



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.



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COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

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*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

18 October 2024

Recruit Training Regiment

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

Second Recruit Training Battalion

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

Commander of Troops
Captain S. A. Toll

Parade Adjutant
Captain K. E. Krzemien

Company “E”, Second Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain S. A. Toll
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant S. B. Sciscoe
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain J. D. Sanderson
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain R. A. Kirby
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant S. Plaskon
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant S. R. Strickland

Drill Masters
Gunnery Sergeant M. Moreno
Staff Sergeant J. M. Kivett

Chaplain
Lieutenant T. K. Lembo

Color Guard
Sergeant A. C. Gonzalez Sergeant B. A. Pazoki
Sergeant C. C. Barlow Sergeant C. M. Huckstep

PLATOON 2064

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt P. J. Simonson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. T. Eovaldi
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. C. Madison



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. A. Ezzard
 HOMETOWN.....Loganville, GA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Armstrong

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT G. D. Brigman, (331)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Benjamin

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. A. Meraz (573)

PVT Allums, M. S.	PFC Justice, Z. C.	PFC Simpson, C. K. *
PVT Bermudez, S.	PVT King, A. M.	PFC Stokes, D. B.
PVT Brigman, G. D.	PFC Ksor, R.	PVT Taylor, B. A.
PVT Brown, J. J.	PFC Lewis, C. T.	PVT Toothman, M. C.
PVT Brox, T. J.	PFC Livingston, G. A.	PVT Torreshernandez, E. A.
PFC Butler, J. P.	PVT Lloyd, R. A.	PVT Villalobos, R. C.
PVT Byrne, L. A.	PVT Lopezelias, U. D.	PVT Wade, S. A.
PVT Cabrera, C. J.	PVT Lynch, M. A.	PFC Walker, R. R.
PFC Carter, J. M. *	PVT Mackinlay, A. R.	
PFC Colligan, J. T.	PFC Marohl Jr., M. R.	
PVT Couch, B. M.	PVT Mason, S. M.	
PVT Cruzdepaz, K.	PFC Meraz, J. A.	
PVT Dunson, J. C.	PVT Merritt, T. J.	
PFC Elfahla, A. A.	PFC Mitchell V, M. L.	
PFC Ezzard, J. A. *	PVT Mobley, K. L.	
PVT Farmer, I. S.	PVT Ndukwe, R. C.	
PFC Francis Jr., D. C.	PFC Newcomb, N. W.	
PVT Frazier, E. P.	PFC Nievesvazquez, Y. J.	
PVT Gao, B.	PVT Nteziyaremye, I.	
PFC Generette, C. Z.	PFC Perez, C. A.	
PVT Gonzalez, D. R.	PFC Pierce, C. S.	
PFC Goveajuaquez, J. C.	PVT Pyatte, C. J.	
PFC Grant, B. X.	PVT Resendizcervantes, J.	
PFC Griffin, D. M.	PVT Rivera, A. M.	
PFC Griswold, W. G.	PVT Roberts, C. L.	
PFC Guzmancabrera, C. A.	PVT Rodriguez, D. A.	
PVT Hernandezescobedo, J. M.	PVT Rosario, F. J.	
PFC Jacobs, N. M. *	PVT Ruiztorres, E. G.	
PFC Janssen, C. M.	PVT Sagredomenas, P.	
PVT Jimenezvaquero, C.	PFC Schwenker, A. C.	
PFC Johnson, B. E. *	PFC Seyl, D. A.	
PFC Jones, A. I.	PFC Shaffer, C. R.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2065

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. D. Rocha
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J.C. Torres
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. M. Dickens



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. Valverderamirez
 HOMETOWN.....Miami, FL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Carrillo

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC P. N. Torresrodriguez (326)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Ahlstrom

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC M.A. Castrogrande (593)

