



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

21 October 2022

Recruit Training Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Colonel B. W. Ward
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major F. Casillas

2nd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Lieutenant Colonel C. J. Kearney
SERGEANT MAJOR.....Sergeant Major W. C. Carter

Commander of Troops

Captain Trevor M. Medlen

Parade Adjutant

SSgt C. D. Waycaster

Company “F”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

COMMANDING OFFICER..... Captain T. M. Medlen
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT..... First Sergeant B. R. Dear
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER..... Captain A. S. Mertz
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....First Lieutenant S. Z. Sheikh
ASSISTANT SERIES COMMANDER.....Second Lieutenant G. B. Taylor
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR..... Staff Sergeant J. J. Marquez
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR..... Staff Sergeant S. A. Jones

Drill Masters

Gunnery Sergeant T. M. Moore
Staff Sergeant E. T. Holt

Chaplain

Lieutenant A. J. McMillan

Color Guard

Sergeant A. M. Leon Sergeant G. A. Agustin
Sergeant L. P. McDanie Sergeant S. A. Hamilton

PLATOON 2072

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. J. Haskins
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. G. Salvato
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. S. Poulin
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. C. Chestnut II



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. C. Best
 HOMETOWN.....Chapel Hill, NC
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Caldwell

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt K. A. Ammann (338)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Ramirez
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCC. D. Hughes (593)

Pvt Aguirre S. E.	Pvt Hancock M. J.	PFC Wilson G. A.
Pvt Alvarado D. J.	PFC Hughes C. D.	Pvt Woods T. K.
PFC Alvarez D. M.	Pvt Isidro-Morales D. A.	
Pvt Ammann K. A.	PFC James K. O.*	
Pvt Anderson P. A.	Pvt Johnson C. M.	
PFC Avila R. S.	PFC Johnson L. C.	
Pvt Ball A. J.	Pvt Kapral H. W.	
PFC Bellamy J. M.	PFC Kittrell D. T.	
PFC Best J. C.*	PFC Kosar J. C.	
PFC Bonilla P. E. A.	Pvt Kpa B.	
Pvt Braun A. J.	PFC Laguna O. N.	
PFC Brooks C. L.	Pvt McCoy L. K.	
PFC Brown G. M.	PFC McKague E. J.	
Pvt Cannon C. I.	Pvt Melton R. B.	
PFC Cespedes M. S.	Pvt Mitchell B. J.	
PFC Chastain K. R.	Pvt Murray M. M.	
Pvt Collier T. M.	Pvt Oliverio S. M.	
Pvt Couey D. A.	Pvt Ostrander E. N.	
PFC Culver E. M.	PFC Parsons J. S.	
PFC Davis T. S.	PFC Proctor C. J.*	
Pvt Duckworth S. J.	Pvt Salcedo C. I.	
PFC Elsaesser Z. M.	Pvt Schluderberg D. M.	
PFC Estridge IV S. E.	Pvt Schumacher J. J.	
Pvt Evans T. H.	PFC Shepherd Z. T.	
Pvt Felipe-Juan G. A.	Pvt Smith N. R.	
PFC Fender Z. N.	PFC Sparks C. P.*	
Pvt Flinn D. A.	Pvt Stadler P. A. S.	
Pvt Flores R. E. A.	PFC Suttles A. G.	
PFC Foster A. N.	Pvt Vasquez D.	
Pvt Gamble T. D.	Pvt Walker J. M.	
PFC Gilmore E. J.	Pvt Warren M. S.	
Pvt Green T. L.	PFC Watson S. S.*	

*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

PLATOON 2073

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt J. S. Patterson
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt J. SanchezVillalobos
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. A. Ragland
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. D. Lovo



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC A.J.Carrol
 HOMETOWN.....Chattanooga, TN
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Merrithew

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt K. A. Hodson (337)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Smith
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCE J. Rubio (589)

