



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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COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

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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**

30 January 2026

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SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major E. M. Smack

Third Recruit Training Battalion

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

Commander of Troops

Captain C. P. Newman

Parade Adjutant

Captain Daniel A. Cliff

Company "N", Third Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICERCaptain C. P. Newman
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant M. M. Goldschmidt
LEAD SERIES COMMANDERCaptain D. Nunezreenteria
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain J. Z. Stanley
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant M. J. Hunt
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant C. P. Mccane

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant E. Sarmiento

Staff Sergeant D. M. Brodie

Chaplain

Lieutenant M. Onuoha

Color Guard

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Sergeant G. A. Johnson

Sergeant A. C. Vacca

Sergeant S. E. Griffis

PLATOON 3008

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. V. Tygart
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt B. I. Dessouky
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt S. M. Mayer
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. A. Reynolds
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt N. P. Holloway



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC J. K. Williams
HOMETOWN.....	Appling, GA
RECRUITED BY.....	Sgt Scott

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFCA. Burgos(316)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Moberly

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC J. W. Bronson(565)
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PVT Allen, L. C.	PVT Perez, K. J.
PFC Andrews, G. L.	PFC Perezsoto, I.
PVT Balbuenavalente, L. D.	PVT Rarey, L. M.
PVT Battleboose, Z. C.	PVT Reginodeleon, F.
PVT Berrios, D. V.	PVT Riley, J. J.
PFC Blue, O. D.	PVT Robinson, D. M.
PVT Boyett, C. L.	PFC Tha, E. K. *
PFC Bronson, J. W. *	PFC Tyler, B. J.
PFC Burgos, A.	PVT Valentinsantos, R. L.
PVT Coleman, D. O.	PFC Wall, D. J.
PVT Dudick, H. A.	PVT Wallace, D. M.
PFC Fitzgerald, R. B.	PVT Weirich, E. A.
PFC Galeananestor, J. *	PVT Wells, E. S.
PVT Gascaalvarado, R. A.	PFC Williams, J. K. *
PVT Gil, P. M.	PVT Williams, O. S.
PVT Glover, J. O.	PVT Wilmer, D. G.
PFC Gositt, J. L.	PFC Win, T.
PFC Guambana, A. H.	PVT Wokutch, A. J.
PVT Hernandezdeljesus, M.	PVT Young, S. R.
PFC Hoffer, N. F.	PFC Rodriguezramirez, M. U.
PFC Huggins Jr., R. J. *	PVT Sanchezgazga, A.
PVT Jaramillobenitez, E.	PVT Smith, M. O.
PVT Joiner, J. R.	PFC Terrano, J. M.
PVT Jones, C. A	
PVT Lindsay, J. W.	
PVT Little, C. D.	
PVT Lopezrodriguez, J. A.	
PVT Mabe, J. J.	
PVT Mack III., P. A.	
PVT Martinez III., J. F.	
PVT Mason, E. K.	
PVT Mendez, J. E.	
PVT Orteganoriega, B. A.	
PVT Pennington, A. L.	
PFC Perez, C. A.	

PLATOON 3009

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt M. B. Kirk
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. E. Murphy
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. Cantu
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. G. Pascual
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. P. Hirth



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC A. C. Ragozzino
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MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Cpl Abdu
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC R. J. Briggs (595)

PFC Agosta, E. J.	PFC Mendozaalvarez O. J.
PVT Banks, P. C.	PVT Montesbarrios, B.
PVT Booker, R. P.	PVT Moon, J. J.
PVT Boothe, B. A.	PVT Mora, E.
PVT Bourn, B. R.	PFC Morehart, K. C.*
PFC Briggs, R. J.	PVT Ohara, Q. P.
PVT Burnham, N. E.	PVT Parker, J. M.
PVT Candelanepanoceno, M. A.	PFC Ragozzino, A. C.
PVT Cattanach, C. J.	PVT Ramirez, E. J.
PVT Cruz, R. B.	PVT Ramonnero, E.
PVT Delarosavargas, R. D.	PVT Ramos, A. E.
PVT Delgado, N. A.	PVT Ramsey Jr., C. D.
PVT Durangarcia, J. D.	PVT Rayford, T. J.
PVT Estoya, C. A.	PVT Regar, D. D.
PVT Flynn, Z. M.	PVT Ridpath III., R. E.
PVT Franjul, L. E.	PVT Rivera, J. G.
PVT Gardner, A. C.	PVT Simpson, T. A.
PVT Giles, J. S.	PVT Spillman III., J. L.
PVT Gomez, E.	PFC Tackett, J. K.*
PVT Gutty, J. N.	PFC Wade, C. M.
PFC Hanes, K. J.	PFC Warren, P. I.
PVT Harriscoleman II., T.	PVT Whyte, E. N.
PVT Henderson, A. T.	PVT Williams, B. H.
PVT Hernandez, A. I.	PVT Wisseh, M. T.
PFC Homyk, V.*	PVT Yates, E. M.
PVT Idlougssiyr, A. J.	
PFC Jackson, D. B.*	
PVT Knight, K. M.	
PVT Layman, C. Q.	
PVT Liceahernandez, C. M.	
PVT Maradiaga, M. D.	
PVT Massicotte, A. J.	
PFC Mastromatteo, S. V.	
PVT Mathis, W. A.	
PVT McCaskill, K. G.	
PVT McCoy, A. T.	

