



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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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

30 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 C. D. Evans

Parade Adjutant

Gunnery Sergeant A. D. Offredi

Company "D", First Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding Officer.....Captain M. P. LaGalbo
Company First Sergeant.....First Sergeant C. D. Evans
Lead Series Commander.....Captain K. E. Huebner
Follow Series Commander.....Captain G. D. Wilson Jr.
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Gunnery Sergeant J. F. Casey Jr.
Follow Series Chief Drill InstructorStaff Sergeant J. S. Jones

Drill Master

Gunnery Sergeant M. N. Moreno
Staff Sergeant J. A. Kolb

Chaplain

Lieutenant K. V. Heitman

Color Guard

Sergeant. J. Hernandez
Sergeant. E. K. Baafuor
Sergeant. D. Sosa
Sergeant. T. N. Thorne

PLATOON 1048

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt Z. S. Wilkinson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. S. Thrush
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. A. Harewood Jr.
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. M. Myers



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. E. Son
 HOMETOWN.....Whiteville, NC
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Gomez

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. L. Jimenezlara (335)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Obrien

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC N. A. Presley (595)

PFC Allred, P. T.*	PVT Kitchens, N. C.	PFC Turner, R.
PVT Avilez, M.	PVT Kyte, J. N.	PVT Unwin, M. A.
PVT Baezyanez, E.	PVT Labarca, C. N.	PVT Valentin, M. L.
PFC Banks, L. R.	PVT Laragarcia, A. F.	PVT Verdugo, J. B.
PFC Battle, Z. M.*	PFC Lawrence, D. C.	PVT Vy, A. B.
PFC Beusse, N. J.*	PVT Lewis, P. D.	PFC Weldon, B. L.
PVT Bluntson, D. A.	PVT Maddox III, J. M.	PVT Wells, R. J.
PFC Bray, C. P.	PVT Malone, J. M.	PVT Wermuth, W. J.
PVT Brewer, D. W.	PFC Markham, L. E.	PFC Wolfe, K. R.
PVT Brownlee, C. J.	PVT Mason, C. M.	
PFC Carpenter, D. A.	PFC McKenzie, H. C.	
PFC Cassidy, J. J.	PVT McRoberts, J. D.	
PVT Christenson, B. A.	PFC Molenaar, S. B.	
PVT Coleman, G. A.	PVT Morales, E. I.	
PVT Cooper, R. E.	PVT Mullins, W. C.	
PFC Duqueboyates, J.	PVT Nietosanchez, D.	
PVT Dye, J. P.	PVT Norris, J. R.	
PFC Franco, D. S.	PVT Owusu, M. J.	
PVT Garciaandreu, L.	PVT Page, J. T.	
PFC Giese, J. M.	PFC Parrott II, J. J.	
PFC Hall, R. D.	PVT Peraza, A. M.	
PFC Hampson, R. Z.	PVT Perez, J. A.	
PVT Hernandezazahares, R.	PVT Pham, B. T.	
PFC Holden, J. B.	PFC Pittman, P. C.	
PFC Htoo, T. L.	PFC Presley, N. A.	
PFC Hudgens, Z. R.	PVT Riveraaviles, Y. O.	
PVT Jacob, J. C.	PVT Rojasramos, C. S.	
PVT Jimenez, C.	PVT Sanders, B. E.	
PFC Jimenez, J. M.	PVT Schab, M. C.	
PVT Jimenez Jr., I.	PFC Sieg, C. Z.*	
PVT Jimenezlara, J. L.	PFC Sleister, H. A.	
PVT Johnson, E. M.	PFC Son, M. E.*	
PFC Jones, S. Q.	PVT Sosamontalvo, F.	
PVT Joyner, S. K.	PVT Sotodedios, A. J.	
PFC Kearney, L. G.	PFC Thompson, N. E.	

