaks to a law student at the National Black Prosecutors Association’s job fair July 26. Marine Corps Recruiting Command accessed its most diverse group of officer candidates in a decade during Fiscal Year 2011, with most of the credit being given to the OSOs that found the candidates.

Marines, sailors volunteer a day's work at Valenti Ranch

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC
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Marines and Sailors aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego volunteered with the Pegasus Rising Project Sept. 28 at Valenti Ranch in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

The Pegasus Rising Project helps service members who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder or are having difficulty re-integrating back into their civilian lives through therapeutic interactions with a family of Polish Arabian horses.

With an upcoming fundraiser, Valenti Ranch needed help with preparations. Marines and sailors helped with move hay bales and dirt, clean stables, paint, and weed.

Volunteers started their day with a quick breakfast at a local restaurant before arriving at Valenti Ranch. They were then split into groups where they were assigned tasks to complete around the stables.

“It’s wonderful to have the opportunity to give back to

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EFMP stays in step with special needs families

BY SGT. CRISTINA N. PORRAS
Chevron staff

When a family finds out one of their dependents has a medical or developmental condition that requires special attention, it can be a devastating time for them. The Marine Corps’ Exceptional Family Member Program exists to stay in step with those families, ensuring they have easy access to the care they need.

Since the amount of resources and information available to those with exceptional family members can be overwhelming, the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region EFMP team hosted a day-long basic training event Sept. 22 to help local families understand the system.

“The EFM Program is basically a network of people who will bend over backwards to help you,” said Marcellena Nieves, a Marine spouse whose family is part of the program. “When you have a family member who has been recently diagnosed with (a medical or developmental condition), you don’t always know where to turn, so this training really helps people find the resources they need.”

Several speakers presented information to the attendees, including special education, financial and medical training, as well as other topics relevant to special needs families. A developmental pediatrician also spoke to them and allowed time for individuals to ask questions about

the military medical system in place to help their special needs children.

“Today is meant to be beneficial to all service members with special needs dependents,” said Jan King, EFMP manager. “There are just so many programs and services available to help them and we’ve put it all under one roof to make it easier. Even if a family’s been enrolled in the program for awhile, sometimes there may be information they may not have known or have forgotten about.”

The Marine Corps’ EFMP was

established in 1987, in order to assist Marines in the duty assignment process and ensure they have access to the care needed wherever they are stationed. Since then it has been expanded to provide case management, respite care and education.

“Our main goal is family readiness,” said King. “If you have family readiness, then you have mission readiness. If a Marine can have that peace of mind knowing his family is taken care of, he or she can do the job as

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Sgt. Cristina N. Porras

Cmdr. John King, Naval Medical Center San Diego developmental pediatrician, answers questions during Exceptional Family Member Program Basic Training Sept. 22 in the family readiness classroom aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The MCRD/Western Recruiting Region EFMP hosted this pilot event in order to inform EFMP enrollees of the many services and resources available to assist their special needs family members. During the one-day event a host of presenters spoke about special needs education and rights, financial issues and other topics pertinent to those with special needs dependents.

Panel recommends community, military partnerships in possible future BRACs

BY STAFF SGT. GREG THOMAS
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MILWAUKEE - Communities across the country breathed a sigh of relief last week as the final pages closed on the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure.

Over the years, since the first BRAC closures, communities have looked for ways to bolster the validity of local military bases, and one way of doing so was discussed during the “Building Community/Military Partnerships and Collaboration and Why Local Government Man-

