



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.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

INVOCATION*

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ADJUTANT'S CALL

MARCH ON OF TROOPS

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COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

PASS IN REVIEW

RETIREMENT OF GUIDONS

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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**

08 November 2024

Recruit Training Regiment

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

Second Recruit Training Battalion

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

Commander of Troops

Captain C. P. McIsaac

Parade Adjutant

Staff Sergeant I. E. Gonzalez

Company "F", Second Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain C. P. McIsaac
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant B. R. Dear
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain M. A. Ventura
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain C. F. Bellistri
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant Z. A. Kirk
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant E. M. Robinson

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant J. M. Kivett

Chaplain

Lieutenant T. K. Lembo

Color Guard

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

PLATOON 2080

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt I. E. Cruz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. W. Wooten
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. D. Garrison



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC L. D. Foster Jr.
HOMETOWN.....	Spartanburg, SC
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Galvin

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt K. K. Clancy (328)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Darden
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC F. I. Farrey (566)

PVT Abando, M. A.	PFC Gonzalezperez, H. A.	PVT Russellgonzales, J. D.
PFC Aguilar, Q. M.	PFC Gutierrezmoran, H. Y.	PVT Schaeffer, A. J.
PVT Agustinvallejo, R.	PVT Hackett, J. M.	PVT Sosa, L. E.
PFC Alvarez Jr., A.*	PVT Howard Jr., R. C.	PFC Spivey, K. D.
PFC Barajas, J. A.*	PVT Hunt, Z. M.	PVT Toler, T. K.
PVT Barnes, L. K.	PVT Jeronis, C. J.	PVT Verasteguimorales, D.
PVT Baus, J. A.	PFC Jijon, A.	PVT Ward, J. R.
PFC Bautistareyes, E. J.	PVT Khater, W. M.	PVT Watson, O. T.
PVT Beaufort, J. C.	PVT Knight, J. M.	PVT Whigham, J. B.
PVT Beck, C. J.	PVT Linaresespinoza, D. A.	PVT Williams, T. D.
PFC Bigley, C. I.*	PFC Lougedo, A.	PVT Wilson, B. M.
PFC Bishop, O. N.	PVT Malphurs, L. F.	PVT Woo, E. R.
PVT Blanton, W. G.	PFC Martinez, A. I.	PVT Wrench, A. J.
PFC Blocker, R. M.*	PVT Martinezzamora, A.	
PVT Broyles, I. T.	PVT Massie, J. J.	
PVT Calderon, J. I.	PFC McCleery, C. T.	
PFC Campbell, P. L.	PVT Miller, J. R.	
PVT Clancy, K. K.	PVT Morring, M. G.	
PVT Cordova, B. A.	PVT Nelson, E. H.	
PFC Cruz, X. K.	PFC Newkirk, K. A.	
PVT Dogbe, D. E.	PFC Ortizrodriguez, M.	
PFC Dwyer, R. T.*	PFC Owens, B. E.	
PVT Earles, S. J.	PVT Peterson, J. L.	
PFC Eby, K. J.	PFC Pierson, A. J.	
PVT Evans Jr., H. A.	PVT Pinargote, N. K.	
PFC Farrey, F. I.*	PVT Pope, T. M.	
PFC Figueroacastanon, T. R.	PFC Ramos, S.	
PFC Fortner, C. E.	PFC Rehill, J. L.	
PFC Foster Jr., L. D.	PVT Reyessantiago, K.	
PFC Francofranco, K.	PVT Rodriguez, I. R.	
PVT Furness, B. W.	PVT Rogers, N. E.	
PFC Godwin, S. T.	PFC Rush IV, J. E.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2081

SENIOR DRILLINSTRUCTOR	SSgt D. D. Primm
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. K. Ridener
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. L. Brown
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt K. L. Leeper



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC D. R. Walters
HOMETOWN.....	Fort Walton Beach, FL
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Lambert

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt J. T. Hill (338)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Ahlstrom

