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MMA Summer and ESL Camp 2006: “A SUMMER WELL SPENT!”

On July 2, 2006, 234 Summer and 35 English As A Second Language (ESL) campers from 32 states and five foreign countries get on board the Marine Military Academy (MMA). Thanks to the foresight of parents, guardians, and sponsors, these young men signed on for one **incredible** summer camp experience. For some, the growth experienced during this year's camp unlocks a lifetime of opportunity. In the words of MMA President Brigadier General Stephen Cheney, USMC (Ret), "I've been advised by both Summer and ESL campers' Drill Instructors this has been the most exceptional group of campers yet!"

Both camps run four weeks in duration. During camp, every young man ages



29 JULY 2006 - A TRIUMPHANT GRADUATION DAY AT MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY'S SUMMER AND ESL CAMP 2006...HISTORICALLY MARKED IN MANY A YOUNG MAN'S SCRAPBOOK OF SUCCESS!



MMA BARBER JOE HANDY ADMINISTERS FIRST HAIRCUT "RITES" TO A HEAD FULL OF HAIR BELONGING TO INCOMING SUMMER CAMPER SILAS DEEN HOWELL OF HUNT, TEXAS. Keep smiling, Deen...that's the first of many FREE haircuts here at MMA, and no one serves up a STYLIN' quite like MMA's Joe Handy!

12-17 faces daily challenges and soon discovers what really counts is not just how many hours you put in each day, but what you put into each **hour** in a day! They experience first hand how important it is to participate in team sports; how to build interpersonal relationships based upon mutual respect and trust, and just how important these relationships are—whether applying these skills in sports or to any other areas of their life. Each day, they participate in new activities designed to turn an ordinary summer into an extraordinary adventure they're destined to remember ... for the rest of their lives!

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ALL SHEARED AND SHORED UP, READY TO GO! After the hugs, kisses, and last-minute farewells are over, campers stow their personal belongings in boxes where the items remain until the last moment of Camp. Dressed out in traditional MMA camper gear--red shorts, short-sleeved t-shirt, and sporting the new, sleek haircut, campers are outfitted with cross-trainer shoes, combat boots complete with boot bands, 2 kinds of caps, utility trousers, shirts and t-shirts, belts, socks, 'undergear', swimming trunks, bath towels, combination lock, metal and black shoe polish and applicator, insect repellent, sun screen, CHAPSTICK...and, Mom and Dad, contrary to rumors--one FULL package of MMA STATIONERY!!!

5:55 a.m., affectionately referred to in the barracks as **"FIRST CALL"**. Better start moving, 'cause the next **gentle** reminder 'IT'S TIME TO GET SQUARE WITH THE WORLD' comes at **6 a.m ... REVEILLE**, delivered at what one camper declared sounds like '2 million decibels' over C a m p u s - w i d e loudspeakers! Time to make beds (*oh yes, Mom...each camper mastered the making-of-the-bed technique so well that a quarter glances across the top...on the FIRST day of Camp!*), then fall out in formation in front of the barracks.

6:10 a.m. - Time to **P.T.** (Physical Training). On Tuesdays and Thursdays, there's **AEROBICS**, thanks to MMA Cadet Instructor Zachary Bowen's mom, Mrs. Bowen, an aerobic instructor with a lot of heart. Before most mortals open their weary

eyes and down that first cup of java, Mrs. Bowen drags her platform and speakers out in the middle of Battalion Street, turns the lights and speakers on high velocity, greets each camper with a great big smile and an energizing, "GOOD MORNING CAMPERS, ARE YOU FEELIN' ALL RIGHT TODAY?" Campers, Drill Instructors, even MMA Superintendent Colonel R.G. Hill and Commandant SgtMaj Kinsley, USMC (Ret) join in on totally **unsynchronized** windmills, squats, situps—all designed to get the heart pumping and everyone's motor revved up for another GREAT day ahead.

7 a.m. - Breakfast, the most important meal'o'the'day. Summer and ESL campers all agree - when it comes to starting the day off right, a hearty helping of MMA Camp Breakfast following 5:55 a.m. wake up and P.T. is a **MUST HAVE!!!** Absolutely **NO ONE** goes away hungry at MMA. The dining facility, built in 1983 and named in honor of Dr. Neuhaus, local resident and longtime supporter of the Academy, is appropriately named The Neuhaus facility, or "MESS" as affectionately referred to by the DI's. The Mess has the capacity to feed the entire group of campers at one time in the main dining area.

