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## Commandant of the Marine Corps Birthday Message 2009

United States Marines represent the best young men and women our nation has to offer. To be a Marine is to be a member of America's warrior class – to be one of the few who steps forward with the courage and conviction to face whatever dangers await. Our nation expects her Marines to be ready when the nation calls; to leave family and the comforts of home behind; to march into battle and thrive under austerity; and to come home under a victory pennant.

From Al Anbar in the west of Iraq, to Helmand Province in the south of Afghanistan, our Corps of Marines can always expect to be found where the fight is toughest. Such is our history. Today, as we write the final chapter on our victory in Iraq, we will increasingly take the fight to the enemy in Afghanistan and add new pages to our legacy in places called Delaram, now Zad, and Garmsir. One day, we will return to our Naval heritage and patrol the high seas with our Navy brothers. Such is our future.

As we celebrate our Corps' 234th birthday, we first pause to reflect and pay tribute to those Marines who have given the last full measure in defense of freedom. We extend our deepest gratitude to our Marine Corps families—the unsung heroes who endure hardship and sacrifice so that we are able to go forward and accomplish any mission. We extend our appreciation to our countrymen who have answered our every need. And we celebrate the magnificent men and women who willingly and selflessly continue to go into harm's way to protect this great nation.

To all who have gone before, to those who wear the uniform today, and to the families that give us the strength to forge ahead—I wish you all a heartfelt happy 234th birthday!

James T. Conway  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps



**Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, thanks veterans for their service and dedication during the Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance ceremony at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park, San Diego, Oct. 31.**

Lance Cpl. Rebecca Lamont/Chevron

## Veterans remembered with tribute to the flag

BY LANCE CPL. REBECCA A. LAMONT  
Chevron staff

The Military Order of the World Wars San Diego Chapter celebrated their 54th anniversary during the Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance ceremony at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park, San Diego, Oct. 31.

The ceremony was a patriotic tribute to the American flag and a remembrance of those who currently serve in the armed forces and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

More than 50 color guard units representing the military, high schools, colleges, police and fire departments and scouting fraternal and patriotic organizations, participated in the event. Marine Band San Diego helped celebrate while playing patriotic songs during the ceremony.

The color guard carried the national ensign and other flags in their position in the chain of command. These included a unit flag and a flag representing each branch of service. In addition to the flag bearers, who were positioned in the center of the color guard, there were two individuals at each end carrying rifles.

"I think this had a positive impact on particularly the younger color guard participants, because they get to see all the branches of service and see what they contribute to the U.S.," said Sgt. Jose L. Cruz, platoon sergeant, ceremonial platoon, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. "They also get the opportunity to contribute to a cause many have sacrificed

their lives for."

The overall community gained insight on what it truly is to be an American, he said.

"This remembrance gives the community an opportunity to see what we see and better explain why we do the things we do," said Cruz.

After thanking the veterans for their service and dedication, Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, took time during his speech to address America's youth, telling the story, "The Tale of the Snake," by Iron Eyes Cody.

"Cody warned America that you knew it was a snake before you picked it up," said Bailey, using a venomous snake as a metaphor for taking illegal drugs, abusing alcohol and drunk driving. He reminded the audience of the damage caused by these hazardous substances and choices.

Bailey also emphasized the importance of always doing right and being our best.

"We are all bound by the one flag of glory," said Bailey.

The MOWW is a patriotic, non-profit, nonpartisan, veteran's organization. MOWW was established in 1919 to promote the welfare of our nation and is comprised of 145 chapters across the U.S. It provides the opportunity for officers of all uniformed services to unite and promote national security, patriotism, good citizenship and service to country. For more information visit [www.militaryorder.net](http://www.militaryorder.net) or [www.sandiego-moww.org](http://www.sandiego-moww.org).

## Commanding General's Birthday Message 2009

For 234 years, our Corps has successfully served our nation in every clime and place. Winning battles and earning the respect of our comrades in the profession of arms and enemies alike continues to be our hallmark. This heritage is sacred to our Corps and is testimony to our unrivaled excellence in warfighting. Again this year, we can see Marines deployed across the far reaches of our world, engaging the nation's foes and demonstrating through deeds that the phrase "honor, courage, and commitment" is not mere words, but the code by which we live and defend our nation.

