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Delta Company LEARNS IMPORTANCE OF MARKSMANSHIP



Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael Rogers

Rct. Taylor Law, Platoon 1005, Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, prepares to fire at his target during marksmanship practice on one of Parris Island's ranges Dec. 10. Recruits spend two of their 12 training weeks on Parris Island learning how to use M-16A4 rifles. Law, an 18-year-old from Woodbridge, Va., is scheduled to graduate today.

Lance Cpl. Michael Rogers
Staff Writer

In keeping with the tradition that every Marine is a rifleman, every recruit from Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, received hands-on training with their rifles at Parris Island's Inchon Range Dec. 3-14.

All recruits are required to qualify as basic riflemen to complete training, regardless of their military occupational specialty.

Pfc. Taylor Law, Platoon 1005, said although his job will be to play the French horn in one of the Marine Corps' bands, he still understands the importance and the impact of the skills he learned on the range and how they could save his life one day.

Some jobs in the Marine Corps are not directly combat related, but

when a Marine deploys, he still needs to be ready to fight.

Sgt. Kevin Willis experienced this firsthand.

Willis, a trumpeteer with the Parris Island Marine Band, was deployed to Iraq in 2006. Willis helped provide security for convoys and explosive ordnance disposal units while in Fallujah. He faced dangerous situations, which earned him a combat action ribbon for his service.

If he had not been trained as a rifleman first, as all Marines are, he may not have made it back from his deployment, said Willis, a 27-year-old Katy, Texas, native.

Not every recruit in Delta Company is destined to serve as an infantryman, but the training they all receive deems them capable of serving as riflemen.

November reigns fear to rappel

Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda
Staff Writer

The recruits of November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, put their fears aside as they geared up to descend the rappel tower Nov. 27 on Parris Island.

The rappel tower is a tall, wooden structure, which some recruits are afraid to descend.

"When I was younger, I fell off a flight of wood stairs and smashed my head into a wall," said Pvt. Jacqueline Kelly, Platoon 4003. "That is why I am afraid of heights."

The drop looked intimidating from the top of the tower, said Kelly, a 18-year-old from Troy, Mich. She said her legs were shaking as she leaned over the 47-foot drop.

However, Marines must overcome fear to accomplish a mission.

Recruits learn instant obedience to all orders, said Cpl. Matthew Wiringer, an instructor on the rappel tower. He said they must complete their assigned mission regardless of how uncomfortable or fearful they may be.

Kelly said she stopped thinking about how scared she was as she began to descend the tower and focused on safely reaching the bottom.

A wave of relief washed over her as she faced her fear and made it down the tower, Kelly said upon reaching the ground.

It was a daunting experience, said Pfc. Courtney Williams, Platoon 4002, another recruit who had never rappelled. She said she was completely out of her comfort zone.

The height of the tower caused her to doubt herself and her ability to descend, said Williams, an 18-year-old from Chesapeake, Va.

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Caitlin Maluda

A recruit of November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, descends Parris Island's rappel tower Nov. 27. Recruits were given an opportunity to face their fear of heights as they walked or jumped down the tower. November Company is scheduled to graduate today.



Photo by Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Hill

Rct. Shanice Allen, Platoon 4002, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, crawls to the next portion of the maneuver-under-fire event Dec. 22 at the battalion's physical training field on Parris Island. Allen, a 20-year-old from Cahokia, Ill., is scheduled to graduate today.

Fit for duty: November endures combat fitness training

Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Hill
Staff Writer

The recruits of November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, sprinted and crawled through their combat fitness test practice session at the battalion's physical training field Dec. 22 on Parris Island.

The practice session was the recruits' first encounter with the CFT, an annual requirement for every Marine. The session was designed to prepare recruits for the CFT and build combat endurance, which they will need as Marines.

"These sessions allow them to prepare themselves," said Staff Sgt. Jennifer Garza, senior drill instructor of Platoon 4002. "It helps them build up their combat endurance for wherever they go after Parris Island."

The CFT consists of three different events: the half-mile sprint, the ammunition can lift and the maneuver-under-fire course.