Pvt Agbaieleanya E.	PFC Lewis J. A.
Pvt Aragonramon N.	PFC Lintner Z. S.
Pvt Ayers Z. T.	PFC Maige B. L.
Pvt Baucum II J. P.	Pvt Mateos R. J.
PFC Blair G. S.	PFC Mayberry T. M.
Pvt Blankenship D. T.	Pvt Mayfield W. M.
PFC Bullard Z. R.	Pvt Mayorgacordon A. D.
PFC Capps B. M.	PFC McDonald J. A.
PFC Carroll A. J.	PFC Mondesir Jr. J. E.
PFC Castillo A. J.*	Pvt Montgomery W. J.
PFC Cisse B. A. *	PFC Newton J. J.
Pvt Corona J. D.	Pvt Oldham C. E.
Pvt Crocker B. A.	Pvt Ortt Z. D.
PFC Davis M. A. *	PFC Ostermann B. C.
Pvt Doctor Jr. V. P.	Pvt Outland J. N.
Pvt Dorsey Jr. A. L.	Pvt Pablo R. E.
PFC Douglas J. J.	PFC Parker W. D.
PFC Ferguson T. J.	Pvt Perdue I. C.
PFC Fitzgerald W. A.	PFC Purifoy II A. V.
Pvt Harper G. N.	Pvt Redding C. O.
Pvt Harrigill H. R.	PFC Rivera A.
Pvt Hastings W. M.	Pvt RodriguezGenao J.
PFC Hernandez B. A.	PFC Rubio E. J.
Pvt Hernandez I. G.	Pvt Salim A. S.
Pvt Himmel N. M.	Pvt Severiano B.
Pvt Hodson K. A.	PFC Tingain K. G.
PFC Huynh J. H. *	Pvt Turner R. C.
Pvt James III L. D.	Pvt Ventura G.
Pvt Johnson B. A.	Pvt Wade G. M.
Pvt Kelly A. A.	PFC White Jr. C. E.
PFC King M. G.	Pvt Workman K. J.
PFC Lemos A. M.	

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PLATOON 2074

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. R. Deer
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt L. J. CartagenaColon
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. Set



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC Z.M.Shen
HOMETOWN.....Fairfax, VA
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Ramos

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt K.K.Khual (340)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Sackewitz
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFCE J. Sprankle (578)

PFC Bradley A. D.	PFC Kilman A. P.
PFC Breault Z. W.	Pvt Lawson I. A.
Pvt Breese M. E.	Pvt Loaiza A.
Pvt Caycedo Osman J. E.	Pvt Lopez J. A.
Pvt Cheney T. G.	Pvt Martinez Jr. J.
PFC Chouinard J. R.	Pvt Matarubio J. F.
PFC Cifuentes C. A.	Pvt Meade M. S.
Pvt Clemann J. R.	LCpl Miranda D.
Pvt Cole D.	PFC Moreno Jr. M.
Pvt Corle E. J.	PFC Moultrie III S. J.
PFC Crisostomonunes J. E.*	Pvt Mung S. T.
Pvt Duff C. M.	Pvt Palacios A. D.
Pvt Encarnacion-Rivera J. D.	Pvt Pashak G. A.
Pvt Fackler Z. L.	PFC PortalAlonso A. L.*
Pvt Ferguson J. A.	Pvt Riedel M. A.
PFC Filipowicz D. M.	Pvt Rodriguez Jr. D.
PFC Freeman J.	Pvt Sanders D. J.
Pvt Guernsey L. R.	PFC Shen Z. M.
Pvt Gustafson J. P.	Pvt Sheppard J. Q.
Pvt Hanes D. L.	PFC Sprankle E. J.*
Pvt Harris C. A.	Pvt Stanfill S. B.
PFC Hawk A. J.	PFC Stanton C. T.
Pvt Hernandez S.	PFC StLouis K. J.
Pvt HeviaMendoza S. A.	Pvt Thomas C. J.
Pvt Hilton A. B.	PFC ValentinRivas K.
PFC Hofecker G. R.	Pvt Vazquez-Villanueva V.
Pvt Holley R. L.	Pvt Vojacek D. A.
PFC Honda D. S.	Pvt Wall T. D.
Pvt Huynh T. T.	PFC Wang A. T.
PFC Johnson K. T.*	PFC Zavala J. D.
Pvt Kegley A. C.	
Pvt Khual K. K.	

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PLATOON 2076

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt T. A. Hilgendorf
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt T. K. Youngblood
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt I. L. Vannavong
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt B. M. Ogas



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	Pvt N. VelasquezGonzalez
HOMETOWN.....	Hampton Bays, NY
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Villegas

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	PFC S. J. Dodson (334)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Perez
COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC I. P. Brown (596)

