



# UNITED STATES MARINES

GRADUATION CEREMONY  
MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, SC

# 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.



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SOUND ATTENTION

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MARCH ON OF TROOPS

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SOUND OFF

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OFFICERS' CENTER

COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

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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**

**16 August 2024**

**Recruit Training Regiment**

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

**First Recruit Training Battalion**

Commanding Officer.....Lieutenant Colonel K. R. Sile  
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major A. M. Tyler

**Commander of Troops**

First Sergeant P. S. Ramos

**Parade Adjutant**

SSgt I. Colon Dominguez

**Company "C", 1st Recruit Training Battalion**

Commanding Officer.....Captain T. C. Garibay  
Company First Sergeant.....First Sergeant P. S. Ramos  
Lead Series Commander.....Captain A. M. Hubbard  
Follow Series Commander.....Captain N. J. Busalacchi  
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Gunnery Sergeant P. D. McHam  
Follow Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Staff Sergeant B. Perea

**Drill Master**

Gunnery Sergeant M. N. Moreno

Staff Sergeant J. A. Kolb

**Chaplain**

Lieutenant K. V. Heitman

**Color Guard**

Sergeant. J. Hernandez

Sergeant. D. Sosa

Sergeant. E. K. Baafuor

Sergeant. T. N. Thorne

# PLATOON 1040

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. B. Serquina  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. A. Hernandez  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt N. N. Prosper  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl I. A. Ochoatorrez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. R. Spencer  
 HOMETOWN.....Penasacola, FL  
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Graham

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER .....PFC M. R. Spencer (331)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Ahlstrom

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC R. L. Bonnet (565)

PFC Barr, J. R.	PFC Rahlan, D. W.
Pvt Blair, K. K.	PFC Renes, J.
PFC Bonnet, R. L.	Pvt Rosas Jr., M.
Pvt Booher B. O.	Pvt Rymer, C. A.
PFC Brown Jr., P. D. *	PFC Schoephoerster, K. C.
Pvt Carrenonnegrete D.	Pvt Shoemaker, J. E.
Pvt Carrington, C. A.	PFC Sims, N. A.
PFC Carwyle, W. B. *	Pvt Soulsby Jr., C. A.
PFC Cohen, A. N.	PFC Spencer, M. R. *
PFC Diaz, E. A.	Pvt Stone, N. B.
Pvt Ferreiraceron, E. J.	Pvt Thomas, J. J.
Pvt Garciaberrera, V.	Pvt Traitel III, V. E.
Pvt Geoghegan, C. J.	Pvt Tupler, B. M.
PFC Gerald, C. E.	PFC Vasquez, M. A.
Pvt Green, D. E.	Pvt Velasco II, M. A.
Pvt Hartford, J. C.	Pvt White, L. Z.
Pvt Hayward III, T. L.	Pvt Winn, K. A.
Pvt Hill, J. X.	PFC Zavaleta, M. V.
Pvt Holt Jr., M. J.	
Pvt Jeantilus, E. E.	
Pvt Jencks, B. E.	
Pvt Lambright, L. A.	
Pvt Lee, D. S.	
PFC Luislopez, K. N.	
Pvt Martinez, J. A.	
PFC McAllister, K. M.	
Pvt Murphy Jr., D. J.	
Pvt Ortega, C.	
PFC Owens, A. P.	
Pvt Owens, M. D.	
Pvt Pizanamiranda, B.	
PFC Plankmiller, A. R.	
PFC Potter, R. E. *	
Pvt Quintana, J. S.	
Pvt Ragsdale, J. D.	

# PLATOON 1041

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. W. Hopwood  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. C. McGuigan  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. A. Tovar  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Z. L. Heilner



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC S. N. Harrison  
 HOMETOWN.....Haverhill, MA  
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Brown

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. A. Kilgore (331)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Obryan

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC A. W. Crane (563)

Pvt Barry, M. O.	Pvt Sanchezchuquipoma, M. B.
Pvt Bradley, B. A.	Pvt Shin, C.
Pvt Brooks, M. M.	Pvt Simmons, A. W.
Pvt Cartagena, A. M.	Pvt Sosa, J.
PFC Chaudhary, S.	PFC Sotelogarcia, R.
Pvt Cooper, J. S.	Pvt Thibeault Jr., D. B.
PFC Crane, A. W.	Pvt Toland, A. K.
Pvt Daniels, D. G.	Pvt Valdovinos, J.
Pvt Darhammouda, M. S.	PFC Watkins Jr., J. *
Pvt Delarosa, E.	PFC Watkins, D. R. *
Pvt Dupuy, M. S.	PFC West, B. L.
Pvt Farrell Jr., J. M.	PFC Williams, E. A.
PFC Fitts, L. B.	Pvt Wobse, K. A.
Pvt Fulk, W. R.	Pvt Woodcock, G. T.
PFC Garrant, L. G.	Pvt Zarlingo, M. P.
PFC Harrison, S. N.	
Pvt Hoyosavila, D.	
Pvt Keating, J. C.	
PFC Kilgore, D. A. *	
Pvt Kula, X. D.	
Pvt Lopez, A. M.	
PFC Lopez, C.	
Pvt Marrerotavarez, A.	
Pvt Mecouch, J. E.	
Pvt Melsheimer, Z. E.	
Pvt Mimnaugh, J.	
Pvt Nadeau, T. P.	
Pvt Nelson, E. J.	
PFC Ortiz, G. E.	
Pvt Ramoscardenas, I. F.	
Pvt Recore, C. S.	
Pvt Reyes, J.	
PFC Reyes, J.	
PFC Salasvasquez, A. R.	
PFC Salasvasquez, E. R.	



