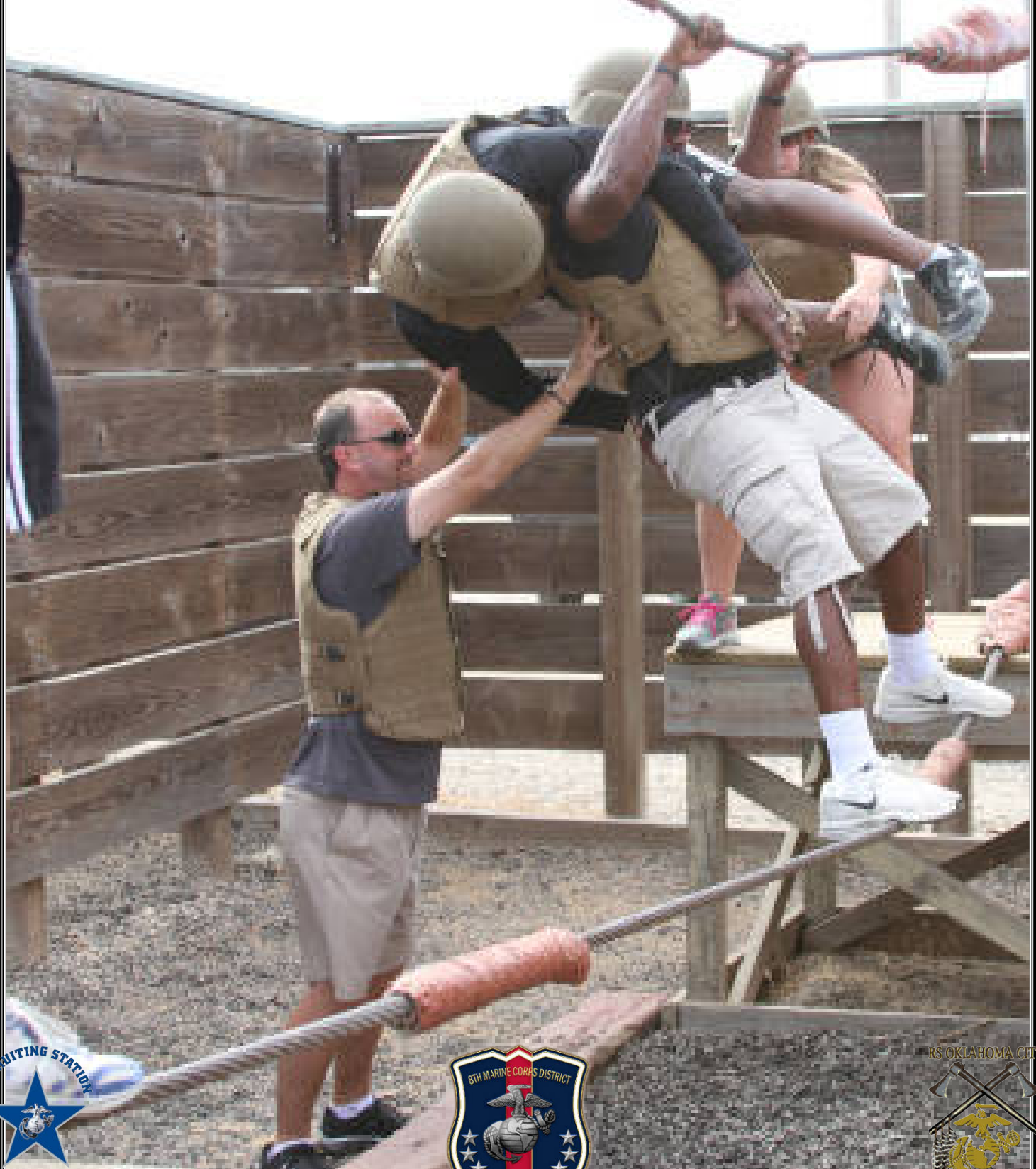


EDUCATORS WORKSHOP MAGAZINE



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 July 14 - 18 educators from the Dallas and Oklahoma City 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.

