



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



"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 July 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 R. J. Russell
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major J. P. McCord

Commander of Troops

Captain D. M. Webster

Parade Adjutant

Staff Sergeant A. G. Johnson

Company "H", Second Recruit Training Battalion

Commanding OfficerCaptain D. M. Webster
Company First SergeantFirst Sergeant K. Clement
Lead Series CommanderCaptain D. H. Phipps
Follow Series Command.....First Lieutenant C. D. Eastburn
Lead Series Chief Drill InstructorStaff Sergeant J. A. Delvalle Jr.
Follow Series Chief Drill InstructorStaff Sergeant D. Martinez

Drill Master

Staff Sergeant X. J. Francisco

Chaplain

Lieutenant J. Gentry

Color Guard

Sergeant S. E. Griffis Sergeant T. M. Juan
Sergeant B. A. Everard Sergeant. K. R. Valsaint

PLATOON 2032

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. D. Stotenbur
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. Wells III
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. W. Thurlow
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. J. A. Lazo
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt. D. D. Kollar
 PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. L. Nettles III



HOMETOWN.....Lexington, SC
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Maguire
 PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT S. M. Martinez II (331)

MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Hooks
 PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC J. L. Nettles III (589)

PFC Adusmith, K.	PFC Nettles III., J. L.
PVT Alarcon, A. D.	PFC Newport, J. A.
PFC Arredondo, J. C.	PVT Palmer Jr., M. S.
PVT Ashby, B. D.	PVT Proffitt, J. A.
PVT Bambard, A. W.	PVT Sales, J. M.
PFC Batimon Jr., C. S.	PFC Smith III., B. C.
PVT Bee, A. M.	PVT Taylor, B. L.
PFC Bowens, A. J.	PFC Taylor, J. M.
PVT Brown, T. D.	PVT Vallecilloortez, O. Y.
PVT Cabutotolentin, A.	PVT Vargassolorio, M. A.
PFC Carter, C. D.*	PFC Walkup Jr, M. M.
PVT Ceballosrubio, B. J.	PVT Wells, J. N.
PVT Cruz Jr., P. G.	PVT White, D. A.
PVT Cuevas, G. P.	PVT Williams, C. L.
PVT Curtis, M. C.	PVT Wysong, E. C.
PFC Davis, O. M.	PFC Zarateneneses, J. J.*
PVT Debnam, J. T.	
PVT Ervin, D. J.	
PFC Franiak, E. J.	
PFC Gonzalez, I. M.	
PFC Gonzalezcardenas, J. R.	
PFC Grady, K. S.	
PVT Harrisperry, T.	
PVT Haynes, K. Z.	
PVT Herreraescobar, I. L.	
PFC Hudson Jr., T. L.*	
PVT Hughes, J. S.	
PFC Levy, D.	
PVT Martinez II., S. M.	
PVT Melton, J. J.	
PFC Mendozacabrera, R. O.	
PVT Mir, M. A.	
PVT Morales, R. D.	
PFC Mortin Jr., R. A.	
PVT Navazaragoza, A.	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2033

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. J. Boisselle
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Gonzalezcruz
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Mitchell
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. T. Kelly
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. S. Middleton



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC K. D. Aigner
HOMETOWN.....Winter Garden, FL
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Delgado

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC W. A. Strother (333)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Hazelwood

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PVT T. D. Burgess

PFC Abrahamsen, A. D.	PVT Ponce, M. A.
PFC Aigner, K. D.*	PVT Ragins, A. J.
PVT Argueta, J.	PVT Richardson, J. A.
PFC Bailey, Q. D.	PFC Rodriguezortez, R. O.*
PVT Bartole, A. Z.	PVT Santosarenas, J. R.
PFC Belcher, D. J.	PVT Schoolcraft, A. R.
PVT Brown, S. T.	PVT Searles, R. C.
PVT Burgess, T. D.	PVT Smith, M. L.
PVT Burrell, D. X.	PFC Snider, T. M.*
PVT Burris, J. D.	PFC Strother, W. A.
PFC Castillo Jr., R.	PVT Sykes, P. A.
PVT Chavezberrios, P. A.	PFC Taylor, C. M.
PVT Clark, I. H.	PFC Velasquezmancera, A.*
PVT Damas, D. A.	
PFC Degnan IV., C. R.	
PFC Delacruz, D. L.	
PFC DiasgarciaGilbert, H. B.	
PVT Eckman, G. C.	
PVT Estevezoregon, O.	
PVT Fernandezalvarez, E. F.	
PVT Gissendanner, M. D.	
PVT Guzman, M. A.	
PVT Hodge, M. A.	
PVT Holloway, D. S.	
PVT Jeskie IV., J. J.	
PFC Kelly, L. S.	
PVT Lampe, B. S.	
PVT Lopez, A.	
PVT McWilliams, S. P.	
PFC Miller, E. N.	
PVT Moorehead III., S. A.	
PVT Morris IV., V.	
PVT Neal, P. L.	
PFC Osborne II., G. W.	
PVT Oudessakerro, N.	
PVT Pace, C. A.	

