



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

23 August 2024

Recruit Training Regiment

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

Third Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer.....Lieutenant Colonel B. L. Tye
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major S. A. Howard

Commander of Troops

First Sergeant J. M. Case

Parade Adjutant

Staff Sergeant S. Hor

Company “L”, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer.....Captain R. L. Stewart
Company First Sergeant.....First Sergeant J. M. Case
Lead Series Commander.....Captain V. N. Gamino
Follow Series Commander.....Captain B. J. Placek
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Gunnery Sergeant D. L. Goodman
Follow Series Chief Drill InstructorStaff Sergeant J. B. McFarlane

Drill Master

Gunnery Sergeant M. N. Moreno
Staff Sergeant B. R. Graham

Chaplain

Lieutenant T. M. West

Color Guard

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

PLATOON 3056

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt H. J. Marchi Ramos
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. M. Brodie
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. M. Sall
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt N. A. Stocker



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. T. Flores
 HOMETOWN.....Maysville, NC
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt M. Santiago

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVTC M. Buchan (336)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Ahlstrom

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PVT M. K. Smothers Jr. (585)

PVT Arango, S.	PVT Hernandez, M. A.	PVT Ruhlman, N. T.
PFC Baruchocana, D.	PVT Hernandezignacio, L.	PVT Saldivar, J.
PFC Best, M. L. *	PFC Herron, S. T.	PFC Scott Jr., M. N.
PFC Bolañosarmas, T.	PFC Hubbard, T. J.	PFC Seisan, T. M.
PVT Boney, J. D.	PVT Interiarmendoza, E. A.	PVT Shoemaker, C. W.
PFC Bosque, C. A.	PVT Issac, X. J.	PVT Slydell, P. K.
PFC Brice, J. T.	PFC James, S. J.	PFC Smith, J. D.
PVT Brown, C. D.	PVT Johnson, A. M.	PVT Smothers Jr., M. K.
PVT Buchan, C. M.	PVT Juarez, J.P.	PVT Stahlnecker III, G. E.
PVT Callahan II, J. L.	PVT Kimbler, T. L.	PVT Swain III, R. L.
PFC Campbell, R. L.	PVT Lambert, N. O.	PVT Taylor, R. O.
PFC Carter, L. B.	PFC Lane, L. B.	PVT Thomas III, C. E.
PFC Cofield, I. D.	PVT Lara, G.	PFC Tyndall, J. D.
PFC Collins, L. A. *	PVT Lee, E. K.	PVT Valdezsantos, J. W.
PVT Crowe, J. H.	PVT Lopezrodriguez, A. A.	PVT Wakeman, R. J.
PVT Cuyler III, J.	PFC Martin, T. J.	PFC Walsh, J. A.
PFC Dia, P. S.	PFC McCarty, M. G.	PVT Warren, K. C.
PVT Diallo, A. A.	PFC McCoy III, D. L.	PFC Watson, A. C. *
PFC Dolan, E. J.	PFC McKillop, W. S.	PVT Watters Jr., T. T.
PFC Dukes II, I. C.	PFC McKinney, A. B.	PFC White, J. M. *
PVT Durr, J. H.	PVT McPherson, J. D.	PVT Williams, Y.
PFC Flores, J. T. *	PVT Mullins, A. J.	PFC Wise, T. M.
PVT Garcia, F. P.	PFC Neeley, B. C.	PVT Wu, G.
PVT Garcialicea, G.	PFC Newland, M. A.	PVT Zetina, C.
PVT Garciamerida, L. A.	PFC Ortizchalias, V. F.	
PFC Garciapineda, B. J.	PVT Perez, J. M.	
PFC Gayle, R. R.	PFC Perezsanchez, A.	
PFC Gibson, M. P.	PFC Pilson, W. L. *	
PVT Griffin IV, J. B.	PVT Pinkhasov, J.	
PVT Harlan, J. W.	PFC Ponder, E. K.	
PVT Harris III, B. A.	PVT Raulston, W. E.	
PFC Herbin, E. H. *	PVT Rossi Jr., M. A.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 3057

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt G. A. Schneider
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. S. Hutchings
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. L. Cauble
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. K. Miller
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. L. Nunez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. Castro-Salazar
HOMETOWN.....Tampa, FL
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Ruis

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT Y. Esquivel (330)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Thomas

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PVT A. L. Bailey(589)

