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Band wows crowd during Pasadena’s Rose Parade



Gina Ferazzi, L.A. Times

The United State Marine Corps. West Coast Composite band leads the way for the 123rd Rose Parade in Pasadena Jan. 2, 2012.

BY LANCE CPL. KATALYNN RODGERS
Chevron Staff

The West Coast Marine Corps bands participated in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 2, in Pasadena, Calif.

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade is a five and a half-mile long parade in Pasadena that involves marching bands from across the nation, floral floats and horse units. This year marks 123 years of the parade and its events.

The first marching band to appear in the parade was the Monrovia Town Band in 1891. Back then they had fewer than 20 members. These days it’s in the norm to see bands with 250 members marching in the parade.

Every year there are 16 openings for bands to fill. The combined forces of Marine Band San Diego, 1st Marine Division Band and 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band, is one of them with approximately 90 members.

“This is a great opportunity to combine our forces,” Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stephanie Wire, band officer, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion. “This is the only event that brings all the west coast bands together. It’s an honor and privilege to be part of this event.”

The three bands come together at this annual parade to form a Composite Band. According to Wire, the bands have been participating in the

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Marines, Junior Rank wrap up inaugural Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl Week

BY LANCE CPL. DAVID FLYNN
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PHOENIX – After a year of preparation and anticipation, the inaugural Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl Week, which ran from Dec. 29, 2011, to Jan. 3, 2012, represented a successful foray into the high school football world for the Marine Corps and Junior Rank.

Shaon Berry, a youth football

coach and former University of Pittsburgh running back founded Junior Rank in 2008. The goal of the program is to develop the next generation of student athletes through education, evaluation and instruction.

The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, an East-West format game, was the culmination of Junior Rank’s yearlong partnership with Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

“We believe this is an opportunity to really impact America and return better citizens in the form of student-athletes,” said Berry, CEO, Junior Rank. “We were excited to partner with the Marines because they represent everything we want our student athletes to be.”

Throughout 2011, Junior Rank and MCRC partnered for 21 Diamond Flight football camps and the nationwide

Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl selection tour.

Football players from middle school age all the way up to high school seniors attended the Diamond Flight camps. During the camps, players had the unique opportunity to learn from former NFL players and some of the best football coaches in the country. Assisting the coaching staff during the camps were Marine Corps drill instructors, who

instilled discipline and taught leadership skills to the student-athletes.

“What the [drill instructors] brought to our camps was a level of intensity that most of these young men hadn’t seen before,” said Berry. “Most of these young men have aspirations to play college football. What we share with them is the intensity and

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Republic of Korea visitors



Cpl. Matthew S. Lemieux

Republic of Korea Marine Brig. Gen. Si Rok Kim, R.O.K. Marine Corps assistant commandant, and members of his staff toured the depot Dec. 15, viewing key parts of U.S. Marine Corps recruit training.

Marines run half-marathon



Cpl. Timothy L. Solano

Marines and Coalition Forces run in a half-marathon on New Year’s Day, aboard Camp Bastion, Helmand province, Afghanistan. The event was held to raise money for the British Limbless Ex-Service Men’s Association, an organization dedicated to helping UK troops who have lost limbs in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Camp Bastion Afghanistan



Cpl. Justin M. Boling

Aircraft mechanics of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162 work on their MV-22B Osprey at Camp Bastion Afghanistan, Jan. 4. The Marine Corps MV-22B Osprey moves NATO International Security Assistance Force troops and their gear throughout the battlefield as part of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward).

Survive: prepare for disasters year round

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A new year is ahead and Mother Nature is making her plans for the seasons. As the year evolves and the seasons change, it is imperative that people are prepared for whatever natural disasters might come this way.

In order to assist with disaster relief, www.ready.gov has an easy four step plan that will give anyone a head start on preparation.

First off, make a plan. Not everyone will always be with their family when disaster strikes, so it is important to have the basics set in place and even practice it. The following information at minimum should be gathered for a plan:

- Contact information and how to use it
- Where to meet once possible
- What to do in the event of different disasters

Building a kit is the second step in this plan. Conveniently, the items needed are already located in most people's homes, but the key is to have one assemble prior to an emergency.

