



# UNITED STATES MARINES

GRADUATION CEREMONY  
MCRD PARRIS ISLAND, SC

# WELCOME TO MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

## PARRIS ISLAND

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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

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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**

**31 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**

First Sergeant K. C. Collis

**Parade Adjutant**

Gunnery Sergeant R. M. Orr

**Company "E", Second Recruit Training Battalion**

Company Commander.....Captain H. M. Flint  
Company First Sergeant.....First Sergeant K. C. Collis  
Lead Series Commander.....First Lieutenant M. U. Anidi III  
Follow Series Commander.....Captain C. C. Kelly  
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Staff Sergeant C. A. Zetting  
Follow Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Gunnery Sergeant J. J. Compton

**Drill Master**

Staff Sergeant X. J. Francisco

**Chaplain**

Lieutenant J. D. Gentry

**Color Guard**

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

# PLATOON 2040

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. A. Boren  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt N. O. Henderson  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Z. N. Kudroff  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. D. Cunningham



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. Q. Meriweather  
 HOMETOWN.....Augusta, GA  
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Pelkey

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC M. E. Brown Jr. (342)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Hill

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC G. J. Kelsey(592)

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| PVT Arevalomendez, E. G.      | PVT Parker, P. J.        |
| PFC Barton, J. J.*            | PFC Patten, J. M.        |
| PVT Benfield, J. W.           | PVT Perry II., S. L.     |
| PVT Boyd, D. M.               | PVT Phillips, J. J.      |
| PVT Bredeson, P. S.           | PVT Pierre, J. A.        |
| PFC Brown Jr., M. E.          | PFC Pittman, G. A.       |
| PVT Clayton, C. R.            | PVT Prince, L. J.        |
| PFC Coles, N.                 | PVT Ramirezarias, J. A.  |
| PFC Delancett III., T. L.     | PFC Reppart, M. A.*      |
| PVT Farr, K. N.               | PFC Revels, D. B.        |
| PFC Felmlee, M. E.            | PVT Shack, E. M.         |
| PVT Fowler, K. C.             | PFC Stanfill, J. M.      |
| PVT Francisco, J. M.          | PFC Strickland, B. T.    |
| PFC Harmon, T. L.             | PVT Sykes, B. J.         |
| PVT Hebel, G. R.              | PVT Tineorodriguez, H.   |
| PFC Hernandezrodriguez, E. A. | PVT Vencesrodriguez, A.  |
| PFC Hill, Z. S.               | PFC Verocay, M. G.       |
| PVT Holt, R. D.               | PVT Voneps, J. C.        |
| PVT House, S. D.              | PVT Wilkerson Jr., J. L. |
| PFC Johnson, M. N.            |                          |
| PVT Juarez Jr., A.            |                          |
| PFC Kashindi, D.              |                          |
| PFC Kelsey, G. J.*            |                          |
| PVT Larinfuentes, F. B.       |                          |
| PVT Lebronmorales, J. R.      |                          |
| PVT Long, A. D.               |                          |
| PFC Macomber, N. G.           |                          |
| PVT Mammo, Y. F.              |                          |
| PFC Meriweather, J. Q.        |                          |
| PVT Moore, E. J.              |                          |
| PFC Morales, I. G.            |                          |
| PVT Morgancampbell, J. K.     |                          |
| PVT Munozperez, L. I.         |                          |
| PFC Nicot, A. R.              |                          |
| PVT Obrecht, B. D.            |                          |

# PLATOON 2041

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. M. Rivera  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt H. L. Hottinger  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. W. Morin  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. R. Perez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. J. Bairefoot  
HOMETOWN.....Atlanta, GA  
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Hooper

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT A. J. Silva (329)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Benjamin

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC T. Uk (590)