The dining facility staff, working two



SYNCHRONIZED OR NOT, THIS IS AEROBICS BY DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT - MMA SUMMER CAMP-STYLE. LOOKIN' GOOD!!!

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“HEY MOM-THE CHOW IS GREAT... AND THERE’S LOADS OF IT!!!”

shifts a day, prepares over 350,000 meals each year. Breakfast, lunch and dinner meals meet USDA nutritional guidelines in accordance with the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Each meal offers five key ingredients: protein, calcium, iron, vitamin A and vitamin C. Overseen by retired USMC Chef Carlos Centeno, the dining facility staff serves up tasty renditions of popular entrees such as lemon pepper chicken, cavatini, barbecue ribs, beef fritters, the ever-popular hamburger and fries, sloppy joes, chili dogs, roast beef, spaghetti, pizza, turkey...and, on every-other Friday, the campus-wide favorite: enchiladas. Fresh fruit is available for each breakfast, topped off with cold or hot cereal, eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels... and, on Wednesdays only, an MMA favorite: Biscuits’N’Gravy. A salad bar option is provided for both lunch and dinner, along with fresh celery, carrot sticks, jello, peanut butter and jelly, and—of course—tasty desserts. There’s plenty of ice cold water, fruit juice, milk, and lemonade but absolutely no carbonated, caffeinated beverages. Chef Carlos keeps on top of the latest nutritional trends, “I like to keep an ear out, find out what campers are hungry for, then change things up. Each camper can come back for seconds, thirds...as much as they want. Whatever they take, they eat. No one leaves this dining facility hungry! Some meals are made from the original Armed Forces recipe cards, some from nutritional seminars I attend each year, some recipes are brought in by our staff. Everything is cooked from scratch... there are absolutely no microwaves in this Mess Hall!” Campers can look forward to Lunch (2nd Mess) at

12 noon and Dinner (3rd Mess), the FINAL meal of the day, at 5 p.m. With breakfast an agonizing twelve hours away, these campers can really pack away the **meat and potatoes!**

8 a.m.-12 noon is FUN time, with a variety of military activities designed to develop problem-solving skills, increase self-confidence, build teamwork, and improve level of agility. Take, for instance, learning strategic moves on the Reaction Course.

Campers learn how necessary teamwork is to successfully complete objectives, like this one: While advancing your team

by the enemy patrol. YIKES! Each camper gets a chance to implement their personal variation of problem solving and implementing basic (*and not-so-basic*) strategy...in fact, this group of campers came up with a few solutions the U.S. Marine Corps might be interested in trialing.

On to **PUGIL Stick competition.** Donning helmets with full face mask, groin protection and protective neck roll, plenty of padding and a cushioned pugil stick - *wooden base wrapped with lots of styrofoam and cloth*, campers mock-battle one another as they hone their skills to be recognized as “The Victors”. Aside from

earning bragging rights, these campers are increasing their sense of self-confidence, coordination and—when going 2-on-1 and 3-on-1, the value of teamwork. Every camper undergoes this exercise, and nearly everyone’s canteen needs filling when this hour is up!



“OKAY, MOVE JUST A HAIR TO THE LEFT...NO, RIGHT. NOW, STEADY!” CAMPERS FINE-TUNE STRATEGIES ON MMA’S REACTION COURSE.

forward with a wounded team member in tow, you encounter a destroyed bridge. Enemies frequently patrol the side of the river your team is currently on and have been observed packing heavy weaponry. Your mission is to take your team, including the wounded member, and link up with your company within ten minutes, or face possible capture



