



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

20 October 2023

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Colonel C. W. 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
First Sergeant Brian R. Dear

Parade Adjutant
Staff Sergeant Aaron C. Barnes

Company “F”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain D. R. Williams
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant B. R. Dear
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....First Lieutenant P. A. Beltran
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....First Lieutenant N. A. Ewing
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant J. S. Patterson
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant C. J. Haskins

Drill Masters
Gunnery Sergeant L. M. Hinton
Staff Sergeant R. J. Royer

Chaplain
Lieutenant L. Lembo

Color Guard
Sergeant Henriquez Sergeant Contreaus
Sergeant Barfour Sergeant Gatling

PLATOON 2080

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. N. Fox
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. D. Lovo
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. F. Sincavage



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. A. Myers
 HOMETOWN.....Myrtle Beach, SC
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Carranza

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC B. G. Rizzo (333)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Smoot
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC T. A. Myers (584)

Pvt Alvarezmarrero, R. D.
 Pvt Anglin, C. D.
 Pvt Barnes III, K. A.
 Pvt Betancourtamador, E.
 PFC Blackwell, J. R.
 Pvt Blake, B. K.
 Pvt Brooks, T. L.
 Pvt Cape, T. L.
 Pvt Clark, E. P.
 PFC Colonluyando, A. G.
 Pvt Cook, C. M.
 PFC Craft, B. S.
 Pvt Cristobaldonayre, A. J.
 Pvt Cross, J. A.
 PFC Dandy, E. A.
 PFC Doumar, B. W.
 Pvt Edwards, G. T.
 Pvt Ernst, A. P.
 Pvt Gage, J. B.
 Pvt Gantz, C. L.
 Pvt Garrett, S.
 Pvt Gordon, A. W.
 Pvt Green, M. L.
 Pvt Grey, M. E.
 Pvt Gutierrezalvarenga, J. G.
 Pvt Hudson IV, R. L.
 PFC Jacobsen, B. A.
 Pvt Jaurez II, J. J.
 Pvt Kelley, T. R.
 Pvt Kephart, S. H.
 PFC Krasnick, H. M.
 Pvt Lefler, J. M.

Pvt Lopez, J. R.
 PFC Malone, O. D.
 Pvt Marine, A. D.
 Pvt Martingarcia, J.
 PFC Miller, D. B.
 PFC Moore, A. H.
 Pvt Morales, A. A.
 PFC Morgan, N. S.
 PFC Motaminyety, E. M.
 *PFC Myers, T. A.
 Pvt Nicholas, A. R.
 PFC Oliver, K. R.
 Pvt Orr, J. D.
 Pvt Perezperez, R. F.
 PFC Pulley, J. S.
 Pvt Punter, J. N.
 Pvt Quashie, A. J.
 Pvt Rivera Jr., N.
 *PFC Rizzo, B. G.
 PFC Rohan, C. J.
 Pvt Rush, D. L.
 PFC Rye, C. B.
 PFC Sanchez, A. K.
 PFC Shea, Z. R.
 Pvt Sierra, D.
 Pvt Smith III, K. R.
 PFC Smith, N. G.
 PFC Sosa, S. M.
 PFC Stout, S. G.
 Pvt Teschemaker, K. R.
 PFC Tourville, K. J.
 Pvt Townes, K. C.

PFC Trollinger, E. J.
 *PFC Vaca, A. J.
 Pvt Vergarabarrrios, L. M.
 *PFC Vivas, N.
 Pvt Walker, G. S.
 Pvt Wilkie, P. A.
 Pvt Wilks, K. K.
 Pvt Williams, I. D.
 *PFC Winford, Z. C.
 PFC Woods, D. A.
 PFC Zhang, R.