A resurgent enemy in Afghanistan has resulted in some of the toughest fighting the Marines Corps has seen in its history. As we celebrate today, let us remember those who are deployed are counting upon us - we who recruit and train the next generation of Marines - to continue to uphold the standards of excellence that have served our Corps so well. Every member of this command, whether they are from Weapons Field Training Battalion, the Recruit Depot, or the Western Recruiting Region, contributes to the essential mission of making Marines. As we look to the future and the uncertainty of conflict, we can take great pride in knowing that we are molding the Marines who will ultimately produce victory in The Long War and maintain our warfighting legacy.

On this 234th anniversary of the founding of our Corps, let us honor the memory of past Marines, and renew our commitment to excellence. To all the Marines of MCRD, the Western Recruiting Region, Sailors, Coastguardsmen, and all of our civilian Marines who work so hard to make this command what it is today, I thank you for your efforts and look forward to another year of serving our Corps together.

Happy Birthday Marines and Semper Fidelis!

Ronald L. Bailey  
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commanding General

## BRIEFS

# TOYS FOR TOTS

BY GUNNERY SGT. LAURA GAWECKI  
Chevron staff

There is no goal regarding how many toys to collect in the Toys for Tots campaign, according to Maj. Donald C. Prograis, supply officer, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division and officer-in-charge of the toy drive in San Diego.

"Last year, we collected 57,000 toys, and it doesn't matter if we collect 250,000 toys; as long as each child that requests a toy gets one in his hands for Christmas, then we've been successful."

The Marines want to help as many children as possible, said Prograis. However, the program has mandatory registration. In order to receive toys, requestors must first contact designated recreation centers and register. A list of the centers is available at the Toys for Tots website at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

This year marks Toys for Tots' 62nd anniversary of giving toys to children who may not have any to open on Christmas and the campaign is well underway.

Toy collection begins during the summertime, but the drive doesn't start to really take off until the end of September, he said. The campaign starts several

months before Christmas because sponsors require particular events and fundraisers that carry into the Fall, he said. On Nov. 23, participating organizations will receive their distribution of toys. The organizations provide vehicles for the Marines to load the toys, and from there, they distribute the toys.

There are three large toy drives this year in San Diego, said Prograis. The official kick-off event with family activities and entertainment is scheduled for Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. at the USS Midway Museum at 910 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego. During the Chargers' game Nov. 29, toy bins will be placed around the stadium. On Dec. 10-11, NBC-7 will host their toy drive from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Second Avenue and Broadway in Horton Plaza.

The website also shows the various locations in San Diego where toys can be dropped off for donation until December 18. Boxes will be placed at the following depot locations:

- Home Store, Bldg. 9
- Exchange, Bldg. 346
- Bay View Restaurant, Bldg. 132
- Recreation Center, Bldg. 590
- Field House, Bldg. 650
- 1st Battalion HQ, Bldg. 2 West

- 2nd Battalion HQ, Bldg. 3 East
- 3rd Battalion HQ, Bldg. 3 West
- Recruit Training Regiment HQ, Bldg. 28
- Headquarters and Service HQ, Bldg. 15
- Support Battalion HQ, Bldg. 1
- Dental clinic, Bldg. 595
- Medical clinic, Bldg. 596
- Command Museum, Bldg. 26
- Chaplain's office, Bldg. 31
- Coast Guard HQ, Bldg. 394
- Marine & Family Services, Bldg. 26
- Family Readiness, Bldg. 6 East

"The depot has been a great supporter for many years," said Gunnery Sgt. Ricardo V. Villanueva, a Toys for Tots San Diego coordinator and supply chief, 4th Tanks Battalion, 4th Marine Division.

"Last year, it was impossible to count all of the toys," said Tim R. Cleator, commercial sponsorship specialist, Marine Corps Community Services Marketing. "We used a moving van-sized truck to collect all of the toys from the depot. Last year was by far the best year in recent history for collecting toys. Hopefully, with the economy the way it is, we'll be able to continue to help many more children this year."

## Halloween happiness

Children got the opportunity to show off their Halloween finery at the depot's Fall Festival Oct. 31. Children 3 to 5 years old participated in a costume contest with a new costume as the prize. The Marine Corps Community Services funded the Fall Festival for all military and Department of Defense civilians on the installation. Their goal was to help provide a safe Halloween for participating military families.