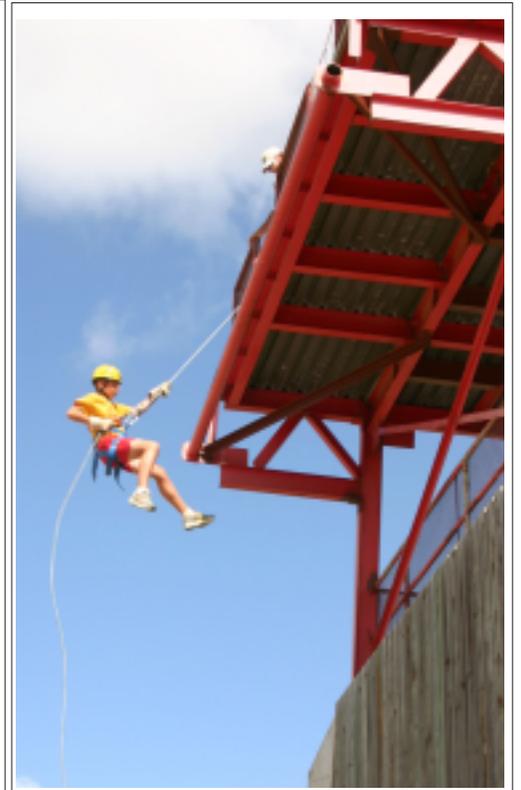
CAMPERS TEST THEIR METTLE IN STEAMY PUGIL STICK COMPETITION.

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MMA 'BACK 40' Events

The **Rappel Tower** and **Climbing Wall** offer up a daily challenge.

The 30-foot **Rappelling Tower** offers campers the opportunity to fly down a zip line (no worries, Mom, each camper is secured with a guide harness and outfitted with protective head gear) and, on the reverse side of the Tower, rappel down a rope simulating a helicopter streamline drop.

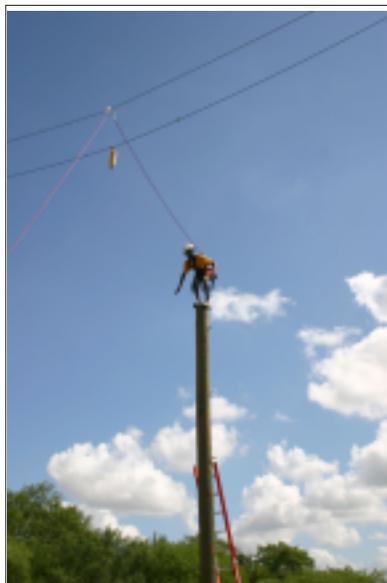


Preparing to rappel, a camper remarks to the other, **“If my Mom sees pictures of me rappelling, she’s gonna’ have a cow!”** The other camper, without so much as batting an eye, retorted, **“My Mom will say--what’s the big deal? You were attached to a rope, WEREN’T YOU?”**

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MMA 'BACK 40' Events

The Challenge and Confidence courses proved exciting and competitive. Ever heard the phrase “**facing your fears**”? How about climbing a ladder, then inserting your tennies in foot pegs until you’re standing atop a 30-foot telephone ‘confidence’ pole, with no place to go but DOWN, but not until you dive outward to slap a hanging rope with a rubber “doohickey” attached? Okay, so you’re strapped into a protective harness, and a locking carabiner attaches you to your Belay Team (thoughts of “wish I would have been a little bit nicer to those guys” might cross a camper’s mind at this point). You’ve moved one full shoe onto the pole, and you’re noticing the second foot wants to move but won’t respond to your brain’s urging it to join the first foot atop Mount Rocky Top. Hesitate a moment or two too long and you’ll hear SgtMaj Carson hollering, “Son, you got that foot moving all over the place, you gotta’ move your arm the same way, too, if you’re gonna’ dance for us!” Wait another ten seconds and you’ll hear, “There’s only one way down, and you don’t want me to come up there and show you how, do you???” It’s amazing what a summer camper can accomplish standing atop a 30-foot pole facing God’s splendorous blue sky, an adamant Drill Instructor, and the entire cheering platoon! Look out, below...this camper’s coming DOWN!!!



You got the talking done, can you walk the Walk? MOHAWK Walk objective is to advance the entire group around the cable to cable’s far end WITHOUT anyone touching the ground. All group members must be on cable before anyone can dismount. Should anyone fall from the cable, START OVER! One item of assist: Participants may touch the poles to which the cables are attached... “just touch, not hug like a koala bear at the zoo!” hollers the Drill Instructor. Rounding all four sides should be a piece of cake, right? **OOH RAH!**

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MMA SUMMER/ESL CAMP: GETTING STRONGER, FLYING HIGHER, EARNING THE RIGHT TO "PROUD"!