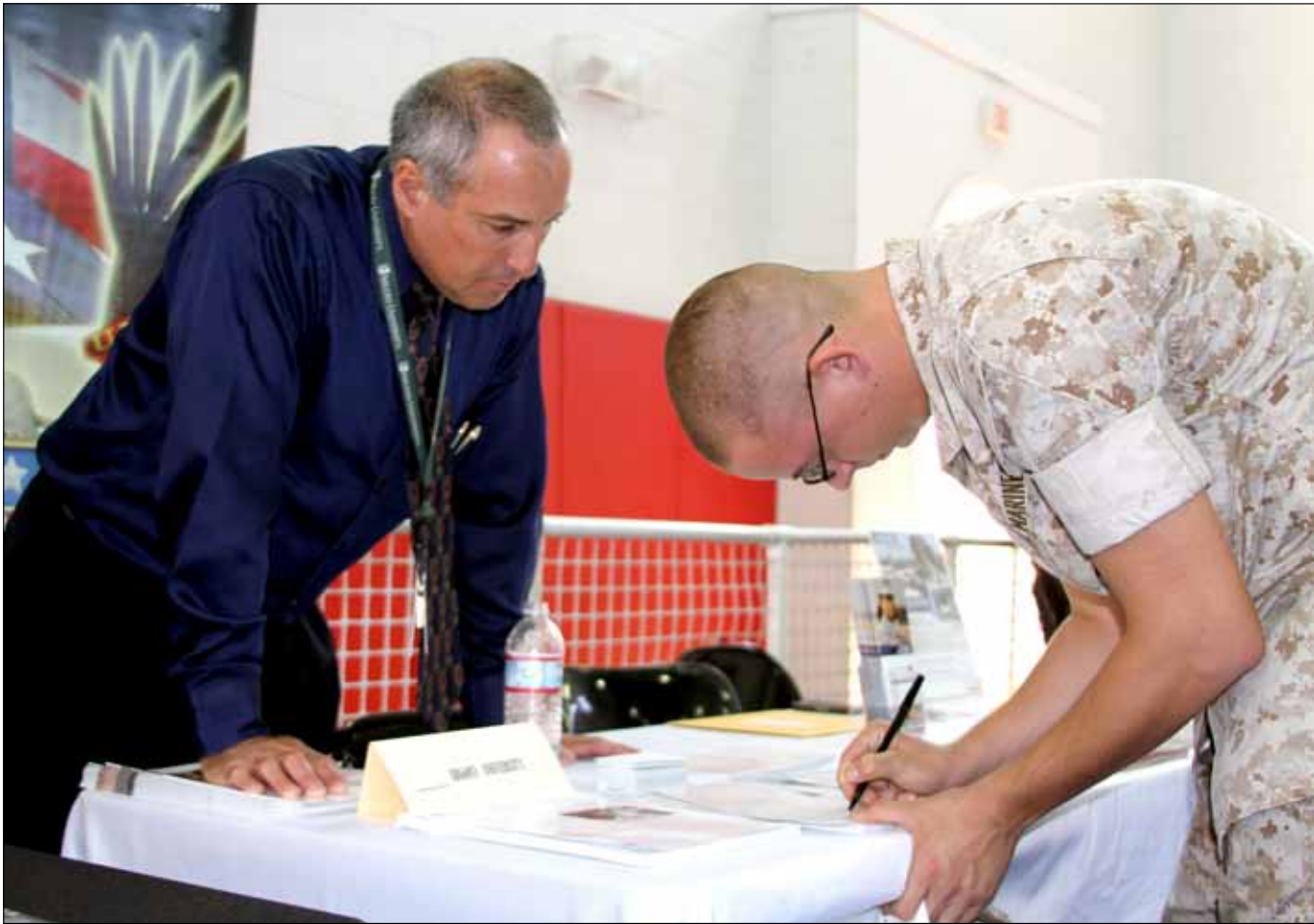
agers Need to Be Engaged Now” session of the 2011 International City/County Management Association conference here Sept. 19.

Sitting on the panel were three all-stars in the their respective fields: Tim Ford, CEO of the Association of Defense Communities; Steve Hundley, Marine Corps Base Quantico’s community plans and liaison officer; and Hans Uslar, assistant director of plans and public works for the city of Monterey, Calif.

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Career fair presents Marines, family members career opportunities



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Lance Cpl. Braiden Mincey, administrative clerk, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, signs up to receive more information on Argosy University's programs at the depot's semi-annual Career and Education Fair, Sept. 27. The event was held at the Semper Fit Fieldhouse. Marine Corps Community Services, Personal and Professional Development provided military members and their families access to information on credible employers, colleges, and universities. The fieldhouse was lined with 118 booths, 52 schools and 66 employers, with representatives standing by to talk to potential candidates. "We come out here to help members of all branches find opportunities outside of the military," said Ismael I. Cortes, assistant director of admissions, Argosy University.

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the community that does so much for us," said Lt. Stephen Brown, chaplain, 2nd RT Bn., Recruit Training Regiment.

After a long morning of working on the ranch, Gary Adler, president and chief executive officer of the Pegasus Rising Project, ordered pizza for the volunteers to show his appreciation. Afterwards, service members had the opportunity to interact with horses and see what animal-assisted therapy is all about.

"I completely understand why they do interaction with veterans and military," said Sgt. Robert Nishnic, drill instructor, Company G, 2nd RT Bn, RTR, after spending time with the horses.

