



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

7 November 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. J. Jenkins

Commander of Troops
Captain W. T. Barnes

Parade Adjutant
Captain S. A. Acquaviva

Company “F”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding OfficerCaptain W. T. Barnes
Company First SergeantFirst Sergeant T. W. Settle Jr.
Lead Series CommanderCaptain H. M. Flint
Follow Series CommanderFirst Lieutenant D. W. Pitts
Lead Series Chief Drill InstructorStaff Sergeant T. J. Roberts
Follow Series Chief Drill InstructorGunnery Sergeant M. D. Tergesen

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant E. Sarmiento
Staff Sergeant C. Garcia

Chaplain

Lieutenant T. M. West

Color Guard

Sergeant A. T. Miller Sergeant M. A. Meyers Jr.
Sergeant A. C. Vacca Sergeant C. M. Huckstep

PLATOON 2072

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. W. Sylvester
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. T. McCormick
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. R. Cirilo
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. T. Luke



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. L. Heitt
 HOMETOWN.....Lowell, MA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Iverson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt T. C. Bassett (318)

MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt McDonald

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFCT C. C. Davisgiles (592)

PVT Aguirrezabala, A.	PFC Everts, E. M.	PFC Sowards, L. R.
PVT Alexis, H. M.	PVT Garcia, A. E.	PVT Sterner, M. D.
PVT Almeida sobrinho, C.	PVT Garcialuna, L.	PVT Stevenson, A. M.
PVT Anderson, J. H.	PVT Garcianieves, J. D.	PVT Tabolich, R.
PVT Barriosrodriguez, B. E.	PVT Garciaireyes, J. A.	PVT Tartamella, L. J.
PVT Bassett, T. C.	PFC Gimenez Jr., M. A.	PVT Torresmandujano, A.
PVT Bender, A. C.	PVT Gutierrez, E.	PFC Tubens, J. E.
PFC Bennett, S. T.	PVT Heskamp, G. L.	PVT Tully, K. D.
PVT Borrero, L. M.	PFC Hiett, D. L.*	PVT Vicente, D. R.
PVT Branch, M. V.	PVT Hussain, A. S.	PVT Vonner, D. A.
PVT Buzzetta, A.	PVT Jones, A. L.	PVT Wacker, R. S.
PFC Cahoontaft, B. R.	PVT Leland, B. J.	PFC Wheeler, R. C.
PVT Campos, K. V.	PVT Lormestoire, N. K.	PFC Winters, W. R.
PVT Candelaria, S. A.	PVT McAfee, A. Q.	PVT Wyatt, J. T.
PVT Caracciolo, C. D.	PFC McCarthy, D. J.*	
PVT Cart, S. A.	PVT Menjivar, J. A.	
PFC Cavanaugh, Z. T.	PVT Mirsaburov, M.	
PVT Cisneros, R. J.	PVT Mossburcham, A. S.	
PVT Cogar Jr., J. N.	PFC Paz, M. C.	
PVT Daniel III., R. R.	PVT Perez, O. R.	
PFC Davisgiles, T. C.*	PFC Pinon, J. A.	
PVT Dejordy, N. D.	PFC Prietocordero, J. C.*	
PVT Deleonlopez, M. A.	PFC Ramirez, D. J.	
PVT Delunamarte, J. A.	PFC Rivera, C. I.	
PVT Dicostanzo III., J. J.	PFC Rodrigues, K. H.*	
PVT Diodati, G. M.	PVT Rodrigues, M. F.	
PFC Doverspike, L. E.	PFC Rodriguezrodriguez, J. D.*	
PVT Dutra, F.	PVT Rodriguezruiz, S.	
PVT Eckrich, M. J.	PVT Ruizrobles, K. Y.	
PVT Escabi, J. B.	PFC Seguramoraux, I. J.	
PVT Espinal, E.	PFC Seguramoraux, J. I.	
PVT Estrada, K. Y.	PFC Singh, J. P.	

