

# EDUCATORS WORKSHOP MAGAZINE



GUNFIGHTERS

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 August 4 - 8 educators from the Houston and San Antonio 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.

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# 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

WE WILL MAKE MARINES.

WE WILL WIN OUR NATION'S BATTLES.

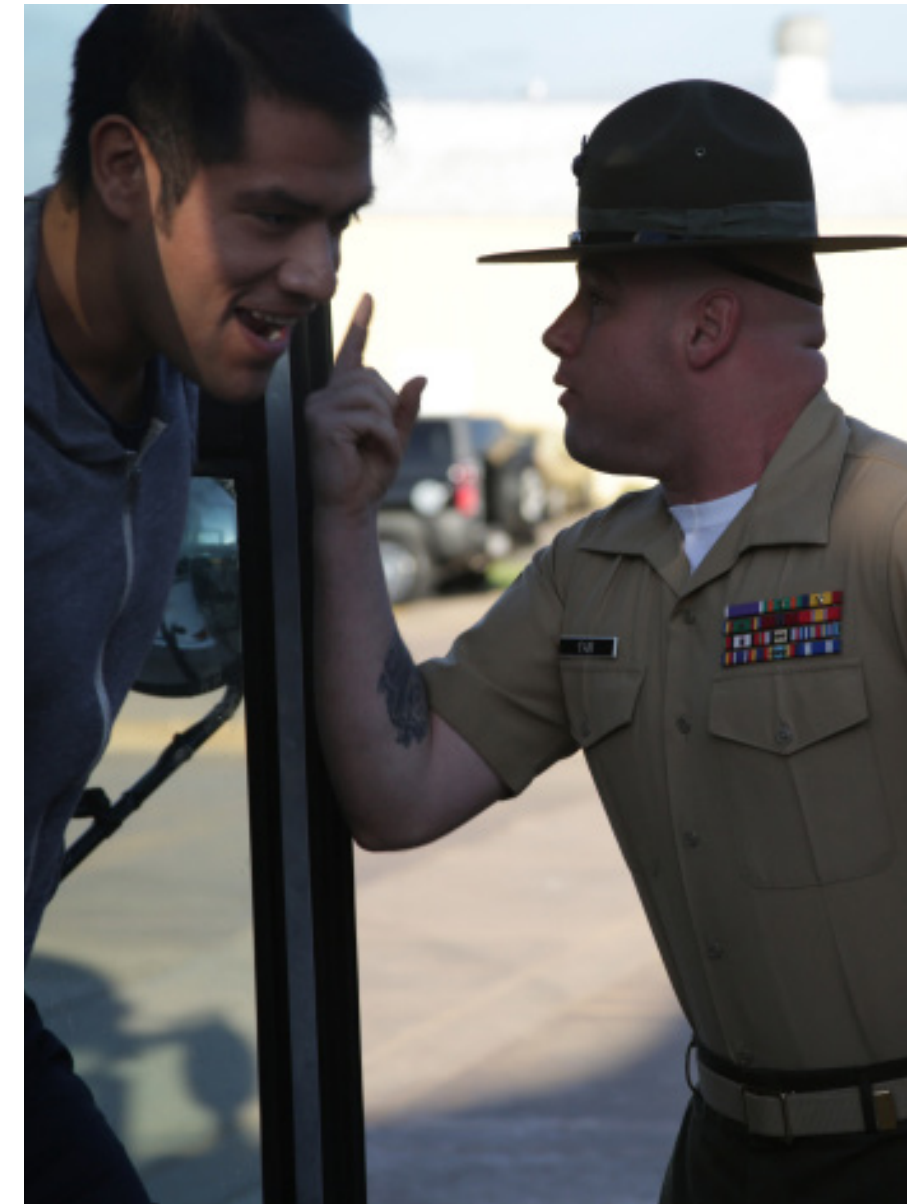
WE WILL DEVELOP QUALITY CITIZENS.

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.

*“Oh my God’ is all I can say about standing on the Yellow Footprints. The whole time in the back of my head, I was thinking ‘don’t come yell at me’.”*  
-Michele Reynolds





# 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.



*"The CFT looked easy while I was watching other people do it, but doing it yourself was rough. It takes a lot of endurance, both physically and mentally."*  
-Twana Rhoads





# “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.



*“Hands down my favorite part was getting down and dirty, putting on some cammies, and doing the Bayonet Assault Course.”  
-Nicole Vargas*





# “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.



Although the educators didn't get to participate in firing actual weapons at the range due to the recruits training schedule, they did get to shoot at the indoor simulated marksmanship trainer. Recruits use this to receive a taste of what it will feel like when they are down range.





*“12 Stalls was nothing short of amusing to watch a bunch of A-type personalities struggle to solve puzzles and compete to lead. What was even more hilarious was hearing how quickly the recruits were able to solve the puzzles.”*  
*- Ashley Kamrath*

# “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 HOUSTON, TEXAS

**Randall Maxwell**  
West Brook HS

**Anita Bundage**  
The Woodlands College Park

**Brian Courtney**  
Pasadena HS

**Katherine Braucht**  
Ridge Point HS

**Nicole Grant**  
B.O. Davis HS

**Aimee Michelson**  
Nimitz HS

**Tawana Rhoads**  
Nimitz HS

**Denis Blais**  
Springwoods HS

**Anitra Davis**  
Austin HS

**Robert Destin**  
Elkins HS

**Shawn Ruby**  
Alvin HS

**John Owens**  
College Park HS

**Stephanie Trocino**  
Cypress Creek HS





# RECRUITING STATION SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**Ashley Kamrath**  
ESPN Austin

**Carlos Villalobos**  
KAVU TV

**John-Carlos Estrada**  
KAVU TV

**Reyna Flores**  
Travis HS

**Michele Reynolds**  
John Jay HS

**Courtney Matthews**  
Samuel Clemens HS

**Jennifer Fernandez**  
John Jay HS

**Kayla Darilek**  
Victoria HS

**Nile Wilson**  
Stevens HS

**Craig Ewing**  
Calallen HS

**Raymond Chapa**  
Tuloso-Midway HS

**Nicque Ontiveros**  
John Jay HS

**Wresha Torrez**  
Hendrickson HS

**Alfredo Tavera**  
San Antonio Municipal Court

**Leigh Ann Spradlin**  
Hendrickson HS

**Ivan Karr**  
Sharyland HS

**Jereme Matthews**  
Samuel Clemens HS

**Rita Tyler-Aguilar**  
James Pace HS

**Dora Cumpian**  
Eagle Pass HS



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A RELENTLESS WILL TO SUCCEED.

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IF YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE IT.



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