Volunteers were allowed to groom and

feed the horses, as well as bridle them if they wanted to lead them around their pens.

"This is a great cause. I would recommend this to anyone with free time to come out here," said Nishnic. "I try and volunteer with anything that has to do with Wounded Warrior."

After interacting with horses and getting familiar with the program, volunteers understood the benefits of animal-assisted therapy and importance of the organization's mission.

"Sometimes it's easier for people to connect with animals instead of a person. There is a valuable place for this," said Brown. "Horses don't care what you have been through."

The family of horses were brought to America in 1980, and recently found a new home and purpose at Valenti Ranch.

The Pegasus Rising Project works with

Veterans Village of San Diego, Overcoming Adversity and Stress Injury Support, and Wounded Warrior Project, by providing animal-assisted therapy.

"I like what they stand for, helping people with PTSD and doing therapy with horses. I didn't know they did this," said Lance Cpl. Heather Twigg, administration clerk, 3rd RT Bn, RTR. "They're helping the horses too. Some are sick and injured."

Volunteers felt the day was worthwhile, and were glad to be able to help an organization that dedicates their services to assist service members.

"Horses are wonderful tools to help people find themselves again. Being out here is relaxing when you connect with animals," said Adler. "It's part of making this a place where military (personnel) can feel at home."



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Marines get the chance to feed horses after finishing up their volunteer work with the Pegasus Rising Project at Valenti Ranch, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Sept. 28. The Pegasus Rising Project helps service members who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder through therapeutic interactions with a family of Polish Arabian horses.

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expected."

This is the first basic training event the MCRD EFMP has hosted, and depending on its success, King plans to host many more in the future in order to help service members take advan-

tage of the resources in place to help them.

"If you think you know everything there is to know," said Nieves, "You'll realize that there is always brand new information. Things are constantly changing."

For more information on the MCRD/WRR EFMP, go to www.mccsmcrd.com/efmp.html or call (619) 524-8031/8086.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Members of the depot's Family Advocacy Office will again be partnering with Semper Fit to sponsor activities in recognition of this national event.

There are many programs and services available to help victims and their loved ones. For further information, contact Family Advocacy at (619) 524-0465. Those in need of assistance can contact a victim advocate at (619) 524-0265 or 0421.

Events aboard the depot

The Make a Difference Day Walk and Expo: Oct. 22 from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Deana's Educational Theater will present "The Yellow Dress" Oct. 25. Showings are at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at PAC 100.

Local Community Events:

Hope in the Park at Balboa Park (6th and Laurel): Oct. 3 from 1 to 6 p.m. There is a candlelight vigil at 6 p.m.

Domestic Violence Resources

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1 (800) 799-SAFE (7233)
- Family Justice Center, Military Liaison: (619) 533-3592 or 3517
- Center for Community Solutions: (858) 272-5777 (Coastal), (619) 697-7477 (East County), (760) 747-6282 (North County)
- Women's Resource Center Hotline: (760) 757-3500

MCCS Annual Ball Gown Giveaway and Fashion Show

The annual MCCS Ball Gown Giveaway and Fashion Show is slated for Oct. 14 from 4 until 8:30 p.m., on the Bayview Restaurant Lawn. Active duty spouses will be able to choose one free formal gown at the event.

In addition to the fashion show and gown giveaway, the event will also feature:

- Vendor products
- Cocktail hour
- Dinner

Donations of gently used ball gowns are greatly appreciated and accepted at Bldg. 6E, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 13.

Remember to bring cash or check-book for vendor products.

For more information call (619) 524-0916.

Red Ribbon Week

In support of Red Ribbon Week the MCRD Substance Abuse Counseling Center will be setting up a prevention information booth for (active duty military personnel only) at the MCX court yard, and Duncan Hall. SACC representatives will be available for questions and answers. During the Duncan Hall event, SACC will be giving out t-shirts, water bottles, pencils, pens, miniature basketballs/hoops, soccer balls and dog tags, all which are inscribed with a prevention message.

The times, dates and locations of the events are:

- MCX Courtyard - Oct. 20 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Duncan chow hall - Oct 21, 2011 - 6 to 7:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- For information call 619 524-4793.

A Journey through Boot Camp

Follow Sgt. Whitney N. Frasier as she follows Golf Company and blogs about the boot camp experience at www.transformationofmarines.wordpress.com

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks: "What super power would you like to possess? Why?"



"Unlimited strength. It would help me with my drill instructor abilities."

