



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

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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

8 December 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

Captain S. Z. Sheikh

Parade Adjutant

Captain G. A. Hubble

Company “H”, 1st Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain S. Z. Sheikh
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....Gunnery Sergeant S. B. Ingram
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....First Lieutenant I. M. Killeen
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain R. D. Ziolkowski
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant W. K. Olkeriil
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant S. J. Gutzan

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant E. B. Owrey
Staff Sergeant I. D. ColonDominguez

Chaplain

Lieutenant K. Heitman, USN

Color Guard

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

PLATOON 2104

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. B. Winebright
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. J. Frometabetances
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. L. Russell



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC G. J. Streeter
 HOMETOWN.....Andover, MA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Lasco

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt T. R. Hicks (339)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Bradley

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt Greenfield W. C. (582)

PFC Antunez, G. D.	Pvt Herrerarodriguez, V.	Pvt Tran, S. G.
Pvt Aquinovalcarcel, J. E.	Pvt Hicks, T. R.	Pvt Verne, G. S.
Pvt Atkins, T.	Pvt Ives, J. R.	Pvt Williams, J. C.
Pvt Auxford, A. L.	Pvt Ivey, A. H.	
Pvt Beaulieu, T. J.	Pvt Jackowski Jr., J. E.	
Pvt Begic, N. M.	Pvt Johnson, M. J.	
Pvt Bell, K. D.	Pvt King, T. J.	
Pvt Bradley V, F. E.	Pvt Kong, W. D.	
Pvt Brown, D. C.	Pvt Labghaly, Y. D.	
Pvt Byers, X. B.	Pvt Lampert, A. M.	
PFC Calixtro, J. K.	Pvt Lausier, A. J.	
Pvt Castroaguirre, M. A.	Pvt Logan, A. H.	
Pvt Chancey Jr., D. J.	PFC Lowe, J. E.*	
Pvt Church, C. M.	Pvt Lucas, W. J.	
Pvt Clark, M. D.	PFC McCullough, S. K.	
PFC Coles, D. P.*	PFC McFate, B. A.	
Pvt Davis, E. J.	Pvt McNiel, K. I.	
Pvt Elbrecht, E. L.	PFC Orozco, E. A.	
Pvt Evans, D. A.	Pvt Owens, W. G.	
PFC Fierro, J. J.	PFC Parker Jr., R. S.	
Pvt Fischesser, J. L.	Pvt Peterson, I. L.	
PFC Fitzpatrick, G. R.	Pvt Powell, B. M.	
Pvt Fiveash, C. B.	PFC Ramirez, E. G.	
Pvt Flores, J. D.	Pvt Riofrioroque, D. A.	
PFC Fonseca, M. P.	PFC Rosso, R. T.*	
Pvt Forcucci, E. D.	Pvt Santiago, V. J.	
Pvt Francis, J. B.	Pvt Santos, D. E.	
PFC Fulton, D. A.*	Pvt Sevilla, C.	
Pvt Gascoigne II, S. M	Pvt Shaw, B. R.	
Pvt Greenfield, W. C.	Pvt Shepherd, T. C.	
Pvt Hanshaw, M. L.	PFC Streeter, G. J.*	
Pvt Hernandezramirez, V. M.	Pvt Taylor, S. L.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2105

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSSgt S. J. Dotson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. E. Mazariego
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. T. Scherwinski
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. M. Harris
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. F. Lemaster
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. BautistaQuezada



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. O. Barr
HOMETOWN.....Savannah, GA
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Fico

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt L.B. Alvarezgrimaldo (331)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Gerth

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC R. A. Dudley (570)

Pvt Akerele, G. K.	Pvt Nonette, D. R.
Pvt Alonso, S. I.	PFC Oukfrripp, K. T.
Pvt Alvarezgrimaldo, L. B.	PFC Patrocinoaybar, C. C.
PFC Barr, A. O.*	Pvt Pereira, P. K.
Pvt Bond, A. M.	PFC Pereztorres, J.
Pvt Caranguilliguicota, I. A.	PFC Prince, H. I.
PFC Carvajalangerita, L. Y.*	Pvt Ramos, A. M.
PFC Colonrodriguez, Y. M.	Pvt Riveramarin, D.
PFC Colta, S.	Pvt Robinson, B. A.
PFC Covington, T. M.	PFC Ruggiero, S. S.*
Pvt Cunningham, R. D.	PFC Stanley, M. J.
Pvt Dejesuscastillo, N.	PFC Sotelotorres, K.
PFC Dominguezreyes, A.	PFC Uribe, A.
Pvt Dossantos, G.	Pvt Vera, S.
PFC Dudley, R. A.*	Pvt Waleed, S. M.
Pvt Fernandez, M.	Pvt Walker, A. N.
Pvt Garciacabana, M. A.	PFC Weber, F.A.*
PFC Gills, N. G.	Pvt Young, K. G
PFC Habicrivera, M. E.	
Pvt Harmon, K. N.	
Pvt Jackson, C. A.	
PFC Jappa, K. N.	
Pvt Jenkins, K. N.	
PFC Johnson, L. A.	
Pvt Kendall, K. A.	
Pvt Lamour, S.	
Pvt Lewis, P. K.	
Pvt Lunavargas, F. N.	
Pvt Martinezarteaga, A.	
PFC Mata, A. M.	
PFC McGlothen, A. M.	
Pvt Moreno, M. A.	