"Attending this camp can really help you put the little things in life into perspective. When you have to ask permission to scratch and go drink from the scuttlebutt and stuff like that, you will enjoy doing things like that outside of

MMA walls, and that will really make you feel good. There are people in this world that are not capable of doing things like that and wish they could. All in all, it's a good learning experience."

--Kenny Talbot, ALPHA Company



"I think we must do more times on the courses. I like the Obstacle Course - it is entertaining. I learned not to fear high altitudes on the Rappel Course - I liked it, TOO MUCH! We did the Paintball Course just once, and I wanted to do it more. I also

would like more volleyball and football. But, all in all, it's okay."

--Jorge Sergio Trevino Elizondo, ESL CHARLIE Company



"Camp was GREAT. I like how seriously everyone took safety. CI's and DI's were fair and strict...helped me out alot. C a m p taught me that I can do ANYTHING if I try; made me do things I wouldn't

have thought possible of myself, and I ended up enjoying most of everything. I also like how everything is about teamwork. This Camp has been a good, once-in-a-lifetime experience for me."

--Alfred Holt, DELTA Company



"All in all, Summer Camp has drastically changed me and those around me as well. It's been a GREAT experience, and I have enjoyed it. We've been whipped into shape, and we've learned discipline. There's been hardships, and there's been fun.

I learned alot, and I've changed - mentally and physically. The CI's and DI's are fantastic. The only thing I didn't like was being away from friends at home...but that was a given. Most cafeteria foods are awful, and that's what I expected. But, I was wrong--the food's GREAT!"

--Alley Bosque, ECHO Company



"I liked the fact that Marine Military Academy Summer Camp teaches you discipline. This C a m p challenges you -- both mentally and physically. That helped me see that I can do

MORE. I like the way the Drill Instructors pushed us to the limit."

--Gary Meza, FOX Company



"Marine Military Academy Summer Camp was AWESOME. We did so many FUN things...don't even know where to begin. I loved it soooooo much! Oh, yeah...The food? Well, it was usually

good...except maybe sometimes. The guys in Medical Service? They treat you very, very good!"

--Blake Eggleston, GOLF Company



"M M A ' s S u m m e r Camp helped me deal with people alot better than I usually do. Camp tested my patience. The Medical Staff really took good care of me--I have to say I was happy to be in M e d i c a l 'cause I got to

see TV for a while! The P.T. was GREAT! The food was good--BREAKFAST REALLY HIT THE SPOT!!!"

--Jeff S. Robinson, ALPHA Company



"Marine Military Academy's Summer Camp is good - it shows you discipline, and you learn alot of stuff. Activities are very good. You lose all your fear in many of the things you do--like

in rappelling, you lose your fear of heights."

--Alfonso Mejia Munoz, ESL CHARLIE Company



"Paintball was the best. The Ironman Competition went well. It would be better if Aero-space were able to take a couple of kids up (in flight) E V E R Y single day. I'd like to do the Mud Course, watch more Marine movies,

spend more time at Camp Perry, and run TWO Ironmans. The food? VERY, VERY GOOD! Medical Department? Nurses couldn't be any better!"

--Ryan Stenger, DELTA Company

“THIS SUMMER I FACED THE MAN IN THE MIRROR, AND I LIKE WHAT I SEE LOOKING BACK AT ME!”



“The food? Add more pizza and cheeseburgers--I really like ‘em! I thought this Camp would be a lot more laid back, but when I got here I learned FAST...Camp was nothing

like that! This Camp has been really good for me physically, mentally, and academically. Overall, I had FUN, even though I was homesick the first two weeks.”

--Eric Cabrera, ECHO Company



“This place is GREAT. There were a few downs, but mostly ups. The Rest Period is great. Movies rule...need to be more often! Paintball, weightlifting and rifles - good, need more.

Food? It was okay, except serve spaghetti more often. I loved Rappelling and the Zip Line. All in all, it’s COOL...with the exception of the Close Order Drill. I think there should be more Swimming--free swim, that is!”

--Daniel Mason, FOX Company



“Summer Camp was great...the second summer around is the better one! I love what differences there are on MMA’s ‘Back 40’. I made lots of new friends, and they are ALL great. I like Golf Company even

better this year. My CI’s are also cool, and they make jokes better than last year. Food? Less chicken, more fruit like pineapple and kiwi. How ‘bout fruit cups next year???”

