



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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*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

12 January 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 C. J. Kearney
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major J. H. Allen

Commander of Troops

Captain B. S. Sheppard

Parade Adjutant

Captain E. Lee

Company “E”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

Company Commander.....Captain B. S. Sheppard
Company Executive Officer.....Captain H. Williams
Company First Sergeant.....First Sergeant C. P. Callahan
Lead Series Commander.....Captain J. D. Sanderson
Follow Series Commander.....Captain A. A. Paul
Follow Series Assistant Commander.....First Lieutenant C. N. Howard
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Staff Sergeant B. D. Guadalupe
Follow Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Staff Sergeant T. A. Hilgendorf

Drill Master

Gunnery Sergeant E. B. Owrey
Staff Sergeant R. J. Royer

Chaplain

Lieutenant T. K. Lembo

Color Guard

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

PLATOON 2000

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt W. C. Gardner
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. W. Sylvester
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. Thao



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 HOMETOWN.....Roswell, GA
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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC W. C. Zampogna (330)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Jimenez

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC C. A. Fernandez (589)

PFC Anderson, N. M.	Pvt Hoefler, D. J.	Pvt Rodriguezcardona, D. A.
Pvt Arbogast, J. E.	Pvt Holley Jr., Q. M.	PFC Sall, M.
Pvt Barnes Jr., D. S.	Pvt Javier, C. A.	PFC Salumu, B. E.
Pvt Barnette, D. K.	Pvt Jennings, B. T.	PFC Sanchezcastellanos, S. J.
Pvt Berry, G. J.	Pvt Johnson, M. H.	PFC Sanchezoliveros, S. *
PFC Bogda, Z. W.	PFC Joseph, M. D.	Pvt Saravia, D. J.
PFC Brawner, C. A. *	PFC King, J. A.	PFC Schneider, J. D.
Pvt Brewner, H. X.	Pvt King Jr., C. D.	Pvt Smith, J. B.
PFC Brown, A. J. *	Pvt Kuhlman, P. A.	PFC Stallings, E. A. *
PFC Cabarle, J.	Pvt Lubin, R.	Pvt Stottlemeyer, A. J.
PFC Chavez Jr., J. C.	PFC Lyman, M. I.	PFC Tannery, A. J.
Pvt Clairmont, I. L.	PFC Marshall, D. L.	Pvt Tomlin, T. L.
Pvt Collins, T. D.	PFC Martin, Q. M.	PFC Wallace, T. W.
Pvt Conklin, N. J.	PFC McDonald, C. E.	Pvt Watsonwaters, D. S.
PFC Cox, M. L.	Pvt McKenna, D. M.	Pvt Weary, D. T.
Pvt Curry, J. D.	Pvt McLeroy, C. J.	PFC Wiggins, J. S.
Pvt Desrosiers, L. D.	Pvt McMillan, J. B.	Pvt Williams, A. L.
Pvt Dieuvil, S.	PFC Merfeld, Q. D.	PFC Wren, D. M.
Pvt Dowell, N. P.	Pvt Mirandaangeles, T. A.	PFC Zampogna, W. C.
Pvt Ellis, J. D.	Pvt Moore, G. N.	
Pvt Ellison Jr., G. L.	Pvt Mrkonja, S. D.	
PFC Fernandez, C. A.	Pvt Naranjomoyon, J. E.	
Pvt Finkle, E. C.	Pvt Naranjorabi, Y.	
PFC Foxworth, W. K. *	Pvt Perez, C.	
PFC Hagman, J. M.	Pvt Phillips, C. L.	
Pvt Haire, M. J.	PFC Poljak, B. J.	
Pvt Hamer, J. N.	Pvt Portillo Jr., H. H.	
Pvt Hardisty, T. T.	Pvt Rajabisenejani, D.	
Pvt Hastings, P. C.	Pvt Ramirez, E. A.	
Pvt Helms, N. C.	Pvt Rape, J. M.	
Pvt Herrera, M. A.	Pvt Rigdon, T. S.	
Pvt Hill, B. K.	PFC Rodriguez, K. A. *	

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DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt L. E. Poret
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt N. R. Camarena
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. A. Altman



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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC J. S. Hanson (331)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Gerth