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PLATOON 2106

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. A. ValentineWilliams
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt L. J. Gaines Jr.
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. D. Tranum



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. D. Friday
 HOMETOWN.....Roanoke, VA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Lacheros

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt C. P. Flannery (335)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Barry

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC S. H. Rauch (594)

PFC Alexander, S. E.	PFC Khdaidi, A. *	PFC Weaver, I. A. *
Pvt Armstrong, N. C.	PFC Lacouture, G. A.	Pvt Whitesell, A. W.
PFC Aronow, S. J.	Pvt Light, I. T.	Pvt Woody, B. J.
Pvt Batista, J. J.	Pvt Loja, A. S.	
Pvt Benitezmartinez, M. O.	Pvt Lopez, M. P.	
PFC Bolding, M. T.	PFC Mackprentice, J. D. *	
Pvt Book, K. M.	PFC Mahle, A. J.	
Pvt Briggs, W. M.	Pvt Marotta, M. J.	
Pvt Brown, K. D.	Pvt Martinez, Z. A.	
Pvt Bush, T. A.	Pvt Mathews, T. M.	
Pvt Byrne, R. P.	Pvt Maturo, A. W.	
Pvt Chrzanowski, T. J.	Pvt Mazack, Z. M.	
Pvt Clendaniel, R. G.	Pvt McCarty, C. M.	
Pvt Coley, J. A.	Pvt Mejiabaez Sr., Y. O.	
Pvt Covert, K. A.	Pvt Noel, C. M.	
PFC Craven, T. Q.	Pvt Orozcodiaz, E.	
Pvt Dawley, M. L.	Pvt Palacios Jr., F.	
Pvt Delgado Jr., E. F.	Pvt Paulino, R. E.	
Pvt Englertadevedo, E. J.	PFC Rauch, S. H. *	
Pvt Evans, M. R.	Pvt Reyes, K. O.	
Pvt Flannery, C. P.	Pvt Riddick, A. K.	
Pvt Foraker, D. G.	Pvt Riverasantana, A. N.	
PFC Friday, J. D.	PFC Rubio, D. A.	
Pvt Goff, T. N.	Pvt Salg, M. F.	
Pvt Goodwin, C. J.	PFC Shammana, Y. I.	
Pvt Green, J. W.	Pvt Sweigart, G. P.	
Pvt Henry, I. J.	PFC Sydenstricker, A. J. *	
PFC Honsberger, G. O.	PFC Teuchtler, I. T.	
Pvt Horton, E. S.	PFC Townsley, C. T.	
Pvt Iadonisi, G. U.	Pvt Uzhcaremache, J. K.	
Pvt Jackson, A. K.	Pvt Vernet, D.	
Pvt Joseph, J.	Pvt Waters, J. S.	

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PLATOON 2108

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSSgt J. Bautista
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. A. Miller
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. M. Southerland



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC C. M. Perry
 HOMETOWN.....Remington, VA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Pearson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC I. P. Robertson (335)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Wursta

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. A. Diaz (597)