# PLATOON 1042

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt D. D. Buczkowski  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt L. J. Nevins  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt I. M. Fannin



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....LCPL Q. T. Bergeron  
 HOMETOWN.....Springboro, OH  
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Gross

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. D. Castagnetta (328)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Cochran

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC D. D. Castagnetta (599)

Pvt Aikler, J. A.	Pvt Ovalle, D. J.
PFC Azzalini, D. I.	PFC Pennington II, J. D.
LCpl Bergeron, Q. T. *	PFC Perezsilva, Z. W.
Pvt Blizzard Jr., C. L.	Pvt Porro, N. E.
PFC Bond, E. J.	Pvt Sewell, O. O.
Pvt Bra ttole, J. E.	PFC Smith, J. F. *
Pvt Bricha, J. M.	Pvt Smith, S. D.
Pvt Burke, E. L.	Pvt Strika, J. A.
Pvt Cachomatos, C.	PFC Thompson, D. S.
PFC Carrano, C. N.	PFC Thompson, P. T. *
PFC Castagnetta, D. D. *	PFC Thornton, I. H.
Pvt Coccionitti, E. R.	Pvt Whisenant, T. D.
Pvt Dejesus, N. R.	Pvt Wijerathne, L. S.
Pvt Elizarrarazizquierdo, E.	PFC Williams, L. A.
PFC Gordon, A. J.	PFC Zlatin, A.
Pvt Gross, J. L.	
Pvt Grulloncollado, V. J.	
Pvt Headlam, A. J.	
Pvt Hernandeztinajero, H. M.	
PFC Hollingsworth, N. M.	
Pvt Holloman III, S. E.	
Pvt Hopkinson, C. J.	
Pvt Huffman, J. J.	
Pvt Janzegers, J.	
PFC Jenkins Jr., M. J.	
Pvt Jenkins, D. A.	
Pvt Jerezaguana, L. A.	
Pvt Johnson, S. K.	
Pvt King, K. E.	
Pvt Lee, D. G.	
Pvt Leibrock, D. J.	
PFC Lin, W. *	
Pvt Moore, C. E.	
Pvt Morales, I. J.	
PFC Orr, C. B.	



# PLATOON 1044

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. V. Garcia  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. M. Richters  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. J. McCoy



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC W. J. Nunezboitel,  
 HOMETOWN.....Queens, NY  
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt McCalla

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt B. J. Matthews (341)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt McDonald

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt A. H. Divisonadames (547)

Pvt Acevedoalvarez, D. R.	PFC Ortizparra, Y. J. *
PFC Ahmed, A. T.	Pvt Papera, C. D.
Pvt Alvarez, B.	Pvt Paul, J. K.
Pvt Aponte, I.	PFC Powell, B. P. *
PFC Barros, T. I.	Pvt Puello, J. I.
Pvt Cadet, C.	Pvt Rodriguez, S.
PFC Cagno Jr., J. T.	PFC Rodriguezsoto, J. K.
Pvt Castillo, E. R.	PFC Slade, T. I. *
Pvt Conner, J. M.	Pvt Suarezfontalvo, J. R.
PFC Cornejo, E. S.	Pvt Tenecela, D. A.
PFC Crabtree, C. T.	PFC Tooley, J. L.
Pvt Davis Jr., A. D.	Pvt Trinidad, J.
Pvt Davisrivera, M. C.	Pvt Valladares, J. M.
Pvt Delapava, J.	PFC Vilchis, J. E.
Pvt Diallo, N. M.	Pvt Walton, A. O.
PFC Ding, G.	PFC Welch, T. A.
Pvt Divisonadames, A. H.	Pvt White, J. J.
PFC Govea, J. A.	Pvt Yearwood, C. S.
PFC Griffiths II, A. H. *	Pvt Zunigaudovenko, A.
Pvt Gutierrez, N. A.	
Pvt Guy Jr., K. A.	
Pvt Guzman, C. A.	
Pvt Hastings, A. M.	
Pvt Hernandezchino, J.	
Pvt Holgan, E. T.	
PFC Holmes Jr., G. A.	
Pvt Juarez, W.	
Pvt Lotito, R. R.	
PFC Maravilla, A. D.	
Pvt Matthews, B. J.	
PFC Moncayo, A.	
PFC Nunezboitel, W. J.	

