



# 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.



## **SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

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**INVOCATION\***

**SOUND ATTENTION**

**ADJUTANT'S CALL**

**MARCH ON OF TROOPS**

***NATIONAL ANTHEM\****

**SOUND OFF**

**REPORT – PUBLISH THE ORDER**

**OFFICERS' CENTER**

**COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS**

**PASS IN REVIEW**

**RETIREMENT OF GUIDONS**

**INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS**

***MARINES' HYMN\****

**FINAL DISMISSAL**

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\*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**

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**27 November 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**  
Captain Rebecca L. Stewart

**Parade Adjutant**  
Captain Kevin J. O'Connor

**Company "L", Third Recruit Training Battalion**

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain R. L. Stewart  
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant J. M. Case  
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain J. A. Richardson  
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain B. J. Placek  
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant D. L. Goodman  
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant J. R. Ennen

**Drill Masters**  
Gunnery Sergeant M. N. Moreno  
Staff Sergeant B. R. Graham

**Chaplain**  
Lieutenant T. M. West

**Color Guard**  
Sergeant Gonazalez, A. C.      Sergeant Pazoki, B. A.  
Sergeant Barlow, C. C.      Sergeant Huckstep, C. M.

# PLATOON 3096

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt S. I. Hur
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. C. Ward
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. K. Hyatt
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt K. Kuriki



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC E. D. Swope
HOMETOWN.....	Libburn, GA
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Pace
PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC O. J. Secoy (334)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Benjamin
COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC E. D. Swope (596)

PVT Alves, J. A.	PVT Hart, L. B.	PVT Sizemore, K. N.
PVT Antunez, J.	PFC Hernandezpardo, C. A.	PVT Smith, B. T.
PVT Baldwin, S. A.	PVT Himtullah, F.	PVT Sprowes, C. R.
PVT Bastanzi, J. B.	PVT Jenkins, Q. D.	PVT Strader, L. B.
PFC Bennett Jr., A. E.*	PFC Johnson, K. C.*	PFC Swope, E. D.
PVT Bennett, Z. M.	PVT Juarezanorve, V. S.	PVT Taylor, M. J.
PVT Benton, I. Z.	PFC Kiger, D. L.	PVT Thomas Jr., J. E.
PVT Besongjamestiku, F.	PFC Kromah Jr., S.	PFC Thompson, H. J.
PVT Bienaimé, N.	PVT Lam, E.	PFC Tippmann, T. E.*
PVT Blackshear, D. M.	PVT Langtry, A. J.	PVT Tucker Jr., R. C.
PVT Bogart, D. A.	PVT Lee, S. D.	PVT Vazquezlinares, G.
PVT Bond, C. R.	PFC Limas, A. F.	PFC Venturavasquez, A.
PFC Cochran, C. J.	PVT Lloyd, C. T.	PVT White, T. S.
PVT Collins, A. N.	PFC Macdonald, C. M.*	
PVT Cook, J. J.	PVT Marcialjimenez, A.	
PVT Cornell, A. T.	PFC McManus, R. Z.	
PFC Davis, E. G.*	PVT Mendez, D. J.	
PVT Diaz, A. M.	PVT Monroyperez, A.	
PVT Dominguez, A. T.	PFC Moon, A. L.	
PFC Finch, C. J.	PVT Moralesruiz, J. L.	
PVT Fowler, J. L.	PVT Moreira, C. M.	
PFC Francoperez, R. G.	PVT Movilla, M. J.	
PFC Fraser, J. J.	PVT Naumow, A. D.	
PVT Garcia, N. A.	PVT Nipper, H. N.	
PVT Godinezgeronimo, G. R.	PFC Oppongfrimppong, I.	
PVT Gonzalez, N. J.	PVT Puckett, C. B.	
PFC Green, J. J.	PVT Quintana, R. O.	
PVT Grenier, T. M.	PFC Rankin, B. S.	
PVT Grimesfrancis, J. E.	PVT Redimarker, C. R.	
PVT Gutierrezdelacruz, J.	PFC Redmond, T. L.*	
PVT Hamner, Z. N.	PVT Roddey Jr., W. L.	
PFC Harbuck, A. J.	PFC Secoy, O. J.	
PVT Harness, J. B.	PVT Silden, B. L.	
PVT Harris, P. C.	PFC Silva, M. A.*	

# PLATOON 3097

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. A Domenici
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt E. N. Benavides
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt T. S. Thorne
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. K. Miller



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFCL N. Mena
HOMETOWN.....	Elizabeth, NJ
RECRUITED BY.....	GySgt Haines
PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFCA N. Walker (324)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Ahlstrom
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFCH M. Bazan (580)

