



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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“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

22 September 2023

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Colonel C. B. McArthur
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major D. L. Watts

1st Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel K. R. Sile
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major A. M. Tyler

Commander of Troops

Captain R. S. Jordan

Parade Adjutant

Captain A. C. Soto

Company “A”, 1st Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain R. S. Jordan
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant K. R. Freeman
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....First Lieutenant T. C. Garibay
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain G. D. Wilson
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant P. C. Fredrick
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant C. D. McGregor

Drill Masters

Gunnery Sergeant L. M. Hinton
Staff Sergeant R. W. McNew Jr.

Chaplain

Lieutenant K. V. Heitman

Color Guard

Sergeant S. N. Henriquez Sergeant S. T. Banuski
Sergeant J. G. Salvato Sergeant S. N. Gatling

PLATOON 1064

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. A. Kolb
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. M. Buchanan
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. Gonzalez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. J. Bidwell III
 HOMETOWN.....Ocala, FL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Delph

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC T. Manning IV (332)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt West
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt A. J. Griffin (583)

Pvt Abundio, R.	Pvt Hernandezsoto, R. A.	Pvt SmithMorgan, M. O.
Pvt Amaro, A. C.	Pvt Jenkins, K. E.	PFC Steadman, J. P.
Pvt Annis, C. P.	PFC Jenkins, K. E.	Pvt Thomas, M. L.
PFC Beck, T. G.	PFC Jensen, A. R.	Pvt Thornton, H. A.
Pvt BenítezHenriquez, C. A.	Pvt Keyes, T. A.	PFC Torres, B.
Pvt Bentley, E. P.	PFC Kirby, A. J.	Pvt ValenteCuevas, I. J.
PFC Bey, S. Q.	PFC Krile, G. A.	PFC Valladares, J. N.*
PFC Bidwell III, D. J.	PFC Leto, M. A.	PFC Wheeler, D. C.*
PFC Bieger, J. J.	Pvt Lucas, C. D.	PFC Whitaker, T. L.
Pvt Bishop, J. K.	PFC Lucas, J. G.	
PFC Bowens Jr., J. L.*	PFC Manning, T.*	
Pvt Brown, J. L.	PFC Marroquin, J. L.	
Pvt Campfield, P. S.	PFC McDuffie, M. Q.	
Pvt Cardenas, K. E.	Pvt McMinis, M. V.	
Pvt Carroll, M. J.	PFC Moore, D. D.	
Pvt ChavezHernandez, C. J.	PFC Mullen, J. P.	
Pvt Davison, E. M.	PFC Ngo, A. Q.	
PFC DeLoach, A. D.	PFC Nguyen, D. H.	
PFC Dominie, J. M.	Pvt Osbourne, D. A.	
Pvt Dube, A. J.	Pvt Owens, D. K.	
PFC Espinoza, E. R.	PFC Pate, K. F.	
PFC Faburay, S. A.	Pvt Pelletier, J. R.	
Pvt FigueroCuevas, Y. A.	PFC Phelps, M. Y.	
Pvt Flores, E. N.	PFC Pimentel, A. H.	
PFC Frasier, J. R.*	Pvt RayonCiprez, J. P.	
PFC Gardner, N. B.	PFC Revels, M. A.	
Pvt Garro, V.	Pvt Rivera, J. L.	
PFC Gregory, W. B.	Pvt Ruhlman, Z. T.	
Pvt Griffin, A. J.	Pvt Salgado, R.	
Pvt Gutierrezperalta, J.	PFC SantiagoRosario, D.	
PFC Hall, M. A.	Pvt SegoviaHernandez, R.	
Pvt Hanak, J. G.	Pvt Serrano, D. R.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 1065

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt H. J. Benjamin
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. E. Meier
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. L. Robbins



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC H. A. Snow
 HOMETOWN.....Eustis, FL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Smith
 PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....LCpl H. A. Snow (333)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Smoot
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC R. Cuesta (583)

