



UNITED STATES MARINES

GRADUATION CEREMONY
MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, SC

WELCOME TO MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

PARRIS ISLAND

On behalf of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Eastern Recruiting Region, welcome to this morning's graduation ceremony. Today's graduates have earned the title "United States Marine" through hard work, perseverance, and personal sacrifice. While we recognize what they have accomplished, we must also recognize the role you played. Your support and encouragement sustained them, helping them realize their goal of becoming a Marine. Thank you, and welcome to our Marine Corps family!

You're undoubtedly aware that the Marine Corps and our country expect much of your Marine. They are now held to a higher standard; a standard rooted in our core values and embraced during their transformation from civilian to Marine. They have established a solid foundation that will allow them to face life's challenges with confidence, courage, and honor. They have been tested in recruit training and will face greater tests in the future.

This pamphlet provides a brief overview of our core values and the concept of transformation, and provides guidance useful during your new Marine's leave period and for reporting to their next assignment. Please review this information together. You will better understand what your Marine has done, and they will be better prepared for their next stage of training. If you have any questions your Marine cannot answer while home, please contact your local recruiter.

Thank you for entrusting us with your Marine. Together, we, the Marine Corps family, can keep our Marines focused on their mission and purpose. The result will be limitless potential for success in the Marine Corps and in life.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of your visit at Parris Island and will take time to tour our Recruit Depot with your Marine. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and safe return home for both you and your Marine.



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INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

*MARINES' HYMN**

FINAL DISMISSAL

*PLEASE RISE



"Some people live their whole lives and wonder if they have made a difference. Marines don't have that problem."

President Ronald Reagan

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA**

28 May 2021

Recruit Training Regiment

Commanding OfficerColonel C. P. O'Connor
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major C. D. Thomas

3rd Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer.....Lieutenant Colonel Michael R. Sandstrom
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major Michael R. Brown

4th Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer.....Lieutenant Colonel R. E. Mestemacher
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major S. A. Rivera

Commander of Troops

Captain M. W. Shimp
First Sergeant C. R. Achterberg

Parade Adjutant

First Sergeant D.M. Maurice

Company "M", 3rd Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer.....Captain M. W. Shimp
Company First Sergeant.....First Sergeant D. Maurice
Lead Series Commander.....Captain J. D. Pierce
Follow Series Commander.....Gunnery Sergeant C. J. Riggs
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Captain F. A. Martinez
Follow Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Staff Sergeant J. D. Butler

Company "O", 4th Recruit Training Battalion

Company Commander.....Captain L. R. Glomski
Company First Sergeant.....First Sergeant C. R. Achterberg
Series Commander.....Captian F. Villalobos
Chief Drill Instructor.....Staff Sergeant D. Conchas Vasquez

Drill Masters

Gunnery Sergeant I. Woods
Staff Sergeant C. R. Rutherford
Staff Sergeant G. K. Ofori

Chaplain

Lieutenant B. J. Johnson, USN
Lieutenant C. C. Baksh, USN

Color Guard

Sergeant D. J. McNutt
Sergeant J. B. Veggian
Sergeant B. J. Pearson
Sergeant K. C. Karamitros

PLATOON 3032

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. J. Archer
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt G. C. Kocan
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt V. A. Ybarra
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. B. Wofford



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. J. Amodeo
 HOMETOWN.....Wyckoff, NJ
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Castner
 COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. S. Anderson (340)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Otterburg

PFC Amodeo, J. J.
 Pvt Anderson, J. S.
 Pvt Armstrong, J. J.
 Pvt Barton, C. R.
 PFC Bayarmaa, B.
 Pvt Benitezflamenco, B. W.
 Pvt Binet, L.
 Pvt Bowling, L. D.
 Pvt Breaux, B. N.
 Pvt Cadena, J. A.
 Pvt Chau, A. J.
 PFC Cleary Jr, E. M.
 Pvt Combs, B. L.
 Pvt Coover, M. B.
 Pvt Corbin, D. L.
 PFC D nku, E. R.
 PFC Duquepatino, J. D.
 Pvt Ferber, B. M.
 PFC Foster, J. S.*
 Pvt Franklin, J. C.
 Pvt Garciaujaque, S. M.
 Pvt Gibbs, D. C.
 PFC Gill, L. M.
 Pvt Hernandezalfonseca, R. A.
 Pvt Higley, J. N.
 PFC Humphries, Z. J.
 Pvt Isabell, I. J.
 PFC Jackson, M. A.