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| PVT Aburto, G.              | PVT Rollings, J. T.  |
| PVT Alvarez, A. S.          | PVT Ross, A. D.      |
| PVT Avellanedaaveldanez, J. | PVT Russell, J. M.   |
| PFC Bairefoot, T. J. *      | PFC Shinn, R. D.     |
| PVT Bell, D. M.             | PFC Shovlin, J. P.   |
| PFC Boonpong, S.            | PVT Silva, A. J.     |
| PVT Bowen, C. J.            | PVT Sorvillo, T. J.  |
| PVT Callahan IV., J. W.     | PVT Spicer, K. H.    |
| PVT Cardoso Jr, H.          | PVT Stevens, J. J.   |
| PVT Chesser, N. H.          | PVT Tursi, W. A.     |
| PVT Connell, T. D.          | PFC Uk, T.           |
| PVT Damuth, E. C.           | PVT Wepngong, D. E.  |
| PVT Daniel, N. S.           | PVT Woodworth, T. S. |
| PFC Danzinger, D. J. *      |                      |
| PVT Davis, K. T.            |                      |
| PFC Demarte, D. A.          |                      |
| PVT Duqueguevara, W.        |                      |
| PVT Eavenson, K. L.         |                      |
| PVT Edwards, W. T.          |                      |
| PVT Ehret, J. M.            |                      |
| PVT Fray III., P. A.        |                      |
| PVT Gonzalez, B.            |                      |
| PVT Guzmansoriano, C.       |                      |
| PVT Hay, J. B.              |                      |
| PVT Hernandez, M.           |                      |
| PVT Jackson, L. T.          |                      |
| PFC Jenkins III., J. L. *   |                      |
| PFC Juangautier, M. W.      |                      |
| PVT Knight Jr., C. A.       |                      |
| PVT Lagranda, T. K.         |                      |
| PVT Luecke, R. C.           |                      |
| PVT McClain, L. A.          |                      |
| PVT Nix, C. D.              |                      |
| PVT Ortizmojica, O. M.      |                      |
| PVT Pedroorozco, T. E.      |                      |
| PVT Riverarodriguez, Y. J.  |                      |

# PLATOON 2042

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt E. J. Andrade  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. K. Lyon  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. T. Bixler  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. A. Lykins



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC L. W. Srebernak  
HOMETOWN.....Grosse Point, MI  
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Velizflore

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT J. B. Rothery (290)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Hazelwood

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC X. A. Rivera (575)

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| PVT Adkins, B. O.          | PFC Srebernak, L. W.  |
| PVT Ariasalvarez, J. J.    | PVT Sterrett, C. J.   |
| PVT Beacher, A. H.         | PVT Syers, C. R.      |
| PVT Burnett Jr., C. L.     | PVT Thomason, N. S.   |
| PFC Buser, L. A.           | PVT Torres, A.        |
| PVT Collins, T. R.         | PVT Trejocampo, J. G. |
| PFC Cruzreyes, E. M.       | PVT Troy, C. L.       |
| PVT Daron, P. J.           | PVT Turner, B. J.     |
| PVT Delgado, J. I.         | PVT Williams, J. T.   |
| PFC Ferrera, T. A.         | PVT Woodell, K. S.    |
| PVT Hernandez, P. J.       | PVT Worth Jr., B. S.  |
| PVT Holtzman, H. P.        | PVT Zuver, J. R.      |
| PVT Jones, A. J.           |                       |
| PFC Jurek, K. M.*          |                       |
| PVT Kolter, B. M.          |                       |
| PVT Labarba, C. R.         |                       |
| PVT Lee, H. C.             |                       |
| PVT Lopez, D.              |                       |
| PFC Maldonado, M.          |                       |
| PVT Martin, J. B.          |                       |
| LCpl Mcclendon, B. L.      |                       |
| PVT Monastra, N. A.        |                       |
| PFC Murray, L.             |                       |
| PVT Perezreyes, A. F.      |                       |
| PVT Pryor, C. T.           |                       |
| PVT Quarles Jr., J. D.     |                       |
| PVT Ramos, M. D.           |                       |
| PVT Reddien, R. S.         |                       |
| PVT Reeder, B. S.          |                       |
| PVT Richardson, D. J.      |                       |
| PVT Rivera, N. J.          |                       |
| PFC Rivera, X. A.*         |                       |
| PVT Rothery, J. B.         |                       |
| PFC Sanchezfeliz, J. A.*   |                       |
| PFC Sandovalgandara, C. J. |                       |
| PVT Seymour, Z. S.         |                       |

# PLATOON 2044

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. Z. Nipper  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. L. Reyes  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. M. Dickens  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. L. Corona



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC B. T. Janes  
 HOMETOWN.....Campbellsville, KY  
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Stevens

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT M. N. Crawford (341)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt McDonald

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PVT J. J. Roberts (582)