PVT Barthelus, N.	PVT Joseph, C. B.	PVT Solorio, R.
PFC Bazan, H. M.	PVT Kendricks, J.	PFC Souffrant, S. E.
PFC Bennett, C. E.	PVT Lalalema, K. A.	PFC Stoehr, C. A.*
PVT Bermeo, B. I.	PVT Langlois, A. R.	PFC Subinayuqui, E. N.
PVT Bodette, N. A.	PFC Lantz, J. E.	PVT Templeton, O. E.
PVT Bolin, I. C.	PFC Lemaasuqui, J.	PVT Tlacoxolal, L. G.
PVT Brandt, A. M.	PVT Long, A. L.	PVT Walker, A. N.*
PVT Carrow, D. R.	PFC Marcano, I.	PVT Watson, C. C.
PVT Cedeno, A. E.	PVT Marquez, X. L.	PVT Wiggins, R. R.
PFC Celorio, K.	PFC Marquezcruz, A. R.	PVT Williams, K. M.
PFC Chism, T. E.	PFC Martin, K. L.	PFC Wilson, L. M.
PVT Cody, T. D.	PFC Martinezgondola, C. A.*	PFC Xitumulxitumul, E.
PVT Covington, K. J.	PVT Mays, K. R.	PVT Zacariasmunoz, J.
PVT Cruzrosales, Y.	PFC McGee, T. T.	PVT Zavala, M. D.
PVT Daileymontgomery, S. C.	PFC Medina, A. D.	PVT Zhu, C.
PFC Dempsey, S. T.	PFC Mena, L. N.*	
PFC Dowling, A. Z.	PFC Merklin, S. G.	
PVT Enriquezorellana, J. A	PFC Moody, M. D.	
PVT Fein, R. M.	PFC Neri, V.	
PVT Ferguson, D. A.	PVT Oldroyd, A. M.	
PFC Fernandez, C. N.	PVT Pavick, C. A.	
PFC Floresaguirre, G.	PVT Peavy, J. L.	
PFC Foley, L. M.	PVT Petersen, J. F.	
PVT Gil, J.	PFC Powell, F. Y.	
PFC Gilfoyle, G. M.	PFC Powers, R. S.	
PVT Gipson, E. N.	PVT Rakestraw, M. A.	
PFC Gonzalezhernandez, K.	PVT Ramos, O. G.	
PFC Gorostietahernandez, S. M.	PVT Ramoshernandez, Y.	
PVT Harris, S. M.	PVT Reyes, A. C.	
PVT Hyman, L. M.	PFC Reyesmartinez, D.	
PFC Jammeh, A. M.	PFC Robles, V. G.	
PFC Jiang, C.	PVT Rodriguezamaya, K.	
PVT Jiminezmendez, A. M.	PFC Roque, K. A.	
PFC Johnson, J.	PFC Rosier, S. M.	
PVT Joseph, A. A.	PFC Servellonsosa, B.	

\*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

# PLATOON 3098

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. M. Clonch
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt R. F. Rodriguez III
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt M. Sall
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. O. Quaye



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFCA. M. Maxwell
HOMETOWN.....	Medina, OH
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Wallace

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFCA A. J. Medina (330)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Castellone
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFCA. M. Maxwell (595)