Pfc. Lauren Stehwiem/Chevron



## 2009 DEPOT BIRTHDAY BALL

### Junior Enlisted Ball Saturday, Nov. 7

\$30 for active duty  
\$45 for all others

HQSVC Bn. Contact: Sgt. Parker  
(619) 524-1806

1st Bn. Contact: Sgt. Swanson  
(619) 524-1962

2nd Bn. Contact: Sgt. White  
(619) 524-5009

3rd Bn. Contact: Sgt. Diramos  
(619) 524-4335

SPT Bn. Contact: Sgt. Yocom  
(619) 524-1763

### Staff NCO Friday, Nov. 6

\$55 for active duty Maines,  
MCRD civilians and their  
guests.

\$75 for non-MCRD active duty,  
GS employees, retirees and  
civilian guests.

RTR Contact: GySgt. Martinez  
(619) 524-1766

HQSVC Bn. Contact: 1stSgt.  
Bala  
(619) 524-6678

### Officers Ball Tuesday, Nov. 10

\$80 for active duty Marines,  
MCRD civilians and their guests.

\$90 for non-MCRD active duty,  
GS employees, retirees and  
civilian guests.

RTR Contact: Capt. Peoples  
(619) 524-1775

HQSVC Bn. Contact: Capt. Cote  
(619) 524-1979

### Volunteers needed for televised spots

Marine Corps Community Services televises "What's Happening at MCCS," a weekly segment on upcoming events throughout the depot and is looking for volunteers to narrate. Candidates can be active military, DoD civilians, or military dependants aboard the depot. Taping takes 30 minutes reading a prepared script. For information, contact Rachel Landolt, MCCS Coordinator, at [landoltr@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:landoltr@usmc-mccs.org).

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# Fleet Week 2009 wraps up after successful run



The Canadian Snow Birds perform high-flying acrobatics in formation during the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show, Oct. 3. *Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*

BY CPL. SHAWN DICKENS  
*Chevron staff*

As the month of October comes to an end so does Fleet Week 2009. Since 1995 Fleet Week San Diego has been the nation's largest tribute to service members who have dedicated their lives to the nation's freedom and way of life.

The success of Fleet Week San Diego relies heavy on the partnership between the local community and the military services stationed in the area. Without the immense support of the San Diego community the military would not be able

to successfully complete its missions.

The Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen who live and work in the area also volunteer their time out in town to help support the community that does so much to support them, from leading scout troops to building or repairing homes for the less fortunate.

This years fleet Week events included the Coronado Speed Festival; Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Calif., airshow; the parade of Navy ships and exhibits; the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Boot Camp Challenge; various recognition events; and concerts.



The Marine Corps Recruit Depot Color Guard performs during the Enlisted Recognition Luncheon at Sea World San Diego, Sept. 30. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*



Marine Band San Diego, under the direction of CWO2 Jack K. Davis, play to a packed crowd during the Star Spangled Salute, Aug. 15. *Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron*



A car races in one of two separate drifting competitions during the Coronado Speed Festival, Sept. 26 and 27. Spectators got a chance to observe hot rods, porches and Formula 1 race cars compete on the air field of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. *Pfc. Dustin Hamby/Chevron*

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Recruit Belleau Wood, slated to assume depot mascot duties this month, is introduced to a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program hold by her instructor, Sgt. Gehrig A. Buck, drill instructor, Platoon 1010, Company A, during tan belt training Sept. 9. *Cpl. Matthew Brown/Chevron*



Recruit Belleau Wood carries her supply of ammunition towards the firing line at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 16. Even as a puppy, Bella was required to participate in grass week and firing week with her fellow recruits. *Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*



Recruit Belleau Wood was happy to finally receive her eagle, which she will wear as a private in the United States Marine Corps. *Pfc. [Name obscured]*

## Puppy learns the

BY CPL. WAYNE EDMISTON  
*Chevron staff*

Any Marine, past or present, can attest to one fact when they reminisce about their time during recruit training: it is not easy to be a recruit. For Recruit Belleau Wood, the future mascot of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, it is no different.

Very few English bulldogs will ever experience what Bella has experienced, to include rappelling from a 60-foot tower or swimming in an Olympic size pool. But she's had the unique experience of sampling what it takes to earn the title Marine.