PLATOON 2073

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. F. Fuentes
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. V. Rodriguez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. E. Bunting
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. R. McClendon



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC E. W. Carbonaro
 HOMETOWN.....Staten Island, NY
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Fortner

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT B. L. Drake (325)

MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Wilke

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PVT A. M. Britt (578)

PVT Aguilarcasas, J.	PVT Lopezzea, G.	PFC Strunk, A. B.
PVT Ainsworth, C. D.	PVT Marenah, M. L.	PVT Sullivan, D. A.
PVT Bell, H. D.	PVT Mason, C. E.	PFC Torres Jr., R. W.
PVT Biggs, N. D.	PVT Mason, T. M.	PVT Toth, B. M.
PVT Boyd, M. L.	PVT McFarland, J. G.	PFC Vargas, J.
PVT Britt, A. M.	PVT McGregor III., C. R.	PFC Wiley, A. H.*
PVT Bruce, J. J.	PFC Mellon, P. N.	PVT Williamson, H. J.
PVT Bunner, S. P.	PFC Mendezwilcox, J. Y.	PFC Yarbrough, C. R.
PVT Burroughs, K. E.	PFC Moen, J. M.*	
PFC Carbonaro, E. W.	PVT Montilus, A. K.	
PVT Carswell, G. J.	PVT Moseley, J. W.	
PVT Carter, M. H.	PVT Murray, C. R.	
PVT Darby, B. A.	PVT Nason, D. E.	
PVT Desmarais, J. R.	PVT Neal, J. R.	
PVT Dominguezbautista, J. B.	PVT Parracruz, E.	
PVT Doyle, S. J.	PFC Peel, B. A.	
PVT Drake, B. L.	PFC Pierce, A. R.*	
PVT Dye, J. J.	PFC Pinzon, G. A.*	
PFC Filer III., J. S.	PVT Portillo, H. L.	
PVT Fraser, M. W.	PFC Pulidorodriguez, S. A.	
PVT Garrett, B. B.	PVT Quick, M. A.	
PFC Gomezgonzalez, S.	PVT Richards, D. H.	
PFC Gonzalezmorales, J.	PVT Riveraleon, A. M.	
PVT Gunter, A. L.	PFC Robinson, M. R.	
PVT Hamilton, L. J.	PVT Roldangarcia, A. D.	
PVT Hart, A. E.	PFC Rosarioestrella, L. S.	
PFC Hoover, C. M.*	PVT Sasnett, T. C.	
PVT Hurst, G. M.	PFC Seymore, R. A.	
PVT Jenkins, H. S.	PVT Smith Jr., S. D.	
PFC Johnson, J. M.*	PVT Smith, K. S.	
PVT Jonesuluaga, J. A.	PVT Steingruber, A.	
PVT Larisornelas, O.	PVT Stephens, J. M.	
PVT Lipscomb, J. J.	PVT Stinton, L. G.	

PLATOON 2074

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt P. Roman
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. H. Gomezapolinar
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. J. Terruso
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. S. Chaucer



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC G. L. Wager
 HOMETOWN.....Mayville, MI
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Eschenfelder

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC G. L. Wager (329)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Lafleur

COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC C. W. Moody (600)

PFC Allen, J. L.	PFC Kesel, A. J.	PVT Stephens, J. D.
PVT Anadon, E. A.	PVT Kiernan, Z. G.	PVT Stevenson, C. E.
PVT Arcoren, J. R.	PVT Knight, A. K.	PVT Stevenson, C. H.
PVT Ayiei, A. D.	PFC Kreis, R. K.	PVT Sykes, L. A.
PVT Ayooncha, D. A.	PVT Louis, L. J.	PVT Tate, D. T.
PVT Boone Jr., X. M.	PFC Makarovich, B. M.*	PVT Thompson, K. C.
PVT Campbell, W. G.	PVT Manhvang, S. T.	PVT Toledo, J.
PVT Chingwa, J. A.	PFC Mann, L. J.	PFC Tran, D. V.
PVT Cobb, T. P.	PVT Mark, N. A.	PFC Truesdale, C. M.
PFC Cobbs IV., J. L.	PVT Martin, C. L.	PFC Truman, D. F.*
PVT Cowles, S. M.	PFC McAndrew, J. C.	PFC Veltz, L. A.*
PVT Crawford, C. R.	PVT Mendozalopez, W. A.	PFC Wager, G. L.*
PFC Crespo III., L. A.	PFC Minott, K. E.	PVT Walker, E. C.
PFC Dadeel, J. T.	PVT Montillaabreu, O. M	PVT Williams, D. D.
PVT Dahizferrufino, R. A.	PFC Moody, C. W.*	PVT Woodworth, C. J.
PFC Duquette, L. J.	PVT Morgan, D. E.	PVT Zamoranoguera, A. A.
PVT Durbin, I. R.	PVT Nalewyko III., R. L.	
PVT Dutton, K. B.	PVT Orellana, A. F.	
PVT Echavarriagarcia, I.	PFC Owings, J. W.	
PVT Elliott, H. R.	PVT Perez, M. F.	
PVT Ellis, T. U.	PFC Perezacosta, J.	
PFC Espino Jr., G.	PFC Quinones, J.	
PVT Estes, J. A.	PVT Ramirezluna, O.	
PVT Frasier, H. W.	PVT Ramphal, K. K.	
PVT Freeland, C. J.	PVT Rincongarcia, J. F.	
PFC Garcia, A. S.	PVT Romansanchez, A.	
PVT Garciaplata, A.	PFC Rose, R. C.	
PVT Henson, B. D.	PFC Salisbury, B. A.*	
PFC Hill, C. Q.	PVT Samuels, T. C.	
PFC Irvin III., K. A.	PVT Smarr, A. R.	
PVT Joseph, S.	PVT Smith, B. C.	
PFC Kershaw, D. L.	PVT Smith, G. E.	