PVT Allen, R. N.	PFC Maldonadohernandez, A. G.
PFC Ariaspucha, E. J	PVT Marcelin, G. A.
PFC Arevalocevallos, A. S.	PFC Marshall, B. B.
PVT Aubry, C. S.	PFC Martinezlopez, S. P.
PFC Baidallopez, K. P.*	PVT Masaraure, P. M.
PFC Bailey, A. L.*	PFC Mexquititla, S.
PFC Bayda, V. E.	PFC Minx, A. L.
PFC Bravomartinez, M.	PFC Paulino, K.
PFC Castrosalazar, A.	PFC Pedersen, B. L.
PFC Charleus, J.	PFC Perezrodriguez, J. A.
PVT Cooper, S. R.	PFC Peters, N. J.
PFC Cortesgutierrez, A.	PVT Rosario, A.
PVT Daugherty, K. D.	PFC Ruell, M. T.
PFC Dixon, D. A.	PFC Salassanchez, S.
PFC Escobedosalais, E.	PFC Smith, K. D.*
PVT Esquivel, Y.	PVT Trochessett, I. N.
PFC Gillan, A. N.	PFC Urgent, K. N.
PVT Gonzalez, V.	PFC Valdivia, F.
PFC Guerrero, E. N.	PFC Valler, A. S.
PVT Gutierrez, S. P.	PFC Wilkerson, E. G.
PVT Hanson, G. R.	PVT Wilson, L. D.
PFC Haynes, A. C.*	PVT Wittine, A. G.
PFC Hernandezcordon, A. R.	PFC Youngs, A. M.*
PFC Hernandezreyes, V.	
PFC Infante, C.	
PVT Jefferson, H. A.	
PVT Johnson, T. L.	
PVT Jones, G. C.	
PFC Juarezcabrera, L. I.	
PVT Leslie, C. M.	
PFC Lopezmolina, M.	
PFC Makin, T. J.	

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PLATOON 3058

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt P. J. Witz
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. Rosado
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. R. Armstrong
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. K. Hyatt



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC B. L. Parrish
 HOMETOWN.....Urbanna, VA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Perez

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVTA. C. Clark (337)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Obryan

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC B. L. Parrish (589)

PVT Adams, J. R.	PVT Jeffers, D. T.	PVT Saenz Jr., M.
PVT Banda, A.	PVT Jokosenumi, S. O.	PVT Sanchezcastillo, E.
PVT Benge II, J. R.	PVT Jumiscoeilers, J. M.	PVT Saphrey, I. B.
PVT Boynton, M. C.	PFC King, M. J.	PVT Schultz, A. R.
PFC Brackett, J. V.*	PFC King, N. L.	PVT Silva, J.
PVT Bressler, W. A.	PVT Labra, C.	PVT Sis, C. R.
PVT Burrage, O. D.	PVT Lagrange, N. R.	PVT Sis, E. J.
PVT Bursell III, D. H.	PVT Leyba, J. T.	PVT Smith, I. J.
PVT Campbell, D. N.	PFC Lindsey, L. D.*	PVT Smith, J. M.
PVT Carrazco, E. E.	PVT Little II, B. L.	PFC Stokes, J. A.*
PVT Chavezmartinez, E.	PVT Lopezcisneros, G.	PFC Suara, J. O.
PVT Clark, A. C.	PFC Lopezmurcia, W. J.	PVT Vegaabarca, Y. J.
PFC Cox, W. A.	PVT Lorainfante, M. A.	PVT Vergara, C. A.
PVT Crane, C. L.	PFC Mackey, T. M.	PVT Vernon, J. A.
PFC Crawford, E. L.	PVT Mainer, D. E.	PVT Ware, W. J.
PFC Davis, J. G.	PVT Maliakal, M. M.	PVT Wright, M. N.
PFC Deleon, D. J.	PVT Marbury, T. J.	PFC Yoder, J. D.*
PVT Felts, N. B.	PVT Marucci, T. L.	PVT Young, T. D.
PVT Fincher, D. M.	PVT Matkins, S. O.	
PFC Garcia, R.*	PVT Mize, T. G.	
PVT Gardner Jr., M. A.	PVT Monroe, J. A.	
PVT Garrido, J. J.	PVT Morgan, E. A.	
PVT Gaskins, B. T.	PFC Moss, D. J.*	
PVT Gomez Jr., J.	PVT Orellanafranco, M. E.	
PFC Gonzales, M. M.	PFC Parrish Jr., B. L.*	
PFC Gonzalez, D. G.*	PVT Perales Jr., V. J.	
PVT Granados, A. J.	PVT Potocki, J. C.	
PFC Grey, J. N.	PVT Reno, E. W.	
PVT Hall II, T. A.	PFC Riveramckenney, A. C.	
PFC Harris, M. C.	PFC Riveronieves, J. R.	
PFC Hill, T. A.	PVT Rojas, R. N.	
PVT Hunt, K. R.	PVT Ruffin, N. F.	

