



UNITED STATES
MARINES

GRADUATION CEREMONY
MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, SC

WELCOME TO MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND

On behalf of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Eastern Recruiting Region, welcome to this morning's graduation ceremony. Today's graduates have earned the title "United States Marine" through hard work, perseverance, and personal sacrifice. While we recognize what they have accomplished, we must also recognize the role you played. Your support and encouragement sustained them, helping them realize their goal of becoming a Marine. Thank you, and welcome to our Marine Corps family!

You're undoubtedly aware that the Marine Corps and our country expect much of your Marine. They are now held to a higher standard; a standard rooted in our core values and embraced during their transformation from civilian to Marine. They have established a solid foundation that will allow them to face life's challenges with confidence, courage, and honor. They have been tested in recruit training and will face greater tests in the future.

This pamphlet provides a brief overview of our core values and the concept of transformation, and provides guidance useful during your new Marine's leave period and for reporting to their next assignment. Please review this information together. You will better understand what your Marine has done, and they will be better prepared for their next stage of training. If you have any questions your Marine cannot answer while home, please contact your local recruiter.

Thank you for entrusting us with your Marine. Together, we, the Marine Corps family, can keep our Marines focused on their mission and purpose. The result will be limitless potential for success in the Marine Corps and in life.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of your visit at Parris Island and will take time to tour our Recruit Depot with your Marine. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and safe return home for both you and your Marine.



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*MARINES' HYMN**

FINAL DISMISSAL

*PLEASE RISE



“Some people live their whole lives and wonder if they have made a difference. Marines don’t have that problem.”

President Ronald Reagan

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

10 April 2026

Recruit Training Regiment

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

First Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel G. T. Moynihan
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major M. M. GoldSchmidt

Commander of Troops

Captain B. S. Paris

Parade Adjutant

First Lieutenant D. B. Bivins

Company "B", First Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain B. S. Paris
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant K. F. MatinezLopez
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....First Lieutenant R. M. Swetnam
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain J. P. McWhinnie
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Gunnery Sergeant M. B. Carter
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant I. M. Fannin

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant D. M. Brodie

Staff Sergeant R. T. Frye

Chaplain

Lieutenant T. West

Color Guard

Sergeant S. E. Griffis

Sergeant J. L. Johnson

Sergeant A. C. Vacca

Sergeant A. T. Miller

PLATOON 1008

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. M. Bailey
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt G. Tellez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt L. D. Hutto
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. T. Hafferty
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. G. Slack



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. Gaddist Jr.
 HOMETOWN.....Warner Robins, GA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Henderson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT I. J. Maxwell (327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Barry

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC A. Bouloudene (598)

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| PVT Adairireland, D. L. | PVT Mounger, J. K. |
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| PVT Ammons, A. C. | PVT Norris, E. J. |
| PVT Amos, S. W. | PFC Pacheco, J. A.* |
| PVT Arensman, B. R. | PFC Perez, S. A.* |
| PVT Babcock, L. C. | PFC Portalescruz, B. J.* |
| PVT Blackstock, T. L. | PVT Ramirez Jr., M. |
| PVT Blanco, C. | PVT Ramirez, R. A. |
| PFC Bouloudene, A.* | PFC Ramirezzarate, D.* |
| PVT Boyd, K. L. | PVT Roberson, G. A. |
| PVT Brown, G. I. | PVT Rojaszarate, I. G. |
| PVT Conant, M. E. | PVT Samayoagudiel, A. A. |
| PFC Conner, C. L.* | PFC Sankey Jr., R. L.* |
| PVT Driggs, C. S. | PVT Shively, W. J. |
| PVT Drye, J. C. | PVT Stapleton, A. |
| PFC Evans, J. R.* | PVT Stephens, J. W. |
| PVT Ferguson, K. W. | PVT Szanyi, R. A. |
| PFC Gaddist Jr., A. T.* | PVT Taylor, C. A. |
| PFC Garciamendez, C. R.* | PVT Thomas, W. J. |
| PVT Glover, N. E. | PVT Wallace, I. C. |
| PVT Gray, S. J. | PFC Warhola, A. J.* |
| PVT Green, T. A. | PVT White, S. L. |
| PVT Hockaday, T. T. | PVT Wilson, K. D. |
| PVT Hunter, J. M. | PFC Zarumalituma, A. J.* |
| PFC Laraantonio, J.* | PVT Zimmerman, R. E. |
| PVT Lay, J. T. | |
| PVT Lee, J. T. | |
| PFC Lilly, J. A.* | |
| PVT Lippencott, M. D. | |
| PFC Logan III., M. L.* | |
| PFC Lynch, M. D.* | |
| PVT Maxwell, I. J. | |
| PVT Mendozacuevas, R. W. | |
| PVT Mondo, J. J. | |

