



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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*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

1 September 2023

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Colonel C. B. McArthur
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major M. R. Brown

2nd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel C. J. Kearney
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major J. H. Allen

Commander of Troops

Gunnery Sergeant S. B. Ingram

Parade Adjutant

Staff Sergeant T. A. Hilgendorf

Company “H”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain S. Z. Sheikh
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....Gunnery Sergeant S. B. Ingram
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain K. M. Bean
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain D. P. Krueger
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant A. T. Sanchez
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant W. K. Olkeriil

Drill Master

Gunnery Sergeant L. M. Hinton

Staff Sergeant M. M. Jordan

Chaplain

Lieutenant T. K. Lembo

Color Guard

Sergeant S. N. Henriquez Sergeant S. Tover

Sergeant J. G. Salvato Sergeant S. N. Gatling

PLATOON 2064

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSSgt M. A. Valentinewilliams
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. S. Bowles
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. J. Frometabetances



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC E. S. Tresalus
 HOMETOWN.....Punta Gorda, FL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Nicholas

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC J. B. Campos (335)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Gerth

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT..... PFC A. L. White (576)

PFC Adams, A. B.	PFC Jones, C. R.	PFC Taffner, J. W.
Pvt Allen, C. E.	Pvt Keo, N. D.	PFC Tresalus, E. S.
PFC Archer, J. K.	Pvt Kidd, C. J.	PFC Vermeil, D
PFC Arellanocastillo, J.	PFC La, J.	PFC Wadsworth, K. T.
PFC Atkinson, T. L.	Pvt Levy, D. J.	Pvt Walsh, M. A.
Pvt Blackwell, T. K.	Pvt Livingston, K. B.	Pvt Washington Jr., Q. D.
PFC Box, N. M. *	PFC Long, A. K. *	Pvt Wheeler, B. M.
PFC Brockett, A. J.	Pvt Louis, M.	PFC White, A. L.
Pvt Brooks, J. J.	PFC Lowman, D. A.	Pvt Williams, J. A.
PFC Campos, J. B.	PFC Mallory, R. B.	PFC Young, D. D. *
PFC Cancino, J. D.	Pvt Martinez, J. D.	PFC Zavalaramos, J.
PFC Cash, A. T.	PFC Mccorkle, C. J.	
PFC Chamness, O. A.	Pvt Mcmillan, J. D.	
Pvt Collier, J. C.	Pvt Mies, J. A.	
PFC Collins, D. M.	PFC Miller, J. C.	
PFC Cuevas, A. L.	PFC Moon, A. T. *	
Pvt Daniels, D. X.	PFC Obrien, W. K.	
Pvt Diaz, W. A.	PFC Owenby, W. A.	
PFC Dodrill, K. A.	PFC Perezdelatorre, O. D.	
PFC Dolen, N. D.	Pvt Pitts, M. N.	
PFC Doyle, D. S.	Pvt Poland, B. J.	
PFC Elizondo, H.	PFC Powell Jr., C. J.	
Pvt Fernandez, J.	Pvt Purcell, J. D.	
Pvt Garcia, R. A.	PFC Richardson, J. Z.	
Pvt Garciaperdomo, A.	PFC Ridge, M. A.	
Pvt Garner, A. S.	PFC Santiago, A. M.	
PFC Godown, L. J.	Pvt Sebastian, N. F.	
Pvt Gonzalezbeal, I. S.	Pvt Semenov, D.	
PFC Green, A. C.	PFC Serna, V G.	
Pvt Hamilton, S. J.	Pvt Smith, K J.	
Pvt Harrison, C. A.	Pvt Smith, P. M.	
Pvt Iturralde, R. J.	PFC Sneed, C. D. *	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2065

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. J. Dotson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. N. Contreras
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K. L. Reyes
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. T. Scherwinski
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. M. Silvers



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. Luisruiz
 HOMETOWN.....Brick, NJ
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt K. J. Dayao

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC P. A. Solersheffield (337)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Allen

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT..... PFC D. Luisruiz (600)