PLATOON 3010

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. M. Alexander
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. B. Gantz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt S. M. Bello
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. D. Cosgrove
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. W. Green



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC C. L. Rucker
HOMETOWN.....	Bay Minette, AL
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COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC R. A. Craven (322)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Simmons

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PVT R. S. Hardy III (588)
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PVT Abbott, J. A.	PFC McKinley, D. A.*
PVT Aragundycalderon, G. P.	PVT Medeiros, E. M.
PFC Bal, M. T.	PVT Mejia, J. D.
PFC Balthazar, J. D.	PFC Mullins, K. C.
PVT Barnes, D. X.	PVT Navarro, M. H.
PVT Beleno, L.	PVT Nievesrohena, E. Y.
PFC Bergfield, G. C.	PVT Owens, J. L.
PVT Bergy, J. T.	PVT Perez, V. E.
PVT Broaddus, T. M.	PVT Porter, C. R.
PFC Buehler, B. P.	PFC Powell IV, W.*
PVT Calvobautista, M.	PVT Reyes, J. F.
PVT Colditz, J. J.	PVT Rios, G. M.
PFC Craven, R. A.	PVT Rivera, D. L.
PVT Dubois, C. P.	PVT Riveratorres, R. E.
PVT Etheridge, A. C.	PFC Rucker, C. L.*
PVT Etheridge, R. S.	PVT Rumph, I. M.
PFC Figueroabohorquez, A. J.*	PVT Saraiatiburcio, O.
PVT Forte Jr., D. A.	PVT Shano Jr., C. A.
PVT Garcia, D. E.	PVT Shirley, C. A.
PVT Goldman, R.	PVT Smith, B. A.
PFC Gonzalez, M. H.	PFC Smith, N. Z.
PFC Gonzalezrodriguez, J.	PVT Stuckey, D. G.
PVT Goytiamelendez, J. A.	PVT White, M. P.
PVT Grantham, D. L.	PVT Wolfe, C. M
PVT Hall, C. E.	
PVT Hardy III., R. S.	
PVT Heath, D. M.	
PVT Hix, W. Z.	
PVT Jauma, M. L.	
PFC Kelly II., D. L.*	
PVT Kenney, A. J.	
PFC Kuter V, H. W.	
PVT Lee, H. A.	
PFC Lopez, S. L.	
PVT Mayhew, J. T.	
PVT McDaniels, T. T.	

PLATOON 3012

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt J. M. Edwards
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt W. C. Edwards
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt I. V. Batista
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt S. Randolph



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HOMETOWN.....	Naples, FL
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Guerra
PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt J. Lopez (315)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Lafleur
COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC J. A. Kelly (598)

PVT Aguirre, J. I.	PVT Pischel, N. M.
PVT Aguirrezapata, M.	PVT Post, K. P.
PVT Arroyoperez, J. A.	PVT Rogers, S. R.
PVT Bautista, M. B.	PVT Rosas, O. N.
PVT Bess, J. I.	PVT Sabates, E. D.
PVT Brace, C. J.	PVT Saleigh, T. J.
PVT Breen, R. G.	PVT Sanchez, M. G.
PVT Brower, J. A.	PVT Sanchezroman, K. J.
PVT Brown, J. A.	PVT Spicer, H. S.
PVT Castaneda, L. N.	PVT Spivey, D. M.
PVT Celestin, T. D.	PVT Spivey, J. W.
PVT Corbett, T. T.	PVT Tekelemariam, B. T.
PVT Coville, M. P.	PVT Thornton, R. L.
PVT Cummings, C. K.	PFC Tsaousidis, A.
PVT Deleon, A. S.	PVT Tubman, N. J.
PFC Desouza, K. C.*	PVT Veraguilloty, G. A.
PFC Derbyshire K. J.*	PFC Watt, D. P.*
PVT Freeman, J. W.	PVT Wede II., F. J.
PVT Fusco, B. C.	PVT Wharton, C. A.
PVT Gunter, M. T.	PVT Wing, A. S.
PVT Haniotes, J. J.	PVT Woodley, I. X.
PVT Holland, C. W.	
PVT Jones, R.	
PVT Jurado, J.	
PVT Keckhutschenavar, Y. K.	
PFC Kelly, J. A.*	
PVT Lopez, J. M.	
PFC Lopez, J.*	
PVT Martinez, J. I.	
PVT Martinez, M.	
PVT Melia, R. P.	
PVT Morse, B. M.	
PVT Navarrolopez, A. A.	
PVT Njall, B. E.	
PFC Petzke, A. A.	

