



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.



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

INVOCATION*

SOUND ATTENTION

ADJUTANT'S CALL

MARCH ON OF TROOPS

*NATIONAL ANTHEM**

SOUND OFF

REPORT — PUBLISH THE ORDER

OFFICERS' CENTER

COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

PASS IN REVIEW

RETIREMENT OF GUIDONS

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

24 April 2026

Recruit Training Regiment

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

Second Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel A. Yang
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major J. P. McCord

Commander of Troops

Captain W. T. Barnes

Parade Adjutant

Captain Ventura

Company "F", Second Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain W. T. Barnes
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....First Sergeant T. W. Settle Jr.
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain M. N. Hamby
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain H. M. Flint
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant P. Roman
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant M. R. Brooks

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant D. M. Brodie
Staff Sergeant X. J. Francisco

Chaplain

Lieutenant J. D. Gentry

Color Guard

Sergeant G. G. Griffis Sergeant J. L. Johnson
Sergeant A. C. Vacca Sergeant A. T. Miller

PLATOON 2016

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. B. Menani
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. S. Chaucer
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. T. McDowell
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. R. McClendon
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. J. Froio
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. A. Sandoval



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC E. Kruskic
 HOMETOWN.....Grayson, GA
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Lofton

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT M. P. Metz (312)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Lad

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PVT J. M. Bailonalban (579)

PVT Almagrosantiago, L. A.	PVT Lewis, K. O.
PVT Avery Jr., E. Q.	PFC Maravilla Jr., I. M.*
PVT Bailonalban, J. M.	PVT Mekelburg, N. W.
PVT Barrientos, E.	PVT Metz, M. P.
PFC Braswell, Z. L.*	PFC Minnihan, A. R.*
PVT Bridges, I. J.	PVT Moreno, O. M.
PVT Burden, R. Z.	PVT Muniz, T. E.
PFC Carver, D. R.*	PFC Neil, O. J.*
PFC Cathey, C. T.*	PVT Pearson, Z. R.
PVT Cifuentes, E.	PFC Pierre, E. J.*
PVT Cordoza, K. W.	PVT Porcelli IV., A. R.
PVT Cronmiller, M. W.	PVT Rhodes, K. J.
PVT Cruz, Z. A.	PVT Rogers, J. S.
PVT Cruzpedraza, E.	PFC Rosalesvaldez, E.*
PVT Delacruzrodriguez, F. J.	PVT Smith, N. D.
PFC Durham Jr., H. C.*	PFC Sollozomelgarejo, G.*
PVT Flanigan, J.	PVT Sortogranados, J. A.
PVT Gaines, K. N.	PFC Steible, M.*
PVT Garvey, D. A.	PVT Sullivan, M. E.
PVT Gonzalez, J. W.	PVT Tull, B. T.
PVT Gonzalezramos, A.	PVT Walker, K. D.
PVT Gray, J. K.	PVT Weresch, M. H.
PVT Gryder, M. M.	PFC Wilson, C. K.*
PFC Guillen, O. O.*	PVT Young, C. A.
PVT Herndon, R. J.	PFC Zelaya, A. A.*
PVT Hill, C. A.	
PFC Hughes, G. N.*	
PFC Jardonolivares, R.*	
PVT Jateff, C. J.	
PFC Jett, C. N.*	
PVT Johnston, T. R.	
PVT Kennedy, T. L.	
PFC Kruskic, E.*	
PFC Kubesch, S. R.*	
PFC Kumpis, M.*	

PLATOON 2017

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt N. I. Walker
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt R. F. Perez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt D. Velazquez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. J. Negron
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Y. N. ZayasBonilla



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. K. Bubeck
 HOMETOWN.....Fayetteville, NC
 RECRUITED BY.....GySgt Thompson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC E. M. Alexander (325)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Seda

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC L. C. Alves (593)

PVT Agudoblanco, L. D.
 PVT Alanisgarcia, D. D
 PFC Albertson, Y. K.*
 PFC Alexander, E. M.*
 PFC Alves, L. C.*
 PVT Axiotis, G. F.
 PVT Barnhardt, G. R.
 PVT Beamon, J. S.
 PFC Bubeck, M. K.*
 PVT Cadet, J. K.
 PFC Carabalilopez, K. J.*
 PFC Cardenassoriano, A. S.*
 PFC Castelan, V.*
 PVT Caya, R. E.
 PVT Chan, D. T.
 PVT Cintronfigueroa, E. N.
 PFC Cobb, L. R.*
 PVT Delarosafeliz, N.
 PFC Dickerson, J. A.*
 PFC Garayantonetti, S. A.*
 PVT Garcia, D. M.
 PFC Gazi, S.*
 PFC Gonzalezmenchu, S. M.*
 PVT Granados, B.
 PVT Hamwright, A. B.
 PVT Harrell, I. A.
 PVT Harryaninwe, E. C.
 PFC Henderson, L. R.*
 PVT Hernandezrodriguez, A.
 PVT Hortontavarez, A. M.
 PVT Johnson, L. C.
 PFC Klugo, Z. T.*
 PFC Lopezfugon, N. M.
 PFC Luna, S. L.*
 PFC Mancebo, S.*
 PVT Matamoros, C. A.