Even though disaster response teams will be on the scene afterward, there is no telling how long it will take them to reach out to everyone. A good rule of

thumb might be to have at least three days of food, water and other essential supplies, such as gas, prepared. Oh, and don't forget about pets.

Take the next step. Get Involved. Citizens should not hesitate to get involved in their own safety and the safety of those around them.

According to www.ready.gov, every day millions of people are finding ways to make meaningful, rewarding contributions to their communities.

Programs such as the Community Emergency Response Team are designed to help protect people in emergency situations.

CERT is an all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable course is designed CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference.

Finally, stay involved.

The County of San Diego, in partnership with Twenty First Century Communications, Inc., has instituted a regional notification system that will be able to send telephone notifications to residents and businesses within San Diego County impacted by, or in danger

of being impacted by, an emergency or disaster.

This system, called AlertSanDiego, will be used by emergency response personnel to notify those homes and businesses at risk with information on the event or actions at hand. The system utilizes the region's 911 database, provided by the local telephone company, and thus is able to contact landline telephones whether listed or unlisted. It is also TTY/TDD capable.

Because the system uses the 911 database, only land-line numbers are in the system. If people have a Voice over IP or cellular telephone and would like to be notified over that device, or if they would like an email notification, it is encouraged to register those telephone numbers or email addresses for use by the system.

To register your VoIP, cellular telephone or email address, please fill out the registration at <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/oes/ready/signup.html>.

For additional resources visit the following Web sites.

- <http://www.co.sandiego.ca.us/oes/docs/FamilyDisasterPlan.pdf>
- <http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/checklist.pdf>

PARADE 1

Tournament of Roses Parade for decades.

"Our purpose is to represent the Marine Corps," said Master Sgt. Stephen Jeremiah, band master, Service Co., H & S Bn. "It's a way to keep America on the alert that the Marines are still out there doing what we do. It shows that while they are watching this parade, there are Marines deployed to protect their country."

The parade was held on Jan. 2 this year because of a tradition set in 1893. According to tournamentofroses.com, officials set the "Never on a Sunday" tradition because they felt it would be best to not interfere with Sunday worship if the New Year landed on a Sunday.

"This is the longest parade we do on the West Coast," said Haynes. "To start the year with a six-mile parade

means that the hard stuff is out of the way, and to start the year with a national television appearance is also nice."

The floats must be covered in flowers or other natural materials like sticks, leaves or moss. Sometimes the floats can use more flowers than a florist will use in five years.

Of course the floats aren't the only fancy things in the parade. The West Coast Marine bands marched in the parade wearing their dress blue uniforms.

"It's amazing to see the detail that goes into the preparation of the floats," said Haynes. "We only get to go by a few of the floats, but even seeing those few floats shows the dedication that people have to the parade, much like how we are dedicated to the Marine Corps."

The Tournament of Roses Parade precedes the Tournament of Roses, which began as a way for people

to watch events like chariot races, foot races and jousting in the California weather. This all originated with the Valley Hunt Club in 1890.

Since flowers bloom in California even in the winter, it prompted the originators to add a parade beforehand. In this parade competitors would decorate their chariots with flowers.

Professor Charles F. Holder announced he wanted to hold a festival to tell the world about our paradise. The East and West Coasts differ greatly in the winter time, states in the east are buried in snow while states in the west have flowers and fruit blooming.

"This is a big event," said Wire. "It's like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade for the west coast."

In this day and age, spectators don't watch chariot races or jousting, they watch football. The Tournament of Roses hosts "The Granddaddy

of Them All," the Rose Bowl Game.

This year marks the 98th Rose Bowl Game, which is a match between the Big Ten Conference champion and the champion from the Pacific-12 Conference.

According to Jeremiah, the audience at this parade is upwards of one million attendees and it is seen around the world.

"The audience is always on fire," said Haynes. "From the beginning to the end, they are constantly cheering, hollering and motivating us. This motivation is the fuel we feed off of to finish all six miles."

Many people across the nation tuned in or attended this widely known parade, and were able to see the fancy floral floats, horse units and marching bands, to include the West Coast Marine Corps Bands help kick off the New Year in style.