Pvt Ackels, C. M.	Pvt Hakaumotu, M.	PFC Sandoval, G.
Pvt Aguayorodriguez, N. K.	Pvt Henry, B. C.	Pvt Serrano, A. M.
PFC Ahmed, K. A.	Pvt Hunter, R. C.	Pvt Shell, E. R.
PFC Alvaradolopez, K.	Pvt Jacksoncottrell, M. S.	PFC Solersheffield, P. A.
Pvt Alvarez, N. E.	Pvt Jenkins, K. N.	PFC Stanley, A. D.
PFC Anderson, A. M.	PFC Jones, A. A.	PFC Tapiamejia, D. A.
Pvt Balliu, G.	PFC Lara, A.	PFC Torres, C. M.
Pvt Barreraguzman, E.	PFC Lima, B. S.	Pvt Tribble, A. N.
Pvt Bautistagomez, S.	Pvt Lolin, D. K.	Pvt Turrubiarte, M. K.
Pvt Benitez, K. P.	PFC Lopez, C. T.	PFC Wagner, K. E. *
Pvt Bonestroo, C. L.	PFC Luisruiz, D.	Pvt Welch, A. J.
Pvt Brazell, C. B.	PFC Lunaaguilar, A. L.	PFC Wilson, M. D.
PFC Bryant, N. C.	PFC Maldonado, N. A.	Pvt Yang, Z. J.
Pvt Camposbravo, O. Y.	Pvt Marquez, M. M.	PFC Zarate, L.
Pvt Castro, J. A.	Pvt Martinez, A. R.	
Pvt Chavez, V. R.	PFC Matson, D. L. *	
PFC Chavez, W. P.	Pvt Meehan, D. A.	
PFC Crenshaw, N. S.	Pvt Mendezhilerio, A. J.	
Pvt Cruz, G. M.	PFC Miles, S. R. *	
PFC Daniels, A. K. *	PFC Muniz, A. J.	
Pvt Delatorremontana, N. D.	Pvt Navarro, N. A.	
PFC Delgado, E.	PFC Olanhillet, A. C.	
PFC Demulling, Z. L.	PFC Osborne, L. I.	
PFC Doolin, A. R.	PFC Ozuna, A. I.	
PFC Esquivelayala, K. I.	Pvt Patino, D. B.	
PFC Evans, K. J.	Pvt Perez, C. A.	
PFC Folsom, S. S.	Pvt Quirozmedez, A. M.	
PFC Foster, T. A. *	Pvt Reed, A. F.	
PFC Galvin, C. L.	Pvt Rich, A. R.	
Pvt Garcia, D. A.	Pvt Rivas, R.	
Pvt Gomez, C. A.	PFC Riveramendoza, L. M.	
Pvt Guerra, G.	PFC Rodriguezpena, G. J.	

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PLATOON 2066

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSSgt J. Bautista
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. Gonzalez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. D. Tranam



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC V. M. Mccloud
 HOMETOWN.....West Deptford, NJ
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Jackson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC C. T. Klienfelter (335)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Westfelt

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt H. R. Davis (586)

Pvt Alavardo C.	PFC Honaker, D. A.	Pvt Rubio, J. D.
PFC Anderson, C. R. *	Pvt Howell, A. J.	Pvt Ruizvallejo, A.
Pvt Arellano, D.	Pvt Hyder, S. J.	Pvt Sanchez Jr., C. J.
Pvt Ash, J. W.	Pvt James, L. G.	Pvt Sandres, J. A.
Pvt Baird, N. R.	Pvt Johnson, W. K.	PFC Smith, J. D.
Pvt Bangura, A.	Pvt Judkins, A. F.	PFC Steele, M. A.
Pvt Becknell, J. G.	PFC Kleinfelter, C. T.	PFC Stroup, Z. W.
PFC Bender, A. J.	PFC Laprade, N. J.	Pvt Styles II, C. D.
Pvt Brinkdoepke, M. E.	Pvt Leonarteaga, J. J.	Pvt Thomas, C. W.
Pvt Canchola, R. M.	PFC Lindsey, C. R. *	Pvt Umbaugh, K. J.
Pvt Cardwell, A. B.	Pvt Maffei, A. J.	Pvt Vanwyk, J. S.
Pvt Castellanosmejia, H. A.	PFC Martinez, N. M. *	PFC Wallace, J. D.
Pvt Curry, D. J.	PFC McCloud, V. M.	
Pvt Czyz, N. P.	Pvt McDaniel, D. D.	
Pvt Davis, H. R.	PFC Messner, P. A.	
Pvt Dunn, D. J.	Pvt Moon, G. A.	
Pvt Eaton, J. W.	PFC Moskalchyn, P.	
Pvt Eaton, M. W.	PFC Moya, A. J.	
PFC Ebube, H. C. *	PFC Murphy, A. J.	
Pvt Estua, J.	PFC Orbegoso, M. A.	
PFC Everthart, K. H.	PFC Parker, J. C.	
Pvt Fields, J. J.	Pvt Patch, A. P.	
Pvt Ford, E. J.	Pvt Pattermann, A. C.	
PFC Friel, J. T.	Pvt Penn, G. E.	
Pvt Gavin, H. F.	PFC Perry, M. J.	
Pvt Gilbert, G. R.	Pvt Radjail, N. C.	
Pvt Groff K. R.	Pvt Rahlan, J.	
Pvt Guzman, E. G.	Pvt Ramsey, B. S.	
PFC Haney, S. R.	Pvt Rexrode, E. A.	
Pvt Hassenger, C. D.	Pvt Richardson, N. W.	
PFC Hernandez, J. P.	Pvt Ritovillar, B.	
PFC Hines, M. A. *	Pvt Rowe, D. A.	