PFC Adames, L. M.	PFC Karlov, N. M. *	PVT Suarez, J. M.
PVT Alfred, G. J.	PFC Laureanorosas, D. L.	PVT Tulumbamarquez, A. D.
PFC Alvarezrivera, J. G. *	PVT Leon, J. I.	PFC Taverasnunez, Y.
PFC Aston, E. F.	PVT Lopezchilel, S. J.	PFC Thomas, S. A.
PVT Batiste, P. M.	PVT Lopezrizo, N. G.	PFC Tonato, M. N.
PFC Bell, G. M.	PFC Lufungulo, J.	PFC Torresrodriguez, P. N. *
PFC Burgess, B. L.	PVT Maldonado, J. A.	PFC Valverderamirez, A. *
PVT Burnham, M. M.	PVT Manfredo, R. A.	PVT Vinskey, M. F.
PVT Butler, P. R.	PFC Marrerosepulveda, V. J.	PVT Ward, M. N.
PFC Calcagno, E.	PFC Marsh, A. R.	PVT Washington, A. L.
PVT Camposrodriguez, B.	PVT Maynor, T. A.	PVT Wheeler, G. E.
PVT Carrerobaez, Y.	PVT Mayweather, M. J.	PVT Walker, R. H.
PFC Castro, H. A.	PVT McNair, D. K.	PVT Yanezmejia, A. E.
PFC Castrogrande, M. A. *	PVT Mendez, A. Y.	
PFC Clavijobernal, L. J.	PFC Mendezvalencia, C. A.	
PFC Cyler, D. O.	PFC Moldenhauer, G. F.	
PVT Dawson, D. D.	PVT Morgan, S. L.	
PFC Deloeramos, E.	PFC Nimscarara, F. T.	
PVT Derby, N.	PFC Pacatte, R. E.	
PFC Elorza, G. M.	PVT Pachucki, O. R.	
PFC Ferriell, A. S.	PFC Palacios, F. Y.	
PVT Fleurimond, B. S.	PVT Palma, K. J.	
PFC Flynn, B. M.	PFC Pittman, E. Z.	
PFC Franklin, K. E.	PFC Quintero, S.	
PVT Freeman, A. J.	PVT Ramirez, M. R.	
PFC Garciaparamo, J.	PFC Reyes, J. D.	
PVT Gould, R. T.	PFC Reynoso, J.	
PFC Guerrero, J. K.	PVT Ricupero, I. R.	
PFC Henriquez, D. N.	PFC Rodriguez, S. L.	
PFC Hernandezsantillan, K.	PVT Shields, C. T.	
PFC Hudnell, E. G.	PFC Skillin, R. A.	
PVT Jones, D. N.	PVT Sotoabreu, G.	

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PLATOON 2066

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. Garcia
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. A. Everard
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt H. Ramsey



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....LCpl K. C. McBride Jr.
 HOMETOWN.....Hamilton AL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Brady

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT C.W.Kimbrel (329)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Berry

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PVT G. S. Edwards (576)

PVT Allinson Jr., J. D.	PVT Gonzalez, J.	PVT Spratley, T. M.
PVT Anderson, J. R.	PFC Grant, D. A.	PFC Stone, D. E.
PFC Applegate, B. R.	PFC Griffith, A. A.	PFC Strew, C. W.
PVT Ates, J. B.	PVT Herrin, I. W.	PFC Terrazas, J.
PFC Balderas, Y. T.	PVT Hogue, D. R.	PVT Torres, A. S.
PFC Barfield, S. A.	PVT Hollum, G. J.	PVT Trujillo, E. M.
PVT Barnes, D. M.	PFC Hunter III, E. W.	PVT Uffendell, J. S.
PFC Bator, B. G.	PVT Jimenezlopez, N. A.	PFC Wells, C. L.
PVT Benedetti, A. L.	PFC Keenan, J. P. *	PFC Wheatley Jr, S. A.
PVT Bracho, I. F.	PVT Kimbrel, C. W.	PVT Williams, G. L.
PFC Britt, J. T. *	PVT Laplante Jr., E. P.	PVT Williams, J. M.
PFC Brown, D. E.	PFC Lundy, C. A.	PFC Woodard, L. L.
PVT Brunson, D. L.	LCpl McBride Jr., K. C. *	PFC Wooten, L. A.
PFC Burris, Z. I.	PVT McClarty, K. D.	PVT Wright, C. B.
PFC Camarillo, D. O.	PVT McClure, M. K.	
PVT Carrillo, A.	PFC McQueen Jr., M. E.	
PVT Carter, J. L.	PFC Miner, C. D.	
PFC Cendan, B. E.	PFC Morin, J. G.	
PVT Cleveland Jr., B. D.	PVT Newby, L. A.	
PVT Cockrell, C. S.	PVT Ngo, B. N.	
PVT Collins, T. M.	PFC Parks, C.	
PVT Cowzer, N. A.	PFC Patrick, C. A.	
PVT Curry, M. D.	PVT Pearson, J. T.	
PVT Daniel, C. J.	PFC Porter, R. B.	
PVT Donohue, J. A.	PVT Pritchett, L. J.	
PFC Dyer, T. A.	PVT Reevescasas, D. R.	
PVT Edwards Jr, G. L.	PFC Reillykrapish, D. M.	
PFC Fields, T. H. *	PVT Riosortiz, A. G.	
PFC Flower, A. J.	PFC Sankey Jr., L. D. *	
PVT Foore, J. A.	PFC Saurel, R.	
PVT Frederick, B. S.	PVT Sebralla, P. D.	
PVT Giraldo, B. A.	PVT Sifuentez, L. R.	

