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Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps visits depot

BY LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CHAVEZ Chevron staff

The 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps visited the depot Dec. 14 to meet with recruiters, drill instructors, recruits and Marines, and to speak about changes to Corps' policies and directives.

Sergeant Major Carlton W. Kent began his visit at the depot by speaking with Drill Instructor School students about the their importance in helping shape and mold the Corps' newest Marines.

Kent said he is especially focused on ensuring drill instructors exemplify the Corps' standards by staying in top-physical condition and maintaining combat readiness.

During his career, Kent served two tours of duty here. His first was in February 1983 as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor and battalion drill master with 1st Battalion, RTR.

His second tour was as sergeant major 2nd Recruit Training Battalion and sergeant major Recruit Training Regiment in August 1997.

Next, Kent visited with the instructor staff at Recruiters School, praising the outstanding job that they have been doing to provide the Marine Corps with individuals trained for recruiting duty.

"It was motivating to see what the sergeant major passed on from the commandant about recruiters being at the forefront of the Marine Corps," said Master Sgt. Peter J. Raia, prior service recruiter course head.

Kent then visited with Recruit Training Regiment's Medical Rehabilitation Platoon — a transition platoon designed to allow recruits to recover from injures before joining another training company to graduate — where he advised recruits on ways to mentally overcome injuries and go on to become Marines.

"The sergeant major was adamant about not giving up," said Recruit Joseph M. Knight, MRP.



(Right) Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, greets drill instructor Gunnery Sgt. Rogelio Deleon, while other drill instructors look on at Drill Instructor School. Kent spoke with the next graduating class of drill instructors on the depot during his visit to address Corps changes to directives and policies. Lance Cpl. Chalrie Chavez/Chevron

After visiting with individual units, Kent addressed depot Marines and sailors at McDougal Hall about several issues to include changes to the Marine Corps physical training uniform. Cotton sweats will still be authorized, but a new jogging suit has been approved and will be issued to every Marine in the next few months, he said

"The new gear has a good color and material, but best of all it's free," said Raia.

Kent addressed other policies regarding topics such as deployments, dress uniforms, and the G.I Bill.

Kent ended his day by presenting his personal Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps coin to the depot's top-performing enlisted Marines.

"I was honored to meet the highest ranking enlisted Marine," said Sgt. Fabiola Escobedo, adjutant clerk from Headquarters and Service Battalion. She was one of the Marines who received a coin.



Sgt. Kristopher Kane is San Diego County's first hometown Marine to be recognized on a billboard. The billboard is located on East Main Street in El Cajon, Calif. Cpl. Carie Booze/Chewron

Marine hero honored on billboard

BY CPL. CARRIE BOOZE Chevron staff

Service members and residents of El Cajon, Calif., gathered at the site of San Diego's first Hometown Marines Program billboard Dec. 18, to recognize the bravery of a local Marine who received the nation's third highest combat award.

Sgt. Kristopher Kane, a native of El Cajon, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for actions during his tour in Iraq in 2004.

Kane graduated from Valhalla High School in 1998 and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2001.

Upon completing his primary and secondary training, he served as a marksmanship coach at Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Kane then deployed to the Middle

East and served with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force as a squad automatic weapon gunner.

During Operation Al Fajr, Nov. 10, Kane entered a house held by insurgents while enemy rounds and hand grenades exploded around him and laid suppressing fire so his Marines could get to the wounded.

He held his ground while in the direct line of fire, even after a bull-dozer collapsed the house, crushing his leg.

Maj. Kate Germano, commanding officer of Recruiting Station San Diego, said Kane and his fellow Marines are here today only because of Kane's bold leadership, wise judgment and complete dedication to duty.

The Hometown Marines Program was developed to generate awareness within communities of the heroic actions made by the service mem-

bers who have received the Bronze Star Medal or higher, and police and firefighters who have received similar awards for heroism.

"What kept me going was hearing the screams of my injured Marines," said Kane. "All I thought about was getting them out of the building."

When Kane first heard about the billboard, he said that he was very surprised and was unaware that his community had the program.

