



“Why in hell can’t the Army do it if the Marines can. They are the same kind of men; why can’t they be like Marines?”

-Gen. John J. “Black Jack” Pershing, U.S. Army

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Future Marines and Their Families,

For those of you who are just joining the Delayed Entry Program, welcome to the team. You have made the first big step in the challenging process to ultimately become a United States Marine. As you all know, we only accept the best and you can

If you are new to the Recruiting Station Indianapolis Pool, I want to thank you for your commitment to your country by joining the world’s premiere military fighting force. Now that the holidays are behind us it is time to get down to business.

Your selfless dedication and commitment to our Country and Corps lends proof to the idea that the youth of America is as patriotic as ever. Thank you for your intended service to our great country.

For some of you, your quest to become a United States Marine will be enhanced within the next few months; this will be marked by your graduation from recruit training.

As you probably already know recruit training will not be easy, but it is not supposed to be. We only want the best to serve in our beloved Marine Corps. I have no

now rightfully hold your heads high as part of the few, that have crossed the first hurdle in claiming the title.

As we round out the holiday season, we all must refocus our efforts on preparing both physically and mentally for recruit training. Improvement in the Initial Strength Test and keeping well within the height and weight standards will pay you all dividends with the Drill Instructors at Recruit Training.

Specifically for our Female Poolees and Candidates, the Marine Corps is shifting to pull-ups vice the flexed arm hang. Start working on pull-ups now. Again, it will help you immensely once you step on those yellow

footprints. Also, everyone must continue to strengthen your mental toughness as you prepare to enter training.

Talk to your recruiters and fellow Marines in your family or community about the mental challenges that await you. In addition to learning general information about the Marine Corps itself, preparing mentally for the rigors of training, is the most important thing you can do.

I am continuously impressed and proud of all the men and women that have volunteered for service in the Marine Corps during this dynamic time in our nation’s history. Continue to press the attack and Semper Fidelis.

From the Sergeant Major



doubt that you are prepared and ready to take on the challenge. Remember the key to success at recruit training is self and family preparation.

As we make our way through winter, you must keep preparing yourself physically and mentally for recruit training. The physical aspect is addressed by having a proper workout routine and attending physical training with the recruiters.

The mental preparation comes in two forms. The first form can be addressed by you learning as much Marine Corps knowledge as possible before reaching the recruit depot ie.. general orders, reporting procedures, Marine Corps history.

The second form of mental preparation can be addressed by you realizing that the amount of stress you will encounter. In regard to the sec-

ond form do not take anything personal, you will be motivated verbally, physically incentive trained and required to do various tasks while at the depot.

It is all part of the process. Keep this in mind and you will be on the parade deck for graduation before you know it. Good luck and Semper Fidelis.

Pooles learn valuable lessons through training

On Nov. 17, the female pooles of Recruiting Station Indianapolis, 9th Marine Corps District, gathered for female specific training to include a three mile hike on Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, Ind.

by Sgt. Jose O. Nava
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INDIANAPOLIS – Before the training began Maj. Geoffry Hollopeter, commanding officer, RS Indy, and Capt. Casey Chenoweth, officer selection officer, West Lafayette, RS Indy, spoke to the group about the day's events and why they being conducted those events.

"We are doing professional military education, we are not here to thrash you, just to teach you how to wear the pack and let you have some questions and answers with the female Marines," said Hollopeter. "I did not want you to go to boot camp without having seen a female Marine," he said.

One of the classes that taught to the pooles was how to properly wear the Improved Load Bearing Equipment Main Pack for a forced march. The ILBE pack was first mass produced for the Marine Corps in 2004 and designed by Arc'Teryx to carry up to 120 pounds and distribute the weight evenly so it is comfortable to the user.

"We put on gear and go to a location to execute some sort of exercise or mission. The reason we do this is we want to go far and carry gear for whatever situation arises," said Chenoweth.

During the hike the pooles carried 30 pounds of sand in their ILBE packs on a route that took

them throughout the park, stopping occasionally to adjust their gear and to drink water. The pooles would occasionally shout out cadences to help keep their pace and stay together as a group.

"Endurance is being able to sustain physical fitness for a long period of time," said Chenoweth. "You will have to think about it in your heart why you are here and push past those mental barriers and work for

something that is bigger than yourself."

Once the pooles reached their final destination they staged their packs and readied themselves for the next class. The pooles' time in the delayed entry program ranges from a few weeks to months and some are ready to enter recruit training.

"I feel like it was difficult for some but I had an easy time. I have been studying my knowledge and working out on my own as well as with the recruiters and other pooles," said Bethann Chambers, RSS North Indy, RS Indy.

After the packs were staged, the group discussed the 14 Leadership Traits of the Marine Corps: judgment, justice, dependability, initiative, decisiveness, tact, integrity, endurance, bearing, unselfishness, courage, knowledge, loyalty, enthusiasm or the acronym JJ DID TIE BUCKLE. According to the Marine Corps Training and Education Command the traits and principles of leadership are the basic fundamentals that Marines use to develop their own leadership abilities and that of their subordinates.