Staff Sgt. William Rauschelbach, drill instructor, Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion



"If everyone else has super powers, I want the ability to absorb other people's super powers. Then I can have every super power."

Sgt. Adrian Moreno, martial arts instructor trainer, Support Battalion



"Traveling time. I'd like to go back to see famous people and events."

Pfc. Andrew Beiting, travel clerk, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion

Afghans, coalition fix communication problems with ground breaking council

BY STAFF SGT. JEREMY ROSS
II MEF (FWD)

LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan — At any given time, there are several different Afghan forces responsible for security in Helmand province — each with a separate communications net and equipment set, and each dependent on the ability to talk in real time to the other agencies to effectively provide security.

To help ensure clear communication between the different arms of the Afghan National Security Forces in Helmand province, lead representatives of each of the Afghan security agencies joined with coalition communications leaders under Regional Command Southwest in a shura, or Afghan council, Sept. 24, at the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

The event marked the first time RC(SW) leaders had met with communications representatives from the various Afghan security elements, and may have been the first time the Afghan communicators had met as a group, said Col. David McMorries, Regional Command Southwest's communications director.

"I was talking to the [Afghan National Army] representative, and he would have assumed that he had different problems than the police," said McMorries. "I think they were surprised by how similar their issues were."

The Afghan security elements present included the Afghan National Army, Uniformed Police, National Civil Order Police, Border Police and National Directorate of Security. Each of these organizations play a different role in security and stabilization in

the province, and each must work together to avoid conflict and keep the populace secure from insurgent influence. The civil order and uniformed police forces serve as enforcers of the rule of law and provide basic police services, while the National Army and NDS stand by for missions the police agencies cannot tackle on their own. Problems can occur, when, for example, the local police force finds an insurgent weapons or explosives cache and needs to alert the National Army about it.

During the meeting the Afghan and coalition forces took turns discussing how the various agencies would respond to different scenarios and crises and outlining how each organization approaches communications right now.

The coalition forces went in to the meeting with the idea of helping the Afghans create a variant of a U.S. communications plan, although the result turned out to be quite different, as the Afghans created their own proposals, said McMorries.

"I expected one thing and we got something else, but it turns out it was better," he explained. "Frankly what they can come up with will work better for them than any plan we can develop for them."

The current channel of communications within the province is a sort of centralized command post known as an Operational Coordination Center. Each of the security agencies keeps a representative at the local OCC, and each agency maintains radio contact with their units in the field. In this model the sharing of information and coordination of missions is as easy as face-to-face interaction between the representatives at the center.

The OCCs exist at the provincial and district level, but ideally the communications shura will help lead to lower-level versions and more decentralized communications on the ground between the Afghan forces, said Col. Abdul Rezwan, the deputy communications officer for the Afghan National Army's 215th Corps.

Right now the biggest communications obstacles the ANSF agencies face are inadequate equipment and training, he added.

However, that is scheduled to change in the near future with the influx of new radios and other communications devices as part of the so-called "iron mountain", a NATO initiative to inject large amounts of military equipment into Afghan hands over the next year, said McMorries.

Afghan units in Helmand should begin receiving communications equipment as part of the initiative within the next month, including more data network capabilities, he added.

The build-up of internet communications are important to the Afghan forces because, just as with coalition and U.S. forces, the various units and commands rely on email to move information up and down from the local to district to provincial to national levels, said Rezwan.

While Afghan and coalition leaders agreed that more communications shuras should take place in the near future, they hope the initial session will have paved the way for clearer coordination in the province's security.

"I think a lot of the issues we brought up today will have solutions," said McMorries when asked about what he hopes to see at the next shura.



Staff Sgt. Jeremy Ross

Afghan National Security Forces communications officers share a laugh after a communications shura, or meeting, between senior ANSF and coalition communications officers at Lashkar Gah, Helmand province, Sept. 21. The shura marked the first time many of the various elements of the ANSF in Helmand province had met face-to-face at the same time.

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Sgt. Larry Palmer, drill instructor, Instructional Training Company, motivates two runners as they approach the first obstacle in the 10th Annual Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Boot Camp Challenge. The Challenge is a three-mile race around the MCRD perimeter featuring obstacles used to train Marine recruits along the way. At every obstacle, drill instructors stood ready to yell words of encouragement to make the runners race toward the finish line faster.

Sgt. CRISTINA PORRAS



Staff Sgt. Duane Commiato, Instructional Training Company drill instructor, meets a Boot Camp Challenge participant at the end of one of many obstacles along the three-mile course aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. This year marked the 10th anniversary of Boot Camp Challenge, which gives runners a chance to feel what it's like to be a Marine recruit.