PFC Albino Jr., F. D.*	Pvt Lamond, M. D.	Pvt Thomasvenegas, J. C.
Pvt Arcuri, S. D.	Pvt Lewis, N. S.	Pvt Vieau, M. D.
Pvt Attalla, Y.	Pvt Lindor, N. N.	PFC Wells, J. C.
Pvt Bittar, N. J.	Pvt Luisgarcia, S.	
Pvt Bowen, A. C.	Pvt Mandzii, V.	
Pvt Brown, T. R.	Pvt Mason, R. C.	
Pvt Chavesramos, I. N.	Pvt Mendozamartinez, E. M.	
Pvt Cheek, T. W.	Pvt Mesidor, D.	
Pvt Cortes, N. I.	Pvt Moles, K. T.	
Pvt Couture, J. O.	PFC Mulder, D. M.	
Pvt Cuyagoharo, B. A.	Pvt Napolitano, I. T.	
PFC Davis, E. N.	Pvt Nicholson, K. M.	
Pvt Dayman, J. W.	Pvt Pavon, M. E.	
PFC Diaz, J. A.*	PFC Paz, C.	
Pvt Frierson, N. E.	Pvt Peltier, A. G.	
Pvt Fulton, G. D.	PFC Perry, C. M.	
Pvt Garciacuevas, L. D.	PFC Posey, C. J.*	
Pvt Garciamorales, D. H.	Pvt Ramirez, J. A.	
PFC Gardner, R. T.*	Pvt Ramosorellana, N. D.	
Pvt Gomes, D. O.	Pvt Randant, W. L.	
Pvt Guldner, Z. F.	Pvt Rastetter, C. J.	
Pvt Guzman, A.	Pvt Ribeirosilva, A. G.	
Pvt Henderson, M. M.	Pvt Rivas Jr., D. E.	
Pvt Hueca, A. R.	Pvt Riveralopez, G. M.	
Pvt Jeffries, D. M.	PFC Robertson, I. P.*	
Pvt Jimenez, J.	Pvt Roblesc Cardoso, G.	
Pvt Jordan, W. A.	Pvt Rodriguezferreira, L. E.	
PFC Joyner, N. A.	Pvt Ruiz, D. A.	
Pvt Juarezmorales, U.	Pvt Ruizdavila, A. S.	
PFC Kiser, T. J.	Pvt Saucedo, A.	
Pvt Lal, J. S.	Pvt Srithong, T.	
Pvt Lamitie, J.	Pvt Swope III, S. D.	

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PLATOON 2109

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. S. Bowles
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt H. J. Alfaro Lopez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. T. Laird



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. B. Aquino
 HOMETOWN.....Thomasville, GA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Motley

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. Cruzcaso (339)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Guest

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. Maravilla (598)

Pvt Allen, A. J.	Pvt Lyons, J. G.	Pvt Witbeck, A. G.
PFC Andrueswech, A. V.	Pvt Maglaque, C. F.	Pvt Zunigaaguilar, N. A.
PFC Aquino, A. B.*	PFC Maldonaoarias, R.	
Pvt Atreidis, F. D.	PFC Maravilla, J. A.	
Pvt Avilacastro, B.J.	PFC Martinezortiz, W. A.	
Pvt Barrerazeas, D. M.	PFC McKinney, E. R.*	
Pvt Bodnar, A. J.	Pvt McKinnon, J. L.	
PFC Cardonoaserrano, J. J.	Pvt Mendezcruz, A. F.	
Pvt Casanova, J. S.	Pvt Miles, J. A.	
Pvt Castro, C. J.	Pvt Montanezmotalvo, E. J.	
PFC Collins, J. A.*	Pvt Morrow, J. J.	
Pvt Colonalverado, S.	PFC Mpunzi, E. E.*	
Pvt Colonillanes, E. M.	PFC Orriabones, V. A.	
Pvt Cruzcaso, J.	Pvt Perezcruz, C. R.	
PFC Erne, A.	Pvt Perezmatos, C. R.	
Pvt Escribatapia, N. A.	Pvt Porter, J. M.	
Pvt Espinozazuniga, J. M.	Pvt Powell, S. N.	
Pvt Fegert, C. J.	Pvt Price, C. J.	
PFC Fryman, K. D.	Pvt Pruitt, J. D.	
Pvt Gallen, W. M.	Pvt Rakyta, A. D.	
Pvt Gaston, H. L.	PFC Rodriguezrico, J. A.*	
Pvt Gonzalezacevedo, Y. J.	Pvt Ruiz, E.	
Pvt Gutierrez Jr., A.	Pvt Scocca, J. A.	
PFC Harmon, P. D.	Pvt Scottbrizuela, M. A.	
Pvt Innocenzi V, P. G.	Pvt Serranocontero, F. J.	
Pvt Jackson, C. J.	Pvt Singleton, L. A.	
Pvt Jimenez, E.	Pvt Stewart, D.	
Pvt Jones, D. S.	Pvt Stewart III, S. L.	
Pvt Kanji, K. B.	Pvt Torrestorres, F. E.	
Pvt Klein, K. B.	PFC Valentinedejesus, E. A.	
Pvt Lewis, J. J.	Pvt Vega, M. B.	
Pvt Limardocruz, E.	PFC Villatorogamboa, V. M.	

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PLATOON 2110

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. King Jr.
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. Gonzalez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. J. Otto



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFCT T. J. Christ
 HOMETOWN.....Summit, NJ
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Quesada

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt T. A. Tojong (337)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Mattlock

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC N. R. Lunanash (586)

