



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

3 April 2026

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Colonel A. P. Baraletti
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 B. C. Dao

Parade Adjutant

Captain B. M. Solis

Company "I", Third Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain B.C Dao
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant T.W. Hayes
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain S.M. Willoughby
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain J. A. Olson
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant C. D. Sullivan
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant M. Sall

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant M.D. Brodie
Staff Sergeant T. Washington

Chaplain

Commander M. Onuoha

Color Guard

Sergeant A. T. Miller Sergeant Johnson
Sergeant A. C. Vacca Sergeant S. E. Griffis

PLATOON 3016

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. M. Gifford
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. Sandoval
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. Ponce



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC H. M. Shelton
 HOMETOWN.....Charleston, SC
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Baker
 PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT A. T. Turner(327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Hill
 PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC B. M. Hall(558)

PFC Alfaro, K. L.	PVT Lewis Jr., M. A.
PVT Amayagomez, E. D.	PFC Lomax, D. D.*
PVT Anderson, H. G.	PVT Lowery II., A. B.*
PVT Ballesteros, F. D.	PVT Maynard, G. M.
PVT Benitezosuna, G.	PVT Meza, J. D.
PVT Benjamin, M. G.	PVT Mikeff, O.
PVT Blackman Jr., J. A.	PVT Molina, A.
PVT Burrows, F. D.	PVT Morton III., M. B.
PVT Caffrey, J. D.	PVT Murphy, J. K.
PVT Castanedanieto, G.	PFC Oliver, J. X.
PFC Chen, T. F.	PFC Pena, Y. L.
PVT Clark, D.	PFC Perez, D. O.
PVT Coronaavila, A. E.	PVT Reese, B. C.
PFC Current, L. A.	PVT Rogers, J. Y.
PFC Delahaye, A. D.	PVT Sanchez, F. A.
PFC Edwards, S. R.	PVT Santiago, N. I.
PFC Escobedo, J. T.	PVT Schweitzer, J. D.
PFC Espinalhernandez, J. J.*	PVT See, W. J.
PVT Farrdaly, D. A.	PFC Shelton, H. M.*
PVT Freeman, D. T.	PVT Smigaj, A. I.
PVT Garaypazmino, M. S.	PFC Teresi, C. D.*
PVT Gibbs, D. L.	PVT Terrazas, A. R.
PFC Goossens, T. M.	PFC Thomas, J. K.
PVT Goulette, W. T.	PFC Tinklepaugh, D. L.
PFC Hall, B. M.	PVT Turner, A. T.
PVT Henry, E. R.	PVT Via, R. M.
PVT Hernandez, E.	PVT Ward, A. R.
PVT Hockaday Jr., K. D.	PVT Winans, J. B.
PVT Homoly, N. A.	PVT Wood, K. R.
PFC Izquierdo, G. D.	PVT Wright, A. C.
PVT Johnson, J. T.	PVT Wright, W. A.
PVT Kelley, S. P.	PVT Wyatt, A. Z.
PVT Kickery, T. M.	PVT Zaragozaortiz, A. L.
PFC King, J. I.	
PVT Len, B.	

PLATOON 3017

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. K. Carson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. J. Donelly
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. W. Lewis
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. R. Turner
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. Razak



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC V. D. Dalton
 HOMETOWN.....Nashville TN
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Gardner

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC B. M. Pinson (319)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Castellon
 PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC Hagopitmartinez, P. K. (600)