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PLATOON 2068

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. Nie
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt G. W. Evans
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt I. B. Repolio



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC G. A Blake
 HOMETOWN.....Brooklyn, NY
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Bishop

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. Y. Berdeciarivera (331)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Darden
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PVTA. Kaminski (589)

PVT Albert, B.	PVT Gowda, S.	PVT Roberts, C. R.
PVT Alexander, D. M.	PVT Gutierreznieves, J. I.	PVT Rodriguezdionisio, R.
PVT Amaro, R. A.	PVT Hendrickson, D. R.	PVT Ruedagomez, C. A.
PVT Ayalasilva, Y. Y.	PFC Herrera, R. A.	PVT Sanchezroig, R.
PVT Ayugho, A. H.	PVT Kaminski, A.	PVT Sandoval, R. C.
PVT Ba, A. I.	PVT Lele, H. T.	PVT Sequenbenitez, J.
PVT Berdeciarivera, J. Y.	PVT Martin, A. B.	PVT Sosavasquez, J. F.
PFC Blake, G. A. *	PVT Martinez, R. A.	PVT Soto, A. L.
PVT Bohannon IV, B. G.	PVT Martinezpavia, A. A.	PFC Statovci, L. *
PVT Bolduc, S. J.	PFC McCabe, E. J.	PVT Thompson, E. R.
PFC Brass, J. M. *	PVT Mejialeon, J. A.	PFC Tucker, M. T.
PVT Brennan, M. A.	PVT Melanson, D. W.	PVT Valdez, B. F.
PVT Camilleri, E. J.	PVT Mezaaparicio, K. B.	PVT Valdez III, N. A.
PVT Cardozo, F. J.	PVT Mocarsky, M. J.	PVT Vargascruz, D. J.
PVT Castellanos, Y. J.	PVT Moralessosa, G.	PVT Vazquez, T. C.
PFC Chase, T. J.	PVT Morenoiraheta, H. J.	PVT Woodward, R. E.
PVT Chatte, S. K.	PFC Norris Jr., P. A.	
PFC Cherry, D. T.	PVT Nunez, A. D.	
PVT Cortes, I.	PVT Nunez, S. A.	
PVT Crucey, C. M.	PFC Oatneal, J. S.	
PFC Dallaire, A. P.	PVT Oliva, D. A.	
PVT Daza, C. S.	PVT Oliver, J. C.	
PVT Diaz, O. E.	PVT Oregan, C. P.	
PFC Donald, T. J. *	PVT Orsi, B. T.	
PFC Edwards, C. P.	PVT Osoriovelasco, D. D.	
PVT Engelmann, T. J.	PVT Panfiloramirez, K. E.	
PFC Feetham, R. J. *	PVT Patel, D. P.	
PFC Fernandez, J. J.	PVT Plazasandoval, S.	
PFC Flint, T. E.	PFC Ramos, S. R.	
PVT Fofana, I. J.	PVT Reigelsperger, C. W.	
PFC Garciacos, E. H.	PVT Remache, R. J.	
PVT Garlotte, A. B.	PVT Reyes, D. S.	