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| PFC Abdelrahman, Y. A.    | PVT Pereira, H. G.           |
| PFC Alvarezniubo, A.      | PVT Perez, L.                |
| PFC Arnold, C. O.         | PFC Quinones-Partain, G. J.* |
| PVT Barakat, A. L.        | PVT Roberts, J. J.           |
| PVT Brocksmitth, T. K.    | PFC SaintSauveur, E.         |
| PVT Crawford, M. L.       | PVT Scott, C. M.             |
| PFC DelgadoHerrera, J. D. | PFC Serrano, D. X.           |
| PVT Dorman, S. F.         | PVT Sixberry II., T. A.      |
| PVT Evans III., J. D.     | PFC Sustache Jr., J.         |
| PFC Gergely, P. J.        | PFC Sutherland, B. M.        |
| PFC GomezDiaz, A. A.      | PVT Tant, H. E.              |
| PVT Gonzalez, J. A.       | PFC VelasquezMoreno, R. J.   |
| PVT GonzalezGaraban, A.A. | PVT Wood, R. D.              |
| PFC GraciaRodriguez, J.   | PVT Workman, D. C.           |
| PFC Harris, Z.            |                              |
| PVT Hart, C. P.           |                              |
| PVT Henry, A. R.          |                              |
| PVT Huaman, E. M.         |                              |
| PFC Irizarry, A. D.*      |                              |
| PFC Janes, B. T.*         |                              |
| PFC Jerden, Z. D.         |                              |
| PVT Jones, D. C.          |                              |
| PVT King, J. M.           |                              |
| PVT Kroschel, L. L.       |                              |
| PFC Lobos, R. J.          |                              |
| PVT Locust, B. D.         |                              |
| PFC Maldonado, J. S.      |                              |
| PFC MartinezMejias, S. J. |                              |
| PVT Mayfield, B. R.       |                              |
| PFC Miller, T. L.         |                              |
| PVT MolinetFerradas, E.   |                              |
| PFC Moncada, C. M.        |                              |
| PVT MorenzaGinebra, F.    |                              |
| PVT Mosley, J. D.         |                              |

\*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

# PLATOON 2045

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. A. Harding  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt R. M. Orr  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. M. Anderson  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. R. Earls



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC C. D. Benning  
HOMETOWN.....Lansing, MI  
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Troutman

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT S. W. Baker (327)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Wilke

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PVT M. E. Quevedolewis (591)

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| PVT Aceves Jr., J. J.        | PVT Monteroregalado, F.     |
| PVT Adamson, H. M.           | PFC Paidá, E.               |
| PVT Amon, Z. A.              | PFC Payne, L. J.            |
| PVT Baker, S. W.             | PFC Pittman, E. J.          |
| PFC Benning, C. D.           | PVT Puglise, D. E.          |
| PFC Bigelow, T. M.*          | PVT Quevedolewis, M. E.     |
| PFC Boama, K. A.             | PFC Reyesconcepcion, E. R.* |
| PVT Brown, J. T.             | PVT Riley, A. B.            |
| PFC Buckner, M. E.*          | PFC Rodriguez, J. M.        |
| PFC Burchett, S. E.          | PVT Smith, G. S.            |
| PVT Cardenasguanoluia, S.    | PVT Smith, S.A.             |
| PVT Cardenasguanoluia, Z. F. | PVT Stewart, D. J.          |
| PVT Cuellararellano, M. R.   | PFC Urbano, E. R.           |
| PFC Deslances, A. L.         | PVT Weber, C. J.            |
| PVT Diazrios, Z. A.          |                             |
| PVT Fejeran, J. M.           |                             |
| PVT Fields, K. A.            |                             |
| PVT Fisher, J. R.            |                             |
| PVT Guallpa, M. J.           |                             |
| PFC Guaman, A. J.            |                             |
| PVT Guzman, K. M.            |                             |
| PFC Heyliger, D. J.          |                             |
| PVT Hibbs, R. J.             |                             |
| PVT Jackson, T.              |                             |
| PFC Jimenezvargas, J. J.     |                             |
| PFC Keller, C. R.            |                             |
| PVT Lafaver, E. J.           |                             |
| PVT Landry, A. P.            |                             |
| PVT Landry, J. J.            |                             |
| PVT Lavelly, D. J.           |                             |
| PFC Lopez Jr., C. J.         |                             |
| PVT Luz, T.                  |                             |
| PFC Maines, B. S.            |                             |
| PVT Mallia, T. J.            |                             |
| PFC Marshall Jr., A. J.      |                             |

# PLATOON 2046

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. E. Motanga  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. J. Moore  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. J. Cameron  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt P. L. Nott



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. C. Wall  
HOMETOWN.....Palm Harbor, FL  
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Thomas

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PVT G. L. McElwain (318)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Simmons

COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC D. Y. Boyd (600)

