



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

5 April 2024

Recruit Training Regiment

Commanding Officer.....Colonel C. B. McArthur
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major D. L. Watts

3rd Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer.....Lieutenant Colonel G. F. Curley
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major S. A. Howard

Commander of Troops

Captain J.D. Sporleder

Parade Adjutant

First Lieutenant C.L. Lawler

Company “K”, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer.....Captain J. D. Sporleder
Company First Sergeant.....Gunnery Sergeant A. Jr., Muniz
Lead Series Commander.....First Lieutenant E. A. Diller
Follow Series Commander.....First Lieutenant J. D. Roth
Lead Series Chief Drill InstructorStaff Sergeant C. W. Mills
Follow Series Chief Drill InstructorGunnery Sergeant M. N. Moreno

Drill Master

Gunnery Sergeant E. B. Owrey
Staff Sergeant O. Scott III

Chaplain

Lieutenant T. M. West

Color Guard

Sergeant N. Hernandez Sergeant C. N. Contreras
Sergeant E. K. Baafuor Sergeant S. N. Gatling

PLATOON 3008

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. A. Martinez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. M. Furlough
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. N. Broullire
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Jones



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC W. Andrewskowal
 HOMETOWN.....Newnan, GA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Gordon

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt L. A. Edwards (344)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Jimenez

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....Pvt S. B. Means (567)

PFC Andrewskowal, W.

PFC Bagwell, B. H.

Pvt Barco, J. C.

Pvt Barker, H. M.

PFC Bechard, D. M.

Pvt Belizaire, T. S.

PFC Bernstein, C. J.*

Pvt Blake, J. F.

Pvt Blaylock, B. G.

Pvt Bolanos, J.

Pvt Bowden, K. J.

PFC Bradshaw, D. M.*

Pvt Bryant, N. L.

Pvt Cable, I. M.

Pvt Chisam, D. A.

Pvt Cruz, C.

Pvt Cupid Jr., M. O.

Pvt Daley, M. J.

PFC Davis, H. J.

PFC Day, J. K.*

Pvt Dewey, C. S.

PFC Donovandominguez III, R. M.

Pvt Edwards, L. A.

Pvt Enaganti, K.

Pvt Friday, N. J.

PFC Fuentesrico, C. E.

PFC Grant, D. C.

Pvt Green, S. P.

Pvt Hall, J. A.

PFC Hoang, V. Q.

Pvt Holt, D. R.

Pvt Isenberg, M. A.

Pvt Jijondiaz, J. A.

PFC Jordan, W. C.

PFC Key, T. R.

Pvt Kight, T. W.

Pvt King, T. K.

Pvt Kirkland, C. T.

Pvt Knight, D. M.

Pvt Lee, M. A.

Pvt Lemus, N. A.

Pvt Marshall, D. L.

Pvt Martinez, J.

Pvt Martinezcontreras, A.

Pvt Mayes, S. D.

PFC McKelphin, B. J.

Pvt McNeil, C. V.

PFC Means, S. B.*

Pvt Mejiasanchez, L. Y.

Pvt Navarro, G. L.

Pvt Nichols, A. C.

PFC Nunez, T. C.

Pvt Podkowka, G. J.

Pvt Rivaschicas, K. S.

Pvt Roman, D. J.

Pvt Sanchez III, A.

Pvt Santanaramos, H. Y.

PFC Seal, A. M.

Pvt Sims, J. J.

Pvt Smit, C. L.

Pvt Smith, O. J.

Pvt Stanley, T. M.

Pvt Suarez, N. P.

PFC Tabor, K. A.

Pvt Taylor, D. R.

Pvt Tollison, W. T.

PFC Vazquez, C. M.*

Pvt Wallacevandoorn, A. J.

Pvt Walsh, J. A.

