

EDUCATORS WORKSHOP MAGAZINE



Marine Corps recruit training challenges young men and women over the course of 13 demanding weeks. From the moment they step onto the yellow footprints, recruits who thought and acted as youths are called to emerge as adults, able to be extremely disciplined and self-reliant.

During the week of June 16 - 20 educators from the Albuquerque and Denver areas were offered the unique opportunity to watch this sacred transformation take place. This book chronicles their week spent at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif.

The Three Commitments

As much as service in the Marine Corps ensures the future of our nation, it also creates a better future for those who serve. To that end, the Marine Corps makes these commitments:

WE WILL MAKE MARINES.

WE WILL WIN OUR NATION'S BATTLES.

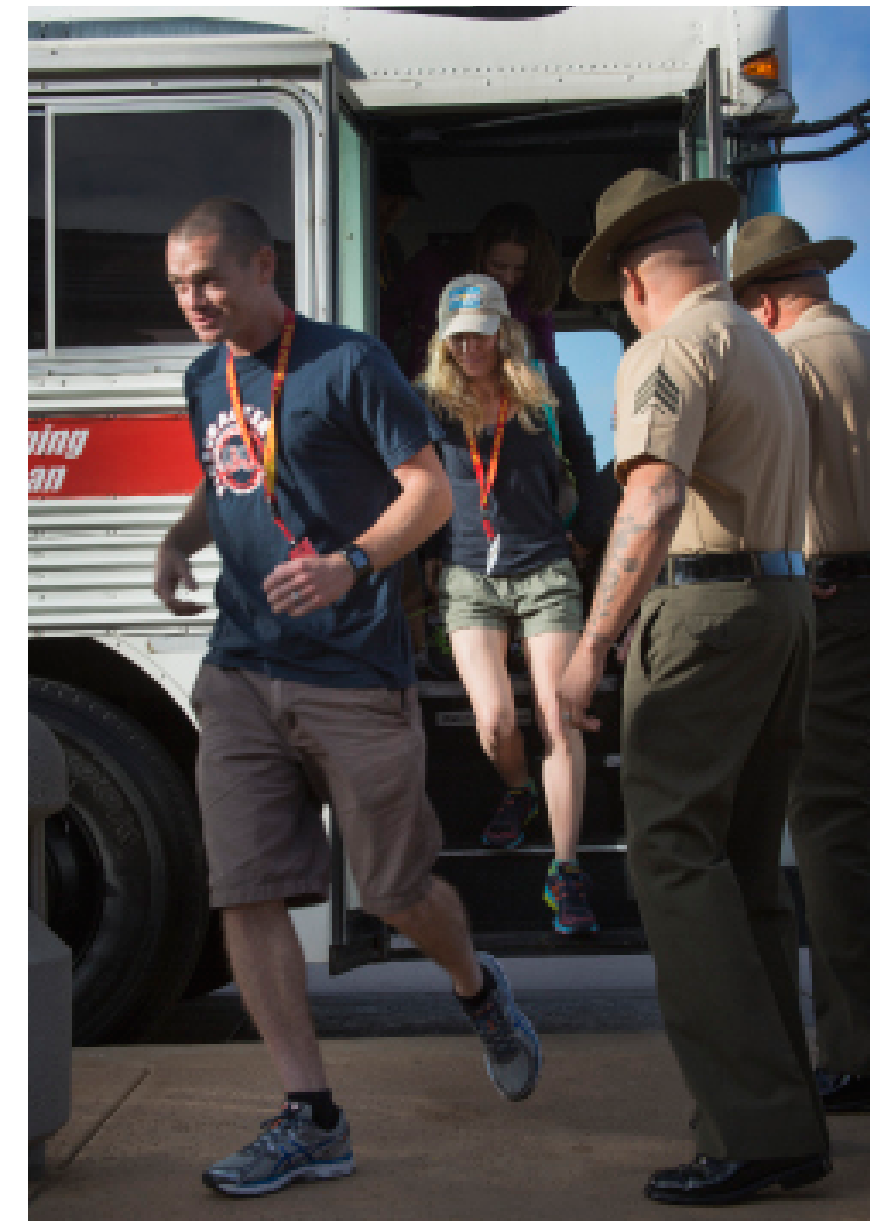
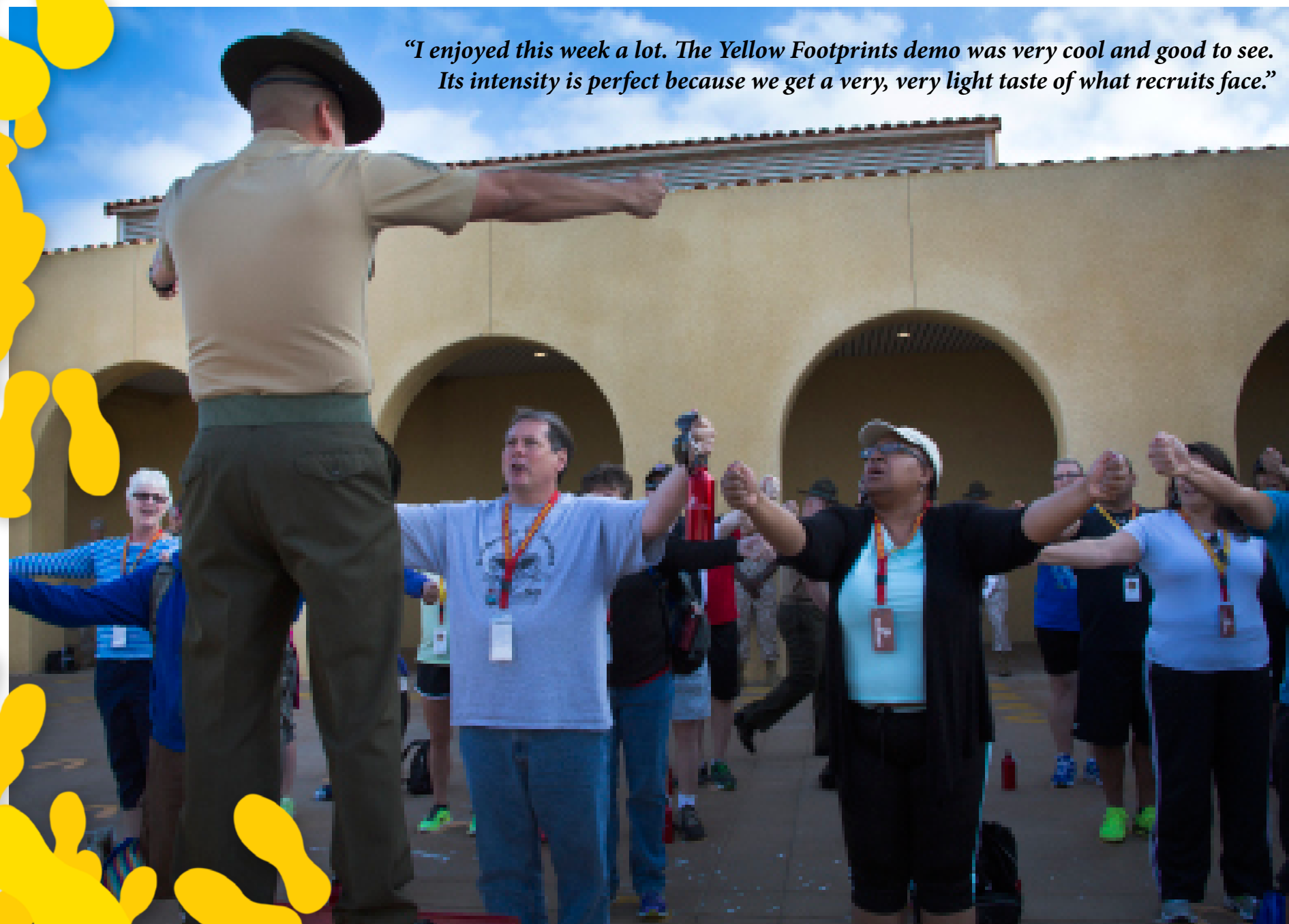
WE WILL DEVELOP QUALITY CITIZENS.

The Marine Corps is a family that takes care of its own in every single way. Whether a young man or woman stays in the Corps for a few years or an entire career, there is a vast network of Marines and former Marines ready to help him or her succeed in every possible way.

