



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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INVOCATION*

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COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

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RETIREMENT OF GUIDONS

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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

29 September 2023

Recruit Training Regiment

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

2nd Recruit Training Battalion

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

Commander of Troops

Captain A. S. Mertz

Parade Adjutant

Captain A. C. Soto

Company "E", 2nd Captain A. S. Mertz Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain A. S. Mertz
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant C. P. Callahan
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain H. Williams
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....First Lieutenant A. A. Paul
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant T. R. Patrick
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant M. J. Webb Jr.

Drill Masters

Gunnery Sergeant L. M. Hinton
Staff Sergeant M. M. Jordan

Chaplain

Lieutenant T. K. Lembo

Color Guard

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

PLATOON 2072

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt S. Plaskon
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt R. C. Kennedy
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. W. Sylvester



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC M. C. Miller
HOMETOWN.....	Myrtle Beach, SC
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Soliman Jr.

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC J. J. Graham (333)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Black

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC J. P. Hidalgovega (600)
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Pvt Baez, L. E.	Pvt Hahn, R. Z.	PFC Russo, J. R.
Pvt Barkley Jr., M.	Pvt Hall, M. I.	PFC Sacalxotcuc, C. A.
Pvt Barrera, A. J.	PFC Heyward, T. A.	Pvt Schoenheide, J. E.
Pvt Benitez, N. G.	PFC Hidalgovega, J. P.	Pvt Smith, C. A.
Pvt Brooks, X. L.	Pvt Hunt, D. G.	Pvt Smith, J. M.
PFC Bruton, Q. D.	Pvt Jacksonjones, D. M.	PFC Snelgrove, J. L.
Pvt Burch, P. J.	Pvt Jefferson, E. K.	PFC Sparrow, D. J.
Pvt Burkheimer, J. J.	Pvt Jones, T. K.	Pvt Suttle, N. A.
Pvt Capps, T. M.	Pvt Joseph, C. D.	Pvt Tibbetts, B. A.
Pvt Cardoza, L. A.	PFC Kelleh, M. K.*	PFC Trotty, J. M.*
Pvt Chavez, V. A.	Pvt Kthay, H.	Pvt Vargas, A. X.
PFC Chen, W.	PFC Lebron, F. D.	PFC Wallace, G.
Pvt Clarence, N. C.	Pvt Littlejohn, K. L.	Pvt Ward, M. A.
Pvt Colindres, D. N.	PFC Lloyd, W. N.	PFC Wilson, J. D.
Pvt Conde, J. D.	Pvt Lupu, A. C.	PFC Wilson, J. T.*
Pvt Cotten, J. C.	Pvt Marshall, Q. M.	PFC Winters, T. A.
Pvt Dalton, A. E.	PFC Martinezgomez, J.	PFC Wyatt, M. J.
PFC Darracott, J. D.*	PFC Matos, A. M.	PFC Yang, X.
Pvt Davenport, W. K.	PFC McCann, C. L.	PFC Yearicks, E. J.
Pvt Ellis, E. M.	PFC Miller, J. P.	
Pvt Eucedamaradiaga, E. G.	PFC Miller, M. C.	
Pvt Feldman, M. B.	PFC Morrissey, A. D.*	
PFC Fernandezterrones, M.	Pvt Murray, A. J.	
Pvt Flores, J. D.	Pvt Park, R. A.	
Pvt Garcialopez, A.	Pvt Paul, P.C.	
PFC Gayo, J. R.	PFC Ponzo, E. U.	
Pvt Gibson, R. L.	PFC Reed, S. E.*	
Pvt Goldstone, J. L.	Pvt Revels, D. J.	
Pvt Gonzalez Jr., A.	Pvt Roberts, H. J.	
Pvt Gotham, H. R.	Pvt Robles, N. A.	
PFC Graham, J. J.	Pvt Rodelomartinez, J. D.	
Pvt Guillcachafla, J.	Pvt Rudd, T. J.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2073