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 1009

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. M. Juan
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. Pimentel
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. I. Vasquez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. C. Sherrill



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. S. Maurer
HOMETOWN.....Baker County, FL
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Irons

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVTA. E. Sanagustin III.(322)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Borden

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC C. P. Oconnor (575)

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| PFC Aguilarrosales, C.* | PFC Moreno, J. J.* |
| PVT Ali, K. A. | PFC Moses, J. M.* |
| PVT Atkinson, A. M. | PVT Noel, E. A. |
| PVT Bamba, D. A. | PFC Oconnor, C. P.* |
| PVT Benavides Jr., M. A. | PVT Ortiz, J. O. |
| PFC Boylecoan, X. J.* | PVT Paulino, J. A. |
| PVT Carriego, J. N. | PVT Pearson, J. J. |
| PVT Caughell, S. J. | PVT Peguero, A. C. |
| PVT Clare, G. R. | PVT Pitaoliva, B. A. |
| PVT Colts, A. | PVT Reyescollazo, M. G. |
| PVT Cristler II., R. M. | PVT Reyessoliz, C. J. |
| PFC Duqueperez, J. D.* | PFC Reyesvelazquez, A. J.* |
| PVT Fox, V. A. | PFC Rodriquez, J. H.* |
| PFC Gaines Jr., D. L.* | PFC Romanmejias, J. X.* |
| PVT Garcíabarbonalvarez, D. A. | PVT Sanagustin III., A. E. |
| PVT Guardadootero, E. N. | PFC Sayles, J. L.* |
| PVT Gueffroy, J. M. | PFC Silfin, M. J.* |
| PVT Hairston, K. E. | PVT Smith, L. N. |
| PFC Hass, C. M.* | PVT Spencer, E. T. |
| PFC Herndon, C. C.* | PFC Swartz, S. S.* |
| PVT Howell, T. D. | PVT Sykes, J. D. |
| PVT Huntley, B. J. | PFC Vilchez, E. D.* |
| PFC Israel, J. A.* | PFC Wilson, B. B.* |
| PVT Jailall, R. E. | |
| PFC Jenkins, M. D.* | |
| PVT Jones, D. W. | |
| PVT Kane, A. R. | |
| PVT King, E. A. | |
| PVT Lewis, C. R. | |
| PVT Lynch, C. A. | |
| PVT Maddock, J. A. | |
| PVT Marshall, J. M. | |
| PVT Martinezsantiago, C. E. | |
| PFC Maurer, T. S.* | |
| PVT McCrea, M. R. | |
| PVT Mendoza, M. D. | |

PLATOON 1010

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. A. Goins
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. L. Vatuvei
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. R. Polk
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt N. J. Jackson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. A. Sticker



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. A. Jordan
 HOMETOWN.....Olive Banch, MS
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Hadley

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT P. Y. Hole (328)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Seda

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC N. P. Cope (576)