Pvt Anderson, D. W.	PFC Lochmelendez, E. A.	PFC Velazquez, A. A.
Pvt Arriaga, B.	Pvt Louis Jr., J. J.	Pvt Vicenterenoj, B. H.
Pvt Baker, C. C.	Pvt Maingrette, K.	Pvt Wallace, H. C.
Pvt Baker, K. C.	Pvt Martinez, L. W.	Pvt Weiss, J. A.
Pvt Bates, J. A.	Pvt Martinez, N. B.	Pvt Wilson, D. A.
Pvt Beaver, A. C.	Pvt Mathis Jr., J. B.	PFC Winslow, H. B.
PFC Bryan, J. X.	Pvt McGinnis, D. J.	Pvt Wright, G. S.
Pvt Castillo, Y. Y.	PFC Miranda, D. M.	
PFC Colvinsahagian, M. T.	Pvt Moise, R.	
PFC Cruzpadilla, L. J.	Pvt Montoyacardona, K. O.	
PFC Cruzvargas, A. D.	Pvt Murch, R. L.	
PFC Cuesta, R. G.*	Pvt Peak, L. C.	
Pvt Derzia, R. A.	Pvt Peelmangray, E. M.	
PFC Dietz, D. Z.	Pvt Perezcastro, A. D.	
Pvt Dover, N. N.	Pvt Pleasant, J. A.	
Pvt Eison, O. P.	PFC Prella, C. G.	
Pvt Elkhiyari, E. A.	Pvt Quinn, E. D.	
Pvt Fitts, C. R.	Pvt Ramirezdelgado, D.	
PFC Gomez, J. L.	PFC Reed, E. A.	
PFC Gregory, T. G.*	PFC Reynolds, J. D.*	
PFC Hall, B. N.	Pvt Reynolds, K.	
Pvt Harden, D. J.	Pvt Roberts, P. D.	
Pvt Hattaway, C. Z.	PFC Robinson, L. K.	
PFC Hendricks, B. M.	Pvt Rondon, J. A.	
Pvt Hollow, H. A.	PFC Scotch, M. J.	
Pvt Jobe, N. W.	PFC Smart, C. A.	
Pvt Johnson, Q.	LCpl Snow, H. A.	
PFC Kemp, D. J.	Pvt Soto, C. A.	
PFC King, C. M.*	Pvt Soto, E. J.	
PFC Laureanorodriguez, N. A.	PFC Tomochak, B. T.*	
Pvt Lawrence, J. R.	PFC Torresgonzalez, J. I.	
PFC Lee, M. E.	Pvt Vaneman, C. R.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt I. H. Jenkins
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. R. Smith
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt L. A. Sivils



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC R. J. Kennedy
 HOMETOWN.....Ludlow, MA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Talley

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt G. M. Parker (338)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Rivas
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt S. Melendezvera (594)

Pvt Aloguin, S. R.	Pvt Kaulfers Jr., K. J.	PFC Vega, R. B.*
Pvt Baldwin, S. T.	Pvt Kelly, O. M.	PFC Webb, I. A.
Pvt Belloviveros, B. A.	PFC Kennedy, R. J.	Pvt Weintraub, K. A.
Pvt Blanchard, S. A.	Pvt Ketvirtis, R. J.	Pvt Weisenauer, L. J.
Pvt Brewster, J. J.	Pvt Lindsay, S. D.	Pvt Williams, T. D.
Pvt Carbajal, A. G.	Pvt Maximiek II, J. R.	
Pvt Casselberry, L. S.	Pvt Melendezvera, S.	
PFC Cerenzia, L. J.	Pvt Mselesio, J.	
PFC Cook, J. D.	Pvt Mercadohenriquez, J.	
Pvt Crosby, A. G.	PFC Middleton Jr., D. K.	
PFC Dejo, J. C.	Pvt Miller, J. A.	
Pvt Delude, M. T.	Pvt Mohamed, A. A.	
Pvt Diazmuniz, M. A.	Pvt Musgrove, L. H.	
PFC Dizon, J. A.	PFC Navaarista, J. D.	
Pvt Fernandezberlanga, J.	Pvt Ngansi, G. P.	
Pvt Feutz, T. B.	Pvt Onwenu, C. C.	
Pvt Fleming, S. D.	Pvt Parker, G. M.	
Pvt Garcia, J. E.	Pvt Parrett, N. K.	
PFC Gonzalezaleluya, B.	Pvt Pemberton, J. W.	
PFC Goodmandubon, C. W.*	Pvt Pena, N. N.	
PFC Gower, M. F.*	PFC Picard, M. G.	
Pvt Guillen Jr., G.	PFC Ramirezhernandez, L. L.	
Pvt Haines, K. E.	Pvt Rhodes, D. L.	
Pvt Hall, J. M.	Pvt Roberts, J. J.	
Pvt Harris, A. A.	Pvt Rodriguezcorrea, D. R.	
Pvt Hatton, J. T.	PFC Simmons, C. D.	
PFC Haynes, A. S.*	Pvt Smith, L. R.	
Pvt Hemphill III, R. E.	Pvt Souter, E. J.	
Pvt Hernandez, D. A.	PFC Strafella, C. A.	
Pvt Hernandez, R.	PFC Talbert, T. A.	
PFC Hickman, T. E.	Pvt Thibeault, T. S.	
Pvt Hill, L. M.	Pvt Torresbenites, U.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt M. Lopez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. A. AlShimmari
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt I. C. Taylor



