

# WELCOME TO MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND

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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

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SOUND ATTENTION

ADJUTANT'S CALL

MARCH ON OF TROOPS

*NATIONAL ANTHEM\**

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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**

**17 May 2024**

**Recruit Training Regiment**

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Colonel C. B. McArthur  
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major D. L. Watts

**2nd Recruit Training Battalion**

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel A. Yang  
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major H. Allen

**Commander of Troops**

Captain D.P. Krueger

**Parade Adjutant**

Captain A. L. Johnson

**Company “G”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion**

Commanding Officer .....Captain D. P. Krueger  
Company First Sergeant .....Gunnery Sergeant B. D. Johnson  
Lead Series Commander .....First Lieutenant J. J. DeVries  
Follow Series Commander ..... First Lieutenant M. F. Frias  
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor .....Staff Sergeant G. L. Echevarria  
Follow Series Chief Drill Instructor .....Staff Sergeant N. Jeanlouis

**Drill Masters**

Gunnery Sergeant M.N. Moreno  
Staff Sergeant J.M. Kivett

**Chaplain**

Lieutenant T. K. Lembo

**Color Guard**

Sergeant S. A. Hernandez    Sergeant T. Thome  
Sergeant E. K. Baafuor    Sergeant D. M. Sosa

# PLATOON 2024

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. S. Campbell  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt. B. A. Gross  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. Grajales  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt P. Roman  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. C. C. Barlow  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. J. C. Hosbrook



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. G. Talpa  
HOMETOWN.....Selma, SC  
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Gomez

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC P. K. Hassettchamber (335)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Berry

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC P. K. Hassettchamber (579)

Pvt Albaymbert, D. A.	PFC McNutt, J. W.
Pvt Alexander, D. L.	Pvt Milner, H. J.
PFC Autry, J. M.	Pvt Montanye, C. J.
PFC Brown, A. C. *	PFC Moore, S. P.
Pvt Carrillo, S.	Pvt Murphy, D. N.
Pvt Castellon, X.	PFC Padgett, C. B.
Pvt Chambliss, A. M.	Pvt Peeler, J. D.
PFC Cochrane, M. L.	Pvt Pierce, C. E.
Pvt Cross, J. W.	PFC Pina, A. M.
Pvt Cruz, E.	PFC Ramos, E. R. *
Pvt Cruz, L.	PFC Rice, J. B.
Pvt Flippo, J. T.	Pvt Rocaverastegui, J. F.
Pvt Focht, C. J.	Pvt Ryan, L. M. *
Pvt Franciscoacosta, J.	Pvt Silaphet, J.
Pvt Giles, D. L.	Pvt Simms, S. A.
Pvt Hart, C. J.	PFC Smith Jr., P. T.
Pvt Harvey, Y. H.	Pvt Stewart, D. R.
PFC Hassettchambers, P. K.	Pvt Thomas, N. G.
Pvt Hernandezsotelo, D.	PFC Tlapa, M. G. *
PFC James, X. T.	PFC Tuggle, S. A.
Pvt Janigan, J. A.	Pvt Tyler, Z. M.
Pvt Johnson, E. E.	Pvt Vegapaliza, J. E.
Pvt Kirk, B. C.	Pvt Wells III, C.
PFC Knox, J. R.	Pvt Whitney, B. J.
Pvt Linger, P. W.	
PFC Lowther, A. L.	
PFC Luther, S. C.	
PFC Mack, J. D.	
PFC Mackey, L. D.	
Pvt Marais, H. S.	
Pvt McMahan, J. J.	
PFC McMillan, C. J.	

\*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

# PLATOON 2025

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. Vila  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. D. Rocha  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Delvalle  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. T. Menani  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. M. Espitia  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt N. Davenport



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PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. J. Hamilton  
HOMETOWN.....Richmond, VA  
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Wilkerson

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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. A. Rivera (320)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Black

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COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC S. M. Morgan (600)