PFC King, B. L.
 Pvt Lewis, A. R.
 Pvt Loccisano, M. R.
 Pvt Lugotoro, H. E.
 PFC Martin, D. D.
 Pvt Martin, E. Z.
 PFC Mason, S. J.*
 Pvt Mcdonald, T. V.
 Pvt Miller, J. M.
 PFC Miranda, A. M.
 Pvt Mitchell, M. F.
 PFC Montesmedrano, R. J.
 PFC Moss, D. B.
 Pvt Mutter, D. A.
 Pvt Napier, K. B.
 Pvt Pellegrin, D. J.
 PFC Pendergist, A. M.
 Pvt Proctor, D. J.
 PFC Ramirezmezija, A.
 PFC Roy, W. R.
 PFC Sampedro, K.
 PFC Simon, M. T.
 Pvt Smith, H. R.
 PFC Sommer, R. A.
 PFC Starnes, D. J.*
 PFC Stivers, P. I.
 Pvt Whitworth, M. L.
 PFC Wilder, C. B.

PFC Williams, M. T.*
 Pvt Wilson, J. D.
 Pvt Wilson, M. R.
 Pvt Zeller, A. N.

PLATOON 3033

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. M. Mauldin
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. J. Pier
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. R. Quiceno
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Fleming



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. C. Wade
HOMETOWN.....Selma, AL
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Starks

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC S. J. Woodruff (338)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Craig

Pvt Abramov, K.
Pvt Barlow, A. A.
Pvt Bohn, M. F.
Pvt Breibat, J. L.
PFC Bruno, J. M.
Pvt Burton Jr., C. L.
PFC Camilo, J. M. *
Pvt Carchietta, N. T.
Pvt Carmichaelmcclain, A. T.
Pvt Carns III, M.
Pvt Cedenobone, G. F.
Pvt Chen, J.
Pvt Chlastawa, B. S.
Pvt Clark, A. M.
PFC Cogswell, J. R. *
Pvt Dean, C. M.
Pvt Doyle, M. J.
Pvt Dull, K. L.
Pvt Esposito, A. J.
Pvt Fox, N. B.
Pvt Garland, C. A.
Pvt George, C. B.
Pvt Ginocchio, J. A.
Pvt Hafeez, R. A.
Pvt Herter, A. D.
Pvt Holt B. R.
Pvt Jakubowski, M. J.
Pvt Kenou, B. M.
Pvt Kihanya, S. K.
PFC Layola, A.
Pvt Marcelin, A.
Pvt Mccaughey, A. A.
Pvt Mckevitt, P. B.
Pvt Pryde, J. A.
Pvt Pullummckuire, D. I.
Pvt Ramosreymundo, K. A.

Pvt Reyes, T. D.
Pvt Riverasanchez, G.
Pvt Robinson Jr., R. D.
Pvt Rodriguez, M. A.
Pvt Saitta, V. M.
PFC Sanchezcarrasco, B. J. *
Pvt Seaman, G. H.
Pvt Serranoaltuve, D.
Pvt Sheber, I. O.
Pvt Solano, D. G.
Pvt Tate, D. N.
Pvt Torresmendoza, A. J.
Pvt Valentinespinoza, E.
Pvt Velezvazquez, M.
PFC Villafana Jr., J. R.
Pvt Vivas, J. D.
Pvt Vizcarra, A. G.
Pvt Vogelfang, I.
PFC Wade, J. C. *
Pvt White, W. N.
Pvt Woodruff, S. J.
Pvt Young, H.

