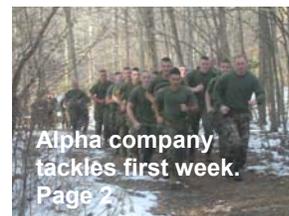


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Serving Alpha Company Marine Families

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1st Platoon
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2nd Lt. T. B. King

2nd Platoon
2nd Lt. J. M. Thornburg
2nd Lt. S. D. Cooper

3rd Platoon
2nd Lt. S. C. Newsome II
2nd Lt. G. K. Broussard

4th Platoon
2nd Lt. T. C. Storie
2nd Lt. S. R. Broussard

5th Platoon
2nd Lt. J. J. Hubbard
2nd Lt. B. D. Bowlin

6th Platoon
2nd Lt. D. E. Coleman
2nd Lt. J. J. Patterson

ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT

Johnson, Bell 'On rope'



First Platoon

The Corps' newest officers negotiate one of many obstacles along Camp Barrett's famed Endurance Course during a familiarization run Dec. 9. Training Week One's wintry mix added a new dimension to the already challenging 5.2-mile trail run.

Training hiatus offers time with family, friends

Maj. Curtis V. Ebitz
Commanding Officer

Fellow Marines and families members of Alpha Company, this is a special time of the year for you, your family and friends. Every year during this special time we are reminded about what is truly important in our lives. I know that certain aspects of your respective jobs have kept you extremely busy and any from your families over the last few weeks. Now, as our focus turns to our loved ones and friends, let us give thanks to both as they sustain us in all that we do.

I hope that you will take this pause in

training as an opportunity to appreciate your loved ones and make this holiday period unique and memorable. Also, please take the time to remember those fellow Marines and Sailors on station throughout the world answering our nation's call to serve.

As we travel to gather with loved ones over this holiday season, let us take a moment to think about safety. Everyone is important to Alpha Company and we can ill afford to not have everyone return safely. Therefore, it is imperative to take care of one another and have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

My wife, Amy, joins me in wishing each

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3 PT sessions, 2 first aid classes *And a partridge in a pear tree*

2nd Lt. S. C. Newsome
Third Platoon

In one week the Christmas holidays will be upon us and it will be time to trade in late hours at The Basic School (TBS) for some much-needed time with friends and family while enjoying those special pleasures that only come with the holiday season. In anticipation of these holidays its important to look back and see what we have already accomplished. While here in Alpha Company, we have spent two weeks at The Basic School – “Zero Week”, which really doesn’t count, and the other week being only worth five *real* training days, meaning that we have only spent a whopping five whole days at TBS – the truth is that we have packed a lot into these few days.

In just two weeks, we have managed to do more than most people do in two months. We have taken a Physical Fitness Test, been the recipients of multiple dental exams, filled out stacks and stacks of government

paperwork, been issued over twenty-five different Marine Corps publications to study, been issued all the gear one would need to survive outside in the frigid winter nights in Quantico, taken a few writing skills classes, a few military skills classes, and even a class on how to get your mail at TBS, and that was just the first two days! In addition to that there have been multiple swim qualifications classes, a few more writing skills classes, multiple in-processing classes, a few more grammar classes (of which many of us desperately needed), a few shots at medical, a couple of classes explaining the theory of war, more swimming, a few etiquette classes (which *all* of us desperately needed), a few blood samples at medical, a writing skills exam, and more needles at Navy medical. But, the good news is that the first two weeks with Alpha Company are over, but the bad news is that there are only twenty-two left! But until graduation...Happy Holidays and Semper Fidelis.



**Merry
Christmas and
Happy New
Year,
Marines!**

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and every Marine and every family a peaceful and joyous holiday season. We are proud to serve the nation alongside each of you and I am truly proud of who you are and what you do. Please except my best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors and happiness always.

Semper Fidelis
and Happy Holidays,
Curtis V. Ebitz

“I have three new heroes now. They are New York’s bravest, the firefighters; New York’s finest, the cops; and the United States Marine Corps because, as you know, before this thing is finished, it will be the Marine Corps that goes in and settles the score.”

- David Letterman

Chaplain’s Corner



TBS Chaplain
(703) 784-5380/90

TBS OOD
(703) 784-5206/5207

After Hours
(703) 784-2707

Family Service Ctr.
(703) 784-2650/2659
(800) 336-4663

TBS Chaplains are assigned ...

