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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.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Invocation*

Sound Attention

Adjutant's Call

March On of Troops

*National Anthem**

Sound Off

Report – Publish the Order

Officers' Center

Commanding Officer Remarks

Pass in Review

Retirement of Guidons

Introduction of Award Recipients

*Marines' Hymn**

Final Dismissal

***PLEASE RISE**

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

26 April 2019

Recruit Training Regiment

Commanding Officer ..... Colonel J. M. Barnett
Sergeant Major ..... Sergeant Major C. D. Thomas

1st Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer ..... Lieutenant Colonel D. J. Grabow
Sergeant Major ..... Sergeant Major J. D. Dicosimo

4th Recruit Training Batallion

Commanding Officer ..... Lieutenant Colonel M. J. Posey
Sergeant Major ..... Sergeant Major J. Y. Townsel

Commander of Troops

Captain K. J. Ross

Parade Adjutant

Captain A. F. Bates

Company "C", 1st Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer ..... Captain K. J. Ross
Company First Sergeant ..... First Sergeant J. P. Segura
Lead Series Commander ..... Captain R. G. Barnhisel
Follow Series Commander ..... Captain S. E. Davies
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor ..... Staff Sergeant M. D. Lucas
Follow Series Chief Drill Instructor ..... Staff Sergeant J. H. Sharpe

Company "N", 4th Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer ..... Captain A. E. Bates
Company First Sergeant ..... First Sergeant C. M. Milton
Series Commander ..... Captain A. E. Pulido
Series Commander ..... 1st Lt K. A. Guss
Chief Drill Instructor ..... Staff Sergeant L. N. Brooke

Drill Masters

Gunnery Sergeant C. E. Arguello
Staff Sergeant I. G. Silva
Staff Sergeant A. A. Phelps

Chaplain

Lieutenant N. C. Jones, USN
Lieutenant N. K. Walker, USN

Color Guard

Sergeant K. A. Funk
Sergeant H. Leal
Sergeant K. T. Bass
Sergeant B. J. Perez

PLATOON 1032

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. C. Dickson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. A. Trottman
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. A. Johnson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt L. E. Lyme
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. G. Chavez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. J. Montalto
HOMETOWN.....Columbia, SC
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt B. J. Walker

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt W. G. Osteen (328)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. J. Hart

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC D. J. Montalto (597)

PFC Alvarez, M. T.
PFC Ball, A. L.
PFC Brown, A. W.
Pvt Carrasquilla, N. J.
PFC Cherizard, P. D.
Pvt Chhetri, P.
Pvt Credle, J. D.
PFC Duke, T. J.
Pvt Egner, J. M.
Pvt Escoffrey, N. C.
PFC Everett, N. J.
Pvt Gaff, A. S.
Pvt Gosselin, N. D.
PFC Greene, Z. L.
Pvt Jenkins, T. M.
PFC Kemp, J. D.*
PFC Kop, L. S.
Pvt Kujawski II, S. W.
PFC Laplante, J. P.
PFC Mackey, T. C.
PFC Martins, M. A.*
PFC Montalto, D. J.*
Pvt Osteen, W. G.
PFC Pittman, J. T.
Pvt Price, W. R.
Pvt Randall, B. L.
Pvt Raya, D. Q.
Pvt Reser, J. N.
Pvt Richardson, J. M.
PFC Rivera, J. T.
Pvt Starnes, J. A.
PFC Thompson, C. A.
Pvt Vanderkooi, Z. C.
Pvt Vazquezavila, E.
PFC Verduzco, O.
PFC Vona, B. C.
Pvt Warren, J. C.
Pvt Wolak, A. C.
PFC Wood, D. R.

***Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.**

PLATOON 1033

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. C. King
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. Jasso
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. M. Faller
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. W. Stout
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. L. Jones

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC P. G. Jones
HOMETOWN.....Ashburn, VA
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt L. Burgos

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC S. W. Burns III (327)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. A. Powell

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC S. W. Burns III (596)

Pvt Alina, J. B.
Pvt Ariascostanos, J. J.
PFC Atkins, A. A.
Pvt Boyer, L. R.
PFC Brady, B. P.
Pvt Brooks Jr., K. W.
PFC Burns III, S. W.
PFC Ehrich Jr., M. Q.
LCpl Eudy, C. M.
Pvt Finger, K. A.
PFC Guerin, D. C.
Pvt House, A. C.
PFC Jones, P. G.*
PFC Jordan, T. A.
PFC Kelbaugh, D. S.
PFC Killian, S. R.
PFC Knox, A. S.
PFC Koubi, E. M.
Pvt Moran, J. R.
PFC Moscone, M. A.*
Pvt Nelsonbernard, A. C.
Pvt Norris, N. J.
PFC Paradise, R. A.
Pvt Parkerson, L. X.
PFC Pickus, D. W.
PFC Potter, S. A.
PFC Scott, D. J.*
PFC Shafer, R. M.*
PFC Shoemaker II, S. R.
Pvt Snyder, C. J.
Pvt Standering, L. D.
PFC Willey, D. W.
Pvt Williams Jr., R. D.
Pvt Williams, N. C.
Pvt Wolf, M. J.
PFC Wolfinger, A. M.

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PLATOON 1034

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR…….....SSgt B. R. Grajales
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. A. Clark
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. C. Olson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR…….....SSgt A. L. Rodriguez

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE…….....PFC B. W. Davenport
HOMETOWN.....Ragley, LA
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt S. O. McCrickard

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt D. M. LeBourgeois (338)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. S. Porter

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC M. A. Canizales (583)

Pvt Antoniomartinez, E. H.
PFC Askew, A. P.
PFC Barefoot, Q. S.
Pvt Bell, D. A.
Pvt Bollig, J. D.
Pvt Bonillamartinez, K. E.
PFC Canizales, M. A.
PFC Cardozalinen Jr., P. A.
Pvt Cody, C. S.
Pvt Corley, D. D.
PFC Davenport, B. W.*
PFC Duckenfield, J. A.
Pvt Evenwel, J. L.
PFC French, J. B.
PFC Frierson, C. L.
PFC Gomez, M.
Pvt Gore, J. M.
PFC Gray, M. C.
PFC Huffman, J. T.
Pvt Lebourgeois, D. M.
Pvt Longworth, J. W.
Pvt Marques, R. A.
Pvt Mcgary, K. N.
Pvt Miller, T. L.
PFC Patterson, D. J.
Pvt Potter, R. L.
Pvt Ritrievi, W. M.
PFC Rojasgutierrez, C.
PFC Scott, P. T.
PFC Shriver Jr., K. J.
Pvt Smith, N. A.
PFC Spallone, D. R.*
Pvt Utt, C. D.
Pvt Williams, J. L.
PFC Winstead, O. A.
PFC Winters, M. A.
Pvt Wynn, E. M.

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PLATOON 1036

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR……SSgt J. A. Lewis
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……SSgt B. P. Richardson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……Sgt Z. P. Orr
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……Sgt J. K. Morris
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……Sgt D. T. Dereef

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE……PFC M. Diallo
HOMETOWN……Bronx, NY
RECRUITED BY……SSgt Y. Taveras

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER……PFC J. M. Cordova (322)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR……Cpl C. B. Devlan

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT……PFC M. Diallo (597)

