



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

29 August 2025

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Colonel A. P. Bariletti
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major E. M. Smack

3rd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel A. Tye
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major R. W. Pinney

Commander of Troops

Captain B. C. Peregrin

Parade Adjutant

Lieutenant Kevaghn Burney

Company “L”, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain B. C. Peregrin
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant M. J. Sanchez
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain D. W. Cliff
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain B. J. Hawkins
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant N. M. Luber
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant M. L. Reed

Drill Masters

Gunnery Sergeant J. C. Merriweather
Staff Sergeant Y. R. Castellonrivera

Chaplain

Lieutenant S. L. Bootsma

Color Guard

Sergeant N. Herniquez Sergeant C. N. Contreras
Sergeant E. K. Baafuor Sergeant S. N. Gatling

PLATOON 3064

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. M. VanTuyt
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. K. Miller
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C.J. Gonyea
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. L. Pepin
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. J. CallejaZarate



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. L. Bryant Iv
 HOMETOWN.....Bluffton, SC
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Creddlio

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC C. B. Franco (331)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt McDonald
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. Cerinobautista (549)

PVT Akinyele, A. B.	PFC Howard Jr., J. L.*	PVT Thrift Jr., W. C.
PVT Anjervil, N. J.	PFC Huff, D. J.*	PVT Tlapa, M. A.
PVT Ashman, J. W.	PVT Jaimezlaney, E. F.	PVT Truett, C. R.
PVT Bailey, C. E.	PFC Jensen, E. S.*	PFC Watson, N. D.*
PFC Barcenaz, O. L.*	PVT Knuff, I. D.	PVT Weathers, T. J.
PVT Bell, J. A.	PVT Kuhnly, A. W.	PFC Wechsler, D. S.*
PFC Bradshaw, B. N.*	PFC Leach, D. J.*	PFC Wedding, M. L.*
PFC Bryant Iv, J. L.*	PVT Lopezroblero, J. A.	PVT White Jr., E. R.
PFC Bryson Jr., R. J.*	PFC Markos, T. J.*	PVT Williams, B. T.
PVT Burleson, H. J.	PVT Montgomery, W. A.	PFC Williford, J. Y.*
PVT Campbell, G. P.	PFC Nievesnieves, B. D.*	PVT Winter, S. A.
PFC Castillo, J. M.*	PVT Owenby, B. P.	PFC Woods, A. Z.*
PFC Cerinobautista, J.*	PVT Pachecopaula, P.	PFC Zheng, J.*
PVT Chavez, C. I.	PFC Papp, E. E.*	
PVT Coleman, G. H.	PVT Phillips, Z. H.	
PVT Cook, C. A.	PVT Pierson, Z. L.	
PVT Creech, C. D.	PFC Pinkney, C. N.*	
PFC Deford, P. O.*	PFC Puckett, C. L.*	
PFC Donohue, J. A.*	PFC Rainey, A. T.*	
PFC Echevarria III., E.*	PFC Repolletnieves, G. A.*	
PFC Emery Jr., M. J.*	PFC Richardson, J. D.*	
PVT Ferguson, J. S.	PFC Richardson, Q. L.*	
PFC Fisette, K. W.*	PFC Rodriguez, B. O.*	
PFC Freeman, J. T.*	PVT Shabdue, L. R.	
PVT Gardunotorejo, A. Y.	PVT Sparrow, J. A.	
PVT Gatesgrady, J. A.	PFC Stewart, A. D.*	
PVT Goins, J. A.	PFC Strohsahl, G. W.*	
PVT Grant, K. K.	PFC Tate, K. D.*	
PVT Green, W. D.	PFC Taverascorcino, J. D.*	
PVT Hall Jr., C. A.	PVT Tavira, K. M.	
PFC Hall, K. M.*	PVT Thang, V. R.	
PVT Hembree, M. T.	PFC Thauer, B. T.	

