



Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, third from right, poses with the Marines and sailors of the quarter in the CG's conference room Feb. 12. The awardees are, from left to right, Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, Sgt. Patrick McGrath; Senior Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffrey Fitzwater; Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Petty Officer 2nd Class Larry Ramos; Marine of the Quarter, Lance Cpl. Devin Farley; and Blue Jacket of the Quarter, Seaman Albert Mayoyo. Sgt. Carrie C. Booze/Chevron

SMP Marines get extreme in Aspen

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The Single Marine Program board members spent three days on a team building event at the Winter X Games in Aspen Colo., Jan. 28-31. The trip served as a way for the board members to get together and brainstorm ideas for future SMP events while enjoying time in the mountains.

During the trip, they enjoyed two days of extreme snow sports at Aspen's Buttermilk Mountain Resort. The resort was the home of the 2010 Winter X Games, where athletes competed for the chance to take home the gold in skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling. Spectators packed into viewing areas to watch the competitions and see various concerts by rap artists 50 Cent, Snoop Dogg and DJ Sky, who performed during breaks in the events. This was the ninth consecutive Winter X Games held in Aspen.

Between watching the competitions and performances, the Marines found time to enjoy snowboarding on the mountain.

"We are up here enjoying the chance to snowboard in Aspen," said Lowell Muenchau, SMP coordinator, Marine

Corps Community Service. "But the trip hasn't been all play; we have discussed a lot of ways to make the Single Marine Program better."

The Single Marine Program is a group of Marines and sailors who plan on and off-base activities and community involvement opportunities for single Marines and sailors.

The program supports the overall quality of life of our Marines and sailors, and encourages them to plan recreational and social activities, which offers them the opportunity to participate in and contribute to their respective communities.

The trip was also a way for the board members to get together in a fun, casual environment and get to know each other said Muenchau.

"As board members, they are responsible for helping me come up with things the Single Marine Program does, as well as taking charge of the planning and coordinating of the events," said Muenchau. "They tell me what they would like to do, what the Marines would like to do, and my job is to try and make those things happen. They put in a lot of hard work and this trip is just a way to thank them."



Professional snowboarders hit the trails and show off their tricks during the 2010 Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo., Jan. 29. Single Marine Program board members spent three days on a team building event there.

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Sgt. Maj. Karl D. Simburger, center, receives orders from Lt. Col. Melanie A. Mercan, commanding officer, Support Battalion, left, before passing the battalion noncommissioned officer sword to 1st Sgt. Spencer J. Beacham, right, during a post and relief ceremony on Shepherd Memorial Drill Field, Feb. 19. Upon leaving the depot, Simburger will report to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he will serve as the battalion sergeant major. Pvt. Lauren Stehwin/Chevron

BRIEFS

EFMP Activity & Resource Expo

There will be an Exceptional Family Member Program Activity & Resource Expo tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the depot Fieldhouse. This event is for all families enrolled in the EFM Program and will include activities, interactive demonstrations, over 40 agencies from local and national organizations providing information and resources and a fun zone.

Military Saves Financial Seminar

A Military Saves Financial Seminar will be offered to all eligible patrons Tuesday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the depot theater. Learn how to build wealth, develop a personal financial plan, establish good credit and take charge of your financial future. For information, call (619) 524-5728

CG's Cup horseshoe tournament

Registration for the CG horseshoe tournament is March 8, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Health Promotions Training Room at the Fitness Center. There will be a singles one-day event hosted at the MCRD Boathouse, March 16. Doubles will be on March 17. Open to MCRD active duty and MCCS DoD/NaFi employees aboard the depot. For information, call (619) 524-0548.

MCRD Surf Team

MCRD San Diego needs active duty team members aboard the depot to surf competitively. No experience is necessary, only dedication. For information, contact Capt. Borrelli, at (619) 524-4324 or at nicholas.borrelli@usmc.mil.

Semper Fit Strolling

Semper Fit Strolling classes are open to authorized depot personnel Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center. For information, call (619) 524-4427 or (619) 524-8465.

Single Marine Program

The Single Marine Program plans on and off base activities and community involvement for single Marines and sailors.

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Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 590. This meeting is for activity and event planning as well as addressing quality of life issues for all MCRD single Marines and sailors. Free pizza and soda will be provided for all attendees.

Volunteers needed for televised spots

Marine Corps Community Services televises "What's Happening at MCCS," a weekly segment on upcoming events throughout the depot and is looking for volunteers to narrate. Candidates can be active military, DoD civilians, or military dependants aboard the depot. Taping takes 30 minutes reading a prepared script. For information, contact Rachel Landolt, MCCS Coordinator, at landoltrr@usmc-mccs.org.

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