PFC Abramowicz, R. C.	PVT Ishac, A. M.
PFC Ashworth Jr., J. P.*	PVT Jackson, S. T.
PVT Averitt Jr., C. L.	PFC Jacob, D. M.
PVT Bailey, Z. K.	PVT Johnson, Z. L.
PFC Benson, W. P.	PVT Jones, F. K.
PVT Bernadeau, T.	PVT Key, J. R.
PFC Brown, A. I.	PFC Lambright, S. M.
PVT Brown, J. M.	PVT Lavalley, L. L.
PFC Buford, T. A.*	PFC Lynch, D. M.
PVT Casteel, R. J.	PVT Melendezpallens, B. M.
PVT Chilambe, L. O.	PVT Melvin, D. T.
PFC Clark, S.*	PVT Molina, R. A.
PVT Clase, J. A.	PVT Mruzek, B. A.
PVT Collins, T. V.	PVT Omary, C. M.
PVT Costa, J. D.	PFC Pinson, B. M.
PVT Cregger III., C. E.	PFC Pursley, W. K.
PVT Cruz, M. M.	PVT Retama, G. A.
PFC Dalton, V. D.*	PFC Rowland, R. J.
PFC Delva, C. M.	PVT Sanchezalmirola, M. A.
PVT Enamorado, J.	PVT Sebastian, M. D.
PVT Ferrier, I. S.	PFC Silvarodriguez, A. M.
PVT Fillingane, M. D.	PVT Sosa, A. A.
PVT Fletcher, H. L.	PVT Stewart, E. T.
PVT Forbes, A. J.	PVT Stribling, M. S.
PFC Friedle, R. D.	PVT Theaux, M. A.
PFC Gies, C. W.*	PVT Troja, T. A.
PVT Gonzalez, J. J.	PVT Tyus, K. T.
PVT Gonzalezcalmo, L. D.	PVT Vicuna, W.
PVT Greene, C. L.	PVT Watterman, J. D.
PVT Griffin, A. T.	PVT Weverink, D. M.
PVT Groves, M. C.	PVT Whitley Jr., W. S.
PVT Hagopitmartinez, P. K.	PVT Williams, J. S.
PVT Hall, J. L.	PVT Williford, D. L.
PVT Henderson, J. J.	
PFC Hopkins, J. A.	
PVT Howard, B. N.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 3018

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. H. Sprouse
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. Capozzi
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. Samayoa
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. A. Iriarterodriguez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt L. Ibarra



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC C.E. Gilmore
 HOMETOWN.....Exeter, NH
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Garza

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT C.J. Tiffin (330)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Ladouceur

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC G. M. Garulay (585)

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| PVT Abdulrub Jr., A. A. | PVT McKinney, D. R. |
| PVT Ashmore, M. C. | PVT Medina, G. A. |
| PVT Atkins, W. W. | PVT Mongetroche, Y. A. |
| PVT Basalduaromo, M | PFC Murphy, J. D.* |
| PVT Brown, N. B. | PVT Navarrocastro, Y. A. |
| PVT Camacho, O. | PFC Navas, J. R. |
| PVT Casteel, B. A. | PFC Nelson, J. P. |
| PVT Cathule, E. | PVT Nigro, L. G. |
| PFC Catule, J. T. | PFC Oforikumi, I. |
| PVT Chavez, V. L. | PFC Olivera, D. |
| PVT Chery, F. M. | PVT Orellana, G. D. |
| PVT Cossio, A. G. | PVT Pandolfini, R. S. |
| PFC Couey, R. M. | PFC Pires, T. M. |
| PFC Crymes, J. T. | PVT Porter, L. J. |
| PVT Dada, O. Y. | PVT Powers, D. M. |
| PVT Danielhegg, J. J. | PFC Schmitt, K. W. |
| PFC Davis, J. D.* | PVT Spooner, A. C. |
| PVT Demirandamedeiros, R. | PVT Swimm, J. S. |
| PVT Diaz, M. A. | PVT Tiffin, C. J. |
| PVT Eller, H. J. | PVT Torrescolon, Y. Y. |
| PVT Frechette, J. I. | PVT Toussaint, J. D. |
| PVT Galvez, N. S. | PFC Troyani, W. T. |
| PFC Garulay, G. M.* | PVT Tuttle, J. N. |
| PVT Gibson, A. O. | PVT Uchigasaki, Y. |
| PFC Gilmore, C. E.* | PVT Valcin, K. T. |
| PVT Gomezorellana, J. | PFC Vargasgonzalez, A.* |
| PFC Gordon, O. L. | PVT Velasquez, J. A. |
| PVT Hawthorne Jr., D. L. | PVT Velazquez, D. I. |
| PVT Higgs, J. D. | PVT Venable, D. C. |
| PFC Joseph, M. A. | PVT Wild, N. J. |
| PVT Kelleher, M. T. | PVT Zammit, J. A. |
| PVT Kressly, P. T. | |
| PVT Kritski, A. | |
| PVT Latham, D. M. | |
| PFC Lewis, Z. C. | |
| PVT Marino, G. A. | |