"Hopefully we can take this back to our local communities and remind them of heroes like Kane," said Germano.

Although his local community sees him as a hero, Kane remains humble.

"It feels good to be recognized for my actions," he said. "But it is not about me. It's about the Marines who didn't get the chance to see this."





Best of the Best
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of the year
2007



India Company conquers boot camp changes



Several recruits from Platoon 3211, Company I, finish the final hill of the 9.5 mile Crucible hike to become Marines. Lance Cpl. Chalrie Chavez/Chevron

BY GUNNERY SGT. LAURA GAWECKI Public affairs chief

ompany I is the first recruit training company here to complete the new training regimen, which includes a schedule change in which the Crucible becomes the culminating event of training.

The start of the new year brings with it a new aspect of recruit training, with enhanced core values and combat conditioning program.

In April, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James T. Conway announced plans to modify recruit training here and at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island for Marines to focus on rededicating themselves to their core values and warrior ethos.

The Crucible has been moved from week eight to week 11. Conducting the Crucible at week eleven allows recruits to complete the hardest thing they may have ever done, right before earning the title Marine.

The Emblem Ceremony, where recruits receive their eagle, globe and anchor insignia now follows the Crucible at Weapons Field Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Crucible is a 54-hour field training event near the end of recruit training that evaluates a recruit's mental,

moral, and physical development in order to validate the transformation into a Marine.

The new training schedule emphasizes core values through values-based training and guided discussions.

Starting the first training week, recruits participated in daily guided discussions with their drill instructors to foster personal, group and organizational values. In an open forum recruits are given ground rules and told what to expect from the discussions, said Gunnery Sgt. Jose H. Molina, Company I chief drill instructor.

A combat conditioning program has been designed to strengthen muscles used in combat and reduces the chance of injury.

Recruits wore flack jackets and helmets and carried weapons on the obstacle course in order to simulate a combat situation, said Molina.

According to Capt. David M. Dalby, assistant training officer, G-3, dynamic warmups, mobility and stretching exercises have been added to the program to reduce the chance of injury. Those same exercises have been increased in intensity and lowered in duration.

"Field Week and the Crucible used to be back-to-back," said Dalby. "The new schedule has them three weeks apart, which is anticipated to mitigate injury."

A transition week, "Marine Week," has also been added at the end of recruit training so recruits can gain the ability to make a better transition from the rigidly structured environment of recruit training to a less restrictive one.

In the final eight and a half days of recruit training, drill instructors assume the role of platoon sergeant and continue to teach and mentor. New Marines will be addressed by rank or "Marine."

Emphasis will be placed on the reinforcing of core values, exercising of small unit leadership, and increasing of individual responsibility.

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Martin Luther King's birthday observance

This year's national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday will be celebrated on Jan. 21. Congress designated the third Monday in January a national holiday in honor of Dr. King. The permanent theme for this holiday is, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!"

Depot Anymouse Program

The Anymouse Program is designed for depot personnel to anonymously report any safety hazards or issues.

Anymouse boxes are now available for all employees to submit any safety concerns that need to be brought to the Command's attention.

Locations are:

DI School

H&S Bn. Bldg. 15 near the stairs Facilities Maintenance

MCCS Bldg. 148 break room RTR S-4 12th MCD, first deck, Bldg. 8, just outside the male locker room. Submission forms are located in front of the Anymouse box.

Please give a detailed description of the safety hazard or condition.

Boxes will be checked weekly, concerns will be addressed by the Safety

Office/Command. For more information please contact Depot Safety at 524-8770 .

Tuesday Bible study

Join the Bible study group at the multi-purpose room next to the RTR Chaplain's office in Bldg. 28, RTR HQ (next to the theater) each Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. The group is currently reading and discussing the Book of Proverbs.

Blood Drive

The MCRD Blood Drive takes place Jan. 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Home Store. All blood donors will receive special gifts such as water bottle, heart stress balls, juice and muffins. Those eligible to donate are active duty personnel and their family members, reservists, military retirees, federal civilian employees, and federal contractors. Donors of all blood types are needed, and in particular, there is an urgent need for O negatives and O positives to meet patient care and operational requirements for service members. Bring your ID, eat prior to donation and drink plenty of fluids.