PLATOON 3065

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt. C. K. Hyatt
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt. R. F. Rodriguez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. N. A. Juarez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. M. L. Gaspar



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC. B. F. Macleod
 HOMETOWN.....Philadelphia, PA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt. Menciz

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC. B. F. Macleod
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. L.A. Lafleur
 COMPANYHIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC. B. F. Macleod (593)

PFC Adan, J.*	PFC Kairu, M. R.*	PVT Richroberts, J. T.
PFC Aguilerazambrano, R. A.*	PFC Kvech, J. C.*	PFC Rogers, C. O.*
PFC Agustin, M.	PFC Larson, A. G.*	PVT Rosado, G. E.
PFC Alvarezdelgado, M. Y.*	PFC Lazzari, A. J.*	PFC Samad, S. A.*
PVT Arias, L. A.	PFC Lefevre, D. A.*	PFC Sandoval, C. A.*
PVT Athis, E. K.	PVT Lemire, C. J.	PFC Smalls, P. C.*
PFC Attivor, M.*	PFC Lewellen, N. J.*	PFC Soltwedel, R. S.*
PVT Battiste, L. B.	PVT Lopez, R. J.	PFC Sosa, J.*
PFC Boyd, J. R.*	PFC Lopezospina, S.*	PFC Spencer, B. W.*
PVT Callan, D. T.	PFC Luc, D. D.*	PFC Todescojunior, R. J.*
PFC Cannon, M. M.*	PFC Lunagonzalez, H.*	PFC Tupper, S. I.*
PFC Cato, N. J.*	PFC Macleod, B. F.*	PVT Vidosh, F. E.
PVT Chaltraw, J. N.	PVT Marsh, B. S.	PFC Zeron, K. G.*
PVT Chayescobar, K. J.	PVT Martineznunez, Y. C.	
PFC Colbert, D. T.*	PVT Maynard, W. D.	
PVT Correaromero, C. G.	PFC Melero, K. A.*	
PVT Cruzmedel, J. F.	PFC Miller, T. D.*	
PFC Daniels, I. M.*	PFC Mohla Jr., S. D.*	
PFC Devine, K. W.*	PFC Morales, J. M.*	
PVT Eagle, A. E.	PFC Morrison, H. G.*	
PFC Ekue, A. J.*	PFC Munozmartinez, R. A.*	
PFC Exantus, J. K.*	PVT Nicholson, K. D.	
PFC Farley, C. G.*	PFC Palleija, D. A.*	
PVT Fleming, E. C.	PFC Pedrosovalencia, G. R.*	
PVT Garcia, J. M.	PVT Perez, F. J.	
PVT Goff, A. J.	PFC Perezmorales, A. A.*	
PFC Graham, A. M.*	PVT Pike, N. L.	
PVT Guevara, A.	PFC Potash, W. G.*	
PVT Heinstadt, B. H.	PVT Promaphile, M.	
PFC Irey, A. J.*	PFC Ramirezloredo, D. J.*	
PVT Jallow, Z.	PFC Ramos, J. M.*	
PFC Jimenezordonez, F. C.*	PFC Reyes, A. M.*	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R.P. Jernigan
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt L.B. Haggard
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K.J. Cherry
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A.R. Haynes
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl M.L. RamosValentin



PLATOON HON GRADUATE.....PVT Gardner, Trayvon L
 HOMETOWN.....Mt Orab, Ohio
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Shorter

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....N. L. Reynol (330)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Hazelwood

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J.A. Benz (578)

PVT Abner, G. R.	PVT Guillen, A.	PVT Smith, S. E.
PVT Acosta, D. J.	PVT Gunawan, C. C.	PVT Sullivan, K. G.
PVT Aguilar, J. J.	PVT Haas, J. R.	PVT Swigert, J. T.
PFC Alberto, K. A.	PVT Hang, T. H.	PVT Tague, A. J.
PVT Anleucoyoy, F. B.	PVT Harrell Jr., S. K.	PFC Tijero, M. A.
PVT Armstrong, J. B.	PVT Hernandezgonzalez, B.	PFC Toloza, S.
PVT Arocheboada, J. J.	PVT Hershberger, Z. R.	PVT Traylor, L. A.
PFC Barger, C. E.	PVT Hinds, R. J.	PVT Valladares, J. E.
PVT Biggar, R. S.	PFC Hollowell, J. M.	PVT Weber, C. M.
PVT Bogel, P. J.	PFC Jacobs, R. M.	PVT Wiser, P. L.
PVT Bonner, J. C.	PVT Jones, C. L.	PVT Yanik, A. M.
PVT Brokering, B. E.	PVT Laboy, W. C.	PVT Zurek, G. C.
PVT Brown, J. R.	PFC Leon, J. S.	
PVT Burney, C. A.	PVT Lopez, E. G.	
PVT Butler, B. D.	PVT Lumsden, C. R.	
PVT Cabrera, D.	PVT Marcinko, T. M.	
PVT Cairns, J. C.	PVT Marshall, C. T.	
PFC Caves, M. S.	PVT McBride, S. K.	
PFC Chaney, J. K.*	PVT McDonald, L. T.	
PVT Chapman, T. A.	PVT Mercer I., C. D.	
PVT Christians, R. A.	PFC Mezahernandez, C. A.	
PFC Clark, P. A.	PFC Morris, B. R.	
PFC Clingan, B. A.	PFC Mulberry V., A.*	
PVT Coogan, R. E.	PVT Munoz, L. S.	
PVT Crews Jr., T. K.	PVT Nieves, J. C.	
PFC Dingess, C. J.	PVT Parks, H. A.	
PFC Droddy, N. E.	PVT Parks, J. A.	
PVT Durrett, A. T.	PVT Perezramos, D.	
PVT Forlini, P. J.	PVT Plummer, J. R.	
PVT Gadley Jr., M. D.	PVT Pusey, A. G.	
PFC Gardner, T. L.*	PVT Quezada, B.	
PFC Goughnour, L. D.	PVT Sealy, H. B.	

