



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

13 December 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. P. McCord

Commander of Troops

Captain A. L. Johnson

Parade Adjutant

First Lieutenant C. A. Caston

Company “G”, Second Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain A. L. Johnson
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant J. L. Kauth
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain J. J. DeVries
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain C. A. Caston
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant M. Campbell
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant C. R. Magdaleno

Drill Masters

Staff Sergeant J. M. Kivett

Chaplain

Lieutenant D. K. Eatman

Color Guard

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

PLATOON 2088

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTORSgt D. Grajales
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K. M. Meenagh
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. Benjamin
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. O. M. Stephen



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....Pvt J. E. Murphy
 HOMETOWN.....Woodstock, GA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Landrum

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt A. M. Verduzco (331)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Cochrane

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT..... Pvt A. C. Singleton (581)

PFC Andersen, T. J.	PVT Hernandezperez, J. A.	PVT Taylor Jr., C. W.
PFC Angel, E. J.	PVT Hessels, C. B.	PVT Terol, F. W.
PVT Apenvillatoro, K. I.	PVT Jacobs, B. C.	PVT Thomas, Q. C.
PVT Barnette, K. K.	PFC Jimenez, D. N. *	PVT Thrappas, L. A.
PFC Barrera, C. J. *	PVT Jones, J. T.	PFC Tibbs, L. A.
PFC Bates, G. A. *	PVT Jones, M. Q.	PVT Tomlinson, B. A.
PFC Batican, S. D.	PVT Jones, P. G.	PVT Turner, G. Q.
PVT Belisle, S. D.	PVT Lentz, E. R.	PVT Turpin, S. M.
PVT Berduosantizo, S.	PFC Livingston, A. A.	PVT Verduzco, A. M.
PFC Brown, J. A.	PVT Lopez, F. D.	PVT Woodie, D. D.
PVT Carter, K. D.	PFC Maness, J. W.	PVT Young, J. D.
PVT Casimir, S. S.	PFC Martinez, J. A.	
PVT Celestinovasquez, K.	PFC McCord, J. P.	
PVT Crawford, C. R.	PVT McFarlane, K. A.	
PVT Creamer, G. C.	PVT McMillian, J. M.	
PVT Culver, T. S.	PVT Montenegroreyes, J. D.	
PVT Cummings, X. F.	PVT Morris, H. C.	
PVT Davis, J. R.	PFC Murphy, J. E. *	
PVT Davis, S. L.	PVT Nelson Jr., J. S.	
PVT Dominguez, S.	PVT Norton, A. B.	
PVT Edenhofer, A. J.	PVT Oconnor, M. P.	
PVT Forde IV, T. M.	PVT Orelus Jr., A.	
PVT Fortson, B. L.	PFC Owens, T. T.	
PFC Frank, C. C.	PVT Perez, E. A.	
PVT Garrett, S. J.	PVT Reilly, P. I.	
PVT Greshamlewis, B. J.	PFC Roberson, A. Z.	
PFC Hall, A. G.	PFC Singleton, A. C.	
PVT Harris, E. L.	PVT Smith, J. P.	
PVT Harrison, A. N.	PVT Spears, W. T.	
PFC Heard, D. R. *	PVT Stallard, B. W.	
PFC Henderson, M. W.	PVT Stanton, J. L.	
PVT Hernandez, Miguel	PVT Steves, N. M.	

PLATOON 2089

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt G. E. Davis
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. Cegueda
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt S. T. Menani
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. Barrientos



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	Pvt I. J. Shuford
HOMETOWN.....	Georgia, VT
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Britt

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC J. B. Twinn (337)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Seda

