



TAKE A FEW STEPS

INTO THE MARINE CORPS



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WELCOME ABOARD

There have always been rumors, good and bad, about how U.S. Marines are trained, but you never really knew the truth until you saw it with your own eyes.

You can now count yourselves among the many educators who have accepted their local Marine Corps recruiting station's invitation to visit Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego, and you quickly realized that this was no "dog and pony" show. The four-day Educators Workshop gave you the closest look you could get of the Marines' basic training without getting your head shaved first.

You were escorted every day by actual drill instructors, the infamous trainers of Marines whose faces and voices are seared forever into the very beings of those whom they've trained. You also took advantage of the numerous opportunities throughout the week to ask any questions you like of actual recruits from your area undergoing training.

Although this training is renowned, as educators you most likely noticed immediately that the Corps' success begins before training with students who care about developing physical and mental discipline and who seek increased confidence and maturity.

The reasoning behind your unique opportunity is simple: The Marine Corps wants only the best, and you are in a position to recommend the best to us. Our goal following this opportunity is only that you are now able to provide accurate, first-hand information to those young Americans with whom you come in contact.



Dear Educators,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to participate in the 2011 Recruiting Station Twin Cities Educators Workshop. It was very gratifying to see concerned citizens show a keen interest in the United States Marine Corps, its training methods, and the culture behind it. I hope the experience provided you with a better understanding and positive view of the Marine Corps, because your support is vital to our existence, regardless of whether any of your students choose to become Marines.

Like educators, the Marine Corps mentors the youth of America. We take great pride in not only making Marines and continuing our proud tradition, but also in returning our young men and women back to society as better quality citizens; leaders your students will strive to emulate.

On behalf of Recruiting Station Twin Cities, thank you for taking time to learn more about our mission. Please know my Marines and I enjoyed the experience as your hosts and learned something from each of you as well. Thank you.

Semper Fidelis,
Maj. Kenneth C. Gawronski
Commanding Officer
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Dear Educators,

Thank you for your participation in the 2011 Marine Corps Educators Workshop. You glimpsed into one of the most intense training regimens in the United States. From the yellow footprints on your first day at MCRD San Diego to the culmination of graduation, you witnessed and even experienced how we instill the values of courage, commitment and honor into your young men and women; traits designed to bring long term success to the individual, their family and their community.

I have already heard from numerous corners of Chicago that you are recounting experiences to your peers. Please continue to carry those ideals to parents and students alike. We would like to continue to serve as a resource for you to provide additional information required to give your students a well-informed, first-hand opinion about the Marine Corps as an option after high school.

My desire is to continue to grow the Educators Workshop by recruiting as many counselors and influencers as possible. Many of you have been kind enough to make recommendations. Please feel free to forward anyone's name who would benefit from the experience. Lastly, I cannot wait to visit you next school year.

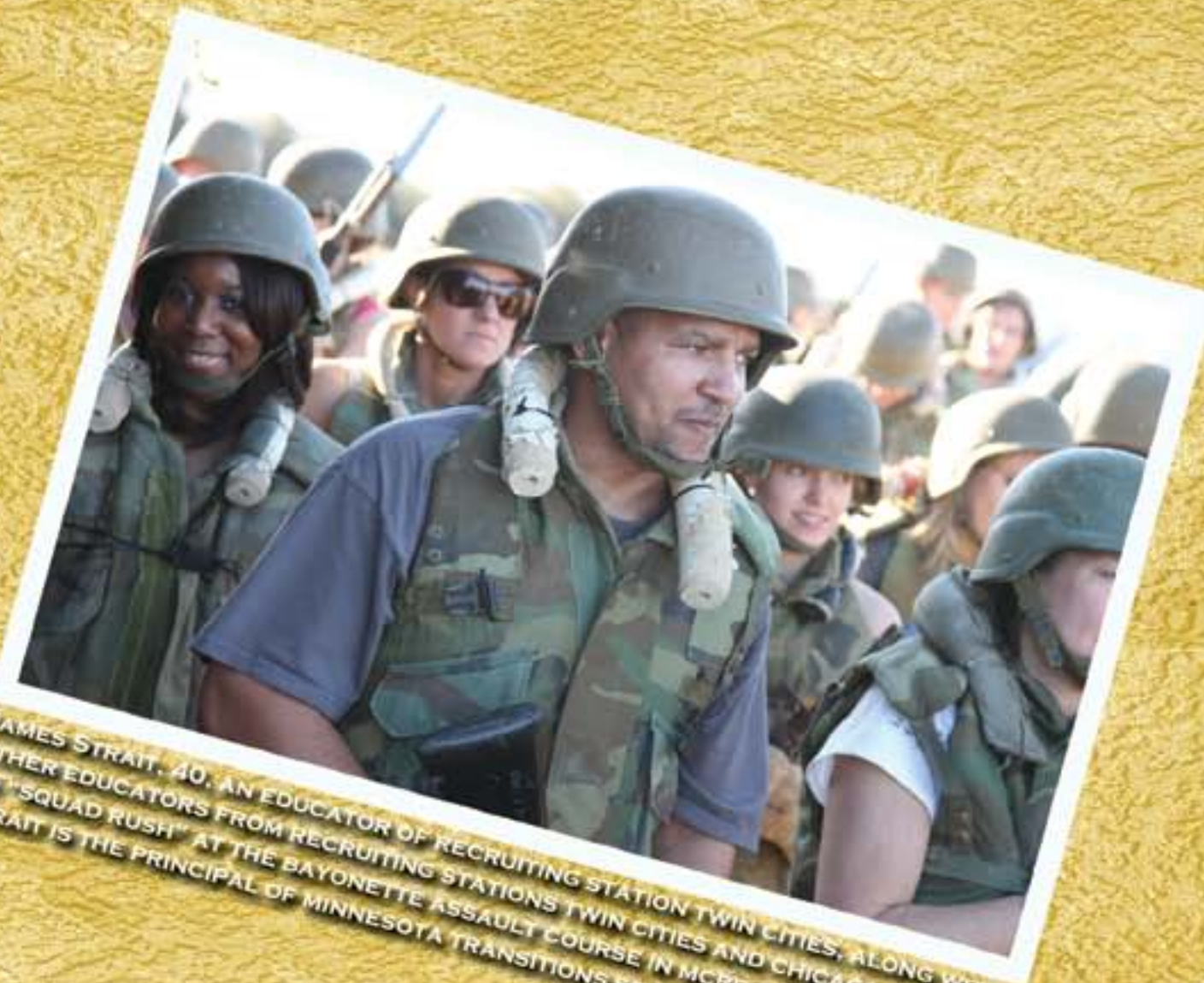
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MCRD SAN DIEGO