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC A. A. Hutcheson (576)
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Pvt Alvaro, C. L.	Pvt Morales, M. E.
Pvt Atchariyakornchai, A. A.	PFC Myatt, P. R.
Pvt Ayorazhagui, K. C.	PFC Nievesrivera, N. M.
Pvt Barracks G. A.	PFC Ogunfeitimi, A.
Pvt Bermudez J. I.	PFC Pedrosoprades, P. M.
PFC Botello, A. R.	Pvt Perez, E.
PFC Cooper, C. S.	Pvt Ritschard, A. N.
PFC Dathan, V. D.	PFC Rosaleshernandez, W.
Pvt Davis, N.	PFC Sanesramos, S. M.
Pvt Deasonbuck, S. R.	PFC Sosaespana, A. J. *
PFC Didomenico, A. N.	Pvt Stallings, T. S.
PFC Edwards, T. S.	PFC Velazquez, H.
Pvt Familiaramirez, F.	Pvt Velazquez, Y.
Pvt Goings, A. R.	PFC Vossekuil, C. M.
PFC Hanson, J. S. *	Pvt Walker, A.
Pvt Henderson, K. W.	PFC White, N. M.
Pvt Hewett, P. K.	
PFC Htoo, E.	
PFC Hutcheson, A. A. *	
Pvt Idrissa, J. K.	
PFC Johnson, K. N.	
PFC Jolly, C. V.	
PFC Kane, M. L.	
PFC Knotts, C. R.	
Pvt Kukar, M. A.	
Pvt Leon-pu, A. M.	
PFC Marinlopez, E.	
Pvt Matablanco, R. B.	
PFC Matos, L. S.	
Pvt Meadows, F. L.	
Pvt Mendonca, M. C.	
Pvt Montoyaprieto, A.	

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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC E. Arache (327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Berry

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC J. M. Purify (589)

Pvt Adornogarcia, J.
 Pvt Allen, T. M.
 Pvt Aquinosuarez, J. G.
 PFC Arache, E.
 Pvt Arevalo, G. B.
 Pvt Armold, D. C.
 PFC Baumhover, N. D.
 Pvt Bennett, Z. J.
 PFC Borja, R. D.
 Pvt Blair, E. D.
 Pvt Branyan, E. J.
 PFC Brath, K. J.
 Pvt Byer, T. D.
 Pvt Camp, D. B.
 PFC Casciano, D. W.
 Pvt Curry, D. R.
 PFC Clark, O. R.
 Pvt Clow, S.
 Pvt Collins, D. A.
 Pvt Delattre, L. H.
 Pvt Descartes, M. S.
 PFC Dorffner, G. S.
 Pvt Durbin, K. R.
 Pvt Esqueda, J. E.
 Pvt Etienne IV, J. M.
 PFC Fernanders, C. B. *
 Pvt Francois, E.
 Pvt Fritz, E. J.
 Pvt Fuhrman, J. M.
 Pvt Garcia, M. J.
 Pvt Glen, G. W.
 PFC Gonzales, A. J. *

PFC Gregory, E. J.
 Pvt Guevara, S. J.
 Pvt Hernandez, M. E.
 Pvt Hernandezlopez, J. A.
 PFC Hoskins, K. C.
 PFC Howard, T. D.
 PFC Hutchinson, H. J.
 PFC Johnson, B. A. *
 Pvt Jones, A. D.
 PFC Kinsman, R. J. *
 Pvt Kovats, M. H.
 PFC Kozak, F. P.
 Pvt Lara, I.
 Pvt Lardinios, H. M.
 Pvt Leahy Jr., T. J.
 PFC Leath, D. J. *
 Pvt Lopez, N.
 Pvt Mapes, B. M.
 PFC Martinezvazquez, C. R.
 PFC Matthews, S. J.
 Pvt Merritt, H. A.
 Pvt Mitchell, T. T.
 Pvt Munezero, A. R.
 Pvt Murphy, E. L.
 Pvt Newlen, A. B.
 Pvt Oritz, J. E.
 Pvt Owens, T. D.
 Pvt Panamabarreto, A. D.
 PFC Parente Jr., P. M.
 Pvt Parra, M.
 Pvt Parmis, R. D.
 PFC Pleaseants, J. M.

PFC Purify III, J. M. *
 Pvt Ramosdejesus, L. D.
 Pvt Reigel, N. J.
 Pvt Rowland, M. L.
 PFC Sain, C. R.
 PFC Schaible, N. W. *
 PFC Schisler Jr., C. D. *
 Pvt Sejour, M.
 Pvt Serranoperez, X. Y.
 Pvt Sorto, E. A.
 Pvt Taylor, D. L.
 Pvt Thornton, B. K.
 Pvt Tubbs, D. C.
 PFC Turley, V. T.
 Pvt Valdiviezo, R. C.
 Pvt Vazquez, C. D.
 Pvt Villagomezperrez, R.
 Pvt Walston, G. W.
 Pvt White, J. D.
 Pvt Whitworth, J. B.
 Pvt Winn, G. C.
 Pvt Woodberry, T. A.
 Pvt Zamot, D. E.

