



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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INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

*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

9 January 2026
Recruit Training Regiment

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

3rd Recruit Training Battalion

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

Commander of Troops
1stSgt Lowrance G. L.

Parade Adjutant
1stLt Hardy T.

Company “M”, Third Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain R. J. Fountain
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant G. L. Lowrance
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain G. A. Warrick
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain S. M. Willoughby
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant C. A. Valdes
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant M. H. Maas

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant Sarmiento
Staff Sergeant Brodie

Chaplain

Commander S. L. Bootsma

Color Guard

Sergeant M. A. Johnson Sergeant A. T. Miller
Sergeant A. C. Vacca Sergeant M. T. Kelly

PLATOON 3000

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	GySgt P. J. Ramirez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	GySgt M. A. Gonzalez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt R. Q. Dukes Jr.
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt L. J. Lanier
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. S. Bartolomeo



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC N. R. Dew
HOMETOWN.....	Columbia, SC
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Colby

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PVT G. C. Williams (328)
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MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Vasquez
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PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PVT A. D. Wilson (584)
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PFC Alston, C. E.*	PVT Gentry, E. S.	PFC Zaragoza, I.*
PFC Alvarengabermudez, A. E.*	PVT Gonzalezhernandez, R.	
PVT Andrews, T. J.	PVT Gusev, G. S.	
PVT Arriolapasion, R.	PVT Hernandezloreto, O. A.	
PFC Atkinson, B. C.*	PVT Htoo, H. S.	
PVT Aung, Y. Y.	PVT Ignaciobello, A. G.	
PVT Bailey, D. S.	PFC Johnson, N. T.*	
PVT, Bailonolea, J.	PVT Lovito, M. G.	
PVT Baumbach, X. A.	PVT Mathis, S. A.	
PVT Bedoya, E. A.	PVT Mclellan, S. A.	
PVT Blakeman, W. P.	PVT McNulty, D. T.	
PFC Bulger, N. P.*	PVT Mercer Jr., R.	
PVT Butler, C. J.	PVT Miller, J. R.	
PVT Cardenasinfante, A.	PVT Newman, H. R.	
PFC Castanonbautista, R.*	PVT Obrian, E. M.	
PVT Castro, A.	PFC Perez, E. J.*	
PFC Chandler, L. I.*	PFC Powers Jr., A.*	
PFC Cicerone, G. L.*	PFC Previlus, T.*	
PVT Cintron., Jr. R.	PFC Reiff, J. T.*	
PFC Cook, B. G.*	PFC Richmond, L. A.*	
PVT Cook, D. S.	PVT Ritchie, A. L.	
PVT Cooper, R. A.	PVT Salcedoazocar, D. E.	
PVT Cruz Jr., J.	PVT Smith, E. W.	
PVT Denman, J. L.	PFC Speight, A. R.*	
PFC Dew, N. R.*	PVT Suareztorres, M. J.	
PVT Dunning, M. R.	PFC Tolbert, K. O.*	
PVT Duranvargas, S. D.	PVT Vallier, L. G.	
PVT Dwyer, G. R.	PFC Villaosornio, J. D.*	
PFC Egan, J. M.*	PVT Wagenschutz, B. M.	
PVT Fonsecapelayo, A.	PVT Whipple, J. C.	
PVT Fontenot, R.	PVT Williams, G. C.	
PVT Freire, C. L.	PVT Williams, N. C.	
PVT Gaines, A. M.	PVT Wilson, A. D.	
PVT Gaines, M. Z.	PFC Wilson, I. S.*	
PFC Gbor, Z. D.*	PFC Zamorahernandez, C.*	

PLATOON 3001

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. A. Partridge
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. F. LeMaster
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. E. Ruddy
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. Mateo



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....LCpl G. S. Barnett
 HOMETOWN.....Cynthiana, KY
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Richardson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. N. McDonald (332)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt Klein

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC M. G. Twehues(592)

