

# CHCORI CHRONICLES

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**"If a man does his best, what else is there?"**

**General George Patton Jr.**

## ON THIS MONTH



The siege of Yorktown was an American attack on a British position, the last decisive battle in the Revolutionary war. After several days of intense fighting the British sent an officer to surrender officially to the Americans.

The "Articles of Capitulation" were signed on October 19, 1781. All of Cornwallis' men were declared prisoners of war, promised good treatment in American camps, and officers were permitted to return home after taking their parole. At 2:00 pm the allied army entered the British positions, with the French on the left and the Americans on the right. The British and Hessian troops marched between them, while according to legend the British drummers and fifers played to the tune of "The World Turned Upside Down".

## The Mini Crucible



On October 10th, 28 cadets, from the CHCORI Raider team, set forth to complete a task known as the Mini Crucible. The Mini Crucible is patterned after the crucible that every Marine recruit completes prior to graduation from

recruit training. Our cadets complete the mini version of the crucible, in one intensive day of competition, designed to stress the cadets while making them work as a team to accomplish each event. As each member of our Battalion ran through the multitude of events they showed incredible endurance and vigor.

Cadets are immediately thrown into PT before

each event. As the PT finishes, the Cadets are to complete the set task that lies with each event sector. Such events were: the low crawl, the high wall, the pull-ups and a rope bridge set slightly above the ground. As these events did not seem hard enough, the cadets were told that they could not walk between any of the events. Sometimes the cadets had to run a 1/4 mile to the next event, only to re-enter PT.

"Every time we go to do PT it starts raining" Said one of the Marines at the Mini Crucible. It's a good thing Raiders like the rain.

*-the Marine Crucible on Page 2*



## Drill Team



On October 17, the CHCORI Battalion Drill team hosted a Drill competition. Not only did the Drill team participate but the entire CHCORI Battalion was there for support. The members not on the Drill team were in charge of such jobs as Security, Grading, and some were runners to deliver the

scores from the 12 Drill teams that competed.

The people who graded the papers deserve special recognition as they had spent most of the competition Quarantined where they had to continuously crunch numbers until it finished.

Also, William Jones, Cadet Rappa, Luke Van Zandt and the other participants who regulated the transition between events, deserve a special thanks for making sure the wandering

and disorder was at a minimum.

MSG Mallard organized a challenging event for all Drill Teams. While our Drill Team participated in every event, as the hosts we did not compete for trophies. The CHCORI Drill team performed well and is looking forward to the next competition on Nov. 14 at T.C Williams





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## The Marine Crucible

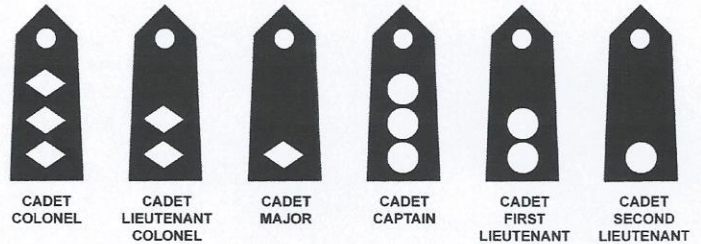
The Crucible is the final test in recruit training, and represents the culmination of all of the skills and knowledge a Marine should possess. Designed to emphasize the importance of teamwork in overcoming adversity, the Crucible is a rigorous 54-hour field training exercise demanding the application of everything a recruit has learned until that point in recruit training, and includes a total of 48 miles of marching. It simulates typical combat situations with strenuous testing, hardship, and the deprivation of food and sleep. A recruit is given three MREs and four to eight hours of sleep through the entire 54-hour event. For this event, recruits are broken into squad-sized teams and placed under the charge of one drill instructor. West Coast recruits are returned to Edson Range for the Crucible. Parris Island recruits will conduct the Crucible in the derelict Page Airfield on the south end of the depot.

Some of the challenges encountered during the Crucible are various team and individual obstacle courses, day and night assault courses, land navigation courses, individual rushes up steep hills, large-scale martial arts challenges, and countless patrols to and from each of these. Often, these challenges are made even more difficult by the additions of limitations or handicaps, such as the requirement to carry several ammunition drums, not touching portions of an obstacle painted red to indicate booby traps, and evacuating team members with simulated wounds.