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFCK. N. McVannan (589)
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PFC Abadolmedo, A. S.	PFC Hernandezsantos, M. E.	PVT Trump, S. A.
PFC Alamgir, S. N.	PVT Hettrick, C. N.	PFC Twinn, J. B.
PFC Andrews, A. E.	PVT Kujda, M. N.	PVT Vallez, O. M.
PVT Ardon, K. A.	PFC Labraramirez, M. G.	PVT Varela, D. A.
PFC Ashbaugh, S. M.	PVT Larose, S.	PVT Welsh, E. S.
PVT Badette, J. S.	PVT Lopeznunez, A. S.	PVT White, A. A.
PVT Black, A. J.	PVT Lucero, M.	PVT Worthen, T. C.
PFC Blanco, A. Y.	PFC Malloy, A. S.*	PVT Young, S. R.
PFC Bowman, G. E.*	PVT Marcialbonifacio, L.	
PFC Buggan, N. L.	PVT Martinez, R.	
PVT Cachayhuertas, Y. P.	PFC Martinezgarcia, C. J.*	
PVT Campoverde, A. V.	PFC McVannan, K. N.	
PFC Carroll, T. L.	PVT Mendez, V. N.	
PFC Castromann, M. A.	PVT Obrien, K. A.	
PFC Chavarriaflares, K. D.	PVT Olivero, S. J.	
PFC Colon, H. A.	PFC Ortega, K. J.	
PFC Cruzherrerera, M.	PFC Ortizencarnacion, J. C.	
PFC Dah, E. M.	PVT Parravega, S.	
PVT Depazmilian, J. M.	PFC Pavon, B.	
PFC Dormeus, M.	PFC Penland, A. R.	
PVT Eltahir, D. A.	PVT Pilladohernandez, S. A.	
PFC Fermin, N. J.	PFC Purrier, G. L.	
PFC Fuenteslopez, M. D.	PFC Roano, N. M.	
PVT Geronimodasilva, J. L.	PVT Roblesc Cardoso, S.	
PFC Gines, D.	PFC Rodriguez, A. C.	
PFC Gironrosales, D. N.	PVT Rodriguez, E. J.	
PVT Gonzalezgonzalez, A. M.	PVT Rodriguez, L. D.	
PVT Gordillo, J. C.	PFC Rubieramorales, M. N.	
PFC Goveagonzalez, P. I.	PVT Sanchezcalixto, A.	
PVT Harris, A. L.	PVT Sandoval, J. A.	
PFC Hernandez, A.*	PFC Shuford, I. J.*	
PVT Hernandezcastorena, G.	PVT Troppoli, A. J.	

PLATOON 2090

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. A. Gross
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt P. Roman
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. R. Diaz
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. J. Janik
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. E. Delgadocolon



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....Pvt D. C. Blanchard
 HOMETOWN.....Lutz, FL
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Coingford

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. Feriajibenez (335)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Benjamin
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCE E. P. Childs (586)

PFC Anello, F. L.	PFC Henning, E. R.	PVT Thompson, J. A.
PVT Arandaaviles, E.	PVT Hopkins, J. J.	PVT Tomaslorenzo, F.
PVT Barrios, R. G.	PFC Huntz, J. T. *	PVT Toomey, R. A.
PVT Bast, J. C.	PVT Jeanlouis, W. W.	PVT Turner, A. L.
PFC Blanchard, D. C. *	PVT Juarezmorejon, A.	PFC Velazquezguzman, G. A.
PVT Bourdier, N.	PFC Lane, E. L.	PVT Vidaurri, O. L.
PVT Bromet, J. A.	PVT Lanna, G. H.	PVT Vigar, C. A.
PFC Brown, R. J.	PVT Leonard, C. H.	PVT Webb, E. C.
PVT Caballero, C. L.	PVT Litchendorf, M. A.	PVT Wheeler Jr., R. P.
PVT Cardenaspachon, S.	PVT Lopez, J. L.	PVT Zuniga, J. M.
PVT Carranzabenites, C.	PVT Louis, F.	
PFC Childs, E. P.	PVT Manzano, A. A.	
PVT Ciravolo, J. J.	PFC Matias, J. A.	
PVT Condeherrera, G. D.	PFC Mazyck, N. M.	
PVT Crites, M. P.	PFC Mixon, J. E.	
PVT Decastilhosmarques, G.	PVT Motley, J. M.	
PVT Dekle Jr., B. A.	PVT Mounsiharath, N. E.	
PVT Delacruzperez, D. S.	PVT Nieto, L.	
PFC Duterval, P. R. *	PVT Osier, S.	
PVT Embden, T.	PFC Parker, T. Y.	
PVT Esquivel, J. J.	PVT Perez, C.	
PVT Feriajibenez, J.	PFC Phillians, G. C.	
PVT Fernandezaponte, L.	PVT Pochette, W.	
PVT Ford III, M. L.	PVT Poirierfreeman, N. A.	
PVT Foster, A. J.	PVT Rivera Jr., D. A.	
PVT Freeman, C. P.	PVT Rodrigues, K. W.	
PVT Freeman, G. G.	PVT Rodriguezpastrana, J.	
PVT Garcia, E. M.	PVT Schulte, M. J.	
PVT Garciafigueroa, B.	PFC Schumaker, N. M.	
PFC Gonzalezvillegas, L. R. *	PVT Smith, A. J.	
PVT Gray, B. W.	PVT Stil, W.	
PFC Harrison, R. O.	PVT Taylor, V.	