Blood-Borne Pathogen Awareness Training

For all depot personnel who need training in Blood-borne Pathogen awareness, a slide presentation and test are available on the depot Safety Website: www.mcrdsd.usmc.mil/safety/index.htm. For more information, contact Mrs. Taylor-Ridley at (619) 524-8436.

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Marine Band San Diego holiday concert

BY GUNNERY SGT. LAURA GAWECKI Public affairs chief

The 2007 Holiday Concert and Tree Lighting Ceremony, held at the depot Dec. 15, featured innovative and jazz-infused Christmas music performed by Marine Band San Diego, and was open to the public for the first time.

The annual event began after the sun went down with the official tree lighting by Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region. Brig. Gen. Salinas invited children in the audience to join her as she pushed the lever that lit the Christmas tree with hundreds of lights approximately 1,300 civilians from the San Diego community attended.

The concert featured the band's small ensembles, to include the party band, jazz combo, brass quintet, and the full 39-member band. In addition, Rancho Buena Vista High School junior, Diane Olivares, played

trombone with the band on the opening medly, "Here Comes Santa Claus," and during the traditional Christmas sing-a-long at the end of the concert.

The jazz band put an innovative portrayal on some of the traditional Christmas favorites.

"Feliz Navidad," an upbeat, contemporary Christmas song written in 1970 by Jose Feliciano, was given a spiced-up "funk feel" by the party band.

The jazz combo then took the audience through its arrangements of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Carol of the Bells," complete with Mozambique and Afro-Cuban influences styles not heard in the original Christmas classics.

"My favorite part of the concert was the combo selections because it's pretty much improvisation; every note is not always the same," said Gunnery Sgt. David H. Kile, the band's small ensemble leader. "Every performance becomes its own piece of art," he said. "Our jazz combo is so talented that

they're a joy to watch. It's just what they're feeling at that moment which makes it exciting hear. It's an edge-of-your-seat type of performance."

Some of the highlights of the evening featured vocal solos and duets by band members. After the band played its selections, the audience, to include 1,200 Marine recruits from Companies D and I, and nearly 700 Marines and members of the local community sang various Christmas carols. Band members also recited a poem, "Merry Christmas, My Friend."

After the sing-a-long, sleigh bells rang out, and a spot light targeted Santa Claus as he ran from behind the bleachers to pass out candy canes.

Spectators from the San Diego community, Neil and June Ash, said they thought the music was spectacular.

"But the best thing about the concert was that the recruits were able to attend because of the holidays," said Neil.



Marine Band San Diego played jazz-style Christmas music for the public and depot personnel. Commanding General Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, depot and Western Recruiting Region, switched on the tree lights with help from children. Lance Cpl. Chalrie Chavez/Chevron



Santa Claus gives a sleepy Marine his coat to warm himself. The band acted out a poem during the concert. Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron

"Attitude is everything" for San Diego recruiter

BY CPL. JAMES GREEN Chevron staff

He is an early riser, out of bed by 3 a.m. and on the road to work by 4. His mission: to find highly-qualified men and women to fill the ranks of the Marine Corps.

He reports to his post with razorsharp creases and a red blood stripe running down the outside of his trousers. Upon his head rests a white cover displaying a golden eagle, globe and anchor. The determination can be seen in his eyes.

Staff Sgt. Julian Lopez, a recruiter assigned to Recruiting Station San Diego has done well early in his recruiting career. Although being a recruiter was not his first choice—he wanted to be a drill instructor—Lopez made the most of it enthusiastically.

"Staff Sgt. Lopez is one of my most consistent and successful recruiters," said Maj. Kate Germano, commanding officer, RS San Diego. "He is ranked in the top two percent of all my recruiters for consistently meeting the quality and quantity standards when it comes to recruiting."