PLATOON 3034

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt R. W. Trunck
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt L.S. Mcneal-Smith
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt N. C. Moffett
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. B. Jackson



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC X. E. Santosfontanez
 HOMETOWN.....Worchester, MA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Cacero

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt M. A. Day (329)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Coup

Pvt Arciniegasremolina, A.	Pvt Layne, A.
Pvt Arciniegasremolina, M.	Pvt Leon, K. E.
Pvt Bartlow, E. E.	Pvt Levesque, C. H.
Pvt Burchett, C. L.	PFC Little, A. J.
Pvt Cassolino, A. R.	Pvt Lloyd, J. M.
PFC Charbonnet, L. A.	Pvt McClellan, J. A.
PFC Cosby, C. C.	Pvt McDonald, T. G.
Pvt Cupstid, P. R.	PFC Newman, W. C.
Pvt Day, M. A.	PFC Pai, M. P.
Pvt Deleonovale, J. L.	PFC Perez, A. *
Pvt Deswardt, A.	Pvt Quigley, R. G.
PFC Doughertydelapaz, J. P.	Pvt Racey, E. G.
Pvt Doughertydelapaz, J. A.	Pvt Rock, T. E.
Pvt Edens, J. E.	Pvt Rubin, M. H.
PFC Elazem, E. B.	PFC Santosfontanez, X. E. *
Pvt Foret, K. A.	PFC Sill, A. J. *
Pvt Francis, T. S.	PFC Sokerka, R. J.
PFC Frank, T. T. *	Pvt Tracey, D. A.
Pvt Frazier, C. M.	Pvt Tres, A. C.
Pvt Fuentes, C. O.	Pvt Varcoe, C. K.
Pvt Gillen, B. M.	Pvt Vasqueznoquera, E. J.
Pvt Giza, M. R.	Pvt Willis, T. A.
Pvt Gonzalez, A. M.	Pvt Wise, C. M.
PFC Halmose, J. D.	Pvt Woodard, S. P.
PFC Harris, W. M.	Pvt Zona, D. A.
Pvt House, C. A.	
PFC Hutzell, C. M.	
Pvt Irish, D. M.	
PFC Jaouni, S. Z.	
Pvt Jennings, K. D.	
Pvt Jones, H. Z.	
Pvt Keuss, N. A.	
Pvt Koske, J. T.	
PFC Lasalle, C. P.	

PLATOON 3036

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. C. Faircloth
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. S. Williams
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. N. Crocco
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. A. Sanchez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. J. Walker
HOMETOWN.....Atlanta, GA
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt R. Harris

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. A. Lee (333)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Morvant

PFC Acostamartinez, J. E.	Pvt Ninace, A. J.
PFC Alas, R. J.	Pvt Panasevics, V.
Pvt Allen, B. M.	PFC Parker, S. P.
PFC Blakely, E. D.	Pvt Perezpozuelos, J. E.
Pvt Bleistine, R. T.	Pvt Picaz, E. T.
Pvt Booker, J. T.	Pvt Ramirez, C. A.
PFC Cady, J. A.	Pvt Saunders, D. M.
Pvt Cobos, J. I.	PFC Saylors, C. M.
PFC Colehower, L. T.	Pvt Segoviahernandez, J. J.
Pvt Crossett, T. F.	Pvt Shaffer Jr., T. J.
PFC Davis, C. G.	Pvt Shaw, A. J.
Pvt Davis, C. J.	PFC Shepherd, J. D.
Pvt Eubanks Jr, J. R.	Pvt Smith, K. D.
Pvt Fordham, H. A.	Pvt Starcher, K. B.
Pvt Getz, D. A.	Pvt Stephenson, J. B.
PFC Glenn, W. C.	Pvt Timmons, J. J.
PFC Goldman III, A.	Pvt Toomey, N. P.
PFC Gray, W. A.	Pvt Walker, D. J.
Pvt Hamby, D. W.	PFC Walker, D. J.
PFC Idler, M. J.	Pvt Walker, K. E.
Pvt Kelsey, C. M.	PFC Williams, A. B.
PFC Ledford, C. R.	
PFC Lee, D. A.	
Pvt Lempfert, T. M.	
Pvt Losiewicz, J. R.	
Pvt Mcdade, M. C.	
Pvt Mcdonagh, J. M.	
PFC McNabb, A. L.	
Pvt Medinapizano, D.	
Pvt Melton, C. J.	
Pvt Miller, A. B.	
Pvt Mojica, E. N.	
Pvt Montvydas, D. R.	
Pvt Moya, R. D.	
PFC Myrick, J. G.	
Pvt Neil, J. M.	

