



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

19 September 2025

Recruit Training Regiment

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

2nd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel A. Yang
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major J. P. McCord

Commander of Troops

Captain N. A. Ewing

Parade Adjutant

Captain H. Williams

Company “H”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain N. A. Ewing
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant K. D. Caffero
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain P. H. Bembry
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain R. A. Rodriguez
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant M. R. Moser
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant J. W. Wooten

Drill Masters

Gunnery Sergeant J. J. Merriweather
Staff Sergeant C. Garcia

Chaplain

Commander S. L. Bootsma

Color Guard

Sergeant S. E. Griffis	Sergeant A. C. Vacca
Sergeant M. A. Meyers	Sergeant A. T. Miller

PLATOON 2056

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt B. M. Evans
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt M. C. Johnson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt E. C. Herron
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt G. Wells III
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. E. Spencer



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC J. A. Blue Jr.
HOMETOWN.....	Cameron, NC
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Laroachelle

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC P. N. Faldu (332)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Molina

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC J. A. Blue Jr. (596)
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PFC Adler, H. M.	PVT Lillis, P. A.	PFC Thomas, J. M.*
PFC Alfonsoarroyo Jr., R. A.*	PVT Logan Jr., S. D.	PFC Torres, J. R.
PVT Ariasgoodwin, C. R.	PVT Lynch, N. E.	PVT Trejo, D. B.
PVT Bakstran, C. J.	PFC Marsala, B. A.	PFC Viroja, J. S.
PVT Bassey, H. I.	PFC Matarodriguez, J. D.	PFC Woodberry, K. D.
PVT Bate, T. W.	PFC Monteiro, K. D.	PVT Wyatt, D. G.
PFC Blue Jr., J. A.*	PVT Montoya, C.	PFC Young, N. J.
PVT Brown, D. J.	PVT Moralesalvarado, C. A.	
PVT Caballero, M. A.	PVT Navarro, C.	
PFC Colladojimenez, J.	PVT Nicks Jr., S. R.	
PVT Colon, D. Y.	PFC Niedzielski, I. W.	
PVT Cozby, K. E.	PVT Oneill, N. A.	
PVT Cruzperez, I.	PFC Padilla, M. L.	
PFC Davis, J. O.	PFC Pascua, H. C.	
PFC Denly, C. G.	PFC Perez, E.	
PFC Faldu, P. N.	PFC Perezlopez, I. A.	
PVT Fisher, J. L.	PVT Poirier, J. A.	
PVT Fitzmaurice, J. K.	PFC Ramirez, E.	
PFC Goldsby Jr., S. R.	PVT Rennow, C. J.	
PFC Goldsby, J. D.	PFC Robertson, E. S.	
PVT Harris, V. S.	PVT Rodriguezperez, C. P.	
PVT Hodges, B. J.	PVT Rodriguezroman, A.	
PVT Holtry, L. J.	PFC Russo, C. S.	
PFC Horigan, C. L.	PVT Salama, A. E.	
PFC Ibarra, E. Y.	PFC Sandria, F. I.	
PFC Ilesanmi, O. E.	PFC Santos, L. S.	
PVT Jackson, J. V.	PVT Sellers III, M. A.	
PFC Jones, D. L.	PVT Shinholster, T. J.	
PFC Koch, J. K.*	PFC Smith, D. J.	
PVT Larrea, L. R.	PFC Stephanos, L. W.	
PFC Leach, T. R.	PVT Suerotaveras, E. J.	
PFC Lee, V. W.	PFC Sutton, R. J.	