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 3009

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. Knarr
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt N. Walker
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. Hardman
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C.K. Caudle
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. Pizarro



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. T. Do
HOMETOWN.....Harrison Township, MI
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Dzierbicki

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. L. Allen (331)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Morvant

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....Pvt J. Terronterrero (582)

Pvt Allen, J. L.	PFC Terronterrero, J. *
Pvt Born, A. L.	Pvt Tybor, E. M.
PFC Calcano, S.	PFC Verdezameza, S. V.
Pvt Castanedagarcia, M. D.	PFC Waiters, A. D.
Pvt Clark, T. L.	PFC Walowsky, S. K. *
Pvt Claudio, M. L.	PFC Wearing, A. M.
PFC Cortez, L. Y.	PFC Willequer, G. R.
PFC Deluca, J. M.	PFC Wu, R. Z.
PFC Do, M. T.	PFC Yacone, A. J. *
Pvt Farrar, M. L.	
Pvt Gutierrez, O. K.	
Pvt Hardy, J. L.	
PFC Hartley, B. N.*	
Pvt Johnson, K. M.	
Pvt Jordan, S. J.	
PFC Marshall, E.	
PFC Millar, Y. H.	
Pvt Miller, P. A.	
Pvt Ortizgonzalez, F. J.	
PFC Oyolaarocho, A. D.	
LCpl Pachecomarin, M.	
Pvt Peraltajhwahir, M. G.	
PFC Pickney, K. M.	
PFC Poudel, P.	
PFC Prillwitz, T. E.	
Pvt Richards, A. G.	
PFC Rodriguez, K. A.	
Pvt Salvador, B.	
PFC Santoscunningham, E. Y.	
Pvt Sapp, L. M.	
Pvt Saucepena, M.	
Pvt Schermerhorn, F. B.	

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PLATOON 3010

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. T. Childress
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. W. Andia
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt H. T. Haffly
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. Pennock



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. J. Moore
 HOMETOWN.....Montgomery, AL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Hudson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC M. Alexander (329)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Chriswell

COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....Pvt Williamson, S. J. (597)

PFC Alexander, M. J.*

Pvt Antinori, J. T.

Pvt Baker, A. J.

Pvt Bishop, B. L.

Pvt Bodio, P.

Pvt Booze, M. J.

Pvt Brackin, J. A.

Pvt Brandich, W. K.

Pvt Brazzell, N. M.

PFC Britt, C. J.

Pvt Bumgardner, J. M.

Pvt Cervantes, F. J.

Pvt Colabufo, J. A.

Pvt Colin, R. G.

PFC Contreras, M. P.

Pvt Coughlin, J. W.

Pvt Desantiago, A.

PFC Dill, L. T.

PFC Edwards, A. M.

Pvt Fair, X. D.

Pvt Figueroa Jr., B. D.

Pvt Fitzgerald, O. C.

Pvt Fuller, C. H.

PFC Geer, A. R.*

Pvt Gonzalez, K. X.

Pvt Handy Jr., E. L.

PFC Harper, B. L.

Pvt Hernandezgarcia, D.

Pvt Huggins, S. I.

PFC Johnson, N. A.

Pvt Jones, D. S.

Pvt Kassarate, Y.

PFC Keller, D. M.*

PFC Laws, L. L.

PFC Little, J. T.

Pvt Logan, T. L.

PFC Marshall, E. L.

PFC Marshall, M. X.*

Pvt Maturell, D. L.

Pvt Mayer, J. W.

PFC McAdoo, J. A.

PFC McCarren, T. A.

Pvt McZeal, M. A.

Pvt Miller, K. A.

Pvt Monson, L. N.

PFC Moore, D. J.*

Pvt Morenomoctezuma, E. J.

PFC Morrill, N. S.

LCpl Navarrosolis, E. A.

PFC Newton, A. M.

PFC Nolasco, D. A.

Pvt Ojedamoya, N.

Pvt Owens Jr., Q.

Pvt Paris, K. J.

Pvt Peoples, A. M.

Pvt Prince, N. L.

Pvt Reitsma, R. M.

PFC Rice, H. L.

PFC Riley, R. R.

Pvt Rogers, C. B.

Pvt Scott, J. W.

Pvt Skogman, J. R.

Pvt Smith, C. L.

Pvt Steele, C. W.

Pvt Stevens, B. O.

Pvt Teal, H. L.

Pvt Thumapati, S. T.

Pvt Uccello, D. M.

Pvt Urias, K. N.

Pvt Vinal, J. D.

Pvt Williamson, S. J.