PLATOON 3068

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. J. Bonifaz
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. O. Quaye
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. Sutton
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. A. Harding



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC S. A. Shifflett
 HOMETOWN.....Fredericksburg, VA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt House

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC L. P. Jackson (341)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Abdu
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC S. A. Shifflett (600)

PVT Aguilera, R. G.	PVT Hibsman, S. A.	PVT Stone, J. A.
PVT Allen, G. E.	PVT Jackson, L. P.	PVT Subba, E.
PFC Alvarado, D. J.*	PVT Jimenezsandoval, O. J.	PFC Taylor, X. D.*
PFC Anderson, M. A.*	PFC Justice, D. G.*	PVT Tellolauriano, A.
PFC Arellanorosas, J.*	PFC Lapp, K. A.*	PFC Thomas, I. J.*
PFC Bonnin, G. C.*	PFC Larrobia, D. A.*	PFC Toole, A. J.*
PVT Boone, C. W.	PVT Lester, G. A.	PVT Trelles, J.
PFC Bortey, D. G.*	PVT Magallonuribe, E.	PVT Victoria, E. L.
PVT Bulgrin, A. T.	PVT Marks, Salvador A.	PFC Vogel, J. T.*
PVT Byars, C. J.	PFC Martinezjimenez, N. A.*	PVT Wakeman, Z. S.
PVT Carr, T. A.	PVT Mayahernandez, J. J.	PFC Ward, J. L.*
PFC Chinedu, K. K.*	PFC McIlvain, C. E.*	PFC Wolfe, L. A.*
PVT Clever, D. T.	PFC McMillan, B. C.*	PFC Zarate, J. R.*
PFC Copeland, A. J.*	PVT McMillian Jr., Toby L.	
PFC Croom, W. W.*	PVT Muniz, M. P.	
PVT Cuccia, M. R.	PVT Nalvarez, K. S.	
PVT Delong, P. S.	PVT Nicolascardenas, K.	
PVT Draper, M. T.	PVT Odell, A. M.	
PFC Eggleston, M. J*.	PFC Owens, J. C.*	
PVT Everett, D. J.	PVT Perdomo, M. I.	
PVT Fielder, K. S.	PVT Pittl, J. L.	
PVT Gaskell, T. S.	PVT Poncecalero, C. L.	
PFC Gill, P. G.*	PFC Proffitt, G. M.*	
PVT Godwin, T. B.	PFC Ranegan, M. P.*	
PVT Gonzalez, A. M.	PVT Rivas, A. E.	
PFC Goodwin, D. C.*	PVT Roland, A. T.	
PFC Grantmorgan, H. M.*	PVT Salcedodelossanto, L. E.	
PFC Hall, C. L.*	PFC Shifflett, S. A.*	
PVT Hambrick, E. R.	PVT Skoczen, S. J.	
PVT Hammond, D. O.	PFC Soe, L. K.*	
PFC Harbin, W. C.*	PFC Spurr, G. E*.	
PVT Harney, B. C.	PFC Steele, D. E.*	
PVT Herbert, B. J.	PVT Stenberg, N. J.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt C. A. Feliz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt E. N. Benavides
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt T. L. Peterson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. B. Batista
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Z. C. Brumbaugh