PLATOON 2057

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. E. Pineda
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. Camposramirez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. Hernandezmondragon
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt V. M. Lopez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Lazo



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC R. L. Browning
 HOMETOWN.....Charlotte, NC
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Vil

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFCA. N. Watkins (327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Benjamin

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCC. R. Vohlken (585)

PVT Agnew, A. S.	PFC James, C. N.*	PFC White, R. A.
PVT Alexander, M. A.	PFC Johnson, T. E.*	PFC Zelaya, B.
PFC Alforque, M. A.	PVT Khamphoumy, C.	
PFC Arias, D. G.	PFC Luisi, S. A.	
PVT Atkinson, N. T.	PVT Marte, D. F.	
PFC Barber, S. M.	PFC Martinez, B.	
PVT Bazile, B. B.	PVT Martinezvergara, Y.	
PFC Benton, H. J.	PFC McMillan, C. M.	
PVT Boor, J. S.	PVT Mena, G.	
PVT Bordamunoz, K.	PFC Molina, A. N.	
PVT Botelho, M. M.	PFC Morales, A. M.	
PFC Bravo, B.	PVT Nicol, A. M.	
PFC Bridges, A. S.	PFC Nunezgutierrez, C.	
PFC Britolicor, A.	PVT Puello, H. J.	
PFC Browning, R. L.	PVT Quilli, A. M.	
PFC Buffington, M. L.	PVT Reese, A. M.	
PVT Casagrande, G. L.	PFC Rice, K. M.	
PVT Chu, T.	PFC Serrano, S. A.*	
PFC Cobb, A. S.	PVT Seymour, K. L.	
PVT Contreras, J. J.	PFC Signorelli, P. E.	
PFC Corratti, N. I.	PFC Simms, S. S.	
PVT Correia, A. J.	PFC Simon, S. N.	
PFC Dawson, A. D.	PFC Smith, A. A.	
PVT Dixon, A. E.	PFC Smith, H. B.	
PFC Garciaguzman, L.	PVT Solaresabreu, C.	
PFC Garciatrinidad, P. N.	PVT Vassallodiaz, R.	
PVT Gasparramirez, M. L.	PVT Vielmacastro, L.	
PFC Gonzalez, Y. A.	PFC Vielmas, D. J.	
PVT Grantham, J. C.	PFC Vohlken, D. R.	
PVT Gurung, P.	PVT Wall, O. G.	
PFC Hernandez, J.	PFC Watkins, A. N.*	
PFC Infantesdelarosa, C. A.	PFC Whelan, B. K.	

PLATOON 2058

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. D. Holt
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. L. Hall
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. C. Barlow
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. J. Jamison



HONOR COMPANY GRADUATE.....PFC J. P. Kelley
 HOMETOWN.....Ashland, KY
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Heintzman

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC L. R. Bujno (325)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Seda
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC N. W. Staats (597)

PVT Andinomena, F. A.	PVT Hund, G. A.	PFC Stone, N. C.
PVT Ballard, P. B.	PVT Judycki, L. G.	PVT Straight, R. L.
PFC Baltierra, J. V.	PFC Kelley, J. P.*	PVT Thaker, A. V.
PVT Barnes, J. B.	PVT Krebs, O. L.	PVT Thompson, J. L.
PVT Barriosnicolas, J.	PVT Kyle, L. L.	PVT Thompson, K. C.
PVT Bethea, L. T.	PVT Larue, D. J.	PVT Tovar, A.
PVT Blaise, J.	PFC Lawson, N. H.	PFC Tuncap, E. P.
PFC Browning, D. K.	PVT Levy, J. M.	PVT Valdez, J. S.
PVT Buckley, J. M.	PVT Liquari, M. D.	PVT Villante, M. J.
PVT Bujno, A. M.	PVT Lopez, E. Z.	PVT Wagner, S. B.
PFC Bujno, L. R.	PVT Mallam, M.	PVT Whalin, R. R.
PVT Burrell, G. A.	PVT Martinezcelestino, J. E.	PVT Williams, J. A.
PFC Calkins, J. A.	PFC Maul, A. D.	
PFC Cipollini, N. A.	PVT McDonald, J. R.	
PVT Clarke, D. T.	PVT Mendezsastre, J. A.	
PVT Cole, A. B.	PFC Merton, T. P.*	
PVT Collins, E. J.	PVT Miller V., W. R.	
PVT Diaz, J. M.	PFC Mish, M. A.	
PFC Doherty, D. B.	PVT Moralesordonez, K. A.	
PFC Elsner, S. A.	PVT Moro, A. A.	
PVT Estrada, J. L.	PVT Mosely Jr, E. P.	
PVT Finefrock, J. E.	PFC Murphy, G. T.	
PVT Flemister, J. A.	PVT Nguyen, E.	
PVT Flynn Jr., D. D.	PVT Odom, J. D.	
PVT Forrette, B. J.	PVT Pittmann, J. M.	
PVT Francis, N. D.	PFC Prasad, N. S.	
PFC Genao, E.	PVT Raymond, B. J.	
PVT Goldsberry, E. Q.	PFC Rhodes, J. C.	
PFC Harper, T. J.	PVT Saunders, C. M.	
PVT Harris, L. J.	PVT Smith, J. O.	
PVT Hopkins, J. M.	PFC Smith, T. J.*	
PVT Huezosalinas, G. A.	PFC Staats, N. W.*	