PLATOON 2076

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt L. J. Conaway
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. M. Le
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. N. Barahona
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. J. Froio
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl I. A. Santos



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC E. J. Purdie Jr.
 HOMETOWN.....Harrisburg, PA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Reid

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT M. A. Casson (226)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Borduin

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC J. Y. Maldonadomojica (593)

PFC Adamson, G. A.	PFC Maldonadomojica, J. Y.	PVT Thompson, C. T.
PFC Aliberti, A. L.*	PVT Martinmorales, H.	PFC Ussery, M. A.*
PFC Auch, C. D.	PVT Mayer, J. H.	PVT Vance, K. M
PVT Baker, J. M.	PFC Mayes, E. P.	PFC Velasquez, D.
PVT Balas, C. W.	PVT McAdoo, E. C.	PVT Villa, J. A.
PVT Brewer, M. D	PVT McMahon, K. K.	PFC West, T. K.
PFC Collock II., Q. D.*	PVT Medinapereira, B. E.	PVT Westerfeld, J. K.
PVT Casson, M. A.	PVT Melendezleon, B. E.	PVT Whitehead, G. N.
PVT Covey, H. M.	PVT Metcalf, T. L.	PVT Woods, J. H.
PVT Crouse, D. K.	PVT Moore, N. S.	PVT Wright, Y. N.
PFC Cruzdelarosa, A.	PVT Nobles, Z. R.	PVT Yates, D. J.
PVT Deoliveira, M. C.	PFC Nuhring, C. K.	
PFC Dunmire, D. K.	PVT Nye, L. K.	
PFC Dunn, N. R.	PFC Obstbaum, N. S.	
PVT Eairheart, D. R.	PVT Pearson, T. M.	
PVT Fails, M. J.	PVT Penna Jr., J. D.	
PFC Flores, K.	PFC Preudhomme, J. J.	
PVT Francoflores, E. J.	PVT Pritchard, G. D.	
PVT Fugate, E. P.	PFC Purdie Jr., E. J.*	
PVT Gallardo, K. Y.	PVT Ramirezlopez, A.	
PFC Gonzalez, E.	PFC Ricketts, B. A.	
PVT Gross, A. M.	PVT Rodriguezduque, L. A.	
PVT Han, D. D.	PFC Rogers, R. M.	
PVT Heckman Jr., V. N.	PVT Ross, T. A.	
PVT Hewett, C. J.	PVT Rossi, J. J.	
PVT Hixson, Z. W.	PVT Satyal, B.	
PVT Hoffman, R. V.	PFC Schuchardt, L. A.	
PVT Honaker IV., J. B.	PVT Spanglerloch, M. L.	
PVT Jones, B. E.	PFC Spero, M. D.*	
PFC Keys, J. J.	PVT Steinmetz, J. M.	
PVT Lewis, E. B.	PVT Subbarayalu, V.	
PFC Lopez, R. A.	PFC Tarr, T. C.*	

PLATOON 2077

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt B. P. Guidry
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. Menani
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. R. Choi
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. Negron