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. N. Green
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt V. C. Gonzalez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt D. Velazquez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt N. R. Camarena
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt R. Cervantespaz



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC S. Ossorio
HOMETOWN.....	Miami, FL
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Ossorio
PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC N. N. Lee (337)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Gerth

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	Pvt I. Escalantecandelario (587)
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PFC Albadri, N.	Pvt Hoye, M. J.	Pvt Shoup, S. M.
PFC Anderson, A. A.	PFC Hudson, J. K.	Pvt Smith, A. J.
Pvt Baeza, K. N.	Pvt Jones, M. B.	Pvt Smith, J. R.
Pvt Benitez, N. M.	PFC Jordan, A. K.	Pvt Smith, N. K.
Pvt Benitez, Y.	Pvt Kadariya, N.	Pvt Strickland, S. L.
Pvt Bible, K. C.	Pvt Keorajavongsay, M. K.	PFC Supensky, I. A.
PFC Borjagarcia, A.	PFC Laaz, N. C. *	PFC Tellez, V.
Pvt Carmonacruz, V. S.	Pvt Largo, D. A.	PFC Ventura, J. E.
Pvt Clark, K. A.	PFC Lee, N. N. *	Pvt Vieira, G. L.
Pvt Cubamartinez, M.	PFC Lee, P. D.	Pvt Villegaperez, K. X.
Pvt Dasher, B. A.	Pvt Llivicura, D. C.	PFC Williams, N.
Pvt Devine T. I.	PFC McCracken, H. J.	Pvt Willis, N. H.
Pvt Discua, S.	Pvt Montalvo, N. C.	Pvt Wolfe, I. W.
PFC Dominguez, J. J.	PFC Moralesrivadeneira, G. M.	Pvt Zimmerer, C. S.
Pvt Escalantecandelario, I.	Pvt Mueller, R. D.	
PFC Fermin, A. L.	PFC Naka, N.*	
Pvt Fincher, A. L.	PFC Newsome, A. V.	
Pvt Fleuricin, K. A.	PFC Nomura, N. H. *	
Pvt Flint, C. A.	PFC Oliveira, K. B.*	
Pvt Franks, H. A.	PFC Ossorio, S.	
PFC Fuentes, A. F.	Pvt Palestinoosorio, P.	
PFC Garciakayel, S. N.	PFC Palmer, K. N.	
Pvt Godwin, M. D.	PFC Pereznevarez, K.	
Pvt Hargrove, C. B.	PFC Phillips, S. M.	
PFC Harrison, P.	Pvt Porter, K. N.	
PFC Henao, G.	Pvt Rao, A. F.	
PFC Hernandez, C.*	Pvt Robinson, M. T.	
Pvt Hernandez, L.	Pvt Rodriguez, T.	
PFC Hernandeznava, G.	Pvt Rodriguezgalban, N.	
PFC Homer, D. B.	Pvt Rogers, H. N.	
PFC Horton, K. L.	Pvt Ruiz, J. M.	
Pvt Howell, M. F.	Pvt Seaberry, N. A.	

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PLATOON 2074

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt H. D. Kussman
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. Garcia
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. M. Perry



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC J. GutierrezSanchez
HOMETOWN.....	Miami Beach, FL
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Alexis

