



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

9 November 2023

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Colonel C. W. 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
First Sergeant R. G. Deyo

Parade Adjutant
Gunnery Sergeant P. M. Thompson

Company “C”, 1st Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain D. R. Lastra
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant R. G. Deyo
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain B. S. Paris
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain N. J. Busalacchi
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant K. A. Strom
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant C. B. Wadding

Drill Masters
Gunnery Sergeant L. M. Hinton
Staff Sergeant I. D. ColonDominguez

Chaplain
Lieutenant K. Heitman, USN

Color Guard
Sergeant Henriquez Sergeant Contreras
Sergeant Baafuor Sergeant Gatling

PLATOON 1080

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. D. Cochran
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. K. Franklin-Reece
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Runion



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC G. J. Jolicoeur
 HOMETOWN.....Maysville, NC
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Pullman

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt C. J. Rosariocaraballo (342)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Westfelt
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt S. A. Horvath (587)

Pvt Alcazarcortes, J.	Pvt Lefler, L. A.
Pvt Alexander, C. J.	Pvt Lopez, M. A.
Pvt Alvarado, K. R.	PFC Markwald, J. E.
Pvt Anderson, A. M.	PFC McKibben, D. M.
Pvt Baker, C. A.	Pvt McNickles, J. K.
PFC Baptista, T. M.	Pvt Mealor, L. R.
Pvt Bennet, C. A.	PFC Morenovillatoro, J. J.
Pvt Bond, J. N.	Pvt Morgan, Z. J.
PFC Bookal, D. M.	Pvt Morriston, G. D.
Pvt Braddy, P. E.	Pvt Nasholds, W. R.
PFC Bradshaw, J. J.	PFC Owensby, M. D.
PFC Capps, D. J.*	Pvt Perez, E. W.
Pvt Castromartinez, L. A.	Pvt Powers, M. C.
PFC Chambers, E. M.	Pvt Ramsey, S. J.
Pvt Charles, D. J.	Pvt Ritschard, C. S.
Pvt Chartrand, C. M.	Pvt Rosariocaraballo, C. J.
PFC Chiverton, J. A.	Pvt Salazar, D. A.
PFC Diaz Jr., E.	PFC Stillman, Q. J.*
PFC Haifley, C. Z.*	PFC Tomlinson, M. R.
PFC Hall, E. C.*	Pvt Townes, L. D.
Pvt Hall, J. J.	Pvt Velasquez E. C.
Pvt Hall, N. M.	Pvt Wenzel, Z. J.
Pvt Hancock, H. G.	Pvt West, D. E.
Pvt Herrera, M.	Pvt Wright, D. B.
PFC Hicks, J. L.	Pvt Zablocki, B. T.
Pvt Horvath, S. A.	
Pvt Jarama, J. P.	
PFC Jolicoeur, G. J.*	
PFC Jordan, T. S.	
Pvt Kinlecheenie, R. C.	
Pvt Lambert, M. J.	
Pvt Lee, S. N.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 1081

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. B. Serquina
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. V. Garcia
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. R. Smithers



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. L. Zissette
 HOMETOWN.....Aiken, SC
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Giannelloni

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC A. J. Miller (341)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Thomas

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt A. D. Morancastellanos (580)

