



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.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

INVOCATION*

SOUND ATTENTION

ADJUTANT'S CALL

MARCH ON OF TROOPS

*NATIONAL ANTHEM**

SOUND OFF

REPORT — PUBLISH THE ORDER

OFFICERS' CENTER

COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

PASS IN REVIEW

RETIREMENT OF GUIDONS

INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

*MARINES' HYMN**

FINAL DISMISSAL

*PLEASE RISE



"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 December 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

Captain D. P. Krueger

Parade Adjutant

Captain G. F. Tankersley

Company “D”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain D. P. Krueger
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant S. E. Buckom
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....First Lieutenant J. DeVries
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain C. F. Bellistri
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant G. L. Echevarria
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant J. E. Burris, Jr.

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant R. J. Royer

Chaplain

Lieutenant L. Lembo

Color Guard

Sergeant S. N. Gatlin	Sergeant N. Henriquez
Sergeant C. Contreras	Sergeant E. K. Baafuor

PLATOON 1088

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSSgt J. M. Smith
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. S. Campbell
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. K. Bemiss



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. G. Couluris
 HOMETOWN.....Dix Hills, NY
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Calderon

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC W. J. Vallediaz (344)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Bradley

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC R. E. Quintero (587)

Pvt Agyeman, A. D.	Pvt Hodgson, A. I.
Pvt Ahmed, M.	Pvt Iaukea, A. K.
Pvt Alarcon, V.	PFC Imbus, B. J.
Pvt Alvarado, J. A.	Pvt Jenkins, K. T.
Pvt Amadis, R. A.	PFC Johnson, K. S.
PFC Arthur, H. J.	Pvt Martinez, S. G.
Pvt Avila, J. B.	Pvt Mathis, K. R.
Pvt Avilaavila, J. I.	Pvt McFarlain, T. L.
Pvt Barton, T. D.	Pvt Midgette III, G. T.
Pvt Bayer, A. J.	Pvt Moore, J. C.
Pvt Black, S. C.	Pvt Musgrove Jr, R. A.
Pvt Brinson, C. H.	Pvt Oaks, J. H.
Pvt Cardona, S.	Pvt Palmer, J. J.
Pvt Carson, X. D.	Pvt Perezvelasquez, C.
PFC Cassidy, C. M.	PFC Quintero, R. E. *
Pvt Chen, Z.	Pvt Robinson, W. A.
Pvt Clemens, N. S.	PFC Rodriguezpadilla, C. J.
Pvt Colchero, Y. A.	Pvt Singh, A. A.
PFC Couluris, T. G.	Pvt Somoye, I. M.
Pvt Devariste, M.	Pvt Thomas, J. A.
Pvt Diallo, M.	PFC Trovato, S. L.
Pvt Enderlinbhulai, C. A.	Pvt Vail, M. A.
PFC Enriquez, J. A.	PFC Vallediaz, W. J.
Pvt Felts, D. A.	PFC Walizer, R. P.
Pvt Figueroarivera, C. J.	Pvt West, G. L.
Pvt Francois, I. E.	Pvt Whitfield, W. D.
PFC Fuller, P. T.	Pvt Williams, D. J.
PFC Ganskow, S. R.	Pvt Woodward, D. L.
Pvt Gonzalezmartinez, A.	Pvt Zayas, J. R.
PFC Grace, J. T. *	
PFC Hernandez Jr, T. R.	
Pvt Hizam, S. M.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. Mateocauch
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. Vila
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. D. Rocha
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. I. Saavedra
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. M. Espitia



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC K. R. Bailey
 HOMETOWN.....Richmond, VA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Wilkerson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. T. Dean (337)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Gerth

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCK R. Bailey (590)