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PLATOON 3020

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. A. Brown
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt O. K. Oloffson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. A. Massey
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt O. Perdomo
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. DePazFranco



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC P. J. Ryan IV.
 HOMETOWN.....Albany, NY
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Alexis

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC R. M. Vega Jr. (320)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Cousins
 PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC C. M. Scott (600)

PFC Albrecht, S. P.	PVT Lindholm, J. G.
PVT Angulo, D. A.	PFC Lingenfelter, A. J.*
PFC Armstrong, K. J.	PVT Marland, T. D.
PVT Bailonalban, H. S.	PFC Martin, G. E.*
PVT Baker, A. R.	PVT Martinezcollado, E. S.
PVT Baretramirez, B.	PVT Martinezflores, B. D.
PFC Barrett, R. C.	PVT Maryasz, V. L.
PFC Bilardo, L. R.*	PFC Mason, J. M.
PVT Bramlett, A. M.	PVT McGuigan, C. J.
PVT Capshaw, G. L.	PVT Moralessanchez, B. S.
PFC Cederquist, B. S.	PFC Paneto, D. J.
PVT Chadwick, M. A.	PVT Patzelt, C. R.
PVT Coimbratakana, S.	PVT Pickett, N. I.
PVT Collier Jr., W. A.	PVT Powers, K. W.
PVT Davis, D. O.	PVT Ritter, G. S.
PVT Dean, J. P.	PVT Rivera, A. M.
PVT Delaney, J. A.	PVT Robinson, J. B.
PVT Diaz, J. G.	PFC Rodrigues, M. L.
PVT Drake, C. J.	PVT Rutter, J. O.
PVT Forgy, C. M.	PFC Ryan IV., P. J.*
PFC Franco, S. G.	PVT Sanchezvelasco, A. J.
PVT Frank, S. A.	PFC Scott, C. M.
PVT Fuentesgarnica, G. D.	PFC Sims, Z. R.
PVT George, K. D.	PVT Singh, M.
PVT Gillen, L. E.	PVT Smith, P. R.
PVT Glover, A. M.	PVT Span, T. B.
PVT Grant, B. R.	PFC Squiciari, A. S.*
PVT Grogg, D. M.	PFC Stacey, J. C.
PVT Harrison Jr., J. D.	PVT Taylor, O. J.
PVT Hohman, G. M.	PFC Tepan, J. A.
PVT Jackson, M. C.	PVT Tolliver, E. A.
PVT Karas, R. J.	PFC Vega Jr., R. M.
PVT Kelley, R. A.	PVT Walker, E. D.
PVT Kleiman, R. A.	
PVT Lambert, C. E.	