Bella is just another recruit with Platoon 1011, Company A, but many things set her apart, including her four legs and furry frame.

But what Bella does and will do during her tenure at the depot is reflected on the faces of the Marines and sailors she encounters daily.

"I think having Bella is tremendous for the morale here. You especially notice it when one of the Marines walks by and their faces change," explained Chief Petty Officer Patrick W. Mondragon, senior enlisted advisor, religious ministries, MCRD San Diego. "I see the roughest and toughest Marines bend down and pet her, coming out of their shell and showing their loving nature."

She still gets into the typical trouble of a canine infant, but more so every day, her discipline is beginning to grow. Just like her fellow recruits in Company A.

Staff Sgt. Ismael Alicea served as Bella's chief drill instructor and was responsible for making a lot of her training possible. Many adaptations



Recruit Belleau Wood, Platoon 1011, Company A, sounds off



globe and anchor during. This effectively estab-  
 Dustin Hamby/Chevron



Recruit Belleau Wood, left, gets her orders from Cpl. Molly Marine, Oct. 22. While Molly is the depot's current mascot, Bella will assume those duties later this month in a post and relief ceremony. Cpl. Wayne Edmiston/Chevron

## e Marine Corps way

needed to be made to help the disadvantaged recruit along.

"Training the mascot definitely made things interesting," he said. "Her platoon's drill instructors were all about it," said Alicea. "I see training her as a privilege. It is not everyday you get to train one of the depot's mascots and it will be something I will talk about later on in life."

Last week served as the final week of her training, and she is tying up loose ends on learning her role as the mascot for the depot. She will replace Cpl. Molly Marine, the depot's current mascot, who has served for more than seven years. Normal medical issues that come with an aging bulldog are what will cause Molly to be relieved of her mascot duties to live out the remainder of her years as a household pet.

The last week of recruit training is known as Marine Week and includes the Battalion Commander's Inspection, Family Day, and Graduation. During this week, Marines are instructed in some of the recruit behaviors that are no longer appropriate after boot camp, such as referring to one's self in the third person. Their final photos are taken, and they will prepare for their ten days of leave.

This is no exception for Bella, because she will practice for her responsibilities during the depot's graduations and will officially replace Molly in a formal post and relief ceremony during the annual cake-cutting ceremony Nov. 10. At her current rate, she is averaging a pound of weight gain weekly and continues to grow into her boots as a United States Marine.

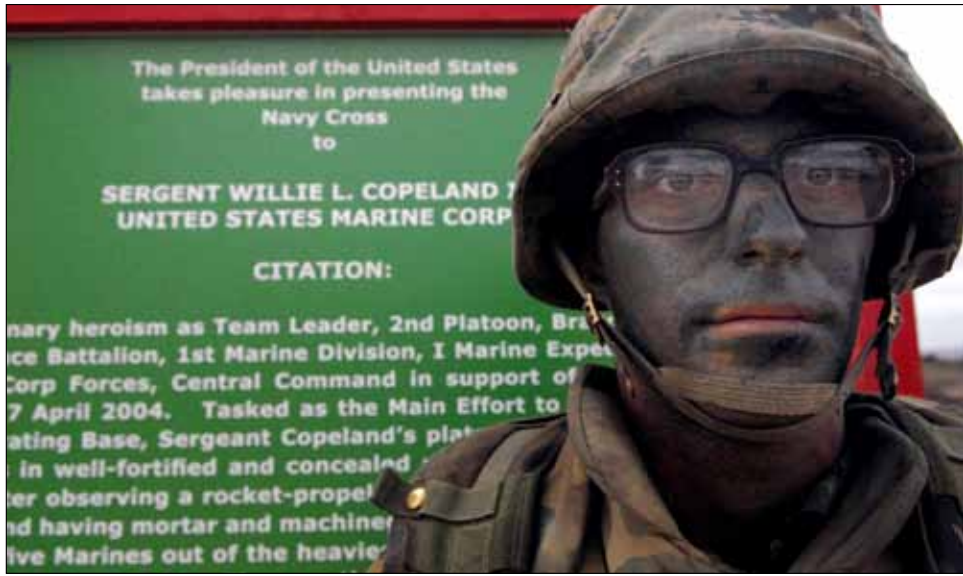
As her fellow recruits follow their individual paths in the Corps, Bella will remain at the depot to perform her duties and put smiles on the faces of her fellow Marines.



