



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

10 October 2025
Recruit Training Regiment

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

1st Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel G. T. Moynihan
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major J. J. Jenkins

Commander of Troops

Captain N. J. Busalacchi

Parade Adjutant

First Lieutenant R. M. Swetnam

Company "A", 1st Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain N. J. Busalacchi
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant T. M. Marple
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain S. D. Thompson
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain W. L. Anthony
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant J. Lafrance
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant. D. A. Edeh

Drill Masters

Gunnery Sergeant J. J. Merriweather
Staff Sergeant B. C. McGuigan

Chaplain

Lieutenant K. V. Heitman

Color Guard

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

PLATOON 1064

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. D. Vazquez-Iglesias
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt D. J. Camacho
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. H. Whitaker
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt S. K. Lamour
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. W. Hudson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. A. Silva



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFCC. T. Moore
HOMETOWN.....	Lagrange, GA
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Gates

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFCC. J. Luna (325)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Hazelwood
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFCC. T. Moore (594)

PVT Argueta, L. P.	PFC Manzoaguire, S. B.*
PVT Baylor, R. T.	PFC Marshall, N. E.*
PVT Beltran, A.	PFC Martinezarrieta, D.*
PFC Bixen, B. I.*	PVT Merchant, K. I.
PVT Boucher, S. R.	PVT Monteroperez, A. M.
PFC Bragg, N. E.*	PFC Moore, C. T.*
PVT Buchnowski, D. N.	PVT Morales Jr., J. J.
PVT Carter, C. R.	PVT Moreno, O. B.
PVT Castilloarizmendi, I.	PVT Morinefonseca, L. H.
PVT Cernajimenez, D. G.	PFC Ni, J.*
PVT Chen, E.	PVT Njume, M. A.
PFC Contrerasgarcia, M. I.*	PVT Nunezmendez, L.
PVT Cortes, E.	PVT Oberle S. R.
PVT Costa, N. O.	PVT Oliveira ,T. D.
PVT Covarrubiasmartinez, O.	PFC Pastor, E. E.*
PVT Davis, G. Q.	PFC Perry, R. C.*
PVT Dominguezpanama, F. J.	PFC Perry Jr., J. L.*
PVT Drepaul, I. M.	PVT Picazo, M. A.
PVT Duncan, A. C.	PVT Rainer, D.
PFC Dwight, J. A.*	PVT Raschke, N. A.
PVT Escalante, J. R.	PFC Ray, T. S.*
PVT Foster, A. H.	PVT Rivera, M. M.
PVT Fox, C. R.	PVT Roberts, M. C.
PVT Freeman, C. S.	PVT Rodriguez, X. E.
PVT Frey, J. M.	PFC Roma, L.*
PVT Garcia, J. C.	PVT Sack, S. M.
PFC Garciaalvarez, L. M.*	PVT Santee, C. T.
PVT Garnett, K. M.	PVT Shiminski III., J. M.
PFC Garnett, R. W.*	PFC Smith, S. F.*
PVT Giraldo, K.	PVT Tehlikian ,B. L.
PVT Gomezperez, B. A.	PVT Varela, M. A.
PVT Gordillo, A. J.	PFC West, J. D.*
PFC Gorniak, J. J.*	PVT White, A. T.
PVT Harrison, C. B.	PFC Williams, A. J.*
PFC Hogan, D. W.*	PVT Wooldridge, Z. S.
PFC Huang, W.*	PVT Yuquilimaarpi, B. W.
PFC Luna, C. J.*	

PLATOON 1065

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. A. Runion
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt C. H. Wright
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt B. A. Pazoki
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt C. Rojas
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt E. Azcona



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFCT D. Bankston
HOMETOWN.....	Augusta, GA
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Bolin

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PVT W. B. Taylor (329)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Molina