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Depot hosts 10

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC
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Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego hosted the 10th annual Boot Camp Challenge Sept. 24, giving civilians a chance to experience a day in the life of a recruit and for service members who wanted to re-live their days as recruits.

The Boot Camp Challenge is a three-mile race around the perimeter of MCRD featuring more than 40 obstacles used in recruit training. Some obstacles were modified to make them easier to accomplish.

At the start and finish point, several sponsors hosted booths for participants to gather information including a pull-up bar and laser tag. Marine Corps and Boot Camp Challenge

memorabilia were also available. Free haircuts were available for participants who wanted a recruit.

Food was also available for purchase from a local vendor in addition to free snacks provided. Each participant received an event t-shirt and registration to commemorate the day.

"This opens the door for residents of San Diego to see what we do," said Staff Sgt. Goldthwaite, chief drill instructor, Receiving Company, 1st Marine Training Battalion. "It's an obstacle course where you can interact with drill instructors."

To make the boot camp experience more realistic, approximately 60 drill instructors were placed throughout the course.



The first wave of male runners hits the pavement Sept. 24. Participants get a chance to experience a recruit's life.



Lance Cpl. ERIC QUINTANILLA

Participants at the Boot Camp Challenge stand in line for their turn to go over the wall. More than 60 drill instructors were spread through the course giving each runner the motivation they need to finish the race.



Lance Cpl. ERIC QUINTANILLA

Sgt. Hugo Frausto, drill instructor, Receiving Company, Support Battalion, encourages participants to push through their fatigue to complete the Boot Camp Challenge obstacles. The more than 40 obstacles included barriers to climb over, crawl through and snake under.

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motivate participants by yelling words of encouragement and chasing them through obstacles.

“We give them the same amount of intensity we give to recruits,” said Sgt. Robert Jimenez, drill instructor, Company E, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. “We showed them exactly what recruit training is about.”

As the race began, participants anticipated the challenge ahead, many unfamiliar with the course and obstacles they have to complete.

“The beginning was hard because you’re just warming up and don’t know what to expect,” said Jewel Johnson, who won first place in the female division with a time of 20 minutes, 51 seconds. “Those hurdles are crazy. The obstacles are no joke.”

Some of the obstacles included running over hay bales, crawling through tunnels, and climbing over log hurdles and walls. Drill instructors anticipated the

runners’ arrival at each station, encouraging them to move along the course faster.

“The push-ups are hard when (the drill instructors) are in your face,” said Johnson, who also ran the race last year.

With drill instructors in her face while she was doing push-ups, Johnson couldn’t help but think, “You’re going to go away if I close my eyes.” Unfortunately that was not the case, and they continued to move her through the course.

More than 2,300 participants, including civilians and service members, completed the challenge including local ROTC units.

“We ran three miles at the football field singing (cadence) to prepare for the race,” said Rafael Reenstjerna, a senior at Crawford High School in San Diego. “We

did this for the experience and we all have bruises.”

Participants had the option to run the course alone or in three and five-man teams. Many teams wore costumes or custom t-shirts to show their team spirit. In order to compete as a team, all members were required to cross the finish line at the same time. They all accomplished that goal, even if it meant carrying their teammates across the finish line.

“A lot of civilians were more prepared than I expected,” said Jimenez, who volunteered on his time off between training cycles. “They weren’t joking around. They were here to get the feeling of recruit training.”

After all participants cleared the obstacles, Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general of MCRD and the Western Recruiting

Region, ran the course to pick up the drill instructors at each obstacle. The race came to an end as they arrived at the finish line together singing cadence while running in formation.

“It’s about competing, and completing the challenge,” said Yoo. “We don’t leave anyone behind.”

Winners were announced in a number of categories and age groups and were presented with medals. Race results can be found online at www.bootcampchallenge.com.



SGT. CRISTINA PORRAS

pt. 24 during the 2011 Boot Camp Challenge aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the three-mile race, where e as drill instructors encourage them at more than 40 obstacles.



SGT. CRISTINA PORRAS

Two women negotiate an obstacle during the 10th Annual Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Boot Camp Challenge. Boot Camp Challenge is a three-mile race around the perimeter of MCRD featuring obstacles Marine recruits deal with while undergoing recruit training.