Lopez lives by the saying: "Attitude is everything." By doing so he has earned several awards, including Rookie Recruiter of the Year for Recruiting Station San Diego and several Recruiter of the Month and Quarter awards.

Lopez, a native of Cali, Colombia, came to the U.S. in 1995 at age 16. He joined the Marine Corps' Delayed Entry Program in August 1996.

Coming from Colombia at his father's request, Lopez admits not knowing much about the United States except that many people from Colombia think the United States is the best country in the world.

Lopez joined his father in Miami and eventually went to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., for recruit training in January 1997 under an aviation logistics supply contract.

As if recruit training was not challenging enough, when Lopez left for boot camp, he did not speak English.

Lopez looked to fellow recruits for help with this language barrier and became more proficient with English after the completion of boot camp and attending school.

After eight years in the Fleet Marine Force, Lopez received orders to recruiting duty.

He volunteered to go to Iraq for a second tour, but Lopez was needed at Recruiters School aboard the depot here. Lopez accepted the mission ahead of him and vowed to do his best.

Upon completion of Recruiters School, he was assigned to Recruiting Substation El Cajon, Calif.

To some, being a Marine is tough enough, let alone being tasked each day with facing constant challenges regarding possible candidates.

But Lopez remembers what it was like coming to America knowing nothing about the military, only that he wanted to be a part of the best. He ex-



Staff Sgt. Julian Lopez, Permanent Contact Station Escondido, Calif., Recruiting Station San Diego stands at attention in the back of the room as Navy and Marine Corps enlistees swear in at the Military Entrance Processing Station in San Diego. Cpl. James Green/Chevron

pected the Marine Corps to be tough, so facing the extreme obstacles in recruiting did not come as a surprise.

"After I did my research, knowing nothing about the military, I saw the Marine Corps was the best," said Lopez with a thick Colombian accent. "The Marines are the smallest branch, they fill the need for that pride of belonging, and the challenges we face day-to-day are what attracted me."

Throughout his time in the Marine Corps, Lopez has had many influences who assisted him throughout his successful career, but he attributes his recruiting success to the leadership of Gunnery Sgt. Shawn Hudachko, Lopez's staff noncommissioned officerin-charge at RSS El Cajon.

Lopez said he learned everything he knows about recruiting from Hudachko who taught him that success comes from consistency. And following this rule, Lopez brings in two to three future Marines each month. Although Lopez has good and bad recruiting months, he has never contracted fewer than two people into the Corps in any month.

Lopez said he is not a pushy recruiter. He understands that it is the prospective Marine's life and it is his future at stake.

"I don't like 'what if' when I talk with someone about his future," said Lopez. "I keep my word, so I put all my cards on the table and let him make the decision."

Lopez's honest technique worked with Marine enlistee, Stephen C. Martinez. Martinez, 22, said he had considered going into the military since high school and finally decided to take a trip to his local recruiting office. When he opened the door, the Marines were the first recruiters he saw.

"My intentions were to talk to every military branch in the office, but after talking to the Marines, I knew that was what I wanted to do," said Martinez. "Staff Sgt. Lopez told me everything and was completely honest."

Martinez was so sure about which direction he wanted his life to go that he enlisted just six days after his initial visit to Permanent Contact Station Escondido, Calif. where Lopez now

Although Martinez did not become a reconnaissance Marine, he was in the infantry. He said he chose infantry in order to experience more travel and

"Martinez is going to be motivated," said Lopez. "Some recruits you can never tell, but I know he is going to do

In the recruiting field, long hours often accompany late nights and less time with family. Sometimes having to work more than 80 hours a week focusing on their mission, some recruiters find it hard to distinguish between work and home life, said Lopez.

While some recruiters say finding highly-qualified individuals to join the Corps is the hardest part of their job, Lopez feels that maintaining the other roles in life is more challenging.

Keeping clear the roles of being a recruiter, husband, mentor and father in check is difficult, according to

Managing the time to keep in close contact with the future Marines while raising a family is a major challenge

many recruiters face, he said.

Although the hours are long, life as a recruiter is anything but ordinary. Recruiters face challenges each day while attempting to spread the word about the Marine Corps in high schools and teenage hangouts.