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PLATOON 3060

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt G. R. Andersen
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt N. M. Luber
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. P. Jernigan
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. T. Vahsholtz



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. X. Synnestvedt
 HOMETOWN.....South Hampton, PA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Preston

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. J. Rocky (329)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Derdon

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC D. J. Rocky (573)

PFC Agredo, M.	PVT Hyer Jr., J. A.	PFC Singleton, C. M.
PVT Alvaradociriaco, J.	PFC James, K. J.	PVT Steinbauer, A. J.
PFC Artwell, A. J.	PVT Jaramaquizhpi, F. E.	PVT Stenerson, M. A.
PFC Baralt, R. R.	PFC Jendayi, D. Y.	PVT Stewart, J. G.
PVT Barnett, S. O.	PFC Kemmerer, N. J.*	PVT Swanson, P. G.
PFC Beltreacevedo, L. A.	PVT Kerns, M. C.	PFC Synnestvedt, M. X.
PVT Bileci, D. A.	PVT Kisamore, C. M.	PVT Thomas, T. D.
PFC Blanchard, M. J.*	PFC Klinger, C. D.	PVT Torrescari, G.
PVT Brown, D. S.	PVT Koniszewski, M. J.	PVT Torresmino, J. J.
PVT Butler, J. R.	PFC Li, D.	PFC Velugapudi, S.
PVT Cabrerarosaes, E.	PVT Lim, A.	PVT Veale, J. B.
PFC Caldwell, T. N.	PVT Lopez, A. K.	PFC White, M. J.
PVT Caraballo, S.	PVT Lu, J.	PFC Whitlock, D. L.
PFC Contreras, A.*	PVT Mackley, G. L.	PVT Williams, C. M.
PVT Cornwell III, T. A.	PVT Majano, J. L.	PVT Williams, I. A.
PFC Cromer, J. C.*	PFC Martin, B. P.	PVT Wilson, H. M.
PVT Crookston, M. J.	PFC Martin, D. T.	PFC Wilson, Z. A.*
PVT Dakake, J. M.	PFC Martinelli, T. B.	PVT Wright, C. R.
PVT Dalton, A. D.	PVT McChesney, C. R.	
PFC Davidheiser, N. C.	PFC Miller, J. K.	
PFC Davis, J. M.*	PVT Moriarty, C. M.	
PVT Dixon, R. J.	PFC Nally, T. I.	
PFC Floyd, S. A.	PVT Perezvazquez, V. D.	
PVT Foutty, O. W.	PFC Plunkett, N. B.	
PVT Galeano, J.	PVT Pollitt, A. S.	
PVT Garciamaqueda, S.	PFC Rocky, D. J.*	
PFC George, R. D.	PFC Rodriguez, L. J.	
PFC Gills II, G. H.*	PFC Romerogonzalez, R. E.	
PVT Greer, A. T.	PFC Rutherford, A. J.*	
PVT Hajjem, A. T.	PVT Santillo, R. C.	
PFC Hayes, M.*	PFC Sappcombs, M. S.	
PVT Holliday, M. J.	PFC Shymansky, M. C.	