Pvt Abreucamilo, R. G.	Pvt James, J. D.	Pvt White, K. D.
Pvt Alicea, M. I.	Pvt Jensen, J. L.	PFC Wild, S. M.*
Pvt Antoniosandoval, D.	Pvt Joseph, K.	Pvt Williams, E. B.
Pvt Auguste, J. A.	Pvt Kuhn, S.	Pvt Windham, D. S.
Pvt Ayala, A. J.	Pvt Lapka, J. R.	Pvt Yisrael, E. M.
PFC Bainbridge, B. J.	Pvt Louis, K. E.	Pvt Zammass, Z. M.
PFC Bixby, M. J.*	Pvt Mankin, R. B.	PFC Zissette, M. L.*
Pvt Boley, T. D.	Pvt Martin, T. J.	
Pvt Bravomolina, B. D.	Pvt McWhorter, T. C.	
Pvt Brown, J. P.	Pvt Miller, A. J.	
Pvt Cabrera, A. M.	Pvt Morales, F. A.	
Pvt Caldwell, J. J.	Pvt Morancastellanos, A. D.	
Pvt Castaneda, C. A.	Pvt Myers, M. O.	
Pvt Cepero, C. J.	PFC Norton, T. J.	
PFC Chavez, R.	Pvt Ochoa, M. S.	
Pvt Clay, J. D.	PFC Ortizperalta, J. J.	
PFC Colwell, S. C.	PFC Peterson, J. R.	
Pvt Coster, N. A.	PFC Plumb, W. Z.*	
Pvt Craig, J. M.*	Pvt Powell, A. J.	
Pvt Deleon, X. J.	PFC Quinones, N. J.	
Pvt Delgado, A. L.	Pvt Reeder, D. B.	
PFC Desmond, N. J.	Pvt Reid, A. G.	
PFC Devoid, E. M.	PFC Reinert, P. J.*	
Pvt Garcia, L. F.	Pvt Romanski, R. J.	
Pvt Gladstein, J. C.	PFC Rosalesparra, C.	
Pvt Griffin, C. E.	Pvt Rozell, E. C.	
PFC Hathaway, B. V.	PFC Smith, J. J.	
Pvt Herbert, D. A.	PFC Steely, A. W.	
Pvt Hernandez, E. M.	Pvt Sumner, E. N.	
Pvt Hubbard, K. N.	Pvt Thomas, J. A.	
PFC Hughes, D. H.	Pvt Villanueva, A. K.	
Pvt Inserra, A. J.	Pvt Watkins, L. E.	

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PLATOON 1082

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt G. A. Ford
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. W. Hopwood
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. T. Dombrosky
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. J. Mahone



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. G. Lumpkins
 HOMETOWN.....Dyersburg, TN
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Suda

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt P. A. Noguehernandez (338)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Mattock

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt S. J. Beaulieu (583)

PFC Ahir, M. J.	Pvt Marin, D.
PFC Baker, J. H.	PFC Marreroplaza, L. G.
Pvt Barber, C. D.	Pvt McCarthy, J. P.
Pvt Beaulieu, S. J.	Pvt Mongo, S. A.
Pvt Blanco, A.	PFC Morris, C. R.
Pvt Camara, F. A.	Pvt Morris, Q. Z.
Pvt Charles, K. A.	Pvt Ngendahakunze, H.
Pvt Chomat, S.	Pvt Nichols, D. T.
Pvt Clements, A. T.	Pvt Nipp, B. A.
PFC Delgado, A.	Pvt Noguehernandez, P. A.
Pvt Dequesada, R.	Pvt Obrien, S. D.
Pvt Enriquez, S.	Pvt Olson, J. E.
Pvt Farney, T. D.	Pvt Ortegar Garcia, J.
Pvt Fitzgerald, H. E.	Pvt Perezmartinez, S. P.
Pvt Fitzgerald, J. J.	PFC Ping, E. J.
Pvt Foley, B. E.	Pvt Pooler, C. D.
PFC Francis, C. W.	Pvt Riley, A. R.
Pvt Fraser, D. J.	Pvt Rivera, J. A.
Pvt Gomez, G.	Pvt Robert, T. X.
PFC Gonzales III, R.	Pvt Salter, G. W.
Pvt Goodlow, J. P.	PFC Schmidt, N. B.
Pvt Grosser, T. J.	PFC Smith, S. A.
Pvt Grullonnunez, J. E.	Pvt Spencer, A. N.
Pvt Hoban, D. A.	PFC Stack, M. M.
PFC Johnston, C. L.	PFC Stephenson, J.
Pvt Kamara, E. J.	Pvt Tolley, H. R.
PFC Labbe, S. E.	Pvt Torres, J.
Pvt Lachenman, J. L.	Pvt Turbinunez, J.
Pvt Lancelot, E. R.	Pvt Urena, E. F.
Pvt Lazo, I. O.	Pvt Usmanov, T.
PFC Louisjeune, D.	Pvt Ward, S. T.
PFC Lumpkins, A. G.*	PFC Webb, S. A.