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. A. Picerno
 HOMETOWN.....Johnston, RI
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Gonzalez

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. M. Coppolino (340)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Attard

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC I. N. Hafer (592)

Pvt Aguilar, B. W.	Pvt Galeasalvarez, J. J.	PFC Smith, S. J.
Pvt Allen, N. G.	Pvt Gorham, M. J.	Pvt Soth, R. S.
PFC Almon, A. C.	PFC Guaman, A. J.	PFC Strykeracosta, O. S.
Pvt Alvarado, B. J.	Pvt Guillory Jr., K. B.	Pvt Tekle, N. A.
Pvt Apontevez, E. N.	Pvt Guzdek, C. B.	PFC Thurman, J. R.
Pvt Armato, L. K.	PFC Hafer, I. N.	Pvt Witter, C. J.
Pvt Arriaza, J. Y.	Pvt Hafez, A. D.	Pvt Zaid, R. A.
Pvt Baezmota, E. R.	Pvt Hambrick, C. J.	
PFC Barksdale, J. T.	PFC Harrisgrier, Z. N.	
Pvt Beck, J. S.	Pvt Hartley, A. R.	
PFC Blaise, I.	Pvt Huff, G. D.	
PFC Blanco, M. J.	PFC Hughes, C. R.	
Pvt Booze, M. M.	PFC Lotak, J. E.	
PFC Borlace, A. D.*	PFC Massa, D. T.	
Pvt Brown, D. C.	PFC McFarlain, D. R.	
PFC Brownsworth, C. G.*	Pvt Meyers, L. D.	
PFC Camacholeon, B.	Pvt Motta, A. R.	
Pvt Carlton, P. R.	Pvt Munoz, J.	
Pvt Cassell, D. V.	Pvt Nash, C. A.	
PFC Castillo, J. J.	PFC Nivelon, A. S.	
Pvt Cauchi, L. E.	PFC Payne, K. B.	
Pvt Cespedespichardo, K.	PFC Pena, C. A.	
Pvt Clark, D. G.	Pvt Perkins, G. J.	
Pvt Cockfield, T. L.	PFC Picerno, M. A.*	
PFC Conde, M.	Pvt Prezagachupin, B. R.	
PFC Coppolino, D. M.	Pvt Qaisar, S. D.	
Pvt Deleon, C. J.	Pvt Rose, R. J.	
Pvt Douglas, B. D.	PFC Sanchez, J.*	
Pvt Earl, T. G.	PFC Sanders III, F. E.	
Pvt Estradahernandez, J. D.	Pvt Scolastico, D. N.	
PFC Flood, N. A.	Pvt Shannon Jr., T. M.	
PFC Fontenot Jr., D. J.	PFC Smith, K. T.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSSgt D. J. Hanson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. R. Martineau
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. R. Harvin IV
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. Wilson