Pvt Almanzaromero, M.
Pvt Alvarado, J. C.
Pvt Ayala, J. L.
Pvt Benitez, M.
PFC Bristolferreira, J. K.*
Pvt Carino, E.
PFC Catapano, T. L.
PFC Cespedestoussaint, B. A.
PFC Cordova, J. M.
PFC Diallo, M.*
PFC Duarte, B.
Pvt Duperry, N. A.
Pvt England, A. M.
Pvt Estirdge Jr., V. L.
Pvt Feemorlu, J. H.
PFC Gabbard, J. M.
Pvt Garciamontejo, T.
Pvt Hernandez Jr., J. M.
Pvt Karvounis, M. P.
Pvt Key, R. H.
PFC Limardotoyens, C. G.
PFC Lopez, L. H.
PFC Lopezramos, E.
PFC Moralesortiz, C. D.
PFC Murray, J. P.
PFC Neeson, B. F.*
Pvt Perezacosta, A. K.
PFC Perezpacheco, B. G.
PFC Pirsos, M. C.
PFC Pollino, K. J.
Pvt Pollit, I. D.
Pvt Prewitt, T. R.
PFC Xu, V.
Pvt Yu, K.
Pvt Zavaleta, M. J.

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PLATOON 1037

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR…….....SSgt H. R. Terrero
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. R Campos
DRILL INSTRUCTOR…….....SSgt B. H. Wright
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. C. Ihekoronye

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE…….....PFC J. D. Carter
HOMETOWN.....Suwanee, GA
RECRUITED BY.....GySgt J. Owen

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. M. Cummings (324)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K. Hill

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt S. PellotVazquez (600)

Pvt Aichinger, T. M.
Pvt Arpaia, P. M.
Pvt Branham, H. J.
Pvt Brown, C. B.
Pvt Callor, A. J.
PFC Carter, J. D.*
PFC Cope, J. D.
Pvt Cummings, D. M.
Pvt Endres Jr., D. J.
PFC Escobar, P. C.
Pvt Galvan, I. D.
Pvt Godbee, D. B.
Pvt Hancock, D. T.
Pvt Hawkins, S. B.
Pvt Hernandez, N.
Pvt Huarcayadiaz, N. J.
Pvt Jenkins, T. O.
Pvt King, N. D.
PFC Long, P. E.
PFC Mccarty, T. S.
Pvt Monti, M. F.
PFC Najarro, B. A.
PFC Oteroortiz, H. O.
PFC Pastoresherman, K. T.*
PFC Pellotvazquez, S. C.*
Pvt Perez Jr., C. V.
PFC Pritzker, J. M.
Pvt Ramirez, T. A.
Pvt Ramirezayala, J.
Pvt Rief, C. R.
PFC Rivera, E. I.
Pvt Robinson, T. I.
Pvt Vidal, C.
Pvt Wilds, M. D.
Pvt Zephir, Z. C.
Pvt Ziman, N. J.

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PLATOON 1038

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR……SSgt C. C. Arrick
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……SSgt J. N. Delao
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……Sgt T. K. Martin
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……Sgt R. E. Jackson



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE……PFC S. J. Riner
HOMETOWN……Bunker Hill, WV
RECRUITED BY……SSgt Krizek

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER……Pvt D. S. Lowery (329)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR……Sgt Pacheco

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT……PFC S. J. Riner (600)

PFC Allred, G. M.
Pvt Ambrose, J. T.
Pvt Arnett, C. A.
Pvt Begley, A. R.
Pvt Bigboy, B. L.
Pvt Bogert, C. L.
Pvt Carver, K. P.
Pvt Crespo, J. K.
Pvt Diawara, B. C.
Pvt Eslick, J. M.
Pvt Ferraro, Z. J.
Pvt Flanagan, C. R.
Pvt Florea, R. A.
Pvt Gamad, J. M.
Pvt Garcia, E. D.
PFC Gee, C. A.*
PFC Hill, C. K.*
Pvt Howell, K. S.
Pvt Huff, C. N.
Pvt Inman, C. D.
Pvt Kimmons, D. W.
Pvt Koch, A. T.
Pvt Levantini Jr., R. V.
Pvt Lowrey, D. S.
PFC* Mahn, L. J.
Pvt Melendez, A.
Pvt Pepper, G. J.
Pvt Raheem, A. K.
Pvt Ramirezsanchez, C.
Pvt Reinhartanez, T. W.
PFC Reyescastillo, G.
PFC Riner, S. J.
PFC Ritter, T. R.
Pvt Shaughnessy II, D. T.
Pvt Silas, N. A.
Pvt Sparks, C. D.
PFC Stoner, C. W.
Pvt Taylor, A. J.
Pvt Wall, D. M.
Pvt Williams, J. A.
PFC Win, C.