PLATOON 1049

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. N. Contreras
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. I. Saavedra
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt H. L. Nguyen
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt M. J. Phelan



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC E. M. Gladstone
HOMETOWN.....	Walterboro, SC
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Conner

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC A. Saez (336)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Wursta

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC E. M. Gladstone (583)
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PFC Aguilera, M.	PVT Law, H. M.
PVT Armentabarreno, M. H.	PFC Lay, T. M.
PFC Barber, A. L.	PFC Martin, N. E.
PVT Betancourtnava, J. L.	PVT Mendiolavazquez, C. B.
PFC Bowman, Z. K.	PVT Mitchell, A. C.
PFC Brewer, K. R.	PVT Nakanwagi, P. T.
PFC Brown, N. J.	PVT Nar, R. N.
PFC Byrd, A. G.	PFC Narruhn, J. H.
PFC Cadby, E. L.	PFC Nuno, A. *
PVT Camerocandela, B.	PVT Oliphant, N. E.
PFC Canfield, A. H.	PVT ONeal, M. G.
PFC Carino, R. E.	PFC Orellanaaguilar, D. *
PFC Castillocorrea, E.	PVT Paul, N. S.
PFC Castillodominguez, G.	PFC Pinedo, K. S.
PFC Cummings, C. M.	PFC Robinsonalston, J. P.
PVT Domingomateo, J.	PVT Saez, A.
PFC Dusek, K. J.	PFC Slabbert, E. E.
PFC Fisher, E. L. *	PVT Sosa, S. J.
PFC Fontegarcia, Dayne	PFC Stewart, J. R.
PVT Garcia, R. A.	PFC Stowe, S. I.
PVT Gaspar, M.	PVT Torres, J. V.
PFC Gilbert, C. L.	PFC Vanderplow, V. J.
PFC Ginger, A. A.	PVT Vega, J. K.
PFC Gladstone, E. M.	PVT Watson, H. E.
PFC Glover, I. S.	PFC Wood, E. A.
PVT Gomez, A. N.	PFC Yeoman, S. L.
PVT Gonzalezandres, E. M.	PFC Zamoranoneri, M. G.
PVT Gonzalezangel, M.	
PFC Green, C. N.	
PFC Hammel, A. M.	
PFC Hayatt, S.	
PFC Josiah, J. L.	
PVT Juarezlopez, A.	
PFC Kinghawkins, U. T. *	
PVT Lacitignola, C.	

PLATOON 1050

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. J. Rojas
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. R. Rose
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. A. Zaccaro
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. G. Pascall



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. B. Klick
 HOMETOWN.....Jewitt, CT
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Burns

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC L. J. Reese (342)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Darden

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PVT B. M. Wysocki (595)

PFC Barr, C. L.	PFC Laguana, D. R.	PVT Wysocki, B. M.
PFC Battle, I. C.	PFC Lewis, E. S.*	
PFC Battle, J. L.	PFC Lopezavila, S. A.*	
PFC Becker, R. J.	PVT Lopezrodriguez, J. M.	
PVT Bettendorf, K. S.	PFC McDaniels, Z. L.	
PFC Bloodwoth, D. L.	PFC McNamara, B. L.	
PVT Boley, M. V.	PFC Meza, D. A.	
PFC Brown, B. T.	PFC Middlebrooks, O. S.	
PVT Bryant, M. K.	PFC Mitchell, T. L.	
PFC Centeno, K. E.	PVT Molina, G. J.	
PFC Choi, D. M.	PVT Monger, Y.	
PVT Cobb, M. E.	PVT Montoyaestrada, J.	
PVT Coley Jr., O. J.	PVT Moore, N. D.	
PVT Colon, M. R.	PVT Nguyen, J.	
PFC Daniels, A. J.	PFC Oliver, M. K.	
PFC Diazcarrasco, E.*	PVT Pascua, E. A.	
PFC Fannin Jr., C. D.	PVT Peralta, L. E.	
PVT Fennell, J. B.	PFC Piccola, R. A.	
PVT Fink, D. S.	PFC Purvis, J. R.	
PVT Fleshman, T. A.	PFC Reese, L. J.	
PVT Flores, D. E.	PFC Riordan, C. D.	
PVT Garcia, J. P.	PVT Rivera, S. A.	
PFC Gaskins, S. A.	PVT Rodgers, C. S.	
PVT Gonzalez II, I.	PVT Rogers, K. T.	
PVT Green, A. R.	PVT Russo, R. H.	
PFC Gregory, L. M.	PVT Scoma, L. A.	
PVT Griffin Jr., T. M.	PFC Sizinski, D. D.	
PVT Hegwood, A. B.	PVT Sumlut, G. M.	
PFC Hiester, A. R.*	PVT Sweat, N. E.	
PFC Hudson, P. M.	PFC Talbert, D. S.	
PFC Iglesias, J.	PVT Torres, S. R.	
PFC Jennings, J. D.*	PFC Vancolen, G.	
PFC Johnson, W. B.	PVT Vicente, J. R.	
PVT Jones Jr., D. E.	PVT Watko, J. L.	
PFC Klick, J. B.	PFC Weeks, P. L.	