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| PVT Acevedo, E. D. | PFC Moore, L. C.* |
| PVT Barnatowicz, D. P. | PVT Mower, N. A. |
| PFC Barros, B. N.* | PVT Murphy, G. D. |
| PVT Barzizza, J. A. | PVT Navarro, K. J. |
| PVT Baum IV., W. F. | PVT Nogalesvargas, B. V. |
| PVT Brea III., P. | PVT Olivier, J. J. |
| PVT Brown Jr., J. Q. | PFC Perez III., J. F.* |
| PVT Burge, J. P. | PVT Perezgonzalez, J. O. |
| PVT Carilli, L. A. | PVT Pitts, E. M. |
| PVT Carl, C. A. | PFC Ramirezacosta, A.* |
| PFC Cope, N. P.* | PFC Recinosyanes, F. A.* |
| PFC Cross, X. M.* | PVT Sanders Jr., D. R. |
| PVT Daulton, D. B. | PFC Schoolcraft, R. J.* |
| PVT Dort, W. D. | PFC Scille, A. K.* |
| PFC Dunwell Jr., M. S.* | PVT Senmache, G. A. |
| PVT Fernandez, D. | PFC Silva, B. B.* |
| PFC Flowers, K. L.* | PVT Thomas, J. T. |
| PVT Gomez, J. F. | PVT Thornsbery, L. M. |
| PVT Hanzer Jr., Q. L. | PVT Vazquezpomales, R. L. |
| PFC Henderson, A. F.* | PVT Viars, A. C. |
| PVT Hole, P. Y. | PFC West, J. D.* |
| PFC Johnson, J. A.* | PVT Weyer, T. J. |
| PVT Jones, A. T. | PVT Williams, D. L. |
| PFC Jordan, T. A.* | PVT Zaffar, M. M. |
| PVT Kenda, J. D. | |
| PVT Khamtheang, A. | |
| PFC Letourneau, D. J.* | |
| PFC Leung, T. W.* | |
| PVT Lindor, E. | |
| PVT Lopez, J. L. | |
| PVT Marcelo, I. B. | |
| PFC McCaffrey, D. M.* | |
| PVT Medina, C. D. | |
| PVT Merrick, I. W. | |
| PFC Messick IV., C. C.* | |
| PFC Montgomery, J. J. | |

PLATOON 1012

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. T. Solorzano
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. A. Pelton
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. E. Damian
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. Marcelin



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....LCpl U. N. Graham
 HOMETOWN.....Bear, DE
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Morris

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC W. C. Dyess (330)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Gage
 COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC L. J. Pate (600)

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| PFC Acosta, J. A.* | PFC Pate, L. J.* |
| PVT Ambrosiovaquero, O. | PVT Pierre, M. |
| PVT Arbolaeztorrient, N. | PFC Pitts, A. M.* |
| PFC Baker, B. G.* | PVT Posey, G. A. |
| PFC Bonilla, A. E.* | PVT Regmi, A. |
| PVT Bowhall, Z. C. | PVT Ridley, D. I. |
| PVT Callahan, J. L. | PFC Rogers, I. N.* |
| PVT Cook, C. A. | PVT Sadler, A. I. |
| PVT Delgado, A. | PVT Santiagolopez, B. A. |
| PVT Demello, M. J. | PVT Sedivy, C. A. |
| PFC Dyess, W. C.* | PVT Shea, B. P. |
| PVT Elrod, C. A. | PVT Smith, Z. A. |
| PVT Fissel, M. J. | PVT Soch, M. N. |
| PFC Flowers, B. Z.* | PVT Thoms, I. T. |
| PVT Flowers, J. E. | PFC Ulrich, Q. A.* |
| PVT Glidewell, E. M. | PVT Valladaresayala, S. A. |
| PFC Graham, U. N.* | PFC Vegahermina, I. E.* |
| PVT Green, K. A. | PVT Venegas, R. S. |
| PFC Harris, J. K. * | PVT Vinson Jr., D. L. |
| PFC Harris, T. I.* | PFC Walling, L. L.* |
| PFC Hernandez, J. R. * | PVT Weber, D. K. |
| PVT Hidalgo, J. L. | PVT White, J. C. |
| PVT Ibrahim, E. | PVT Williams, L. J. |
| PVT Jones, B. L. | PVT Yimenu, M. B. |
| PVT Khamsomphou, X. V. | |
| PFC Laboy, D. J.* | |
| PVT Lawson, J. G. | |
| PVT Lopezperez, J. D. | |
| PFC Lynn, B. M. * | |
| PVT Martin, C. J. | |
| PVT Mercado, C. J. | |
| PVT Monroyalvarez, J. A. | |
| PVT Morales, J. J. | |
| PFC Noordzy, G. W.* | |
| PVT Pantojapena, E. Y. | |