BRIEFS

HQSVC Bn. wants artifacts

Headquarters Service Battalion is soliciting photos/artifacts (with descriptions) from Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

These photos/artifacts will be displayed in the battalion classroom as part of a "Desert Warfare" theme. Items will be returned upon request. Contact Staff Sgt. Vecchia at heather.vecchia@usmc.mil or call (619) 524-1969 for more information or to donate your items.

Write-in absentee ballot

The online version of the revised federal write in absentee ballot is available at <http://FVAP.gov>. If voters have registered but not received their State ballot 30 days before the election, they can still vote by using the FWAB. Since the FWAB serves as a back-up ballot, a voter should still vote and return their State absentee ballot if they receive it before the election. The State absentee ballot will be counted instead of the FWAB if received by the State deadline.

Voters can visit <http://www.fvap.gov> to use the online wizard or access the PDF fillable forms. The online wizard will list candidate names for federal elections 30 days prior to the date of the election.

The FWAB is a standard form accepted by all 55 States and territories for uniformed service members and overseas voters.

For more information call Juan Gomez or Richard Myrick at 524-8737/38/34.

FY12 Marine Corps Tuition Assistance – revised

Marine Corps Tuition Assistance Funding Provisions for FY12 have been revised to the following limits:

- Fiscal Year TA limit per individual Marine: \$4500 TA Cap per credit unit
- \$250.00 per semester hour for undergraduate
- \$250.00 per semester hour for graduate
- \$166.67 per quarter hour for undergraduate
- \$16.67 per clock hour for certificate/vocational program

For additional information contact the education office at (619) 524-1275 or 8158, or go to Bldg. 14 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Career & Education Fair

The Personal & Professional Development Division (formerly Marine & Family Services) will host a Career and Education Fair Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Semper Fit Field house (Bldg 650). The event is free and open to military active duty and reserve, family members, military retirees, DoD Civilians, and other personnel with access to military installations.

For information contact Mina Threat at mina.threat@usmc.mil or call (619) 524-1283; or Annie Villalon at annie.villalon@usmc.mil or call (619) 524-1275.

Library

The depot library has reopened with reduced hours until further notice due to lack of heat. The library is currently open Monday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

The library will be closed Dec. 24, 26, and 31 for observance of the holidays.

For more information call (619) 524-1849

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Around the depot

This week the Chevron asks:

“What are your thoughts about New Year’s Resolutions?”



“They’re good for people with a lot of discipline. A lot of people start off good, but then start to fizz off.” Senior Chief Petty Officer Letra Simmons, senior enlisted leader, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Dental Clinic



“A lot of people don’t keep them. Hopefully I do. They are goals that get set for people to better themselves.” Cpl. Joshua Naimi, facilities maintenance noncommissioned officer, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion



“It’s better to have a partner to help keep you accountable. I set them all the time not just for New Years.” Terra Pack, home visitor, New Parent Support Program

Marines with concussion, mild brain injury may qualify for Purple Heart

BY CAPT. PATRICK BOYCE
Manpower & Reserve Affairs

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. – No one steps foot into the combat zone in hopes to be wounded. But it’s a fact that some Marines in combat will be wounded or injured as a result of enemy action, with many of the Marines being eligible for award of the Purple Heart.

A recent decision by the commandant of the Marine Corps has expanded the number of Marines who will now be eligible for the Purple Heart when they suffer a mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) or concussion caused by enemy action.

Mild traumatic brain injuries, which can be caused by a blast or blow to the head, will now qualify for the Purple Heart if a medical officer makes a disposition that the Marine is not fit for full duty for more than 48 hours due to the persistent signs, symptoms, or findings of impairment from the concussion, provided the disposition was made within seven days of the event.

Under the Marine Corps’ revised criteria announced in Marine Administrative Message 245/11 on April 15, the Marine Corps will no longer limit award of the Purple Heart for mild traumatic brain injury or concussions solely to those cases where the Marine lost consciousness.

This change is retroactive to the start of the Global War On Terrorism, which began Sept. 11, 2001.