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT	PFCC J. Palma (575)
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PVT Acostazambrano, J. C.	PFC James, A. H. *	PVT Shipp, I. N.
PFC Asmar, W. H. *	PVT Johns, M. E.	PVT Silva, J. D.
PFC Atkinson, N. J. *	PFC Kamm, E. M. *	PVT Sterling, M. T.
PFC Bacino IV., M. R. *	PVT King, L. B.	PVT Stewart IV., G. G.
PFC Bankston, T. D. *	PVT Leguizamo Jr., B.	PFC Stimmell, J. B. *
PVT Bates, J. C.	PVT Mailman, J. W.	PVT Taylor, A. S.
PVT Beagle, D. J.	PFC Mayes, J. A. *	PVT Taylor, W. B.
PFC Bigelow, E. K. *	PVT McGlashan, S. W.	PVT Ton, A.
PVT Brosius, R. K.	PVT McGuirt III., D. G.	PVT Truluck, N. M.
PFC Bruce, L. M. *	PVT McLeod, J. M.	PFC Wallace, M. D. *
PFC Chambers, C. D. *	PVT Medrano, D.	PVT Welsh, G. R.
PVT Clark, D. M.	PFC Mejiaguerrero, S. *	
PVT Colson, T. L.	PVT Mejiahernandez, E.	
PVT Cotleur, C. J.	PVT Morales, V. J.	
PVT Croom, C. D.	PVT Moralescervantes, A. O.	
PVT Cruzgomez, D.	PVT Morenocarrillo, C.	
PVT Curies Jr., C. T.	PVT Pack, J. N.	
PVT Deal, T. L.	PFC Palma, C. J. *	
PFC Dehart, J. D. *	PVT Pascoe, M. L.	
PFC Doster, R. A. *	PFC Peed, R. G. *	
PVT Emmanuel, E. H.	PVT Perez, R. A.	
PVT Epstein Jr., E. R.	PFC Portalesgarcia, J. *	
PFC Ewart, K. N. *	PVT Prince, E. J.	
PVT Flores, J. S.	PVT Ramirezmiguel, F. M.	
PVT Floresmateo, O.	PFC Rennish, D. J. *	
PVT Ford, S. J.	PVT Riascos, T.	
PVT Gomezsantos, C.	PFC Robertson, N. D. *	
PVT Gordner, M. A.	PVT Rodriguez, R. J.	
PVT Green, K. A.	PVT Rowe, D. T.	
PFC Greene Jr., C. A. *	PFC Roy, J. W. *	
PVT Griffin, D. E.	PVT Sanchezcarrasco, J. D.	
PVT Gross, D. E.	PFC Schoonover, L. L. *	
PVT Jackson III., D. L.	PFC Sharp, R. A. *	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. R. Harvin IV
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. T. Frye
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Z. J. Riley
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Garcia Lopez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. M. Gallagher



PLATOON HONORGRADUATE.....PFC O. F. Hernandez Candanedo Jr.
 HOMETOWN.....Shellbyville, KY
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Rodriguez

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PVTR N. Patel (331)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Vazquez

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC O. F. Hernandez Candanedo Jr.

PVT Avendano, S. C.	PFC Martin, I. H.*	PFC Torrez, E. U.*
PVT Barr, K. J.	PVT Martinez, R. E.	PVT Valverdegaudenzi, A. G.
PVT Barrera, J. A.	PFC McDowell, D. A.*	PVT Winchell, R. J.
PVT Basehore, J. R.	PVT Mecher, D. Z.	PVT Yates, M. A.
PVT Beltre, Y. G.	PVT Merolle, N. L.	
PVT Blake, J. W.	PVT Molina, N. A.	
PFC Brown, J. M.*	PVT Moua, S. K.	
PFC Byrdalston, L. J. *	PFC Moyer, N. J.*	
PFC Cileone, G. A.*	PVT Navarroramirez, J. J.	
PVT Cunningham, B. E.	PFC Nichols, J. T.*	
PVT Davis, T. D.	PVT Oden, G. R.	
PFC Decosta, J. R. *	PVT Olivacastillo, H.	
PFC Delacruzgonzalez, M. A.*	PFC Olivaresrodriguez, B. S.*	
PVT Delpozo, J. G.	PVT Osullivan, M. C.	
PVT Divinity, E. K.	PFC Palomocampos, S. E.*	
PVT Donaldson Jr., M. N.	PVT Parker, B. L.	
PVT Douglas Jr., G. A.	PVT Patel, R. N.	
PFC Faulkner, P. O.*	PFC Paxton, K. D. *	
PFC Gallinari, A. P.*	PFC Phan, S. V.*	
PFC Gomez, N.*	PVT Phillips, A. D.	
PFC Gonzales, S. L.*	PFC Pratts, B. L.*	
PVT Goodwin, W. M.	PVT Redd, D. D.	
PVT Harris, T. J.	PVT Rivera, A. A.	
PVT Hassini, A. Y.	PFC Riveragarcia, E. J.*	
PVT Hernandez, A. A. *	PVT Roberts, J. L.	
PFC Hernandez Candanedo Jr., O. F.*	PVT Roberts, A. A.	
PVT Hernandezreyes, R.	PFC Robles, R. L.*	
PVT Holleran Jr., M. J.	PFC Rodriguez, M. M.*	
PVT Hyatt, R. J.	PFC Rogers, L. Z.*	
PFC Jenkins, E. Z.*	PVT Rust, N. W.	
PVT Lambert, J. T.	PFC Sanchez, J. J. *	
PVT Liboy, A. L.	PFC Sargent, J. J.*	
PVT Lubischer, A. G.	PFC Savitz, G. D.*	
PVT Mackey, M. E.	PVT Schweer, E. M.	
PVT Mallory, D. W.	PVT Segura, N. A.	
PVT Manov, P. T.	PFC Solanoreynoso, C. R.*	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. C. Gonzalez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. Jace
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. Robbins
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. S Schaeffer
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. K. Vincent