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PLATOON 3012

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. C. Wallace
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. A. Newton
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. S. Freeman
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. N. Benavides



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC G. W. Savoy
 HOMETOWN.....Pierre Part, LA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Wilson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt D. R. Roberts (326)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Gerth

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....Pvt L. C. Keating (588)

Pvt Aaron, I. B.	Pvt Hughes, C. M.	Pvt Valenciavargas, D.
PFC Akinyele, K. N.	PFC Huhnken, R. M.	Pvt Verdejoamigon, C. U.
Pvt Allen, B. L.	PFC Johnson, K. V.*	PFC Waidelich, B. M.
Pvt Beckwith, J. A.	Pvt Jones II, H. J.	Pvt Wolph, E. M.
Pvt Borchardt, T. C.	Pvt Keating, L. C.	PFC Zeigler, W. L.
Pvt Bozzutijones II, M. A.	Pvt Lavimoniere, J. A.	
PFC Bucklin, A. L.	Pvt Lawson, D. G.	
Pvt Cardona, S. A.	PFC Marinintriago, A. M.	
Pvt Castromaldonado, F. E.	Pvt Markert, R. E.	
Pvt Chan, C.	Pvt Mateo, L. J.	
Pvt Cochran, H. R.	Pvt MCCue, K. A.	
PFC Constantino, M. J.	Pvt MCmasters, C. B.	
Pvt Crossman, G. L.	Pvt Medranodubon, R. A.	
Pvt Crudup, N. J.	Pvt Mendieta garza, G.	
Pvt Dawley, M. A.	Pvt Muntean, D. N.	
Pvt Drumm, R. B.	Pvt Nguyen, V. H.	
Pvt Fajardollanos, K. A.	Pvt Olabomi, I. A.	
PFC Farley, T. C.	Pvt Olivarez nunez, A.	
Pvt Ferguson, O. N.	Pvt Pelayo, J. A.	
PFC Ferraiuolo, M. J.*	Pvt Pellegrin, K. J.	
Pvt Fluker, M. M.	Pvt Plegue, T. G.	
Pvt Francis, Z. R.	Pvt Ramsey, J. A.	
Pvt Friley, N. B.	Pvt Roberts, D. R.	
Pvt Glendenning, C. A.	PFC Rosally, K. L.*	
Pvt Hammersmith, J. D.	Pvt Sabatino, L. A.	
Pvt Harris, I. L.	PFC Savoy, G. W.*	
PFC Hatley, J. R.	Pvt Sellers, J. J.	
Pvt Hernandez, A.	PFC Shlyak, J. A.	
PFC Hernandez, A.	Pvt Smith, K. I.	
Pvt Howard, M. R.	PFC Thomas, I. J.	
PFC Hubbard, J. A.*	Pvt Tomlinson Jr., S. P.	
PFC Hudak, R. M.	Pvt Tyler, C. A.	

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PLATOON 3013

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. Graham
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. Lewis
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. Brown



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. E. Arthur
 HOMETOWN.....Rising Sun, MD
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt A. Cook

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt R. Yalotsang (335)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Rivas

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC D. E. Arthur (594)

Pvt Alvarezamaya, B. J.	PFC Meacham, W. P.	Pvt Vitale, G. A.
PFC Arthur, D. E.*	Pvt Medina, R.	Pvt Walker, X. R.
PFC Ashby, L. A.	Pvt Mejia, R. O.	Pvt Williams, M. B.
PFC Barragan, D.	Pvt Milla, K. A.	PFC Yaceinthe, J. N.
Pvt Benitezgranados, D.	Pvt Minnick, C. T.	Pvt Yalotsang, R.
Pvt Bolton, B. C.	Pvt Mirand, F.	Pvt Yearsley, J. T.
Pvt Bonilla, A. J.	Pvt Moav, A.	PFC Zhirzhan, J. B.
Pvt Boorman, J. P.	Pvt Mosteller, M. N.	
Pvt Calloway, M. T.	Pvt Moyahernandez, J. J.	
Pvt Campas, C. R.	Pvt Natarenarchila, J. E.	
PFC Cazalesmoreno, L. F.	Pvt Ochoa, J. M.	
PFC Chehi, C. A.	Pvt Pagano, G. A.	
Pvt Cherenfant, R. A.	PFC Patterson, J. T.	
Pvt Cody, M. S.	Pvt Posada, I.	
Pvt Connell, R. J.	Pvt Ramirezquispe, G. J.	
PFC Cromwell III, J. E.	Pvt Rodriguezamezquita, M.	
PFC Cruzrubio, E. Y.*	Pvt Romero, F. A.	
Pvt Davies, J.G.	Pvt Salcedo, M. A.	
Pvt Fleet, C. A.	PFC Sandoval, D. A.	
Pvt Fleurimont, J. G.	Pvt Santoyoorozco, L.	
Pvt Garcia, D. E.	Pvt Saucepena, M.	
Pvt Gerry, E. R.	Pvt Scherzinger, I. J.	
PFC Glynn, D. A.*	Pvt Serra, M. M.	
PFC Ikossie, B. L.	Pvt Sheets Jr., P. C.	
Pvt Jean, R.	Pvt Shelton, C. B.	
Pvt Johnson, K. J.	Pvt Simmons, C. W.	
PFC Johnsonbernard, J.*	Pvt Stoner, K. R.	
Pvt Jones, W. G.	PFC Taylor, D. J.	
PFC Kidd, B. A.	Pvt Thompson, T. D.	
PFC King, A. T.	PFC Trieu, C. H.	
Pvt Li, W.	Pvt Uychiat, B. J.	
PFC Londono, M. J.*	Pvt Vasquezlasso, L.	