The two basic eligibility requirements for award of the Purple Heart established in executive order and Department of Defense regulations remain unchanged: the wound or injury must be the result of direct or indirect enemy action and must have required treatment by a medical officer at the time of the wound or injury.

However, MARADMIN 245/11 provides revised criteria by which Marine commanders will apply the second of these eligibility requirements to cases of mild traumatic brain injury where the visible signs and symptoms of the severity of the injury may not be apparent.

Mild traumatic brain injury is a physical injury, caused by the inflammation of brain tissue that can have long-lasting effects if not diagnosed and managed properly.

According to Navy Cmdr. Dave Tarantino, director for clinical programs for Marine headquarters’ health services, traumatic brain injury is divided into three categories from most to least severe: severe or penetrating, moderate and mild. Severe or penetrating traumatic brain injury and moderate traumatic brain injury have previously qualified for the Purple Heart because those injuries require evacuation to a medical treatment facility where

the injury can be treated by a medical officer. However, there are no definitive medical tests to diagnose mild traumatic brain injury or determine its severity.

“In order to assess mild traumatic brain injury and concussions, corpsmen and medical officers rely on a combination of history, physical examination, clinical signs and symptoms, and other findings,” said Tarantino.

Department of Defense guidelines in effect in the combat theater for the last year require that any service member who is involved in a potentially concussive event must be placed under a 24-hour period of observation to determine if they have suffered a mild traumatic brain injury. That period of observation does not provide justification for the Purple Heart and can be extended if the member exhibits signs or symptoms of a mild traumatic brain injury.

If a medical officer determines that the Marine is not fit for full duty for a period greater than 48 hours due to signs, symptoms, or findings of impairment from the mild traumatic brain injury caused by enemy action, then the injured Marine’s command will indicate that information in the remarks section of the Marine’s Personnel Casualty Report.

In some cases, the Marine’s final disposition may not be known when the initial PCR is released. Additional medical

information can be included in supplemental PCRs.

Given the natural resilience of the brain, combined with proper diagnosis and management, most Marines who have suffered from mild traumatic brain injury recover fully and experience a very high return to duty rate, explained Tarantino.

Marines, to include veteran Marines, whose medical record contains documentation that a prior mild traumatic brain injury was caused by enemy action since Sept. 11, 2001 – meeting the revised criteria – may submit a reclama through their original chain of command at the time of injury.

“The Marine Corps will continue to maintain the importance of the Purple Heart Medal at the same level as when it was first approved for combat wounded Marines during World War II,” said Lee Freund, head of Military Awards Branch at Headquarters Marine Corps.

Marines should refer to MARADMIN 245/11 for specific award criteria and reclama (reapplication) submission information: <http://www.marines.mil/news/messages/Pages/MARADMIN245-11.aspx/>.

Reclamas can be scanned and emailed to hqmc.manpower.ph_mTBI_reclama@usmc.mil (underscores before and after “mTBI”), or sent via regular post to Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMA), Headquarters Marine Corps, 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA, 22134-5103.

Combat zone unmanned aerial system cargo delivery



Cpl. Justin M. Boling

A detachment of Marines from Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron 1 in Afghanistan completed their first unmanned aerial system cargo delivery in a combat zone, Dec. 17. The unmanned helicopter moved about 3,500 pounds of food and supplies from Camp Dwyer to troops at Combat Outpost Payne. The helicopter, an unmanned variant of the K-MAX, completed the delivery in about an hour and a half.

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Tracy Hairston, spouse of Lt. Col. Reginald Hairston, commanding officer, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, sings the national anthem during the pregame ceremony of a San Diego Sockers game at Del Mar Arena, Del Mar, Calif. Dec. 17. The Sockers are part of the Professional Arena Soccer League.



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Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, shakes hands with Aaron Susi, team captain, San Diego Sockers, after making the first kick during the Sockers' military appreciation night at Del Mar Arena, Del Mar, Calif. Dec. 17. This is the first year the Sockers have had military play a part in their pregame ceremony.