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC C. E. Smeeks Jr.
 HOMETOWN.....Reedsville, OH
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Owens

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT W. L. Bennet (322)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Wilke

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC R. A. Flores (590)

PVT Alamedacervantes, B.	PVT Marquezmaria, L. Y.	PVT Wallace, E. D.
PVT Allen, Q. D.	PVT Massari, C. L.	PFC Warnes, M. E.*
PFC Aponterivera, J. E.*	PFC McMahon, T. S.	PFC Zamora, J. H.*
PVT Arteaga, J. D.	PFC McNab, I. B.	
PVT Bennett, L. W.	PFC McNider, D. T.*	
PVT Birchnaugh, D. J.	PVT Mockerman, I. J.	
PFC Bockstanz, L. A.*	PVT Moore, A. M.	
PFC Burke, A. D.*	PVT Nelson, M. N.	
PVT Canoraymundo, C. E.	PVT Odonnell, M. G.	
PVT Chandler, N. R.	PVT Parish, J. M.	
PVT Chen, J. Q.	PFC Phillips, J. D.*	
PVT Covington, Z. I.	PFC Pierre, D. K.*	
PVT Cruzportillo, O. A.	PVT Plumley, D. J.	
PVT Duransantos, J. S.	PVT Poszywak, R. H.	
PVT Escobedoarreola, D.	PFC Powell, R. D.*	
PVT Espinozamartinez, A. A.	PFC Rexford, C. M.*	
PFC Flores, R. A.*	PFC Robertson, H. B.*	
PVT Foster, J. N.	PVT Rone, Y. A.	
PVT Garrett, J. J.	PFC Russo, C. A.*	
PVT Gatford, J. C.	PVT Sanchezcazun, H. J.	
PVT Gonzales, A. T.	PVT Sandoval, D. J.	
PVT Grullonlapaix, A.	PVT Santos, J. A.	
PVT Guevara, J. A.	PFC Smeeks Jr., C. E.*	
PVT Gulley, H. D.	PVT Smith, W. T.	
PVT Haas, C. D.	PVT Snow, I. R.	
PVT Hart, D. L.	PVT Taylor, A. A.	
PFC Hernandez, M. J.*	PVT Taylor, S. A.	
PVT Holderith, V. G.	PVT Thompson, W. A.	
PFC Hollister, J. Y.*	PVT Toll, H. J.	
PVT Holt, S. E.	PVT Underwood, C. R.	
PVT Hooper, J. A.	PFC Valentino, J. M.*	
PFC Horney, T. T.	PVT Vasquezvasquez, V. J.	
PFC Hunt, W. J.	PVT Vaughan, M. R.	
PFC Johnson, A. P.*	PFC Vera, C.*	
PVT Johnson, M. L.	PVT Vera, A. R.	
PVT Kinaschuk, S. R.	PFC Voyles, W. K.*	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. L. Robbins
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. Wilson III
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. A. Smith
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt M. S. Ortiz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. A. Lowery