THE YELLOW FOOTPRINTS

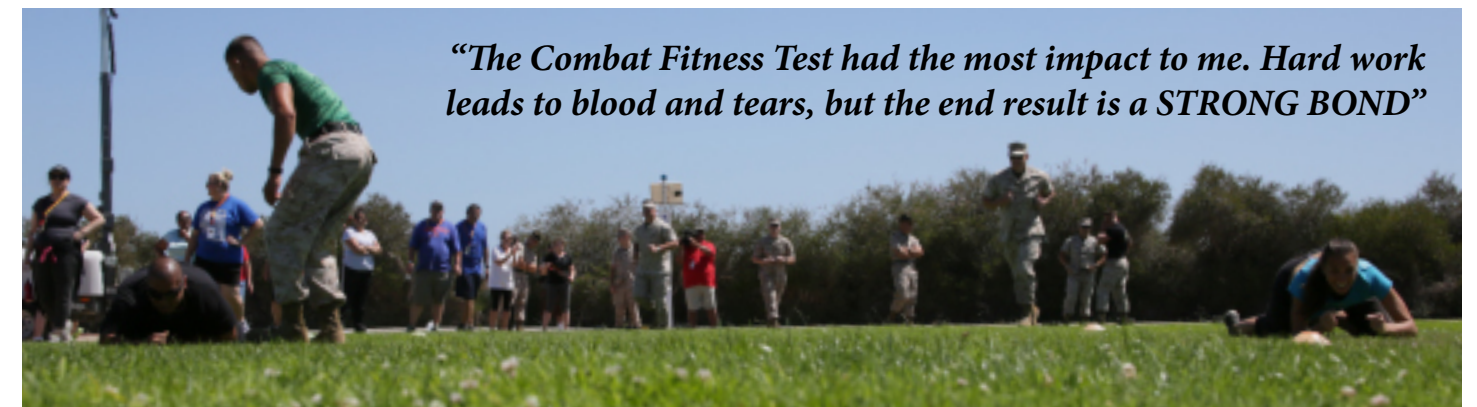
Every Marine in the Corps will step on the same iconic yellow footprints as the many Marines who have served before them. As the recruits look around they know that not every recruit who stands next to them will be standing with them at graduation.

It all starts as a Drill Instructor explains the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Then, recruits are issued gear and must undergo a number of medical evaluations as well as perform the Initial Strength Test before they are ordered to report to the barracks and meet their permanent Drill Instructors for the first time.



COMBAT FITNESS TEST

Educators had a chance to test their physical fitness with the Marine Corps' Semi-annual Combat Fitness Test. This test consists of three different events designed to mimic the most common physical demands while on a combat deployment. The three portions are a half-mile sprint, ammo can lifts, and an obstacle course mimicking a casualty evacuation and ammunition resupply.





“Running the bayonet course with a very light load, and at much lower temperatures than a Marine really added to my respect and gratitude for our troops.”



“FIX BAYONETS”

On the bayonet assault course, recruits learn to attach and detach the bayonet from the rifle quickly and to engage targets aggressively. They become masters of offensive and defensive fighting techniques.

A DAY IN THE LIFE...