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PLATOON 3014

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. R Singletary
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. T. Miller
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Boutwell



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. R. Disalvo
 HOMETOWN.....Smithtown, NY
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Bazan

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC B.A. Tejada (336)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Black

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....Pvt N. E. Burgin (594)

Pvt Aguirrevazquez, B. I.	Pvt Gibson II, B. J.	Pvt Tipton, S. A.
Pvt Alfaro, F. A.	PFC Gjonbalaj, J.	PFC Tortola, C. M.
Pvt Alford, D. E.	PFC Graham, J. A.	PFC Turner, K. T.
PFC Ayalacruz, H. G.	Pvt Grow, L. G.	PFC Waltz, B. K.
Pvt Batista, J. I.	PFC Hall, P. P.*	PFC Wasylak, G.
Pvt Bongiovanni, C.V.	Pvt Hernandez, J. A.	PFC Wong, K. K. *
Pvt Bright, D. L.	Pvt Hernandeztorres, L. A.	
Pvt Burchell, M. S.	PFC Holland, A. G.*	
Pvt Burgin, N. E.	PFC Jeffress, C. R.	
Pvt Burke Jr., R.	Pvt Kruse, T. T.	
Pvt Caldwell, C. P.	Pvt Laurent, E. I.	
Pvt Candat, W. P.	Pvt Lopez Jr., F. O.	
Pvt Carreragarcia, M. A.	PFC Lucas, Ja. M.	
Pvt Casin, C. J.	Pvt McComas, R. J.	
Pvt Champion, J. M.	Pvt McGee, D. J.	
Pvt Cirincione, M. F.	Pvt Meyers, J. C.	
PFC Conn, D. C.	PFC Mlynaryk, A.	
Pvt Cowell, J. A.	PFC Neighbors, K. L.	
PFC Crookrosales, C. A.	Pvt Novack, O. A.	
Pvt Davidson, B. E.	Pvt Quingalahua, S. F.	
Pvt Davis, G. L.	Pvt Roberts, C. L.	
PFC Davis, J. L.	PFC Rodriguezmagallanes, A. M.*	
PFC Davis, T. E.	Pvt Roman, I. A.	
PFC Disalvo, A. R.	Pvt Rubioyllatopa, M. D.	
Pvt Egan, S. E.	Pvt Sarette, T. N.	
Pvt Endreszl, C. C.	PFC Schindler, N. R.	
Pvt Enriquez, A.	Pvt Scrozzo, M. F.	
PFC Escalantemoran, J. C.*	PFC Sours, G. M.	
Pvt Espailatportorreal, R. D.	Pvt Strauss IV. N.	
PFC Fuller, L. M.	Pvt Talaveracollazo, R. C.	
PFC Gambrell, S. P.	Pvt Taylor, J. L.	
Pvt Gehman, J. T.	PFC Tejada, B. A.	

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TRANSFORMATION



The Marine Corps makes Marines and wins battles. We consider these two activities to be inextricably linked, and believe the individual Marine decides the outcome of any conflict or military action despite constant advances in battlefield technology.

Today, Marines are committed across the globe to operations as diverse as guarding American diplomatic missions, providing disaster relief, and conducting combat operations. Thousands more remain forward deployed, ready to secure our nations' interest on short notice.