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2081

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. O. Dean
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt I. L. Vannavong
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt I. E. Cruz



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC E. R. Santillan
 HOMETOWN.....Orlando, FL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Gomez

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. A. Hambrick (347)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Bradley
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. J. Alvarez (593)

Pvt Alt, D. A.	Pvt Huynh, J.	Pvt Suarezalmendares, J. D.
PFC Alvarez, J. J.	Pvt Irons, J. J.	PFC Thernka, J. J.
Pvt Antunescuevas, Y. A.	PFC Jackson, B. B.	Pvt Tobin, S. D.
Pvt Arbour, T. J.	Pvt Jenkins, K. E.	PFC Vela Jr., O.
PFC Arreguin, C. A.	Pvt Johnson, N. M.	Pvt Waggener, T. E.
PFC Baena, S. A.	Pvt Jones, C. H.	*PFC Whitaker, D. L.
Pvt Bailey, D. K.	Pvt Kilgore, B. T.	PFC Williams, S. J.
Pvt Bailey, R. J.	Pvt Leon, N. X.	Pvt Young, C. N.
Pvt Baker, S. L.	Pvt Madden, H. A.	
PFC Barthelus, B.	Pvt Marotta, V. H.	
PFC Beydler, B. L.	Pvt Martinezlopez, A. G.	
Pvt Blair, I. J.	*PFC Mazzie, G. P.	
Pvt Bocanerga, A.	PFC Miller, C. D.	
Pvt Borraz, D.	Pvt Myles, Q. D.	
Pvt Brewer, T. H.	*PFC Nichols, T. L.	
PFC Bridgewater, C. M.	Pvt Overman, C. M.	
Pvt Brito, D. M.	Pvt Ponceponce, G.	
Pvt Brooke, N. C.	PFC Ramostorres, A.	
Pvt Burgosrivera, J. L.	PFC Reyesvillanueva, M. A.	
Pvt Byers, X. B.	Pvt Robledo, B.	
*PFC Carter, A. M.	PFC Rogers, B. S.	
PFC Casanova, C. O.	Pvt Romero, J. C.	
Pvt Cate, N. A.	Pvt Rowland, J. A.	
Pvt Chaveste, E.	Pvt Russell, J. J.	
Pvt Compere, M. D.	PFC Samler, J. H.	
PFC Cox, W. L.	PFC Santillan, E. R.	
Pvt Dougherty, I. W.	Pvt Schloemer, E. A.	
Pvt Drinkard, C. B.	*PFC Skelton, B. J.	
Pvt Flecha, M. A.	Pvt Soto Jr., A.	
Pvt Fordham, Z. I.	PFC Sotoangeles, J.	
Pvt Hambrick, J. A.	PFC Spinoso, A. M.	
Pvt Hottum, J. X.	*PFC Strates, S. A.	

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PLATOON 2082

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T.K. Youngblood
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. C. Chestnut II
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. K. Ridener



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. B Codair
 HOMETOWN.....West Newbury, MA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Crudup

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC L. R. Donnelly (340)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Rivas

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. Z. James (594)

Pvt Abreu, V. A.
 PFC Acostamohedano, J.
 Pvt Arroyavegil, J. C.
 Pvt Ayala, J. E.
 PFC Beard, C. T.
 PFC Brantley, R. T.
 PFC Brimfield, K. M.
 Pvt Cadet, Y. D.
 Pvt Cancino, A.
 PFC Caraballo, G.
 Pvt Carroll, J. M.
 *PFC Codair, J. B.
 Pvt Cortez, I. B.
 Pvt Costa, X. J.
 Pvt Cruz, E.
 Pvt Cruz, R. J.
 Pvt Csano, B. V.
 PFC Decree Jr., C. D.
 Pvt Destine, C.
 Pvt Diaz, J. D.
 Pvt Dion, C. L.
 *PFC Donnelly, L. R.
 Pvt Echavarrialeonardo, E. J.
 Pvt Fordhernandez, C. T.
 Pvt Foskett, A. D.
 Pvt Gately II, R. W.
 Pvt Germain, B. A.
 Pvt Gomez, J. E.
 Pvt Gottler, E. C.
 Pvt Howell, J. L.
 PFC Jiang, S.
 Pvt Kaczmarczyk, D. M.