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Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, makes the first kick during the San Diego Sockers' military appreciation night at Del Mar Arena, Del Mar, Calif. Dec. 17. John P. Kentera, general manager, Sockers, exclaimed the great respect the Sockers have for the military and that an appreciation night can be expected every year.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

Chiky Luna, midfielder, runs through a line of youth soccer players during the San Diego Sockers entrance to the field before their game against the Tacoma Stars at Del Mar Arena, Del Mar, Calif. Dec. 17. Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's youth soccer players took part in the pregame ceremony of their military appreciation night.

SD Sockers host military night at Del Mar Arena

BY LANCE CPL. ERIC QUINTANILLA
Chevron staff

The San Diego Sockers indoor soccer team hosted a military appreciation night during their 8-3 win over the Tacoma Stars at the Del Mar Arena, Del Mar, Calif., Dec. 17.

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego was given the opportunity to have their youth soccer players take part in the pregame ceremony.

During the pregame ceremony, the youth soccer players lined up in two rows allowing the Sockers players to run through the center of them as their entrance on to the field.

"I could feel my adrenaline pumping being on the field," said Michael Gautane, 13, MCRD youth soccer player. "It was pretty exciting because this was my first game. I'm looking forward to the Sockers winning."

MCRD filled other roles throughout the pregame ceremony as well. Tracy Hairston, spouse of Lt. Col. Reginald Hairston, commanding officer, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, sang the national anthem. To start off the game,

Brig. Gen. Daniel D. Yoo, commanding general MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, made the first kick.

"We wanted an event that could bring a lot of people together to honor the military and what they do," said John P. Kentera, general manager, San Diego Sockers.

Although the Sockers recognized the military last year, this is the first time they included them in the event. Two Sockers players have been making contributions to the depot's soccer program by mentoring the youth teams on base.

"(The kids) are most excited about coming out to support Kraig and Anthony," said Mary Young, special events coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services.

In addition to playing for the Sockers, Kraig Chiles, forward, spends time coaching, as well as serving as the Champions Sports Academy soccer director. The Hall of Champions works closely with MCRD to support their sports programs. Anthony Medina, midfielder and forward, also volunteers his time as a coach.

Chiles was recognized during the halftime ceremony by Master Sgt. Clifton Goodman, WRR operations chief, and Angela LaChica, Hall of Champion's vice president with a plaque for his contributions.

"He's marvelous. He puts a lot of confidence in the kids," said Young. "His focus is on having a good time and skill development."

This is the first time the children have been to a game as a group, according to Gina Woolgar, military youth sports coordinator, who is embedded with the Hall of Champions.

"They are pretty excited to represent MCRD soccer and glad to have the chance to see a game," said Chief Petty Officer Anthony Gautane, who has four children playing MCRD sports.

Kentera exclaimed the great respect the Sockers have for the military and that an appreciation night can be expected every year. Service members looking to attend a Sockers' game are able to purchase tickets through Ticketmaster with a military discount.



Lance Cpl. Eric Quintanilla

The San Diego Sockers mascot runs through a line of youth soccer players during the San Diego Sockers entrance to the field before their game against the Tacoma Stars at Del Mar Arena, Del Mar, Calif. Dec. 17. Service members looking to attend a Sockers game can purchase tickets through Ticketmaster with a military discount.

Chicago siblings train recruits into Marines

BY SGT. WHITNEY N. FRASIER
Chevron staff

One man and one woman share the same genes, but they also share the same uniform. These Chicago native siblings are more alike than what meets the eye, especially regarding their career, as U.S. Marine Corps drill instructors.

Many may think it is a rare case to have siblings fighting the same battle versus fighting each other, but this common pair shares a common goal. To Influence the product the Marine Corps receives.

Sgt. Mark Peters, drill instructor, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion and his younger sister, Sgt. Amanda Peters, drill instructor, Company N, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Parris Island, S.C. spend endless hours training recruits in hopes to meet their goal.

With more than 2,000 miles between them, these two dedicated Marines stay motivated by keeping faith and pride in the Corps values, honor, courage and commitment.

Commitment usually plays a big role in the Marines, no matter what task is taken on. For drill instructor duty, a time commitment could be the most demanding of them all.

“The hardest part is time management,” said Mark, 27. “I have a hard time balancing work with my family, but I make it happen.”

Both agreed balancing personal time with work was a bit of a challenge, but neither lacked the understanding of the importance of their presence around the recruits.