PLATOON 2092

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. Davis
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. A. Delvalle
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt N. L. Peppers
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. P. Garcia
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K. A. Nepomuceno



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. C. Steiner
 HOMETOWN.....Smyrna, DE
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Winkles

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt L. J. Tournier (333)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Alstrom
 COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC R.H. Perkins (600)

PVT Adamson, C. D.	PVT Hoban, J. A.	PVT Smith, J. A.
PVT Alexandre, W.	PVT Hubble, B. W.	PFC Steiner, D. C.
PFC Anderson Jr., T. E.	PFC John, C. A.	PVT Stephenson, X. R.
PVT Berkeley, J. W.	PVT Johnson, D. T.	PFC Sweet, N. P.
PVT Briscoe, C. R.	PVT Jones, J. A.	PVT Tambllyn Jr., E. A.
PVT Brooks, B. L.	PFC Kerns, J. D.	PFC Thompson, N. L.
PVT Church, A. E.	PFC Kiefer II, W. E.*	PVT Tournier, L. J.
PFC Clark, B. C.	PVT Langs, T. T.	PVT Toussaint, J. E.
PVT Curry, J. J.	PVT Lapham IV, A. L.	PVT Travis, T. T.
PVT Daltro, B. A.	PFC Marquart, S. A.	PVT Vaughan, L. C.
PFC Davis III, M. C.	PFC Martinez, G. G.	PVT Wallace, J. N.
PVT Davis, A. D.	PFC Martinezsorto, F. A.*	PFC Williams, A. T.
PVT Davis, E. A.	PVT Mayer, J. D.	
PVT Davis, T. L.	PVT McFall, S. E.	
PFC Deas, J. R.*	PFC Milburn, D. F.	
PVT Douglas, A. A.	PVT Moberly, L. C.	
PVT Drew, J. M.	PVT Monasterio, N. H.	
PFC Ebangukwedi, Y.	PVT Mott, C. A.	
PVT Epley, D. C.	PVT Murray, M. T.	
PVT Espinallainez, J. F.	PVT Okaitei, O. K.	
PFC Fair, J. L.*	PVT Pawlak, D. A.	
PVT Fernandes, L. J.	PFC Perkins, R. H.	
PVT Fernandeztorres, G.	PVT Perkinsmcdonald, M. D.	
PVT Germond, E. C.	PVT Perry, F. D.	
PVT Gifford, E. D.	PVT Poynter, L. J.	
PVT Gruenig, M. D.	PVT Pyburn, T. S.	
PVT Hack, J. L.	PFC Quicenogomez, S.	
PVT Hall, B. A.	PVT Reynolds, J. P.	
PFC Hanks Jr., D. J.	PVT Robinsonwilliams, J. J.	
PVT Helas, J.	PVT Schwier Jr., B. A.	
PVT Hernandezcruz, L.	PVT Serranomaldonado, M.	
PVT Hewitt II, A. P.	PFC Smith, A.	