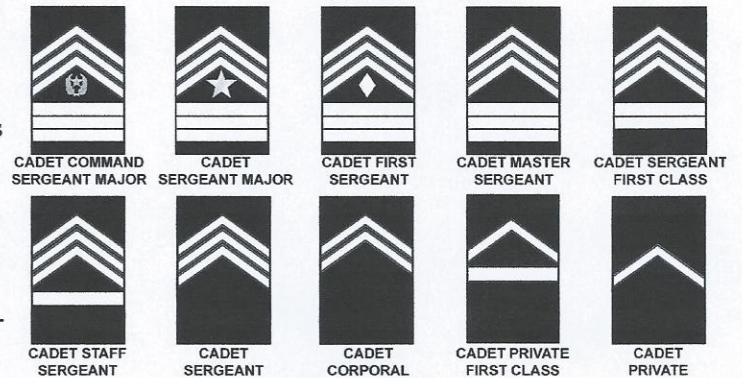
On the final day of the Crucible, recruits are awoken and begin their final march. Immediately following this, recruits are offered the "Warrior's Breakfast", where they are permitted to eat as much as they like, even of previously forbidden foods, such as ice cream. Following this is the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor ceremony, where the recruits receive the eponymous emblem, and thereby cease to be recruits, finally becoming Marines. In recent years, this ceremony has been moved to the day before graduation, and signals the start of Family Day.

During the Mini Crucible our Cadets go through tasks menial in comparison, however after a long day of struggle they are proud of their accomplishments and are happy to go home.

## Rank Structure



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**In Case the Cadets need extra help with memorizing the Rank structure, above is a model of what each rank looks like and in which order they come.**





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## The Mini-Crucible



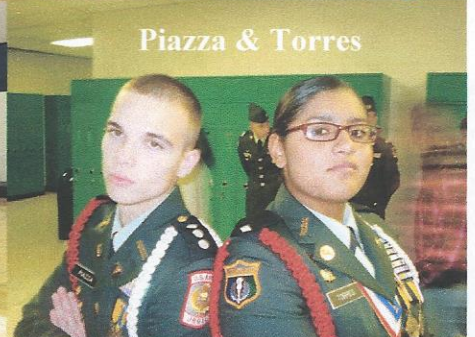
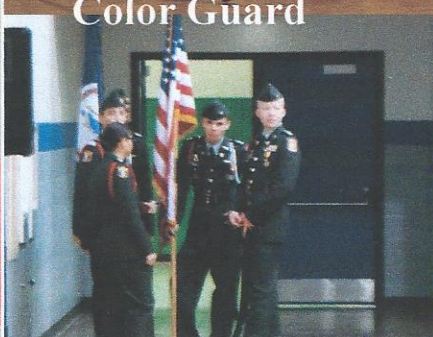
## Drill Competition