# PLATOON 1045

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt H. J. Benjamin  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. J. Camacho  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. Q. Enrich  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. T. Cruz



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC C. D. Redlich  
 HOMETOWN.....Jennings, LA  
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Deshawn

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. C. Hopf(341)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Seda

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC B. H. Banghart(600)

Pvt Ahmed, K. B.	Pvt Nozzi, Z. J
PFC Banghart, B. H.	PFC Olsen, W. H.
Pvt Barnes, N. J.	PFC Patton, J. K.*
PFC Benoit, W. J.	Pvt Pearce, I. R.
PFC Bryer, A. D.	PFC Pierre, W.
PFC Caldwell, J. I.	Pvt Prados, T. J.
Pvt Campos Jr., J. A.	PFC Redlich, C. D.*
PFC Clark, S. J.	Pvt Reiss, C. R.
PFC Clark, Z. M.	Pvt Ruiz Jr., J. R.
PFC Clement, J. N. *	Pvt Szalsky, C. P.
Pvt Cole, N. R.	Pvt Sheffield III, L.
Pvt Collins, J. B.	Pvt Smith, O. W.
PFC Cullen, P. J.	Pvt Travis, H. J.
Pvt Galvan, J. R.	Pvt Vegliante, B. M.
Pvt Gambino, D. J.	Pvt Ventroy, A. J.
Pvt Giorno Jr., D. L.	Pvt Vo, J. T.
PFC Grant, A. B.	Pvt Williams Jr., T. J.
Pvt Grigsby, N. M.	PFC Wood, C. L.
Pvt Hicianoacosta, E.	
Pvt Hopf, J. C.	
Pvt Ivory, I. R.	
Pvt Jeffery, R. W.	
Pvt Jones, D. L.	
Pvt Kennedy, K. S.	
Pvt Kessinger, K. J.	
PFC Landry, R. K.	
Pvt Landry, V. W.	
Pvt Lewis, D. R.	
Pvt Lovio, H. A.	
Pvt Lugo, M. A.	
PFC Mallet, I. M.	
Pvt Mayorga, M. J.	
PFC McCoy Jr., D. W.	
Pvt McNicholas, J. V.	
Pvt Morales, J. A.	



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.





# 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



## **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***

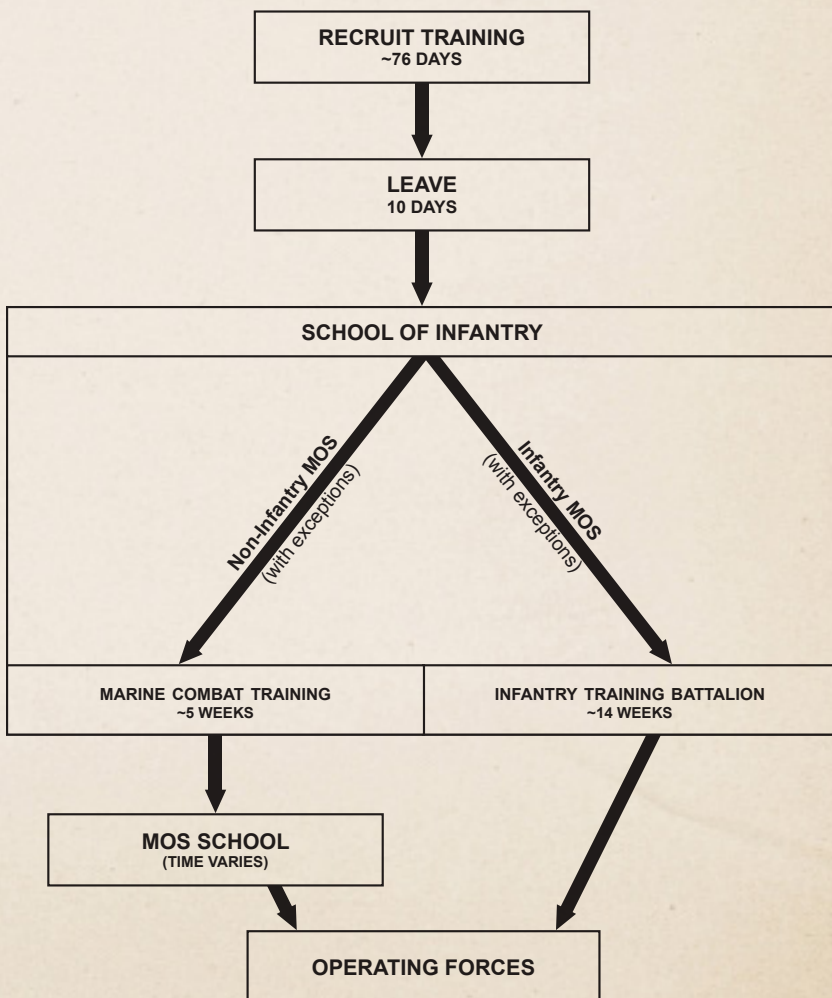
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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

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**

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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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