PLATOON 1052

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. G. Guertin
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. D. Pitsch
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. P. Baumann
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. A. Phillips



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC E. A. Matthews
 HOMETOWN.....Beaufort, SC
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Craddock

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. O. Riveraramos, (330)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Barry

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PVTP B. Lords (588)

PVT Apoloniovazquez, J.	PVT Lin, J.	PVT Taylor, J. D.
PVT Anayacortes, E.	PVT Lin, J.	PVT Tejedagonzalez, O. D.
PVT Baker, J. J.	PVT Lords, P. B.	PVT Vandyke, B. T.
PVT Bowers, C. J.	PVT Martinezacosta, L.	PVT Vazquezcasco, A.
PVT Boyd Jr., W.	PVT Massoni, Giuliano N.	PFC Wallace, M. K.
PVT Braun, L. M.	PVT Martinezfigueora, M. D.	PFC Wee, E. Y.
PVT Brewer, J. B.	PFC Matthews, E. A.*	PVT Windsor, K. M.
PVT Burkholder, J. R.	PVT McCadle, B. J.	PFC Woods, J. R.*
PVT Busby Jr., S. L.	PVT McDowell, T. P.	PFC York, T. L.
PFC Butler, C. J.*	PFC Melder, B. S.	PFC Zweydoft, T. H.
PFC Cedillos, M. J.	PVT Morocho, R.	
PVT Cintron, A. R.	PVT Morrison, B. T.	
PFC Collum, H. L.	PVT Nuneztaveras, A.	
PFC Dawson, J. J.	PVT Ortizfontanez, A. E.	
PVT Demorrow, A. M.	PVT Ortizmarquez, J. M.	
PVT Deville, K. J.	PVT Patterson, B. J.	
PFC Doyle, F. C.	PVT Pitts, M. J.	
PVT Elliott, E. S.	PFC Prietoshevchenko, B. A.	
PFC Garcia, A. M.*	PVT Prusha, K. R.	
PVT Garcia, J. E.	PVT Rittenhouse, J. D.	
PVT Gaspard, L. M.	PFC Riveraramos, D. O.	
PVT Gordon, R. O.	PVT Rojas, S.	
PVT Gould Jr., M. J.	PFC Rojashernandez, A.	
PVT Iatesta, D. P.	PVT Sanchezortega, F.	
PVT Jimenez, A. G.	PFC Sanders, J. B.	
PVT Jones, D. D.	PVT Smith, J. A.	
PFC Jones, J. F.	PFC Smith Jr., D.	
PFC Kelly, T. A.	PFC Soto, J. E.	
PVT Kennedy, K. J.	PVT Stomber, H. C.	
PVT Kozma, M. A.	PFC Stovalbenningfield, W. G.	
PFC Lechtenberg, E. C.	PVT Stroup, C. C.	
PFC Li, F.	PFC Tapiavillamil, T. K.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. A. Macasyanez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. V. Power
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. R. Pelton



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. Pires
 HOMETOWN.....Brockton, MA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Souza

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. R Brown (339)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Cochrane

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC K. Acosta (591)

