

Cadet Temple

Annapolis Division Sea Cadets

Recruit training Camp Pendleton VA (Boot Camp)

I had a great privilege of attending the recruit training at Camp Pendleton in VA, I was in Delta Company. It was 14 days long, but it was a fun 14 days. Reveille was around 4:30 every morning. The first morning the CC (Company Commander) woke us, by yelling at us and we all had to get on the line of the DI highway (Our company did not have tape to show the DI highway). Our schedule was Wake up, go to morning PT, go to morning chow, class room time, midday chow, class room time, barracks time, then evening chow

If someone was found without a swim buddy, or asleep on watch they would be turned into a Casper, which means your company would have to carry you everywhere, you couldn't, you couldn't walk, but you could still participate in PT, classroom time, and chow. People did become Casper's, and when your OIC (Officer In Charge) found out that someone became a Casper in their Company then they would be in allot of trouble.

Recruits had three job positions that they could take part in RPOC, ARPOC, or MAA. Our company picked it at random, I became Recruit MAA. A Chief Petty Officer told me that it was the Recruit MAA's job to keep everyone out of trouble, meaning no one talks during classroom time, chow, and in formation. Also It was the Recruit MAA's job to keep the company safe, for example checking for ticks and blisters. I made sure my company did not have any blisters or ticks, and I made sure my company did not talk during chow, classroom time, and formation. But some people just wanted to talk in my company and others.

Near the end of my RTC training, we did allot of fun things, we went to the beach and we swam, we did PT at the beach (I enjoyed that allot), had a picnic, went to a base and got to see some state of the art Navy Helicopters (I think they were Seahawks).

Boot Camp was a very fun experience for me, but for other people it was not fun at all. Boot Camp is what you make out of it, think your going to have a good time and you will; however, if you think it's not going to be a fun experience it wont.

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