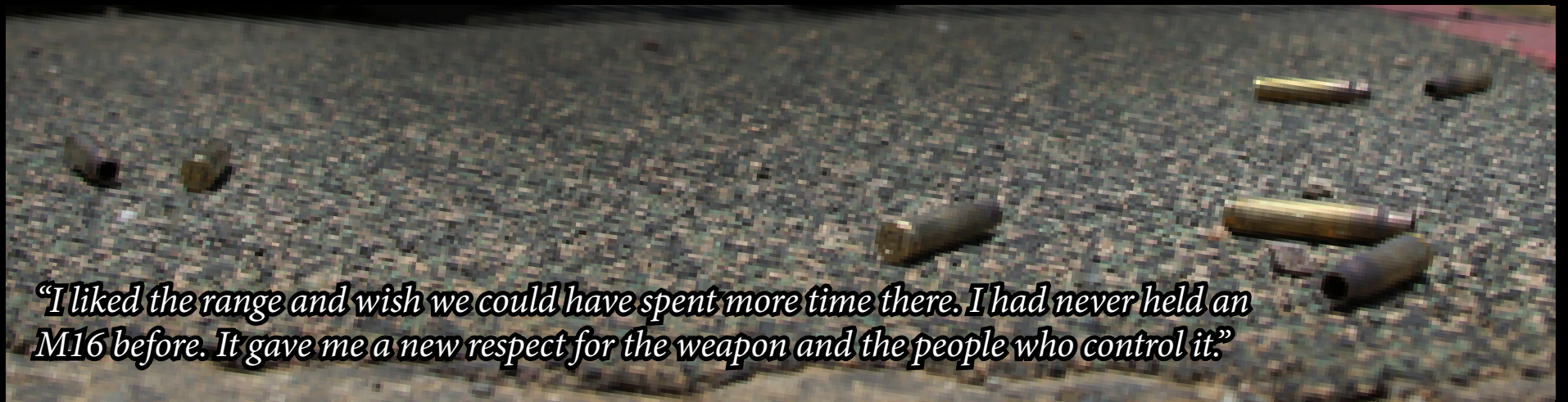


“One of the most surprising moments actually came from watching the drill instructor sitting and talking with all of his recruits on the floor around him. I had no idea that a drill instructor allowed himself to be viewed as a human.”



“BULL’S-EYE”

No matter what their Military Occupational Specialty is, every recruit must qualify with an M16 rifle after two weeks of dedicated marksmanship training. Recruits learn the basics of safety and Marine Corps marksmanship, and practice marksmanship principles before even touching a loaded weapon. They learn to fire from various positions at targets up to 500 meters away. On qualification day, recruits strive for a high score of 250 points on the Field Fire portion and the Known Distance course.



“I liked the range and wish we could have spent more time there. I had never held an M16 before. It gave me a new respect for the weapon and the people who control it.”



“12 STALLS”

The “12 Stalls” is an event during the “Crucible,” a final 54-hour test in which recruits will receive a maximum of four hours of sleep and minimal food

At each obstacle of the “12 Stalls” a team is provided a set of tools and instructions to complete each mission. Each mission must be accomplished within a certain time limit with minimal casualties.

At the completion of the Crucible, recruits are rewarded with an Eagle, Globe and Anchor emblem and the right to call themselves United States Marines.





AFTER HOURS

After each day of the workshop, educators had an opportunity to board one of the Holiday Inn's shuttles to some of San Diego's various hotspots such as Old Town, downtown, and the Historic Gaslamp Quarter. Shuttle rides to other spots were available upon request. The hotel also offered bicycle rentals as well as complimentary meal and drink vouchers to use at the hotel cafe and bar each day.



RECRUITING STATION ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Amy Villasenor
Natrona County HS

Bonnie McKenzie
Roosevelt HS

Patricia Gudsruk
Kelly Walsh

Brian Love
Northridge HS

Christopher Hughes
Rocky Mountain HS

James Laughlin
Cherokee Trail HS

Marshal Blevins
Cherry Creek HS

Tomi Hurtado
Cherry Creek HS

Tatum Guinn
Grandview HS

David Huertas
Kelly Walsh

Efrain Moreno
Golden HS

Valerie Hammit
Summit HS

Jesus Lopez
Douglas County HS

Mike Sheffield
Pueblo Central HS

Laura Herrera
Palmer Ridge HS

Ty Friend
Conifer

Noemi Encina
Palmer HS

Sonia Ortega
Pueblo Central HS

Avril Fisher
Summit HS



RECRUITING STATION DENVER, COLORADO

Carrie Maki
Natrona County HS

Sally Keith
Roosevelt HS

Amanda Annis
Kelly Walsh

Shannon Madden
Northridge HS

Bradley Hargreaves
Rocky Mountain HS

Joi Green
Cherokee Trail HS

Jodi Best
Cherry Creek HS

vJulie Ahlgrim
Cherry Creek HS

Tammy Dodson
Grandview HS

Amy Covington
Kelly Walsh

Rory Best
Golden HS

Aurora Santos Dean
Summit HS

Anthony Kappas
Douglas County HS

Zahcar Odeall
Pueblo Central HS

Kelly Christensen
Palmer Ridge HS

Jeanie Boymel
Conifer

Debra Brown
Palmer HS

Arleen Aguirre
Pueblo Central HS

Kristy Minor
Summit HS

YOU WILL POSSESS A TOWERING SENSE OF HONOR.

YOU WILL DEVELOP
A RELENTLESS WILL TO SUCCEED.

YOU WILL BECOME A PART
OF OUR NATION'S IMPENETRABLE SHIELD.

IF YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE IT.



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