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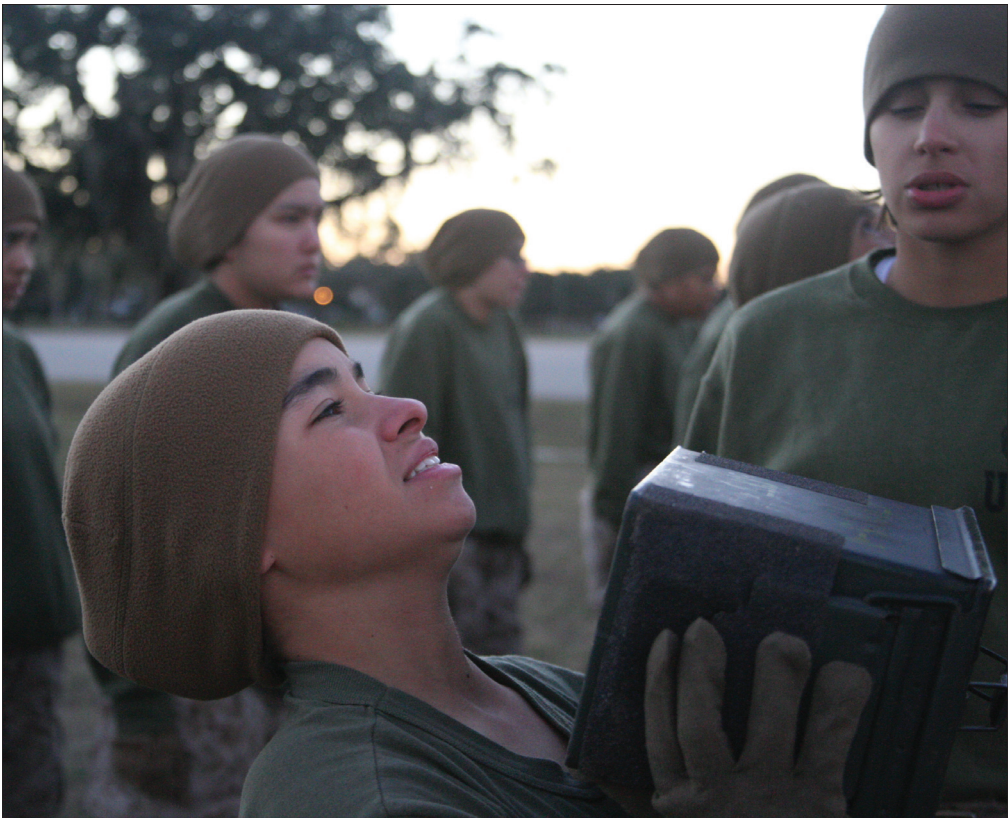


Photo by Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Hill

Rct. Destiny Nieves, Platoon 4002, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, lifts an ammunition can during the company’s combat fitness test practice session Dec. 22 at the battalion’s physical training field on Parris Island. The proper way to do an ammunition can lift is to start from below the chin and extend the arms until they are straight. Nieves, a 19-year-old from Reading, Pa., is scheduled to graduate today.

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The maneuver-under-fire event contained the most exercises, ranging from crawling to carrying a partner on the recruits’ back. It also requires them to throw a simulated grenade into a small area, demanding accuracy and concentration.

The two or three minutes of the maneuver-under-fire were really physically demanding, said Pfc. Kelly Shimo, an 18-year-old from Torrington, Conn., with Platoon 4002.

Before that, recruits lifted a 30-pound ammunition can over their heads as many times as possible in two minutes.

The recruits learned two different ways to carry a fallen comrade during the practice session. The fireman’s carry required the recruits to hoist another recruit on their back and run. The second way was dragging the partner from behind them.

“The different carries were important parts to learn too,” Shimo said. “When we go to combat, if we need to get an injured Marine to safety we need to be able to carry them away from danger.”

The CFT was implemented into the Marine Corps Oct. 1, 2009, to test Marines’ combat readiness. The physical fitness test was the

only annual test of fitness before the CFT, which included a three-mile run, two minutes of situps and pullups for males and a flexed-arm hang for females.

“When I went through recruit training, the CFT was not part of the annual training requirement,” said Garza, a 27-year-old from San Antonio. “When it was put in, I had to implement a lot of combat conditioning into my training, which involved a lot of running in my boots.”

The entire test is done in combat boots and the utility uniform, which is not something most recruits are used to. This session showed the recruits just how demanding the real test or real combat might be.

“We let them practice before they are expected to perform the test, because running it is a culture shock,” said Garza. “It sounds easy, but when they do it, they see it is very physically demanding.”

The recruits of November Company learned how much endurance, strength and determination will be needed to not only train annually, but to possibly save another Marine’s life. The recruits of November Company are scheduled to graduate today.

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Williams said she knew she had to ignore her own fear to make it to the bottom of the tower. She said she was relieved she had finally descended the tower, and proud that she was able to overlook her own discomforts.