PLATOON 1013

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. L. Robbins
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. L. Sizemore
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. A. Emlich
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. P. Gensitskiy



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PVT I. K. Hooks
HOMETOWN.....New Haven, CT
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Muro

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC K. M. Kelley (325)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Gerth
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PVT M. L. Garciadelbusto (573)

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| PFC Ahmed, U.* | PVT Howser, B. L. |
| PVT Aung, A. | PVT Justice, C. M. |
| PVT Baisden, C. J. | PFC Kelley, K. M. * |
| PVT Bay, A. A. | PVT Krenzer, J. T. |
| PFC Bertrand, H. J.* | PVT Landry, G. J. |
| PFC Binglester Jr., A. M.* | PFC Massengale III., G. L.* |
| PVT Birch, J. R. | PVT Miller, P. A. |
| PVT Buell, M. C. | PVT Minto, F. R. |
| PFC Caporali, W. V.* | PVT Murphy, C. D. |
| PVT Chapman, B. L. | PVT Ordenez, J. S. |
| PVT Chavez, R. F. | PFC Pachecofranco, E.* |
| PVT Class, N. A. | PVT Pierrelouis, D. |
| PVT Clayton, M. R. | PVT Rice, K. G. |
| PVT Collum, T. P. | PVT Rodriguez, M. A. |
| PVT Cruz, J. | PVT Rosalescambray, P. A. |
| PVT Cruzvellez, A. A. | PVT Sanchessevilla, A. |
| PVT Dewallace, K. J. | PVT Sanchezcalle, J. |
| PFC Diaz, Z. D.* | PVT Santome, C. J. |
| PVT Diiorio Jr., D. A. | PVT Scepanski, R. J. |
| PFC Estrella Jr., S. V.* | PVT Schmidt, D. A. |
| PFC Farro, D.* | PVT Shull, C. M. |
| PFC Felixorozco, C. V.* | PVT Sparks, J. W. |
| PFC Finstrom, R. D.* | PFC Thompsonwood, H. R.* |
| PFC Fortes, M. E.* | PVT Wallace, A. K. |
| PVT Gallardosmith, C. | PVT Wang, S. |
| PFC Garciadelbusto, M. L. * | |
| PFC Gibson II., M. V.* | |
| PVT Guayllasacaucay, M. S. | |
| PVT Gutierrezrojas, B. M. | |
| PVT Guzmanjiminez, C. J. | |
| PVT Hall, K. M. | |
| PVT Heuman, T. C. | |
| PFC Hodge, S. A. * | |
| PFC Holder, E. J. * | |
| PFC Hooks, K. I. * | |

PLATOON 1014

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt N. Prosper
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. A. Dominguez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. E. Falke
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. J. Davis
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. J. Peach



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A. J. Chonko
 HOMETOWN.....Stillwater, PA
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Vernam

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. A. Almonte (317)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Simmons
 PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC A. J. Chonko (594)

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| PFC Acevedo, D. H.* | PVT Lawrence, R. A. |
| PVT Adams, S. T. | PFC Liz, J.* |
| PFC Allemand, T. A.* | PFC Malave, D.* |
| PVT Almonte, J. A. | PVT Martinezrodriguez, C. |
| PVT Alvarado, E. N. | PFC Medina, B.* |
| PFC Ariasrodriguez, D. A. | PVT Moratayatazen, B. A. |
| PFC Atienza, K. B.* | PFC Murray, A. J.* |
| PVT Azzarelli, S. | PVT Nawalaniec, S. M. |
| PVT Baptiste, L. E. | PVT Pangia, J. T. |
| PVT Beidel, B. T. | PVT Parks Jr., B. C. |
| PFC Bittinger, K. M.* | PVT Penamerino, Y. E. |
| PFC Brandt, C. D.* | PVT Peredapereda, B. |
| PVT Caesar, D. L. | PVT Poquee, M. D. |
| PFC Chonko, A. J.* | PVT Quevedoquevedo, N. A. |
| PFC Clethen, K. Z.* | PVT Ramirez, O. |
| PVT Comaingking III., R. | PVT Ramostzum, J. E. |
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| PVT Crespo, E. N. | PFC Ricketts, B. P.* |
| PVT Daniels, C. E. | PVT Riveracastillo, A. |
| PVT Delbridge Jr., F. L. | PFC Riveraperalta, J. A.* |
| PVT Figueroasalinas, Y. J. | PFC Rollock, C. N.* |
| PVT Foster III., J. E. | PFC Sanmiguel, A. X.* |
| PVT Gaither, S. H. | PVT Siab, T. |
| PVT Gonzalez Jr., N. E. | PVT Snyder, A. W. |
| PFC Guerrero, A. V.* | PVT Stockstill, L. R. |
| PVT Gutierrezsanchez, J. | PVT Suomi, I. C. |
| PVT Hertzler, I. M. | PVT Woltman, A. J. |
| PFC Heyward, C. P.* | PFC Yehia, A. A.* |
| PVT Hixson, J. R. | PFC Yim, Y.* |
| PFC Howells, O. S.* | |
| PFC Juarez, A. R.* | |
| PVT Kelly, D. K. | |
| PVT Lacroix, T. A. | |
| PVT Lagoslares, A. | |
| PVT Landis, N. 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