PLATOON 2060

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. C. Cunningham
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt G. D. Weymer
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt N. Diazheras
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Gonzalezcruz
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. A. Pagansepulveda



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. E. Whitaker
 HOMETOWN.....Reisterstown, MD
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Villais

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. Perezperez(327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Hazelwood
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC E. T. Crane (585)

PFC Adams, S. L.	PVT Jensen Jr., D. M.	PVT Thompson, L. L.
PFC Allard, C. A.	PFC Koomey, R. D.	PVT Tim, T.
PVT Arteagagomez, C. D.	PVT Lacey, C. S.	PVT Walton Jr., T. M.
PVT Articacerrato, A. J.	PVT Lawhorne, S. J.	PFC Whitaker, D. E.
PFC Basso, J. G.	PFC Loeser, G. W.	PVT Wilt, K. L.
PVT Batker, G. J.	PVT Maldonado, J. E.	
PVT Beavers, E. J.	PVT Marles, B. P.	
PFC Bhangu, A. S.	PFC Martinez, D. R.*	
PFC Bindig, L. T.*	PVT Mattos, D. A.	
PFC Bonita, M. D.	PVT McDermott, D. J.	
PVT Burns, P. R.	PFC Melgarmedina, D. R.	
PVT Cason, T. R.	PFC Mendez, J. C.	
PVT Conner, A. V.	PVT Mendez, S. A.	
PVT Cooksey, C. J.	PVT Munyaneza, I. N.	
PFC Crane, E. T.	PFC Murray, K. T.	
PVT Deroche, W. N.	PVT Nunn, C. D.	
PFC Diaz, D. A.	PFC Orcutt, C. J.	
PFC Doyle, R. L.	PVT Ortizdiaz, J. A.	
PVT Dworak, H. J.	PVT Patterson III., T. E.	
PVT Favreau, M. A.	PFC Pereyra, A. E.	
PFC Fein, N. R.	PVT Perez, J. N.	
PFC Ferrer, B.	PVT Perezperez, J.	
PVT Ferreyraagapito, D. N.	PVT Perezsarmiento, A.	
PFC Gianna, A. T.	PVT Pineda, E. S.	
PFC Gilmore, N. N.	PFC Raborn, K. A.	
PFC Goff, T. R.	PVT Ramirez, J. J.	
PFC Gonzalez, N. M.	PFC Rodriguez, M.*	
PVT Hayes, D. J.	PVT Ruff, A. E.	
PVT Huber, D. A.	PVT Sanchezmenjivar, J. C.	
PFC Hynes, J. M.	PFC Soto Jr., S.*	
PVT Ibarrabernal, F. G.	PVT Stott, Z. W.	
PVT Ixcoyperez, R. C.	PVT Swartz, J. S.	
PFC James, S. W.	PFC Thomas, J. C.	