Pvt Kim, W.
 *PFC Koutoulas, K. P.
 Pvt Kwok, T. J.
 Pvt Leboeuf Jr., S. M.
 Pvt Li, D.
 Pvt Lopezperez, F.
 PFC Manzo, M. J.
 Pvt Marrerofalero, E. J.
 Pvt May, P. F.
 Pvt Mayancela, S. J.
 Pvt McDermott, L. T.
 Pvt McNamara, L. H.
 Pvt Ortiz, J. A.
 Pvt Pachecogonzalez, J. A.
 Pvt Pearson, J. J.
 Pvt Pigeon, N. M.
 Pvt Pinachacon, D. A.
 Pvt Pineo, E. R.
 PFC Powell, O. D.
 PFC Ricard, H. A.
 PFC Riveryperez, J. C.
 *PFC Robinson, R. B.
 PFC Roblerogonzalez, E.
 PFC Rogan, K. E.
 Pvt Romero, A. M.
 PFC Rosalesborges, H. J.
 PFC Rundle, J. M.
 PFC Salasnieves, L. M.
 Pvt Salva, Z. O.
 Pvt Sanders, T. L.
 Pvt Serrano, R. J.
 Pvt Simmons, D. M.

PFC Sims Jr., E. E.
 Pvt Stratton, R. D.
 Pvt Strickland, P. N.
 *PFC Thompson, J. K.
 PFC Tovargonzalez, J. L.
 PFC Ward, G. M.
 PFC Wheatley, B. A.
 Pvt Wynn, J. K.

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PLATOON 2084

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. J. Clemente
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Kahl
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. A. Cammon



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC L. M. Lipari
 HOMETOWN.....Jackson, NJ
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Lundgren

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt A. R. Navasquevedo (338)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Westfelt

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC Lipari, L. M. (596)

Pvt Acevedomendez, K. U.	Pvt Hobbs, D. J.	Pvt Shaw, A. J.
Pvt Alvarez, S. J.	*PFC Howe, J.	Pvt Sheridan, I. J.
Pvt Arteagabernal, A. R.	PFC Huddleston II, D. J.	Pvt Simmons, L. J.
Pvt Barajas, J.	Pvt Hull, A. A.	Pvt Spangle, B. S.
Pvt Belfore, A. M.	Pvt Jackson, C. D.	PFC Taylor, A. R.
Pvt Blose, L. A.	PFC Jackson, J. D.	Pvt Tijerino, J. J.
Pvt Brayman, J. I.	Pvt Keen, A. M.	Pvt Tuttle, B. C.
PFC Brown, D. E.	Pvt Lemasters, A. M.	Pvt Williams, J. D.
Pvt Charles, G.	*PFC Lipari, L. M.	Pvt Williams, R. K.
Pvt Cooper, C. A.	PFC Long, A. V.	
Pvt Cox Jr., T. D.	Pvt Martinez, C. R.	
Pvt Criley, N.	Pvt Matte, J. P.	
PFC Cuevasjose, G. E.	Pvt Mickey, K. A.	
Pvt Cyrus II, J. D.	*PFC Miller, J. F.	
Pvt Davis, K. I.	Pvt Moore, A. L.	
Pvt Demarcus, N. J.	Pvt Morales, H. R.	
Pvt Diazdiaz, C. G.	Pvt Moralescastro, T. S.	
Pvt Diazdominguez, S.	Pvt Morochobuestan, S. G.	
PFC Evans, J. B.	*PFC Museau, M.	
Pvt Fofana, Z. I.	Pvt Navasquevedo, A. R.	
Pvt Fowler, T. D.	Pvt Nguyen, H. T.	
*PFC Gallardo, J. C.	Pvt Pino, A. J.	
Pvt Gibbons, B. C.	Pvt Ramirez, J.	
Pvt Gidley, N.	Pvt Ray, T. W.	
Pvt Gonzalez, J. S.	Pvt Reyes, D.	
Pvt Gordube, J. R.	Pvt Ricketts, B. K.	
Pvt Gow, T. M.	Pvt Roth, M. S.	
Pvt Grady, J. T.	Pvt Ruffin, C. J.	
Pvt Gray III, L. G.	Pvt Sanders, J. A.	
Pvt Hanney, J. D.	Pvt Sanner, R. W.	
Pvt Harney, D. A.	PFC Santiago, D. M.	
Pvt Highfill, J. D.	PFC Santos, A.	