PVT McBride, A. M.
 PVT Mendoza, J. M.
 PVT Messimer, K. L.
 PVT Minchala, K. N.
 PFC Minns, S. K.*
 PFC Mollendor, L. J.*
 PVT Moreno, A. Y.
 PFC Morris, D. N.*
 PVT Osteen, L. A.
 PFC Paz, V. M.*
 PVT Perezgarcia, M. S.
 PFC Quispilema, T. S.*
 PVT Sarmiento, A. I.
 PVT Savoy, S. J.
 PVT Seely, A. K.
 PFC Swanner, A. V.*
 PVT Temple, B. J.
 PVT Trado, E. J.
 PFC Valladarestorres, N.*
 PVT Wesley, K. C.
 PFC White, B. M.*
 PVT Yakymenko, I. A.
 PVT Zelayacabrera, D. L.
 PVT Zuniga, D.

PLATOON 2018

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt B. P. Guidry
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. V. Rodriguez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. H. Gomezapolinar
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. P. Mirailh
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. A. Pala



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. K. Willis
 HOMETOWN.....Pensacola, FL
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Oder

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT B. M. Hutchins (330)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Moberly
 PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC T. A. Gutierrez (579)

PVT Alegre, R. J.
 PVT Alexander, I. A.
 PVT Andrews III., D. L.
 PFC Armaan, M.*
 PVT Badayramirez, S. F.
 PVT Banks, S. I.
 PFC Barron, J. E.*
 PFC Bedoya, S.*
 PFC Benoit Jr., I. E.*
 PVT Bilecki, J. T.
 PVT Branning, A. J.
 PVT Bryant, E. M.
 PFC Cortijodelvalle, K. R.*
 PVT Curtis, P. N.
 PFC Dejesusotero, A. G.*
 PFC Dole, P. H.*
 PFC Dominguez, J. D.*
 PVT Dornelas, P. D.
 PVT Edwards, K. M.
 PVT Floresperez, K. D.
 PFC Frayre, A. F.*
 PVT Gayle III., H. J.
 PFC Gutierrez, T. A.*
 PFC Gutierrezlira, L.*
 PVT Hidalgo, C. A.
 PVT Hutchins, B. M.
 PVT Johnson Jr., L. E.
 PVT Joughins, I. R.
 PFC Juarez, J. M.*
 PVT Larosemichel, J.
 PVT Lattisawquesada, E. C.
 PVT Lewis, M. D.
 PVT Lopez santo, J.
 PVT Lopez torres, M. A.
 PFC Luy, R. W.*
 PVT Maaswinkel, E. R.

PVT McLeod, T. M.
 PFC McMillian, U. D.*
 PVT Merrifield, R. B.
 PFC Michel, D. A.*
 PVT Molina, S. A.
 PVT Morales Jr., E. J.
 PVT Negronrodriguez, D. E.
 PVT Ortizramirez, L. E.
 PVT Pierre, T. S.
 PVT Pourteau, T. A.
 PVT Ramosrobles, D. A.
 PFC Reyessierra, C. L.*
 PVT Richards, S. J.
 PVT Robertson, M. A.
 PVT Rodriguez, A. M.
 PVT Rodriguez, A. L.
 PFC Rodriguez, E. A.*
 PVT Sipos, D. J.
 PVT Stewart, M. S.
 PFC Vigistaineng, J. E.*
 PVT Walters, G. R.
 PVT Welch, W. B.
 PFC Willis, D. K.*
 PFC Wilson, L. T.*

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2020

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. T. McCormick
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. R. Choi
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. M. Le
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt S. T. Luke
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. Broncano
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt X. Perez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. L. Perez
HOMETOWN.....Black River, NY
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Isenberger

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC C. K. Cunningham (335)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Cousino
PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC G. N. Tharau (600)