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PLATOON 2068

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. F. Cifuentes
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. A. Miller
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt H. J. Alfaro Lopez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC B. T. Tat
 HOMETOWN.....North Easton, MA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Romero

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt Z. L. Ramirez (337)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Morano

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC V. M. Febres Jr. (574)

PFC Barnes, J. C.	Pvt James, T. S.	Pvt Thouy, M. W.
PFC Bayless, N. R. *	Pvt Jaramillo, K. A.	Pvt Tysinger, B. J.
Pvt Bond, A. D.	Pvt Karafa, B. J.	PFC Vidal, S. A.
PFC Carbaugh, J. E.	Pvt Kelly, D. C.	PFC Wagner, J. T. *
Pvt Cavanaugh, J. A.	Pvt Kirker, R. A.	Pvt Wee, E. H.
PFC Chime, K. E. *	PFC Knowles, A. C.	Pvt Williams, N. A.
PFC Clayton, S. A.	PFC Lamoudi, M. A.	Pvt Won Jr., D. D.
PFC Contrerasiranaula, B. M.	PFC Lee, D.	
PFC Cornett, D. W.	PFC Leonsosa, D. G.	
Pvt Cowart, J. R.	Pvt Loralora, G.	
Pvt Desrosiers, S.	PFC Menard, C. M.	
Pvt Diazramirez, R.	Pvt Mendoza, C. V.	
Pvt Duhon, C. E.	Pvt Mikolajczak, E.	
PFC Echevarria leonardo, W. J.	PFC Monegrotejada, D. J.	
PFC Equizabal III, R. A.	PFC Montero, A. S.	
PFC Febres Jr., V. M.	Pvt Morten, J. C.	
Pvt Fraser, J. C.	PFC Ortizbeltre, R. A.	
Pvt Garciaorrego, J. D.	PFC Pope, N. R.	
Pvt Gasparmateo, L. A.	Pvt Pott, C. A.	
Pvt Gil, L. J.	Pvt Pringle, C. W.	
PFC Goetz, L. F. *	Pvt Ramirez, Z. L.	
Pvt Green, J. A.	Pvt Ramosgalicia, E.	
Pvt Griffith, D. V.	Pvt Reilly, A. P.	
PFC Guardado Jr, W. A.	Pvt Reyes, L. F.	
PFC Gutierrezmatoes, J. A.	Pvt Riness Jr., M. R.	
PFC Gyan, A. N.	Pvt Rodgers, M. R.	
Pvt Hammond, D. M.	PFC Seo, D.	
PFC Hardimon, D. D.	PFC Serrano, T. J.	
Pvt Hernandezserrato, J. M.	PFC Sill, A. D. *	
PFC Hernandezvillatoro, C. A.	PFC Sinclair, E. J.	
PFC Howell, C. J.	Pvt Tapaswi, A.	
Pvt Infante, J. M.	PFC Tat, B. T.	

PLATOON 2069

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. King Jr.
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. A. Hernandez Jr.
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. L. Russell Jr.