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC D. L. Barr III (339)
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MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Smoot
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PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC T. S. Winslow (598)
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PFC Abdalla, A. K.	PFC GutierrezSanchez, J.*	PFC Rodriguez, M. A.
PFC Adair, Jr., J. C.	Pvt Hardy, D. R.	Pvt Ruggiero, P. J.
Pvt Alexander, J. E.	Pvt Hartley, P. Z.	Pvt Ruiz Jr., J. D.
Pvt Ayala, T. E.	PFC Hill, A. S.	Pvt Rush, J. R.
PFC Barr III, D. L.	Pvt Hodges, K. J.	PFC SantosGutierrez, D. L.
Pvt Berry I. D.	Pvt Hook, C. M.	Pvt Shelburne, K. C.
Pvt Bivins Jr., T. A.	Pvt Howard, K. K.	Pvt Smith, M. A.
Pvt Blake, J. C.	PFC Jones, B. T. *	Pvt Song, Y.
Pvt Bledsoe, H. D.	Pvt Kelley, G. M.	Pvt Sum, K. L.
Pvt Brockman, K. C.	Pvt Kosko, C. M.	Pvt Taylor, K. W.
Pvt Brown, B. J.	Pvt LeeHardin, G. S.	Pvt Teague, J. H.
PFC Caballerorodriquez, B. A.*	Pvt LopezCastanon, O. E.	Pvt Thomas, Z. M.
Pvt CalixtoSanchez, J. B.	Pvt Maloney, G. S.	PFC Tinsley, T. E.
PFC Caron, R. D.	PFC Marcotte, A. M.	Pvt TorresDiaz, C. G.
PFC Carrion, O. L.*	Pvt MarteAtiles, A. Z.	PFC Trevvett, J. C.*
PFC CarvajalCartaya, D	Pvt Martin, D. J.	Pvt Truslow, G. A.
Pvt Chen, K.	PFC Martin, R. O.	Pvt Turner, C. E.
Pvt Conner, E. C.	PFC Mayes, Z. J.	Pvt Valdez, A. D.
PFC Cook, D. T.	Pvt McCallYerby J. T.	PFC ValesquezCruz, J. E.
PFC Costa, Z. J.	Pvt McCray, D. J.	Pvt Villalobos, N. M.
Pvt Dagley, J. C.	PFC Melton, C. W.	PFC Webster, M. T.
Pvt Davenport III, J. C.	Pvt MohammedAlmughariy, S. S	Pvt Williams, B. J.
PFC Davis, D. D.	Pvt Morrison, S. R.	PFC Winslow, T. S.
PFC Evans, C. J.	Pvt Mosley, J. D.	PFC Yetzer, V. E.
Pvt FloresCastellon, Y. I.	Pvt Ojeda, Jr., M. A.	
PFC Fowler, Z. L.*	Pvt PalmaHernandez, O.	
Pvt Frisby, J. I.	Pvt Penland, L. E.	
Pvt Gatlin, N. T.	Pvt Plank, I. L.	
Pvt Gonzalez, A. R.	Pvt Ponce Jr., A. T.	
PFC Gonzalez, Luis F	Pvt Records, A. J.	
PFC Green, C. R.	Pvt ReyesJiminez, D. K.	
PFC Guinyard, E. R.*	Pvt Rinaldi, K. J.	

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PLATOON 2076

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	GySgt C. R. Magdaleno
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. J. Legault
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt S. R. Strickland



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC X. A. Estrada
HOMETOWN.....	Clarksville, TN
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Given

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt M. T. Adkerson (334)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Westfelt