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	Pvt B.J. Farrow (578)
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PVT Alonso, B. A.	PVT Hill, J. T.	PVT Sibley, M. D.
PVT Andrews, H. D.	PFC Holley, M. A.*	PFC Silva, J. R.
PVT Aylsworth, P. S.	PFC Holloway, K. D.	PVT Stjohn, B. W.
PVT Barnes, K. C.	PVT Hummel, C. X.	PVT Sturgill, J. H.
PFC Bauhof, J. S.	PVT Kressler Jr., T. J.	PVT Swaggerty, M. R.
PVT Bonillaespinosa, J. A.	PVT Lauter, A. D.	PFC Tahir, A. Z.
PVT Brown, C. R.	PVT Leach, C. A.	PFC Tantillo, D. M.
PVT Brownell, C. T.	PFC Lyston, E. P.	PVT Taylor, J. W.
PFC Calhoun, T. L.	PFC Mais, T. C.	PVT Terry, C. M.
PFC Cameron, D.	PVT Majano, A.	PVT Thompson, T. W.
PFC Carloslongoria, K.	PVT Mateosanchez, P.	PFC Truong Jr., P. N.
PVT Carter, Z. R.	PFC McClain, T. C.*	PFC Walters, D. R.*
PFC Ciunfrini, J. C.	PFC Monteiro, E. F.*	PVT Willis, M. A.
PFC Clayton, I. P.	PVT Moore, M. R.	
PVT Connell, R. J	PVT Mortenson, V. G.	
PVT Conwaywilliams, J. M.	PVT Newlin, Jacob E.	
PFC Deloatch, A. A.	PVT Nietovillanueva, L.	
PVT Esquivelmozo, R.	PVT Ortizvargas, A.	
PFC Falvo, A. J.	PVT Parker II, W. K.	
PVT Farmer, B. L.	PVT Paulino, G. A.	
PVT Farrow, B. J.	PFC Pharis, M. E.*	
PVT Finnie, J. R.	PVT Portillo, C. D.	
PVT Gamezrios, L.	PVT Posada, J. E.	
PFC Garcia, B.	PFC Ramirez Jr., L. L.	
PVT Gomezmendez, B. E.	PVT Rauch, C. R.	
PVT Grigsby, R. L.	PFC Rendogarcia, J.	
PVT Guamanfernandez, B. E.	PFC Rigney, W. C.*	
PVT Harbin, K. L.	PVT Riveramunoz, R.	
PFC Hartin, J. B.	PVT Rowell Jr., L. L.	
PVT Haskins, C. J.	PVT Ruiz, M. W.	
PVT Hernandez Jr., F. J.	PVT Salazar, J. J.	
PVT Hight, A. J.	PVT Shakes, D. D.	

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PLATOON 2082

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt J. D. Lovo
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt D. M. Stenerson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. S. Claxton
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. C. Eaton



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC C. S. Ferguson
HOMETOWN.....	Baton Rouge, LA
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Barreto

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt D. R. Arriagacruz (321)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Benjamin
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFCC C. S. Ferguson (588)

PVT Ahmed, W. B.	PVT Hofstra, R. G.	PVT Starks, W. P.
PVT Anderson, D.	PVT Jackson, J. J.	PVT Sutherland, R. J.
PVT Arevaloavila, J. U.	PVT Jimenez, J. L.	PFC Tran, H. W.
PVT Arriagacruz, D. R.	PVT Kanli, A.	PFC Tran, K. B.
PVT Badiane, S. C.	PFC Kelly, C. J.	PVT Treu, J. H.
PVT Barnett Jr., D. C.	PFC Kinney, N. J.	PVT Vaccarella, A. J.
PVT Barrioscardenas, S. L.	PFC Kochiss, K. M.	PFC Velasquezmendez, J. G.
PFC Bass, M. T.	PVT Kwon, J.	PVT Veverka, T. M,
PFC Brungo, J. N.	PVT Le, M. N.	PFC Vias, J. A.
PVT Brushaber J. D.	PVT Leivavasquez, J. A.	PVT Vicunaidrovo, J. C.
PVT Buffolino Jr., J.	PVT Macaspertino, J. P.	PFC Weber, S. M.*
PVT Calderonbetancourt, T. O.	PVT Manrique, Jr., K. L.	PVT Weisberger, G. R.
PFC Campbell, O. O.	PVT Martinez, B.	PVT Westbrook, A. C.
PVT Cantorzoniga, L.	PVT MacCarthy, L. H.	PVT Wilson, J. S.
PFC Courtney, J. P.	PVT McCumiskey, J. C.	PVT Xiang, P.
PVT Crump, J. L.	PVT Mendez, J.	
PVT Cruz, M. F.	PFC Montesinojuarez, A. B.	
PVT Cruzcastro, Y. D.	PFC Moo, K. G.*	
PVT Diazgallardo, H.	PFC Morgan, Jr., R. L.	
PVT Duran, B. A.	PVT Munster, C. R.	
PFC Encarnacionmartinez, N. E.*	PVT Muramatsu, K. C.	
PFC Espinozacondo, D. J.	PFC Parrish, K. W.	
PFC Ferguson, C. S.*	PVT Pelle, Jr., J. I.	
PVT Florescarreon, R.	PVT Pepple, L. G.	
PVT Fouad, F. G.	PFC Platt, S. T.	
PVT Frink, B. S.	PVT Quinones, Z. A.	
PVT Fulse Jr., S. P.	PVT Rodrigueznavarro, B. K.	
PVT Garcia, J. A.	PVT Romeromonroe, K. A.	
PFC Gonzalezvazquez, D.*	PVT Ross, E. N.	
PFC Harris, C. J.*	PVT Sanchezolivares, R.	
PFC Hernandez, C.	PVT Scalise, E. M.	
PVT Hildago, M. J.	PFC Siler, B. G.	