PLATOON 2061

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt D. Q. Hall
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. D. Fuentes
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt S. S. Slaiw
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt W. Accius
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl P. M. Smay



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC A. M. Cancel
HOMETOWN.....	Cape Coral, FL
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Hurtado

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PVT A. Osigwe (330)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Borduin

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC I. L. Townenko (600)
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PFC Abarcagarcia Jr., F.	PVT Lopezortiz, W.	PFC Townenko, I. L.
PFC Angelloz, G. J.	PVT Malone, M. I.	PVT Tremblay, J. E.
PVT Arbuckle, C. X.	PVT Markel, C. N.	PVT Trimble, R. M.
PVT Assisdahora, W.	PFC Martinez, A. P.	PVT Valdez, A. U.
PVT Bailey, C. J.	PFC Martinez, J.	PVT Vargasurena, J. A.
PVT Beaupre, B. F.	PVT McCray, N. M.	PFC Ventura, N. C.
PFC Blumenstein, A. M.	PFC Mensah, L. F.*	PVT Villegasvilla, E. J.
PFC Butler, G. G.	PFC Meono, M. E.	PVT Ware, P. P.
PFC Cancel, A. M.	PVT Morales, C.	
PVT Canseco, J. G.	PVT Nazaire, M. S.	
PVT Castillo, C.	PFC Nieves, K. O.	
PFC Catranis, J. D.*	PVT Oliveira, J. A.	
PVT Defelice, K. A.	PVT Osigwe, A. I.	
PFC Delacruzvargas, F.	PVT Paizcruz, K. A.	
PVT Deskus, K. A.	PVT Pinnock, J. R.	
PFC Ferguson, K. A.	PFC Portis, A. C.	
PVT Frazier III., R. L.	PVT Rai, K.	
PVT Furman IV, J. D.	PVT Raymond, E. D.	
PVT Gilbert, J. D.	PVT Razanakoto, A.	
PFC Girondaruiz, A. R.	PVT Recartegarcia, B. J.	
PVT Gomez, J. G.	PFC Reyes, M.	
PFC Gomezamaya, S. D.	PFC Rivera, S. C.*	
PVT Green, J. B.	PVT Roque, Y. A.	
PVT Hall, L. P.	PVT Rosa, E. D.	
PFC Hamilton, A. S.*	PVT Sanchezrubio, J. E.	
PVT Henry, J. N.	PFC Santanapineda, Y. Y.	
PVT Hernandezalvarez, K.	PVT Scholes, B. M.	
PFC Jesuloba, M. E.	PVT Segura, L. S.	
PFC Josegonzalez, M. A.	PFC Seiwel, B. R.	
PFC Kamara, B. B.	PVT Sinkar, O. U.	
PFC Kirkpatrick, P. M.	PVT Strong, D. L.	
PVT Lanier, C. D.	PVT Tilden, M. H.	

PLATOON 2062

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. L. Marlin
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. J. Boisselle
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. A. Everetts
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. D. Stotenbur
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. W. Thurlow



HONOR PLATOON GRADUATE.....LCpl M. Montessanchez
 HOMETOWN.....Reading, PA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Carro

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC Z. J. Renner (325)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Wilkie

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....LCpl M. Montessanchez (600)