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PLATOON 1084

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. R. Nichols
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. D. Mckie
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. C. Mcguigan



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC Z. M. Knechtly
 HOMETOWN.....Winchester, OH
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Miller

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC F. J. Flannery (349)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Jimenez

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC A. K. Abdallah (583)

Pvt Abdallah, A. K.*	Pvt Knechtly, Z. M.*	Pvt Velasquezmendez, D. S.
Pvt Addison, A. V.	Pvt Lane, J. A.	PFC Villangca, D. L.
PFC Alley, J. R.	PFC Layer, C. D.	Pvt Williams, H. G.
Pvt Antunovic, Z. S.	Pvt Lazar, B. J.	Pvt Willis, A. K.
Pvt Billeaudeau, V. E.	PFC Lejune, J. E.	Pvt Woodfill, S. W.
PFC Bouchard, J. S.	PFC Lewandowski, A. G.	Pvt Yanoff, A. T.
Pvt Bryant, J. J.	Pvt Lewis, R. I.	
Pvt Bullardquinones, M. S.	Pvt Losardobernard, M.	
Pvt Camardelle, L. M.	Pvt Lotempio, B. D.	
Pvt Carcione, D. M.	Pvt Maleski, B.	
Pvt Castanedabelloso, R. A.	Pvt Maples, C. T.	
PFC Couey, A. R.	Pvt Martinezcortes, J.	
Pvt Darby, A. J.	Pvt Mortonwebb, X.	
Pvt Fernandez, E.	PFC Mungin, Z. N.	
Pvt Flannery, F. J.*	Pvt Negus, R. P.	
Pvt Flores Jr., M. D.*	Pvt Oats, D. M.	
Pvt Flores, T. C.	PFC Ojo, F. I.	
Pvt Gehret, M. A.	Pvt Ortizescalante, J.	
Pvt Gravley, P. E.	PFC Owens, W. J.	
Pvt Greene, E. M.	Pvt Parham, L. Y.*	
Pvt Grove, C. J.*	Pvt Rachal, D. J.	
Pvt Harmon, T. J.	Pvt Richards, G. W.	
Pvt Hobbs, H. C.	PFC Rivera, A. E.	
Pvt Hoffman, D. C.	Pvt Santiagocappiello, R. G.	
Pvt Hood, M. D.	Pvt Sewell, H. C.	
PFC Hudson, A. J.	PFC Smith, A. T.	
Pvt Jackson, C. R.	PFC Snellings, N. S.	
PFC Jefferson, J. L.	Pvt Soledadtlapanco, C.	
Pvt Justice, G. T.	PFC Star, K. C.	
PFC Kaiser, R. A.	Pvt Stephenson, D. M.	
Pvt King, I. A.	PFC Torres, A.	
Pvt Kirk, B. S.	Pvt Tritt, J. M.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. G. Rodriguez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. G. Oliver
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. M. Richters



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. X. Wilson
 HOMETOWN.....Grovetown, GA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Lupyak

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC B. A. Cinetti (343)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Bradley
 COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC S. L. Smith (600)