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PLATOON 4014

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR ……SSgt D. N. Selgren
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……SSgt A. R. Robancho
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……SSgt K. S. Kelsey
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……Sgt S. R. Smith
DRILL INSTRUCTOR……Sgt G. A. Martin

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE……PFC K. M. Chism
HOMETOWN ……Struthers, OH
RECRUITED BY ……Sgt P. R. Corcoran

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER ……Pvt N. K. Loubrielfebus (327)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR ……Sgt M. D. Tackett

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT ……PFC K. M. Chism (591)

PFC Alves, B. S.*
Pvt Arthur, J. L.
PFC Borey, T. M.
PFC Bynum, K. M.
PFC Byrum, S. A.
PFC Camelo, J. P.
Pvt Caro, A.
PFC Caswell, K. M.
PFC Chambers, K. A.
PFC Chism, K. M.
PFC Coronado, M. V.
PFC Dacus, L. E.
PFC Dejesus, B. M.
Pvt Devore, K. E.
PFC Didcoct, L. G.
PFC Dormer, B. L.
Pvt Elliott, A. L.
PFC Estevez, I.
Pvt Fenner, M. A.
PFC Gaspar, M. E.
Pvt Gay, M. S.
PFC Gomes, J. N.
Pvt Goulbourne, R. D.
Pvt Govan, D. A.
Pvt Hernandez, D.
PFC Hernandezchavez, J.
Pvt Ingram, B. M.
Pvt Kaiser, J. E.
PFC Levy, T. J.
Pvt Loubrielfebus, N. K.
PFC Macariogazga, K. G.
PFC Matcham, E. L.
PFC Mcadoo, J. J.
Pvt Moore, K. M.
Pvt Novoa, R. M.
Pvt Ohlendorf, N. H.
Pvt Olsen, G. R.
Pvt Ortiz, S. R.
PFC Padelski, S. G.
PFC Pagancruz, Z. C.
Pvt Pattee, E. M.
Pvt Pena, J. L.
Pvt Preston, K. L.
Pvt Quiroz, M.
PFC Rael, R. M.
Pvt Ramos, M. D.
PFC Ramsey, B. S.
Pvt Rankin, H. M.
PFC Retana, A.
Pvt Rethaber, C. D.
PFC Ruiz, D. J.
PFC Skolkin, M. J.
Pvt Sweet, M. J.
PFC Thompson, A. P.
PFC Toussaint, D.
PFC Williams, A. D.

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PLATOON 4015

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR .....SSgt E. A. Stewart
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. J. Rakes
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. Ortiz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. R. Haddix
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. N. McPeters



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....LCpl S.L Grimm
HOMETOWN .....Aliquipp, PA
RECRUITED BY .....SSgt M. A. Miller

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER .....PFC A. G. Ung (324)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR .....Sgt R. O.Mitchell

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT .....PFC C. M. Deforrest (600)