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFCA. M. Decarlo
HOMETOWN.....	Niceville, FL
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Lambert

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PVT S. Vargas (330)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Borduin

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFCL A. Hernandezdiaz (579)
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PVT Alonsozacarias, P.	PVT Kerrigan, L. M.	PFC Watt, A. J.*
PVT Ankenman, C. D.	PFC Kirwan, J. J.*	PVT Wessingerneumann, J. S.
PFC Arias, S.*	PFC Knapp, G. D.*	PVT Zamotaviles, J. O.
PVT Aurand, T. J.	PFC Lemanski, M. J.*	
PVT Basham, L. A.	PVT Levano, D. A.	
PVT Berrada, R.	PVT Lowman III., W. R.	
PFC Bolding, A. N.*	PVT Martinezcabrera, D. A.	
PVT Brito, Y.	PFC Maxson, M. E.*	
PFC Buckner, L. A.*	PFC Miller, C. H.*	
PVT Buitrago, D. S.	PFC Monzoncubillan, G. M.*	
PVT Camarillo, R. A.	PFC Morenoferguson, J.*	
PFC Canney, H. M.*	PVT Muvidelrio, T.	
PFC Carranza, J. A.*	PVT Paradis, D. A.	
PFC Carter II., D. L.*	PVT Perezspana, R.	
PVT Chon, D. J.	PFC Perezmota, C.*	
PVT Cumming, P. D.	PVT Puentes, E. R.	
PFC Decarlo, A. M.*	PVT Ramirezalvarez, M. A.	
PFC Delmain, S. T.*	PVT Roca, E.	
PFC Dominguez, J. N.*	PVT Rodriguez, V.	
PVT Dorsey, J. S.	PVT Rodriguez, E. P.	
PFC Edwards, M. A.*	PVT Rogers, J. G.	
PVT Ellison, J. T.	PFC Rojastorres, A.*	
PFC Ferrell, I. L.*	PFC Rollins, J. D.*	
PFC Fuentes, E. A.*	PVT Sankey, J. L.	
PVT Futernick, R. Z.	PVT Santamaria, A.	
PVT Garciacabral, J. C.	PVT Sevillano, J. H.	
PVT Garduno, A. A.	PVT Silmon, E. J.	
PVT Gomessilva, C. G.	PVT Simms, H. M.	
PFC Gonzalez, J. E.*	PVT Stanley, A. E.	
PVT Gooden, J. O.	PVT Stumpner, D. A.	
PVT Goodwinmancil, D. X.	PVT Subedi, B.	
PVT Grant, H. A.	PVT Suter Jr., M. S.	
PVT Harper Jr., M. R.	PVT Thompson, B. E.	
PFC Hernandezdiaz, L. A.*	PVT Torresmoreno, C.	
PFC Hernandeznieves, J. L.*	PFC Vargas, S.*	
PVT Jackson, N. W.	PVT Villa, A. J.	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. A. Sivils Jr
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. Rogers II
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. A. Golding



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. Ouandjinana
 HOMETOWN.....Bel Air, MD
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Najafabadi

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. T. Anderson (327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Abdu

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PVTE M. Coffey (596)