PVT Abundismolina, M. A.
 PVT Alejandro-Cruz, E.
 PVT Ayalamartinez, M.
 PFC Barnett, G. S.*
 PFC Beasley, T. M.*
 PFC Beaver, M. D.*
 LCpl Bennett, A. S.*
 PVT Bergdorf, L. G.
 PVT Bernalsanchez, G.
 PFC Blumhardt, R. L.*
 PFC Bowen, L. N.*
 PFC Brinsonximuhammad, N. N.*
 PFC Caban, C. S.*
 PFC Cadena, M. A.*
 PFC Colon, Gianna I.
 PVT Contrerasperez, K. P.
 PVT Cruzbanegas, D. E.
 PFC Delgadoargueta, A. S.*
 PFC Drewery, T. N.*
 PVT Garcia, Y. M.
 PFC Garciacolorado, K.*
 PVT Garciaportillo, D. M.
 PVT Gomezromero, A. B.
 PVT Goodnight, M. K.
 PFC Graham, C. M.*
 PVT Granston, R. H.
 PFC Haughton, E. S.*
 PVT Hernandez, B. L.
 PVT Hernandez Chavez, V.
 PFC Hernandezcrespin, A. L.*
 PVT Jaber, S. R.
 PVT Javierarias, I.
 PVT Jeanpierre, D. D.
 PVT Ruizmontes J.
 PFC Kaba, M.*
 PVT Kelly, S. T.

PFC Kim, H.*
 PVT Knox, M. K.
 PFC Lemus, J. N.*
 PFC Leonardo, R. M.*
 PVT Lewis, H. M.
 PFC Liebrock, K. J.*
 PVT Lopezmac, S. V.
 PFC Lucassarar, K. Y.*
 PFC Maldonado, A. J.*
 PFC Mallinson, J. E.*
 PFC Marcano, E. N.*
 PFC Marshall, N. J.*
 PVT McDonald, J. N.
 PFC McMinn, I. R.*
 PVT Mitchell, K. J.
 PFC Morris, T. N.*
 PVT Nettleton, I. N.
 PVT Obrien, H. N.
 PFC Ornelasromero, N. A.*
 PVT Ortegacerna, A. Y.
 PFC Oruselogu, K. I.*
 PVT Oteromercado, J. I.
 PFC Perezramos, N. M.*
 PVT Pontazaroman, S.
 PFC Price, C. K.*
 PVT Rios, D. D.
 PFC Rivera, N. A.*
 PVT Roblerocastanon, S.
 PVT Rodriguez, M. A.
 PVT Rosarioquinones, M. E.
 PVT Rosalescampos, A. Y.
 PFC Ruizmontes, J.*
 PVT Runels, C. J.
 PFC Sheets, E. K.*
 PVT Snyder, J. L.
 PVT Sorinolu, I.

PFC Tierrablanca, A. S.*
 PFC Torres, R. S.*
 PVT Tragesser, L. J.
 PFC Turton, A. N.*
 PFC Twehues, M. G.*
 PVT Vasquez, K. S.
 PVT Villalemus, E.
 PVT Wah, P. S.
 PFC Willson, D. J.*
 PVT Wilson, M. D.
 PVT Wolanski, C. L.

PLATOON 3002

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. T. Stone
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. A. Durand
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. S. Perry
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K. R. Valsaint
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. D. Gutierrez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC B. G. Bartlome
 HOMETOWN.....Goucester, VA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Camara

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. A. Amante (329)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Osias

COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC M. J. McLoughlin (598)