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PLATOON 2084

SENIOR DRILLINSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. C. Chestnut II
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt T. J. Roberts
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. T. McCormick



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC K. J. Gilmore
HOMETOWN.....	Stafford, VA
RECRUITED BY.....	GySgt Castro

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PF CG. J. Swann Jr. (326)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Barry

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PF CK. M. Martin (591)
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PVT Akers, J. K.	PVT Hernandez, J. E.	PFC Risko, K. F.
PFC Bady Jr., S. D.	PVT Holmeskeyes, A. M.	PVT Rivera, L. A.
PFC Beall, A. J.*	PFC Irigoyen, E.	PFC Robinson, A. C.
PVT Bell, A. G.	PVT Johnson, J. D.	PVT Robleroortiz, A. D.
PFC Bellonreyes, J. P.	PVT Johnson, S. M.	PVT Ruth, M. A.
PVT Blasiol, C. J.	PVT Jones, T. R.	PVT Sanchezperez, A. A.
PFC Bodden, I. V.	PFC Karamanov, I.	PVT Santos, C. J.
PFC Brady, C. M.	PVT Kwekwe, Al. S.	PVT Seager, M. J.
PVT Brown, L. P.	PVT Lopezmartinez, U.	PVT Singletary, M. R.
PVT Butler, D. E.	PFC Lopezmedina, E.	PVT Smith, N. C.
PFC Butler, P. J.	PVT Lovin, B. E.	PVT Steele, C. J.
PVT Cain IV, J. E.	PVT Martin, C. J.	PFC Stefanov, B. B.*
PVT Cantalupo, J. A.	PFC Martin, K. M.*	PFC Stevens, J. P.
PFC Carey, J. A.	PVT Maskal, I. A.	PFC Swann Jr., G. J.
PFC Cauffman, B. T.	PVT Miranda Jr., S.	PVT Valiga, J. D.
PVT Cervantesmartinez, S.	PVT Montessmith, T. J.	PFC Vermillion, K. A.
PVT Corderocordero, A.E.	PVT Moore, D. P.	PVT Vongher, F. K.
PVT Deitrich, S. J.	PVT Moratenezaca, D. A.	PFC Walters, M. R.
PVT Desouza, P. T.	PVT Mulderig, C. P.	PFC Whittle, C. R.
PFC Dodson, D.	PVT Mulverhill, D. P.	PVT Williams, J. M.
PVT Duchaine, T. R.	PVT Munozromero, L. F.	PFC Woodpineda, I. R.*
PVT Dwyer II, J. R.	PFC Murilloportillo, J. M.	
PFC Farmer, C. B.	PFC Myers, B. W.	
PVT Fortin, S. V.	PFC Nevarez, J. Z.	
PVT Franceschi, E.	PVT Ortiz, J. M.	
PFC Gilmore, K. J.*	PFC Outler, J. J.	
PVT Gomezvivanco, B. J.	PVT Pachecosanchez, A. E.	
PVT Gonzalezsanabria, J. C.	PVT Padilla, D. S.	
PVT Gordon, J. J.	PVT Parker, J. C.	
PVT Greene, J. A.	PVT Powell, A. M.	
PVT Grier, N. D.	PVT Rautmann, C. B.	
PFC Heim Jr., B. J.	PFC Reeser, T. S.*	

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PLATOON 2085

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt R. Set
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. C. Barnes
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt M. R. Brooks
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt L. J. Conaway



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC E. W. Beem
HOMETOWN.....	Brentwood, NH
RECRUITED BY.....	Cpl Brooks