PLATOON 2034

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. S. Claxton
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. D. Sasamoto
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. A. Hall
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. F. Arrubla
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt H. C. Fountain



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC R. R. Vargo
 HOMETOWN.....Akron, OH
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Castaneda

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT M. L. Waisner (330)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Hill

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PVT G. M. DaSilva (584)

PVT Aguilar Jr., W. O.	PFC Peake, J. M.*
PVT Amoah, J. H.	PVT Perez, D. A.
PFC Bejeranoaguirre, F. G.	PFC Pitts, C. T.*
PVT Bennett, J. T.	PVT Quinn, M. D.
PFC Bongiorno, M. X.	PVT Reinhart, J. W.
PVT Carnell, A. O.	PVT Rowland, J. I.
PFC Cartagenamartinez, I. E.	PVT Scott, J. C.
PVT Chase, O. G.	PVT Sirois, A. D.
PVT Chisolm, A. T.	PVT Talley, J. T.
PVT Cole, J. Y.	PFC Todd, D. B.
PVT Colon, A. G.	PFC Vargo, R. R.
PVT Cucchoc, D. I.	PVT Waisner, M. L.
PVT Dasilva, G. M.	PVT Wilkie, A. C.
PVT Davis, X. A.	PFC Williams, D. D.
PFC Dejesus, J. D.*	PFC Womack, K. A.
PVT Diazbautista, R. A.	PVT Xochihuilanava, S. J.
PVT Eden, N. H.	
PVT Fagner, C.	
PFC Fairbanks Jr, B. L.	
PVT Felder, C. M.	
PFC Fogarty, L. N.	
PVT Garretson, E. S.	
PFC Gustave, D. J.	
PVT Hearn, B. D.	
PFC Hebert, III., E. R.*	
PVT Jerome, M. A.	
PFC Kindle, R. G.	
PVT Llanos, C. P.	
PVT Lorenzo, B.	
PVT Marquez, A. A.	
PVT Martinezvaldivia Jr., H.	
PVT Martins, G. V.	
PVT Mawika, N.	
PVT Merritt, P. A.	
PVT Murphy, A. I.	
PVT Parada, J. A.	

PLATOON 2036

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. C. Barlow
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. C. Hernandez Mondragon
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. K. Ramirez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. A. Everetts
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. A. Pettitfuentes



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. W Potter
HOMETOWN.....Columbus, OH
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Anderson

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC J. W Potter* (326)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Wooden

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC B. T. Dalton (588)

PFC Adule, F. H.*	PFC Puccio, J. E.
PFC Armstrong, D. J.	PVT Ramirezguiles Jr., E.
PVT Betz, D. J.	PVT Rubelman, E. J.
PVT Board, M. A.	PVT Sanchezconcha, H.
PVT Coronelverdugo, A. M.	PVT Sinclair, T. A.
PFC Cummings, S. A.	PVT Smith II., T. D.
PVT Cureton, D.	PFC Spickard, A. L.
PVT Dalton, J. B.	PVT Thrower, J. T.
PVT Delfarno, J. P.	PVT Tweed, J. D.
PFC Dennis, T. S.*	PVT Twumasi, K. A.
PFC Drogt, L. W.*	PFC Waite, R. J.
PFC Duggan, T. J.	PVT Wells, T. C.
PVT Fernandez, J. R.	PFC Wilson, A. T.*
PVT Ferreras Jr., J.	PFC Zheng, D.
PVT Firestone, J. M.	
PVT Flores, S. A.	
PVT Fu, J.	
PVT Galvan, Z.	
PVT Garciarivera, L. D.	
PVT Gonzalez, B.	
PFC Gutierrez Jr., C. A.	
PVT Hernandez, J.	
PVT Jones, A. T.	
PFC Jurado, M. A.	
PVT Kondras, B. A.	
PVT Lawrence, M. T.	
PVT Mantone IV., J. L.	
PVT Marte, C.	
PVT McIntosh, J. R.	
PVT McLaughlin, L. D.	
PVT Mendieta, E.	
PFC Milun, M. L.	
PVT Monger, P.	
PVT Opett, A. T.	
PFC Potter, J. W.	