Pvt Alonsodeluna, A. E.
Pvt Arnott, B. G.
Pvt Atkins, B. E.
Pvt Bourque, A. E.
Pvt Burningham, M. C.
PFC Campos, J. J.
Pvt Castillo, E. T.
Pvt Cedano, T. M.
PFC Davis, M. K.
Pvt Death, D. E.
PFC Deforrest, C. M.*
PFC Diaz, C.
Pvt Dickenson, S. A.
Pvt Donovan, B. D.
Pvt Dufour, C. E.
Pvt Duran, A. K.
Pvt Engel, A. M.
Pvt Foucault, S. E.
Pvt Fricks, J. C.
Pvt Garcia, K. A.
Pvt Gibson, S. B.
Pvt Glennon, V. K.
Pvt Gomez, S.
LCpl Grimm, S. L.*
PFC Guzman, E. N.
PFC Hall, H. P.*
PFC Ibanez, K.
PFC Ibarra, M. A.
PFC Jones, K. S.
Pvt Kuriger, T. L.
Pvt Lee, A. R.
Pvt Luna, J. M.
Pvt Mack, M. A.
Pvt Marzette, K. A.
PFC Mcgrattan, M. M.
PFC Mckay, S. M.*
Pvt Mendoza, V.
Pvt Moody, C. K.
PFC Morris, N. M.
PFC Mueller, E. A.
PFC Myles, A. M.*
Pvt Ogo, K. R.
PFC Pettit, N.
PFC Pineda, B. G.
Pvt Ramirez, V. C.
PFC Ramirezdejesus, V.
PFC Ramos, S.
PFC Roark, C. C.
Pvt Russell, A. L.
Pvt Sandoval, A. A.
PFC Schmidt, A. P.
PFC Schwiderson, M. R.
Pvt Serdy, M. E.
LCpl Smith, E. K.
Pvt Thoeun, P.
PFC Thong, A. S.
Pvt Thornton, M. J.
PFC Ung, A. G.
Pvt Vileta, S. K.
Pvt Wright, T. L.

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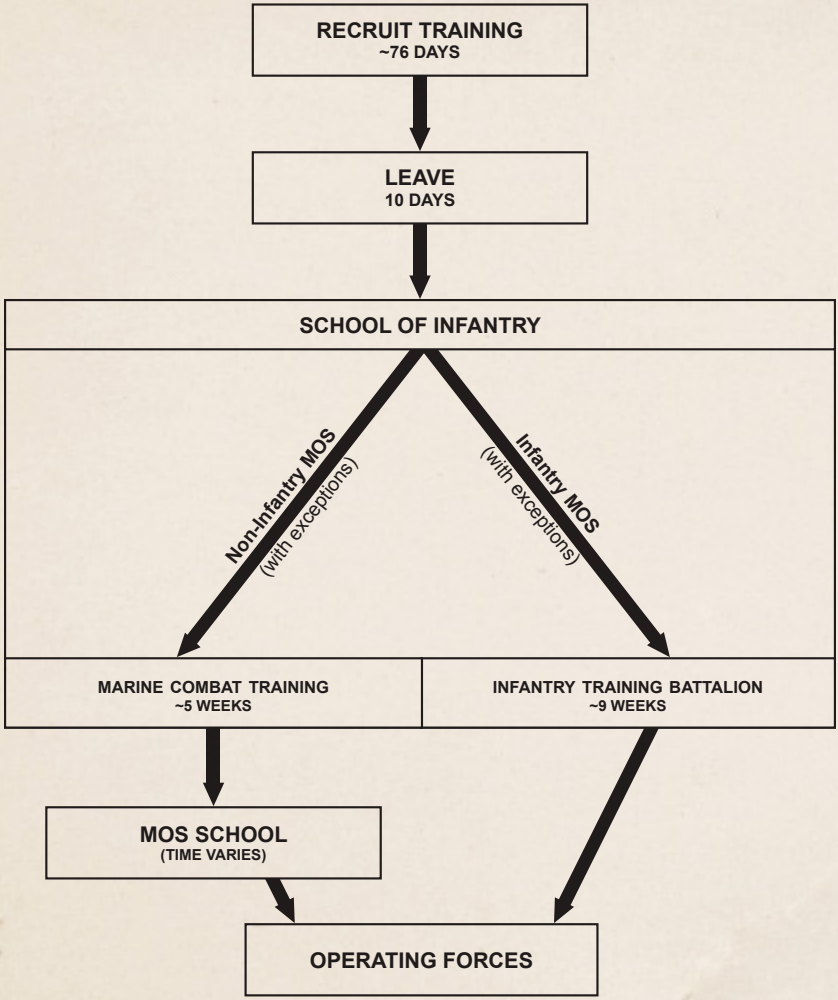


Review photos from today's graduation at the official Parris Island Facebook page.

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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.



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.

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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