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	Pvt C. F. Wehr (596)
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Pvt Acostasamon, N. C.	Pvt Hennes, K. D.	PFC Reeves, J. M.
Pvt Adkerson, M. T.	Pvt Hockman, D. G.	Pvt Robers, A. G.
Pvt Alexander, K. T.	PFC Hudson, J. A.	Pvt Robinson III, S. M.
Pvt Antonopoulos, J. W.	PFC Jeanfrancois, M.	Pvt Satchell, O. R.
PFC Ascunce, R. C. *	Pvt Johnson, S. A.	PFC Schaal, C. T. *
Pvt Bankston, B. L.	Pvt Kellett, M. L.	PFC Smith, D. K. *
Pvt Barret, M. L.	Pvt Kohl, B. M.	PFC Snell, W. F.
Pvt Benjamin, J.	Pvt Li, J.	Pvt Tamang, U. N.
Pvt Brabrand, D. G.	Pvt Lillard, A. X.	Pvt Tha, S.
Pvt Chacon, A. A.	PFC Locascio, E. M.	PFC Thurson, D. R.
Pvt Checchia, N. K.	Pvt Madrid, J. J.	PFC Truong, V. N.
Pvt Childers, L. B.	Pvt Mangat, R. S.	Pvt Victor, M.
Pvt Davis, Z. I.	Pvt Manuel, L. L.	PFC Villalobos, G. A.
Pvt Davison, M. A.	Pvt Marceau, K. R.	Pvt Wehr, C. F.
Pvt Delacruzjimenez, J. R.	PFC McCloy, A. J.	Pvt Wehr, G. K.
Pvt Delafuentealvarez, J. J.	Pvt McCool, S. D.	Pvt Wehr, M. T.
PFC Demello, G. M.*	Pvt McCormick, T. E.	Pvt Wilburn, J. T.
Pvt Demello, J. M	Pvt McField, W. B.	PFC Wilkinson, L. M.
Pvt Deville, J. D.	Pvt McKinley, C. B.	
PFC Diegofrancisco, A. M.	Pvt McMillon, G. M.	
PFC Doyle, J. K. *	PFC Miller, B. F.	
PFC Estrada, X. A.	PFC Mitchell, D. T.	
PFC Felipe, F.*	Pvt Moreno, X. M.	
Pvt Ferguson, C. A.	Pvt Nix, J. E.	
Pvt Fuentesgaleno, S.	PFC Ocain, D. E.	
Pvt Furlonge, D. S.	Pvt Penton, C. G.	
Pvt Galva, J.	PFC Pierce, S. W.	
Pvt Gaspargarcia, O.	Pvt Pierre, K. O.	
Pvt Golding, C. R.	PFC Pillar I, V. D.	
Pvt Goodwin, N. D.	Pvt Quimiruesta, J. A.	
PFC Graham, B. R.	PFC Ramirez, K. J.	
PFC Harper, K. T.	PFC Ratliff, A. J.	

PLATOON 2077

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt D. S. Benevides Jr.
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. M. Sosa
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt C. P. Fournier



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC H. E. Williams III
HOMETOWN.....	Hattiesburg, MS
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Davis

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt B. Mirandarodriguez (338)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Poret

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC T. A. Drescher (577)
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Pvt Anderson, B. W.	Pvt Karaffa, A. D.	PFC Sanders, M. A.*
Pvt Anderson, N. T.	Pvt Karpovich, E. V.	Pvt Sandoval, D. A.
Pvt Appiahmends, E. K.	Pvt Ku, S.	PFC Santigoverde, E. M.
Pvt Beard, C. M.	Pvt Lake, T. R.	Pvt Santos, K. Y.
Pvt Bidwell, G. E.	Pvt Linaresguzman, F.	Pvt Scharon, A. E.
Pvt Black R. J.	Pvt Lopez, B. E.	PFC Sea, A. J.
Pvt Bloom, N. A.	Pvt Lopezbarrios, J. A.	Pvt Segoh, A. K.
Pvt Brack, G. P.	Pvt Marianoperez, B.	Pvt Sells, D. L.
PFC Brown, A. S.	Pvt Naquin, L. E.	Pvt Sema, E. A.*
Pvt Cabrera, J. J.	Pvt Marte, N. D.	Pvt Shoard, C. C.
PFC Campbell, R.C.*	PFC Maynard, A. J.*	Pvt Si, P.
Pvt Cardenas, G.	Pvt Meabon, H. D.	Pvt Siguencia, J. L.
PFC Carrigan, J. R.	Pvt Merritt, K. C.	Pvt Singh, C. D.
Pvt Clark, H. L.	Pvt Mirandarodriguez, B.	Pvt Smith, J. T.
Pvt Clark, J. D.	Pvt Moralesfernandez, A. R.	Pvt Stiles, J. C.
Pvt Crisler, C. D.	Pvt Morris, A. I.	Pvt Sturgeon, Z. J.
Pvt Cruz, Y.	Pvt Moyahernandez, J. J.	Pvt Thomas, Z. S.
Pvt Cruzmalmodovar, A. G.	Pvt Najera, L.	Pvt Uchofen Jr., C. A.
PFC Drescher, T. A.	PFC Naulagauri, N. A.	PFC Villa, A. M.
Pvt Elizalde, T.	Pvt Nicio, L. A.	Pvt Whitlock, D. J.
Pvt Fertsch, C. N.	Pvt Nyandemo, B. G.	Pvt Whitlow, J. J.
PFC Fields II, S. W.*	Pvt Orellanaguzman, C. J.	PFC Williams III, H. E.*
Pvt Galloway, B. W.	Pvt Palmer, N. C.	Pvt Winkler, M. L.
Pvt Gaumer, C. L.	Pvt Papelaucella, R. W.	
Pvt Gautam, Y.	Pvt Perry Jr., J. B.	
PFC Gomez, E. A.*	Pvt Phillips, T. A.	
PFC Gonzalez, J. R.	Pvt Polley, I. J.	
Pvt Gonzalezmaldonado, J	Pvt Reh, S.	
Pvt Hernandezromero, H. A.	Pvt Reyes, G. C.	
Pvt Herrarte, O. J.	Pvt Romeroloaza, J. A.	
Pvt Johnson, J. J.	Pvt Sallmen, P. T.	
Pvt Jones, A. S.	Pvt Sanchezbruno, G. J.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR SSgt B. D. Davis
DRILL INSTRUCTOR Sgt D. J. Scherwinski
DRILL INSTRUCTOR Sgt W. Thao