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC L. J. Wieczorek
 HOMETOWN.....Lorrane, OH
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Waite

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC L. J. Wieczorek (339)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Gerth
 COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC L. J. Wieczorek (598)

PFC Albertson, N. T.	Pvt Jarama, A. J.
PFC Ansman, X. A. *	PFC Johnson, S. L.
PFC Asbury, D. J.	Pvt Kennard, L. A.
Pvt Bastien E. J.	Pvt Kern, K. S.
Pvt Baudetaranto, B. J.	PFC Kowalczyk, E. S.
Pvt Berg, L. M.	Pvt Krueger, R. H.
Pvt Bosaller, T. M.	PFC Langley, P. G.
Pvt Boursiquot, K. E.	Pvt Latham, C. L.
Pvt Bravonajera, Y. A.	PFC Longwell, M. D.
PFC Brown, J. L. *	PFC Martinez, I. C.
Pvt Carnathan, H. A.	Pvt Martinezvazquez, C.
PFC Chavez, B. H.	PFC Miller, E. L.
Pvt Chisholm, R. M.	Pvt Moore, K. C.
PFC Codianna, L. C.	PFC Morejon, M. A.
Pvt Dawson, S. J.	Pvt Myers, A. R.
PFC Duchi, L. G. *	Pvt Nichols G. D.
Pvt Frascaolla, M. J.	Pvt Noblitt, W. C.
PFC Funes, J. F.	Pvt Ozbolt, C. J.
Pvt Godfrey, E. M.	Pvt Pennell, J. T.
Pvt Graves, T. G.	PFC Pham, K. T.
PFC Hardin, I. T. *	Pvt Rios, C. G.
Pvt Harley, C.	Pvt Rojas, A. D.
Pvt Hathaway, D. J.	PFC Roper, C. H.
PFC Hedrick, N. A.	Pvt Sanchezrodriguez, C. Y.
Pvt Hernandezrojas, J. A.	PFC Sansoucic, D. L.
Pvt Hernandezsilva, I.	Pvt Saxby, R. A.
Pvt Hopkins, S. P.	PFC Sholtz, J. R.
Pvt Horner, A. O.	Pvt Spence, I. G.
Pvt Huston Jr., E. J.	Pvt Stathes, N. P.
Pvt Hutson, L. D.	Pvt Test, R. H.
Pvt Hynson, W. M.	PFC Tomao, K.
Pvt Iannacone III, J. M.	PFC Turner, K. D.

PFC Vega, J. A.
 PFC Wheeler, E. P.
 PFC Wieczorek, L. J. *
 Pvt Yoder, L. L.

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt J. F. FloresPerez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. A. Parke
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Lafrance
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. H. Whitaker



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC I. D. Isaacs
 HOMETOWN.....Shelbyville, KY
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Arone

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. I. Wilson II (342)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Wursta
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt S. A. Marroquin (587)