PVT Aguilarbautista, K.	PVT Kay, A. F.
PVT Almendarez, N. S.	PVT Kutz, E. J.
PFC Alonso, Y. E.*	PFC Leon, J. D.*
PVT Amante, J. A.	PVT Lopez, A.
PFC Arana, S. C.*	PFC Lopez, S.*
PVT Barojas, J. F.	PFC Lopezchilel, E. I.*
PFC Bartlome, B. G.*	PVT Louissaint, R. M.
PVT Bazile, S. J.	PVT Lowe, D.
PFC Becker, C. J.*	PVT Luistoj, J. A.
PFC Bell, E. C.*	PVT Luke Jr., J. W.
PVT Blanchard, M. B.	PVT McGinty IV., J. E.
PVT Bleistine, M. P.	PFC McLoughlin, M. J.*
PVT Bond, E. E.	PVT Melendez, I. J.
PVT Boucher II., J. T.	PVT Miller, A. R.
PFC Brandon, T. L.*	PVT Moore, D. L.
PFC Brennan Jr., S. R.	PVT Morgan, C. G.
PVT Carinmachimborazo, J. G.	PFC Noonan, C. A.*
PVT Carter, N. G.	PVT Oxley, A. J.
PFC Cimilien, J. C.*	PVT Perez, J. C.
PVT Cochrane, J. A.	PVT Ramirezmatias, H.
PFC Crump, K. R.*	PVT Rico, U.
PVT Deery, B. M.	PVT Romerocortez, C. O.
PVT Doloresurena, M.	PFC Root, I. D.*
PVT Edwards, C. A.	PVT Rosasmartinez, J. A.
PVT Faulk, K. L.	PFC Roycroft, H. T.*
PVT Fenimore, C. D.	PVT Sanchez, J.
PFC Goines, I. C.*	PVT Sterling, D. E.
PVT Guerra, D. A.	PFC Summy, C. D.*
PVT Gurung, A.	PVT Torresaguilar, F. S.
PFC Harned, N. C.*	PVT Vannostrandallison, J. S.
PVT Hickman, D. L.	PVT Wade, E. W.
PVT Holly, C. A.	PVT Watkins, D. L.
PVT Igras, A. E.	PVT Wolfe, A. E.
PFC Jackson, S. P.*	
PVT Johnson III., R. E.	
PVT Jose, J.	

PLATOON 3004

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt S. K. Askew
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J.A. Caldwell
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. J. Mendoza
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. D. BermudezCruz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt R. J. Riley
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. A. Weaver



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PVTR.J. Tran
HOMETOWN.....	Wesley Chapel, FL
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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PVT P. Anderson (327)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Mouhbbly
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PVT J.C. Turbitt (579)

PVT Anderson, E.	PVT Macedo, J. S.	PVT Zigler, K. J.
PFC Anderson, E. M.*	PFC Mahon, R. F.*	
PFC Anderson, S. C.*	PVT Marcial, E. A.	
PFC Anderson Jr., P. L.*	PVT McCoy, R. A.	
PVT Bailey, B. C.	PVT McGinnis, B. T.	
PVT Benitez, J. C.	PFC McSunas, T. A.*	
PVT Bentleynieves, J. T.	PVT Meredith, L. E.*	
PFC Blankenship, G. R.*	PVT Nicholas, N. M.	
PVT Bredemeyer, C. E.	PVT Oakleaf, J. J.	
PFC Bryant II., J. C.*	PFC Parks, T. J.*	
PVT Burns, J. P.	PVT Perezcollazo, M.	
PFC Burton, D. D.*	PVT Phillips, A. I.	
PVT Carnley, W. M.	PVT Proffitt, C. E.	
PVT Ceu, B. L.	PVT Rathurizar, B. A.	
PFC Chaisson, B. W.*	PVT Rivasgonzalez, E. R.*	
PVT Cruz, B. L.	PVT Rockwell Jr., C. L.	
PVT Cser, Z. R.	PVT Santiagopintor, X. J.	
PVT Cummings, D. J.	PVT Sarriajimenez, A.	
PVT Delimarodrigues, P.	PVT Shaffer, D. M.	
PVT Drain, E. T.	PVT Shelton, L. J.	
PVT Duncan, A. R.	PVT Smith, A. D.	
PVT Felixalejo, I. L.	PVT Sotovargas, N. S.	
PVT Ferguson, C. S.	PFC Tran, R. J. *	
PVT Gonzalezgarci, J.	PVT Turbitt, J. C.	
PVT Guaman, J. J.	PVT Valdez, J. T.	
PVT Gumtow, J. J.	PVT Valerio Jr., J. A.	
PVT Guntan, R. O.	PVT Velazquezgomez, E.	
PVT Gutierrezvillacorta, L. A.	PFC Viera, J. E.*	
PVT Harryaninwe, E. C.	PVT Wachner, E. B.	
PFC Henriquezbautista, W. E.*	PVT Weathers, P. S.	
PVT Hess, B. A.*	PFC Wentz, K. E.*	
PFC Jackson, B.*	PVT Wickham, E. A.	
PFC James, D. R.*	PVT Williams, S. J.	
PVT Jones, T. L.	PVT Worcester, K. I.	
PVT Jubera, R. A.	PVT Wright, D. L.	