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE PFC L. N. Peterson
HOMETOWN Punxsutawney, PA
RECRUITED BY SSgt Gorby

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER Pvt A. M. Mason (338)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR Sgt Rivas

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT PFC B. Charles (571)

Pvt Aliceanieves, M. A.	Pvt Garner, N. A.	PFC Reyesguevara, R. *
Pvt Amadou, A.	Pvt Gilbert, D.	Pvt Reyeshernandez, E.
Pvt Andreasen, R. S.	Pvt Gonzalez Jr., J.	Pvt Riveramoran, C. J.
Pvt Arcelopez, M. Y.	Pvt Hallowell, A. J.	PFC Riveravega, E.
Pvt Aymanbetov, I.	PFC Haney, S. R.	PFC Rodriguezaldana, M. S. *
Pvt Balanzategui, R. S.	PFC Hernandez, J. F.	PFC Rowan, B. M. *
Pvt Brannon, D. A.	PFC Holt, C. T.	Pvt Rubio Jr., A. S.
Pvt Brockman, C. A.	Pvt Irons, J. L.	Pvt Russo, D. P.
Pvt Bronson, N. A.	Pvt Jackson, J. M.	Pvt Siakamidele, E. O.
Pvt Brown, N. W.	Pvt Jiang, E.	Pvt Spence Jr., G. M.
Pvt Bynumrobinson, R. E.	PFC Johnson, A. M. *	Pvt Tapia, N. M.
PFC Cajigasmanzano, O. E.	Pvt Jones, K. L.	Pvt Torres, L. D.
Pvt Camposmejia, O. A.	PFC Juanmateo, J. L.	PFC Tsepak, T.
PFC Charles, B.	PFC Kalikapersaud, D.	Pvt Vaivao, P. H.
Pvt Chyko, N. J.	Pvt Lopez, M. I.	PFC Venturaburgos, A. L.
Pvt Ciprianoprado, G.	Pvt Lopezperez, R.	PFC Walker Jr., J. C.
Pvt Corrice, T. J.	Pvt Lowe Jr., D.	Pvt Warmkessel, B. E.
Pvt Cunningham, K. M.	Pvt Mason, A. M.	Pvt Warner Jr., K. D.
PFC Danzi, R. *	PFC McDonald, C. J.	Pvt Weigel, D. A.
Pvt Deedler, N. T.	Pvt Meadows, H. S.	PFC Weiss, A. V.
Pvt Derr, K. G.	Pvt Molinamartinez, A. S.	PFC Young, M. A.
Pvt Dodd, O. D.	Pvt Molinary, N. D.	Pvt Young, S. T.
Pvt Dumfeh, H. A.	PFC Ospina, E.	
Pvt Eddelman, L. L.	Pvt Pacheco, X. Z.	
Pvt Evangelistapalafox, A.	Pvt Page, L. A.	
Pvt Falke, J. K.	PFC Peterson, L. N. *	
PFC Fisher, B.S.	Pvt Piedmonte, N. J.	
Pvt Flores, J. A.	Pvt Pierre, D.	
Pvt Foster, C. W.	PFC Podgorniak, D. R.	
Pvt Friebis, M. S.	Pvt Porter, D. L.	
Pvt Galloway, C. S.	Pvt Pozwick, O. D.	
PFC Garcia, J. X.	Pvt Raphael, F. K.	