PLATOON 3037

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. M. Brown
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. J. Daise
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. Cervantesmelchor
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Weaver



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC G.A. Bussey
 HOMETOWN.....Augusta, SC
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Barry

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC C. Bryant (327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Schneider

Pvt Asebiomo, T. O.
 Pvt Belton, D. D.
 PFC Blanchard, G. A.
 Pvt Boyd, S. P.
 Pvt Bradoc, D. P.
 Pvt Bryant, C. A.
 PFC Burns, G. A.
 PFC Bussey, G. A.*
 Pvt Calleiro, J. M.
 Pvt Chute, K. J.
 Pvt Clark, W. M.
 PFC Cook, K. R.
 PFC Crouse, D. A.
 Pvt Cruz, M. G.
 Pvt Daly, M. J.
 Pvt Davis, J. M.
 Pvt Dawkins Jr., K. A.
 Pvt Daymiel, C. J.
 PFC Delgadocardenas, J.
 Pvt Desrosier II, S. J.
 PFC Donaldson, B. R.
 Pvt Doyle, K. E.
 PFC Franciscoalonzo, R.
 PFC Gilbert, M.O.*
 PFC Hammac, D. K.
 Pvt Harrison, D. A.
 Pvt Johnson, D. D.
 PFC Karmeris, C. J.
 Pvt Kolb, C. C.
 Pvt Langley, C. A.
 Pvt Lowe, M. A.
 Pvt Lowman Jr., P. G.
 Pvt Mcelveen Iv, J. H.
 PFC Micolta, C. A.
 Pvt Molla, U.
 Pvt Moon, T. X.
 PFC Morgan, E. S.

Pvt Murphy Jr., J. D.
 Pvt Novoa, L. J.
 Pvt Ochoa, A. T.
 PFC Parker, G. B.
 PFC Payne Jr., E. T.*
 Pvt Perez Jr., P. L.
 Pvt Perez, A. J.
 PFC Perez, D. R.
 Pvt Porchea, D.E.
 Pvt Portalpestana, M. A.
 Pvt Pratt, Jacob A.
 Pvt Reitter, T. J.
 Pvt Requesenruiz, F. J.
 Pvt Riggs, D. A.
 Pvt Rodriguezgranados, S. A.
 Pvt Roland, M. C.
 Pvt Sparks, J. D.
 Pvt Torres, L. J.
 Pvt Trivino, D. J.
 Pvt Wiggins Jr, K. L.
 Pvt Williams, Aaron S.

PLATOON 3038

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K. C. Humphrey
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt N.V. Nelson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt W. B. Ward
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. L. Shewbridge



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. E. Johnson
 HOMETOWN.....Dillion, SC
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Meono

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. Washington (336)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Guest

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt J. Fontana (592)

Pvt Allen, R. K.	PFC Lugoamos, O.
Pvt Andrezeski, D. Y.	PFC Maddy, B. M.
Pvt Arenasromero, J.	Pvt Mancera, K. A.
Pvt Beebe, T. R.	PFC Manuel, K. M.
Pvt Bennett, J. K.	PFC Marsh, V. A.
PFC Bright, C. M.	Pvt Marshall, L. K.
Pvt Carino, L. A.	Pvt Medina, J.
Pvt Cohen, E. J.	Pvt Minardi, C. M.
Pvt Cook, M. R.	Pvt Murillo, D. E.
Pvt Correlli, J. I.	Pvt Neddo, A. M.
PFC Dorleus, H. G.	Pvt Ortiz, C. A.
Pvt Dull, S. M.	Pvt Owen, T. P.
PFC Fontana, J. D.*	PFC Patricionoyola, M.
Pvt Fuentes, S. A.	Pvt Perezcorrea, J. A.
PFC Gallegos, I. P.	Pvt Perkins, Z. L.
PFC George, T.N.	Pvt Portes, N.
Pvt Guzie, T. J.	Pvt Rairden, J. R.
PFC Hatcher, R. U.	Pvt Reiter, M. R.
Pvt Hickey, J. R.	Pvt Roman Jr, J. A.
PFC Hinkell, J.W.	Pvt Seng, J. R.
Pvt Horton, R. A.	PFC Simmons, D. R.
Pvt Hovey, M. R.	PFC Southerly, T. R.
PFC Jerome, J. A.	Pvt States, R. J.
Pvt Johnson III, F.	PFC Thompson, R. R.*
PFC Johnson Jr, J. E.*	Pvt Thompson, T. W.
PFC Keith, C. L.	Pvt Voltaire, V.
Pvt Konitsky Jr., J. J.	PFC Washington, D. R.*
Pvt Lamas, G.	PFC Williamson, C. R.
Pvt Lareau, K.	
PFC Latigue, A. M.	
Pvt Latortue, J.	
Pvt Leal, D.	
Pvt Lively, E. G.	