Once a recruiter goes to a high school, it is his goal to find an interested senior to help him reach more seniors. Students are more prone to listen to their peers than to a recruiter. Lopez said networking is the key to

"My goal is to meet and talk with at least two seniors every time I go to a high school," said Lopez. Building strong relationships with school officials is a big factor in a recruiter's

By setting up events like pull-up challenges and inflatable obstacle courses, recruiters challenge students to see - not if the Corps is good enough for them, but if they are good enough for the Corps.

Lopez says the greatest reward of being a recruiter is laying out successful career paths for individuals to get their lives straight.

He said when a Marine returns from boot camp and thanks him, he knows his hard work has paid off and it all feels worthwhile.

Lopez reenlisted Dec. 14, adding another four years of dedicated service to his 11 year career.

"No matter what you do in life, you have to make the best of it," said Lopez. "It's all about attitude; if you are negative you don't get results. If you stay motivated, you will get what you want. You have to be positive."



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THE YEAR PICTURES

Each photograph captures last year's timeless moments. *Chevron* editors selected these classic pictorial moments from an annual archive of hundreds.



SOUNDING OFF! With motivation and intensity, Sgt. Marvin Walker, drill instructor, Platoon 1022, Company B, ensures recruit Sean Tvedt understands the correct bayonet techniques. Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron



REACHING OUT Recruits demonstrate prope one of the depot's 12 annual educator's workshops.



THE SUMMIT Wearing 65-pound packs, recruits from Company H, Platoon 2175, charge up the last hill before reaching the half-way point of the 9.5-mile Crucible hike, which leads recruits through Edson Range's rocky paths and up a series of steep hills. Cpl. James Green/Chevron



SEA OF GREEN These recruits were given a break from training to celebrate the Marine Corps' 232nd birthday with Marines and civilians at the depot. These young men are training to become members of an organization that over the past 232 years has evolved into one of the world's finest fighting organizations. *Lance Cpl. Chalrie Chavez/Chevron*



ALMOST THERE Recruit Steven Sheldon, Platoon 1048, Company C, back-crawl of the depot's bayonet assault course. Sheldon, a native of Canyon Country, Calif., uses snagging his gear and restricting his movement through the obstacle. Lance Cpl. Robert W. Bea



r shoulder-stretching techniques during Marine Corps Martial Arts Training for 9th Marine Corps District educators during
Ptc. Alicia Small/Chevron



SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF Recruit Dustin Ruiz, Platoon 1026, Company B, does a push-up during a physical training session led by his senior drill instructor Staff Sgt. Francisco Martinez. Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chewron



s under barbed and concertina wire as part s his rifle to prevent the sharp wires from aver/Chevron



FLAGS OF OUR COMMUNITY More than 250 soldiers, sailors, airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines display a giant American flag during one of San Diego's Fleet Week activities. The huge flag stretched the length of the field at Qualcomm Stadium. Lance Cpl. Chairie Chavez/Chevron



THE BEGINNING A Receiving Company drill instructor quickly sends recruits inside Martini Hall to receive their new gear and fresh haircuts. A recruit's first encounter with the intensity of boot camp begins on the yellow footprints. Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

Uncle, nephew graduate Marines Two family members from a small American town enlist in the Corps looking for adventure

BY LANCE CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER Chevron staff

Life before boot camp was too simple for two recruits from Platoon 3211, Company I, looking for new experiences in the Marines.

Growing up in Locust Grove, Okla., a town with fewer than 1,000 residents and only two traffic lights, Pvts. Rus-

sell Kelley and James Ingram hunted animals, chased girls and spent time with their large family living in the same town.

They have been close their whole lives and grew up together like brothers would. However, they were uncle and nephew. Ingram, 19, the uncle, was a year younger than Kelley, 20, his nephew.

Pvts. James Ingram (front) and Russell Kelley (back), Platoon 3211, Company I, grew up in Oklahoma. Uncle Ingram is one year younger than his nephew. Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

"They were together every day," said Carla Franklin, Kelley's mother and Ingram's sister. "They've always been buddies playing games like cowboys and indians."