Color Guard



The female unarmed squad



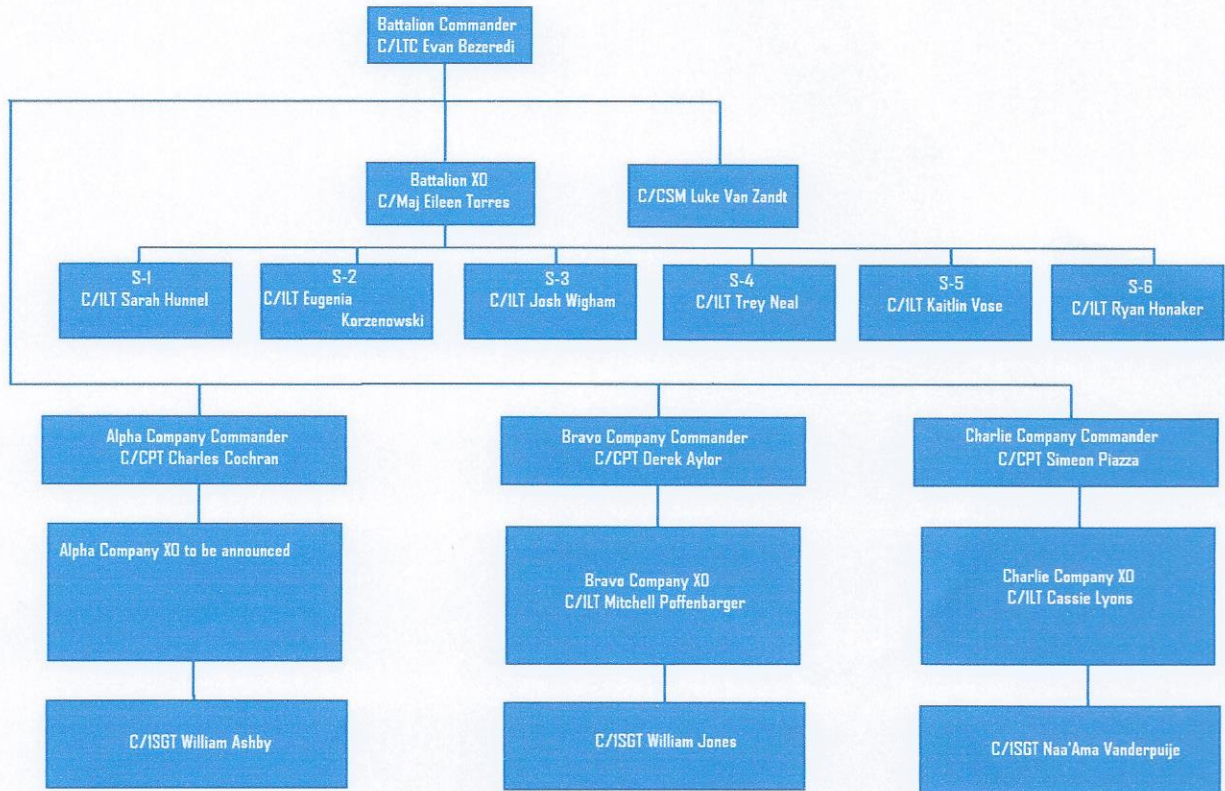
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## Cadet Chain of Command



## Upcoming Events

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| <b>Nov 3</b>         | Land Nav.                          | Motts Run Res. Park                |
| <b>Nov 7</b>         | Raiders North                      | Pocahontas Park                    |
| <b>Nov 14</b>        | Drill: T.C. Williams               | T.C. Williams H.S.                 |
| <b>Dec 5</b>         | Spotsy. Parade                     | Spotsylvania Courthouse            |
| <b>Dec 10</b>        | Awards ceremony                    | Courtland H.S. Auditorium          |
| <b>Dec 12</b>        | Drill: Woodrow Wilson              | Woodrow Wilson H.S.                |
| <b>Jan 16</b>        | Drill: MLK Meet                    | Richmond                           |
| <b>Jan 25</b>        | Land Nav.                          | Lake Anna State Park               |
| <b>Jan 30</b>        | Raiders Manchester                 | Manchester H.S.                    |
| <b>? February ?</b>  | Drill: Dunbar                      | Dunbar H.S.                        |
| <b>Mar 6</b>         | Drill: Forestville                 | Forestville Academy                |
| <b>Mar 11</b>        | Key Leader Rehearsal for Mil. Ball | SCTC/Site                          |
| <b>Mar 12</b>        | Military Ball                      | Hospitality House & Comfort center |
| <b>Mar 26</b>        | Land Nav.                          | Motts Run Res. Park                |
| <b>April 2-3</b>     | Raiders NG                         | Fort Picket                        |
| <b>April 3</b>       | Drill: East Regionals              | Landover?                          |
| <b>April 31-May3</b> | Drill: Nationals                   | Daytona                            |
| <b>May 6</b>         | Awards Ceremony COC                | Courtland Stadium                  |
| <b>May 15</b>        | Mini Crucible                      | Quantico                           |
| <b>June 14-17</b>    | JCLC prep                          | SCTC & Motts Res. Park             |
| <b>June 20-25</b>    | JCLC                               | Fort Picket                        |