“When times are stressful and Marines need to get things done, there shouldn’t be any hesitation about it,” said Wiringer, a 26-year-old from Sterling Heights, Mich. “That’s why we are Marines. We do what needs to be done, no questions asked.”

These recruits found the inner strength to look past their fears and complete the task at hand. These young ladies will soon face the world as Marines after walking across the Peatross Parade Deck on graduation day.



Rct. Jacqueline Kelly, Platoon 4003, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, attempts to descend the rappel tower Nov. 27 on Parris Island. Kelly, an 18-year-old from Troy, Mich., faced her fear of heights and went down the rappel tower a second time after failing to confidently descend. November Company is scheduled to graduate today.





Photo by Lance Cpl. Octavia Davis

Pfc. Rock Warnick, Platoon 1004, Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, is scheduled to graduate today after an uncommon journey. Warnick attended and graduated Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va., in 2009. A thorough self-evaluation made Warnick realize he was not ready to be a leader of Marines, prompting him to deny his commission. Despite meeting all the qualifications necessary to become a Marine Corps officer, Warnick chose to take the enlisted Marine's route several years later. Warnick, a 25-year-old Rockville, Md., native, is his platoon's honor graduate.

CALLED TO CORPS

Trained first as officer, new Marine takes enlisted path

Lance Cpl. Octavia Davis
Design Editor

A young, ambitious native of Rockville, Md., is scheduled to graduate from Parris Island today after a unique quest through not only enlisted Marine Corps recruit training, but Marine Corps Officer Candidates School as well.

Pfc. Rock Warnick, Platoon 1004, Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, said he thought he had taken more than he could handle after graduating from Officer Candidates School in 2009, when his journey into the Marine Corps first began.

"I've kind of always had that bug for some reason to join the Marines," said Warnick, 25. "I'm always looking for a challenge. The Marine Corps obviously sounded like a huge challenge, and a Marine Corps officer sounded like an even bigger challenge."

Warnick contacted a Marine Corps officer selection officer while studying at Towson University in Baltimore. A lengthy process of counseling, medical screenings and constant physical training landed Warnick a spot in OCS in Quantico, Va., on May 28, 2009.

"It was definitely an eye-opening experience," Warnick said, referring to his 10 weeks of training to become a Marine Corps officer.

Warnick graduated OCS on Aug. 8, 2009, but expressed he was not certain he had chosen the best path for his life, saying he had many "mixed feelings."

A thorough self-evaluation made Warnick realize he

was not quite ready to lead Marines.

"The more I thought about it, the more I started to realize it wasn't about me," Warnick said.

He said his concerns came with the fear of misguiding the men and women he would soon be in charge of.

"If something happens to them, it's going to weigh much more on me," he said. "I didn't want to risk other people's lives for my uncertainty."

Warnick postponed his acceptance of commission for nearly a year before finally informing his officer selection officer that he would be denying his commission as a Marine officer.

"I thought that was really courageous ... and honest," said Warnick's father, John Warnick. "He did what he thought was right."

Rock Warnick went on to complete his final year of college and became a personal trainer for two years.

"It was decent pay, and it was an OK life, but nothing spectacular, and it was nothing that I was really too proud of," said Rock Warnick.

His dissatisfaction with his job and his desire for something more sparked a sudden revelation.

"I was just sitting alone in my apartment and thinking where I was going with my life. I said ... 'I feel like I'm not going to go anywhere unless I join the Marine Corps,'" Rock Warnick said.

"One reason was I needed direction in my life," he added. "I needed the discipline that I knew the Marine Corps would give me. I just felt like ... I had to do it."

Rock Warnick sought out a Marine recruiter, hope-

ful that he would be given another chance to fulfill his yearning to be part of the nation's finest. The recruiter informed the aspiring Marine that he would not be able to reclaim his commission as an officer. However, Rock Warnick's goal was no longer to become an officer. He simply wanted to earn his spot in the Corps.

"I said that's fine with me ... I just want to wear the uniform," Rock Warnick said. "The objective now and then was just to be a Marine."

"I have very much respect for that guy," said Sgt. Cory W. Trott, the new Marine's recruiter.

To have met all the qualifications needed to become a Marine Corps officer, yet still taking the enlisted Marine's route is a very admirable thing to do, Trott added.

Rock Warnick arrived on Parris Island for recruit training in mid-October 2012.

"I couldn't be more proud," his father said. "When you follow your heart like that, you're not going to have any regrets, and you're going to give it your all."

