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“Behind the Cadets”

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“The DETERMINATION and COURAGE of will always CHANGE the LIVES of many”

Owyn is 19 months old. On December 2, 2013, he was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis and admitted to the

ICU at his local hospital. His initial outcome was not positive; the possibility of not hearing, seeing, talking, and walking was very real. Life was very stressful for Mom, Dad, and 4 year old brother Ryan...and the results were not looking good.

Then it happened.....the name Owyn means, “little fighter” and his name-given instincts kicked in. Slowly Owyn started getting better (and continues to do so). He was DETERMINED to improve, he showed COURAGE through what must have been painful for a baby to endure, and in the process he CHANGED the LIVES of many. Family friends put together a Facebook campaign called “#Team Owyn” and pictures started coming in from around the world – family, friends, and friends of friends holding “#Team Owyn” signs – thoughts and prayers from people who had not met or did not know Owyn...but they participated because it was the right thing to do.

Owyn comes from a line of Navy Leaguers and Sea Cadets. His dad, uncles, and aunt were all Sea Cadets in Southern California. His grandmother is an instructor, and his other “uncle” holds a key leadership role in the program. During this period of training, our cadets and staff are also learning about and displaying acts of DETERMINATION and COURAGE – be it the recruit who wants to give up but doesn’t, an advanced training cadet who has goals to reach and must dig deep to make it happen, or an adult escort who is participating for the first time and the experience, “just isn’t what was expected.”

Through their individual and collective experiences, each one will CHANGES the LIVES of many, including themselves....all as part of one team.

DETERMINATION, COURAGE, CHANGING LIVES – traits that are so obvious that they often get forgotten, yet are foundational to personal success. Because of Owyn’s fighting spirit that has changed the lives of many people, we are dedicating the 2013-2014 Winter Training Command to “#Team Owyn” – Owyn, his Mom and Dad, and brother Ryan. We will continue to ask everyone to keep Owyn in their thoughts and prayers as he sustains his DETERMINATION and COURAGE to prove medical science wrong. One day, maybe he will wear the uniform of a Navy Leaguer or Sea Cadet – following in the footsteps of those who have CHANGED the LIVES of many.



Editor’s Note: We have found out that Owyn is getting better – all his tubes have been removed and we’re waiting for him to open his eyes (which he hasn’t done since going into the hospital). We ask that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover, hoping soon that he’ll open his eyes and once again see all those who care about him very much.



Determination is important; it’s what has got us as far as we have. It’s waking up in the morning even though you could just go back to sleep. It’s working the long hard hours even when it becomes painfully monotonous. It’s not giving up just to finish the task at hand. **Determination** is going through the daily hoops without giving up, making sure you do your part.
PO3 Archiga

ALPHA COMPANY



Day Two and the recruits are learning how much work it takes to become a sea cadet. The recruits are looking good, getting in shape, and learning what it means to work as a team. Many feel the first few days are the

hardest because they're being introduced to new things and exercising more. RTC always turns out better than they think because they meet new people and start to realize how strong of a person they really are. The Chief of Alpha Company gave the recruits a job to do as a team and it turned out to be harder than they expected because they were challenged to learn how to work as one team. That's what the first few days are about: learning how to be a team. The recruits really learn how to be one unit, both in the class room and on the grinder, ultimately finding out how motivating and exhilarating it can be to become a great team. Even though some of boot camp is difficult and rough, it makes a recruit tough and hard working which will also help in real life. We are excited to watch them grow over the next eight days to see how much they advance as a team. *Written by PO2 Strong & SA Piepmeier, edited by SA Honeyman and LTJG Montrose*

BRAVO COMPANY

The first time anyone does anything is usually the most difficult time. Let's be honest, none of us start out perfect at anything. The cadets of this year's Bravo Company Recruit Training started their journey a few days ago on December 27, 2013.

The new recruits began to feel the anxiety that comes with not knowing what will happen during their training.



The dedicated staff cadets and officers are tasked with building these youth into sea cadets; but more importantly, building brighter and more capable people. The cadets' first day usually is composed of learning the basics of cadet training as well as being taught how to hold military bearing, which is being able to carry yourself in a military matter. The growth and potential of all the recruits can be seen throughout Bravo Company, just as all companies are trained to the best of their Petty Officers' and Training Officers' abilities. These cadets come from a variety of backgrounds and not just their units, but their experiences as well. Everyone will have their own unique experiences with recruit training and

the outcome will not be the same for everyone; however, what will be expected of everyone is success.

Written by PO3 Constantino and SA Rodriguez, edited by SA Honeyman and LTJG Montrose

CHARLIE COMPANY

Charlie strives to victory after a day filled with marching, class time, sweat, and chow.