PFC Akpanoko, D. O.	PVT Htoo, S. L.	PFC Stoner Jr., K. J.*
PVT Balderrama, S.	PFC Islassilverio, W.	PVT Sudbrink, J. B.
PFC Barnes, C. D.*	PVT Jacomet, C. B.	PVT Svetahor, V. R.
PFC Bente, C. P.	PVT Kendall, B. J.	PFC Tapanes, A.
PVT Bourque, C. M.	PVT Khosropanah, N. V.	PVT Thomas, S. M.
PVT Brannon, K. R.	PFC Kiefrieder, D. M.	PVT Thorpe, B. L.
PVT Brownrigg, G. M.	PVT Little, M. D.	PVT Thorpe, T. J.
PVT Buaquina, I. V.	PVT Lo, K.	PVT Vargas, F.
PVT Buchillon, J. L.	PVT Lozano, J. M.	PVT Wilson, U. J.
PVT Butler, R. L.	PVT Lozanolmaya, S.	PVT Winborne, R. P.
PFC Christian Jr., A.	PVT Macias, A. K.	PVT Wisneski Jr., A. J.
PVT Collins Jr., L. J.	PFC Majkszak, M. W.	PVT Yu, J.
PVT Colonguzman, A. Y.	PVT Makin, N. E.	PFC Zequeira, D. E.
PVT Conn, K. T.	PVT Marchena, S. A.	
PVT Costine, R. D.	PVT Matule, V. M.	
PFC Davis, C. J.	PFC Maxwell, A. M.*	
PFC Davis, S. L.	PFC Medina, A. J.*	
PVT Dejesusgarcia, J. A.	PFC Nayda Jr., S. R.*	
PVT Delgadromero, A. A.	PVT Nedezsilvan, J. G.	
PVT Edwards Jr., S. C.	PVT Onaschsmith, R. B.	
PVT Elliott, D. B.	PFC Osterhout, J. A.	
PFC Faulkner, A. J.	PVT Parker, M. C.	
PVT Fernandezdiaz, N. Y.	PVT Posey, C. P.	
PVT Gilmour, J. M.	PVT Rahming, J. J.	
PVT Gonzalez Jr., R. M.	PVT Ramirezaguirre, G.	
PVT Guadalupesantana, G.	PVT Reyes, S.	
PVT Hamilton, G. M.	PVT Robinson, Q. I.	
PVT Hartunian, X. T.	PVT Rodriguezsilva, J. Y.	
PFC Hattery Jr., A. L.*	PVT Romanvictoriano, A.	
PVT Hazoume, G. E.	PVT Rosinski, O. D.	
PVT Herbinko, C. B.	PFC Salinasrubio, A. Z.	
PVT Herediaramirez, R. S.	PVT Saunders, C. T.	
PVT Hollis, R. N.	PFC Sessions, A. L.	
PVT Howell, A. L.	PVT Seys, L. S.	

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# PLATOON 3100

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt C. A. Feliz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. M. Brodie
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt N. A. Stocker
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt K. J. Cherry



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PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC B. J. Shannon
HOMETOWN.....	Merchantville, NJ
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Primus

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC S. A. Gomez (336)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Seda

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PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC J. D. Norris (579)
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PVT Abdul, S. A.	PVT Jamison, I. A.	PFC Smith, K. I.
PVT Adams, R. T.	PVT Jaundoo, J.	PVT Soss, E. B.
PVT Allen, J. D.	PVT Jimenezmedrano, B. A.	PVT Spurgeon, J. G.
PFC Anderson, K. M.	PVT Joseph, W.	PFC Stewart, R. J.
PVT Ash, J. R.	PVT King, B. A.	PVT Stokes, L. C.
PVT Astudillo, E. A.	PVT Lawton, T.	PVT Thomas, T. G.
PVT Atlas, N. A.	PVT Lester, K. A.	PVT Thompson, A. D.
PVT Baker, C. L.	PFC Losana, D. R.	PFC Thompson, D. M.
PVT Bartlett, J. L.	PFC Mack, G. A.*	PVT Urena, C.
PVT Brown, A. J.	PVT Marinmartinez, J.	PVT Vanvalkenburgh, A. W.
PVT Brown, T. M.	PFC Martinez, C. D.	PVT Velazquezlopez, A. A.
PFC Bryant, J. M.	PFC Mayberry, J. E.	PVT Wood, M. A.
PFC Carswell, V. R.	PFC Mbunda, J.*	PVT Zimmerman, W. L.
PFC Cascoayala, W. E.	PFC McPherson, W. L.	
PVT Castro, C.	PFC Medina, B.	
PVT Cazares II., R. J.	PFC Menard, E. H.	
PVT Dellipoali, C. B.	PVT Moore, C. D.	
PFC Drozdowski, A. J.	PVT Moss, J. P.	
PFC Durham, K. I.*	PVT Muan, C.	
PFC Dyer Jr., J. L.*	PFC Norris, J. D.	
PVT Escriba, M. A.	PVT Parada, B. A.	
PVT Fabianhernandez, K. G.	PVT Parham, A. Q.	
PVT Feuvrel, N. E.	PFC Piechowski, J. L.	
PFC Figueroa Jr., V. M.	PFC Porcoro, A. W.	
PVT Fonda Jr., D. S.	PVT Ramirez, C.	
PFC Gavarrete, C. J.*	PFC Reiners Jr., R. W.	
PVT Geas, L. M.	PFC Roberts Jr., W. L.	
PVT Glass, J. B.	PVT Rodecker, C. A.	
PVT Golden, T. M.	PFC Rosarioalejandro, A.	
PFC Gomez, J. H.	PFC Sandberg, R. R.	
PFC Gomez, S. A.	PVT Sanders, H. W.	
PVT Gutierrezmayorga, M. D.	PVT Sastre, G. P.	
PVT Hernandezsandoval, K. A.	PVT Seneque, S. J.	
PFC Hood IV., B. R.	PFC Shannon, B. J.*	