The new Marine said his previous encounter with Marine Corps training helped him to cope through his 13-week endeavor and graduate as his platoon's honor graduate.

Rock Warnick is scheduled to attend Marine combat training Jan. 28, followed by training to become an air-field firefighter.

Rock Warnick expressed he has no regrets in his decision to return to the Corps, saying "there is no turning back" and he is "absolutely committed" to his new career.



Corps' first female general passes

Sgt. Priscilla Sneden

Headquarters Marine Corps

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. – The first woman to be promoted to brigadier general in the Marine Corps in 1978 passed away Jan. 2 at the age of 82.

Brig. Gen. Margaret A. Brewer, who once served with the 6th Marine Corps District now headquartered at Parris Island, is remembered for clearing the way for future female Marines.

“Throughout her three decades of service to our Corps and country, she truly led from the front and helped the Marine Corps integrate women more fully into the force,” said Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps.

In a June 7, 1980, article in the Owosso, Mich., newspaper, The Argus-Press, Brewer said she “never considered any other service ... my mother insists I was singing the Marines’ Hymn when I was only 5 years old.”

Brewer’s desire to be a Marine was reaffirmed in high school when her mother, Anne Brewer, took her to hear a speech from the Marines who raised the flag on Iwo Jima, Japan.

After responding to an advertisement in the college newspaper and successfully completing two six-week officer candidate-training sessions, the University of Michigan graduate accepted an appointment as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in March 1952.

Like thousands of Marines today, she joined amidst a war – the Korean War.

Early in her career, the Durand, Mich., native made strides to integrate female Marines into the male-dominated Corps.

Brewer was one of the first women subsequent to World War II trained in communications. She received on-the-job training as a watch officer at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif. At the time, women weren’t authorized to attend technical schools. Shortly thereafter, she transferred to Brooklyn, N.Y., to establish the first women’s communications platoon within the reserve program.

From 1956 to 1958, then Capt. Brewer served as commanding officer of the woman Marine companies of Norfolk, Va., and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. She went on to serve as a platoon commander for woman officer candidates at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., and a woman officer selection officer in Lexington, Ky.

Brewer spent three years at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., where she oversaw the operation of the mess clubs, and was promoted to major in 1961.

In 1963, Brewer returned to Quantico to serve as the executive officer and later commanding officer of the Woman Officer School. She oversaw female officer candidates’ training as well as enlisted women’s training at the noncommissioned officer leadership school.

In 1966, Brewer transferred to 6th Marine Corps District in Atlanta to be the public affairs officer and was subsequently promoted to lieutenant colonel, the most senior rank women could hold at the time.

Brewer served during a time filled with changes for women in the military.

President Lyndon B. Johnson repealed Public Law 90-130 Nov. 8, 1967, removing the limit on the number of women in service and granted women promotion to colonel.

In 1968, Brewer assumed responsibility as the deputy director of Women Marines at Headquarters Marine Corps, during which she was promoted to colonel. Her responsibilities included the inspection of all female Marines from clothing, personnel and training to facilities and health, welfare and morale. Soon after her arrival, the inspector general team assumed responsibility of inspecting women just as they did men, as the Corps further pushed integration of the sexes.

In 1972, then Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Robert Everton Cushman, Jr., changed existing policy to allow women to be assigned to the Fleet Marine Force units. The next year, Brewer became the seventh and final director of Women Marines, advising the commandant and his staff on matters pertaining to women in the Marine Corps.

“Many people felt that the women were somehow a separate Corps, which was never the case,” Brewer said in a 1983 interview with the Marine Corps History Division. “But that was the perception that there sometimes was, because of the separate women’s administrative units, as well as the fact that there was a director of women Marines.”

During her time as director, Brewer actively fought to preserve women’s presence in the Corps and better integrate them with their male counterparts. Separate women Marine companies were disbanded, and women became eligible for



Brig. Gen. Margaret A. Brewer

career-type formal and technical training and to obtain the rank of sergeant major.

Brewer played a crucial role as the Corps began to develop regulations for pregnancy and parenthood. The principles adopted then, are still in place for female Marines today.

“We required that the woman inform the commander that she was pregnant,” Brewer said. “She would be counseled in the fact that if she remained in the Marine Corps, that she would have to fulfill all of her responsibilities to the Marine Corps, and that she would not receive preferential treatment as far as assignments were concerned.”