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC G. M. Cobb
HOMETOWN.....	Gulf Shores, AL
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Oder

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PVT B. D. Wochele (319)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Vazquez
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC G. M. Ademolasadipe (585)

PFC Ademolasadipe, G. M.	PFC Gurbetyolu, M.	PFC Saunders, K. R.
PVT Alonso, N. M.	PVT Hall, W. A.	PVT Schwieterman, C. R.
PVT Bacon, A. J.	PVT Harriott, N.	PFC Scott, J. J.*
PVT Badawi, C. A.	PVT Henderson, J. T.	PVT Spoons, C. T.
PFC Baullosarivert, S. L.	PFC Hernandez, Isaac D.	PVT Stubbs, E. T.
PVT Bousy, M.	PVT Hernandezlugardo, K. Y.	PFC Stewart, H. G
PVT Brandon, S.	PVT Higgins, T. E.	PVT Tarpley, J. K.
PVT Broomall IV., W. J.	PVT Hitchner, C. M.	PFC Valcin, W.
PVT Burns, R. P.	PVT Hodge, L. J.	PVT Vieira, N.
PFC Cabralcastillo, G. A.	PVT Hoeke, N. J.	PVT Watkins, J. C.
PFC Carbajalbaltazar, G. S.	PVT Homsiang, B.	PVT White, S. G.
PFC Cobb, G. M.*	PVT Hunter, A. A.	PVT Wochele, B. D.
PVT Cohetero, L.	PVT Kemper, M. A.	
PVT Cooper, B. G.	PVT Kirkendoll, B. L.	
PVT Cooper, C. A.	PVT Lamb, K. B.	
PVT Cox, J. B.	PVT Llewellyn, B. M.	
PFC Cruson, K. D.	PVT Lobo, D. S.	
PVT Cummings, M. A.	PVT Manasco, C. L.	
PVT Davalos, I. M.	PVT Mason IV., W. B.	
PFC Dean II., C. G.	PFC Morgan, C. D.	
PVT Deangelo, J. S.	PVT Murphy, R. J.	
PVT Dempsey, J. E.	PFC Nance, K. L.*	
PFC Dias, B. C.	PFC Neal, C. T.*	
PFC Dinh, B. V.	PVT Orta Jr., G. A.	
PFC Duncan, T. J.*	PFC Perezcruz, J. M.	
PVT Eguia, E. E.	PVT Ramirezvalencia, F. I.	
PFC Felix, D.*	PFC Rau, B. D.	
PVT Flanagan, A. J.	PFC Reed Jr., E. E.	
PVT Fleurine, R. A.	PFC Ribeiro, B. M.	
PFC Garcia, R. M.	PVT Robinson, S. S.	
PVT Gonzalezvega, S.	PVT Rose, D. A.	
PVT Guerrerosantos, E.	PFC Santosalfaro, D.	

PLATOON 2078

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. R. Brooks
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K. L. Leeper
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. C. GalvenEstrada
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. J. Moore
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt L. H. Miriahl



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC E. M. Davidhizar
 HOMETOWN.....Constantine, MI
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt RamirezRiviera

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT D.S. MacDonald (332)

MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Moberly

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PVT D.S. MacDonald (580)