PLATOON 2093

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. M. Sosa
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt G. R. Apollon
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt N. C. Hill
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt S.I. Tingen
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A.C. Vacca



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC J.A. Rodriguezrivera
HOMETOWN.....	Ponce, PR
RECRUITED BY.....	Cpl Colon Ramirez

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC H. W. Tongate (342)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Hill
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	Pvt C. P. Bailey (600)

PVT Aguilar Jr., R. F	PVT Lawrence, A. a.	PVT Thompson II, K. E.
PVT Aldaco, J. S.	PFC Leblanc, J. C.*	PFC Tongate, H. W.*
PFC Aldridge, W. C.	PVT Longmore, J. L.	PFC Tryon, J. V.
PVT Amari, M. M.	PVT Luna, A.	PFC Vargassuarez, A.*
PVT Armbrust, L. Z.	PVT Lundquist, D. J.	PVT Vasquez, J. S.
PVT Azouga, A. L.	PVT Maldonado, K. L.	PVT Victoriaccontreras, J.
PFC Bailey, C. P.	PVT Martin, J. K.	PVT Watson, C. E.
PVT Bobemartinez, J. M.	PFC Martinez, B. S.	PVT Welsh, N. R.
PVT Burnett, C. H.	PVT Nelson, G. A.	PVT West, M. L.
PVT Calixto de Leon, D. A.	PVT Nicolas Bravo, Y.	PVT Willmot, C. S.
PVT Caron, T. L.	PFC Oconnell, M. J.	PFC Yankowy, R. G.
PVT Cassidy, T. N.	PVT Paredes, L. A.	
PVT Cerrato, J. A.	PFC Pascalis, R. C.	
PVT Collazo, J. R.	PFC Peralta, A. A.	
PVT Dettmer, D. A.	PVT Pompey, D. Y.	
PVT Douglas, W. J.	PVT Ratchford Jr., R. P.	
PVT Emptage, G. J.	PFC Robles, C. E.*	
PFC Flanders, J. S.*	PVT Rodriguez Jr., A. J.	
PFC Gabrielsen, K. R.	PFC Rodriguezrivera, J. A.	
PVT Gallardorufino, M.	PVT Romero C., Brian A.	
PVT Garcia, D. J.	PFC Ross, E. M.	
PVT Giannetti, L. J.	PFC Sanchez, F. E.	
PVT Guerraguerra, B. L.	PVT Sanchezescobar, B. A.	
PVT Hall, D. T.	PVT Santiago, J. R.	
PVT Hanley, E. T.	PVT Saquisilialtamirano, V. A.	
PVT Heatly, E. L.	PVT Satchell, J. J.	
PVT Hernandezreyes, M. A.	PFC Schluckebier, N. A.	
PVT King III, E. P.	PFC Schraff, C. A.	
PVT Klos V, F. A.	PFC Simms Jr., J.*	
PVT Kovach, C. A.	PVT Shicay, B. I.	
PVT Landsman, C. R.	PVT Smith, H. J.	
PFC Lane, O. R.	PVT Thomas, T. W.	

PLATOON 2094

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt X. J. Francisco
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt K. M. Hobley
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt L. A. Hernandez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt E. M. Campbell
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. J. Klasna



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC D. J. Sweet
HOMETOWN.....	Riviera Beach, FL
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Vital

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFCA J. Stillman (338)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Darnum
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	Pvt E. R. Torres (595)