MCAS Miramar hosts 56th annual air show

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar hosted the 56th annual air show, themed “A Salute to San Diego: Birthplace of Naval Aviation 1911-2011,” to honor 100 years of naval aviation Sept. 30 through Oct. 2.

The three-day show featured performances by the Navy’s Blue Angels, a mock World War II aerial combat demonstration and more. This gave spectators the chance to experience naval aviation history in action.

“I wanted to experience the Miramar Air Show before I am reassigned,” said Capt. Matthew Lamb, adjutant, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. “My wife and I are newly married, so this is her first experience with military machinery.”

The air show attracted approximately 750,000 spectators, giving civilians the opportunity to connect with service members aboard MCAS Miramar and witness the capabilities of today’s military.

“(My wife’s) making those connections that will help bring her closer to the Marine Corps family,” explained Lamb.

One highlight included a Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstration, which simulated a combat assault showcasing different aircraft and vehicles. The demonstration included Marines

rappelling from helicopters and showing off capabilities of a MAGTF.

“I wanted to see planes fighting planes. That’s stuff you only see in movies,” said Gus Chavez, a student at the Southeast Academy, Military and Law Enforcement High School in Norwalk, Calif. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and it looks awesome.”

There were more than 100

military and civilian static aircraft and vehicle displays, including many historic aircraft that have been restored. Many displays were open for tours so attendees could see what it’s like to sit in the driver’s seat of military vehicles.

“This is an awesome atmosphere. I wanted to show my kids the planes, helicopters and firepower of the military,” said David Boykin, air show spectator.

The Navy Blue Angels amazed the crowd with a display of aerial acrobatics.

“It’s amazing how they’re able to pull off so many stunts so close to each other,” said Boykin, a San Diego native.

The Miramar Air Show offered something for everyone in the family including a “fun zone” for children, which contained carnival rides and games with prizes. Guests

attending the air show Saturday had the opportunity to witness the twilight show. The evening show also featured additional performances and a firework display concluding with an inferno referred to as the “Great Wall of Fire.”

“It’s incredible to see (the planes) in flight,” said Norma Noland, air show spectator. “The simplicity of it was just beautiful.”



by Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Spectators watch a simulated combat assault with various aircraft and vehicles during a Marine Air-Ground Task Force demonstration at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show Sept. 30. The 56th annual event celebrated 100 years of Naval Aviation with the theme, “A Salute to San Diego: Birthplace of Naval Aviation 1911-2011.”

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2005 BRAC closures are done, Ford predicts military communities are in for a period of uneasiness.

“A lot of people were taking a deep breath and saying ‘Wow, we don’t need to worry about this because BRAC is over,’” Ford said. “But what we’re heading into in the next couple years, and potentially the next decade, is probably bigger than any BRAC round we’ve ever dealt with. The budget cuts and the changes at the Department of Defense could have a very profound impact not just on what DoD

does but on the communities that support installations, and what this really comes down to, probably, is an issue of jobs.”

Quantico knows all about the jobs issue as they just recently started seeing 2,700 fresh faces showing up to work at the “Crossroads of the Marine Corps” thanks to the Military Defense Intelligence Agency relocating to the base.

Part of what makes the base continue to be viable is the partnership base commander Col. Daniel J. Choike and Hundley have established with the surrounding communities since they both stepped aboard approximately two short years ago.

“Col. Choike recognized that the

three surrounding counties and the base shouldn’t continue planning in isolation,” Hundley said. “It’s both inefficient and unsustainable, not only for the long term viability of the base’s training mission but also for the future health, safety and welfare of the surrounding civilian communities.”

There’s really no better case study in the idea of the base partnering with the community than Monterey, Calif., where initial operating cost savings were calculated at 41 percent and current savings in operating costs are estimated to be 22 percent. But building a partnership between the community and the local military base

does not necessarily guarantee a life-long marriage.

“Community collaboration will not BRAC-proof your community,” Uslar said. “It will not ensure that you do not get on the list ... it will not prevent them from closing the base. However, the lesson point here is it will help very much to lower the operational expense of the military base.”

As DoD looks to streamline and improve its efficiency in doing business, partnering with the surrounding communities in an effort to lower those expenses is likely to be toward the top of the base commander’s to-do list if they haven’t done it already.

Sgt. Maj. Carl R. Green

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Carl R. Green enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January 1978. In September he attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., and was meritoriously promoted to private first class. In December 1978, Green reported to the Marine Artillery Scout Observer School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Upon graduation, Green received orders to Headquarters Battery, 3rd Bn., 10th Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was assigned to Battery I, 3rd Bn., 10th Marines in September 1979, and deployed to the Mediterranean Sea for six months under the Unit Deployment Program.