Pvt Abreu, S.	PFC Lee Jr., A. C.*	PFC Williams, G. C.
Pvt Almarazgarcia, A.	PFC Lunanash, N.R.	Pvt Williams, P. G.
Pvt Alvarengavelazquez, L. J.	Pvt Marrero, E.	Pvt Zduniak, J. D.
PFC Amezquita, H. D.	PFC Masterson, M. J.*	
Pvt Arthur, D. A.	Pvt Mateo III, M. E.	
Pvt Arzuaga Jr., C. G.	Pvt Mayancelagarcia, C. A.	
Pvt Balbuenaaguilar, K. V.	Pvt Medina, S. D.	
Pvt Bell, K.D.	Pvt Miles, D. S.*	
Pvt Belmontjahuey, G. B.	Pvt Moritz, J. A.	
Pvt Bowman, T. J.	PFC Moyapina, S. G.	
Pvt Butler, T. J.	Pvt Paredes Jr., G. H.	
Pvt Cannova, J. N.	Pvt Patrice, I. B.	
PFC Christ, T. J.	PFC Perez, A. J.*	
Pvt Clover, W. V.	Pvt Phipps, J. L.	
Pvt Coffman, J. C.	PFC Powers, J. L.	
Pvt Cook, R.	Pvt Privado, A. D.	
Pvt Defelice, A. J.	Pvt Quinones, J. M.	
Pvt Depazmejia, O. I.	Pvt Ramirez, K. E.	
Pvt Deters, C. J.	Pvt Rivera, G. R.	
Pvt Donaldson, D. L.	Pvt Rosalesmaquilon, J. P.	
Pvt Dubuque, K. J.	Pvt Samulski, J. N.	
Pvt Fields, I. M.	Pvt Sherrill, S. A.	
Pvt Fogg, L. G.	PFC Sierratorres, D.	
Pvt Garrison, J. P.	Pvt Solares, C. E.	
Pvt Garzonsarango, T. E.	Pvt Sueltotinjaca, E. S.	
Pvt Gay, T.	Pvt Teixeira, H. G.	
Pvt Guiracocha, B. A.	Pvt Tiffertmoroney, J. P.	
Pvt Hinojosa, L. E.	Pvt Tojong, T. A.	
PFC Jensen, T. P.*	Pvt Torresortega, J. O.	
Pvt Jimenezavila, B. O.	Pvt Tweed, M. S.	
PFC Kentner, L. K.	PFC Uhrinek, J. T.	
Pvt Khan, S. M.	PFC Vasquezdelarosa, A.	

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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

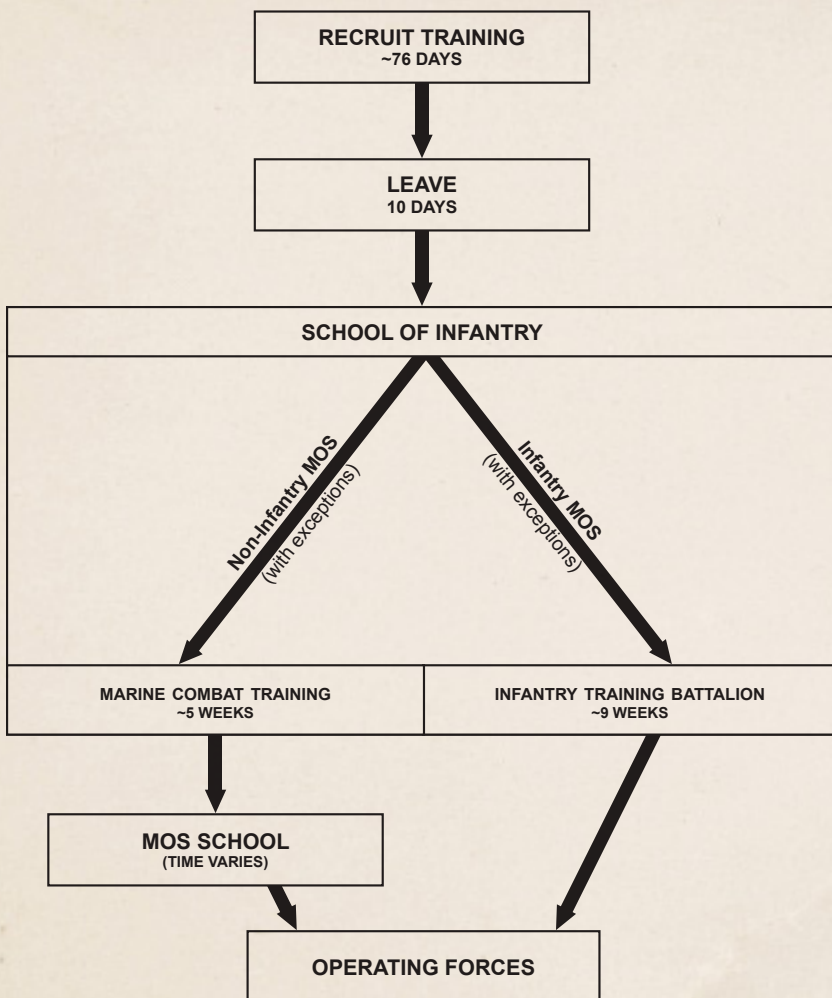
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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