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## Delta Co Training Pictures



Lt Shinn shooting an azimuth with a compass

Lts Melendez and Itoh showing their War Faces

## 7 tips of etiquette

By Elizabeth Wetterauer, Wife of CO

When the surveys were returned to me I found another favored topic that most of you were interested in, and that was information concerning social etiquette and protocol. I am including some tips. Please do not take this to suggest that you are not already familiar with the information. During our next meeting we can discuss this subject in more detail. This date has not been established but as soon as I can make the arrangements I will let everyone know. I hope to see you all soon.

*Tip #1-*When hosting a party, invitations are usually sent out at least two weeks in advance. During busy seasons of

the year, three weeks ahead is better.

*Tip #2-*RSVP means "please reply". RSVP should be answered immediately, usually within 48 hours, so plans for the party can be completed. A reply also indicates that the guest received the invitation. Please remember to give your name, the event and the date and time.

*Tip #3-*If in doubt of clothing attire or uniform, consult an etiquette book or call the host. It is always better to overdress.

*Tip #4-*The host does not expect hostess gifts. It is completely up to you. Some common hostess gifts can be wine, flowers, candy or candles.

*Tip #5-*Never arrive too early. Fifteen minutes on

either side of the start time is OK. If you know you will be arriving more than 15 minutes late, call and let the hostess know.

*Tip #6-*Always send a thank you note within a week's time of the event. A late thank you however, is better than none at all.

*Tip #7-*When your spouse is in uniform, you should be escorted on their left hand side, so they can salute with their right.

At the next meeting we can also discuss dress codes, thank you notes, flag etiquette, military ceremonies (Hail and Farewell, Wetting Down, etc.), and reception line etiquette. I will also let you know about the books that contain more information about etiquette.

# Mama said there would be days like this...

By 2ndLt Knowles

Week ten proved to be a full week for us here in Delta Company. Our training took us to the field for five days and four nights as part of WFEX I. Don't be fooled though, what this translates to is one really big camping trip—without the s'mores.

The purpose of this field exercise was to begin to tie together everything that we have learned in the classroom up to this point. We concentrated on understanding the basics of squad level movements. Each squad is comprised of 13 men and women

broken down into three 4-man fire teams lead by one squad leader.

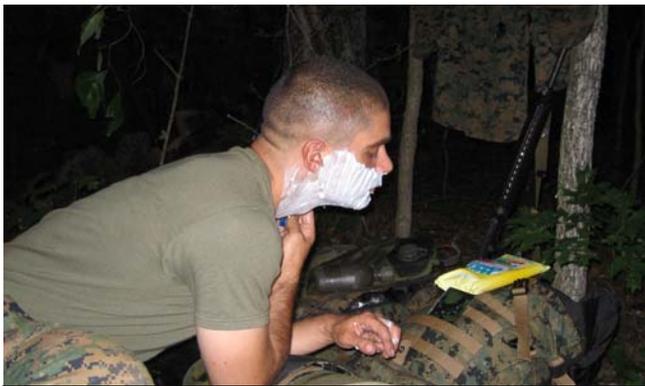
Just like everything else that we do here at TBS, we started small with the basic fundamentals and worked our way up. For the first two days, we practiced operating in both offensive and defensive postures as squads. In the defense, we practiced techniques for digging fighting holes and setting up defensive sectors of fire by using fire plan sketches. In a nutshell, we organized digging in the dirt by using graph paper. In the offense, we

practiced making terrain models for our operating areas and then briefing five-paragraph and fragmentary orders from them. Once the orders were briefed, we would move as squads to attack our next objective.

After two days of squad tactics, we had a good grasp on the operations at a squad level, and we began our live fire exercises, both day and night. Here we began firing live ammunition at targets while moving through an attack as a

squad sized unit. While half of Delta Company practiced live fire squad attacks, the other half got to try their hands at call for fire and close air support, both of which proved very entertaining.

By the end of the week, WFEX I was a huge success; spirits were high and Delta Co had learned and accomplished much. So, covered in dirt and very well perfumed, we all headed out for a well-deserved ninety-six hour Labor Day weekend.



Doing some much needed shaving in the field.



Pulling the string to artillery.