There's no better way to start the week than in the shoes of new Marine recruits arriving at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's legendary "yellow footprints." Here, you will see and feel what the first few hours of a young recruit's career in the Corps are like, and you'll get an overview of the 13-week recruit training process. You'll spend most of the day observing how recruits are gradually challenged and tested, both academically and physically (although Marines may be best known for their physical fitness, the ratio of academic hours to physical training hours is 3 to 1). After a welcome by the commanding general's staff, participants witness water survival, rappelling, martial arts and bayonet assault training, some of which you can even try first-hand. The day also includes lunch with recruits from your area and a visit to the Depot Museum.



JAMES STRAIT, 40, AN EDUCATOR OF RECRUITING STATION TWIN CITIES, ALONG WITH OTHER EDUCATORS FROM RECRUITING STATIONS TWIN CITIES AND CHICAGO, PREPARE TO "SQUAD RUSH" AT THE BAYONETTE ASSAULT COURSE IN MCRD SAN DIEGO, JAN. 18. STRAIT IS THE PRINCIPAL OF MINNESOTA TRANSITIONS SCHOOL'S BANXADIR ACADEMY.

In my 20+ years of teaching I have gone to numerous workshops and trainings across a variety of subject areas. I can honestly say, that the last week I spent at the Marine Corps Educators Workshop, was one of the most informative, organized, impressive experiences in my career.
Thank you for the opportunity.

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MCAS MIRAMAR

At Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, once the home of Top Gun, you saw Marines doing what they joined to do — their jobs. You had already heard about recruit training straight from recruits near your area; but that was just the beginning. Marines from various job fields like military police, crash/fire rescue, administration, air crew, air traffic control, and armory, as well as pilots, answered your questions about life in the Marine Corps. You also got a brief on educational opportunities for Marines and a hands-on look at the latest in Marine Corps aviation and support equipment. The day concluded with a Marine Corps Band concert, a brief trip to the Marine Corps exchange and a visit to the Depot Museum.



EDUCATORS FROM RECRUITING STATIONS TWIN CITIES AND CHICAGO EXAMINE A F/A-18 "HORNET" ABOARD MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR.

To all that helped put together this workshop, thank you!

Just yesterday I saw a kid with a USMC cap on and we chatted about the yellow footprints, Camp Pendleton, MCRD and boot camp. He seemed extremely excited that I could speak in terms we both understood. Looking forward to more conversations like that.