Pvt Bautistacruz, D. D.	Pvt Romanmorales, J.
Pvt Brightley, A. L.	Pvt Rosario, A.
PFC Bunch, J. E.	Pvt Rothert, J. L.
Pvt Cordovamorejon, A. K.	Pvt Scott, A.
PFC Cruz, R.	Pvt Tapia, N. R.
PFC Cuxtzunun, J. V.	PFC Uriostegui, M.
PFC Diehl, T. R.	PFC Vandeyar, M. M. *
PFC Flemming, A. A.	Pvt Walters, M. G.
Pvt Forbes, V. C.	Pvt Wasson, C. M.
Pvt Goldman, K. E.	Pvt Wenzell, L. L.
PFC Grayton, A. L.	PFC Winston, J. *
Pvt Guillengrajales, R. Y.	
PFC Hamilton, A. J. *	
Pvt Hayes, E. J.	
Pvt Hoke, J. O.	
Pvt Howell, K. E.	
Pvt Kidd, A. C.	
PFC Marinlopez, C.	
PFC Matheny, L. A.	
Pvt Mendez, H. A.	
PFC Mendozarosado, J.	
Pvt Morales, C.	
PFC Morgan, S. M. *	
PFC Paiano, B. R.	
Pvt Penaaguilar, H.	
Pvt Perezmora, S. M.	
PFC Philips, A. A.	
Pvt Platt, M. D.	
PFC Ramosgarcia, Y. M.	
Pvt Reyesbolanos, J.	
PFC Reyescabrera, G. D.	
Pvt Rivera, J. A.	

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# PLATOON 2028

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. M. Fields  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. M. Hobley  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. K. Bemiss  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. C. Duval



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PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC Z. T. Hager  
HOMETOWN.....Grand Blanc, MI  
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Jerzinski

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COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC N. L. Howell (338)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Gerth

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PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC T. W. McPeek (600)

PFC Acostavargas, I. Y.	Pvt Loeffler, J. T.
Pvt Bates, T. H.	Pvt Marsigliano, L. C.
Pvt Belen, K. D.	Pvt Maruniak, Z. R.
Pvt Bernard II, B. F.	Pvt McAdams, J. E.
PFC Bernardo, E.	PFC McPeek, T. W. *
Pvt Brickle, M. J.	PFC Melendezdiaz, N. G.
Pvt Burhans, L. J.	Pvt Murphy, T. J.
Pvt Chapman, A. C.	Pvt Oliver, W. S.
Pvt Clark, D. N.	Pvt Palmerleach, G. G.
Pvt Cochran, B. R.	PFC Pena, J. F.
Pvt Connolly, J. L.	Pvt Perry, C. M.
Pvt Croft, M. T.	Pvt Reinsmith, A. J.
Pvt Dolinsidealburquerqu, F.	Pvt Russel, T. B.
Pvt Doyle, E. M.	Pvt Saul, J. A.
PFC Fougere, O. P. *	Pvt Saunders Jr., W. A.
Pvt Garcia, B. E.	Pvt Spinola, V. D.
Pvt Gavin, M. F.	Pvt Spotts, P. T.
PFC Ginter, L. K.	PFC Thomas, J. D.
PFC Gostomski, M. J. *	Pvt Velezvazquez, R. J.
Pvt Green, T. A.	Pvt Vera, J.
PFC Hager, Z. T.	Pvt Welch, D. K.
PFC Henson, C. M.	Pvt Wiertalla, Q. T.
Pvt Hernandez, J. A.	Pvt Williams, P. J.
PFC Hinchey, C. R. *	
Pvt Hohn, C. H.	
PFC Howard, N. T.	
PFC Howell, N. L.	
Pvt Hughes, A. B.	
Pvt Itterman, J. T.	
Pvt Kertesz, M. C.	
Pvt Kirkland, K. A.	
Pvt Lars Jr., P. B.	

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# PLATOON 2029

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. D. Fry  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. W. Navarro  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. A. Rosario  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. R. Apollon  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt W. R. Beken



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PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. A. Heron  
HOMETOWN.....Hollywood, FL  
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Stogdill

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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt E. X. Lopezerrano (337)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Barry

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PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....Pvt J.C Winston (529)