PVT Andre, J. M.	PVT Levandusky, K. D.	PVT Thompson, D. M.
PVT Arboledasaavedra, J. Z.	PVT Lewis, L. J.	PVT Torres, E. R.
PVT Arvelogomez, D.	PFC London, S. K.*	PVT Torresrodriguez, M. L.
PVT Atempacholula, M. J.	PFC Lopezvalerio, J. A.*	PFC Trombley, C. M.
PVT Barrett, P. J.	PFC Lynch, A. K.*	PVT Vanderwarker, N. K.
PVT Berry, C. D.	PVT McCray, E.	PVT Vargastineo, J.
PFC Borbonfermin, D. E.	PVT McLeod, C.	PVT Villalobos, C. D.
PVT Bradley, J. C.	PFC Medrano, S. A.	PVT Walsh, Z. E.
PVT Carr, D. P.	PVT Melcher, A. I.	PFC Zometa, F. S.
PVT Carreon, D. J.	PFC Moralesmadrid, D. M.	
PVT Chen, S.	PVT Moussignac, M. N.	
PVT Coker, K.	PVT Nunnally, S. R.	
PVT Cole, K. M.	PVT Orellana, K.	
PFC Collier, H. A.	PFC Otieno, L. A.	
PFC Cruzvasquez, E. I.	PVT Pace, E. L.	
PVT Delossantos, J. I.	PVT Pagan, E. R.	
PVT Dicandia, T. J.	PVT Perez, J. I.	
PVT Erickson, C. W.	PFC Pilgrim, W. C.	
PVT Espinalbaez, E.	PFC Ramirezmontes, L. F.	
PVT Felker, D. J.	PFC Ratliff, Z. T.	
PFC Findlay, J. E.	PFC Rivera, J. M.	
PVT Floressegovia, R. A.	PVT Rohan, W. A.	
PVT Forbing, N. R.	PVT Sadler, K. R.	
PVT Fuentesgarcia, R.	PFC Saldanahernandez, A. R.	
PFC Furr, D. L.*	PVT Santodomingo, E. A.	
PVT Guzmanfitz, M.	PFC Singh, V. G.	
PVT Hall, J.	PVT Smith, N. J.	
PFC Hassan, M. B.	PVT Smith, T. N.	
PVT Javier, J. L.	PVT Stillman, A. J.	
PVT Johnson, D. D.	PFC Sweet, D. J.*	
PVT Johnson, N. R.	PVT Thibault, G. M.	
PVT Kutscher, D. A.	PVT Thiphavong, T. D.	



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

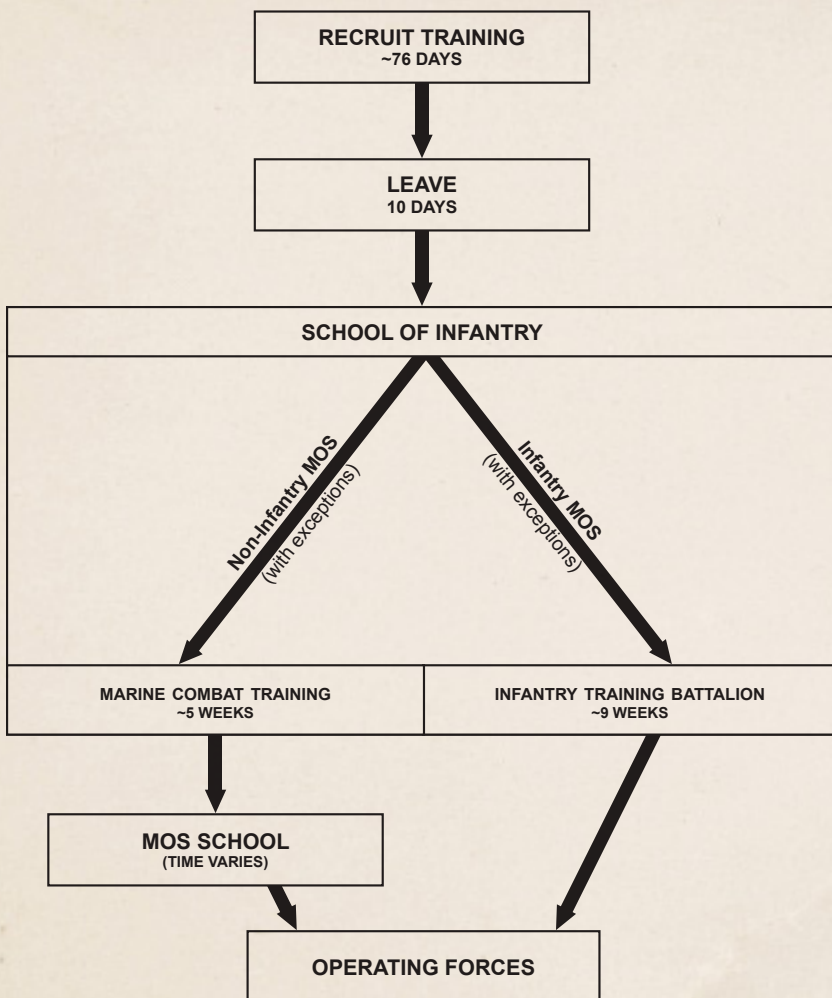
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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