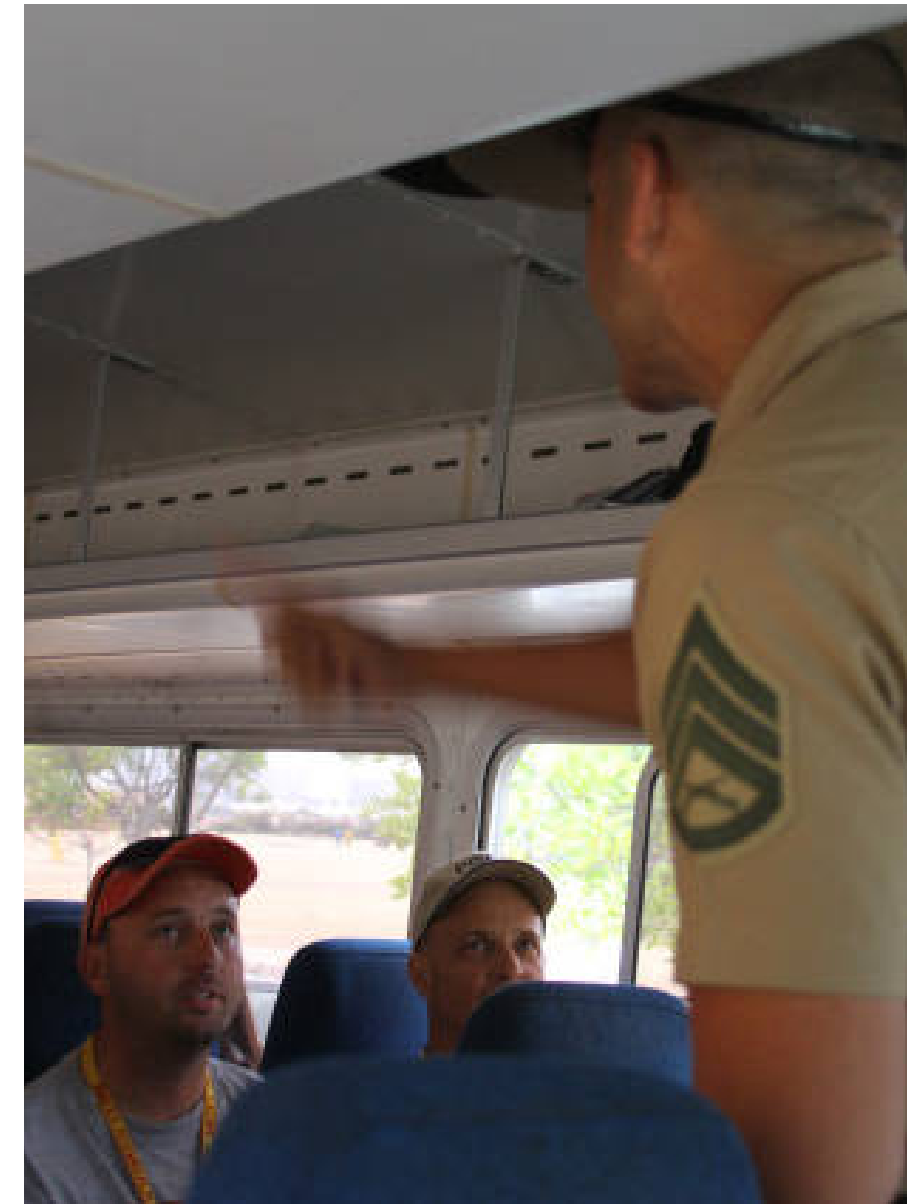
WE WILL DEVELOP QUALITY CITIZENS.

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.