PFC Alfatlawi, H. M.	Pvt Manuel, E. J.
PFC Amado Jr., D. I.	Pvt Matamoros, D.
Pvt Androsia, L. M.	Pvt Norman, H. P.
Pvt Atamian, E. M.	PFC Nunez Benavides, A. M.
Pvt Barberi, B. K.	Pvt Oden, K. D.
PFC Basset, T. J.	Pvt Ordunez, D.
Pvt Berrezueta Cordova, M. J.	Pvt Ovchian, R. V.
Pvt Brantley, C. D.	PFC Pastrana Ortiz, J. M.
Pvt Brayn, W. L.	PFC Parra Fernandez, M. A.
Pvt Burleson, M. J.	Pvt Rimmel, E. F.
Pvt Cai, R. R.	Pvt Reynolds Jr., E. E.
PFC Caruso, V. J. *	Pvt Rivera, J. E.
Pvt Castillo, A.	PFC Robinson, D. T.
PFC Castillo Cabrerra, M. E.	Pvt Sexton, D. A.
Pvt Cadillo Calderon, J. R.	Pvt Sharlow, B. A.
Pvt Chin, A. S.	Pvt Shoemaker, M. B.
PFC Daigle, C. P. *	Pvt Smith, D. J.
Pvt Eckrote, I. J.	PFC St. Cyr, M. R. *
Pvt Farner, D. K.	PFC Torres, J. A.
Pvt Gainey, L. E.	Pvt Trinidad Alvarez, J. E.
Pvt Ghorsai, P.	PFC Troy IV, D. C.
PFC Heron, T. A. *	Pvt Warren, A. C.
Pvt Isidor, M. D.	PFC Williams, K. R.
Pvt Johnson, V. C.	Pvt Winston Jr., J. C.
PFC Juarez Hermoso, A. R.	
Pvt Kelly, D. I.	
Pvt Kimmick III, R. J.	
Pvt Krupnik, C. A.	
Pvt Lonney, J. C.	
Pvt Lopez Serrano, E. X.	
Pvt Lovern, D. F.	
Pvt Maldonado Jr., J. A.	

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# TRANSFORMATION

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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**

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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**

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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***

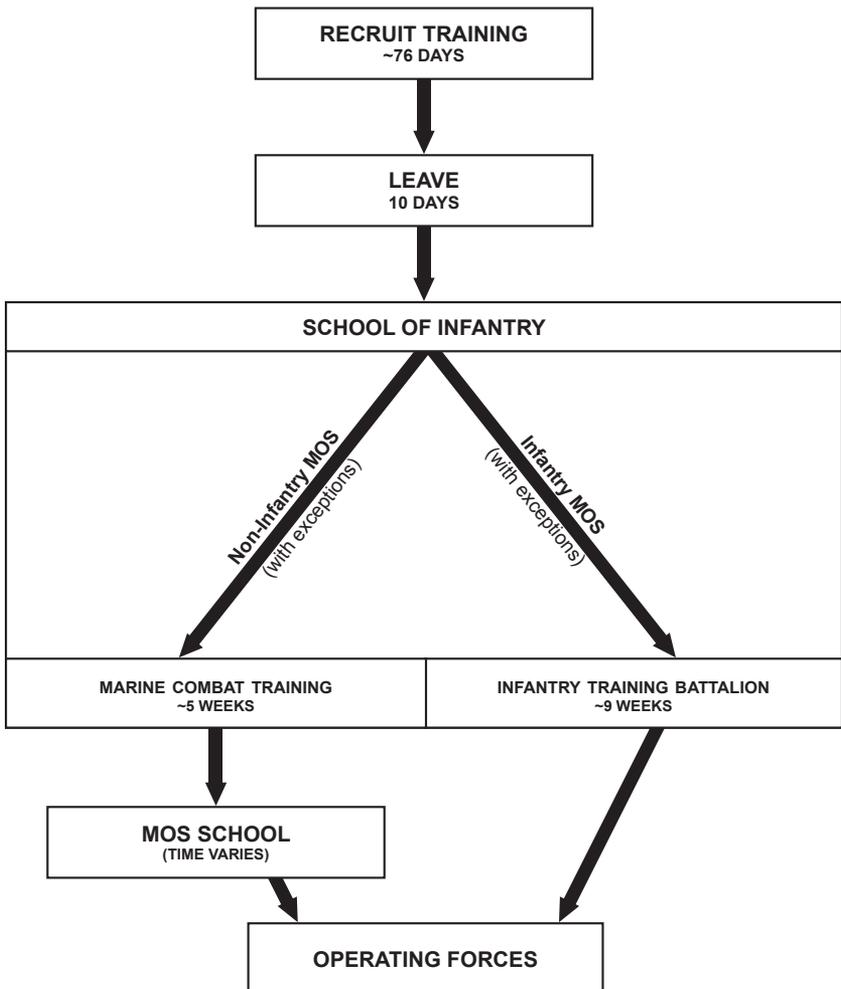
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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

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# 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**

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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**

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- 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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