Pvt Abdelmonem, A. A.	Pvt Kirsch, A. R.	Pvt Vertiz, A.
Pvt Afanador, B. L.	Pvt Kisner, L. J.	Pvt Wahman, J. M.
Pvt Affronte, S. M.	Pvt Ko, C. L.	Pvt Walker, A. M.
Pvt Alberts, J. L.	Pvt Koehler, R. C.	Pvt Waters, J. A.
Pvt Aracena, A. M.	Pvt Lausantos, J.	PFC Wilson, A. X.*
Pvt Benson, C. A.	Pvt Lhuillier, L. A.	Pvt Zhu, R.
Pvt Bibaraoalcala, W. M.	Pvt Long, T. A.	
Pvt Bisnett, M. A.	Pvt Looney, C. A.	
Pvt Boylan, B. J.	Pvt Lopez, E. D.	
PFC Brito, B. V.	Pvt Lopez, S.	
Pvt Cinetti, B. A.	Pvt Lopezramos, J. M.	
PFC Civil, R. Z.*	Pvt Lowry, J. S.	
Pvt Codoceo, S. B.	Pvt Lunaluna, R. D.	
Pvt Cook, B. W.	Pvt Martinez, E.	
PFC Cortesdiaz, A. J.	Pvt Mendezvivero, E.	
Pvt Edenfield, A. A.	PFC Mize, C. J.	
Pvt Felton, A. K.	Pvt Mojica, C. M.	
Pvt Floresmeza, M. A.	Pvt Mushat, J. D.	
Pvt Foss, M. I.	Pvt Nelson, D. L.	
PFC Fromm, O. J.	PFC Nelson, G. B.	
Pvt Gaetelecerf, L.	Pvt Orellana Jr., R.	
PFC Garcia, J. A.	Pvt Peek, S. M.	
Pvt Gideon, R.	Pvt Pinto, E. M.	
Pvt Glenn, V. C.	PFC Sanchez, A. R.	
Pvt Glommeau, N. G.	PFC Sealock, J. D.	
PFC Glover, A. J.	PFC Simsic, Q. C.	
Pvt Gonzalezmorales, N.	PFC Smith, S. L.*	
Pvt Hagan, J. M.	PFC Stellwagen, S. R.	
Pvt Howard, J. W.	Pvt Stoecker, I. R.	
PFC Humphrey, R. J.*	Pvt Stumberg, S. R.	
Pvt Irons, J. G.	PFC Thomas, D. W.*	
PFC Kelly, J. J.*	PFC Tinelli, T. A.*	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. M. Ryner
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. D. Buczkowski III
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. A. Farias



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. R. Schutty
 HOMETOWN.....Woodstock, MD
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Anderson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC T. S. Francois (339)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Attard

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt W. B. Rountree (600)

Pvt Almeida, A. W.	Pvt Jordan, I. J.	Pvt Timberlake, T. J.
PFC Ansari, B. A. *	Pvt Kocaj, F.	Pvt Tuttle, C. D.
Pvt Antwi, A. K.	Pvt Lauver, T. R.	PFC Vasquez, H. C.
Pvt Bailey, G. A.	Pvt Lazogualpa, J. A.	PFC Wheeler, M. A. *
PFC Bartlet, J. M.	Pvt Lee, J. A.	
Pvt Bent, J. S.	Pvt Leongarcia, M. O.	
PFC Boyer, C. J. *	Pvt Lookshin, J. M.	
Pvt Ceballo, J. J.	PFC Maldonadopizarro, M. A. *	
Pvt Celayamora, K. H.	Pvt Marrero, L. N.	
Pvt Celayaroman, A.	Pvt Mattox, G. P.	
Pvt Cheung, T. N.	Pvt McDonald, N. U.	
Pvt Christian, D. C.	Pvt McFall, T. K.	
Pvt Claveau, E. R.	PFC McNameebeltran, A. J. *	
Pvt Davila, M. G.	Pvt Morgan, G. M.	
PFC Delgado, J. A.	PFC Murillo, A. J.	
PFC Diaz, D. A.	Pvt Napier, C. W.	
PFC Dunn, J. R.	Pvt Neal, S. Z.	
Pvt Ellis, R. J.	Pvt Pastore, K. X.	
Pvt Fang, A.	Pvt Pearson, A. C.	
Pvt Ferry, A. K.	Pvt Perez, E. M.	
Pvt Finnerty, R. C.	PFC Prester, S. M. *	
PFC Folmer, D. J.	Pvt Reuben, L. P.	
Pvt Francois, T. S.	Pvt Rigerman, H. A.	
Pvt Garciasosa, S.	Pvt Riveranazario, J. J.	
Pvt Gray, J. M.	Pvt Ross, C. A.	
Pvt Hamill, R. J.	Pvt Ross, W. R.	
PFC Hernandez, J. B.	PFC Rountree, W. B.	
Pvt Hopkins, L. T.	PFC Schutty, J. R.	
Pvt Hudson, A. K.	PFC Snowden, A. N.	
Pvt Ieva, C. P.	Pvt Stachowiak, R. M.	
Pvt Jackson, C. E.	Pvt Taverne, O. M.	
PFC Johnson Jr., N.	PFC Teixeira, M. S.	

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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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