PFC Afonso, C. R.	Pvt Paucar, Y. M.
Pvt Aguilar, M.	PFC Peart, T. B.
PFC Bailey, K. R.	Pvt PedrozaCruz, C. E.
Pvt Braxter, M. A.	PFC Penick, E. M.
PFC Brock, M. N.	Pvt Portal, M. A.
Pvt Brown, A. L.	Pvt Puri, S.
PFC Cabrera, N. P. *	Pvt Randolph, B. J.
Pvt Chattman, D. A.	PFC Reynolds, G. A. *
Pvt Colburn, L. N.	Pvt Rizvi, S. S.
PFC Colta, S.	PFC Robles, E. J.
PFC Dean, T. D. *	Pvt Rodriguez, J. N.
Pvt Diciesare, J. K.	PFC RodriguezMorales, N. I.
PFC Douglas, G. Z.	Pvt Rosell, B. L.
Pvt Fulkerson, K. A.	PFC SalgadoVera, M.
Pvt Garcia, K. N.	PFC Shade, J. R.
Pvt Grippon, M.T.	Pvt Singh, S.
Pvt Hernandez, A. J.	PFC Stanley, M. J.
PFC HidalgoMenjivar, K. Y.	PFC Suvorina, S.
Pvt Juanacio, D. N.	Pvt Tello, C.
Pvt Kearney, J. M.	Pvt Tullier, C. E.
PFC Ledwa, E. L.	Pvt Weiss, B. A.
PFC Lovejoy, C. A.	PFC White, G. H.
Pvt Marte, C.	PFC Yarn, M. A.
Pvt Matthews, Z.	
Pvt May, L. N.	
Pvt McKnight, P. L.	
PFC MendozaSauder, E. B. *	
Pvt Mills, E. C.	
Pvt Newvine, A. M.	
Pvt OrdonezLucio, S. A.	
PFC Orsolini, C. A. *	
Pvt Par, Z.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt F. M. Wiersteiner
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. Grajales
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. C. Duval
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Delvalle



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. A. Howe
 HOMETOWN.....Winter Garden, FL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Garcia

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt A. M. Mann(331)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Attard

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC T. V. Wyatt (584)

Pvt Allington, G. R.	Pvt Mann, A. M.	PFC Wyatt, T. V. *
Pvt Aspiazufrancisco, J. D.	Pvt McClure Jr., C. T.	
Pvt Banton, G. J.	PFC McGuffie, C. R.	
PFC Beamon, K. A.	Pvt Morin, K. A.	
Pvt Billingsley, S. M.	Pvt Murphy, N. J.	
Pvt Boadu, G.	Pvt Nieves, G.	
Pvt Brooks, R. T.	Pvt Novosel, I. A.	
Pvt Burton, W. L.	PFC Orr, W. V. *	
Pvt Cabreracordova, J. B.	Pvt Pankey, M. C.	
Pvt Calkins, T. M.	Pvt Patton, D. J.	
Pvt Carson, B. J.	Pvt Pinedaduarte, R.	
PFC Castellanos, B. F.	PFC Powell, B. J.	
Pvt Chhun, L. L.	Pvt Renteriazamarripa, A.	
Pvt Corcino Jr., L. O.	Pvt Roberts, P. J.	
Pvt Deleonbatista, H. W.	Pvt Rodriguez, A. M.	
PFC Dutton, C. A.	Pvt Romeroflores, E.	
Pvt Faour III, D. M.	Pvt Romerosalmeron, K. A.	
PFC Gass, J. C.	Pvt Sampson, T. N.	
Pvt Gonzalez, A. J.	PFC Sancheznarvaez, J. S.	
Pvt Grady, C. W.	Pvt Santiagofeliciano, C. G.	
PFC Gray, N. C.	Pvt Sapir, S.	
Pvt Haynes, C. L.	Pvt Savage, E. G.	
Pvt Henriquez, F. S.	Pvt Shepard, D. A.	
PFC Hood, J. A.	Pvt Streadwick, J. E.	
PFC Howe, J. A.	Pvt Stvil, D. A.	
Pvt Inwang, M.	Pvt Tran, B. G.	
Pvt Istre, M. C.	Pvt Twine, J. L.	
Pvt Jackson, C. D.	PFC Valentin, E. M. *	
Pvt Johnson, C. B.	PFC Villarcordovi, H. *	
Pvt Jones, J. C.	Pvt Volant, O.	
Pvt Keene, J. J.	Pvt Warren, A. T.	
PFC Kocher, B. A. *	Pvt Wilson, M. I.	