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# PLATOON 3101

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt N. M. Luber
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt R. Hebert II
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt R. Gorong
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt B. M. Vantuyl



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC C. A. Lorio
HOMETOWN.....	Center Valley, PA.
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt O'Brien

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PVT D. Puenterivera,(332)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Barry

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC M. R. McGaughan (592)
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PVT Abad, C. J.	PVT Harding, J. M.	PVT Tisler, C. J.
PVT Amburgey, A. D.	PVT Hicks, D. B.	PVT Tomlinson, E. J.
PVT Andre, C. J.	PVT Hidalgo, A. S.	PVT Torres, A. J.
PVT Barker, E. J.	PVT Jacksonransom, X. K.	PFC Vandaele, A. H.
PVT Betts, B. R.	PVT Kessler, C. M.	PFC Vandaele, C. P.
PVT Bickerton, K. L.	PFC Kling, B. D.	PVT Vaughn, M. F.
PVT Borgers, M. L.	PVT Kyle, D. A.	PVT Vazquez, M. A.
PFC Bracerodieppa, S.	PVT Laureano, J. J.	PVT Waggoner, P. D.
PVT Brooks Jr., R. A.	PVT Lawrence, R. J.	PVT Weiss, K.
PVT Camposcruz, E. S.	PVT Lopezgarcia, R. J.	PVT Whitley, A. M.
PVT Capaccio Jr., M. J.	PFC Lorio, A. J.	PVT Williams, B. M.
PVT Chablabilenco, W. J.	PFC Lorio, C. A.	PVT Wilson, D. A.
PVT Coloncolon, J. A.	PFC Lucianorodriguez, M. A.	PVT Wolbrecht, N. T.
PVT Cuenca, E. F.	PVT Luysterborghs, E. R.	PFC Zhang, R.
PFC Cusson, A. W.	PVT Macgregor Jr., C. C.	
PFC Cusson, A. J.	PVT Maruscsak, J. R.	
PVT Delaguilaespejo, P.	PVT Massay, A. A.	
PVT Desantis, S. R.	PFC McGaughan, M. R.	
PVT Dutan, C. X.	PVT Melendezvargas, B. G.	
PVT Escobar, E. A.	PVT Moyer, J. J.	
PVT Estradagarcia, M. A.	PVT Munguiaarias, M. O.	
PVT Farleysuarez, K. I.	PVT Olmo, K. M.	
PFC Ferreiraheredia, M. D.	PVT Orejuela, M. E.	
PVT Fortunagarcia, D. A.	PVT Penacordero, J.	
PVT Frasier, D. M.	PVT Puenterivera, D.	
PVT Frisbie, N. S.	PVT Ramirez, R. Q.	
PVT Fritzges, J. B.	PVT Reedwillie, D. M.	
PFC Gogolin, R. S.	PFC Rutter Jr., J. C.	
PVT Golladay IV, L. F.	PFC Ryan, J. P.	
PFC Gonzalezrojas, J. D.	PVT Schwemmer, W. F.	
PVT Gualario, A. J.	PFC Sneeringer, C. D.	
PVT Guaman, Y.	PVT Tavares, J. C.	
PFC Hammontree, A. C.	PVT Thompson, J. A.	

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# PLATOON 3102

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt H. J. Marchi Ramos
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt N. M. Burke
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. L. Nuñez




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PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC C. M. Hogan
HOMETOWN.....	Three Rivers, MI
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Zamorra
COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC R. Miranda III (339)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Westfelt
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC C. M. Hogan (581)