Recruit Belleau Wood gains confidence after rappelling off of the 60-foot rappel tower aboard the depot, Oct. 23. Her success in this task was one of the requirements for her to complete recruit training and become a Marine. Cpl. Wayne Edmiston/Chevron



with her fellow recruits prior to stepping off for morning chow. Cpl. Matthew



Recruit Christian S. Copeland, Platoon 1009, Co. A, is following in his brother's footsteps. Sgt. Willie L. Copeland distinguished himself as a Marine in battle, earning the Navy Cross and having a Crucible obstacle name after his engagement. Pfc. Dustin R. Hamby/Chevron

## High shooter's family keeps him on target

BY PFC. DUSTIN R. HAMBY  
Chevron staff

As the younger brother of a Navy Cross recipient, Recruit Christian S. Copeland, Platoon 1009, Company A, has a lot to live up to.

His brother, Sgt. Willie L. Copeland, was assigned to Sniper Element Leader as team leader, 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on April 7, 2004.

"My brother was attacked by nearly 60 insurgents," said Copeland. "He then had the courage to push through an open field and charge toward the enemy. After he saw that his commanding officer had been knocked down he told everyone else to stay back, and then he ran to the aid of the captain."

Without regard for his own personal safety, Copeland stabilized and evacuated his commanding officer to a safe area. He then conducted the withdrawal of his team from their covered positions through the use of hand grenades, according to the citation.

Copeland, a Smithfield, Utah native, said he is very proud of his brother who put himself in harms way to help others.

"It takes a certain type of character for you to pull yourself through that kind of situation," said Copeland. "You have to be able to have

a certain bravado and a crazy look in your eyes."

As with most recruits, Copeland was worried about completing boot camp. He said he did not know what to expect until his older brother explained it to him.

What Copeland did not expect was when he was on the Crucible, he would be part of a tribute to his brother.

Each station in the Crucible is named after a service member who was an award recipient. Before attacking the obstacle, the recruits are read the award citation and given time to reflect on the circumstances in which the award was given.

"Copeland's Revenge is named after my brother," he said. "It's the best obstacle here. You have to be calculating and watch what you are doing on this obstacle."

Like his brother's conflict in Iraq, Copeland's Revenge consists of buddy rushes and movements under fire to a designated check point while wearing flak jackets and Kevlar helmets.

Copeland attained a coveted title as well. He is an enthusiastic hunter, so it came as no surprise to him that he became the company high shooter by qualifying on the rifle range with a score of 330 out of 350.

Copeland, who loved to hunt in the snowy mountains of Utah, used similar shooting mechanisms on his hunting rifle as on the M-16A4 service rifle.

Copeland said he loves hunting big game, and that he can hunt anything from deer to elk.

"I prefer to go find the game," he said. "I load up my pack and disappear into the forest."

Copeland said when he went on one of these trips he found a huge elk on a mountaintop that paled in comparison to the little hills the recruits climb on the Crucible.

Sgt. Chris P. Hoover, drill instructor, Platoon 1009, Co. A, said that these kinds of life experiences, such as such as being an excellent marksman will help Copeland when he is out in the fleet.

Although he enjoys the solitude of hunting, he is a generous and well-liked recruit.

"Copeland put the other recruits at ease," Hoover said. "He was able to help others when they were discouraged or upset."

As Copeland works his way to the fleet, he will take ten days of leave and then attend the School of Infantry at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he will attend a three-month school to become an infantryman. He looks forward to requesting entry into the challenging reconnaissance school.

"I want to find ways to better myself," he said. "I stand firmly in the belief that I should know myself and seek self improvement."

## Sniper swaps scope for smoky bear

BY PFC. LAUREN STEHWIEN  
Chevron staff

"Success is something you have to strive for, something you have to want," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Alvarez, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1011, Company A. Success is exactly what Alvarez has achieved.

In the 10 years Alvarez has been in the Marine Corps he has already accomplished incredible feats. In boot camp, Alvarez focused on being an effective leader and the best recruit he could be, he said.