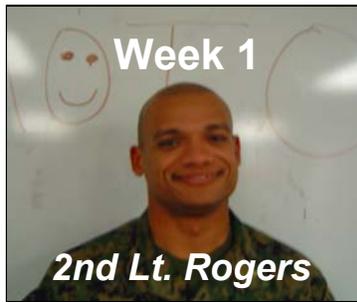
- ◆ to facilitate the free exercise of religion by serving their own denomination and facilitating all others.
- ◆ to provide professional guidance on matters of religious, moral, spiritual and ethical nature.

Your Chaplain ...

- ◆ conducts worship services.
- ◆ performs sacraments and special services (such as weddings, baptisms, and communion services).

- ◆ conducts Bible studies.
 - ◆ provides confidential counseling (marriage, pre-marriage, crisis, grief and personal issues).
 - ◆ encourages each Marine and Sailor toward greater spiritual and personal growth.
 - ◆ Provides assistance, counsel, and comfort to those in need.
 - ◆ makes pastoral calls in workspaces, hospitals and at homes when requested
- ... and more.**

'Jackass' of the Week

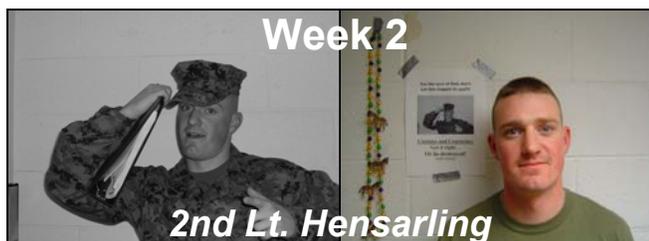


2nd Lt. T. Y. Uyeda
Third Platoon

Lt. Rogers, Alpha Company's moto company commander, is definitely moto ... motivational ... 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. His behavior and habits have been everything "The Marine Officer's Guide" has asked for. Because of his military bearing and Marine Corps commercial looks, Lt. Guadalupe has started a Lt. Rogers fan club;..... so far Guadalupe is the only member.

Lt. Rogers is so motivational that he took the form of one of the Marine Corps's beloved mascots, the bulldog. The president of his fan club, Guadalupe, took on the looks of a pug.

All lieutenants should join his fan club in order to become more like Lt. Rogers. If you join right now, the president of his fan club, Guadalupe, will send you two motivations film clips titled: "How to disrespect Lt.Col.'s while at TBS." The first lesson is titled: "how to call attention on deck 5 minutes after the Executive Officer of The Basic School has departed the classroom." The second lesson is titled: "How to confuse another Lt.Col. in less than 8 days." He demonstrates this by calling "attention on deck" 5 minutes after Lt.Col. Zotti, the commanding officer of instructor battalion, has finished giving his brief on the toy program. His continued and perplexing behavior in front of Lt.Col.'s has served three purposes: 1)it reinforces why he won jackass of the week. 2) it gives you a good reason on why you should join his fan club, and 3) it shows why he is nicknamed Lt. Moto.



No explanation required!

"Old breed? New breed? There's not a damn bit of difference so long as it's the Marine breed."

- Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller

Milestones Milestones

ALPHA COMPANY BIRTHDAYS

A. T. Bauer	25 Dec	J. C. McDonald	18 Jan
M. J. Baumann	15 Dec	M. T. Mellott	7 Dec
J. R. Berner	10 Jan	D. A. Merles	18 Dec
K. P. Chou	31 Dec	A. M. Parks	26 Dec
D. B. Elliott	21 Dec	M. R. Pearson	24 Jan
C. M. Fosdahl	8 Jan	J. K. Price	19 Dec
A. L. Friel	19 Jan	J. L. Raineri	29 Jan
D. I. Fuller	24 Dec	A. S. Roberson	11 Jan
J. H. Groefsema	25 Dec	S. W. Romph	28 Dec
D. A. Guadalupe	18 Jan	J. R. Rosales	12 Jan
T. E. Harrison	22 Dec	M. J. Shull	27 Jan
S. D. Jones	31 Dec	C. O. South	28 Jan
R. E. Joseph	11 Dec	M. W. Speers	29 Dec
D. J. Kelly	7 Dec	C. J. Suarez	1 Jan
Z. M. Knight	6 Jan	B. S. Wisdom	9 Jan
E. Leckie	15 Dec	A. J. Workman	21 Dec

ALPHA COMPANY ANNIVERSARIES

Coming next issue.

Alpha company Marines raised \$1700 to support local Marines and their families in need this holiday season. Their efforts during the 'Toys for Tots' gift drive were also exemplary.

The Company A Staff commends you for your generosity and support.