PVT Acacuahuízo, J.	PVT Jawed, K.	PFC Taverasdelanieve, H.
PVT Alvarez, B.	PFC Laguerre, C. M.	PFC Torresirizarry, E.
PVT Alvarezvelez, A. Y.	PFC MacClean, M. J.	PVT Vargas, A.
PVT Anderson Jr., A. D.	PVT Marqueztoledano, R. A.	PVT Wales, S. R.
PFC Arietta, J. M.	PFC Mayer, W. E.	PVT Weisman, J. A.
PFC Baergafranceschi, Y. E.	PVT Mobin, S.	PFC West III., J. W.
PFC Bah, A. O.	LCpl Montessanchez, M.*	
PFC Bailey, L. J.	PVT Morales, B. A.	
PVT Ball, C. B.	PVT Morelquesada, Y. A.	
PVT Bland, Z. R.	PVT Moyotl, J. A.	
PVT Brenner, J. T.	PVT Natal, J. S.	
PVT Brown, D. A.	PFC Nugent, A. D.	
PVT Chapman, D. L.	PVT Orozcomazariegos, W. A.	
PVT Cover, A. G.	PVT Orsine, G. M.	
PVT Davis, D. E.	PFC Pasquis, F.	
PFC Day, R. C.	PVT Paul, G. L.	
PVT Deck, L. T.	PFC Phillips, H. A.	
PVT Deochand, R.	PFC Ramos, L.	
PFC Dishman, A. J.	PFC Renner, Z. J.	
PFC Ditty, L. A.*	PVT Richardson, G. J.	
PVT Fonseca, D. B.	PVT Rivasnarajo, A.	
PFC George, D. S.*	PFC Rodriguezmartinez, J. M.	
PVT Gonzalezcepeda, I. A.	PVT Romanvelazquez, J. O.	
PFC Gonzalezmolina, O. A.	PVT Santanaortiz, N. E.	
PVT Guardado, J. A.	PVT Schlapa, J. T.	
LCpl Hernandez, A.	PVT Sheppard, J. T.	
PFC Hernandez, F. D.	PVT Sinchi, H. M.	
PVT Hernandezdavila, J. A.	PVT Slattery, D. T.	
PFC Higgins, A. C.*	PFC Stewart, A. J.	
PVT Ho, M.	PVT Stricklin, J. M.	
PVT Holland, W. S.	PFC Supplee, I. M.	
PFC Hrinda, L. M.*	PFC Taverasdelanieve, H.	



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

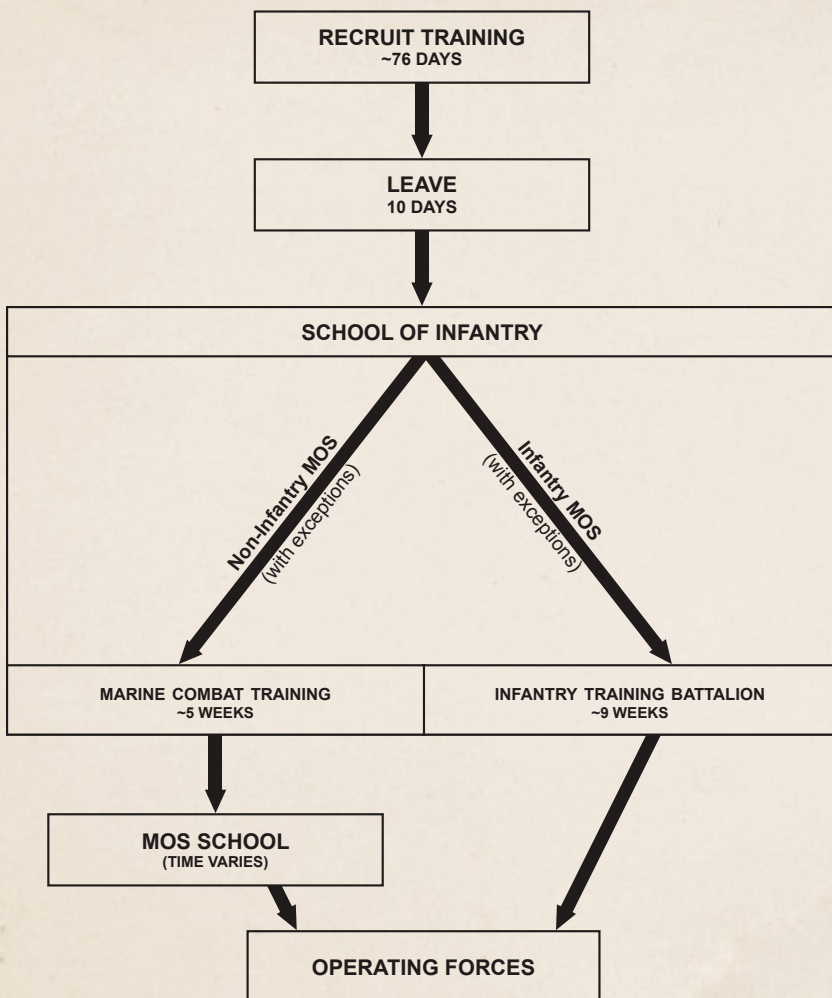
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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