His drill instructors immediately noticed his efforts and gave him the billet of platoon guide. The guide is the recruit held responsible for all of the other recruits and must be squared away and always put forth his best effort. Alvarez said he pushed himself to his limit, which eventually paid off as was named company honorman.

After graduating from boot camp Alvarez was sent to the School of Infantry Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif., for training as an infantryman.

During SOI, the senior members of Alvarez's command took notes on who they believed would be suitable to become a scout sniper. A scout sniper is a highly trained Marine who stalks the enemy and suits up to do what it takes in order to help protect his fellow Marines. The course to is vigorous with an average failure rate of 80 percent, which means the senior members must be very selective in choosing students for the course.

Alvarez met all requirements to be able to attend the scout sniper course. Therefore, upon graduation from SOI he had to first complete the indoctrination phase. During the three-week course, the Marines complete physical fitness tests; swim qualification; learn Marine Corps knowledge; and complete the obstacle course; how to plan and execute a mission; and land navigation.

Following the indoctrination phase, Alvarez went to Okinawa, Japan, to complete a jungle land navigation course. During this course he not only worked on perfecting land navigation, but also practiced shooting.

Alvarez then moved on to Survival Escape Resistance Evasion training where he was taught how to survive captors and how to resist interrogation by captors.

After completing the courses, Alvarez was finally able to attend scout sniper school, which is a 13-week course at Camp Pendleton where the Marines are taught how to shoot, patrol, and stalk the enemy.

"During the stalking training, Marines are told to blend in with their environment in order to make a successful kill then to promptly get out of the immediate danger area," Alvarez said.

Even after scout sniper school, Alvarez's training still wasn't over. He went on to Marine Combat Instructor of Water

Survival school, a three-week course taken at the pool facility on Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., where Marines are conditioned to be able to swim to increase their endurance and to improve their water rescue techniques.

"Due to how the Marines train as they play, there were many situations during deployments where I was scared, but the training helped me overcome my fears and do as I was trained," said Alvarez.

This was proven when Alvarez was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps commendation medal during a deployment to Iraq. During that deployment one of Alvarez's pointmen went down and was lying in a courtyard. This prompted Alvarez to gather another team so they could cover and help resuscitate the wounded Marine. After the wounded Marine was evacuated, Alvarez and his team successfully reengaged the enemy.

After many deployments around the world, Alvarez decided to fulfill his desires and become a drill instructor because he wanted to contribute to the future of the Marine Corps.

"I wanted to teach the recruits that they can become better no matter what background they come from, there's always hope for the future," Alvarez said.

Staff Sgt. Ismael Alicea, chief drill instructor, Co. A, said Alvarez was a good Marine and a good leader to his recruits.

In the years spent in the Marine Corps, Alvarez has not lost his drive to succeed.

"To this day I will push myself and plan to continue my years in the Marine Corps until my job loses its fun, which I don't see happening any time soon," he said.



Staff Sgt. Joseph Alvarez, drill instructor, Co. A., watches recruits while they participate in a Crucible obstacle. Pfc. Lauren Stehwien/Chevron

## Col. Lori E. Reynolds

### Parade Reviewing Officer

Col Lori E. Reynolds was commissioned in the Marine Corps in May 1986 after graduating from the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduation from The Basic School in 1987, Reynolds attended the Basic Communication Officer's Course at Quantico, Va., and was assigned the military occupational specialty of communications officer.

Reynolds' first duty assignment was with Communications Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Serving initially as communications watch officer at the Base Communication Center as part of the Fleet Assistance Program, Reynolds later returned to the Division Communications Co., where she served from May 1988 until August 1990 as communication center platoon commander; multichannel platoon

commander; operations officer; and radio officer.

In August 1990, Reynolds was reassigned to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan, and was the Detachment Alpha executive officer for nine months before assuming command of the detachment for three months. In August 1991, Reynolds was reassigned to the Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, Va.

From September 1991 until June 1994, Reynolds was a telecommunications systems project officer at the Marine Corps Systems Command. While there, she worked primarily on item management, procurement, research and development, and maintenance of Marine Corps' communications security systems.

From July 1994 to May 1995, Reynolds attended the Command and Control Systems Course, Marine Corps University, Quantico, Va. After graduation, she served as a candidate platoon commander for Company C, Officer Candidate School in Quantico.