PLATOON 4018

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt F. M. Hibbert
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt W. Gaytan
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt T. D. Woods



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC M. E. Ross
HOMETOWN.....	Washington D.C
RECRUITED BY	SSgt Gouvea
PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PFC A. Riveramuniz (330)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR	Sgt Quinn
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	Pvt N. L. Campbell (582)

PFC Barrios, L. H.
Pvt Bradley, K. M.
PFC Brooks, A. B.
Pvt Campbell, N. L.
PFC Carr, D. N.
PFC Chaney, D. K.
Pvt Colonrosario, G. K.
PFC Crane, C. R.
PFC Depriest, N. M.
PFC Gonzalo, A.
PFC Grantlewis, R. S.
Pvt Guevarapereira, L. C.
PFC Guzman, A.
Pvt Herrera, N. N.
Pvt Logue, B. B.
Pvt Luce, L. C.
Pvt Maczaj, J. A.
Pvt Martinez, G. A.
PFC Paganbracero, D. M.
Pvt Portillo, C. E.
PFC Riveramuniz, A.
PFC Rollins, J. N.
PFC Ross, M. E.
Pvt Sagay, N. E.
Pvt Spence, A. P.
PFC Thornton, Allison Y.
Pvt Tigrerosquevedo, A. Y.
Pvt Villa, E. G.
Pvt Wehrenberg, A. A.

PLATOON 4019

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSSgt L. Jaime
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. G. Kelly
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. E. Lahtinen
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt N. R. Eaton



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. J. Wilburn
HOMETOWNSarasota, FL
RECRUITED BYSgt J. Cruz
COMPANY HIGH SHOOTERPvt K. E. Ramirez (334)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTORSgt Vanmeter

- PFC Allen, J. C.
- PFC Baezmorales, J. J.
- PFC Burrill, K. E.
- Pvt Castilloortega, M. C.
- PFC Cervantes, Z. M.
- Pvt Chavez, K.
- PFC Clavier, B. P.
- PFC Forde, J. C.
- PFC Galeano, A. M.
- PFC Gomez, A.
- Pvt Gonzalez, N.
- PFC Harris, L. R.
- Pvt Hernandez, I. R.
- Pvt Hernandez, K.
- PFC Hoppe, L. J.*
- Pvt Kertzman, A. A.
- Pvt Melendez, A.
- PFC Morse, M. A.
- Pvt Netzahuatlmani, D.
- Pvt Payne, H. M.
- Pvt Ramirez, K. E.
- PFC Reynolds, A. J.
- PFC Roberson, M. L.
- Pvt Rondon, A. L.
- Pvt Smith, K. D.
- Pvt Spivey, D. A.
- PFC Stevens, A. R.
- PFC Villalta, C. D.
- PFC Wilburn, T. J.*

TRANSFORMATION



The Marine Corps makes Marines and wins battles. We consider these two activities to be inextricably linked, and believe the individual Marine decides the outcome of any conflict or military action despite constant advances in battlefield technology.

Today, Marines are committed across the globe to operations as diverse as guarding American diplomatic missions, providing disaster relief, and conducting combat operations. Thousands more remain forward deployed, ready to secure our nations' interest on short notice.

Operating successfully in such diverse and complex operating environments is challenging, but these challenges are not new. Marines have faced, and overcome, similar challenges throughout history. To ensure our future success, we looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, and Fallujah. We found that strong character and a fighting spirit rooted in core values were essential to our past success. Developing strength of character and instilling these core values is the essence of what we call “transformation.”



THE TRANSFORMATION LIFECYCLE



The transformation process begins with recruiting, where we select young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment and prepare them for recruit training.