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 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. J. Scherwinski
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Nie
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. T. Eovaldi



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COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. M. Victorin (333)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Wursta

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

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Pvt Arias, E. B.	PFC Hargrove, S. M.*	Pvt Rosario, D. C.
Pvt Bailey, H. W.	Pvt Harkey, M. H.	Pvt Rosenberg, A. E.
Pvt Bowers, N. G.	PFC Hatcher, S. H.	PFC Rosier Jr., J. P.*
Pvt Briceno, J. A.	Pvt Iftahin, F.	Pvt Rubalcavaginez, A. M.
PFC Brickett, N. S. *	PFC Johns, N. B.	Pvt Rudd II, J. D.
PFC Brinson, D. A.	PFC Konys, W. P.	Pvt Selleck, D. J.
Pvt Cardenasorozco, J.	Pvt Lamboy, J. J.	PFC Skoglund, R. P.
Pvt Cartegena, R. A.	Pvt Leo, D. R.	Pvt Stafford, M.
PFC Comonfort, A.	PFC Lliguicota, C. J.	Pvt Stone, C. M.
PFC Conyers, T. J.	Pvt Maduskiue, R. A.	Pvt Tolentino, A. J.
Pvt Cyrille, S. K.	Pvt Maffei, B. T.	PFC Urenarumaldo, G.
Pvt Dawood, K.	Pvt Mahamanhamissoui, A.	Pvt Valerio, D.
PFC Dewald, N. M.	Pvt Marquezbartolo, J.	Pvt Vanpelt, W. A.
Pvt Diazolivares, S. C.	Pvt May Jr., J. W.	Pvt Velaquezponce, A. G.
Pvt Driver, W. J.	Pvt McGirr, K. F.	Pvt Victorin, J. M.
PFC Dube, D. M.*	Pvt McKinney, R. A.	Pvt Villasanna, J. F.
Pvt Dulaney, E. M	Pvt Milazzo, V. J.	Pvt Welden, M. R.
PFC Dunford III, J. L.*	Pvt Mong Jr., T. A.	Pvt White, G. J.
Pvt Edwards, D. L.	PFC Moon, R. A.*	PFC Wilder Jr., W. J.
Pvt Ellienger, C. L.	Pvt Munozdelgado, E. Y.	Pvt Williams, I. I.
Pvt Garcia, J.	Pvt Naddeo, J. L.	Pvt Yaeger, J. D.
Pvt Gholsonpayne, J. A.	Pvt Ortizcolon, A. G.	Pvt Zhao, Y.
Pvt Gilleo, J. J.	PFC Parkinson, M. A.*	
PFC Gioia, M. T.	Pvt Pereriacurz, U.	
Pvt Gotez, J. C.	PFC Pinkevitch, D. M.	
Pvt Gonzalezporfinio, A. B.	PFC Polancobetancourt, K. W.	
Pvt Gregoriolerebours, L. G.	Pvt Reboul, B. A.	
Pvt Grimes, J. M.	Pvt Rentzsch, J. M.	
PFC Grosso, B. M.	Pvt Reynosogermosen, B. J.	
Pvt Guney, U. B.	PFC Ricks, C. A.	
Pvt Hall, S. A.	Pvt Roa, J.	

PLATOON 2005

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. D. Davis
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. J. Legault
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. A. Gross
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. P. Balles



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFCT M. Norman
 HOMETOWN.....Avon, OH
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Wallace

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 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Thomas

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCL P. Carcich (582)