PLATOON 3005

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J.G. Gallagher
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R.T Kemp
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C.R. Percy
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. Angarita
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A.B Walker



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M.B Leather
 HOMETOWN.....Fairfax, VA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Chavez

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT B.D Hubert (328)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Simmons
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC M.D Kostovick (595)

PVT Aguilar, T. M.	PVT Jaworski, M. D.	PVT Zhang, K.
PVT Andras, R. S.	PVT Kaif, T. K.	PVT Zom, P. S.
PVT Aparcanadiaz, G. E.	PFC Kostovick, L. M.*	
PVT Aurelus, Y. J.	PVT Lealcabrera, E.	
PVT Barber, L. E.	PVT Leather, M. B.*	
PVT Bermudez, K. A.	PVT Lin, B. H.	
PVT Bransby, J. W.	PFC Lopezhernandez, C.*	
PVT Brownmccoy, T. L.	PVT Malloy, D. T.	
PVT Camasguaman, J. E.	PVT Massie, H. S.	
PVT Carlinocastro, A. J.	PVT Mayhew, J. J.	
PVT Castillo, I. A.	PVT Pilnongomillares, K.	
PVT Chung, N.	PVT Pratt, T.	
PVT Cortes, J. D.	PVT Rafiq, O.	
PVT Crenshaw, A. N.	PVT Ricciardirui, M. J.	
PVT Dawkins, S. K.	PVT Richmond, P. W.	
PVT Deleon, C. A.	PVT Romerorayo, J. J.	
PVT Dixon, G. B.	PVT Rosariorodriguez, W. A.	
PVT Doino, R. M.	PVT Rubio, J. A.	
PVT Dragomir, E. G.	PVT Sanchezcruz, A. I.	
PVT Esquivel, B.	PVT Simmons, J. C.	
PVT Fitzgerald, B. B.	PVT Sosnowski, D.	
PVT Frizzell, I. M.	PVT Sosnowski, R.	
PVT Fuentes, J. E.	PVT Strader, D. L.	
PVT Gawronski, J. E.	PVT Sykes, I. B.	
PVT Gonzalez, A.	PVT Tayoh, P. M.	
PVT Graham, L. J.	PVT Tesfaye, M. G.	
PVT Harrod, A. J.	PVT Thacker, E. P.	
PVT Hart, J. J.	PVT Torresfranqui, D. E.	
PVT Hernandez, M. A.	PVT Totten, G. A.	
PVT Hernandez, S. A.	PVT Ulloa, J. D.	
PVT Hernandezmercedes, H. S.	PFC Whitfield, A.*	
PVT Hirth, C. M.	PVT Whitney, E. R.	
PVT Hoffman, A. J.	PVT Williams, K. E.	
PVT Hubert Jr., B. D.	PVT Yu, R.	
PFC Hunt, B. K.*	PFC Zayasacevedo, J. J.*	

PLATOON 3006

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt T. H. Washington
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt W. P. Lake III
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt S. A Daley
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt R. X. Nguyen
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt R. S. Grantlewis



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC J. T. Covington
HOMETOWN.....	Toledo, OH
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Williams

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC H. S. Bartley (325)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Abdu