Transformation accelerates during boot camp, where Drill Instructors remain the key to making Marines. Drill Instructors transform recruits into basic Marines through intense, demanding training including close order



drill, physical fitness, academics, combat water survival, close combat, and marksmanship. They instruct, mentor and lead recruits, exemplifying Core Values in all they do. Their efforts culminate during the 11th week of training in the Crucible, a grueling 54-hour evaluation of physical, mental, and moral fitness emphasizing selflessness and teamwork.

Transformation is sustained and reinforced throughout each Marine's period of service while assigned to operating units, where teamwork and commitment are essential to success. Regular training and individual mentorship support the continued development of each Marine. Additionally, required formal courses of Professional Military Education emphasize further development of character and core values.



Ultimately, we seek to return transformed Americans home to strengthen our society at the completion of their service. The Corps is known for making Marines who leave active duty to become strong leaders in the community. These Marines demonstrate the lasting value of strength of character based on our core values.



U.S. MARINE CORPS CORE VALUES

Generations of American men and women have given special meaning to the term United States Marine by their performance on and off the battlefield. Feared by enemies, respected by allies, and loved by the American people, Marines are a “special breed.” This reputation was gained and is maintained by adhering to a set of enduring core values, the guiding beliefs and principles that give us strength, influence our attitudes, and regulate our behavior. Our Core Values are:

HONOR

The quality that guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat, or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; to respect human dignity; to have respect and concern for each other. The quality of maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability that commits Marines to act responsibly; to fulfill obligations; to be accountable for actions and to hold others accountable for their actions.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral, and physical strength ingrained in Marines to carry them through the challenges of combat and the mastery of fear; to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; to lead by example, and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

The spirit of determination that leads to professionalism and mastery of the art of war. It leads to the highest order of discipline for unit and self; enabling 24-hour-a-day dedication to Corps and Country; pride; concern for others; and an unrelenting determination to achieve a standard of excellence in every endeavor. Commitment is the value that establishes the Marine as the warrior and citizen others strive to emulate.

GUIDANCE FOR NEW MARINES

As one of our Corps' newest Marines, you will normally travel to your home of record for 10 days of well earned "boot leave" prior to reporting for follow-on training at the School of Infantry. While home on leave, take the time to rest and re-connect with your Marine family and friends. Stay true to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Maintain your physical fitness, and remain safe in day-to-day activities. Use this time to rest, reflect upon the commitment you have made to our Corps and nation, and prepare for your next phase of training. I encourage you to contact your recruiter and assist them in selecting qualified candidates for enlistment.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

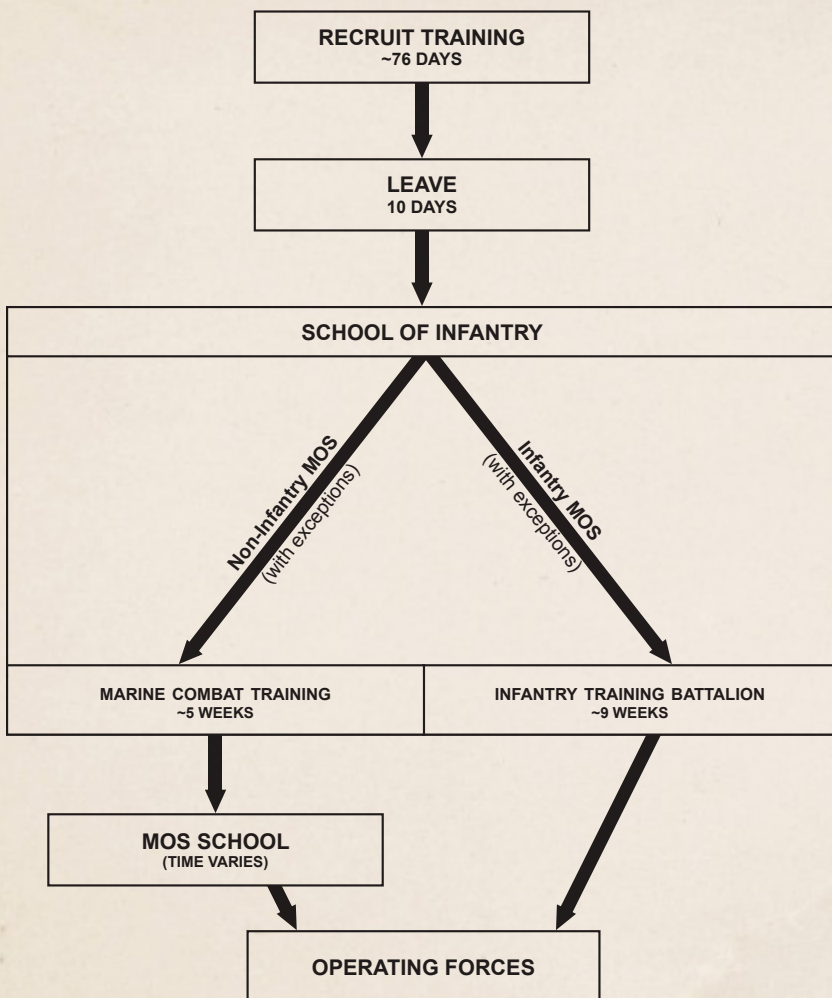
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself in accordance with the high standards to which you have been held. Demonstrate to everyone your transformation into a proud, disciplined Marine. Many of your friends and acquaintances will not understand your commitment, and you may need to make tough decisions as a result. Have courage. Remember, you now represent the Marine Corps to your family, friends, hometown, and our nation.