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PLATOON 2069

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. M. Ogas
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C.A. Zetting
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Farfan
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. A. Arizmendi



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. S. Borgholthaus
 HOMETOWN.....Lusby, MD
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Resch

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC P. D. Nguyen(331)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Cochrane

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCC N. Bradfield(565)

PVT Ames, J. N.	PFC Gamergomez, E. S.	PFC Reyestorres, J.
PFC Amidon II, A. D. *	PVT Gent Jr., C. W.	PVT Rodriguezburr, J. A.
PVT Anteshoran, T. A.	PVT Gorski, N. M.	PVT Rodriguezcolon, J. A.
PVT Avila, Z. N.	PVT Harrington, M. W.	PVT Salado, B. E.
PVT Awusu, E.	PVT Hernandez, M. I.	PVT Sanchez, B. G.
PVT Baker, K. G.	PVT Heuer, S. B.	PFC Schlotzhauer, T. A.
PVT Baley, D. E.	PVT Hinds, G. J.	PFC Sims, T. A. *
PFC Banek, T. S.	PVT Horton, T. D.	PFC Sossoman, I. C. *
PVT Barzallomoroch, G. R.	PVT Hosler, C. J.	PFC Thornburg, W. M.
PFC Bautistasquez, D.	PVT Hounhoui, P. I.	PFC Vargas, J. G.
PVT Bayonamorales, E A.	PVT Huertas, K. M.	PFC Wallace, C. R.
PVT Betancesbarreras, E	PVT Hunter, M. B.	PVT Wilson, J. R.
PVT Blaine Jr., B. K. *	PVT Jolly III, P. C.	PVT Winter, T. M.
PVT Boladolico, B.	PFC Laviscount, K. E.	PVT Wood, T. R.
PVT Bolden, C. M.	PFC Lazzaro, J. A.	PVT Wright, E. N.
PFC Borgholthaus, T. S. *	PVT Locadia, M. J.	
PFC Bradfield, C. N.	PFC Maliszewski, H.	
PFC Brown, A. J.	PVT Marutz, N. G.	
PFC Cabrejoquispesivana, A. A.	PVT Merly, C.	
PFC Cawley, H. C.	PFC Nguyen, P. D.	
PVT Chuclopez, K. M.	PVT Nkwocha, C. P.	
PVT Collins, J. R.	PVT North, J. D.	
PVT Colon, M. J.	PVT Novoabecerra, K.	
PVT Crow, C. D.	PVT Odonnell, E. R.	
PFC Cruzreyes, C.	PVT Ortiz, J. R.	
PVT Delehoy, A. K.	PVT Osier, A. D.	
PFC Diazreynoso, H. A.	PVT Peabody, T. J.	
PVT Dickens, E. G.	PFC Pelletier, A. J.	
PVT Domingodiaz, J.	PVT Petrunic, E. W.	
PVT Farnsworth, A. T.	PVT Pomaesvaldivieso, J. E.	
PVT Ferminpayano, J. C.	PFC Quintanaparedes, C. S.	
PFC French, J. S.	PVT Ramirezrivera, M. A.	

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PLATOON 2070

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. J. Legault
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. C. Kennedy
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. M. Rivera



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. M. Partin
 HOMETOWN.....Rensselaer, IN
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Battles

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT C. S. Terry (330)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Obryan
 COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC L. M. Runyon (600)