PVT Aguilar, D. G.	PVT Lane, R. A.	PVT Stamm, G. C.
PVT Alejomarmol, J. M.	PVT Lecount, J. A.	PVT Stclair, J. R.
PFC Alford, B. T.	PVT Lobato, S. I.	PVT Szabo, N. B.
PVT Almaraz, J.	PVT Lopezpazmin, E.	PFC Threlkeld, L. H.
PVT Aloboyle, A. J.	PVT MacDonald, D. S.	PVT Valme, J.
PVT Balbuena, J.	PVT Magnusson, H. R.	PVT Vickers, M. K.
PVT Bancroft, F. N.	PVT Mecatlsanchez, J. L.	PVT Waller, C. C.
PVT Bastos, K. R.	PVT Micoletti, L. J.	PVT Warkmeister, Z. S.
PVT Bellitti, N. T.	PVT Montenegro, A.	PVT Webre, L. R.
PVT Berger, P. B.	PFC Montoyagomez, T.	PVT Wiesner, M. D.
PFC Bigby, T. B.	PVT Moralez, J. J.	PVT Yuen, S.
PVT Breuer, J. R.	PVT Morrison, G. D.	PVT Yuquifernandez, J. D.
PVT Centeno, J. L.	PVT Murusdumbaycastillo, J. A.	
PFC Chandler, H. W.	PVT Nagar, G. A.	
PVT Chaves, K. T.	PFC Nietoreyes, R.	
PFC Chen, D.	PVT Ourso, K. S.	
PVT Damonti, N. J.	PVT Perezgiron, E. G.	
PVT Daniels, J. A.	PVT Perry, R. S.	
PVT Davidhizar, E. M.	PFC Pintadocaceres, R. J.	
PVT Dhurpat, T.	PVT Pittman, D. C.	
PVT Espinozanajera, J. A.	PVT Pittman, L. J.	
PVT Filpo, C.	PVT Pope, R. B.	
PVT Gallegos, D. D.	PVT Raden, L. W.	
PVT Gardner, S. J.	PVT Ramos Jr., J. I.	
PVT Greene, E. D.	PVT Ramsey, Z. K.	
PVT Henslee, C. I.	PVT Reyes, F. J.	
PVT Hernandez, J. A.	PVT Rosenlund, A. T.	
PVT Hernandezvelasquez, M. A.	PFC Sanchez, J. A.	
PVT Higinssantos, T. M.	PVT Sanchezlopez, B. K.	
PVT Howard, D. E.	PVT Seaks, B. J.	
PVT Juarezmazariegos, A.	PVT Sirles, C. L.	
PVT Kroh IV., J.	PVT Smith, N. G.	



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

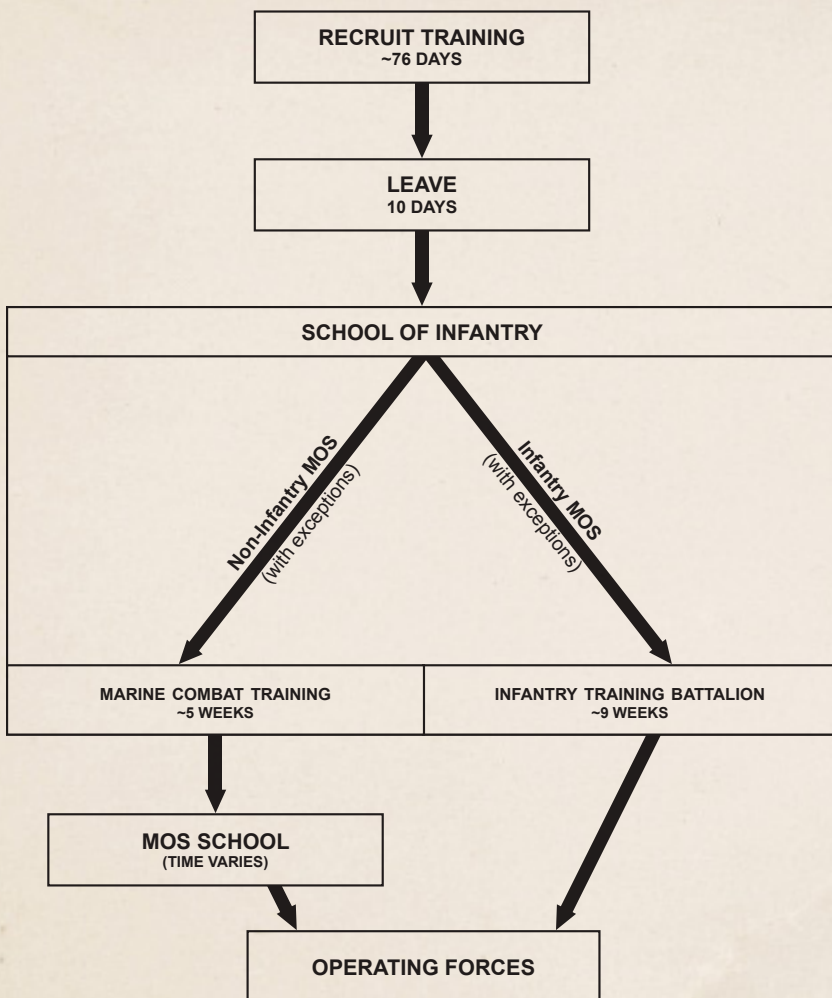
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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