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC A. A. Alcaide
HOMETOWN.....	New York, NY
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Martinez

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC J. C. Johnson (336)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Vasquez

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC A. J. Diabate (594)
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PFC Adams, C.*	PVT Giraldo, S.	PFC Rahaman, Z. N.*
PFC Alcaide, A. A.*	PFC Gomezgomez, R.A.*	PVT Ramirezlopez, N. B.
PVT Almaraz Jr., J. J.	PVT Gros, A. J.	PFC Rangelpena, A.*
PFC Aucapina, J. C.*	PVT Groves, M. A.	PVT Rodas, D.
PFC Beniteztorres, L. D.*	PVT Hall, D. D.	PFC Ross, J. M.*
PVT Bertram, E. M.	PFC Harris, C. X.*	PFC Sanchezmaldonado, D. A.*
PVT Blancoenriquez, N.	PFC Helm, E. H.*	PFC Shahedeh, T. C.*
PVT Bravoperalta, C. I.	PVT Herrera, S. M.	PFC Sierra, S. J.*
PFC Brown, T. P.*	PVT Herreralambert, D. J.	PFC Sierraaguilar, J. I.*
PVT Butler, E. W.	PVT Houser, J. E.	PFC Sotofernandez, C. A.*
PVT Campbell, J. J.	PVT Johnson, B. K.	PFC Steely Jr., J. B.*
PVT Canizales, O. J.	PVT Maisonetriviera, J. Y.	PFC Sterling, C. C.*
PFC Casasola, J. O.*	PVT Marceaux, I. S.	PVT Taylor, R. N.
PFC Cilley, N. J.*	PVT Martinez, K. A.	PVT Tocay, V. O.
PVT Copelin, T. E.	PVT Mejiacantero, A.	PVT Valceus, W.
PFC Corbin, L. G.*	PVT Mendez, A. S.	PFC Villegasburgos, A. X.*
PVT Davis, J. J.	PFC Mendoza, B. E.*	
PFC Desir, D. Y.*	PFC Mendoza, J.*	
PFC Diabate, A. J.*	PVT Mercadobalderas, A.	
PFC Eckert, S. C.*	PVT Merritt, J. W.	
PVT Escaleraeperez, C. J.	PVT Molinagonzalez, E.	
PFC Escobar, D. A.*	PVT Moore, C. L.	
PFC Escobar, J. A.*	PVT Murphy, A. J.	
PVT Espinoza, D. J.	PVT Neuman, A. M.	
PVT Finch, J. A.	PFC Ngo, K. T.*	
PVT Firek, F. J.	PFC Norris, L. C.*	
PFC Flores, A.*	PVT Ochoa, H. M.	
PFC Flores, B.*	PFC Osborn, Z. J.*	
PVT Forrester, J. R.	PVT Paquin, R. P.	
PVT Friasreyes, J. A.	PVT Pastrana Jr., I.	
PFC Fuller, L. T.*	PVT Polancopilar, E.	
PVT Garcia, C. D.	PFC Puchadestorres, D.*	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. M. Brodie
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Perez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. S. Winowiecki
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. N. Dunlap
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. T. Anthony



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC S. Vittetoe
 HOMETOWN.....Boonsboro, MD
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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC J. C. Johnson (336)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Molina

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCL B. Nor (600)