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC E. W. Beem (335)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Castellon
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC N. P. Aviles (600)

PVT Adams, B. M.	PFC Humphrey, C. R.	PVT Serrano, N. J.
PFC Albin, K. B.	PVT Ibarra, P.	PVT Shi, N.
PVT Allen, T. G.	PFC Issaadamou, M.	PVT Sill, C. T.
PFC Atwood, G. M.*	PVT Jeune, J.	PVT Sloss, M. D.
PFC Aviles, N. P.*	PVT Jimenezgrande, O.	PVT Smith, D. M.
PVT Bakercanessa, D. L.	PFC Jones, B. D.	PVT Spears, J. K.
PFC Beard, J. S.*	PFC Jones, K. R.	PFC Stanton, A. I.
PFC Beem, E. W.*	PVT Josaphat, M. W.	PVT Sumra, N.
PVT Bell, K. L.	PFC Kellen, S. R.	PFC Tassone, S. A.
PFC Benitezcanales, D. E.	PVT Kelly, B. A.	PVT Trepanier, J. J.
PFC Broeker, S. M.	PVT Lasala II, C. R.	PVT Truong, H.
PVT Brown, D. F.	PVT Martin, D. R.	PFC Tutton, L. M.
PVT Capraun, G. G.	PVT Martin, L. J.	PVT Vasquezsoto, A. J.
PVT Chauvin, H. S.	PVT McCown, J. G.	PFC Vetro, C. S.
PVT Cooklawrence, J. A.	PFC Mercado, D.A.	PVT Williams, J. K.
PFC Darcolee, G. M.	PVT Mirski, A. E.	PVT Wroblewski, E. N.
PVT Dixon, J. J.	PVT NolazcoagUILAR, A.	
PVT Dominique, R.	PVT Ogletree, M. B.	
PVT Donahue, J. A.	PVT Ordonez, L. M.	
PVT Dugas, G. J.	PVT Parrish, J. M.	
PFC Dwarica, C. V.	PVT Perezrivera, A. A.	
PVT Ehtridge, Z. B.	PVT Perry, E. R.	
PVT Estime, B. D.	PFC Pinedainestroza, R. A.	
PFC Fisher, T. J.	PFC Poltronieriavalos, J. C.	
PVT Florespretell, J.	PVT Poole, J. M.	
PFC Forrest, P. B.	PFC Reid Jr., K. M.*	
PVT GomezmartinezleMus, J. G.	PFC Reyesrios, J. Y.	
PFC Graphia, D. A.	PVT Reynoso, C. O.	
PFC Hightower, J. C.	PFC Rodriguezarreola, I.*	
PVT Hooks III, A. E.	PVT Rogers, Z. I.	
PVT Horton, J. D.	PFC Saing, K. S.	
PFC Hughes, C. J.	PFC Salguera, H. I.	

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PLATOON 2086

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR	SSgt E. Sarmiento
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. D. Tergesen
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt E. F. Fuentes



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC I. L. Wightman
HOMETOWN.....	Washington Court House, OH
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Rees

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt D. Morales (337)

MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Hill

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC N. Martinez (600)