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PLATOON 2085

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. A. Higdon
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. A. Ragland
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. W. Wooten



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC C. M. Maynard Jr.
 HOMETOWN.....Wrentham, MA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Tuilliger

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt M. L. Jimersonocasio (343)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Jaimnez

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC D. T. Wooten (600)

PFC Adesope, O. P.	*PFC Hamann, L. R.	Pvt Suggs II, R. E.
PFC Alcorn, C. J.	Pvt Harris, J. A.	PFC Sulzner, D. C.
Pvt Alexander, E. L.	Pvt Hills, D. J.	PFC Tang, M.
PFC Alvarezvacadiez, M. A.	Pvt Hively, W. J.	PFC Thorp, M. A.
Pvt Audet, J. C.	PFC Javier, T.	*PFC Vandreamel, N. R.
Pvt Barrueta, E.	Pvt Jimersonocasio, M. L.	Pvt Vantassel, J. C.
Pvt Boschert, C. J.	PFC Katinszky, Z. N.	PFC Wentworth, J. O.
Pvt Bridgers, F. J.	PFC Kelly, T. A.	Pvt Winn, K. B.
Pvt Brooks, S. B.	Pvt King, W. P.	Pvt Withers, K. J.
Pvt Buckley, T. A.	Pvt Larue, J. T.	*PFC Wooten, D. T.
Pvt Burrel, T. R.	Pvt Lorenzomoraes, A.	Pvt Zeng, Y.
PFC Cart, D. M.	*PFC Maynard Jr., C. M.	
Pvt Castillo, R.	Pvt McDowell, O. A.	
PFC Chapman Jr., A. O.	Pvt McMillon, D. J.	
PFC Chen, D.	Pvt Miller, H. K.	
Pvt Cover, T. L.	Pvt Miller, K. G.	
Pvt Dale, D. W.	PFC Moralesespana, D.	
Pvt Diaz, A. A.	Pvt Nguyen, A. D.	
Pvt Doughty, T. J.	Pvt Obrien, R. L.	
Pvt Duffy IV, J. C.	Pvt Paetzold, J. R.	
Pvt Farnsworth, J. A.	*PFC Parker, A. V.	
Pvt Farr Jr., P. A.	Pvt Perez, M. G.	
Pvt Fontenot, S. J.	PFC Pridgen, C. Z.	
*PFC Franco, J. D.	PFC Proulx, N. D.	
Pvt Fugate, P. C.	Pvt Redding, J. S.	
PFC Galarzamercao, E. J.	Pvt Ruiz, C. L.	
PFC Giroux, R. S.	Pvt Saterstad, N. D.	
Pvt Gonzalezmoraes, J. E.	Pvt Sheaf, M. T.	
PFC Gorman, K. J.	PFC Soles, R. G.	
Pvt Grant, D. P.	Pvt Sprowl, H. R.	
Pvt Grau, E. L.	Pvt Steele, J. W.	
Pvt Guevara, A. C.	Pvt Strawser Jr., K. D.	

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PLATOON 2086

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. H. Rosado
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. Set
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. E. Means
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. J. Terruso



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T.A. Klafter
 HOMETOWN.....Avon, CT
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Santos

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC R. S. Burdian (339)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Matlocke

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC A.S. Benites (568)

Pvt Bailey, E. J.
 Pvt Barragan, Y.
 *PFC Benites, A. S.
 Pvt Bethune, R. K.
 PFC Bogiatto, L.
 Pvt Brammer, A. E.
 PFC Burdian, R. S.
 Pvt Cabrera, C. M.
 PFC Cardona, C. P.
 Pvt Cardoso, D.
 Pvt Carino Jr., N. J.
 Pvt Carlson, C. A.
 Pvt Carson, J. R.
 Pvt Chaney, A. M.
 PFC Churchill, J. L.
 Pvt Clemmer, M. E.
 PFC Conrad, D. P.
 Pvt Costanzo, E. J.
 Pvt Crain, C. W.
 Pvt Cunningham, L. M.
 Pvt Cuzco, J. D.
 PFC Davis, B. A.
 Pvt Davis, C. E.
 Pvt Delgadoperez, A.
 PFC Ding, G.
 Pvt Doubleday, A. J.
 Pvt Dow, J. A.
 Pvt Frost, D. G.
 Pvt Fuentes, A. D.
 PFC Gallegos, J.
 Pvt Garciaavega, I.
 Pvt Hartsough, O. W.