--N. Hayden Gross, GOLF Company



“The Cadet Instructors are straight as an arrow. CWO3 Harris is a great guy. He never went too hard on us, and he never went too light. MSGT Quilit is very good at controlling and motivat-

ing us, not to mention making us laugh, too! I thoroughly enjoyed Camp this year. I learned alot about myself I did not know before. I graduate from this Camp as a better MAN.”

--Matthew Christopher Wilson, ALPHA Company



“Although I found it hard to cope at first, the morning TAP’s have become much easier to adjust to. The CI’s were the best the entire time, always making sure not to lose the respect of the other campers. In my personal

opinion, SGT Torres was one of the best in Echo Company! Marine Military Academy’s Summer Camp DEFINITELY CHALLENGES all campers’ physical and mental abilities TO THE MAX--everything is designed to better ourselves.”

--Travis Meredith, ECHO Company



“Summer Camp was FUN. I guess I changed alot. They made me wake up and see the sky over my head and the ground under my feet. I learned that I was lazy in the past. I loved doing some of the activities and made

many friends from all around the nation. Oh, and they should serve more waffles at breakfast...like, everyday!”

--Tom Gallardo, DELTA Company



“I think this is a great camp. It is something that everyone can take something out of. I will definitely go home and recommend it to my friends. I enjoyed it --the whole thing--while

I was here. The food is very good, especially for a summer camp. And, the Medical Service is excellent--just like a mini-hospital. Regardless of what anyone might say otherwise, Marine Military Academy Summer Camp is GREAT!”

--Jonathan Blazar, FOX Company



“Marine Military Academy Summer Camp - the BEST camp ever! I really liked Weightlifting, Hikes, Pugal Sticks, the Field Meet, movies, and Aerospace. Some of the staff are actually COOL

- especially Mr. Bowen...he’s the BEST! The food? Just like what Mom cooks at home.”--Andy Roque, GOLF Company

Don't miss out on next year's camp--Mark YOUR Calendar Today!

ESL and Summer Camp 2007:

July 1, 2007 to July 28, 2007

Iron Man Competition got underway at 0900 sharp on Sunday, 23 July with all companies present, accounted for, and participating! Each company's first competitor sprinted an initial run 3/4 of the way around Bowman Stadium stadium track, through the stadium gate, proceeding through the stadium parking lot on down Iwo Jima Boulevard, towards the Administration Building, veering left to tag the next partner. The tagged partner proceeded to the next starting cone for the low crawl, grabbed a rubber M-16, then low-crawled (ahhhhh...a little Texas dust up the nostrils is just the right thing to settle the jitters!) towards the cones marking the finish line, dropping the M-16. Then, it's across the field at breakneck pace to the Confidence Course to tag the hand of the next runner. This runner takes off 'round the Boxing Gym, navigates through the Confidence Course, back to the waiting team member a few yards from the Boxing Gym. Tagged and released, the teammate is off to the Fireman's Carry starting point, but not before he executes 20 push-ups, then piggybacks his 'wounded camper' carrying the load over the 50 yard course. There, the wounded camper is dropped (dignity intact), and the teammate proceeds to the road leading to the rifle range where he tags the rifle range runner. The Rifle Ranger proceeds to the indoor rifle range where he takes a standing position, firing five rounds at the target. Deep breath here ... When firing is complete, the 'Ranger' proceeds out the door, along the road to the far side of the Junior Varsity Gym to tag the next runner. Hold on, this battle is not over yet!



This runner proceeds to the Paint Ball Course, grabs a paint ball gun and protective mask, then begins to tactically run in a zigzag method to Point 1, engaging Target 1; low-crawl to Target 1 to engage Target 2. Once reaching the starting point, this teammate drops all paint ball gear and takes off at breakneck speed to tag his waiting teammate. Runner pumps up past the JV gym, all the way to the Mud Course area where he exhaustively tags his teammate. Tagged teammate completes select obstacles on the Course—and there are plenty ... over, under, through! We're not done yet ...this camper runs pell-mell toward the swimming pool to tag the hand of his waiting teammate. Diving headfirst, teammate swims the length of the pool, exits and 'judiciously' walks to the pool gate to tag the hand of the waiting final runner. Runner zips behind King gym and enters the stadium amidst cheers and encouragement from his waiting company. Tucking head down he pumps his arms to propel him faster toward the finish line... with a shower and afternoon of pizza, movie and inspirational word from Chaplain Elliott directly ahead.