Pvt Anderson, J. E.	Pvt Martinez, M. J.	Pvt Vangestel, L. D.
Pvt Beard, E. A.	Pvt Martinezcampos, D.	Pvt Villarrubia, S.
Pvt Bista, P.	Pvt Martinezmarte, E.	Pvt Walsh, B. T.
Pvt Brandt, J. P.	PFC Mihalik IV, V. E.	Pvt Willis, R. J.
PFC Burnell, M. A.	PFC Mikus Jr., R. A.	PFC Wilson II, D. I.
Pvt Cargill Jr., D. A.	PFC Moen, T. R.*	Pvt Yeager Jr., K. L.
PFC Casteel, C. A.	Pvt Morcilla, E. G.	Pvt Zantowsky, K. V.
PFC Cavell, E. B.	Pvt Musanto, T.	
PFC Clifton, M. A.	Pvt Olszewski, C. E.	
PFC Devercelly, T. A.	Pvt Orozco, J. E.	
Pvt Doak, D. M.	Pvt Ortiz, S. B.	
PFC Downey, C. J.	PFC Osborne, D. J.	
Pvt Ford, A. D.	Pvt Ourobossi, J. R.	
PFC Gallo, I. J.*	Pvt Padgett, G. W.	
Pvt Goldsmith II, A. L.	Pvt Parke, C. J.	
Pvt Grover, K. N.	Pvt Pasquini, G. A.	
PFC Gunter, W. E.	PFC Pitts III, J. D.	
Pvt Heafer, C. E.	Pvt Poitras, C. R.	
Pvt Hill, G. A.	PFC Powell, D. A.	
PFC Hopper, P. A.	PFC Quinones, W. L.	
PFC Hunter, L. M.	PFC Rai, A.	
PFC Isaacs, D. J.	PFC Rebollo, G. G.	
PFC Jarrett, T. A.	Pvt Reyes, J. A.	
Pvt Johansen, R. S.	PFC Rogers, A. L.	
PFC Joseph, R. M.*	Pvt Rushizky, A. T.	
Pvt Klopstein, C. M.	Pvt Schlegel, G. B.	
Pvt Kretser Jr., M. A.	PFC Severino, K. L.*	
Pvt Leibold, D. J.	PFC Sevilla, S. S.	
Pvt Leonard, M. R.	Pvt Stevens, D. Z.	
Pvt Lowrance, S. J.	Pvt Tabana, R. M.	
Pvt Maddux Jr., W. M.	Pvt Talanca, L. I.	
PFC Marroquin, S. A.*	Pvt Tenelandalazo, M. A.	

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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

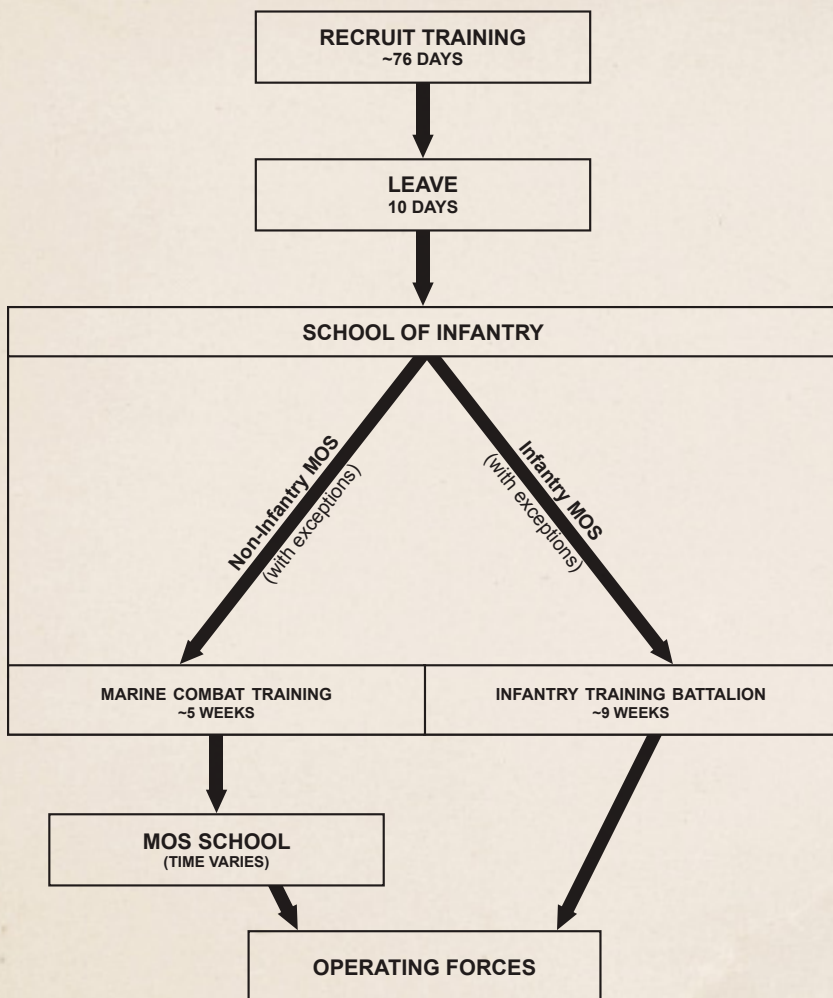
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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