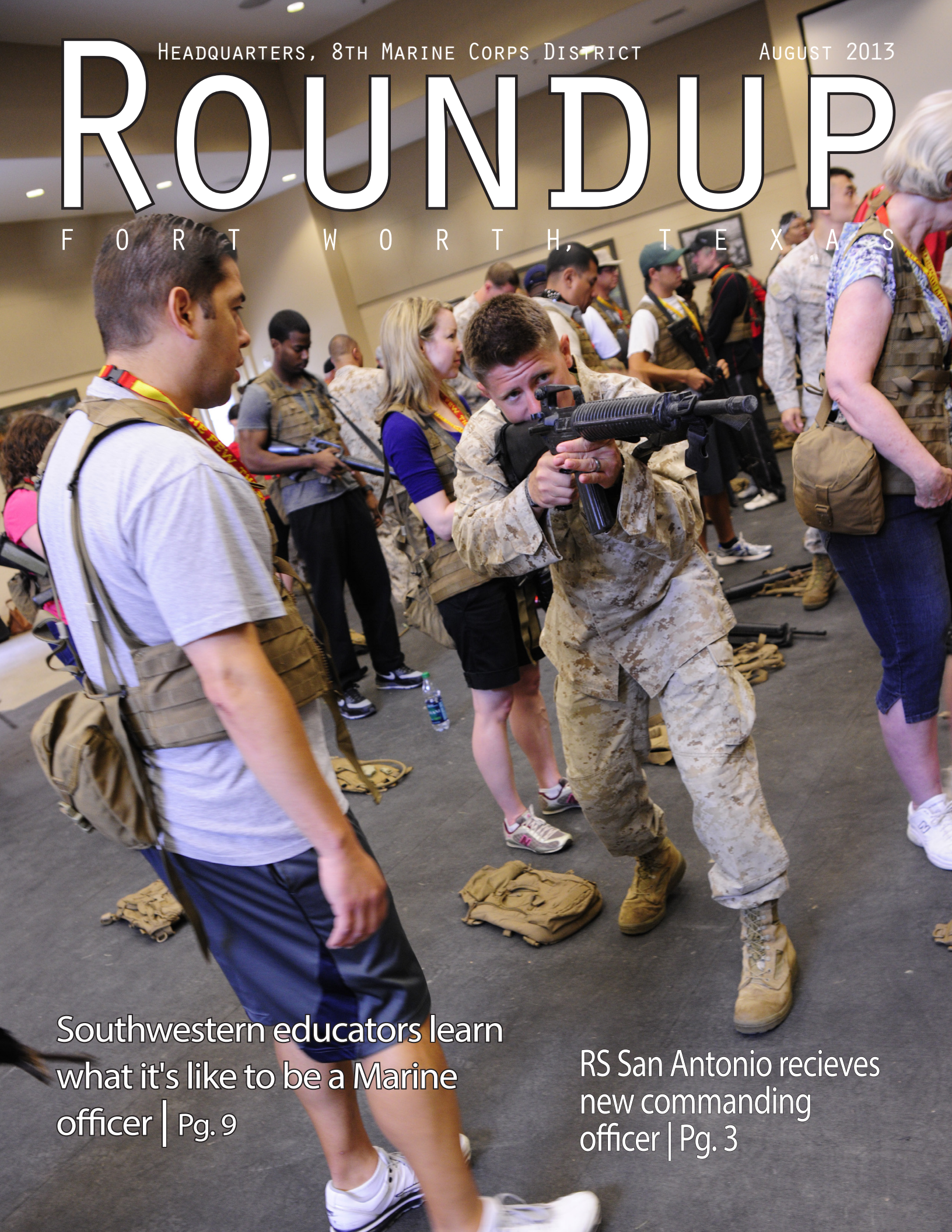


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Captain David R. Emison, officer selection officer for Officer Selection Office Fort Collins, Denver simulates sighting in with a rubber M-16 with southwestern educators at The Basic School, July 9, aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The educators were given a light load of gear to simulate a patrol during their time at TBS. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Alfredo Ferrer)