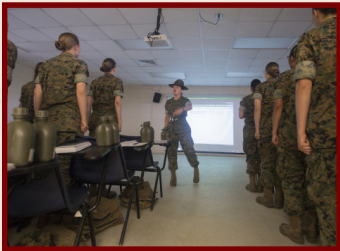
The transformation process begins with recruiting, where we select young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment and prepare them for recruit training.

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

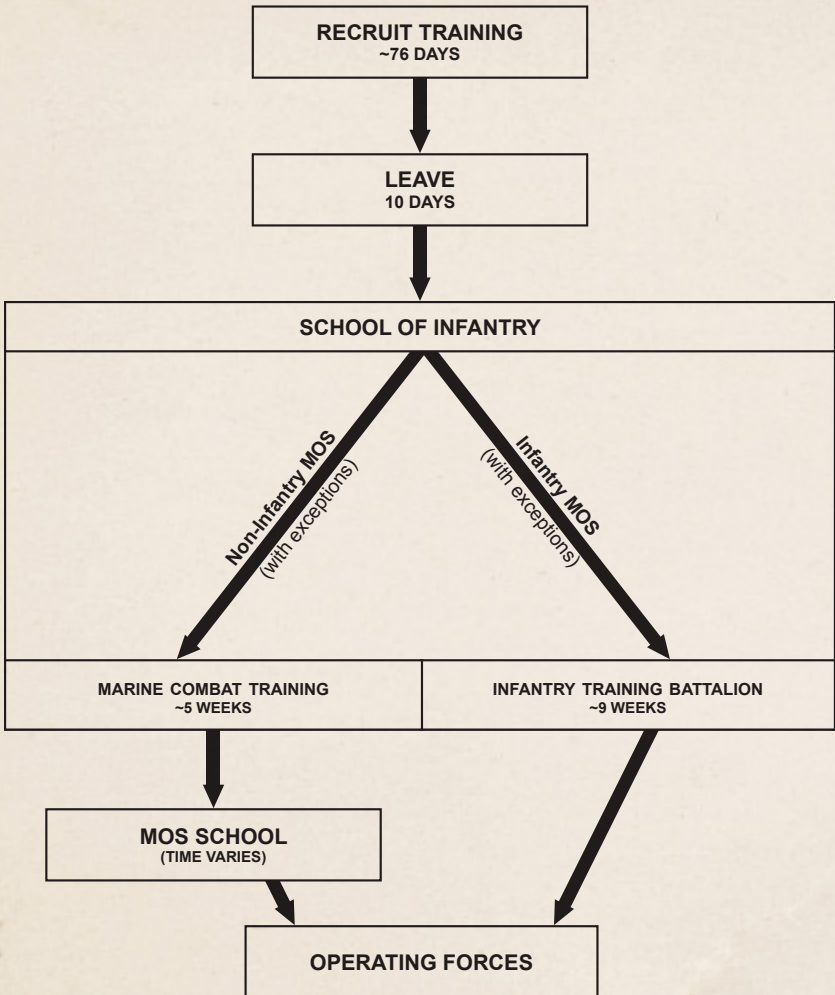
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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