PLATOON 3013

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. Bustamante
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt R. L. Lopez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt M. A. Molinar
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. Soto



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC M. I. Shea
HOMETOWN.....	Hartford, CT
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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC Wilson (315)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Smith
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC Rumah (597)

PVT Avila, I. S.	PVT McCarty, E. J.
PVT Baker Jr., J. B.	PVT Moralesandrade, J. J.
PFC Ballou, B. J.	PVT Nguyen, K. C.
PVT Barbosalopez, B. J.	PVT Novak, A. J.
PVT Boshers, N. S.	PVT Osborn, L. J.
PVT Bridgewater, B. L.	PVT Palazzola, M. E.
PFC Brown Jr., C. N.	PVT Paz, K. S.
PVT Busch, J. R.	PVT Penalizardo, A. M.
PVT Colaciello, N. J.	PFC Phipps, B. A.*
PVT Cortes, N. C.	PVT Pond, D. R.
PFC Cristler II., R. M.	PVT Rapp, W. M.
PVT Cristobal, A. B.	PFC Rentfrow, B. A.
PVT Daniel, J. B.	PVT Riverafigueroa, E. Y.
PVT Daniels, K. D.	PVT Roblero Jr., D.
PVT Davis, A. G.	PVT Romanceballos, R. E.
PVT Decker, H. C.	PFC Rumah, A. H.
PFC Deprospero, M. G.	PFC Schreffler, N. D.
PVT Dixon, D. S.	PFC Shea, M. I.*
PVT Downard, E. L.	PVT Sobczak, M. J.
PVT Duarte, A.	PVT Turner, A. C.
PVT Duong, H.	PVT Valladares, A. J.
PVT Echevarria, A. J.	PFC Vanhaitsma, A. B.
PVT Garcia, J. J.	PVT Vrielink, J. C.
PVT Golding, R. R.	PFC Walker, J. E.
PFC Gordon Jr., O. K.	PFC Whitaker, M. D.
PFC Gundlock, W. P.	PVT Wilson, J. T.
PVT Guzmanjimenez, C. J.	PFC Zook, I. F.*
PVT Hebert Jr., C. D.	
PVT Hughey, A. F.	
PVT Johnson, E. S.	
PVT Long, C. W.	
PFC Lopezbaralt, E. J.	
PFC Luciano, A.*	
PVT Macri, J. J.	
PVT Marshall, B. S.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 3014

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	GySgt L. F. Sanchez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt S. J. Andreason
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt A. Contreras
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. Martz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. Carr



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC E. D. Brown
HOMETOWN.....	Queens, NY
RECRUITED BY.....	GySgt Brown

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt P. W. Price (312)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Osias
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC B. L. Carrilochantos