PVT Abbott, R. T.	PFC Perez, J. L.*
PVT Agosta, J. A.	PVT Persful, G. L.
PVT Argubright Jr., J. A.	PVT Rabil, C. G.
PVT Atchley, T. L.	PVT Ramey, L. P.
PFC Atkinson, W. B.*	PVT Rawlins, W. A.
PFC Baldrige, W. L.*	PFC Rodowski, Z. R.*
PVT Baute, T. M.	PFC Rosa, E. J.*
PVT Benke, G. D.	PVT Salguero, A. M.
PFC Bernstrom, A. R.*	PVT Sheedy, A. P.
PVT Blue, T. E.	PFC Shoughgermann, D. J.*
PVT Calixsandoval, D. I.	PVT Stauffer, J. M.
PFC Chandler, C. A.*	PVT Terry, J. W.
PVT Childs, S. C.	PFC Tharau, G. N.*
PVT Cribb, T. S.	PVT Thomas, M. A.
PFC Cunningham, C. K.*	PVT Valenzuela, J.
PVT Davis, N. C.	PVT Velez, B. H.
PVT Doolittle, J. C.	PVT Walrath, R. F.*
PVT Eden, M. C.	PVT Wardrick Jr., L.
PVT Fasso II., A. P.	PFC Warren, C. K.*
PVT Flunder IV., C. B.	PVT Wilkins, C. G.
PVT Gorman, M. R.	PVT Williams, N.
PVT Griffin, C. L.	PVT Woods, E. D.
PVT Hills, J. V.	
PVT Kemp, B. J.	
PVT King, E. R.	
PVT Lopez, G. W.	
PVT Maldonadohernandez, M. J.	
PVT Marchante, A. C.	
PFC Masters, T. J.*	
PFC Miles, L. A.*	
PVT Miller, J. C.	
PVT Morris, B. A.	
PFC Nila, V. R.*	
PFC Ogle, J. D.*	
PFC Paneto, D. J.*	

PLATOON 2021

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. J. Conaway
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. P. Burgin
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. L. Cirilo
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. D. Crawl
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. A. Vazquez
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. R. Carter



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC K. E. Johnson
 HOMETOWN.....Baltimore, MD
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Tester

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVTR A. Ramirezfeliz (320)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Dixon
 PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC C. W. Elliot (591)

PVT Acostapineda, L. G.	PVT Monroy, B.
PVT Bailey, M. A.	PFC Morgan, J. S.*
PFC Bogacki, N. O.*	PVT Nelson, D. A.
PVT Brooks, C. N.	PVT Nelson, S. J.
PFC Cancharimachuca, E. A.*	PVT Palacio, N. T.
PVT Chiliquinga, J. E.	PFC Palacios, S. X.*
PVT Christy, T. R.	PVT Perro Jr., L. J.
PVT Clinton, S. A.	PVT Ramirezfeliz, R. A.
PVT Coates IV., W. S.	PVT Rodney, B. E.
PVT Collins, M. J.	PVT Rousseau, G. R.
PVT Coyman, Z. A.	PFC Ruiz, K.*
PFC Crosswhite, A. J.*	PFC Sedrick, N.*
PVT Daversa, A. L.	PVT Shaffer, H. B.
PFC Elliot, C. W.*	PVT Skaggs, J. L.
PVT Fazzino, J. R.	PVT Sloezen, M. A.
PVT Garrett, D. V.	PVT Smith, C. M.
PVT Gilson, N. T.	PVT Suquinaguaorellana, E. P.
PVT Gocan, J. A.	PFC Thornton Jr., M. W.*
PVT Gueye, M.	PVT Timmins, C. P.
PVT Hauswirth, Z. D.	PVT Tucker, G. T.
PFC Howell, R. T.*	PFC Turner, H. N.*
PFC Jenkins, J. N.*	PVT Washelesky, E. M.
PFC Johnson, K. E.*	PVT Watson, B. M.
PVT Kajiwara, B. C.	PFC Younis, M. S.*
PVT Keller, B. P.	
PVT King, G. R.	
PFC Kirkley, B. J.*	
PVT Lemons, S. M.	
PFC Lopez, J. C.*	
PFC Lopezmaldonado, Y.*	
PVT Maher, D. E.	
PVT Martin, J. N.	
PFC Martinez Jr., F. J.*	
PFC McIntyre, C. M.*	
PVT Menaaranda, J. M.	

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PLATOON 2022

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. F. Fuentes
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt I. A. Santos
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. GalvanEstrada
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. E. Bunting
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. J. Walker



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC E. A. Gomez
 HOMETOWN.....Queens, NY
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Ottey

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC K. R. Dambrozio (331)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Wooten

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC Y.D. Flores (588)

