FIELD MEDICAL TRAINING BATTALION WEST

The following slides provide a synopsis of what life is like while attending FMTB-W. It is not verbatim to what is taught or the training schedule.
ARRIVAL

Sailors begin their orientation in NWU’s, await assignment to their platoons, introduced to FTMB staff and given an overview of the training ahead.
All students stay at Devil Doc Hall. Located next to the chow hall near the School House and the beachfront of Camp Delmar.
Sailors are issued their initial gear for service with the Marine Corps Operating Forces and are instructed on how to pack, wear, and use the gear.
Emphasis is placed on physical training immediately upon arrival.
Marine Corps Knowledge, Close Order Drill, Military Customs and Courtesies are also taught.
Classroom training occurs daily with 5 scheduled exams covering medical and general military knowledge.
Medical training ranging from starting intravenous lines, intraosseous lines (using torso models), burn and hemorrhage control are also taught.
All students participate in the Simulation Lab exercises where realistic casualties including computerized manikins and live actors use moulage to simulate actual battlefield injuries.
Every student will become familiar with the M-4 rifle. A live fire shoot is conducted at a Marine Corps rifle range.

“Every Marine is a rifleman.”
Mout is the realistic training to the war today. Students train in an urban environment to learn how to maneuver with Marines and how to perform medical evacuations.
Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP) is training every Sailor receives. Students will have the opportunity to qualify as a Tan Belt.
Treating casualties in a field environment is a primary goal of FMTB-W. Alongside of that Sailors will learn how to live in the field from eating to sleeping.
HIKES

Several hikes are conducted throughout the training evolution. Hike distance ranges, and the students will carry up to 70lbs in there packs.
The Obstacle course is designed to challenge the student both mentally and physically.
A physically demanding course, with realistic obstacles and audio background
The litter obstacle course is designed to teach the basics of navigating through rigorous terrain, and to develop team work through carry a patient by litter to safety.
Students will learn about how to aid casualties in the field as well as have “simulated” live patients.
After 8 weeks of intense training, Sailors will now go off to their permanent duty station with the skills and knowledge to continue their success in the Operating Forces.