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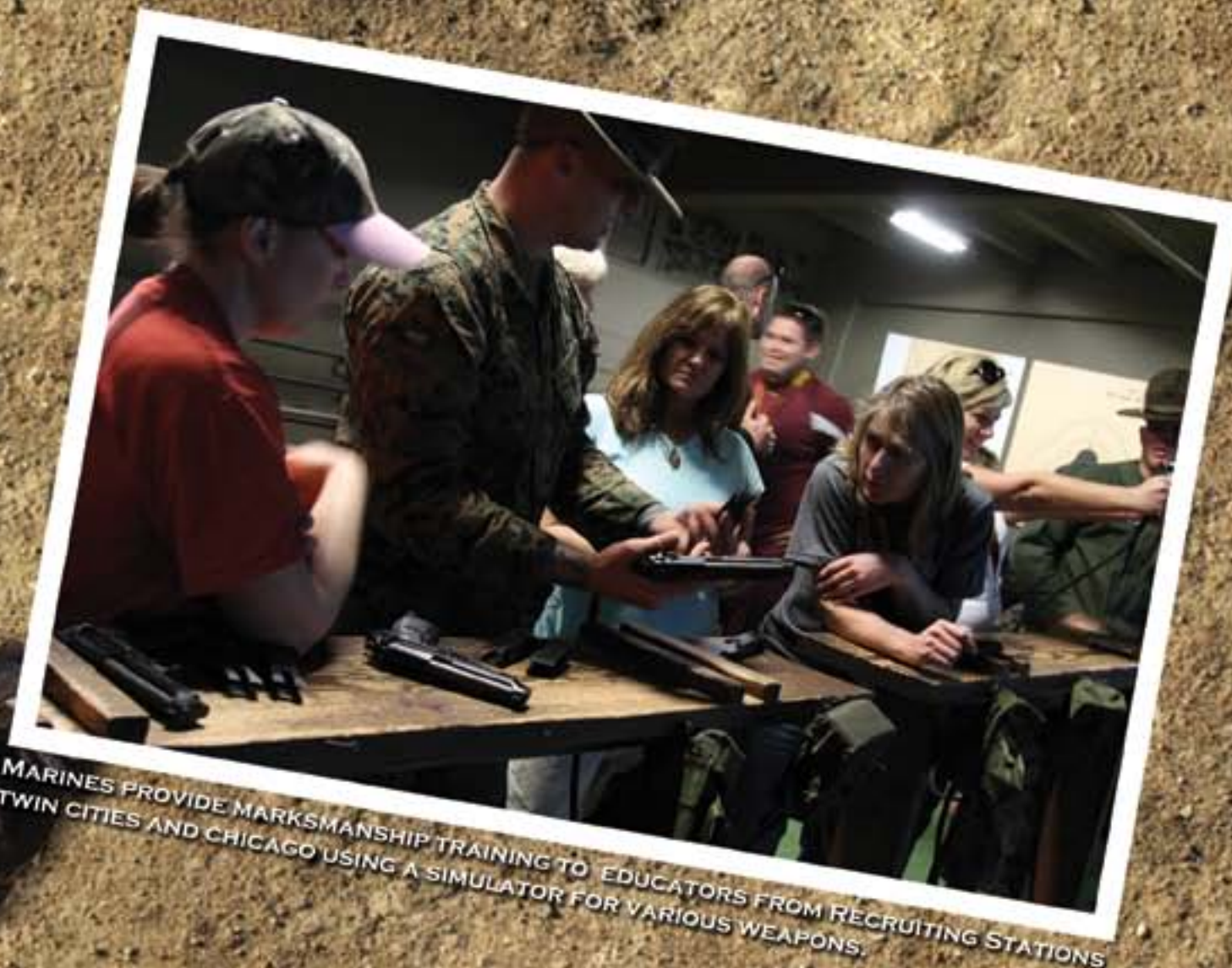
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MCB CAMP PENDLETON

Many of you needed tissues as you began the day at Camp Pendleton with the Emblem Ceremony, typically the most emotional boot camp moment aside from graduation that recruits (and their DIs) experience. The formal presentation of the Marine Corps eagle, globe and anchor emblem to each recruit comes after months of training and occurs immediately following boot camp's defining event: The Crucible. The ceremony marks the first time they are called "Marines." You also got a close look at marksmanship and field skills training, fired rifles and pistols on a marksmanship training simulator, had lunch with recruits, visited the Marine Corps' only Amphibious Assault Vehicle School, which included a live demonstration of amphibious vehicles in the water, and toured an enlisted base family housing area.



MARINES PROVIDE MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING TO EDUCATORS FROM RECRUITING STATIONS IN TWIN CITIES AND CHICAGO USING A SIMULATOR FOR VARIOUS WEAPONS.

Thank you so much for a fantastic opportunity that was so educational and informative. Every question that was asked, was willingly answered. You need to know you are doing a great job at presenting and covering all aspects so that as educators, we feel confident and comfortable sharing this information we learned and experienced first-hand. Also, know I will be encouraging students to check it out for themselves by talking to a recruiter. Thank you again for this tremendous opportunity.

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GRADUATION

You stood on the Yellow Footprints, ate at the recruit chow hall, watched the memorable Emblem Ceremony, and now (just like the recruits in front of you) recruit training graduation is the only thing standing between you and the journey home. Following breakfast with the commanding general, you sat with the parents of the graduating recruits and witnessed the pageantry and emotion that makes graduating from Marine Corps recruit training one of the most memorable moments in a Marine's life. After shaking hands with the new graduates, you likely congratulated each other as well – you earned it.



A NEW MARINE CELEBRATES WITH HIS FAMILY AFTER GRADUATION



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RS CHICAGO



RS TWIN CITIES





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