PFC Heyward, I. R.
 PFC Hooker, D. R.
 *PFC Janiszewski, L. I.
 Pvt Kelly, J. D.
 *PFC Klafter, T. A.
 Pvt Knott, C. W.
 PFC Lee, K. R.
 Pvt Long, N. H.
 *PFC Lucious, J. C.
 Pvt Matarivas, A. E.
 PFC Mateoandres, J.
 Pvt McConnell, J. R.
 PFC McGovern, L. J.
 PFC McNair, T. J.
 Pvt McQuirt, P. L.
 PFC Migueltorres, K. A.
 Pvt Miller III, B. P.
 Pvt Morriale, A. J.
 PFC Mosley, S. A.
 PFC Orourke, P. J.
 PFC Patgonzalez, L. M.
 Pvt Penamendoza, C.
 Pvt Petrik, J. C.
 Pvt Peyregne, C. L.
 Pvt Raugh, T. J.
 Pvt Rivera, D. I.
 Pvt Roberts, S. A.
 Pvt Rodriguez, A.
 Pvt Rontal, R. J.
 Pvt Roundtree Jr., J. R.
 Pvt Slye, C. J.
 Pvt Smith, M. D.

Pvt Sosa, S.
 PFC Strain, B. E.
 PFC Strong III, J. D.
 *PFC Swingle, N. W.
 Pvt Tucker, D.
 Pvt Westbrook IV, W. H.
 PFC Woodall, D. P.
 Pvt Yates, C. M.



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

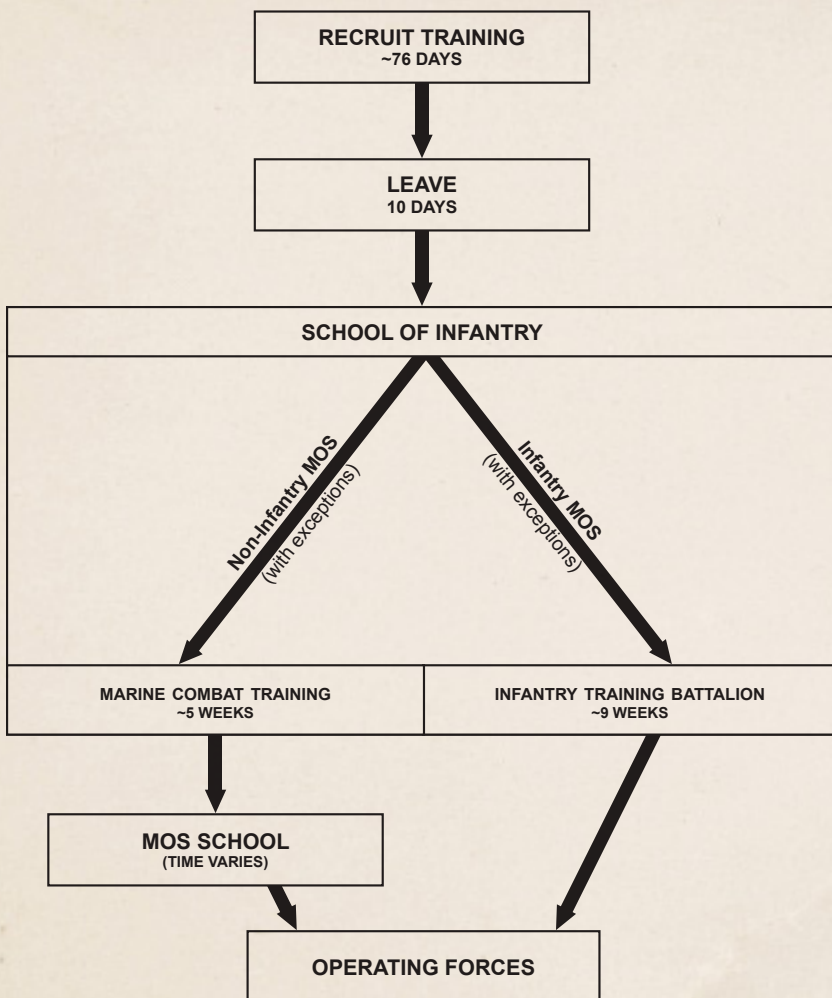
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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