Pvt Aguilarmartinez I.	Pvt Irizarry-Marrero S.	Pvt Wilson N. O.
Pvt Ali A. H.	Pvt Kelley S. M.	
PFC Allen C. R.	Pvt Lejune W. J.	
PFC Baton M. A.	Pvt Lucas S. N.	
PFC Bovio S. L.	Pvt Lunday M. J.	
Pvt Bravo L.	Pvt Maldonado G. R.	
Pvt Britolliviganay M. S.	Pvt Malpica V. A.	
PFC Brown I. P. *	PFC McCauley Z. D.	
Pvt Brown X. S.	Pvt Miller T. E.	
Pvt Calixgrande A. J.	Pvt Moreno C. D.	
Pvt Cartwright I. K.	PFC Omeike I. U.	
Pvt Castro J.	PFC Omstead A. F.	
Pvt Chicas D. A.	PFC Oñativia M.	
Pvt Courson S. L.	PFC Oñativiarodriguez A.	
PFC Croke B. F.	Pvt Patterson M. S.	
Pvt Cruz Jr. P. M.	Pvt Perdue E. R.	
Pvt Davis D. D.	PFC Pitzer V. D.	
PFC Davis N. R.	PFC Riedel A. W.	
PFC Dodson S. J.	PFC Roberts J. M.	
Pvt Dunahue S. G.	Pvt Rohler R. T.	
PFC Ebare J. J.	Pvt Roman J. L.	
PFC Everett D.	Pvt Ruling J. J.	
Pvt Faircloth L. C.	PFC Russell L. S.	
PFC Farrington P. J.	Pvt Santiago G. T.	
Pvt Gama V. F.	PFC Sims D. J.	
Pvt Gardner D. P.	PFC Sosaj-Imenez O. *	
PFC Gibbons B. W.	PFC Stashluk C. J. *	
PFC Giron D. J.	Pvt Tracey T. R.	
Pvt Hahn T. M.	Pvt Twiss C. A.	
Pvt Hayden A. B.	Pvt Varela M. J.	
Pvt Hernandez-Maldonado O. J.	Pvt Velasco R. M.	
Pvt Hula V. N.	Pvt VelasquezGonzalez N. *	

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. S. Clark
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. H. Rosado
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Z. R. Wick
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. C. Barnes



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D.M.Mulligan
 HOMETOWN.....Berwick, ME
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Burdick

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt S.A.Arpiochoa (341)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Edds
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC S.D.Carter (594)

Pvt Adams B. V.	PFC Moretti R. T.
PFC Alawy Y. A.	PFC Mulligan D. M.*
PFC Ali K. A.	Pvt Nee B.
Pvt Armstrong Jr. J. G.	Pvt Ortiz-Arguin K. A.
Pvt Arpiochoa S. A.	PFC Osorio-De Jesus L.
Pvt Barnes J. Z.	Pvt Paglia H. A.
Pvt Benitez E. A.	Pvt Phaen A. V.
Pvt Bogle M. J.	PFC Pina B. M.
Pvt Bolton J. P.	Pvt Pohorenec J. A.
PFC Carter S. D.*	Pvt Randolph C. J.
Pvt Chavez J. A.	Pvt Reyes S.
PFC Clement C. H.	PFC Richards S. J.
PFC Comeau J. E.	Pvt Rojas O. M.
PFC CosmeRuiz A. G.	Pvt Saraidarian R. S.
Pvt Crean E. J.	Pvt Serberie B. D.
Pvt Dagenais J. D.	Pvt Smith J. M.
Pvt De Leon N. S.	PFC Smithmineault J. E.
Pvt Diaz Perez R. C.	PFC Stone J. D.
PFC Dougherty Jr. S. T.	PFC Suarez Caba B. A.
Pvt Estrada Guevara B. A.	PFC Thompson K. D.*
PFC Feldman R. J.	Pvt Towle R. L.
Pvt Garcia M. E.	PFC Troshani J.
Pvt Gonzalez-Lira B.	Pvt Valdivia-Rodriguez K. B.
PFC Hedges T. M.*	PFC Varverakis A. B.
Pvt Hill K. D.	PFC Villalobos M. M. A.*
Pvt Hood J. Q.	PFC Wagner-Savage J.
Pvt Jurek J. D.	Pvt Welch D. L.
PFC Laskey C. J.	PFC Wessel M. M.
Pvt Letourneaut Jr. M. J.	Pvt Ye J.
Pvt Manraj J. J.	Pvt Zacarias Lopez E. E.
Pvt Melnikov D.	Pvt Zelig A. C.
Pvt Mohundro W. C.	PFC Zheng J. Y.