In September 1995, Reynolds returned

to Camp Pendleton to serve with the 9th Communication Battalion, 1st Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Intelligence Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force. While there, she served as assistant operations officer and commanding officer of Company B.

From June 1997 to June 2000, Reynolds commanded Recruiting Station Harrisburg, Pa., 4th Marine Corps District. She attended the Naval War College from August 2000 until June 2001. From June 2001 to May 2003, she was assigned as action officer and deputy division head for Strategic Plans Division, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Department, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

Reynolds assumed command of 9th Communication Battalion, I MEF in June 2003, and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, from February 2004 to March 2005. Reynolds graduated from the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., in 2006.

From 2006 to 2008 Reynolds was assigned to the Joint Staff, J6 in Washington D.C., as a desk officer in Current Operations

Division and as a division chief. In March 2009, she assumed command of the I MEF Headquarters Group at Camp Pendleton.

Her hometown is Baltimore, Md.





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Pvt. C. Marin  
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Pvt. A. J. Ash  
Pfc. T. J. Bailey  
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Pvt. B. C. Blanc  
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Pvt. S. R. Lulloff  
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Pvt. K. D. Anderson  
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Pvt. J. Fantauzzi  
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Pvt. S. J. Crandall  
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Pvt. M. A. Dasovich  
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Pvt. J. D. Feldbusch  
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Pvt. N. A. Funk  
Pfc. D. R. Gillis  
Pvt. W. L. Gillman  
Pvt. S. M. Graziano  
Pvt. T. J. Guglielmino  
Pvt. K. P. Gunn  
Pvt. L. A. Gutierrez  
Pvt. D. K. Haberman  
Pvt. J. L. Hembree  
Pfc. L. D. Jeffrey  
Pvt. C. R. Johnson  
Pvt. B. R. Jones  
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Pvt. D. L. Roland  
Pvt. S. A. Romero  
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Pfc. J. Sanchez  
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Pfc. V. M. Sierra  
Pvt. A. J. Siles  
Pfc. J. D. Slocum  
Pvt. C. M. Smith  
Pvt. K. M. Sorger  
Pvt. K. R. Sorrell  
Pvt. N. W. Stewart  
Pvt. D. L. Storment  
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Pvt. J. P. Suarez  
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Pvt. P. T. Albee  
Pvt. Z. M. Boyle  
Pvt. J. Cardona  
Pfc. A. D. Davis II  
Pfc. M. A. Gosh  
Pfc. R. J. Govea  
Pvt. J. E. Grigsby  
Pfc. A. M. Grothem  
Pvt. T. Guijarro  
Pvt. J. R. Hernandez  
Pfc. J. R. Ingram  
Pvt. S. Kim  
Pvt. D. W. Kitson  
Pfc. C. R. Klein  
Pvt. B. A. Klonowski  
Pvt. B. J. Landis Jr.  
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Pfc. C. D. Little  
Pvt. R. A. Lopez  
Pvt. Z. E. Love  
Pvt. E. W. Lunau  
Pfc. T. C. Lynch  
Pvt. C. W. Machen  
\*Pfc. A. D. Marino  
Pvt. S. A. Martin  
Pvt. I. Martinez  
Pfc. T. L. Martinson  
Pvt. M. R. McCart  
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Pfc. C. A. McKinnon  
Pvt. S. D. McMan  
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Pvt. J. R. Robinson  
Pvt. E. M. Rodriguez  
Pfc. J. Rodriguez  
Pfc. J. E. Rose  
Pfc. C. M. Samuels  
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Pfc. J. C. Veley  
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Pvt. R. C. Williamson  
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Pvt. J. T. Martinez  
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Pfc. J. L. Meza  
Pvt. C. A. Miller  
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Pvt. C. Rodriguez  
Pvt. D. K. Rodriguez  
Pvt. C. W. Rutherford  
Pfc. D. P. Rutten  
Pvt. C. J. Salley  
Pvt. F. A. Sandoval  
Pvt. J. F. San Martin  
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Pvt. R. S. Sartor  
Pvt. P. R. Schmardebek  
Pvt. A. L. Schwarz  
Pvt. C. R. Meeker  
Pvt. H. K. Miller  
Pfc. A. Morales  
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Pvt. T. Z. Munoz IV  
Pvt. H. Q. Nguyen  
Pfc. K. J. Patterson  
Pvt. M. A. Peterson  
\*Pfc. C. K. Polson  
Pvt. J. L. Powers  
Pvt. J. R. Robinson  
Pvt. E. M. Rodriguez  
Pfc. J. Rodriguez  
Pfc. J. E. Rose  
Pfc. C. M. Samuels  
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Pfc. B. K. Sharma  
Pvt. K. A. Simpson  
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Pvt. K. J. Snook  
Pfc. A. J. Stangel  
Pvt. D. E. Stayner  
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\* Denotes meritorious promotion