ESL 1 took top honors finishing with time of 19:38; ECHO 401-36:55; ALPHA 201-37:26; FOX 701-40:50; DELTA 601-41:36; and GOLF 901-51:31.



Over hill, over dale...As we hit the campers did, the week of 17-21 July, began at 0800 with everyone's canteen farm tracks, serenaded by overhead friends, an occasional ground squirrel or their path, and the ever-abundant insects. Cloudy skies and early-morning comfortable, although most campers' the towering gates of Camp Perry loomed campers took advantage of "R & R time" in the camp's Scout Crafts Pavilion cool LUNCH time ... and a cold sandwich grilled t-bone steak! At 12 noon Round rotated through archery (the competition begins with the challenge of who can aim and land all their arrows ANYWHERE on the target, evolving to who achieves a BULLS-EYE to earn full bragging rights of the day!); cooling off in the Camp pool – for some, a little horseplay, and for the more serious swimmer, a lap lane; finishing up the day with instruction on how to launch a canoe properly, how to recover should you find yourself UNDER the canoe, how to row effectively, a fevered race up river and back to the dock. Campers were shuttled in 'luxury' (Academy vans) back to MMA for a shower and a bit of R&R before 3rd Mess. Ahhhhhh... a camper's bunk is his best friend at day's end!!!



dusty trail...And hit the dusty trail all all the way to Camp Perry. The hike FULL of water, through fields and dirt 'flocks' of seagulls and other feathered Texas-sized jackrabbit scurrying across company of pesky, annoying microscopic Gulf winds made this year's hike relatively canteens were nearly drained by the time directly ahead. Arriving at Camp Perry, equation: Rest and Refuge = Recovery! - shade until 1120 rolls around...BOX looked as good to these campers as a Robin activities began. All campers



Situated on 240 acres bordered by the Arroyo Colorado River two miles outside of the town of Rio Hondo, Camp Perry offers 13 campsites with all the usual facilities-- tables, toilets, showers, and water. The Camp is the oldest continuously run camp in Texas and has been in existence for 76 years.

LEADERSHIP CAMP '06 • FOOTBALL CAMP '06 • BAND CAMP '06



ON BOARD: AKIN, WILLIAM; ALDREDGE, JEFFREY; ALEXANDER, ANDREW; ALIDINA, AADIL; BOWEN, ZACHARY; BROYLES, ZACHARY; CERVASSI, VINCENT; DAVIS, ANDREW; ENOS, JIMMY; FRANKS, JASON; FUQUA, JAMES; GANNON, KYLE; GENOFF, TYREL; GURGANIOUS, KEVIN; HARDEE, WILLIAM; HARRISON, ERIC; HENG, DAVID; HIRNING, LYLE; HOUSER, KEVIN; HUDNALL, TAYLOR; KEEGAN, NATHANIEL; LANDIN, TATE; LEASE, BENJAMIN; MARCYAN, COLT; MARTINEZ, JOSE; MCDONOUGH, THOMAS; MEYER, PRESTON; MOTHERAL, ROBERT; MUSA, WILLIAM; NORDBAK, CAMERON; PAZ, LUIS; POWELL, RICHARD; RODRIQUEZ, JAMES; ROLDAN, ANGEL; RUWALDT, CHRISTOPHER; SECREST, TYLER; SIERRA, MANUEL; SOOBY, DEREK; STEEG, EDGAR; STUHMILLER, KELLER; TESAR, HUNTER; THOMAS, ANDREW; TORRES, CARLOS. **A SPLENDID YEAR AHEAD...OOH-RAH!!!**