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| PVT Agbeyibor, P. E.     | PVT Navarrolopez , S. A. |
| PVT Alemanalberto, J. A. | PVT Nystrom, M. A.       |
| PVT Andinocruz, A. Y.    | PVT Okpo, M. E.          |
| PVT Azconagarcia, J. F.  | PVT Olivotejada, A.      |
| PFC Boyd, D. Y.*         | PVT Portell, J. M.       |
| PVT Byrd, B. S.          | PVT Resto, L. A.         |
| PVT Capristan, E. G.     | PVT Rheault, C. M.       |
| PFC Ceus, B. L.          | PVT Riveraperez, J. J.   |
| PFC Chambers J. R.       | PVT Salas, M.            |
| PVT Crace, J. G.         | PVT Senoviomarmolejo, J. |
| PVT Dillard, D. A.       | PFC Sharma, S. H.        |
| PFC Espinosa, X. A.      | PVT Smith, T. E.         |
| PVT Floyd, J. D.         | PVT Torres, A. J.        |
| PVT Garcíagonzalez A.    | PVT Vales, J.            |
| PVT Garciamendez Y.      | PFC Velazquez, J.        |
| PVT Giraldomesa, J. F.   | PFC Wall, J. C.*         |
| PVT Gnapp, D. R.         | PVT Walsh Jr., J. J.     |
| PVT Harper, H. C.        | PVT Watson, D. H.        |
| PVT Holguin, D. A.       | PVT Winget, T. A.        |
| PFC Jimenezgarcia, Y. T. |                          |
| PVT Johnson, J. L.       |                          |
| PVT Jones, D. W.         |                          |
| PVT Kennedy, S. L.       |                          |
| PVT Kruger, A. T.        |                          |
| PFC Lancaster, T. S.     |                          |
| PFC Lehw, J. C.          |                          |
| PFC Lewis, J. D.         |                          |
| PVT Maldonadonarciso, G. |                          |
| PVT Malloy, V. D.        |                          |
| PVT McElwain, G. L.      |                          |
| PFC Mendoza, J. O.*      |                          |
| PVT Miller V., C. O.     |                          |
| PVT Minshew H. C.        |                          |
| PVT Morrison, L. C.      |                          |
| PFC Moudonetiegne, M. B. |                          |



## 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

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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**

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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**

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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***

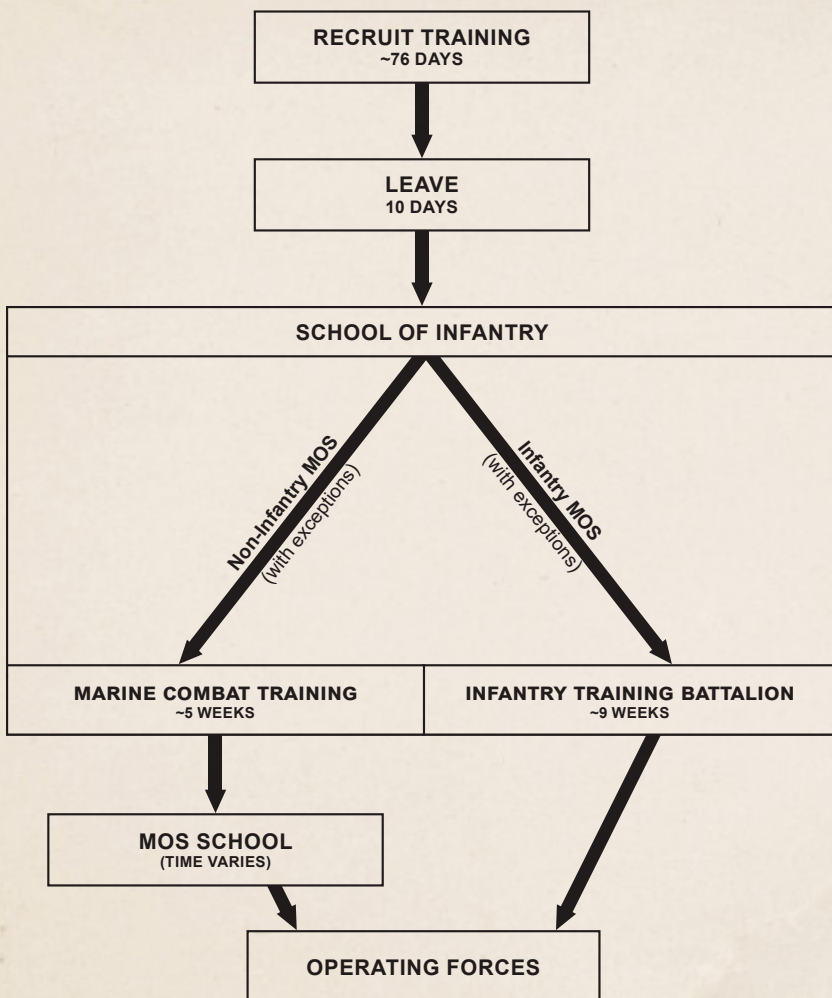
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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

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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**

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- 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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