# Recruits body spar to test will, perseverance



BY PFC. DUSTIN R. HAMBY  
Chevron staff

“Are you going to kill him, or let him kill you?” asked a field instructor to his recruits. “I want to see good fighting! Do you understand?”

Recruits of Company A listened attentively to Sgt. Edward J. Gonzalez, field instructor, Weapons Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., as they prepared to body spar, Oct. 28. Many of them will not only be sparring for the first time in their lives, they will be doing so after already being fatigued, hungry and stressed from the Crucible. The Crucible is a rigorous 54-hour field training exercise demanding the application of everything a recruit has learned until that point in recruit training.

The sparring event is broken into several Marine Corps Martial Arts and exercise stations surrounding the ring where they spar. If a recruit isn't sparring or preparing to spar, he is busy in one of the exercises to ensure he has the proper fatigue level for a complete Crucible experience.

Body sparring comprises hand-to-hand combat. It is different from boxing because rules allow punching only from the neck to the waist. No head contact is allowed.

With camouflage paint caked on their faces and their green utility uniforms muddied, recruits stood at the position of attention as Gonzalez read the Medal of Honor citation for Sgt. Ross L. Iams before beginning the station.

Each station is named after a Medal of Honor recipient. The recruits are read the citation and given time to reflect on the circumstances of which the award was given before attacking the obstacle before them.

Iams was able to hold off a group of Caco bandits during an attack on Fort

Riviere, Haiti, November 17, 1915. He engaged in hand-to-hand combat, the citation stated, when he discovered a breach in Fort's wall. Iams was able to effectively hold off the bandits from entering the Fort with nothing but his bare hands.

“This is a real life story of what we are trying to simulate here,” said Gonzalez. “You need to understand the elements of resisting the enemy. It is crucial that you know how to push them back with nothing left but your two hands.”

Gonzalez said Marines cannot afford to back down. The enemy will want to do anything possible to break down the Marine's defenses.

“Just like Iams, you need to know when to utilize your MCMAP (Marine Corps martial arts program) techniques,” he said. “It's great if you know how to use the M-16A4 service rifle, but if you can't fight off an enemy with your bare hands, then you have a major weakness that can be easily exploited.”

Recruit Nathan I. Webster, Platoon 1009, Co. A, threw a swift right hook to Recruit Michael J. Moruza, Platoon 1009, Co. A, and gave him a bloody nose.

“I was pumped before going in,” Webster said. “We (recruits) have waited since the last MCMAP sessions to finally utilize what we have learned in the ring.”

Webster said he felt more natural at body sparring because he did not feel as constricted as when he fought pugil sticks.

“I can definitely understand how this is a critical aspect of combat,” he said. “Your hands need to be just as deadly in close quarter combat as your rifle is at long distance.”

Gonzalez said hand-to-hand combat is a great way to be well-rounded. By training recruits and Marines in the fleet to shoot and use MCMAP techniques, he knows they will have basic competence in battle.

Recruit Michael J. Wassell, Platoon 1009, Company A, received a bloody nose after sparring with Michael J. Urbansk, Platoon 1009, Co. A. No head contact is allowed at the sparring event, however, bloody noses and bumps can occur. Pfc. Dustin Hamby/Chevron



Recruits Nathan I. Webster and Michael J. Moruza, left, Platoon 1011, Company A, duke it out in the sparring ring. Before sparring, recruits listen to the Medal of Honor citation of Sgt. Ross L. Iams who, single-handedly, engaged in hand-to-hand combat with Caco bandits during the attack on Fort Riviere, Haiti, November 17, 1915.

Pfc. Dustin Hamby/Chevron