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. Q. Colvard
 HOMETOWN.....Atlanta, GA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Newsome

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC J. E. Beaty (335)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Wursta

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC C.A. Torres (600)

Pvt Ampuero, J. C.	PFC Mackay, R. J.	Pvt Vales, J. D.
Pvt Anazcofarina, J.	Pvt Mahaney, E. J.	Pvt Vanterpool, S. U.
Pvt Bangura, B. M.	Pvt McCormick, J. L.	PFC Wendt, K. R.
Pvt Barreto, D.	PFC McCune, J. R. *	Pvt White, J. J.
Pvt Bates, J. L.	Pvt Mendezrosario, N. D.	PFC Wilkens, S. A.
PFC Beaty, J. E. *	Pvt Mort, C. M.	PFC Willis, N. T.
PFC Brady, Q. D.	Pvt Mounts, A. H.	PFC Wilson, J. D.
PFC Brewer, L. J.	PFC Munro, J. T.	Pvt Winters, E. J.
Pvt Brown, M. J.	PFC Myers, D. W.	Pvt Wright, A. A.
PFC Clark, G. S.	Pvt Naquin, L. E.	Pvt Zelocatecatlsantos Jr., I.
Pvt Colson, S. D.	Pvt Nith, C. D.	
PFC Colvard, D. Q. *	PFC Ochoa, S.	
PFC Comello, C. A.	Pvt Oha, J. U.	
Pvt DeLong, C. R.	Pvt Osborn, P. A.	
Pvt Dodson, N. N.	Pvt Page, N. W.	
Pvt Ekwengolle, E.	PFC Peake, Z. L.	
PFC Fariss, E. J.	PFC Perl, A. J.	
Pvt Fico, J. F.	Pvt Phelps Jr., W. D.	
PFC Fleck, M. A.	Pvt Phelps, T. R.	
Pvt Floreshernandez, D. W.	Pvt Rhodes, L. A.	
Pvt Frisby, M. C.	Pvt Robinson, N. J.	
PFC Helle, L. C.	Pvt Rojas, M. D.	
Pvt Hernandezhernandez, R.	Pvt Selitte, J. B.	
PFC Hickman, D.	Pvt Slabaugh, J. A.	
PFC Jones, J. L.	Pvt Smith Jr., V. P.	
Pvt Jordan, R. P.	Pvt Sosadeleon, C.	
PFC Kim, M. *	Pvt Swaczyk, B. S.	
PFC Langford, N. T.	Pvt Taylor, O. C.	
PFC Lifford, S. C. *	Pvt Tibbetts, B. A.	
PFC Lopez, D. A.	PFC Togba, J. J.	
Pvt Lopezvargas, J. M.	PFC Torres, C. A.	
PFC Lykins, J. M.	PFC Tran, T. D.	

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PLATOON 2070

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. J. Gutzan
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. T. Pilkington
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. M. Southerland



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. L. Turner
 HOMETOWN.....Stanford, KY
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Bowman

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt M. A. Clemente (334)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Rivas

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC L. C. Martin (596)