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PLATOON 2037

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. C. Herron
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. S. Van Hoose
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt V. M. Lopez
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. O. Wahab



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC P. J. Davis
HOMETOWN.....Mount Juliet, TN
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Manning

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC J. X. Torres (329)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Wilke

COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC K. J. King (596)

PVT Alvarezferreras, R.	PVT Ramirezelizalde, D.
PVT Bass, F. P.	PFC Sanabriadiaz, D. M.
PVT Bermudezdavis, D. F.	PVT Sanchez Jr., R.
PVT Billick, D. J.	PVT Sebastian, T. F.
PVT Blackburn, S. W.	PFC Serranofuentes, K. J.
PFC Bryant, E. A.	PFC Tackett, B. S. *
PVT Cain, B. C.	PVT Tello, N. S.
PFC Calliste, J. D.	PFC Todd, W. T.
PVT Cavet, J. J.	PFC Torres, J. X.
PVT Cox, J. G.	PVT Unrath, G. E.
PVT Darby, X. I.	PFC Valentingandia, N.
PFC Davis, P. J.	PVT Vittitow, J. G.
PVT Demello, M. J.	PVT West, A. J.
PVT Diaz Jr., E. A.	PFC Williams, K. A. *
PVT Esqueda, M. J.	PVT Zuniga, D. D.
PVT Fleek, M. J.	
PVT Gerald, N. D.	
PVT Gildea, K. J.	
PVT Gonzalezluis, D. D.	
PVT Haas IV., C. V.	
PVT Henry, J. M.	
PVT Henry, S. H.	
PFC James, J. E. *	
PVT Johnson, M. W.	
PVT Justiantonelli, V.	
PFC King, K. J.	
PVT Lynn, A. S.	
PVT Martinezvasquez, A. J.	
PFC McDermott, L. V. *	
PFC Moncadavelasquez, T. S.	
PVT Nava, C. I.	
PVT Nuckles Jr., J. T.	
PVT Osmonson, B. L.	
PVT Pfister, R. O.	
PVT Punch, P. M.	



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

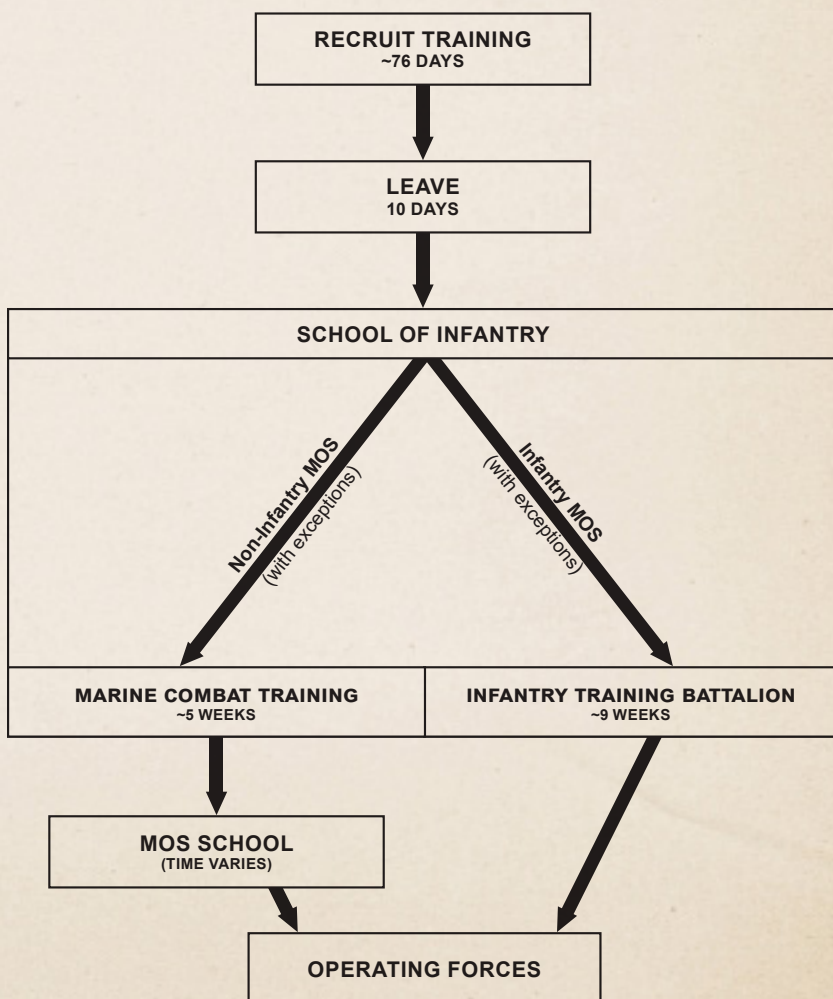
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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