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PLATOON 2078

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt C. Davis
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. O. Dean
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt W. P. Beavers III
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. A. Kahl



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC T. G. Kavalieratos
 HOMETOWN.....Mahopac, NY
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Cordova

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J. S. Martinez (327)
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Neuville

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt J. D. Winchell (565)

PFC Alvarado Arguello J. C.	Pvt Martinez J. S.	Pvt Yusupova J. B.
PFC Baez J. C.	Pvt McDonald T. J.	
Pvt Barros A. A.	PFC McKinnon J. M.	
Pvt Bernard K. G.	Pvt Morris K. J.	
PFC Bontje Z. W.	Pvt Mullen B. C.	
PFC Butler W. W.	Pvt Nash J. F.	
Pvt Cederholm H. O.	PFC Olivar M. C.	
Pvt Chiche J. N.	Pvt Oyegun M. O.	
Pvt Chrisman M. T.	PFC Pasley L. B.	
Pvt Cole K. O.	PFC Pennington E. J.	
PFC Coley G. C.	PFC Penuel J. B.	
Pvt Cosby T. L.	Pvt Poor H. M.	
Pvt Cunningham J. M.	PFC Puckett L. I.	
Pvt Downey M. C.	PFC Quintanilla Aguirre A.E.*	
Pvt Eisel N. K.	Pvt Reineck T. J.	
PFC Esquivel R. L.	PFC Scamihorn A. J.*	
Pvt Figueroa M. A.	Pvt Shepherd R. M.	
PFC Ford I. P.	Pvt Sherman C. X.	
PFC Forestiere C. T.	Pvt Shonkwiler R. J.	
PFC Garcia Cruz V. M.	Pvt Sichler C. J.	
PFC Goff J. R.	PFC Skinner J. J.*	
Pvt Guzman Morales N. J.	Pvt Smith A. M.	
Pvt Hamilton J. A.	Pvt Soto S. J.	
Pvt Hawkins H. L.	Pvt Stube P. X.	
Pvt Hendrick Q. G.	Pvt Sumba-Chuqui L. G.	
Pvt Hernandez A. J.	Pvt Torres L. J.	
PFC Holland J. P.	Pvt Vega J. A.	
Pvt Jean Mary K.	Pvt Velazquez J.	
PFC Jenkins Jr. E. I.*	Pvt Westhoven Failla T. R.	
PFC Kavalieratos T. G.	Pvt White D. C.	
Pvt Leana A.	Pvt Winchell J. D.	
PFC Lopez Rojas A.	Pvt Yastrub W.	

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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

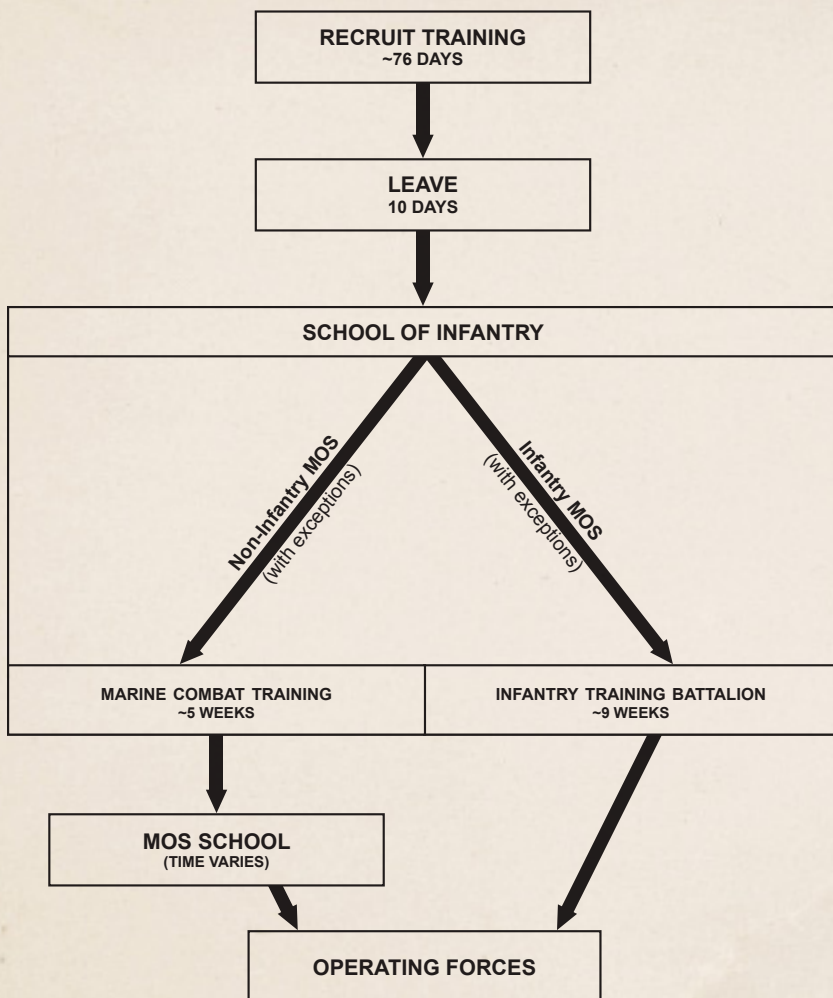
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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