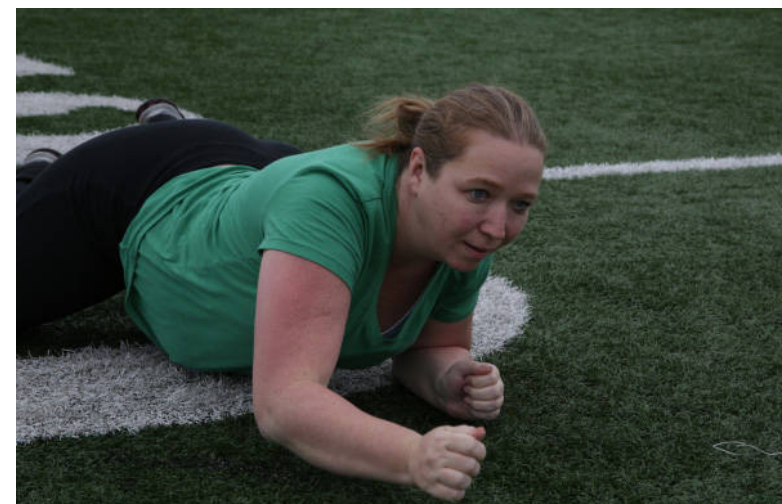


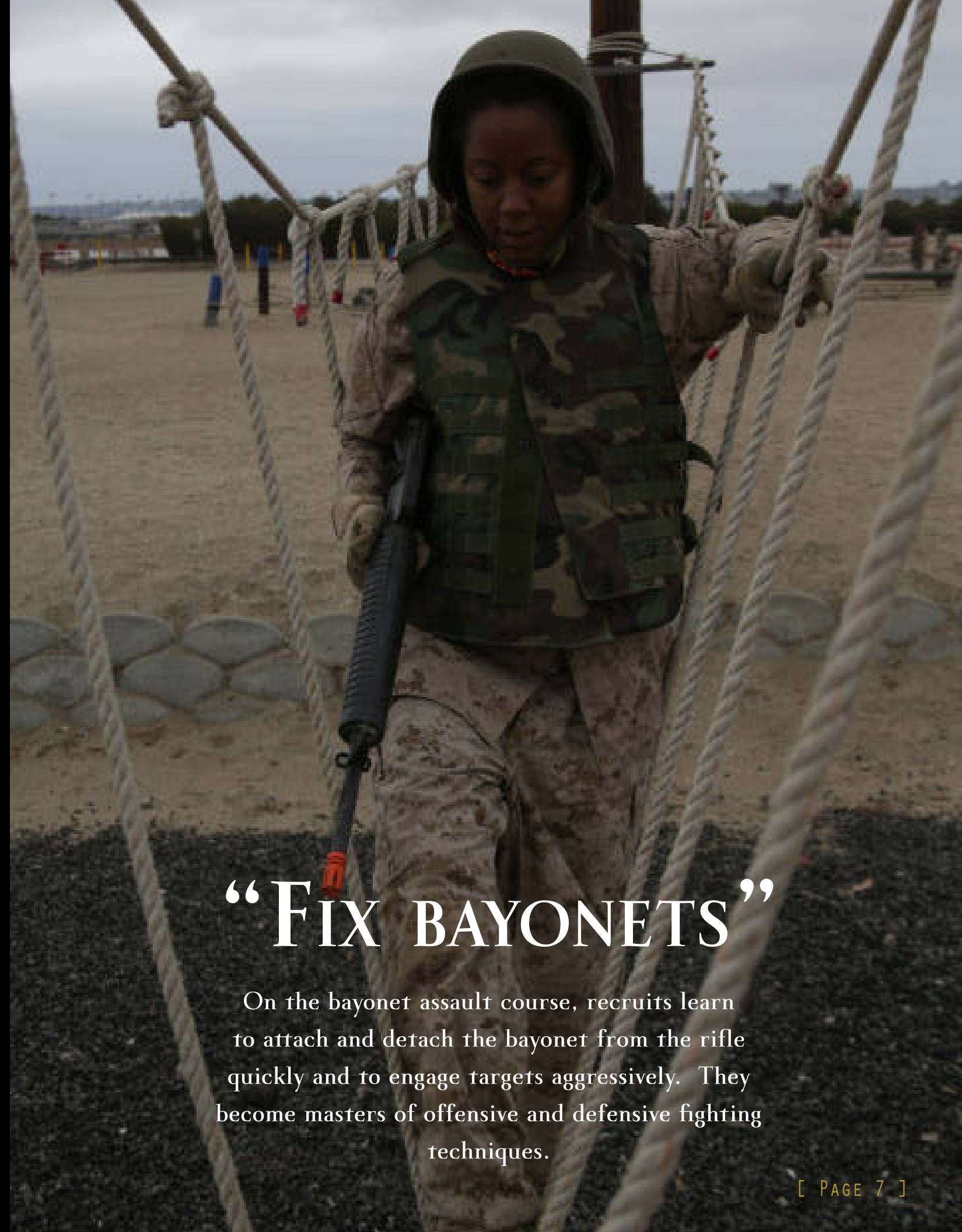
COMBAT FITNESS TEST

Educators had a chance to test their physical fitness with the Marine Corps' Combat Fitness Test. This semi-annual 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.



"Being a former athlete and competitive natured, I really liked being able to participate in the CFT. We didn't do the whole CFT and I still felt totally exhausted afterwards and was sore days later! I can't imagine having to sprint 880m on top of what we did! And doing it in boots instead of tennis shoes would be even harder!"
- Tara Eskridge





“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...



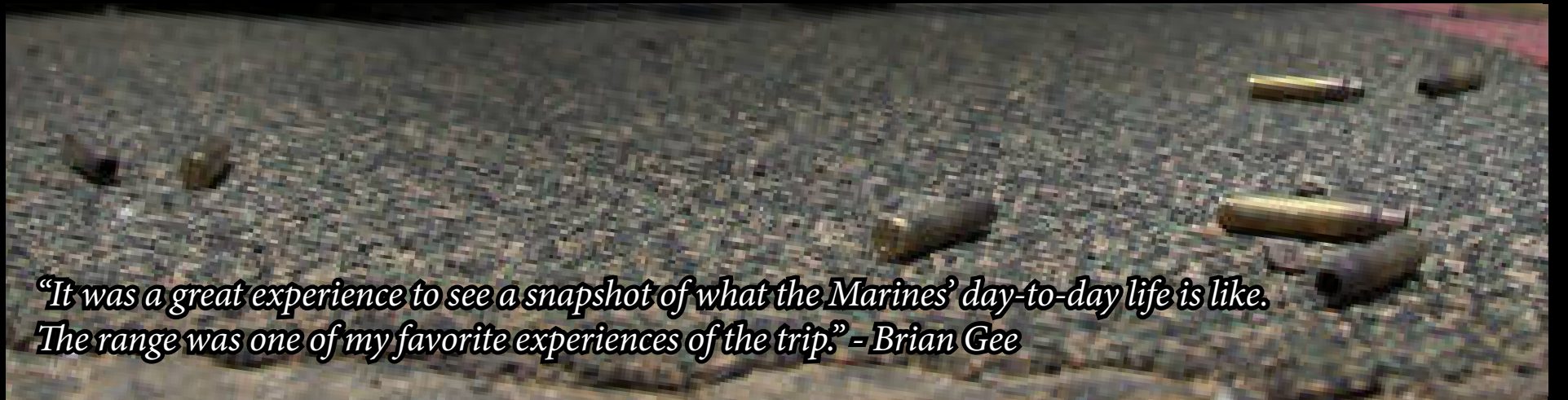
"I found the guided discussion very powerful. I wish I could have students listen to me with such rapt attention when I talk about character! My favorite part was seeing the recruits volunteer to answer questions. They stood and spoke clearly. Then when it was over they all rose together and left. It was yet another great picture of recruits learning to trust their instructor and one another and to become strong citizens."

- Lauren Jury



“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.



“It was a great experience to see a snapshot of what the Marines’ day-to-day life is like. The range was one of my favorite experiences of the trip.” - Brian Gee



“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.



“I was thinking that we should have worked together more, like a unit, to complete each task. I also tried to imagine how the recruits must be overwhelmed with the time constraints and how one person should have been in charge to complete each task. I cannot imagine the difficulty and confusion in a real battle situation.”
-Jayne Snyder



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.



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