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PLATOON 1092

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSgt R. J. Colón
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. L. Humphrey
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt P. Roman



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC K. J. Ruiz
 HOMETOWN.....Somerdale, NJ
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Primus

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt H. M. Wells (337)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Rivas

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCT M. Larocque (587)

Pvt Auld, E. M.	Pvt Livingstone, J. E.
Pvt Bacon, B. J.	PFC Lopez, A. N.*
Pvt Balcacerurena, J. A.	Pvt Lopez, B.
Pvt Barrera, J. M.	PFC Maceachern, X. E.
Pvt Bervish, G. B.	Pvt Malec, S. J.
PFC Betancourtrodriguez, R.	PFC Malik, A. I.
Pvt Blodgett, R. A.	Pvt Mercedaviles, A. G.
Pvt Brennan, K. P.	Pvt Modlin, L. A.
Pvt Colindresmoncada, E. Y.	Pvt Namboodiri, A. G.
Pvt Colon, J. A.	Pvt Noe, E. C.
PFC Dodson, A. J.*	PFC Orlando, N. J.
PFC Duran, D. J.	Pvt Perez, J. A.
PFC Echenique, F. A.	Pvt Pierre, J. H.
Pvt Echeverria, A. A.	PFC Quezadaregalado, J. R.
PFC Estrada Jr., M. T.	Pvt Rodrigues, D.
Pvt Evans, C. M.	PFC Rosado, J. M.*
PFC Fondaco, G. R.	PFC Ruiz, K. J. *
Pvt Garber, A. N.	PFC Smalley Jr., K. B.
Pvt Gomez, J. C.	Pvt Snyder, C. J.
Pvt Gonzabaycastillo, C. J.	PFC Tatum, Q.S.*
Pvt Grifo, L. E.	Pvt Thomasewing, J. M.
PFC Guaman, A. J.	Pvt Urbanski, N. A.
Pvt Hadjaramas, J. G.	Pvt Vargas Jr., D.
Pvt Haughton, J. N.	Pvt Vereen, J. E.
Pvt Hayden, T. P.	Pvt Walters, B. D.
Pvt Hernandezsecundino, D.	Pvt Ward, T. M.
Pvt Htun, Z. M.	Pvt Wells, H. M.
Pvt Huynh, T. K.	Pvt Wheeler, K. G.
Pvt Kipp IV, G. C.	Pvt White, K. A.
PFC Larocque, T. M.	PFC Williams, K. K.
Pvt Lawrence, D. W.	Pvt Yarworth, S. C.
Pvt Lenox, J. C.	Pvt Zepeda, C.

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. D. Fry
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. W. Navaro
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt X. J. Francisco



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. E. Brigham
 HOMETOWN.....Spring Hill, TN
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt McCoppin

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC N. P. Austero(336)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Matlock
 COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC G. G. Yuhas(595)