Operating successfully in such diverse and complex operating environments is challenging, but these challenges are not new. Marines have faced, and overcome, similar challenges throughout history. To ensure our future success, we looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, Hue City, and Fallujah. We found that strong character and a fighting spirit rooted in core values were essential to our past success. Developing strength of character and instilling these core values is the essence of what we call “transformation.”



THE TRANSFORMATION LIFECYCLE



The transformation process begins with recruiting, where we select young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment and prepare them for recruit training.

Transformation accelerates during boot camp, where Drill Instructors remain the key to making Marines. Drill Instructors transform recruits into basic Marines through intense, demanding training including close order



drill, physical fitness, academics, combat water survival, close combat, and marksmanship. They instruct, mentor and lead recruits, exemplifying Core Values in all they do. Their efforts culminate during the 11th week of training in the Crucible, a grueling 54-hour evaluation of physical, mental, and moral fitness emphasizing selflessness and teamwork.

Transformation is sustained and reinforced throughout each Marine's period of service while assigned to operating units, where teamwork and commitment are essential to success. Regular training and individual mentorship support the continued development of each Marine. Additionally, required formal courses of Professional Military Education emphasize further development of character and core values.



Ultimately, we seek to return transformed Americans home to strengthen our society at the completion of their service. The Corps is known for making Marines who leave active duty to become strong leaders in the community. These Marines demonstrate the lasting value of strength of character based on our core values.



U.S. MARINE CORPS CORE VALUES

Generations of American men and women have given special meaning to the term United States Marine by their performance on and off the battlefield. Feared by enemies, respected by allies, and loved by the American people, Marines are a “special breed.” This reputation was gained and is maintained by adhering to a set of enduring core values, the guiding beliefs and principles that give us strength, influence our attitudes, and regulate our behavior. Our Core Values are:

HONOR

The quality that guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat, or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; to respect human dignity; to have respect and concern for each other. The quality of maturity, dedication, trust, and dependability that commits Marines to act responsibly; to fulfill obligations; to be accountable for actions and to hold others accountable for their actions.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral, and physical strength ingrained in Marines to carry them through the challenges of combat and the mastery of fear; to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; to lead by example, and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

The spirit of determination that leads to professionalism and mastery of the art of war. It leads to the highest order of discipline for unit and self; enabling 24-hour-a-day dedication to Corps and Country; pride; concern for others; and an unrelenting determination to achieve a standard of excellence in every endeavor. Commitment is the value that establishes the Marine as the warrior and citizen others strive to emulate.

GUIDANCE FOR NEW MARINES

As one of our Corps' newest Marines, you will normally travel to your home of record for 10 days of well earned "boot leave" prior to reporting for follow-on training at the School of Infantry. While home on leave, take the time to rest and re-connect with your Marine family and friends. Stay true to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Maintain your physical fitness, and remain safe in day-to-day activities. Use this time to rest, reflect upon the commitment you have made to our Corps and nation, and prepare for your next phase of training. I encourage you to contact your recruiter and assist them in selecting qualified candidates for enlistment.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