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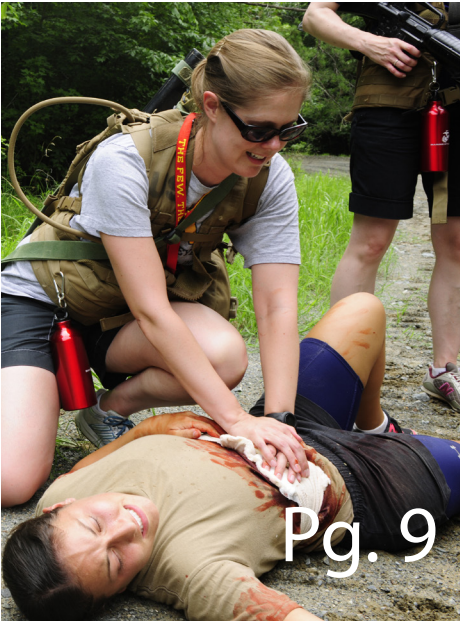
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## [Commander's Corner]

COL. DUDLEY R. GRIGGS // COMMANDING OFFICER



Marines,

As we prepare to put fiscal year 2013 in the record books and step off into fiscal year 2014, I wanted to take a moment to say thanks for what you continue to do on a daily basis. Through my first 90 days here, I have been thoroughly impressed with the collective teamwork and dedication to accomplishing a mission that is critical to the continued success of our Corps. Know that your hard work does not go unnoticed and continues to ensure that the 8th Marine Corps District remains at the front of the pack.

Labor Day weekend is quickly upon us. This means the end of the 101 critical days of summer and the start of a new school year. I expect each of you to ensure that safety remains a priority both on and off duty. Nothing we do is worth taking unnecessary risks that may result in serious injury or loss of life. The Marine Corps, this command, and the Marines to your left and right depend on you!

From a recruiting perspective, the beginning of a new school year means we should be focused on getting all initial visits complete and continuing to capitalize on progress in the senior market. Remember the HS/CC Program is the "engine that runs the recruiting machine."

I will be traveling throughout the District AO over the next few months and look forward to meeting each and every Marine and when opportunity presents itself, your families.

Job well done, Marines. Keep up the great work.

Semper Fidelis,

D.R. Griggs





## Peterson takes helm as San Antonio's new commanding officer

STORY BY SGT. SANTIAGO COLÓN // MPA RS SAN ANTONIO

**SAN ANTONIO** – Marine Corps Recruiting Station San Antonio bid farewell to Maj. Jeremiah Salame and welcomed Commanding Officer Maj. Matthew H. Peterson during a Change of Command Ceremony at the Quadrangle at Fort Sam Houston, June 26, 2013, in San Antonio.

During the ceremony, Salame thanked the recruiters and support staff for their hard work during his tenure.

Peterson spoke briefly about how honored he was to take over for Salame and made it clear how he was going to approach his new duty as commanding officer.

“I am not going to take very long because we have work to do,” Peterson said.

Peterson has experience with Marine recruiting as he served as the Officer Selection Officer for Recruiting Station Orange, 12th Marine Corps District, in 2006.

Prior to RS San Antonio, Peterson was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, where he served as the Officer in Charge of a Police Advisor Team, Rifle Company Commander, Weapons Company Commander and Operations Officer.

Peterson’s personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguishing device, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals (one with combat distinguishing device), the Combat Action Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal, and seven sea service deployment ribbons.

For more photos of RS San Antonio visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/SanAntonioMarines>.





# Texas educators get a taste of the Corps

STORY BY SGT. MELISSA LATTY// MPA RS FORT WORTH

**MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO** – Every year, each Recruiting Station within Marine Corps Recruiting Command sends approximately 40 educators to San Diego for the Educators Workshop.

The Educators Workshop is a program designed to enlighten our youth's educators to the ways of the Marine Corps.

During the trip, the attendees witness various facets of Marine Corps boot camp and fleet life.

Recruiting Station Fort Worth, 8th Marine Corps District, sent 39 educators to attend this year's Educators Workshop in San Diego July 8-12.

"This is such a unique opportunity," said Joseph Mendenhall, a teacher from Lawrence Dale Bell High School in Hurst, Texas. "It really opens your eyes to what the Marine Corps is all about."