PFC Adams, A. E.	Pvt Lima, J. R.
Pvt Alvarezmolero, K. X.	Pvt Louismarc, M. L.
PFC Austero, N. P.	Pvt McEachron, J. D.
Pvt Bainer, H. A.	Pvt Medina, J. M.
PFC Beach, P. A.	Pvt Medrano, A. M.
Pvt Bebe, M.	Pvt Merino, M. D.
Pvt Belliveau, M. J.	Pvt Mills, E. R.
PFC Brigham, J. E. *	Pvt Murphy, D. F.
Pvt Caimi, J. W.	Pvt Nguyen, A. L.
Pvt Calderon, G.	Pvt Nudds, B. L.
Pvt Clark, M. F.	Pvt Oliva, J. A.
PFC Coe, A. M.	Pvt Orellanamartinez, D. A.
Pvt Conn, J. A.	Pvt Ortiz, J. J.
Pvt Croft, C. X.	PFC Ortizjimenez, D
Pvt Crossley, J. W.	PFC Pelletier, P. J.
Pvt Cruzmartinez, F. D.	Pvt Perez, C. J.
Pvt DeJesus Cirino, L. J.	Pvt Perloff, J. T.
PFC Duranphommasy, A. J.	Pvt Phelps, C. M.
Pvt Fernanders, C. B.	PFC Puljanowski, L. M.
PFC Fulenchek, G. J.	PFC Rojo, N. J.
PFC Guerin, X. J.	PFC Salas, T.
PFC Hartwell, T. J. *	Pvt Sanchezmedina, D. M.
Pvt Htet, Z	Pvt Smith, C. D.
PFC Ivery, T. O. *	Pvt Sorisgarcia, Y. A.
Pvt Jones, R. E.	PFC Tansey, Z. J.
Pvt Jones, T. M.	Pvt Taylor, K. F.
PFC Judge, J. P. *	Pvt Ullonmatto, D. A.
PFC Kelsangdorjee, F.	Pvt Urban, N. A.
Pvt Kirchgessner, T. J.	Pvt Vazquezbonilla, G.
Pvt Lacayo, D. S.	PFC Welsh, D. T.
Pvt Lee, S.	PFC Yuhas, G. G. *
PFC Lemoine, C. P.	PFC Zempoaltecatlgarcia, J. C.

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. D. Murguia
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. R. Fulbrook
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. C. Rosario



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC P.Q. Fong
 HOMETOWN.....Lutherville, MD
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Daley

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt C. D. Stone Jr.(337)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Berry

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCA. Muneton-Restrepo(576)

PFC Andrew, N. F.	PFC Moore, D. S.
Pvt Armstrong, A. M.	Pvt Moore, J.
PFC Batista, A. M.	Pvt Morales, N. J.
Pvt Brackin, C. W.	PFC Muneton-Restrepo, A.
Pvt Campbell, B. R.	Pvt Nickson, A. M.
Pvt Castillo, C. J.	Pvt Nowak, L. H.
Pvt Coreas, D. A.	PFC Oliva, Jeremy A.
Pvt Deacon, J. L.	Pvt Olivacastillo, M. J.
Pvt Dean III, R. E.	Pvt Olivarescruz, M. S.
Pvt Dejesusclemente, C. O.	Pvt Pease, M. J.
Pvt Doss, J. M.	Pvt Pierre, E.
Pvt Dunn, S. A.	Pvt Roddenberry, J. D.
PFC Espinal, Y. A.	PFC Rodriguez, C.
Pvt Espinozaxolapa, A.	Pvt Rojasbatista, A.
Pvt Florescastaneda, A. F.	Pvt Rojasestela, A. G.
PFC Fong, P. Q.	PFC Sanders, L. L.
PFC Ford Jr., J. P.	Pvt Scherer, J. C.
Pvt Genaoperez, J. L.	Pvt Schultz, T. M.
Pvt Godly, G. P.	PFC Senior, J. L.
Pvt Godwin, B. G.	Pvt Shubert, J. D.
Pvt Griffiths, W. A.	Pvt Sirmans, M. J.
PFC Hernandez, D. A.	Pvt Small, G. K.
PFC Howard, C. D.	Pvt Sorto, J. P.
Pvt Jaggernaut, C. C.	Pvt Stone Jr., C. D.
Pvt Jaranieves, I. A.	Pvt Strouse, D. J.
Pvt Jimenezruiz, J. A.	Pvt Sylfrard, W.
Pvt Kampeshi, C.	Pvt Thomas Jr., F. L.
Pvt Kolet, A. J.	Pvt Torres Jr., M. P.
Pvt Kuzmin, N.	Pvt Tremblay, A. D.
PFC Limonrodriguez, Y.	Pvt White, J. A.
Pvt Luisortiz, A.	
Pvt McElrath, F. B.	

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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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