"James, the youngest of 11 children, was an instant uncle when he was born," said Carla. "It was kind of weird."

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Year after year was the same for Kel-

ley and Ingram, growing up exploring the local forests and hanging out with friends after school at the local hamburger joint

— the only one in town.

They wanted a change. "Nothing really happens (in Locust Grove)," said Kelley. "That is why we joined. We wanted to do something exciting and it was time for us to grow up as men."

After graduating from Locust Grove High School, they decided to join the military.

They enlisted in the Marine Corps through the Buddy Program, which is a special program that allows two or more people signing up to begin recruit training together.

"I was kind of scared when they decided to join," said Carla. "But there are not a lot of (job) opportunities around here, so the military seemed like a good place for them."

The trip to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego was the first time Ingram had been away from home, but not Kelley.

"I had to look out for him sometimes," joked Kelley, who was a squad leader over his uncle.

Though they came in on the Buddy Program, Ingram and Kelley's drill instructors did not know they were related, and this silent bond helped motivate the two through the challenges of boot camp.

"We tried to keep it a secret from our drill instructors so they wouldn't mess with us for being related," said Kelley.

During an inspection in the second phase of boot camp, the senior drill instructor spotted an old picture taped

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Leard, senior

to the inside of Ingram's footlocker.

In the picture, Kelley, who was an All-State high school wrestler, had Ingram in a headlock.

When his senior drill instructor questioned him about the photo, Ingram revealed the details.

"I would never have known they were uncle and nephew," said Staff Sgt. John Leard, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3211. "This was definitely one of the weirdest things that happened in the cycle."

He said Kelley and Ingram were good recruits and they worked well with their platoon mates.

Both Marines plan on a

career in the Marine Corps.

Kelley enlisted as an aviation electrical technician and Ingram as a ground equipment vehicle repairman.

Ingram intends to marry his high school sweetheart during his 10 days of leave after he graduates today, while Kelley plans to get married after he graduates from Marine Combat Training at their next duty station, the School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Both Marines look forward to new experiences in the Corps and seperate military occupational schools, but a strong bond as Marines.

Major General Thomas D. Waldhauser

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Major Gen. Thomas D. Waldhauser a native of South St. Paul, Minn., graduated from Bemidji State University in 1976. Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

His first assignment was with 1st Marine Division where he served with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment and 1st Reconnaissance Bn. From 1980 to 1984, Maj. Gen. Waldhauser was assigned as the commanding officer, Marine Detachment, USS Long Beach and subsequently served on the staff of the commander, Amphibious Squadron Seven.

Reporting to the 2nd Marine Division in 1985, he served as a company commander in 3rd Bn., 6th Marine Regiment, and after being promoted to major, he was assigned as the operations officer for Battalion Landing

Team 3/6

In 1988, Maj. Gen. Waldhauser was assigned as a faculty advisor and instructor at the Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Va. During this tour, he was a member of the Commander, U.S. Marine Central Command (Forward) staff aboard the USS Blue Ridge during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. In July 1992, Maj. Gen. Waldhauser joined the II Marine Expeditionary Force staff where he served in the G-3 Future Operations Branch.

Reporting to the 2nd Marine Division, Maj. Gen. Waldhauser assumed command of 3rd Bn., 2nd Marine Regiment on Nov. 5, 1993. During his tenure, BLT 3/2 deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). In 1996, Maj. Gen. Waldhauser was assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, where he served as the section head, ground officer assignments. In 1998, Maj. Gen. Waldhauser was assigned to the Joint Staff Combating Terrorism Directorate where his billets included division chief and assistant deputy

director

He assumed command of the 15th MEU (SOC) on July 24, 2000. During this tour, the 15th MEU (SOC) participated in combat operations in southern Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom and in Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His initial assignment as a brigadier general from August 2003 to July 2006 was at the Marine Corps Combat Development Command where he served as the commanding general, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory and deputy commander, MCCDC.