Pvt Aguilar, E.	Pvt Holmes, B. C.	PFC Shake, M. C. *
PFC Akalu, N. W.	Pvt Huashuayo, C. S.	Pvt Smith, L. M.
Pvt Altimus, W. C.	Pvt Hundertmark, M. B.	Pvt Soudier, J. J.
Pvt ArrecheaRodriguez, K.	PFC Hyppolite, B.	Pvt Thaw, A.
Pvt Ashby, M. P.	PFC Jones, T. A.	PFC Turner, J. L. *
Pvt Barriosgonzalez, B.	PFC Lecce, N. M.	PFC Wakefield, C. W.
Pvt Barriostobar, A. A.	Pvt Lejeune, Z. J.	Pvt Whalen, S. L.
Pvt Bittner, D. A.	Pvt Long, L. L.	Pvt Young, K. A.
Pvt Blessitt, J. A.	Pvt Lopez, D. A.	Pvt Zapatatoro, S.
Pvt Bukkhegyi, J. D.	Pvt Lopezlara, P.	Pvt Zhao, A. E.
Pvt Clemente, M. A.	PFC Lozada Jr., R. S. *	
Pvt Coffman, C. M.	PFC Martin, L. C. *	
PFC Crouch Jr, J. P.	Pvt Maziekas, J. R.	
Pvt Cunningham Jr, D. L.	Pvt Michot Jr., J. E.	
Pvt Dashno, N. G.	Pvt Moraxtitla, J.	
Pvt Depino, B. M.	Pvt Munozperez, M. A.	
Pvt Derental, A. D.	Pvt Nobliski, I. A.	
PFC Donihue, D. M.	Pvt Noel, C.	
Pvt Dormezil, J. L.	PFC Olutoba, O. E.	
Pvt Emery Jr., R. S.	Pvt Ortizmiranda, L.	
Pvt Faust, G. W.	PFC Paltauf, G. A. *	
Pvt Flores, D. A.	PFC Payton, B. J.	
Pvt Franssen, J. K.	Pvt Petersen, T. Z.	
Pvt Garciaayala, J.	PFC Prebosnyak, L. C.	
Pvt Garrido, D.	Pvt Reh, P.	
Pvt George, E. G.	Pvt Ritenour, B. T.	
Pvt Gilday, I. J.	Pvt Rivera, L. V.	
Pvt Granados, A. G.	Pvt Robinson, A. D.	
Pvt Hainzer, M. W.	Pvt Roush, S. E.	
Pvt Handy, S.	Pvt Santos III, J. F.	
Pvt Harper Jr., G. L.	Pvt Schaeffer, C. E.	
PFC Heiden, D. E.	PFC Scott, Z. T.	

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MARINES' HYMN

From the halls of Montezuma,
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
OF UNITED STATES MARINE.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And have never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
BY UNITED STATES MARINES.

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

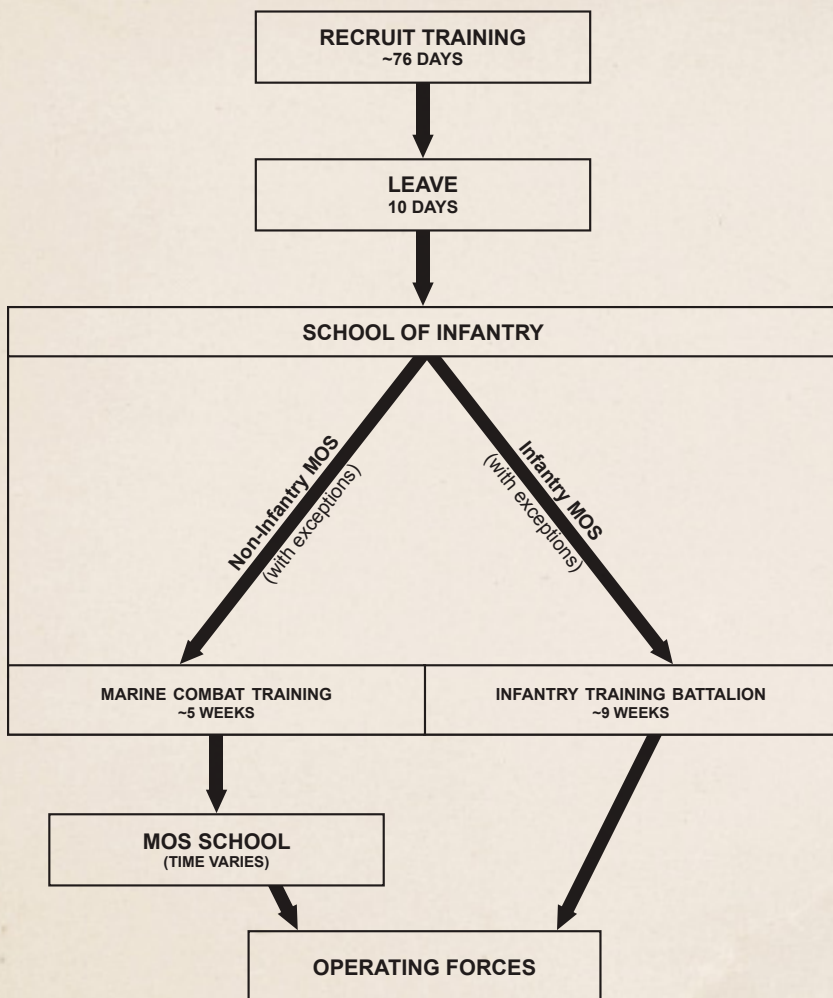
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself 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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