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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

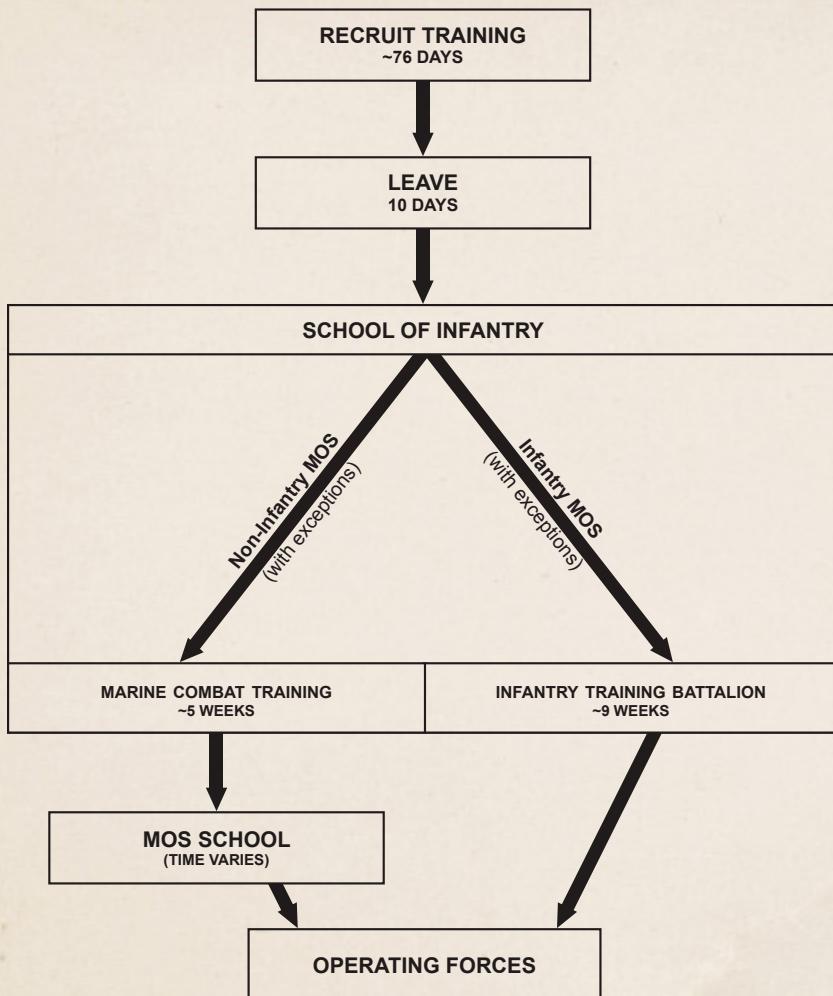
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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



Review photos from today's graduation at the official Parris Island Facebook page.
<http://www.facebook.com/ParrisIsland>

A blurred, out-of-focus photograph showing the backs of several Marine Corps recruits in dark uniforms with red piping and gold buttons, standing in formation.

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