ON BOARD: ABERCROMBIE, JOHN; ALDREDGE, JEFFREY; ALEXANDER, ANDREW; BEARDEN, CURTIS; BECERRA-SINGLETERY; BRUNDRETT, PAUL; BURCAW, TAYLOR; COLLINS, CALLAN; COOK, ZACHARY; COURTNEY JR., SCOTT; EGAN, CHRIS; ESCHER, ERIC; FOX, CALEB; FRASCO, ADRIAN; GOMEZ, LUIS; GURGANIOUS, KEVIN; HANAFAN, MAX; HARDEE, WILLIAM; HARRISON, ERIC; HENG, DAVID; HILLARD, STEVEN; HURLET, DEREK; JACKSON, JOHN; KLEIN, TYLER; KUHR, TRAVIS; LANDIN, TATE; LINTON, THOMAS; LIQUORI, JAMES; MARSHALL, TREV; MCDONOUGH, THOMAS; MORALES, FEMANDO; NATIONS, ANTHONY; NEWMAN, BEN; NORDBAK, CAMERON; PAUL I BRYAN; QUINTERO, EDUARDO; RODRIGUEZ, RICKY; ROLDAN, ANGEL; RUFFIN, ANDREW; SANCHEZ, ANDRES; SHEPHERD, LAWRENCE; SMITH, TAYLOR; SOOBY, DEREK; STRINGER, JACOB; TELOR, DANIEL; TIPTON, PARK; TORRES, CARLOS; YELLIN, KAMERON. **GO BIG RED!!!**

ON BOARD: BRACKEN, ROBERT; CASTORA, ANDREW; CORSENTINO, JAMES; DAVIS, PATRICK; DUNCAN, THOMAS; HEARN, MARSHALL; KARFUNKLE, MICHAEL; RAY, JARED; SAITZ, ANTHONY; SHUFFIELD, AUSTIN; WAGNON, ANTONIO. **OOH-RAH!!!**



"YOU ALL READY FOR THIS???"

CRUCIBLE

Endurance test designed to stress participants and imbue them with the sense that they must work together in order to flourish.

ALL campers received marching orders from CI's and DI's early Wednesday evening, July 26th, and headed out to MMA's LEAD Complex to receive the Crucible brief. Campers were cued, "Best to pay attention!" and at 1810 events began - 30 minutes each with 5 minutes movement time...and move meant MOVE IT RIGHT NOW! Campers rotated through Whale Watcher, Nitro Crossing, The Wall, A-Frame Shuffle, Tank Walk, and Elevator events, and a seamless output (and enjoyment) of TEAMwork was apparent throughout the entire evening.



NITRO CROSSING-Object: A group of campers must move from one platform to another with cup of water (SIMULATING NITRO) without touching ground or spilling water. **Procedure:** All members of group must mount first platform, then transfer to second platform using rope suspended between two platforms. They must also transfer cup of water without spilling. **Rules:** Campers may not use any other equipment to complete this problem other than rope provided. No camper may touch ground at any time. If anyone touches ground, entire team must get off platform and BEGIN AGAIN. Cup of water must also transfer between two platforms without spilling. When transferring to second platform all campers remain on platform until entire group transfers successfully.



THE WALL-Object: Group of campers must get over 12' wall without use of any additional equipment other than what is on wall. **Procedure:** All campers must climb to the top of the wall without using additional equipment. **Rules:** Campers may not use sides of wall at any time or any equipment. Only 2 campers may be on platform at top of wall at any time. When 3rd camper reaches top of wall, 1 camper must come down. Campers come down in same order they went up wall. Once campers reach top and come down they may only assist as spotters and may not help other campers get up wall. Any equipment on wall or platform at top of wall may be used to complete event.



THE ELEVATOR-Mission: Get all campers on 2.5' x 2.5' elevator in order to go to next level. **Rules:** Each camper must jump from 3 feet outside onto elevator. All campers must be on elevator(all feet, too!) at once for at least 30 seconds. No one can step off, fall off, or touch ground. If anyone touches ground, all campers must exit elevator and begin loading from 3-foot mark all over.

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES . . .



A-FRAME SHUTTLE-Object/Challenge: A group of 5 participants must move A-frame apparatus, with one group member on board, from point A to point B (about 30 feet) using 4 sling ropes, each about 15 feet long. **Rules:** A-frame must maintain at least 1 point of contact with ground at all times, and never more than 2 points of contact. Only 1 person can make bodily contact with A-frame apparatus, while avoiding contact with ground. Other participants must stay at least 10 feet from A-frame when in use. Ropes may not touch ground between start and finish lines. All campers must be on elevator at once for at least 30 seconds (with all feet on elevator). No one can step off, fall off, or touch ground. If anyone touches ground, all campers must exit elevator and begin loading from 3 foot mark all over.