In April 1980, Green was transferred to Battery B, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Brigade, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. During this tour he deployed on three, six-month

deployments to the Western Pacific. He was meritoriously promoted to the rank of corporal in October 1980 and was later promoted to sergeant in October 1982.

In July 1983, Green was ordered to drill instructor duty at MCRD Parris Island, where he served as drill instructor and senior drill instructor, Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Bn. He was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant in July 1985.

In October 1985, Green was transferred to Battery I, 3rd Bn., 12th Marines for duty as the artillery liaison chief. In December 1986, he was transferred back to Headquarters Battery, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division and was later reassigned to Battery H, 3rd Bn., 10th Marines. While assigned to Battery H, Green deployed to Okinawa on a six-month UDP. At the end of his tour with Battery H, Green was awarded the Honor of Saint Barbara Award.

In October 1989, Green was transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps and assigned to manpower management

enlisted assignments and was promoted to gunnery sergeant in April 1991. In October 1992, Green returned to 3rd Bn., 12th Marines for duty as naval gunfire artillery liaison chief.

In April 1995, he was promoted to the rank of first sergeant. In August 1995, he was transferred to 2nd Combat Engineer Bn., 2nd Marine Division for duty as first sergeant. In May 1999, Green was promoted to the rank of sergeant major and was reassigned to 8th Communication Bn., for duty as battalion sergeant major.

In June 2001, Green was transferred to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan for duty as sergeant major, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262. During this tour he also served 18 months as the air combat element sergeant major with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

In April 2004, Green was reassigned to Marine Wing Support Group 17 as the group sergeant major.

In April 2005, Green was transferred to 2nd Marine

Logistics Group as the group sergeant major. During this tour he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06, 06-08 and 09.1

Green assumed his current post as the II Marine Expeditionary Force sergeant major July 10, 2009.

Green’s personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (second award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

“Marines it is truly an honor to be amongst you and your family on this special occasion. We welcome you and your family to the Marine family with open arms. Today is the start of a new chapter in your lives as you stand tall as one of the few, the proud, United States Marines. With this comes a long illustrious history of great traditions and legacy. As you depart to your next assignment always remember our core values of honor, courage and commitment. The eagle, globe and anchor is now embedded in your hearts and you have earned the title Marine. You represent the best our nation has to offer. Congratulations Marines!”





* Indicates Meritorious Promotion

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Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Cpl. Dominique Jackson, Finance’s coach, dribbles the ball down the court making a fast break Sept. 28 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Fieldhouse during the Commanding General’s Cup Intramural Basketball League Championship. Though Finance fought hard to get ahead, 3rd RT Bn. already had a 14-point lead by halftime. Third RT Bn. dominated Finance 56-30.

3rd RT Bn. claims CG Cup basketball title

BY LANCE CPL. CRYSTAL DRUERY
Chevron staff

Third Recruit Training Battalion clinched the Commanding General’s Cup Intramural Basketball League Championship after dominating Finance 56-30 Sept. 28 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Fieldhouse.

During an intense morning of playoff games, Finance pummeled Maritime Safety and Security Team to make it to the championships while 3rd RT Bn. advanced due to forfeiture by 12th Marine Corps District. Finishing the regular season with a 9-1 record, 3rd RT Bn. upheld their reputation of thrashing their opponent and maintaining a steady lead throughout the game.

“Last game we played against Finance we didn’t do as well as normal,” said Gunnery Sgt. Ramon Mason, drill instructor, 3rd RT Bn. “We wanted to come back and show them what we had.”

Only a few seconds into the game, 3rd RT Bn. made their

first field goal, and kept pushing Finance farther behind. Though Finance fought hard to get compete, 3rd RT Bn. already had a 14-point lead by halftime.

Finance prided themselves on their defense throughout the season but found themselves unable to thwart 3rd RT Bn.’s offense. Mason took advantage of the holes in Finance’s strategy by making numerous 3-pointers.

“Our game is basically run on our defense but this game we were gassed,” said Cpl. Dominique Jackson, Finance’s coach.

Before heading into the second half of the game, Jackson, encouraged his team and discussed strategies they would employ. After gaining motivation, Finance seemed to pick up steam and stole the ball from 3rd RT Bn.’s grasp at the start of the second half. Still they did not succeed getting the ball back down the court.