PVT Anderson, X. D.
 PFC Ariasramos, Y. J.*
 PVT Arnold III., H. J.
 PVT Barrett, K. A.
 PVT Bennett, B. J.
 PFC Benson, J. L.*
 PFC Biggar, J. S.*
 PVT Borrerocolon, M. A.
 PVT Bunny, J. P.
 PFC Dambrozio, K. R.*
 PVT Dangelo, R. A.
 PFC Dougovito, V. P.*
 PVT Dovalsanchez, S.
 PFC Flores, Y. D.*
 PFC French, K. M.*
 PVT French, K. C.
 PVT Gallipeau, B. J.
 PFC Gomez, E. A.*
 PFC Henderson, K. M.*
 PVT Lafaver, L.
 PVT Londono, J. A.
 PVT Lugo, T. R.
 PVT Mangold, M. M.
 PVT Martinez, G.
 PVT Martinezperalta, R. D.
 LCpl Martinsgomes, L. G.*
 PFC McDougale, E. P.*
 PFC Miller, M. T.*
 PVT Miller, W. A.
 PVT Mount, D. W.
 PVT Neal, J. D.
 PFC Nzegwu, E. C*.
 PVT Ocelotl, O. G.
 PVT Ortizvasquez, R. A.
 PFC Overby, N. T.*

PFC Pamittan, A. J.*
 PVT Pearson, F. I.
 PVT Pitman, C. R.
 PFC Poindexter, B. M. *
 PFC Prudencio Jr., F. S.*
 PFC Reese, D. N.*
 PVT Reyes, X.
 PVT Riverahernandez, J. Z.
 PVT Riveravasquez, J. L.
 PVT Robertson, B. E.
 PVT Rodriquez, B. M.
 PVT Rodriguez, C. R.
 PFC Rosaguzman, F. M.*
 PVT Santiago, Y. J.
 PVT Sarkozi, C. J.
 PVT Serranotorres, J. J.
 PVT Serranotorres, O. X.
 PFC Sites, C. T.*
 PVT Sotosamayoa, A. G.
 PFC Spence, M. Y.*
 PVT Tran, D. N.
 PVT Turner, L. W.
 PVT Valentino III., A. J.
 PVT Vasquezmaldonado, D. E.
 PFC Willis, J. J.*



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



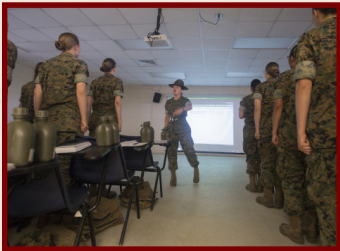
The transformation process begins with recruiting, where we select young men and women of demonstrated potential and commitment and prepare them for recruit training.

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

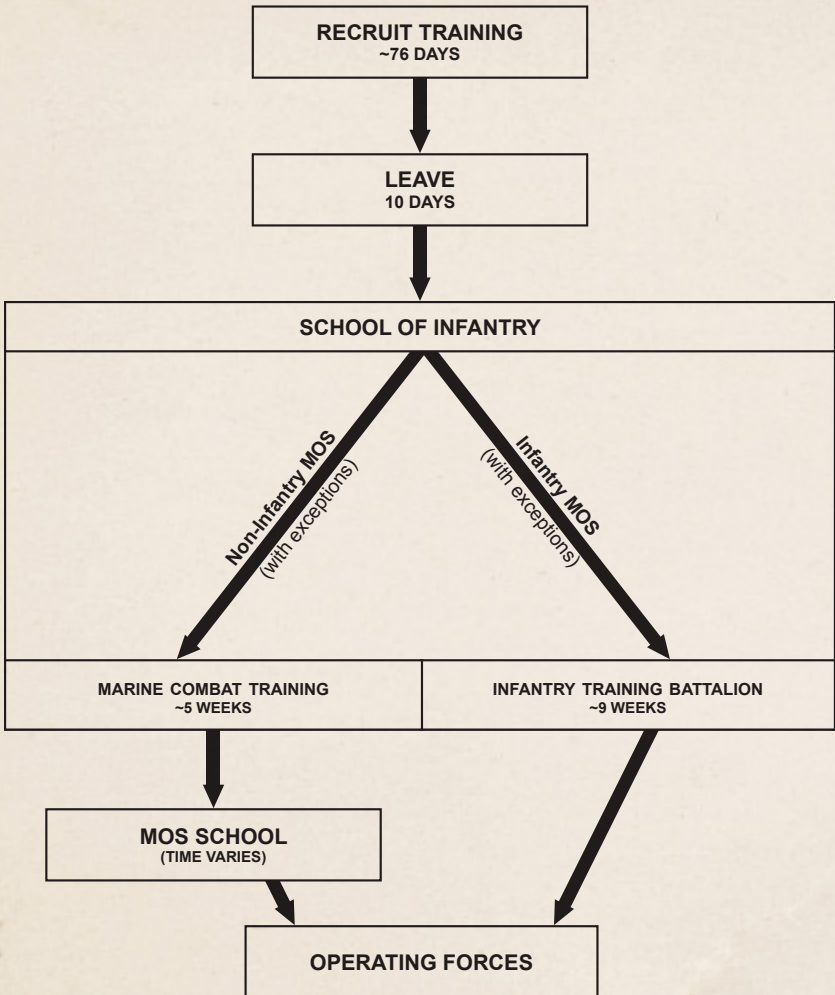
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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