“If you want to make good Marines you have to be here as much as you can,” said Amanda, 23. “It’s not only for the recruits, but for the other drill instructors in the company. It’s a team effort.”

Sometimes people say there aren’t enough hours in a day, for drill instructors burning mid-night oil becomes a reality on a daily basis. Having the courage to advance and succeed in such a challenging environment is far from easy.

“This is a man’s world that we are bringing these females into,” said Amanda. “I need to show them the don’t have to rely on a man to be successful.”

Showing recruits the ropes may be a tough task, but influencing them can be even harder.

“I feel that we can strongly influence the young recruits through our actions and by setting the example,” said Mark. “It



Official USMC Photo

Sgt. Amanda Peters, drill instructor, Company N, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., spends countless hours training female recruits. “If you want to make good Marines you have to be here as much as you can,” said Amanda, 23, Chicago. “It’s not only for the recruits, but for the other drill instructors in the company. It’s a team effort.”



Sgt. Whitney N. Frasier

Sgt. Mark Peters, drill instructor, Company K, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, trains male recruits with hopes to change the product the Marine Corps receives and leave the “Peters” footprint in the Marine Corps future. His sister, Sgt. Amanda Peters, drill instructor, Company N, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island, S.C., also trains recruits on the opposite coast of the country. These two Chicago natives rely on the Corps values to guide them through their journey on DI duty.

takes courage to always do the right thing.”

Honoring the promises they have made to the Marine Corps and the recruits entrusted in their care will happen for this optimistic duo. Consistently positive about their future, they are confident in their abilities to develop recruits into smartly disciplined, physically fit, basi-

cally trained Marines.

“If we can take away something from every leader we encounter we can reinforce the characteristics of the Corps and accomplish anything that comes our way,” said Amanda.

Reaching an agreement Mark explained they will change and put a different value on the product they train and put into

combat with the help of previous experiences. Both Peters have been deployed overseas.

With all the similarities and motivation these two share, finding a difference may seem difficult. Maybe the only thing these two haven’t shared is a duty station.

“We’ve always been separated the entire time we have

been in the Marine Corps,” said Amanda. “But how would we be able to influence the entire Marine Corps from the same place?” said Mark.

What’s next on their to-do list? Both agree their mission is to be able to build their own product of Marines and leave the “Peters” footprint throughout the Corps.

Sgt. Maj. Kenneth A. Conover

Parade Reviewing Officer

Sgt. Maj. Kenneth A. Conover enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1983 and reported to recruit training at MCRD San Diego in June 1984. After training he received orders to Infantry Training School, Camp Pendleton Calif., for his military occupational specialty training as a rifleman.

Conover’s various duty assignments include; Marine Barracks Bangor, Wash., 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Bn., 4th Marines, drill instructor duty at Parris Island S.C., Company E, 2nd Bn., 3rd Bn., 9th Marines, 3rd Bn., 4th Marines, instructor at Infantry Squad Leaders School, School of Infantry West, 1st Bn., 4th Marines, 1st Marine Logistics Group serving with Combat Service Support Company 111, Combat Service Support Company 115, Headquarters and Service Company, Combat Logistics Bn. 1, Landing Support Company.

Upon selection to his current rank, Conover has served with 3rd Bn., 25th Marines, 2nd Bn., 5th Marines and Combat Logistics Regiment 1.

Conover has attended Mountain Leaders Course Ft. Lewis, Wash., Army Airborne School, Infantry Squad Leaders School, Combat Leadership School, Infantry Platoon Sergeants School, Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival, Drill Instructor School, Small Arms Weapons Instructor Course and has attended all resident periods of military education.

“The Marine Corps is the finest institution in America and it’s the duty of every Marine to keep it that way.”