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC J. D. Marcotte (597)
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PVT Albarracin, D. H.	PVT Janofski, E. J.	PVT Wah, G.
PFC Alewine, L. B.*	PVT Jerome, J. A.	PFC Ward, G. M.*
PVT Argueta, J.	PVT Kelsey Jr., T. D.	PVT Williams, L. S.
PFC Bartley, H. S.*	PVT Leonarmenta, G. J.	PVT Winfrey, J. L.
PVT Berete, S.	PVT Lewis, J. D.	PVT Wolkerstorfer Jr., N. J.
PVT Black IV., D. L.	PFC Limas, A. E.*	PVT Yambo, C. J.
PFC Bonillagonzales, W. S.*	PFC Limas, C. M.*	PVT Zunigafuentes, F. B.
PVT Bradley, C. A.	PVT Lojano, C. A.	
PVT Bravogiron, J. M.	PFC Marcotte, J. D.*	
PVT Bunker, T. M.	PFC Martori, J. R.*	
PVT Campbell, D. D.	PVT Masterson, I. R.	
PFC Canada, J. P.*	PVT Masterson, J. D.	
PVT Chaconpastor, A. R.	PVT Milliken, S. J.	
PVT Chavez, A. Z.	PFC Minenna, M. A.*	
PVT Cochran, S. G.	PVT Moraleshuerta, B.	
PVT Collins, M. S.	PFC Moreno, B.*	
PVT Cook, P. J.	PVT Moses, Z. T.	
PFC Covington, J. T.*	PVT Nogueira, A. J.	
PVT Daleo, D. M.	PVT Patterson, D. J.	
PVT Delfarno, B. P.	PVT Pelaez, A.	
PFC Ehling, J. T.*	PVT Pinto Jr., M. A.	
PVT Elize, W.	PFC Portillaramirez, J. A.*	
PVT Escolero, J.	PVT Prater, J. H.	
PVT Farooq, A. S.	PVT Ricca, B. A.	
PVT Ford, C. P.	PVT Ritchie, T. D.*	
PVT Fuentesrodriguez, L.	PVT Rivasmorales, D.	
PFC Fuller, T. W.*	PVT Robinson, K. D.*	
PFC Garciarosa, P.*	PVT Sirois, R. J.	
PVT Gomezchamba, M. F.	PFC Stidham, A. C.*	
PVT Goodwin, E. K.	PFC Sykora, A. H.*	
PVT Grayer, L. D.	PVT Terreroleonardo, L. A.	
PVT Herrick Jr., Z. L.	PVT Toribio, J. N.	
PVT Horishny, A. A.	PVT Trusty, T. G.	
PVT Howard, L. L.	PVT Vazquez, J. C.	
PFC Jackson Jr., D. L.*	PVT Vega, J. A.	



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

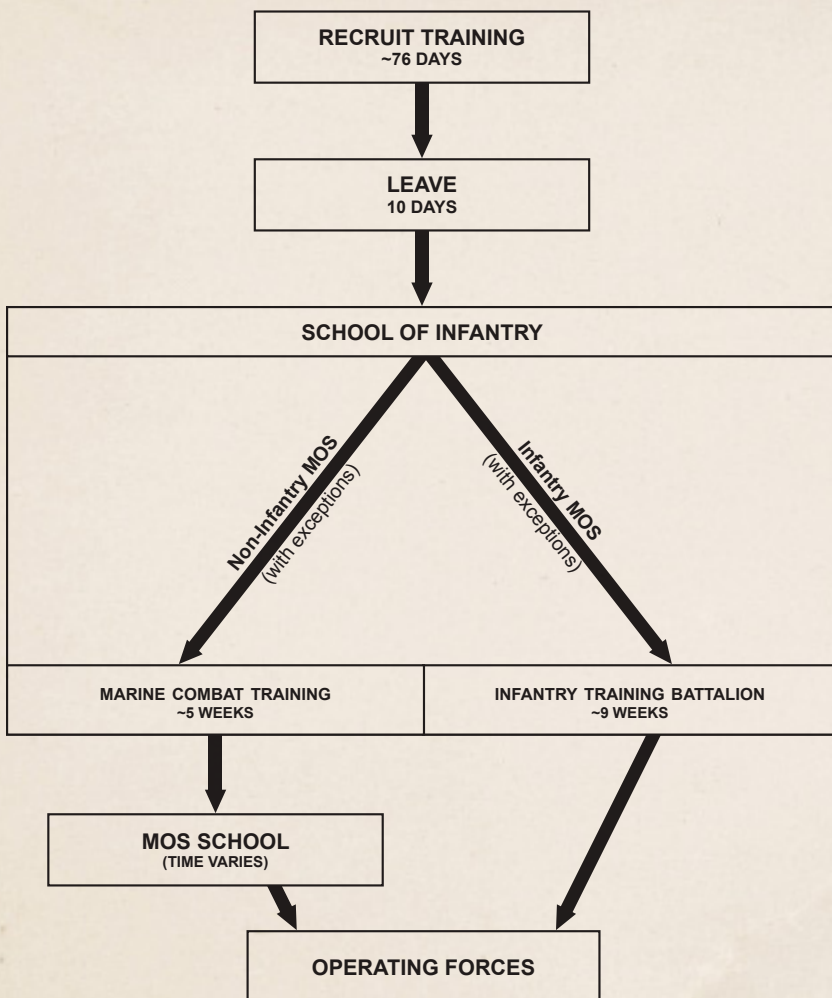
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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