As her tenure progressed, women were allowed in all military occupational specialties, except small-arms technicians, pilots, aircrew and infantry and artillery fields. Women slowly began integrating into training at Officer Candidates School and The Basic School.

Working alongside the deputy chief of staff for manpower, Brewer summarized recommendations and submitted a report to Cushman, suggesting how to more effectively use women within the Corps.

One recommendation was to review all existing regulations and policies, eliminating or revising those that differentiated between the treatment of men and women without valid, rational justification.

Cushman further directed immediate action to assign women more challenging billets, to include direct assignments to command and prestigious career-enhancing staff jobs.

The most controversial of the recommendations pertained to the establishment of a pilot program to assign women to the Fleet Marine Forces.

“This was really a significant change in policy because of course the FMF are the combat forces of the Marine Corps,” Brewer said in the 1983 interview. “And here we were establishing this program that indicated women would be assigned to these combat forces, although not in a combat role as such.”

The pilot program, which consisted of sending 10 to 20 female Marines to the 1st Marine Division and 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing respectively, was deemed successful, and female Marines have served alongside their male counterparts ever since.

In 1978, as the Corps made strides to further integrate women and expand their roles, the Office of Women Marines disbanded, and Brewer returned to the public affairs field. While serving as the deputy director of the Division of Information at Headquarters Marine Corps, then President Jimmy Carter nominated her for appointment to brigadier general. The Corps was the last of the services to appoint a female flag officer.

Brewer made history May 11, 1978, as she became the first female general officer in the Corps.

“I knew that there were many people that were surprised that the Marine Corps did promote a woman to general officer rank,” said Brewer. “When I was selected, I knew that there would be interest because it was a first. But I was not expecting quite the great amount of interest that was expressed because there had been women general officers and admirals in the other services for a number of years.”

Brewer had one more first in her career. The Division of Information was redesignated as the Division of Public Affairs on Dec. 1, 1979. Brewer then became the first director of Public Affairs. She served in that capacity until retirement in July 1980.

“It’s never easy being the first, but she was both the first female general officer and the first director of Public Affairs and met the challenges and responsibilities of each with professionalism and grace,” Amos said.

“She served during an era when many thought that women had no place in the Corps, but she proved critics wrong time and again,” he said.



Photos by Lance Cpl. MaryAnn Hill

Rct. Judith Smith, an 18-year-old from Atlanta, with Platoon 4002, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, uses her weapon to push up concertina wire in order to crawl under it during the Battle of Hue City event of the Crucible on Jan. 11 at the field training area on Parris Island, S.C. The event is called the Battle of Hue City because Marines had to slowly take back a city from the enemy forces in Vietnam, going house-to-house and street-to-street, clearing out any enemies.

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The recruits of November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, and Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, trekked to Parris Island’s field training area Jan. 10 to complete their final test before earning their Eagle, Globe and Anchor – the Crucible.

The Crucible is a 54-hour event that evaluates the recruits’ mental, moral and physical development throughout training to validate their transformation to a Marine.

The recruits had learned many important lessons, but one of the most important and one they used consistently during the Crucible was teamwork.

“The Crucible reiterates everything they’ve learned so far in recruit training,” said Sgt. Toniesha Gaddis, senior drill instructor for Platoon 4003. “Phase one was when they learned the basics, phase two is when they started to apply them, phase three was when they started applying them by themselves and the Crucible is the test to make sure they can operate using what they’ve learned.”

The Crucible started with a six-mile hike, which began at 2 a.m. Jan. 10. The recruits then put their packs into their living quarters and separated into their teams of 10-13 recruits to begin the event.

One of the obstacles the recruits had to overcome is called the “Workman’s Weaver,” and in this event they would weave themselves, their weapons and gear over and under logs without falling to the ground. It required them to figure out a plan, execute it and work together.

The recruits faced many challenges throughout the Crucible, but not all of

them were physical.

One of the hardest things for her recruits during the Crucible was taking charge of the team when they had the chance, said Gaddis. They wanted to continue to rely on the other recruits that had leadership roles before the Crucible started.

The skills and traits the recruits learn to master while doing the Crucible are ones they will need as Marines throughout their careers.

“I think as a team we have come a long way since we started,” said Pfc. Brianna Shanks, an 18-year-old from Albany, Ga., with Platoon 4002. “We have better communication skills, and we are coming together as a team. The most important thing I’ve learned is selflessness. I have learned to put others before myself because everything is not always going to go my way.”

Traits such as discipline and teamwork have been instilled in the recruits since they stepped on the yellow footprints at the beginning of training. Now they have to apply those skills among themselves.