From the very first morning, the educators get the full experience. They step off a bus and step onto the infamous yellow footprints. They are greeted by drill instructors who show them no mercy.

"I wasn't expecting it to be so intense," said Anastasia Besore, the band director for Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. "It's hard to think straight during all of that chaos."

As the week progressed, the trip

became less about getting the full recruit experience and more about educating the guests as to why recruit training operates the way it does.

The educators are given opportunities to ask questions, witness actual platoons in training and participate in things such as the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, the Bayonet Assault Course, Combat Fitness Tests and the rifle range.

For some, the ability to participate in these exercises is a highlight of the workshop.

Mary Montelongo, a counselor at Reagan County High School in Big Lake, Texas, recounts her experience on the rifle range as life-

changing.

"I was laying there about to start shooting when I noticed projectiles from the person next to me where hitting me on my arm," she explained. "I started thinking 'this is what these young men and women do for a living, this is what it is like to be on a firing line aiming at the enemy. Now, I have to protect my brothers and sisters to my left and right.'

"I started shaking, I was so emotional in that moment," she continued. "I've shot guns all my life, but this time was different."

Montelongo, as well as the other 38 educators departed San Diego with a whole new perspective on the Marine Corps.

(Right) Texas educators taking part in the Marine Corps Educators' Workshop perform a buddy drag, one of the events during a Combat fitness test, June 9, 2013, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The educators come from all over the United States to attend this five-day workshop where they learn about Marine recruit training and life in the Corps. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jen S. Martinez)

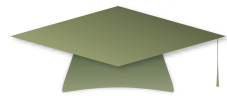


(Right) High school educators from the Dallas - Fort Worth Metroplex collaborate to solve an obstacle in the 12-stall, during the Marine Corps Educators' Workshop, July 10, 2013 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. The 12-stall is an event Marine Corps recruits partake in during their Crucible Portion of recruit training. The Educators had an opportunity during the five-day workshop to live like recruits and learn about the opportunities available to Marines throughout their military careers. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jen S. Martinez)



(Bottom left) Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructors stationed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, demonstrate beginner to advanced martial arts techniques for Texas educators, July 9, 2013, at the depot's martial arts training field. These educators were at the depot as part of the Marine Corps Educators' Workshop, a program where high school counselors, teachers and other influencers attend a five-day camp to learn about benefits and opportunities available to their students as they start their new careers as United States Marines. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jen S. Martinez)





## 8TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT DISTRICT SPOUSES ORIENTATION COURSE



## DSOC

The first of its kind in the Marine Corps Districts, the District Spouses Orientation Course, often referred to as simply DSOC, arms spouses with tools and resources that facilitates a successful tour of recruiting duty. Held in a supportive and friendly environment, DSOC orients spouses whose Marines are recruiters or whose Marines support the recruiting mission to the business of recruiting and helps them adapt to the unique challenges that may be encountered while on recruiting.

Educating, enriching, and empowering those who support the defenders of our great nation, the next District Spouses Orientation Course is scheduled for 18 through 21 September 2013 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Enrollment is open and applications can be obtained by contacting your Recruiting Station Deputy Family Readiness Officer or the District Family Readiness Coordinator.

The intent of DSOC is to educate spouses about the nature of recruiting, provide resources and knowledge that promotes a successful recruiting tour, and build comradery among our spouses. Briefs include TriCare, Family Advocacy, Chaplain's brief on relationships and family, and more.

We are dispersed throughout an almost 900,000 square mile area. DSOC brings us together and we are able to take the knowledge we gain and pay it forward. We are stronger together and we take care of our own.

Get ready to DSOC!



### Recruiting 101

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### Adjutant's Brief

Addressing topics such as benefits and entitlements for spouses and family members, understanding the notification process, wills and powers of attorney, pay and allowances, and the very important Record of Emergency Data (RED). Get your questions answered by the District Adjutant's Office.

### Operational Stress

The operational tempo of recruiting is challenging and demanding and can elevate stress levels. In geographically dispersed or remote assignments, often the family is the first unit to identify stress injuries such as PTSD, fatigue stress, or traumatic stress. This course raises awareness, educates on risk factors, and provides guidance to spouses so that our Marines and families remain safe.