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PVT Abad, K.	PVT Hall III., S. F.	PVT Ryan, J. Z.
PVT Abbuhl, R. C.	PFC Hall, T. C. *	PVT Saenz, J.
PVT Adamafio, B. N.	PFC Hogan, C. M. *	PVT Salgado, J. J.
PVT Alfarocaballero, D. M.	PVT Hooper, Z. S.	PVT Saxon III., P. G.
PFC Altamirantonterres, B. A.	PVT Jimenezuvilla, K.	PVT Shema, F.
PVT Alvira, W. J.	PFC Jiminian, C. A.	PVT Siret, E. D.
PFC Alvirarobles, J. A. *	PVT Johnson, J. D.	PVT Tolbert, J. N.
PVT Argueta, E. E.	PFC Jouanno, R. P.	PVT Torresagramonte, V. J.
PVT Arrobo, D. F.	PVT Kugushev, V.	PVT Vincent, L.
PVT Arteaga, A.	PVT Lavelanet, K. O.	PVT Walker, L. A.
PVT Barriosgarcia, D.	PFC Matthews Jr., M. J.	PVT Walters, M. J.
PVT Brion, N. V.	PFC Maurypalau, M. G.	PVT Warder, A. T.
PVT Broussard, I. J.	PVT Mejiamoreno, J. A.	PVT Washington, E. H.
PVT Burney, J. A.	PFC Miranda III., R. *	PVT Williams Jr., T. A.
PVT Butennunez, M.	PVT Morochopillaga, J. S.	
PVT Byron, M. R.	PVT Morris, I. D.	
PVT Camposecoquinonez, J. S.	PVT Murphy, T. J.	
PVT Celimaldonado, V. D.	PFC Nerwai, N. S.	
PFC Cone, J. J.	PVT Norris, L. J.	
PVT Coppiano, R. A.	PVT Oliveirapimenta, L. F.	
PVT Council, R. W.	PFC Ortizvives, J. M.	
PVT Delaney, D. L.	PVT Padilla, J. W.	
PVT Dolorescamacho, I.	PVT Palmer, J. J.	
PFC Donohue, B. J. *	PVT Park, S.	
PVT Dugas, D. J.	PVT Perez, J.	
PVT Felicianogonzalez, G. J.	PFC Pham, B. T.	
PVT Fitchett, C. B.	PFC Prado, A. R. *	
PVT Flood, Q. A.	PVT Ramirez, I. J.	
PVT Floresmarquez, E. R.	PVT Reyesjimenez, J.	
PFC Franks, Z. N.	PFC Robledodelgado, G. M.	
PVT Gafford, L. J.	PFC Roblero, S. O.	
PVT Garcia Ayon, J. A.	PVT Rodriguez, A. E.	
PVT Hall, D. J.	PVT Romanvallellanes, I. A.	

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## **MARINES' HYMN**

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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

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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



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**

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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***

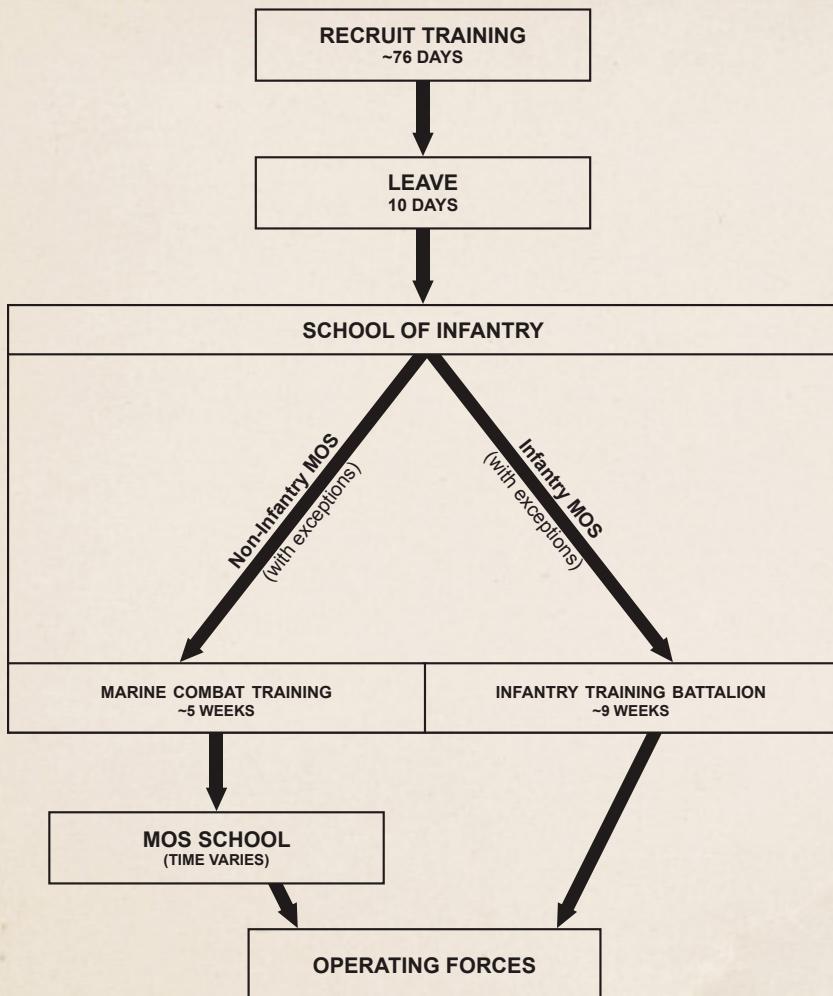
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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



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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