From July 2006 to September 2007, Maj. Gen. Waldhauser served as the chief of staff and command support center director, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. He currently serves as the commanding general for 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Major Gen. Waldhauser has attended U.S. Army Ranger School, Jump-master School, Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the National War

College where he earned a master's degree in national security strategies.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Combat "V," Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star.





COMPANY HONOR MAN Lance Cpl. D. P. Bullis Wenatchee, Wash. Recruited by Staff Sgt. H. A. Olguin



SERIES HONOR MAN Pfc. D. W. Boyles Blue Springs, Mo. Recruited by Staff Sgt. S. Sonthivongnotath

Platoon 3210



Dallas

Recruited by

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n 3214 PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. L. A. White Bridgeton, Mo. Recruited by Sgt. H. Grigsby



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HIGH SHOOTER (233) Pvt. J. T. Propps Bloomer, Wis Marksmanship Instructor Sgt. J. Roberts



HIGH PFT (300) Pvt. K. N. Ealev Oceanside, Calif. Recruited by Sgt. J. A. Martinez

NDIA COMPANY



Staff Sqt. John Leard, Platoon 3211, Company I, leads his platoon up the final hill of the Crucible at Weapons Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Dec. 28. After the Crucible, the Marines received the Eagle, Globe and Anchor emblem during the Emblem Ceremony. Lance Cpl. Chalrie Chavez/Chevron

THIRD RECRUIT TRAINING

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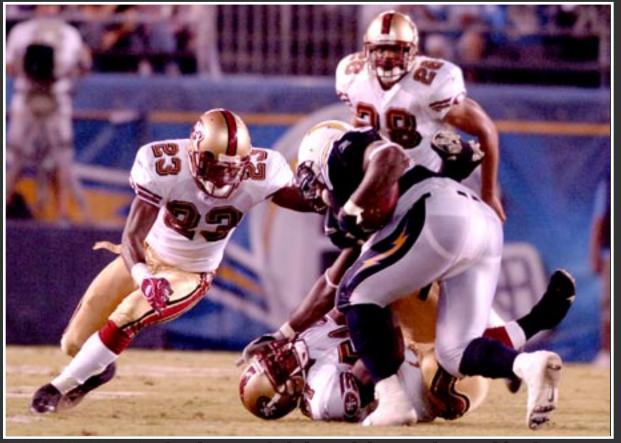
Training Regiment's Support Battalion and Headquarters and Service Bn.'s Depot Color Guard players battle it out in the Commanding General's Cup 3-on-3 tourney. Ptc. Alicia Small/Chevron

2007 Chevron year in sports

Chevron reporters catch the race for the Commanding General's Cup, and depot and Marine Corps' Community Services' events. Here is what the year had to offer.



SPIN OFF Cpl. Eric Folmar, H&S Bn. quarterback, fails to shakeoff Support Bn. defenders during the Commading General's Cup Flag Football season. Lance Cpl. Charlie Chavez/Chewron



RUNNING MAN A San Diego Charger's running back pummels the San Francisco 49ers' defense in a pre-season game that the Chargers won 16-13. This was one of many events in 2007 that were provided free of charge to active duty military members by the community in San Diego. Lance Cpl. Charlie Chavez/Chevron



SWEAT CYCLE Staff Sgt. Theaodis Sigmon, administrative chief, Recruit Training Regiment, works up a sweat wearing an added 20-pound Interceptor Vest with Small Arms Protective Inserts during a spin class at the depot Fitness Center Oct. 5. Cpl. Carie Booze/Chevron



MARATHON JIG Fifty-year old Michael Baumann clicks his heels together upon completing his 10th Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. The Visalia, Calif. native crossed the finish line, which the depot has hosted for seven years, with a time of 3:18: 29. Lance Cpl. Charlie Chavez/Chevron



THE AIR UP THERE Cpl. Ifairi Clarke, 12th Marine Corps District, leaps through the air to sink a two-pointer against H&S Bn. player Cpl. Timothy Horton during a Commanding General's Cup basketball tournament. Cpl. James Green/Chewron