PVT Arnold, H. A.	PVT Kelmell, Z. C.*	PFC Sleghtzelenick, J. K.*
PFC Baker, T. W.*	PVT Knight, N. J.	PVT Smith, T. R.
PVT Ballard, J. T.	PFC Laster, C. J.*	PVT Sodhi, H. S.
PVT Ballard, R. M.	PVT Lyons, J. P.	PVT Spicer, S.
PFC Barnett, J. C.*	PVT Mackersie, C. A.	PFC Streadwick Jr., K. A.*
PVT Barnhill, M. E.	PVT Mason, C. J.	PFC Summers, J. A.*
PVT Benson, S. V.	PVT Maurer, D. J.*	PVT Tressler, C. J.
PVT Bermeo, J. F.	PVT Mercado, A. L.	PVT Vaughn, B. H.
PVT Bond, J. W.	PFC Mixon, S. A.*	PFC Vickery, C. C.*
PVT Bowman, C. K.	PVT Molinamorenos, S. N.	PVT Vittetoe, A. J.
PFC Bryant, D. R.*	PVT Moreno, K. E.	PFC Weaver, N. W.*
PVT Castillo, O. M.	PFC Mull, A. M.*	PFC Yates, P. S.*
PVT Castroascencio, D. D.	PVT Mussared, I. A.	
PVT Davis, A. J.	PFC Nor, L. B.*	
PFC Deriso, E. E.*	PVT Orth, S. L.	
PVT Dodson, M. D.	PVT Osunkiyesi, A. J.	
PVT Fricker, D. A.	PFC Palomaperez, L.*	
PVT Friesen, Z. G.	PVT Pantoja Jr., J. A.	
PFC Gallegos, K.*	PVT Pardo Jr., J. L.	
PVT Gilbert, N. O.	PVT Polston, J. R.*	
PFC Goerig, C. A.*	PFC Pope, T. J.*	
PFC Granderson, J. M.*	PFC Powell, J. B.*	
PFC Griffin, R. t P.*	PVT Rhodesaverhart, D. B.	
PVT Hahn, G. M.	PVT Rivera, F. M.	
PFC Halter, M. J.*	PFC Roberts, G. E.*	
PVT Hart, N. B.	PFC Rodriguezcruz, L. S.*	
PFC Hatfield, D. W.*	PVT Roussel, D. M.	
PFC Hernandez, J. P.*	PFC Ruiz, C. D.*	
PVT Hernandez, R. A.	PFC Rutledge, G. C.*	
PVT Horn, G. F.	PVT Scoggins, D. K.	
PFC Hunt, C. R.*	PVT Shortz, J. L.*	
PVT Johnson, M. R.*	PVT Simon, R. B.	



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

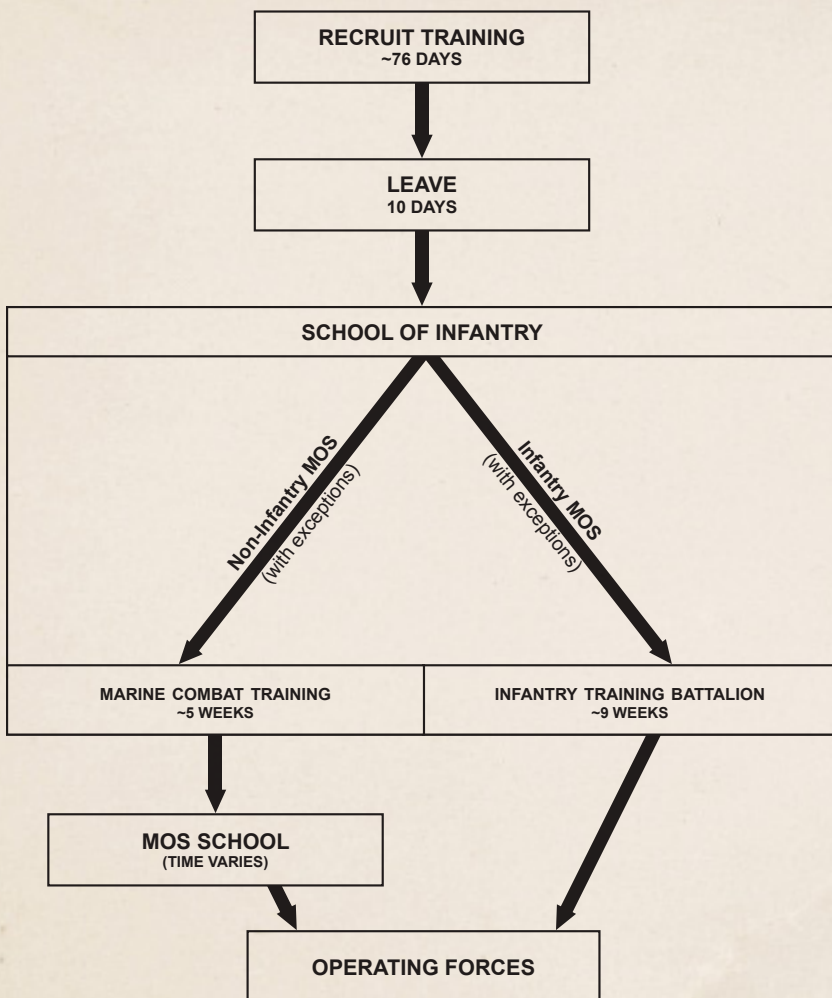
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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