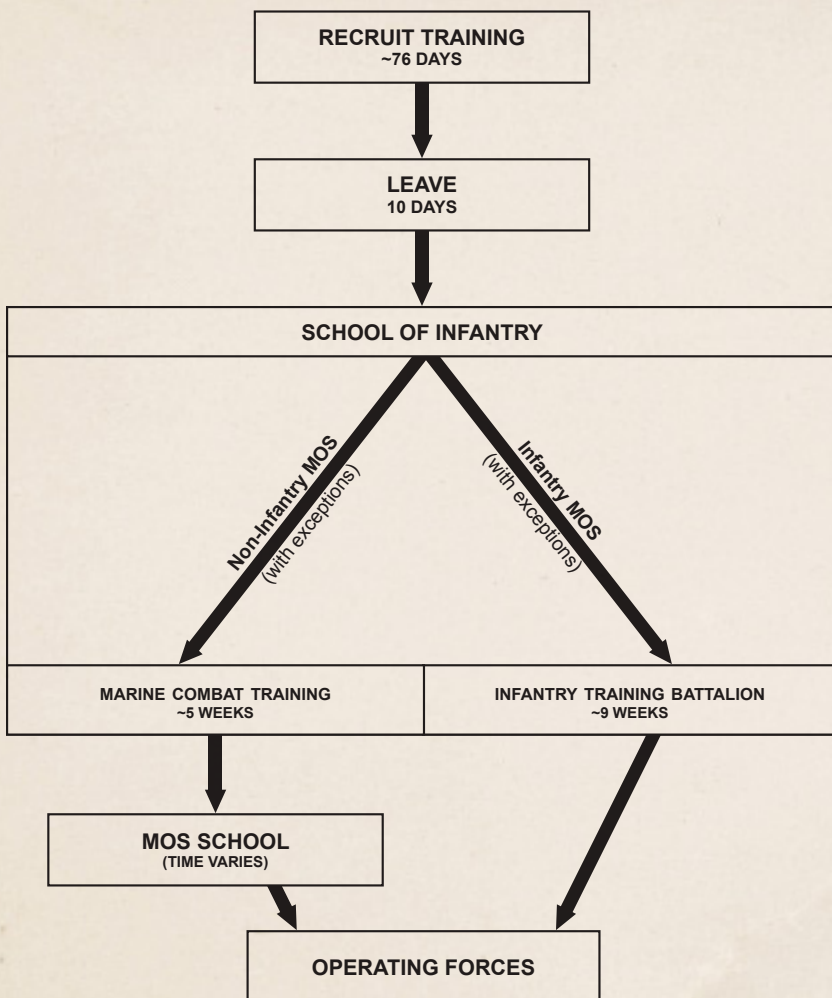
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself in accordance with the high standards to which you have been held. Demonstrate to everyone your transformation into a proud, disciplined Marine. Many of your friends and acquaintances will not understand your commitment, and you may need to make tough decisions as a result. Have courage. Remember, you now represent the Marine Corps to your family, friends, hometown, and our nation.

MY EXPECTATIONS

Use our Core Values as a moral compass. Be true to yourself, your family, our Corps, and our nation. Our Core Values apply, always and everywhere. You may be tempted to participate in activities incompatible with our ethos; stay committed to the course you chose when you received your Eagle, Globe, and Anchor. Additionally maintain your physical readiness; this is a life-long effort and you have a good start. Watch what you eat, stay hydrated, go for light runs during leave, and maintain your upper body strength. I challenge you to assist our Corps in recruiting. For over 242 years, every Marine has been a recruiter. Contact your recruiter - you may have the opportunity to impact our recruiting effort and improve your opportunities for promotion at the same time. Finally, be safe. Think before you act. You have not driven a motor vehicle in over three months, so be careful. Drive safely, and above all else, don't drink and drive. In the end, I expect you to arrive at your next duty station rested, healthy, and ready to continue your training.

ENTRY-LEVEL TRAINING OVERVIEW

The chart below outlines the basic entry level training progression for new Marines, from recruit training, through the School of Infantry, and on to the Operating Forces. Most Marines assigned non-infantry Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) will complete Marine Combat Training while at the School of Infantry, followed by their MOS school. Some assigned non-infantry MOSs will attend Infantry Training Battalion in lieu of Marine Combat Training, followed by their MOS school. Those assigned infantry MOSs will attend Infantry Training Battalion.



MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

Marines are eligible to earn meritorious promotions to the next higher rank by referring qualified applicants for enlistment to their recruiter.

- A private needs only one referral for promotion to private first class. In addition to increased authority and responsibility, this promotion will increase the Marine's pay more than \$150 per month.
- A private first class requires only two referrals for promotion to lance corporal. This promotion will increase the Marine's pay by over \$75 per month and will provide the Marine an even greater opportunity to demonstrate his or her leadership and professionalism.

SCHOOL OF INFANTRY REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Report to the Commanding Officer, School of Infantry-East. The uniform for reporting to the School of Infantry-East is the Service "A" uniform.
- Pack two full sets of utilities (one green digital and one desert digital), boots and hygiene kit in your carry-on bag.
- Carry your ID card, ID tags, orders, SRB and medical/dental records in your carry-on bag.
- Bring all Marine Corps issued clothing and equipment.
- Wear appropriate civilian attire while traveling between your leave address and the School of Infantry-East.
- If you need immediate assistance while you are on leave, contact your recruiter.
- The contact information for the School of Infantry-East at Camp Geiger, North Carolina is Student Administration at (910) 449-0441/0442/0443. During non-working hours (1700-0700 Monday-Friday, weekends, and holidays), call the Officer of the Day at (910) 449-0179.
- The School of Infantry-East website contains additional information. The address is <http://www.tecom.marines.mil/soieast/unithome.aspx>



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