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PLATOON 3061

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. M. Clonch
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. C. Ward
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. F. Rodrigues
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Vantuyl
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. Hebert



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC R. J. Kenney
 HOMETOWN.....Trinton Falls, NJ.
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Eberhardt

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT O. E. Perezmartinez, (342)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Seda

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PVT V. S. Chagollahernandez (598)

PFC Akridge, T. M.	PFC Kenney, R. J.*	PVT Royal, E. J.
PVT Arp, A. G.	PVT King, J. A.	PVT Salinascampos, C. S.
PVT Benson, C. C.	PFC Li, T.	PVT Savellimocelim, L.
PVT Bishop, C. A.	PVT Luong, D.	PVT Scheuneman, A. W.
PFC Blackwell, J. W.	PVT Lyle, S. C.	PVT Silva, H. J.
PVT Bogado, J. D.	PVT Mackey, W. D.	PFC Smith, E. R.
PVT Bright, I.	PVT Marrero, R. A.	PFC Spencer, W. J.*
PVT Calvopinamunoz, S. A.	PVT McGarvey Jr., C. J.	PFC Spies, K. C.
PFC Cancienne IV, P. E.*	PVT McGrew, M. R.	PVT Spies, M. C.
PVT Carlamere, T. S.	PVT Miguel, G. F.	PVT Stephenson, R. C.
PVT Chagollahernandez, V. S.	PFC Mock, A. R.*	PVT Stevens, R. S.
PVT Clark, K. W.	PFC Mock, B. C.	PVT Tapia, J. A.
PVT Coleman, M. R.	PVT Muniz, I. M.	PFC Thomas, J. T.
PVT Cone, J. W.	PVT Murr, H. J.	PVT Thomas, K. B.
PVT Cossey, J. L.	PVT Nestorguerrero, B.	PFC Vandiver, L. J.*
PFC Craig, L. T.	PFC Oliverassantiago, P. I.	PVT Weaver, S. A.
PFC Diego, D. C.	PVT Pablogregorio, N.	PFC Weir, J. W.
PFC Eason, C. D.	PVT Pace, A. J.	PVT Wright, J. B.
PVT Escriba, R. G.	PFC Perez, A. D.	PVT Zetterman, B. M.
PFC Eugene, H.	PVT Perezmartinez, O. E.	
PFC Facciotorres, A. N.	PVT Pipkins, P. D.	
PVT Fischer, T. L.	PFC Pro, J. J.	
PVT Franky IV, N. M.	PVT Provost, S. D.	
PVT Frederick, F. T.	PVT Quitodiaz, A. A.	
PVT Garrett, J. S.	PFC Ramsey, V. L.	
PFC Gleason, T. J.	PVT Rankhorn, D. R.	
PFC Goss, C. O.	PFC Raymundo, D.	
PFC Gunter, M. D.*	PVT Reyesespinoza, J. S.	
PVT Harpster, J. R.	PFC Rivera, J. M.	
PVT Hicksjones, J. A.	PVT Rodenius, D. S.	
PFC Hinton, D. R.	PFC Rodriguez, J. J.	
PFC Jimenez, E. A.*	PFC Rodriguezgutierrez, S.	

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PLATOON 3062

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt S. A. Kasahara
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt C. A. Feliz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt N. M. Burke
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. Fejfar



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC B. M. Jackson
HOMETOWN.....	South Hampton, PA
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Davis

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC Mitchell, K. J. (328)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Cochran