PVT Abrahamanderson A. K.	PVT Leonetti, I. J.	PFC Stapleton, J. J.
PVT Auguste, C.	PVT Liu, K.	PFC Strama, L. P.*
PFC Augustus, D. C.*	PVT March, D. A.	PVT Swingle, E. S.
PVT Bane, J. C.	PVT Martin, C. M.	PFC Talledoloayza, A. S.
PVT Bell, I. J.	PFC Martinez, C.	PVT Torres, D. I.
PVT Black, J. T.	PFC Martinezvargas, A. X.	PVT Treadway, C. E.
PVT Boyd, K. J.	PVT McBride, J. K.	PVT Ucancial, J. M.
PVT Burda, F. D.	PVT Morales, D.	PFC Vanhoose, D. J.*
PVT Caplinger, C. D.	PVT Moyotlduran, Y. E.	PVT Vanmeter, L. G.
PVT Cline, A. G.	PVT Mucino, M. A.	PVT Vargasarias, B.
PFC Crichton, C. A.	PVT Murphyscheffler, N. L.	PVT Villanueva, J.
PVT Crum, O. M.	PVT Novapena, R. S.	PFC Weaver, M. L.
PVT Davis, A. R.	PVT Ornelasrosales, J. D.	PFC Wightman, I. L.*
PVT Devargas, S. N.	PVT Ortasuarez, H. E.	PVT Willis, J. F.
PVT Donohue, A. C.	PVT Ortizpuma, S. F.	PFC Woods, D. N.
PFC Egans, N. C.	PVT Ozsvath, F.	PFC Yela, C.*
PFC Esteves, Z. I.*	PVT Pacheco, A.	PVT Zambrano, D. A.
PVT Figueroarivera, Y. D.	PVT Peaungvongpakdy, P.	
PVT Gant III, C. W.	PVT Peck, C. E.	
PVT Garciareyes, S. Y.	PVT Pimientadiaz, J. G.	
PFC Georgelevasseur, J. M.	PVT Propst, C. L.	
PVT Gragg, W. T.	PVT QuicanoagUILAR, M. A.	
PFC Guerragarces, A.	PVT Rivera, J. D.	
PFC Guzmansanchez, J. E.	PVT Robbins, E. A.	
PFC Harris, D. J.	PVT Rodriguezrodriguez, L. M.	
PVT Hernandezmanuel, J. V.	PVT Romerogonzalez, E. R.	
PVT Hill, E. B.	PVT Rose, L. A.	
PVT Jocelyn, J.	PVT Sage, A. M.	
PVT Kerr, G. P.	PFC Salazarrodriguez, W. A.	
PVT Kim, S. M.	PFC Sgrignioli IV, W. J.	
PVT Larrison, R. D.	PVT Spears Jr., E. D.	
PVT Lee, T. J.	PVT Stammen, E. J.	

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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

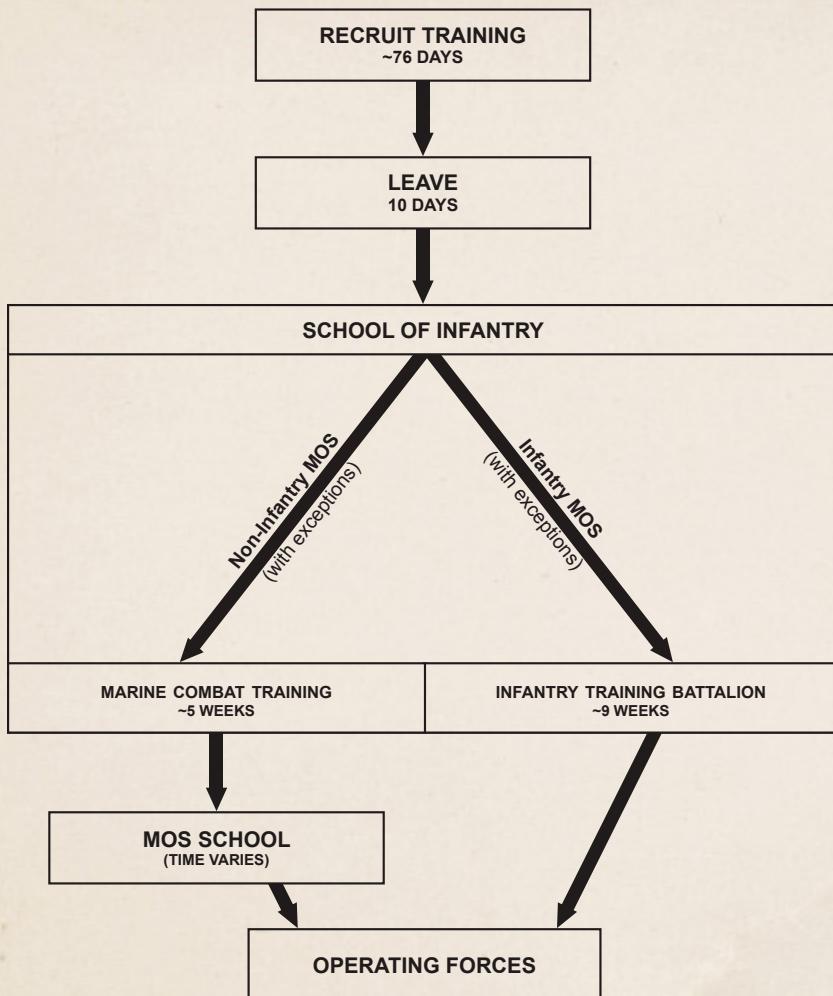
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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



Review photos from today's graduation at the official Parris Island Facebook page.
<http://www.facebook.com/ParrisIsland>

A blurred, out-of-focus photograph showing the backs of several Marine Corps recruits in dark uniforms with red piping and gold buttons, standing in formation.

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