

CHARLIE COMPANY DIVES INTO SUPER SQUAD TRAINING

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NMCB ONE's Charlie Company held training but it was not the usual classroom experience. The training included a full day of practical application of technical and the tactical skills acquired during the deployment and homeport. Charlie Company Squads went head-to-head competing for the lowest times and best scores on an awesome obstacle course which consisted of setting up a GP Medium, a building layout event, and a lengthy land navigation course.

The obstacle course included a rope-climbing event everyone seemed to enjoy. BU3 James Vossler led his squad in this event, stating "I applied the skills I got during the last deployment while training with the Marines".

"The Building Layout was a good idea and we need more events like it in the future" said BU3 (SCW) Donnell Rogers. "We had to use a Dumpy Level and a bench mark to find the right height of the hypothetical concrete slab and then set the batter boards for the building corners to that height".

One of the newest additions to the Battalion, BUCN Marco Attisano had never set up a GP Medium Tent before. He commented, "I was impressed with how easy it was to put the tent up when everyone got on the same page and the teamwork really started to click". The Petty Officers running the events restricted Second Classes from touching the tent and only permitted them to shout instructions.

Charlie Company squads had a great time and were successful at coming together to complete their mission. The entire Chain of Command enjoyed watching each squad dive through the low crawl obstacle and get across the 40-foot rope climb. The entire company drew many lessons from the Super Squad events. Most important is teamwork in almost everything we do. Squad members also gained valuable leadership lessons such as in planning, communicating, and supervision. “The lesson I learned was to never underestimate what can be accomplished when your Squad acts as one team” said BU3 Rachael Happner.