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Platoon 1025
SERIES HONOR MAN
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Jenks, Okla.
Recruited by
Sgt. J. Turner



Platoon 1022
PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. C. E. Williams
Chicago
Recruited by
Sgt. M. Carroll



Platoon 1023
PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. W. B. Eason
Tulsa, Okla.
Recruited by
Gunnery Sgt. R. Strokos



Platoon 1026
PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. L. J. Bee
Bloomington, Idaho
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. M. Remmington



Platoon 1027
PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. D. J. Henderson
Fayetteville, N.C.
Recruited by
Sgt. D. Cox



Platoon 1026
HIGH SHOOTER (337)
Pfc. G. R. Perez
Pacoima, Calif.
Marksmanship Instructor
Cpl. J. M. Hornbuckle



Platoon 1027
HIGH PFT (300)
Pfc. G. R. Tallabas
Roswell, N. M.
Recruited by
Staff Sgt. J. J. Vidal



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Sgt. Kuande Hall, Defense Media Activity - Marines
Kye Morgan, East Squad running back from Somerset, N.J., rushes past the West Squad defense during the Semper Fidelis Bowl in Phoenix. The West Squad was victorious in the inaugural high school all-star game, beating the East Squad by a final score of 17-14.

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character displayed by Marines is what they'll need to achieve on and off the field." According to the commanding general of MCRC, the partnership between the Marine Corps and Junior Rank was one based on the shared values of both organizations.

"The reason we decided to partner with Junior Rank was because the program is very concentrated on the character of the student-athletes," said Brig. Gen. Joseph L. Osterman, commanding general, MCRC. "They share our Marine Corps core values of honor, courage and commitment."

Unlike other high school All-American bowls, where the selection criteria is often limited to performance on the field, student-athletes chosen to play in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl were required to demonstrate outstanding character, leadership and academic excellence.

Student-athletes participating in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl arrived in Phoenix Dec. 28, 2011, registering and receiving their pads and uniforms. For the next five days they attended practices, a short preparation time for players who in almost all cases had never played together. The East team practiced at Arcadia High School in Phoenix while the West practiced at Saguaro High School in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Practicing alongside Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl players were seventh and eighth Junior Academic All-Ameri-

cans. These young student-athletes, like their high school senior counterparts, were required to display more than football skill. Players were required to have a 3.0 grade point average and a character recommendation in order to be invited.

Junior Rank, the Marines and the student-athletes in Phoenix brought Chase Field to life Jan. 2. Starting the day off was the USMC Proving Ground Combine.

The USMC Proving Ground Combine was a football skills competition modeled after the NFL's annual college combine. Participating were 300 high school juniors who competed for a chance to play in next year's Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl.

After a week of practice, two Junior Academic All-American Games were held following the combine, giving the young student-athletes a chance to play at the stadium.

The main event was the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl. The estimated 4,000 fans in attendance saw a hard fought defensive battle. Ultimately, the West came away with the victory, edging out the East 17-14.

Overall, the bowl week was very successful, exceeding the high expectations of organizers.

"We've exceeded our own expectations, based on feedback from parents, coaches and the people who joined us in Phoenix this week," said Berry. "My only hope is that the product we put on the field is representative of the men and women we have serving our country."



Sgt. Mark Fayloga, Combat Correspondent
Nick Patti, an East Squad quarterback from Orlando, Fla., passes the ball during the inaugural Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl at Chase Field in Phoenix, Jan. 3, 2012. The game featured the nation's top 100 high school players. The West Squad defeated the East Squad, 17-14.



Cpl. Samuel A. Nasso, Combat Correspondent
The West fought their way to a 17-14 victory over the East in the inaugural Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl at Chase Field here Tuesday Jan. 3. Playing for the West team was Conrad Ukropina, punter from Layola High School, Los Angeles. The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl is the culmination of a yearlong partnership between Marine Corps Recruiting Command and Junior Rank, an organization dedicated to developing the next generation of student-athletes.



Sgt. Mark Fayloga, Combat Correspondent
Camrhon Hughes, an offensive guard from Harker Heights, Texas, prepares for the snap during practice in Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1, 2012. Hughes is among hundreds of athletes participating in the Junior Rank Proving Ground Combine and Semper Fidelis All American Bowl. The bowl is the inaugural competition between the top 100 high school seniors in the country put on by the Marine Corps and Junior Rank. The bowl week kicked off Dec. 29, 2011 and ran through Jan. 3, 2012, giving 500 student-athletes the ability to test their athletic abilities in various competitions, ending with the Semper Fidelis All American Bowl.