# Family Readiness Resources



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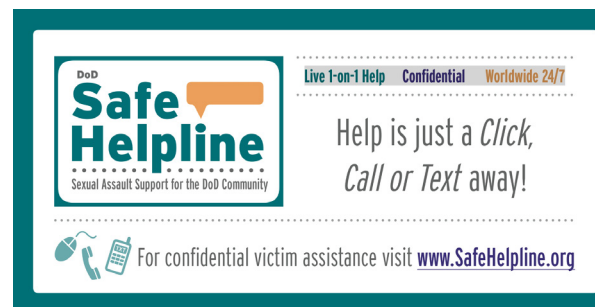


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Marines instruct southwestern educators on basic gear for Marines before a patrol at The Basic School, July 9 aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The Educators' and Key Leaders' Workshop gives college educators and other important influencers a firsthand look at how the Marine Corps transforms college students into Marine officers.

*Southwestern educators learn what it takes to be a Marine officer*

PHOTOS BY CPL. ALFREDO FERRER  
// ROUNDUP STAFF



(Above) Southwestern educators execute a reverse wrist-lock with the aid of a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor at The Basic School, July 10, aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The educators were taught a few of the entry level maneuvers from the MCMAP program manual.



(Left) A southwestern educator applies first aid on a simulated casualty at The Basic School, July 9, aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Educators were put through stressful environments to give them a firsthand look at what candidates at TBS deal with.

# 'Take it on the left foot'

*Phoenix Marines go on a little run, just for fun*

PHOTOS BY SGT. TYLER BOLKEN // MPA RS PHOENIX



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Wallace M. Mains, sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Phoenix, addresses the Marines of R.S. Phoenix before leading the group on a motivational run at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, June 28, 2013. Mains, a native of New Orleans, is approaching 25 years of service to the Marine Corps and is slated to be relieved as sergeant major of R.S. Phoenix July 24. Mains, a career infantry Marine and prior drill instructor, will retire later this year. "I will most miss the camaraderie," said Mains, "but I'll forever be a Marine."



(Left) U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Wallace M. Mains, sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Phoenix, leads the Marines of R.S. Phoenix on a motivational run at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., June 28, 2013.





Recruit Taliah Terrack, left, 20, and Recruit Tasha Terrack, 18, are natives of Payson, Ariz., and are currently training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., in hopes of earning the title of United States Marine. The Terrack sisters are training with Platoon 4022, Oscar Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion.

# Arizona sisters enlist in Marine Corps, take on boot camp together on Parris Island

STORY AND PHOTO BY LANCE CPL. DAVID BESSEY // COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

**PARRIS ISLAND, S.C.** – Two sisters from Payson, Ariz., decided to enlist in the Marine Corps and take on the challenge of recruit training.

Recruit Taliah Terrack, left, 20, was the first to make the decision to join the Marine Corps.

“I just wanted to serve my country,” said Taliah Terrack. “I wanted a challenge, the toughest one.”

Her sister, Recruit Tasha Terrack, 18, wanted to join the Navy to be a marine biologist. Taliah encouraged

Tasha to pursue her dream.

However, Tasha had a change of heart.

Tasha’s interest in the Marine Corps didn’t spark until a Marine recruiter visited their house to speak to Taliah about enlisting. After her sister’s meeting, Tasha sat down to talk to the recruiter. She was then convinced the Marine Corps was the branch she wanted to join.

“I wanted the challenge, like my sister and (I wanted) to be with her,” said Tasha.

Taliah is slated to be a logistics specialist and hopes to one day be a Marine Corps officer.

Tasha is slated to be a legal administrator and plans to make a career out of the Marine Corps.

Both sisters are from Platoon 4022, Oscar Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion.

[Parting Shot]



Newly promoted Marine Pfc. Jordan B. Benedict has his collar pinned for the first time of his young career by Sgt. Maj. Wallace M. Mains, sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Phoenix, during a promotion ceremony at the R.S. Phoenix headquarters in Phoenix, July 10, 2013. Benedict, a 19-year-old native of Apache Junction, Ariz., is currently in Phoenix assisting recruiters while he awaits a seat in his Marine occupational specialty school where he will be trained to become a Marine Corps aviation mechanic. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Tyler J. Bolken)