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC C. H. Wall (597)
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PFC Andrews, C. S.*	PVT Eaton, C. W.	PVT McMillian, E. E.
PVT Andrews, W. R.	PVT Erwin, D. A.	PFC Mears, S. D.
PFC Anez, A. D.	PFC Fourroux, T. H.	PVT Mendezaviles, A. E.
PVT Askins, K. P.	PVT Garcia, J. L.	PFC Milfort, D.
PFC Baldwin, S. S.*	PVT Garcia, L. F.	PFC Mitchell, K. J.*
PVT Barcenas, J. D.	PVT Graham, R. J.	PVT Mnyanda, M.
PVT Basnet, A. S.	PFC Hagen, D. B.	PFC Molinadelacruz, A.
PVT Batac, R. T.	PVT Harris, E. A.	PFC Moore, J. A.
PVT Battig, N. R.	PFC Hayward, J. L.	PVT Moralesnieves, L. R.
PFC Beaty, P. B.	PFC Hicks, K. A.	PVT Ortiz, C. J.
PVT Beaudion, A. J.	PVT Hillmann, A.	PVT Ritahernandez Jr., M.
PVT Beers, I. P.	PFC Hunter, L. E.	PFC Selzer, T. M.
PVT Blankenship, J. D.	PVT Hyatt, C. J.	PVT Serranocisneros, B.
PFC Boles, A. D.	PFC Jackson, B. M.	PVT Sierra, E. R.
PFC Bradley, J. A.	PFC Johnson, H. M.	PVT Smith, J. E.
PVT Bridenbaugh, T. L.	PVT Jones, K. R.	PVT Smith, J. R.
PFC Briggs Jr., A. D.	PFC Kennedy, A. W.	PFC Smith, N. L.
PVT Brooks, D. S.	PFC Kerelejza, L. P.	PFC Snodgrass, M. S.
PVT Buchanan, B. O.	PFC Kibler, S. D.*	PFC Stone, D. R.*
PVT Capdesunergonzalez, J.	PVT Kime, F. Z.	PFC Talavera, C. D.
PFC Carlock, T. J.	PFC Kindred, K. M.	PFC Thompson, L. G.
PVT Carmonachavez, J. U.	PVT Kirk, S. R.	PVT Turner, J. D.
PVT Carnathan, D. I.	PVT Kwakye, J. M.	PVT Vozniak III, J. A.
PFC Christensen, K. D.*	PFC Lainhart, C. G.	PFC Wall, C. H.*
PFC Church, M. D.	PFC Licudine, X. G.*	PVT Williams, W. A.
PFC Coburn, L. K.	PVT Lopezacevedo, J.	PFC Willis, J. D.
PVT Coleman Jr., S. L.	PFC Lopezaguilar, E.	PVT Workmanpowell II, M. A.
PVT Cruz, E. D.	PFC Louisjeune, V.	
PVT Curtis, J. J.	PFC Malone, M. K.	
PVT Deramo, J. M.	PFC McCallum, S. R.	
PVT Dillashaw, C. E.	PVT McCarty, G. J.	
PFC Duncan, J. I.	PFC McCormick, M. L.	

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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

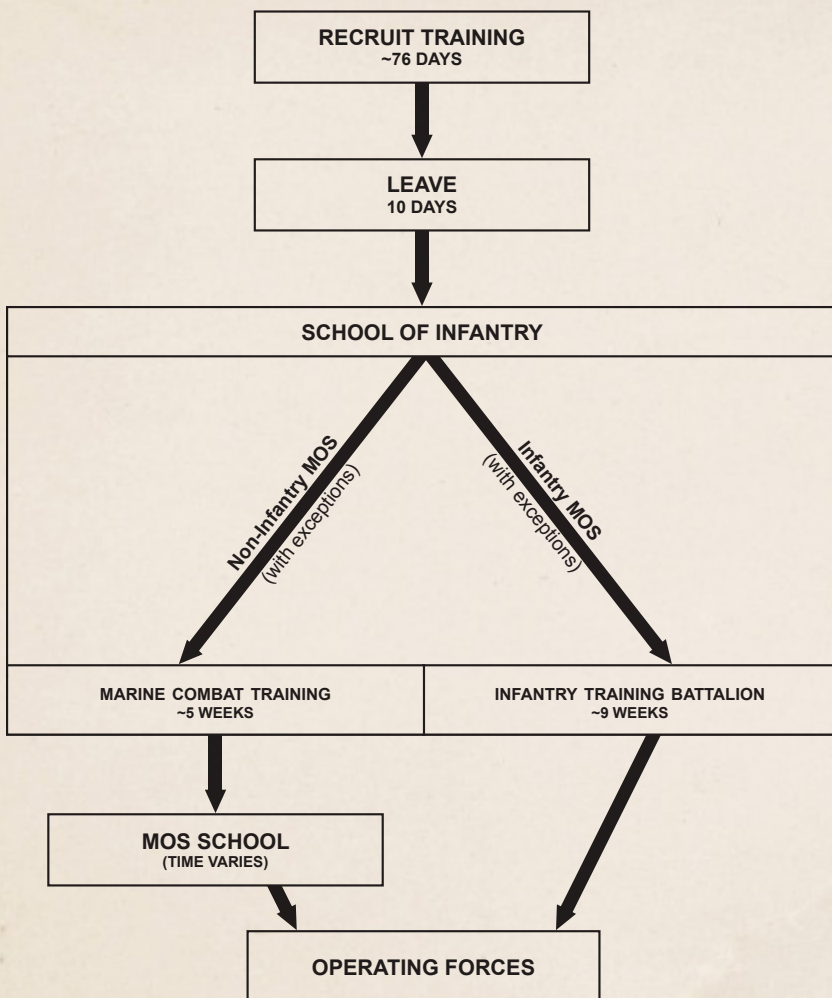
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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