PFC Asitimbayavila, V. P.	PVT Lopez Jr, M. A.
PVT Bedassie, R. R.*	PVT Luna, E. A.
PFC Borlazaalivio, L.	PVT Mascary, M. J.
PFC Brown, E. D.*	PVT Mezzo, G.
PVT Brubacher, J. T.	PFC Mowery, J. M.*
PVT Cahuecsantiago, V. Y.	PFC Myack, T. C.
PVT Canales, A.	PFC Ndiaye, M.
PVT Carrascogaldamez, I. B.	PVT Olsen, A. W.
PFC Carrilochantos, B. L.	PVT Orgeron, B. D.
PVT Carroll, J. C.	PVT Padronrodriguez, R. A.
PVT Chappetta, G. R.	PVT Penny, M. R.
PFC Clark, C. J.	PVT Phillips, W. D.
PFC Collado, J. A.	PFC Pichardocalvo, B. F.
PVT Cossey, L. V.	PVT Pitcher III, K. D.
PFC Cruz, A.	PFC Pokrivka, M. T.
PFC Cruz, J. J.	PVT Pontious, J. W.
PVT Cruz, M. D.	PVT Price, P. W.
PVT Davis, D. J.	PFC Quinn, J. C.*
PVT Diaz, F.	PVT Sanchez, M. A.
PVT Edward, C. N.	PVT Segilia, B. M.
PVT Fields, J.	PVT Taylor Jr, J. R.
PVT Garcia, L. D.	PVT Vannurden, C. E.
PVT Gibson, S. A.	PVT Wiltz, D. C.
PFC Haywood, D. A.	PVT Wolverton, J. D.
PFC Hoffman, K. E.	PVT Young, D. J.J
PVT Holden, M. D.	
PVT James, T. D.	
PVT Jin, X.	
PVT Johns, K. K.	
PVT Johnson, Z. K.	
PVT Jordan, V. A.	
PVT Kay, M. D.	
PFC Leonreyes, A.	
PVT Lima, A. A.	
PVT Limos, J. C.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.



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



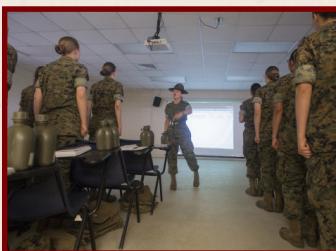
The transformation process begins with recruiting, where we select young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment and prepare them for recruit training.

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

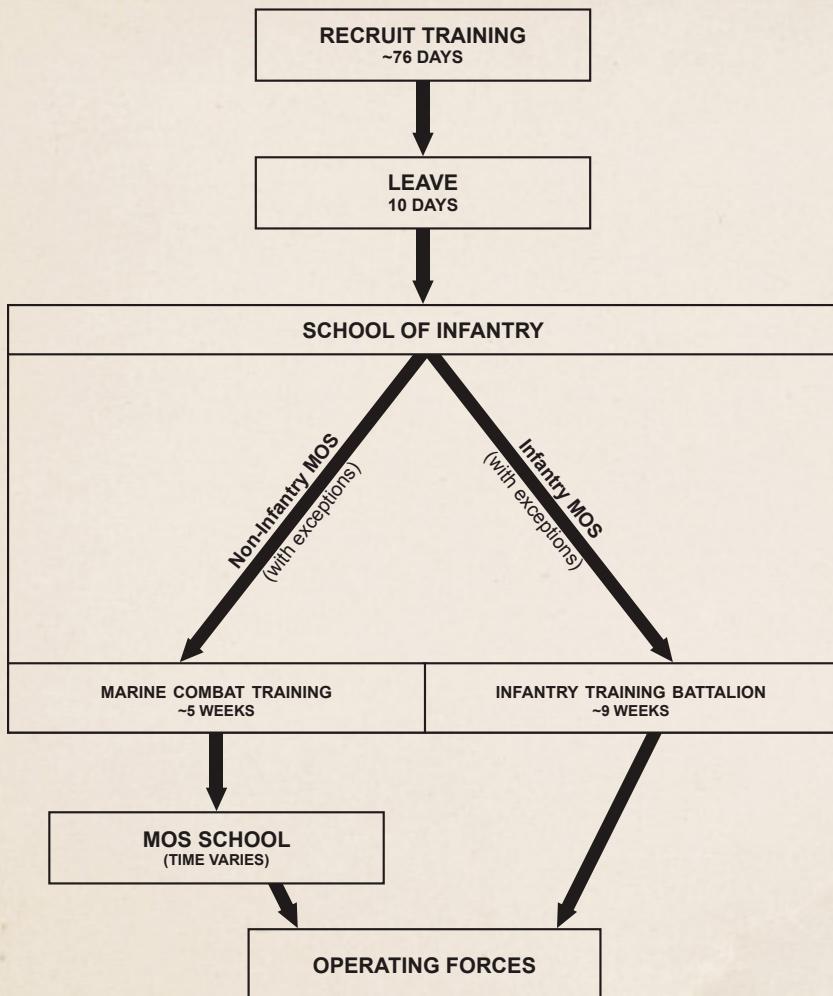
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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



Review photos from today's graduation at the official Parris Island Facebook page.
<http://www.facebook.com/ParrisIsland>

A blurred, out-of-focus photograph of a group of United States Marine Corps recruits in formation, wearing dark uniforms with red piping and gold buttons. They are standing at attention, facing forward. The image serves as the background for the text.

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