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PLATOON 3021

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt G. L. Jones
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. Gaspar
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. Santana
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. Malcheva



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....LCPL L. A. McCall
HOMETOWN.....Lenior, NC
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Sellers

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC K. M. Sanmartin (324)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Dixon
COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC S. A. Rawls (600)

PVT Alcantaradiaz, L. D.	PVT McDuffie, M. D.
PFC Alonsocornejo, J. M.	PVT Meregildomanuel, M.
PFC Alvarenga, S. R.	PFC Moralessamayoa, E.
PFC Amayachavez, D. Y.*	PVT Narcizonavarrete, M. G.
PFC Arrington, C. G.	PFC Nelson, E. L.*
PVT Austria, B. E.	PFC Nichols, M. G.
PVT Aviles, K.	PVT Niebles, V. A.
PFC Bentley, K. S.	PVT Nitschke, Y. S.
PVT Bishop, K. A.	PFC Ortizruiz, S.
PVT Bowie, T. M.	PVT Owens, K. P.
PVT Britt, H. R.	PVT Pachecozapata, A. M.
PVT Cahoon, M. M.	PVT Patlanrobles, D.
PFC Canoluna, L.	PVT Pino, A. G.
PVT Chamberlainyates, G. L.	PFC Pocono, S. R.
PVT Crespo, C. A.	PFC Powers, R. E.
PFC Degraaf, J.	PVT Quijada, D.
PVT Drew, A. G.	PVT Ramirezgarcia, A. E.
PFC Elma, M. S.*	PFC Rawls, S. A.
PVT Encinascastilleja, K. D.	PVT Rendon, K.
PVT Garciacampos, M.	PVT Rodgers, K. S.
PFC Gordonfrancis, G. A.*	PVT Rodriguez, N. M.
PVT Henderson, I. C.	PFC Sanmartin, K. M.
PFC Hernandezlora, Y.	PVT Scott, A. N.
PFC Horner, M. L.	PVT Thomas, T. A.
PFC Johnson, Z. Z.	PFC Tsinkoutakoutsing, D.*
PVT Keifman, T. L.	PFC Villegasolguin, C. A.
PVT Kihota, B. L.	PFC Vondra, M. L.
PVT Klouse, A. D.	PVT Warfield, A. M.
PFC Klugo, Z. T.	PVT Ynoa, E.
PFC Lang, Z. G.	PVT Zelaya, A. G.
PVT Leslie, L. K.	
PVT Lopez, A. R.	
PFC Lopez santana, R. J.	
PFC Mazura, A. S.	
LCPL McCall, L. A. *	

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PLATOON 3022

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. Martinezgarcia
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. L. Rowe
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. L. Pechak
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. M. Kraemer
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. A. Gutierrez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. D. Katz
 HOMETOWN.....Easton, PA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Gathings
 PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC H. M. Fontenot (327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Osias
 PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC C. J. Eilerman (586)

PVT Ahenkora, M. O.	PFC Mangosing Jr., C. D.*
PVT Albright, I.	PVT Martinez, C. D.
PFC Baires, J. A.	PVT McAllister, W. E.
PVT Barr, P. T.	PFC Milton, E. T.
PVT Bravolarazabal Jr., J.	PFC Murray, I. T.
PVT Brining, W. W.	PVT Padron, D.
PVT Buck, E. A.	PVT Perdomo, M. D.
PFC Castillo, D. E.	PVT Perez, J. A.
PVT Concha, S. G.	PVT Rea, J. A.
PVT Dellorto, M. P.	PVT Recker, K. M.
PFC Dixon, G. U.*	PVT Reyes, B. A.
PFC Eilerman, C. J.	PVT Rivera, J. J.
PFC Elwood, H. W.	PVT Rodrigues, B. D.
PVT Escalanterosales, K. E.	PVT Ruperto Jr., J. F.
PVT Estremera, G. A.	PFC Ryvkin, D.
PFC Fahim, S. M.	PVT Salaneck, B.
PFC Fontenot, H. M.	PVT Saracino, G. V.
PFC Fromkin Jr., N.	PVT Say, T.
PFC Galicia, V. F.	PVT Selbert, P. M.
PVT Gappa, M. T.	PVT Shine, N. C.
PFC Garcia, J. P.*	PVT Simon, A. M.
PVT Gomezsanchez, D. E.	PFC Stringer, A. B.*
PVT Grant, C. L.	PVT Talley, Z. J.
PVT Guskinromero, B. M.	PVT Thakurdin, D.
PVT Herbert, J. J.	PVT Torresfajardo, L. A.
PVT Hernandez, C. M.	PVT Torressosa, J. A.
PVT Hernandezhernandez, D. J.	PVT Tucker, J. M.
PFC Horner, L. J.*	PVT Wolfe, G. W.
PVT Kamps, N. R.	PVT Zambranovicario, A. J.
PVT Karle, L. S.	PVT Zitlexicotencatl, J. K.
PVT Katz, J. D.	
PVT Lewis, C. J.	
PVT Liang, H.	
PFC Lignugaris, G. M.	
PVT Lyons, C. F.	