At the end of the leadership discussion, the Marines opened up the floor for a question and answer period that had some specific female related topics to include the challenges they may face in a male dominated field.

"What type of challenges are there? Mental, physical, and being away from your home," said Sgt. Anna Wallace, recruiter, RSS West Indy, RS Indy. "For all you sitting here now it is going to be a challenge and do not think it is going to be easy. As long as you know that it is in your heart and it is something that you want to do it is going to be easy for you down the road."



Capt. Casey Chenoweth, officer selection officer, West Lafayette, RS Indianapolis, leads female enlistees in a hike around Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 17. The training focused on what females may encounter during their Marine Corps Career.

The final event of the training was the breakdown and proper use of the materials inside of a Meal-Ready-to-Eat. The meals varied from tuna to a vegetarian patty in vegetarian barbecue sauce. While they were eating the female Marines shared some of their stories and experiences with the group and how females have helped to shape the nature of these current conflicts.

"Women are now in combat and dangerous situations much more than in the past wars that we had," said Chenoweth. "Iraq and Afghanistan has changed that and I really think that you all need to think of the big picture of what women that are not much older than you [the pooles] have done in the last ten years have fought valiantly and courageously just like their brothers-in-arms and they crossed some of those barriers."

RS Indianapolis SNCOIC of the Year: GySgt. Cory J. Carter, RSS Lafayette

GySgt. Cory J. Carter has served in the Marine Corps for more than 17 years and has been a part of the RS Indianapolis recruiting team since 2005. GySgt. Carter's military occupational specialty is career recruiter, and was last stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort where he worked as a radar technician.

As a SNCOIC, GySgt. Carter led his station to contracting 59 applicants, of which 74 percent were in the top three mental categories.

GySgt. Carter's station shipped 62 poolees to recruit training, and

sustained less than 3.23 percent in Marine Corps Recruit Depot Discharges.

GySgt. Carter's ethic and leadership were clearly evident as he achieved a net annual production rate of 1.37.

"Gunnery Sergeant Carter's performance during the course of this past fiscal year has been superlative in every regard and mark him as a Marine leader of the highest quality," said Capt. Paul Shipley, executive officer, RS Indianapolis. "He was extremely driven, determined, and successful because he approached every day with a mission oriented mindset."

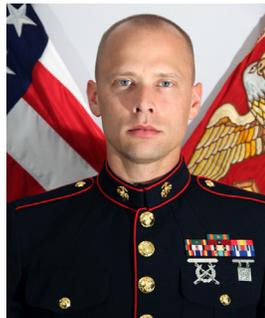


RS Indianapolis Recruiter of the Year: SSgt. Gabriel O. Renner, RSS Columbus

SSgt. Renner wrote 26 net contracts and achieved a average production rate of 2.17 with 100 percent of those contracts being Tier 1 high school graduates.

Of the 13 poolees that he shipped to recruit training, not one was discharged prior to graduation.

"Embodies the "whole Marine" concept by being mature, up keeping his physical training and being involved in the community. He was the top recruiter at the 9th MCD Pro Bowl and looks like he has a bright future with his nomination to KASH Course," said MSgt. Paul Proctor, recruiter instructor, RS Indianapolis



RS Indianapolis Rookie Recruiter of the Year: SSgt. Stephen R. Andrews, RSS North Indianapolis

Staff Sergeant Stephen R. Andrews, a 10-year Marine Corps, has earned RS Indianapolis's Rookie Recruiter of the Year for FY12.

SSgt Andrews wrote 25 gross contracts and achieved a net annual production rate of 1.92 and 100 percent of those contracts were Tier 1 high school graduates.

SSgt. Andrews military occupational specialty is Special Communications Signals Collection Operator, and was last stationed at the 3rd Radio Battalion where he served as a Classified Material Control Center Chief.



History Bites: "Retreat!? Hell we just got here!" - Capt. Lloyd Williams

10 January 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its

peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1st Lt. Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the

small American flag that battalion commander LtCol. Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the

island.

31 March 1801: On this date, LtCol. Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." President Jefferson was a personal friend of the Commandant, and deeply

interested in the welfare of the Corps and accompanied Burrows on horseback on the morning of 31 March. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, at 8th and I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.



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Parents, without your support and guidance your sons and daughters would not be the outstanding young adults that they have become today. We thank you for all you have done for them in providing them with positive goals and upbringing. The Marine Corps will never take your place in their lives and we hope that you will become a part of the Marine Corps family as your child has chosen to do. Recruit training can be as hard on the parent as it is on the recruit. The websites above will provide you with some excellent tools for while your son/daughter is in recruit training and beyond into their time in the Fleet Marine Forces. If you ever have any issues the recruiter is there to help you as well. Again, thank you for raising the future of our Corps.

Semper Fidelis