PVT Anderson, R. C.	PFC Lora Jr., J.*	PFC Wilcox, L. J.*
PVT Anderson, J. T.	PVT Loziere, T. E.	PVT Zeisloft, B. P.
PFC Ariascastro, B. F.*	PFC Lynch, D. C.*	PVT Zheng, Frank
PVT Bailey, Z. D.	PVT Magee, J. C.	
PVT Baker, J. D.	PVT Majoue, C. T.	
PFC Barry, A.*	PVT Maldonadotorres, J.	
PVT Berry, A. H.	PVT McIntosh, R. L.	
PVT Bracero, M. F.	PVT Medinavelez, A. A.	
PFC Bravoremigio, I. D.*	PVT Mendenhall, M. J.	
PVT Brunson, G. D.	PVT Mendez, K.	
PVT Carrasco, J. M.	PVT Mercado III., V. E.	
PVT Chambers, W. X.	PVT Moffitt, N. M.	
PVT Cherry, D. T.	PVT Morgan, T. J.	
PFC Cisnero, A.*	PFC Nettles, A. A.*	
PVT Coffey, E. M.	PVT Nie, H. H.	
PFC Cruzandujar, D. J.*	PVT Olivera, G. J.	
PVT Davy, A. D.	PFC Ouandjinana, J.*	
PFC Diaz, C. P.*	PVT Pwe, E. J.	
PVT Dively, C. D.	PFC Rozler, C. R.*	
PVT Donnellan, C. P.	PVT Sanders, G. K.	
PVT Duckham, N. B.	PVT Santiago, D. B.	
PVT Espinalmata, J. A.	PFC Santosbrito, G.*	
PFC Felicianomercado, R. A.*	PVT Sarah, K. J.	
PVT Felicianomercado, R. M.	PVT Schaeffer, J. R.	
PFC Fisette, K. W.*	PVT Sheley, E. M.	
PFC Gadson Jr., T. E.*	PVT Showers II., D. J.	
PVT Gehring, P. I.	PVT Sick, A. C.	
PFC Gomez E. E.*	PVT Silkworth, N. B.	
PFC Hill Jr., M.*	PFC Simion, C.*	
PVT Holley, M. B.	PFC Talbert, J. A.*	
PFC Hunter, H. C.*	PVT Thompson, L. M.	
PVT Jabbour, J. G.	PFC Torresolan, J.*	
PVT Jones, C. H.	PVT Umanamonterrosa, E. A.	
PVT Joppa, D. J.	PVT Vazquez, L. G.	
PVT King, C. M.	PVT Velasco Jr., J. M.	



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

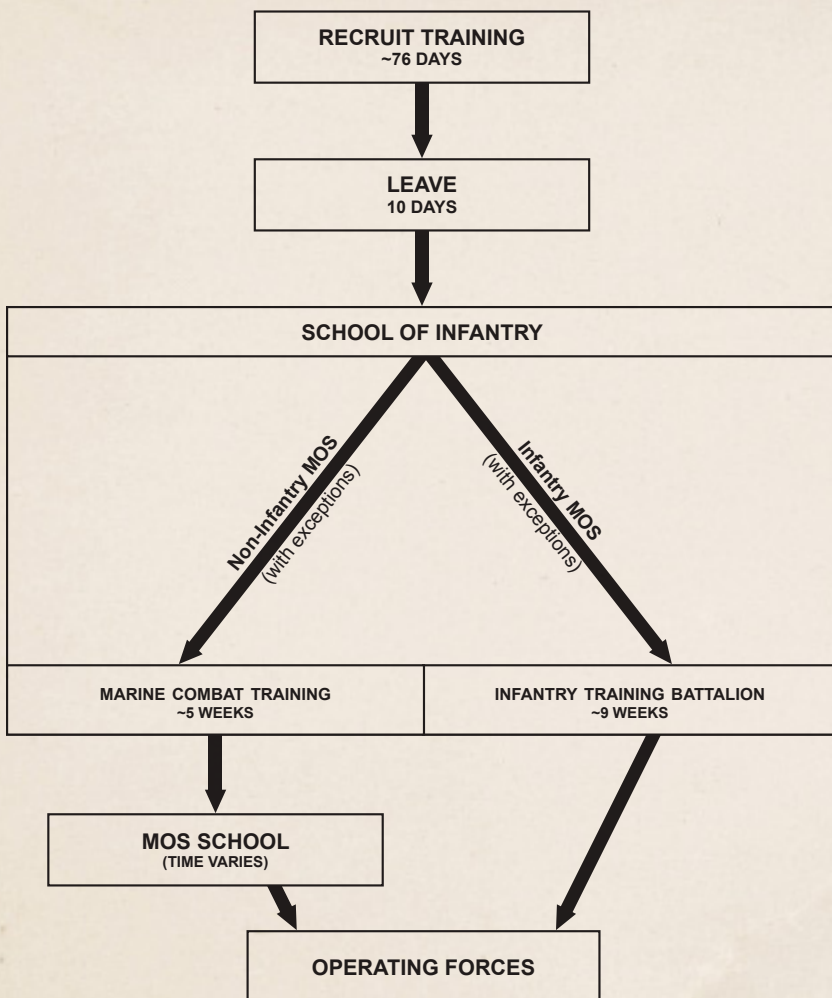
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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