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



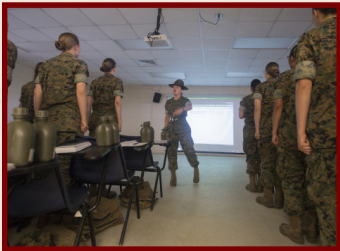
The transformation process begins with recruiting, where we select young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment and prepare them for recruit training.

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

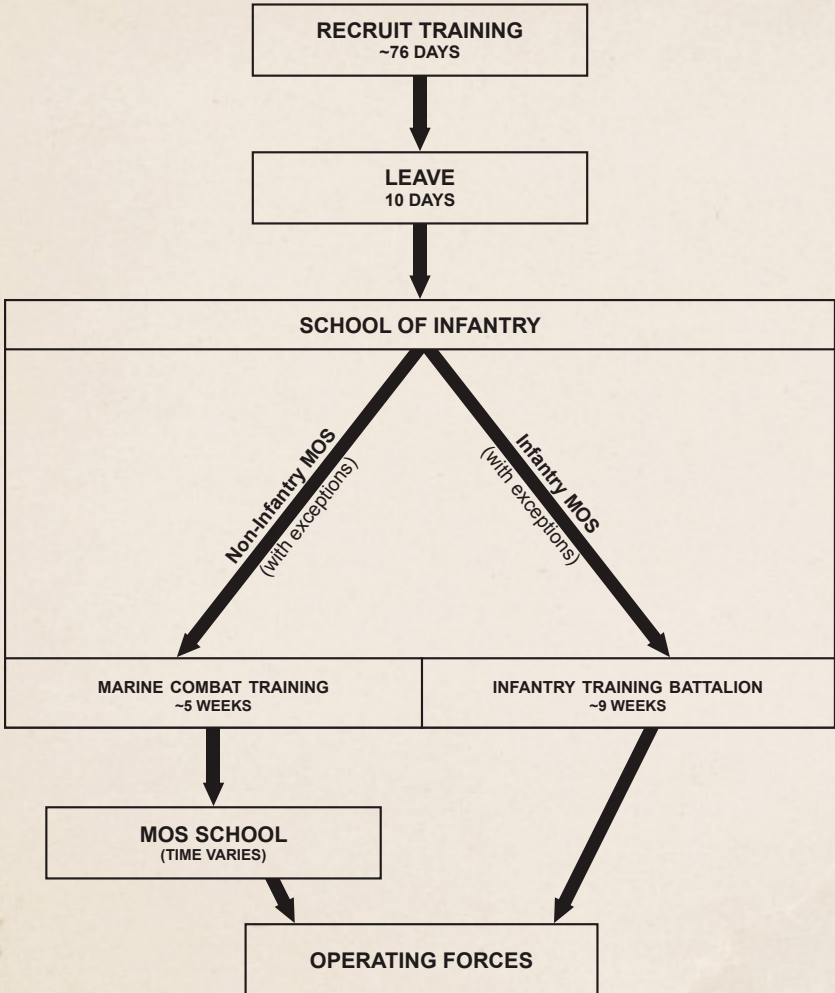
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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