Marines perfecting their skills on the M249 SAW



Lt Law and LTJg Salum Call in Close Air Support

## September/October 2004 Upcoming Training Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep	16 Sep	17 Sep
<b>Informal MOS Mixer</b>		<b>Night Patrol – Half of Company will be training late</b>	<b>Night Patrol – Half of Company will be training late</b>	
20 Sep	21 Sep	22 Sep	23 Sep	24 Sep
	<b>Night Nav Final Late Night of Training</b>			
27 Sep	28 Sep	29 Sep	30 Sep	1 Oct
		<b>FEX II Overnight in the Field</b>		
4 Oct	5 Oct	6 Oct	7 Oct	8 Oct
<b>Night Orienteering Late Night of Training</b>				<b>Columbus Day Holiday Routine @ 1200</b>

*We still pledge our lives and honor to freedom's defense. And we will always believe that freedom is the hope and the future of every land.*  
-- President George W. Bush

## When a warrior fights not for himself

By 2ndLt L'Heureux



Artist's depiction of Trojans at war

“When a warrior fights not for himself, but for his brothers, when his most passionately sought goal is neither glory nor his own life’s preservation, but to spend his substance for them, his comrades, not to abandon them, not to prove unworthy of them, then his heart truly has achieved contempt for death, and with that he transcends himself and his actions touch the sublime.”

As lieutenants training at TBS we are constantly training our bodies, but we also have to train our minds as well. Each student officer is

required to read three professional military education books (PME) in order to sharpen our minds. The first book we read was *Gates of Fire* by Steven Pressfield. The book describes the heroic battle between the Spartans and the Persians at Thermopylae during the times of Ancient Greece.

The book not only takes the reader to the battle but also explains how the Spartans became the most revered military force in their time. It gives the reader a glimpse into the warrior culture and mindset. The book shows how many things in our modern warrior culture mirror things from the Spartans. The book talks

about honor, courage, and commitment, our own core values. Any person wanting to look into the mindset of a warrior culture should read this book.





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## Navigating to be a better Officer

By 2ndLt Struzik

The Marines of Delta Company have been doing land navigation for the past month and a half. 1stLt Lear from 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon thinks, "Land Nav is like golf. It's a nice walk in the woods spoiled." It is obvious that all the Marines want to do well at land navigation because they know it will affect their overall grade, which in turn will affect their selection process for their MOS. However, what is not so obvious is how the Marines are willing to help one another become better. I have heard many Marines offering to help their fellow Marines in their own platoons; however, what impressed me most, at this stage of training, is hearing the Marines from different platoons offering their free time to help any Marine in Delta Company. This shows that the Marines understand that the short term goal is to graduate at the top of the Company, but the long term goal is to make sure that every officer graduating will be ready to lead a platoon of Marines into combat. Espirit de corps is running



A Lt who is ecstatic about finding a box

rampant throughout Delta Company.

With final night land navigation coming at the end of September and final day land navigation coming in October, many Marines in Delta Company will be spending their upcoming Saturdays honing their skills. However, everyone of those Marines can stand assured that if they need any extra assistance that, not only will any instructor be more than willing to help them, that every Marine in Delta will also be ready to assist them in any way they can.



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Name	Date	Names	Date
Brandon Law	Sep 9	2ndLt and Mrs Anderson	Sep 3
Katie McLane	Sep 11	2ndLt Sloane and Mr Conners	Sep 20
Emily Neville	Sep 26	2ndLt and Mrs King	Sep 29
Isabella Zamora	Sep 27		

## Important Websites and Phone Numbers

L.I.N.K.S.	703-784-1211	<a href="http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites">www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites</a>	Relocation Information
Family Services	703-784-2659	<a href="http://www.marinewives.com">www.marinewives.com</a>	Communicate with other wives
Child Development	703-784-2716	<a href="http://www.usmc.mil">www.usmc.mil</a>	Information about the Marine Corps
Tricare	1-888-999-5195	<a href="http://www.tricare.osd.mil">www.tricare.osd.mil</a>	Tricare
D.E.E.R.S.	703-784-2750	<a href="http://www.dfas.mil">www.dfas.mil</a>	Military Pay
Main Exchange	703-640-8800	<a href="http://www.nmcrs.org">www.nmcrs.org</a>	Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
Commissary	703-784-2233	<a href="http://www.lifelines.navy.mil">www.lifelines.navy.mil</a>	Military Information
TBS Uniform Shop	703-640-8820	<a href="http://www.mfrc.calib.com">www.mfrc.calib.com</a>	Military Family Resource Center
Mainside Medical Clinic			703-784-1699