PFC Acahua, Z. D.	PVT Hopson, C. B.	PVT Vidales Jr., E. G.
PFC Acosta, K.	PVT Johnson, A. R.	PFC Wall, D. A.
PVT Aguirre Jr., J.	PVT Johnson, C. K.	PVT Whitney, M. E.
PVT Arredondoramirez, E.	PVT Juncal, J.	
PVT Baker, I. J.	PFC Keeton, A. K.	
PVT Belongia, T. D.	PVT Kennedy, O. J.	
PVT Benon, C. A.	PVT Kirk, K. D.	
PVT Bogart, M. B.	PFC Kulok, W. S.	
PVT Brown, L. V.	PVT Lawson, N. C.	
PFC Brown, D. R.	PVT Lima, J. M.	
PVT Byers II, R. A.	PFC Loowattanakul, P.	
PFC Carqueparks, E. L.	PFC Miller, T. F.	
PVT Castro, E. M.	PFC Mobeen, M.	
PFC Celestin, T. D.	PVT Nowon Jr., A. C.	
PFC Clark, M. B.	PVT Nunn, J. J.	
PVT Cook, E. J.	PFC Obrian, A. T.	
PFC Croom, J. M.	PVT Pham, Hoai T.	
PFC Crowe, B. A.*	PFC Phillips, M. C.	
PVT Delossantosmaldonado, J. J.	PFC Pires, J.	
PFC Diego, J.*	PVT Potts, J. L.	
PVT Doll, J. M.	PFC Riveraparada, G.*	
PFC Donfrancisco, E. A.*	PVT Romerodircio, D.	
PVT Dowdye, Z. A.	PFC Sabarots, D. A.	
PVT Dunham, J. N.	PVT Sanders, D. D.	
PVT Famayegun, K. A.	PVT Santiago, W.	
PVT Foster, B. A.	PVT Sheehan, H. T.	
PVT Freeman, Z. J.	PFC Simeon, F.	
PFC Freshour, M. D.	PVT Stokes, D. J.	
PVT Gatewood, M. L.	PVT Sweat, L. X.	
PVT Gonzalezviella, J. D.	PVT Sweat, T. J.	
PVT Green, E. C.	PFC Tapia, C. M.	
PFC Greenwood, A. J.	PFC Tchedji, T. D.	
PVT Gulati, M.	PVT Travis, M. A.	
PFC Henry, A. E.	PVT Varela, S.	
PVT Herrington, K. M.	PVT Vegarubio, L. A.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. S. Morris
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. J. Lopez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. A. Deleon



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC L. A. Populis
 HOMETOWN.....Slidell, LA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Bedford

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. T. Ahonen (333)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Seda

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. G. Paulinothomas (593)

PVT Ahonen, J. T.	PFC Martin, C. L.	PVT Willis, J. L.
PFC Alfred, A. E.	PVT Martinez, R. D.	PFC Wix, M. E.
PFC Barnes Jr., C. L.	PVT Martinez III, A. J.	PVT Year, J. J.
PVT Barrett, I. H.	PVT Metcalf, Z. C.	PFC Youssef, N. C.
PFC Beirne, J. B.*	PVT Milligan III, J. E.	
PVT Bolteadaolvera, A. R.	PVT Moore, D. R.	
PFC Brooks, H. S.	PVT MorgaMartinez, A.	
PFC Brown, I. R.	PVT Page Jr., D. C.	
PVT Canaday, D. M.	PFC Paulinothomas, J. G.	
PFC Colon, J. A.	PVT Pedro, P.	
PFC Deleonhernandez, B. A.	PVT Pedrorodiego, G.	
PVT Dorado, G. M.	PFC Phillips, B. C.	
PFC Durocher II, J. E.	PVT Pierrelouis, R.	
PFC Eicholtz, E. A.	PFC Populis, L. A.*	
PVT Evitts, T. L.	PFC Quinterguzman, J. O.	
PFC Gayeski Jr., A. M.	PFC Rafaelmanuel, A.	
PVT Gayle, D. L.	PVT Reams, J. D.	
PFC Glenn Jr., D. A.	PVT Richardson, R. E.	
PFC Gonzalesalicea, E. J.	PVT Riley, A. J.	
PVT Gonzalez, D. A.	PFC Ringler, N. A.	
PFC Grunnet, K. A.	PVT Rodriguez, N. A.	
PVT Huapayamendoza, J. E.	PVT Ross, A. C.	
PFC Hutchins, C. W.	PFC Schoblocher, C. M.	
PVT Ivey, C. B.	PVT Scott, E. J.	
PVT James, M. R.	PFC Serranodiaz, J.	
PVT Jamison, I. A.	PVT Side, L. H.	
PVT Karnes, M. M.	PFC Smith, O. C.	
PVT Kyle, A. J.	PVT Sosadelrivero, A. R.	
PFC Labzioui, A.	PFC Stephenson, J. R.	
PFC Landrausoto, E. G.*	PVT Stoup, K. A.	
PFC Lane, D. J.	PFC Swann, C. J.	
PVT Lauria, A. G.	PVT Thomas, E. H.	
PVT Lian, J. V.	PFC Toliver, J. B.*	
PVT Lucas, S.	PFC Webb, C. A.	
PVT Maestri, E. P.	PFC White, K. L.	