“During the Crucible, the drill instructors are only supervising,” said Gaddis. “This is when we see all of our hard work pay off. The recruits figure out how to complete the obstacles and do them. The only thing we do is provide feedback of how they could have done better. This is when we switch from the disciplinarian to the mentor.”

Throughout the Crucible, the recruits of November Company and Delta Company encountered obstacles that demanded stamina, strength and critical thinking, which are attributes they will need as Marines. They overcame those obstacles and received their Eagle, Globe and Anchor, forever making them U.S. Marines. They are scheduled to graduate today.



Sgt. Toniesha Gaddis, senior drill instructor of Platoon 4003, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, talks to her recruits about the bravery of Medal of Honor recipients as the recruits continue to progress through the Crucible on Jan. 11 at the field training area on Parris Island, S.C. Gaddis, a 28-year-old from Chicago, discussed the different core values the recipients displayed and how the recruits could show the same values during the Crucible.



Rct. Brian Cavaliere, Platoon 1002, Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, heaves himself over the end of the Workman’s Weaver obstacle of the Crucible on Jan. 10 at Parris Island’s field training area. Cavaliere, an 18-year-old from Philadelphia, worked with his team to transport weapons and gear over the structure of logs. Delta Company is scheduled to graduate today.



Rct. Bradley Stubbins, Platoon 1002, Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, hands an ammunition can to another recruit on the Workman’s Weaver on Jan. 10 during the Crucible at the field training area on Parris Island. Stubbins, a 20-year-old from Cincinnati, had to weave himself, the rest of his team and their supplies over and under the logs, being careful not to fall off.



Rct. Alexandria Cox, a 19-year-old from Summerville, Ga., Platoon 4002, November Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, waits to begin her pugil stick bout with another recruit Jan. 10 during the Crucible at the field training area on Parris Island, S.C. This match was part of an event named after the Battle of Belleau Wood, where Marines used their weapons as the recruits used pugil sticks to disarm their German foes in World War I.

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MCRD PARRIS ISLAND EXPANDED FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

MCRD Parris Island has expanded the events and activities available to families who are coming aboard the Depot to see their son or daughter graduate and become a Marine. The adjacent schedule outlines the events that are now offered to our new Marines’ families and loved ones. The times and locations of these events are subject to change. For the most current information, please visit <http://www.mccs-sc.com/recruitfamilies>.



Wednesday
Welcome to Family Orientation Day at Parris Island

6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
7:30AM-4PMDouglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival
Java Café (9AM-11:30AM)
Graduation Station (8AM-4PM)
9AM-4PMFamily Check-in at the Douglas Visitors' Center; Java Café open 9AM-12PM
10AM-12:30PM.....Marine Corps 101, including a "Behind the Scenes" tour, at Douglas Visitors' Center
LUNCH.....Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club), Food Court, Subway, Golf Course, Back Yard Burgers
1:30PM-3:30PMFamily Orientation Brief at the Lyceum
5PM-8PM.....Steak Night at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club).
Reservations required

Thursday
Welcome to Family Liberty Day at Parris Island

6AM-4PMDouglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival
Java Café (6AM-2PM)
Graduation Station (6AM-4PM)
6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
7AM.....Motivational Run - Peatross Parade Deck
8AM.....Depot Museum Opens
8:15AM.....All Weather Training Facility (AWTF) Opens
9:30AM-10AM.....Battalion Commander's Brief to Families & Liberty Ceremony (AWTF)
10AM-2PMMarksmanship Training Unit Open House
10AM.....Liberty Begins
10:30AM-1PM.....Family Day Buffet at the Lyceum – new Marines eat for free!
2PMWarrior's Prayer at the Recruit Chapel
3PMLiberty Ends
3PM-4PM.....Marine Corps 101 at Douglas Visitors' Center
5PMMeet & Greet with Depot Command at Traditions Lounge
5:30PM.....Welcome from the Command
5:45PM.....Family Day Dinner with Depot Command at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club)
Advance reservations guarantee admittance

Friday
Welcome to Graduation Day at Parris Island

6AM-2PMDouglas Visitors' Center open
Java Café (6AM-12PM)
Graduation Station (6AM-12PM)
6AM-10PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
6AM-6PMMarine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
7AM-5PMEngraving Shop open
7:45AMMorning Colors at Barrow Hall
9AM-10AM.....Graduation at Peatross Parade Deck (weather permitting)
11AM-1PMLunch Buffet at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club)