Throughout the game, Finance held on to hope, capitalizing on 3rd RT Bn.’s 15 fouls. However, 3rd RT Bn. turned around after each foul,

making continuous shots, increasing their lead.

Fighting for the ball with only two minutes remaining Finance stole the ball and made their final basket of the game. It wasn’t enough.

After a hard-fought game, Finance didn’t have what it took to beat 3rd RT Bn.

“We definitely pushed ourselves each game, that’s how we got here,” said Jackson.

Capt. Stephen G. Page, 3rd RT Bn. coach, attributed his team’s success to their experience, with all members having previously played basketball and knowing the fundamentals. Since they had so many players, they were able to rotate and keep their players fresh.

“We were pretty confident coming into the game,” said Page. “We basically have a full squad, so we can run the players as if we had two teams.”

With many of the players coming back next year 3rd RT Bn. looks forward to another outstanding season.

“We plan to come back and win again next year,” said Mason.



Lance Cpl. Crystal Druery

Third Recruit Training Battalion makes a field goal during the Commanding General’s Cup Intramural Basketball League Championship. The battalion upheld their reputation of thrashing their opponent and maintaining a steady lead throughout the game. The 3rd RT Bn., took home the championship.

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in four years ago is starting to pay off now as this year’s group of officers graduate from college,” said Capt. Joseph Wydeven, diversity officer, MCRC. “They accomplished this by constantly looking for qualified individuals.”

“A lot of our numbers are the result of the work our OSOs are doing,” said McMillon.

One hurdle MCRC faces as it looks for individuals who have what it takes to lead Marines is getting a foot in the door in diverse communities across the country. To combat this problem, MCRC has used a new initiative, the All Community Approach, to reach out to key influencers as well as potential applicants. The All Community Approach, developed by former MCRC commanding general and current commanding general of the 1st Marine Division, Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, seeks to improve connectedness at the

tactical level so recruiting station commanding officers and OSOs have greater access to community influencers and leaders who are best positioned to assist them in their engagement efforts.

“We need to keep a focus on the All Community Approach as we build new relationships and enhance existing ones with various diverse communities,” said Wydeven. “We need to educate people on the opportunities available in the Marine Corps.”

The Marine Corps has employed this approach this fiscal year at events like the CIAA Basketball Tournament and Marine Week St. Louis. The approach will be used again during the Bayou Classic football game in November.

The Bayou Classic is an annual football game between Grambling State and Southern Universities. Held each year in New Orleans, the game is considered the best known rivalry among historically black

colleges and universities.

“The All Community Approach will allow us to continue to build a more diverse Marine Corps as we create and reestablish relationships with diverse communities,” said McMillon.

Despite steps in the right direction, MCRC will continue its efforts to build a more diverse Marine Corps.

“We can’t rest, we have to stay active,” said McMillon.

One way this will be accomplished is by raising awareness of scholarships the Marine Corps offers to qualified men and women. One scholarship in particular that will be given a boost is the Frederick C. Branch Leadership Scholarship. The Branch Scholarship, named after the first African-American Marine officer, is a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship available to eligible students, regardless of ethnic background, who attend one of 17 historically black colleges

and universities (HBCU) participating in the program. Some of the schools included are Clark Atlanta, Howard, Hampton, Texas Southern, Tuskegee and Xavier universities.

“We are going to send out information about the Branch Scholarship to students without scholarships who currently attend NROTC,” said McMillon. “The two and three year scholarships are being underutilized.”

In addition to the Branch Scholarship, efforts were made to increase the awareness of regular NROTC scholarships available. Using a direct mail program, MCRC was able to send NROTC scholarship material to African-American students who scored well enough on the ACT and SAT standardized tests to be Marine officers. According to Capt. Frederick Evert, lead generation officer, MCRC, the direct mail program resulted in 21 NROTC scholarships being awarded to qualified African-American students.

During this past fiscal year, MCRC also sought to identify a sustainable percentage to aspire to when it came to recruiting qualified men and women from diverse backgrounds.

“We looked at factors such as population size of different ethnic groups, the percentage of individuals with college degrees and graduation rates to arrive at a realistically sustainable goal,” said Wydeven. “By examining these factors and seeing how many people are actually qualified to be Marines, we have an idea of what our reasonable expectations are for accessing a diverse group of officers.”

Building on the progress of this past fiscal year, MCRC will continue its steadfast efforts to build a Corps representative of the country it defends. If you are interested in becoming a Marine officer, contact your local officer selection officer, visit www.MarineOfficer.com or call 1-800-MARINES.