Charlie Company recruits headed off to the football field to participate in a daily dose of PT. During this time, the recruits ran around a track twice and joined the PT instructors for a quick warm-up stretch and multiple exercises. Charlie Company pushed themselves vigorously and showed how much they have learned within the span of two days. Although worn out from the past day, Charlie was strong, sounding off with all the power from the bottom of their diaphragms. At this current pace of improvement, they will soon be ahead of the game in this training. Charlie Company is working hard in all areas, especially in PT because they are striving to get the athletic meatball (an achievement ribbon) and keep it throughout the rest of their training. Early in the training they learn new, great techniques which they will carry with them throughout their life as well as bring back to their home unit. Charlie is doing well and we are excited to see what adventures they will be up to next. Oorah CHARLIE!

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DELTA COMPANY

On the second day of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corp (USNSCC) Winter Recruit Training Camp (RTC) 2013-2014, the recruits of Delta Company practiced marching on the drill deck of Area 33, Camp Pendleton. Already, these recruits are learning the discipline, the teamwork, and the attention to detail that's required for marching skills. All the companies in RTC are competing for Honor Company, the best performing and most cohesive company in RTC. Petty Officer Second Class Snyder, the Company Commander (CC) of Delta Company, claims that not only has he seen drastic improvements in his cadets, but also that his company has a pretty good chance in winning Honor Company.

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Companies compete for Honor Company by gaining awards for particular events or as they're sometimes called: meatballs. Marching is one of the most competitive meatballs to gain in an

RTC. This year, Delta Company seems very competitive. Not only do they have a good chance of winning their first marching meatball, but winning Honor Company.

Written by SA Carreon PO3 Ogden, edited by Ensign Wright and LTJG Montrose.

MAA (MASTER-AT-ARMS)

The cadets at the MAA training started off their day at the Ironsight Indoor Public Shooting Range. Before getting into the range, cadets were given ear and



eye protection, as well as a rundown of how things work at this range in regard to safety protocol. All cadets were able to shoot small arms consisting of revolvers and Glocks. Afterwards, MAA was given a crash course on how to properly takedown and arrest a suspect. Cadets learned various maneuvers, as shown above, in American karate, tae-kwon-do, and grappling. The trainees were given an example of patting down the suspect and proper handcuffing techniques. They were later dismissed from the classroom to try these techniques themselves. Cadets were introduced to the flex-cuffs and zip-tie handcuffs, which are used for larger suspects. The cadets were photographed in action of a rigorous training process. *Written by SA Brown and SA Monsale, edited by SA Honeyman.*

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Photojournalism: the reason you can see your cadet in action at this training event. Whether it is boot camp, or an advanced training, we are always going for the shot that makes us who we are, perfectionists. We go

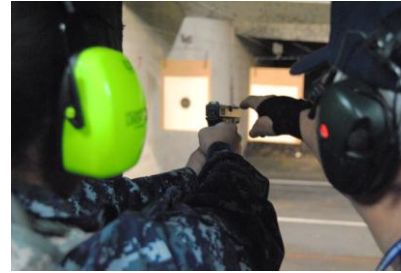
around to all the companies getting on the ground, going up in the air, and just about anything necessary for that perfect shot to tell us a story. We are committed to excellence and the fair representation of all.

Written by PO2 Quillman & PO2 Strong, edited by SA Honeyman and LTJG Montrose

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE
AND NOTHING LESS

MARKSMANSHIP

Today the cadets in Marksmanship Training took to the pistol range for the first time during their training using both semi-



automatic and revolving cylinder handguns. Instructors took an extreme level of safety for cadets individually and as a whole to prevent any mishaps or potential disasters. Many of these cadets arrived

excited yet nervous -- some of them never having fired a firearm before -- but all looking forward to learning how to properly and safely use weapons. The training officers taught many of the basics of shooting beforehand during their first class yesterday (again, especially the importance of safety), leaving it down to the cadets to put what they learned to the test on the range and proving the greater success of the cadets afterwards. Many walked away with smiles from ear-to-ear on their faces and their firearm art masterpieces in hand: bulls-eyes. High scores raised morale even higher which lead to many walking away with high hopes for great times for the rest of training. Officers, proud of their cadets' accomplishments, have decided to move onto the next event of their training. That phase will include a short camping trip where they will practice firing rifles. We wish the Marksmanship cadets and officers good luck on their trip and especially the rest of their training. *Written by PO3 Arechiga and SA Honeyman, edited by SA Honeyman and LTJG Montrose.*

OPS (OPERATIONS)

The Operations Department is the core of the training facility. These busy officers and staff cadets keep this place going. Once the staff cadets wake up, they hit the ground running. They first start their adventure with room set-up. The rooms that all of us get to sleep comfortably in, they set it all up. Operations are the Key Master of the training. When someone locks themselves out of their room or classroom, the operations staff cadets are the ones that come running with the keys. The staff cadets have not had a free second since they got here three days ago. They are always going, working hard, and fixing all the problems. They even take the duties that no one wants to do. For example, they do all the cleaning and always make sure all plumbing is clear. They're a lot like moms. They are the ones to thank because they're able to contact the Marines to get the hot water going for all of us. *They also help to get rattlesnakes out of the first deck lounge.* Some of the Operation staff cadets call themselves the delivery boys, always on the run for an officer or training.

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