8-22 Jan 04 Rifle Range/6-mile Hike

These events will require very early mornings and late evenings. Expect your Marine to be physically exhausted. We will spend the night at the range 21 Jan. On 28 Jan, the company will conduct a 6-mile conditioning hike. We will complete five hikes before graduation.

26-29 Jan Martial Arts Evaluation

After four days of martial arts training, expect your Marine to be physically exhausted and sore.

30 Jan Warrior Day

This is an opportunity for spouses and other family members to see and experience some of the training your Marine will be go through while at TBS. There will be more information provided before the holidays. We recommend you begin planning for the event now (childcare, invitations to family members, etc.).



Teamwork at home a must

Maj. Curtis V. Ebitz
Commanding Officer

Spouses of Alpha Company students, welcome to The Basic School! We are excited to have you become apart of our Marine Corps family. For most of you this is your first duty station and first experience in the Marine Corps. Do not let that worry you . . . you are not alone. You are now a part of the extended Marine Corps family and hopefully we can help make the big adjustment to military life a little easier for you. Believe me when I say that the experiences and friendships that you will have here over the next six months will be lasting ones.

The Basic School is an extremely challenging course that is designed to provide your spouse with the skills necessary to be a Marine Officer. By challenging, I mean that much is expected of

the student here: rigorous physical training, extensive academic study and military skills application emphasizing leadership and decision-making. No student can pass this course on his or her own . . . it takes teamwork. Although your spouse will receive lots of support from their fellow officers,



you play a very large role as well.

Throughout your spouses' Marine Corps career, your enthusiasm, interest and support in their efforts will be a large factor in their success or failure. In the coming months, the students of Company A will be challenged physically, mentally and

emotionally. I have no doubt that they will be successful with your continued support. I will ensure that you are informed regularly of their progress and of upcoming events. A number of these events include spouses and I encourage you to attend and participate as much as possible.

There are many programs within the Marine Corps to assist in the adjustment into the military family and we will provide you with the necessary information so that you can take full advantage of them. The spouses of the Company A staff are also available to assist you. I always welcome your participation and encourage your comments.

Again, let me welcome you to The Basic School. My staff and I look forward to getting to know both you and your spouses in the days ahead.

Semper Fidelis

TOP 10 TEN

Reasons why our next six months at TBS are sure to rock!

10. We actually get paid for doing things our mother's used to yell at us for.
9. Frostbite really isn't as bad as it sounds.
8. Flat terrain is for the weak (see also Army).
7. The 'Word' is no longer part of our favorite rap songs, but is now the bane of our very existence.
6. I've heard Quantico is nice this time of year.
5. Sixty identical looking Marines packed in a sweaty, Irish pub in Georgetown are sure to pick up members of the opposite sex, right?
4. A.C.R.O.N.Y.M.S.
3. We all have the chance to be a 'Jackass.'
2. We have brand new F-150's or Mustangs, but still use milk crates as tables and chairs.
1. Land Nav, Land Nav, Land Nav!

Submitted by Sixth Platoon

Operation Restore Marital Bliss

2nd Lt. K. S. Kraics
First Platoon

Unquestionably, many of you are curious about your spouse's whenever he is on duty. This newsletter will, therefore, help inform you with regards to your spouse's activities as well as hopefully answer some common questions.

First Platoon, Alpha Company, has just completed both "zero" week and their first week of training. For the most part, the initial two weeks consisted of processing paperwork (ensuring that personal and family benefits are initiated) and introductory classes. The days are long—normally 12-13 hours



per any given day—and your spouse might have collateral duties once the official training day ends. To date, your spouses have taken an initial Physical Fitness Test (PFT), a swim qualification, a writing skills

test, an introduction to the Endurance Course, and has attended other various classes and discussion groups. Also, your spouse will be conducting "field day" with the rest of the Platoon every Thursday, which is an overly thorough cleaning of his barracks room. Hence, don't be surprised if your spouse calls and says, "Honey, I might be a little late tonight."

As you likely already know, you play a crucial role in "Operation Restore Marital

Bliss." Because your spouse is expected to devote the majority of his time to both his platoon and schooling, he will have a difficult time balancing TBS needs with household needs. Please be understanding; your spouse can only survive TBS with your support. Additionally, your spouse might be returning home tired, dirty, and smelling of some conspicuous odor. Please be tolerant of these discrepancies as well. In all, a married TBS student has more commitments than a single TBS student, and without your support, he would not be able to maintain focus on the TBS mission.