THE TANK WALK-Mission: Get your team from start to finish and back to start point using 2 wooden rails with 7 ropes attached to each rail. **Rules:** Wooden rails will not be placed end to end. If camper touches ground entire team must start again. Ropes will not be allowed to hit deck. If rope touches deck, it cannot be used again. All campers will participate by getting on rails. Campers must keep feet on rails. **Plan/Execution:** Campers take 3 minutes to decide how to accomplish mission and brief their plan.



IN HEATED DRILL EVALUATION ACTION, ALPHA COMPANY PLATOONS TIED AND CAPTURED TOP COMPANY HONORS.
Friday, July 28th, 0800.

FAMILY TRADITION - Like Father...Like SON!

Benjamin Trimmer, MMA Class of 1990, was all smiles as his son, MMA Summer Camper Jacob Trimmer of Fox Company, strode across MMA's Bowman Stadium Field to welcome his family to the Summer Camp Field Event. You all remember Benjamin - Charlie Company, 2 years; Awards in Varsity Sports, Civic Service, Good Conduct, Longevity, Superintendent's List; Activities: Swimming, Baseball, Rifle Team, Band, Aerospace. Benjamin's quotation in *Pass In Review - 1990*: "We the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful." WELCOME HOME, TRIMMER FAMILY!



TRIMMER, Benjamin Matthew - MMA Class of '90

TRIMMER FAMILY
PORTRAIT ABOARD
MMA'S FIELD OF
DREAMS. Grandma
(seated in front) and
Grandpa (standing,
second from right)
Trimmer are all smiles as
Grandson Jacob and Son
Benjamin swap 'sea
stories'. BENJAMIN,
center in red shirt,
CONGRATULATES HIS
SON JACOB, on far right,
ON A MMA
SUMMER CAMP
WELL DONE!



Calendar of Events

August

- 5 Football Camp
- 6 Band/Drill Team Camp
- Leadership Orientation Check-In
- 12 Registration for First Year Cadets
- 13 Check-In for Returning Cadets
- Military Orientation for Plebes
- 14-15 Teacher In-Service Days
- 16 Classes Begin

September

- 8 Academic Awards Ceremony
- 9 Parents Organization Meeting
- Introductory Training Graduation

October

- 4-6 1st Quarter Exams
- 14 SAT
- 18 PSAT
- 28 ACT

November

- 2 Parents' Weekend Begins
- 3 Parents' Day - Short Classes
- 4 Birthday Parade
- Birthday Reception and Ball
- 11 Veterans Day Parade
- 17 Thanksgiving Break begins at 1600
- 26 Thanksgiving Break ends at 1800

Memorials

- Dr. Louis E. Adin, Jr.
- LCpl Alexander Arredondo - KIA, at NAJAF, Iraq, 8/25/04
- MajGen Jack Frisbie, USMCR
- Joseph J. Holscher, Jr.
- Charles A. Ringler
- Pfc Brian A. Thornton, USMC, KIA ROK 1951

In Honor Of:

- Barry Zale
- SgtMaj Albert Wilson - G-Co. DI

MMA Hosts 1st National Media Day - 24 July 2006

Marine Military Academy's Summer Camp was the 'front and center' focus of Media on Monday, July 24th as Academy President BGen Stephen Cheney, USMC (Ret), and wife Roxanne; Academy Superintendent R.G. Hill, USMC (Ret); and Academy Commandant SgtMaj Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret) described challenges campers faced and expected outcomes.



L-R: Adam Sutton, *Valley Morning Star* reporter; COL Roxanne Cheney, USMC (Ret); Marie McDermott, President-Harlingen Chamber; SGTMAJ Ford Kinsley, USMC (Ret); Crisanne Zamponi, Director of Community Development-Harlingen Chamber; MMA President BGEN Stephen Cheney, USMC (Ret).



Photographing campers testing their 'mettle' on the ropes - kneeling, in white shirt: Associated Press Photographer Ric Vasquez. To the far right, COL Roxanne Cheney, USMC (Ret) offers up a few words to the wise.



Photographing campers negotiating the Mohawk Walk, kneeling on one leg, in grey shirt: *Valley Morning Star* Photographer Gabe Hernandez.

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