Pvt Alacantara, F. C.	Pvt Gomezgomez, E. D.	Pvt Ryan, L. E.
Pvt Alexopoulos, N. G.	Pvt Gonzalez, B.	PFC Salasbastidas, E. M.
Pvt Allen, A. G.	Pvt Heinonen, A. F.	Pvt Sanchezpolanco, S.
Pvt Alvarez, I.	PFC Hill, G. R. *	PFC Santiago Jr., V. J.
PFC Banghart, R. M.	Pvt Hill, W. T.	PFC Saunders, S. T. *
Pvt Baratta, A. M.	Pvt Holliday III, C. R.	PFC Scott, J. Z.
Pvt Bennett, T. G.	Pvt Howard Jr., L. A.	Pvt Shao, J.
Pvt Brinning, A. M.	Pvt Jack, K. A.	Pvt Sites, A. J.
PFC Bullard, D. S. *	Pvt Kitchen, J. C.	Pvt Sprong, G. A.
Pvt Burnap, K. E.	Pvt Lopezlopez, I. A.	PFC Taylor, K. D.
PFC Cannon IV, C. H.	Pvt Maldonado II, E. S.	Pvt Torres, A. E.
Pvt Capozziello, S. A.	PFC McIntosh, J. I. *	PFC Torresmercado, J. O.
PFC Carcich, L. P.	Pvt Mera II, J. P.	PFC Valle, N.
Pvt Carvalho, G. P.	Pvt Mercready, J. P.	Pvt Vasquez, J. M.
Pvt Chen, A.	Pvt Merrill, Z. K.	Pvt Vegarivera, J.
LCpl Ciaccio, N. A.	Pvt Montrond, L.	Pvt Velazquez, C. E.
Pvt Cinelli, R.	Pvt Morleygilbert, J. D.	Pvt Villegas, D. E.
Pvt Clark, C. M.	Pvt Nino III, N. N.	PFC Walton, C. M.
Pvt Comisarios, A. K.	Pvt Nixon, D. A.	Pvt Ward Jr., F. F.
Pvt Connors, T. K.	PFC Norman, T. M. *	Pvt Wilder, K. R.
Pvt Cruzhernandez, A.	PFC Ortegarosado, M. Y. *	Pvt Yager, M. L.
Pvt Devers, I. J.	Pvt Pereiraayala, S. G.	Pvt Zuniga, A. C.
PFC Dorme, O. S.	Pvt Phillips, W. A.	
Pvt Dresser, J. J.	Pvt Primus, J. W.	
PFC Dulgeroglu, O.	Pvt Ramos, H. P.	
PFC Eversole Jr., K. R. *	Pvt Ream, K. A.	
PFC Fitzsimmons, L. C.	Pvt Renshaw, D. F.	
Pvt Flaherty, M. J.	PFC Ridgeway, W. S.	
Pvt Floresgonzalez, E.	Pvt Riosgiraldo, G. C.	
PFC Fobbs, J. I.	Pvt Robbins, S. W.	
Pvt Galvez, R. K.	Pvt Rojas, D. A.	
Pvt Germain, J. T.	Pvt Ruizrosales, J. D.	

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.



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.

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

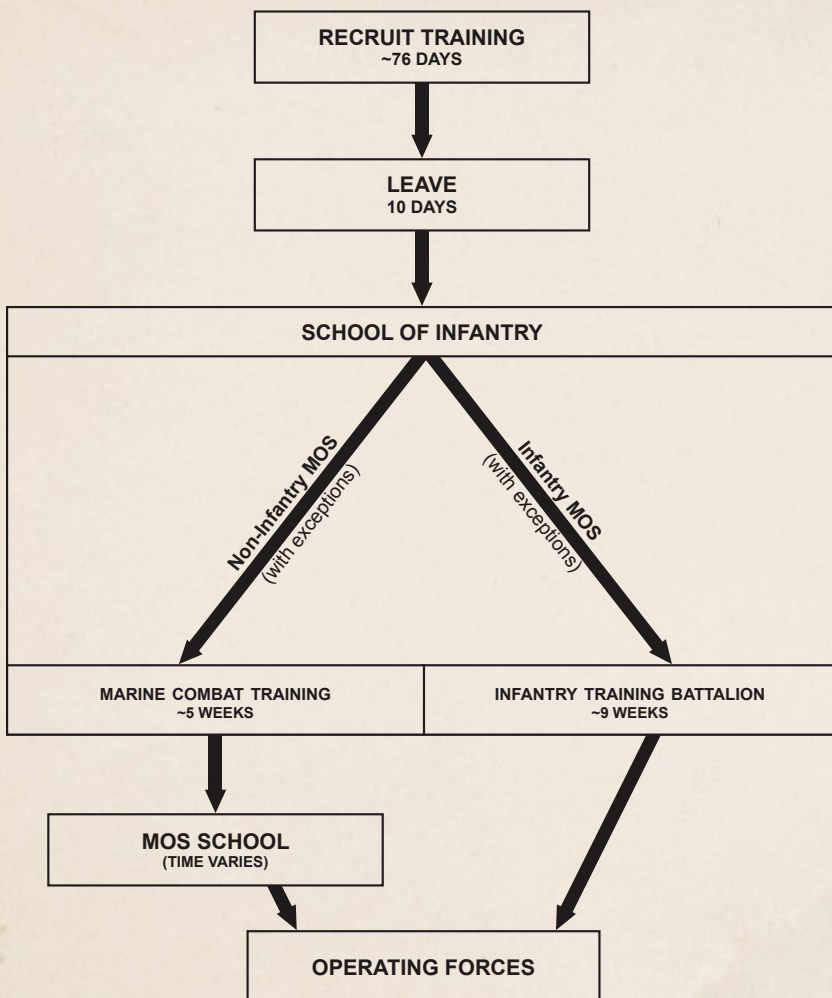
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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