MY EXPECTATIONS

Use our Core Values as a moral compass. Be true to yourself, your family, our Corps, and our nation. Our Core Values apply, always and everywhere. You may be tempted to participate in activities incompatible with our ethos; stay committed to the course you chose when you received your Eagle, Globe, and Anchor. Additionally maintain your physical readiness; this is a life-long effort and you have a good start. Watch what you eat, stay hydrated, go for light runs during leave, and maintain your upper body strength. I challenge you to assist our Corps in recruiting. For over 242 years, every Marine has been a recruiter. Contact your recruiter - you may have the opportunity to impact our recruiting effort and improve your opportunities for promotion at the same time. Finally, be safe. Think before you act. You have not driven a motor vehicle in over three months, so be careful. Drive safely, and above all else, don't drink and drive. In the end, I expect you to arrive at your next duty station rested, healthy, and ready to continue your training.

ENTRY-LEVEL TRAINING OVERVIEW

The chart below outlines the basic entry level training progression for new Marines, from recruit training, through the School of Infantry, and on to the Operating Forces. Most Marines assigned non-infantry Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) will complete Marine Combat Training while at the School of Infantry, followed by their MOS school. Some assigned non-infantry MOSs will attend Infantry Training Battalion in lieu of Marine Combat Training, followed by their MOS school. Those assigned infantry MOSs will attend Infantry Training Battalion.



MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

Marines are eligible to earn meritorious promotions to the next higher rank by referring qualified applicants for enlistment to their recruiter.

- A private needs only one referral for promotion to private first class. In addition to increased authority and responsibility, this promotion will increase the Marine's pay more than \$150 per month.
- A private first class requires only two referrals for promotion to lance corporal. This promotion will increase the Marine's pay by over \$75 per month and will provide the Marine an even greater opportunity to demonstrate his or her leadership and professionalism.

SCHOOL OF INFANTRY REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Report to the Commanding Officer, School of Infantry-East. The uniform for reporting to the School of Infantry-East is the Service "A" uniform.
- Pack two full sets of utilities (one green digital and one desert digital), boots and hygiene kit in your carry-on bag.
- Carry your ID card, ID tags, orders, SRB and medical/dental records in your carry-on bag.
- Bring all Marine Corps issued clothing and equipment.
- Wear appropriate civilian attire while traveling between your leave address and the School of Infantry-East.
- If you need immediate assistance while you are on leave, contact your recruiter.
- The contact information for the School of Infantry-East at Camp Geiger, North Carolina is Student Administration at (910) 449-0441/0442/0443. During non-working hours (1700-0700 Monday-Friday, weekends, and holidays), call the Officer of the Day at (910) 449-0179.
- The School of Infantry-East website contains additional information. The address is <http://www.tecom.marines.mil/soieast/unithome.aspx>



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