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

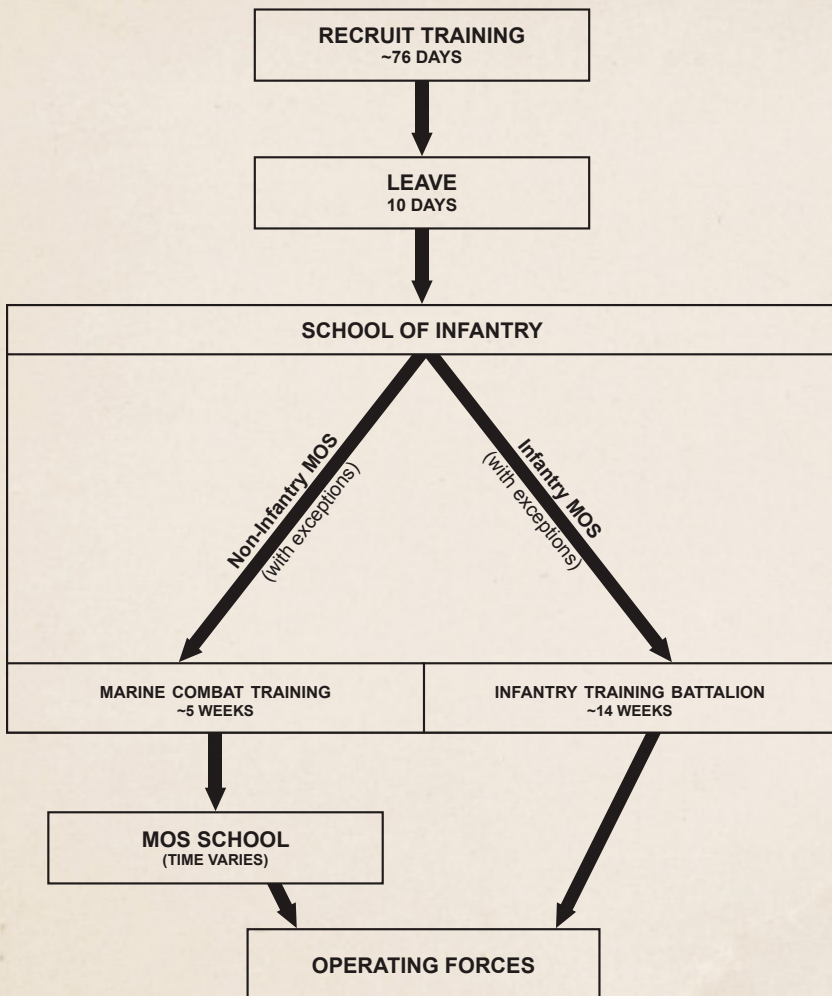
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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