PFC Aguilar, A. A.	PVT Martin, R. C.	PVT Smith, T. L.
PFC Andrew, J. M.	PFC Masa, R.	PVT Smith, Z. T.
PFC Baez, D.	PVT Mauer Jr., J. E.	PFC Stewart, B. W. *
PVT Batistaliriano, E. S.	PFC Miller, T. A.	PVT Terry, C. S.
PFC Bermudez, M. Y.	PVT Mollineda, S.	PVT Thomas, T. S.
PVT Brown, B. L.	PVT Moralesvega, A.	PVT Thomas III, K.
PVT Broz, D. T.	PVT Morgan, B. T.	PVT Udegbunam, C.
PFC Burns, T. A.	PVT Mota, M. J.	PVT Ulloalopez, E. J.
PVT Caceresreyes, D.	PVT Murray, K. C.	PVT Ungaro, D. A.
PFC Campbell, J. K. *	PVT Nasadoski, W. S.	PVT Vaysman, A. A.
PFC Cardamone, D. N. *	PFC Nipper Jr., J. A.	PVT Velezcruz, R. L.
PVT Cohron, K. D.	PVT Noeun, S. V.	PVT Villedrouin, R.
PVT Davis, T. C.	PFC Nunez, A.	PVT Walker, M. T.
PFC Delafosse, A.	PFC Nunezmaldonado, R. O.	PFC Webb, J. P.
PVT Dineros, N. J.	PFC Pahl, T. N.	PVT Wigger, M. C.
PVT Feliu, J. T.	PFC Palafox, E. D.	PVT Wostmann Jr, J. C.
PVT Ferrebee, J. I.	PVT Pappion, A. J.	PVT Zahler, G.
PFC Foster, N. A.	PFC Partin, J. M. *	PVT Zayas Jr., A. I.
PFC Ganz, C. D.	PVT Patino, J.	
PVT Gray, T. J.	PVT Perkins, D. R.	
PVT Guzman, S. A.	PVT Peterson, K. J.	
PVT Hoffman, E. J.	PVT Ramey, T. A.	
PVT Horn, J. I.	PVT Reed, E. J.	
PVT James, J. L.	PVT Reese Jr., J. M.	
PFC Jimenezmartinez, B. O.	PVT Riverafigueroa, E. F.	
PFC Kalmanek, M. J.	PFC Rodriguez, Y.	
PFC Kissel, S. E.	PVT Rtoni, E. N.	
PFC Lenson, D. D.	PVT Rowley, A. C.	
PFC Linarossis, I. A.	PFC Runyon, L. M. *	
PVT Long, J. S.	PVT Sanchezmieses, J. A.	
PVT Lopez, J. L.	PVT Shultz, B. P.	
PVT Lysne, R. A.	PVT Smith, S. M.	

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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

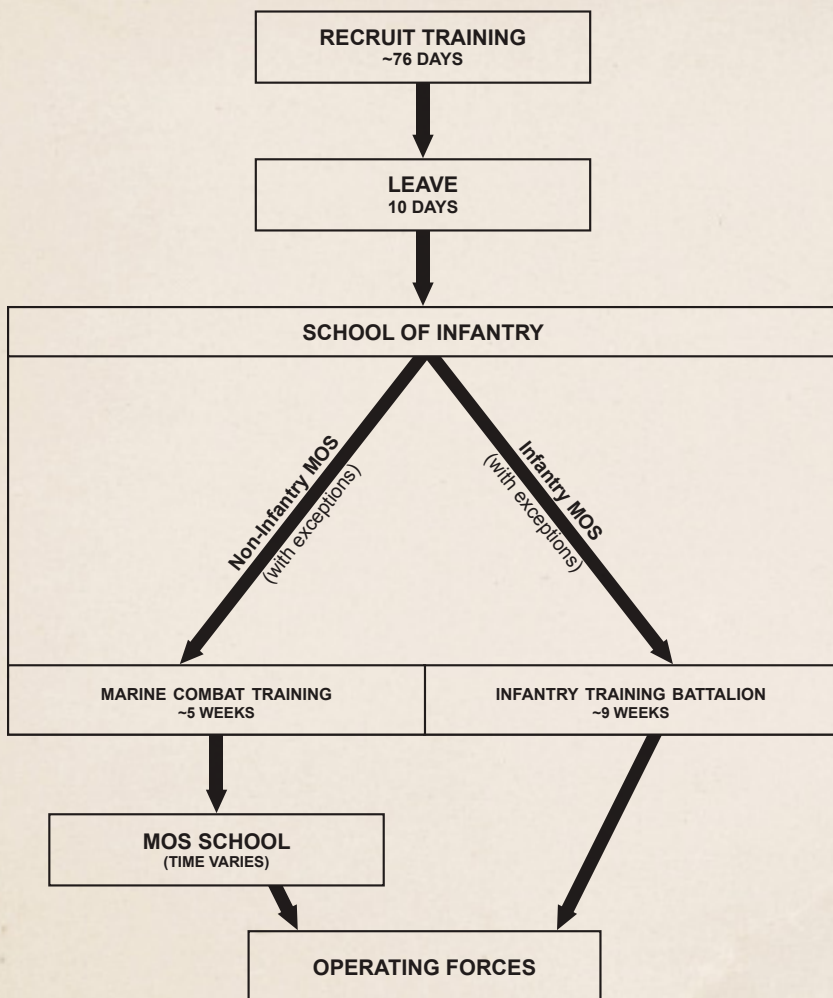
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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