



# 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.



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*"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**

**18 November 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 Ryan C. Gardner

**Parade Adjutant**

Captain Trevor M. Medlen

**Company “G”, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion**

COMMANDING OFFICER.....Captain R. C. Gardner  
COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT.....Gunnery Sergeant C. D. Evans  
LEAD SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain C. P. McIsaac II  
FOLLOW SERIES COMMANDER.....Captain D. R. Williams  
LEAD SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant T. M. Winney  
FOLLOW SERIES CHIEF DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Staff Sergeant D. R. Mangas

**Drill Masters**

Gunnery Sergeant T. M. Moore  
Staff Sergeant S. A. Jones

**Chaplain**

Lieutenant A. J. McMillan

**Color Guard**

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

# PLATOON 2080

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. S. Champion  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. S. Lanier  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. J. Devine Jr.  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. J. VanDuyne



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. D. Brown  
 HOMETOWN.....Albany, GA  
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Brown

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC A. T. Kirby(336)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Smith

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT..... PFC R. W. Pfortmiller (570)

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| PFC Aguilarlinares, D. * | PFC Martinezgodinez, J. L. * |
| Pvt Alcantar, K. M.      | PFC Meeks, M. C. *           |
| PFC Alvarez, N. F. *     | Pvt Mendez, J.               |
| Pvt Atilanovaltierra, G. | Pvt Moon, E.                 |
| PFC Ballew, D. W. *      | Pvt Morris, J. R.            |
| PFC Bennefield, B. P. *  | PFC Mumy, C. C. *            |
| PFC Boyd, W. D. *        | Pvt Nazario, I. M.           |
| PFC Brown, J. D. *       | Pvt Palmer, W. J.            |
| PFC Bryant, S. A. *      | Pvt Peake, D. M.             |
| PFC Choquette, C. J. *   | PFC Pfortmiller, R. W. *     |
| PFC Clark, T. A. *       | Pvt Portorrealmena, W.       |
| PFC Cogbill, M. J. *     | Pvt Presnell, P. G.          |
| Pvt Cooper, Te. R.       | Pvt Price, T. H.             |
| Pvt Corriher, G. M.      | PFC Pulidohenao, J. M. *     |
| PFC Counts, W. O. *      | Pvt Riley, T. S.             |
| Pvt Cross, I. C.         | PFC Sanchez, A. A. *         |
| Pvt Cruzdepaz, E.        | PFC Santoyo, D. *            |
| PFC Cruzlopez, E. *      | PFC Serranozuniga, R. *      |
| Pvt Dyson, T. E.         | Pvt Small, F. T.             |
| PFC Flowers, H. A. *     | Pvt Valdiviareyes, J.        |
| PFC Freeman, O. T. *     | Pvt Vasquez, C. A.           |
| Pvt Gatewood, C. J.      | Pvt Whittaker, N. R.         |
| PFC Gilbert, A. C. *     | PFC Wiley, Z. H. *           |
| Pvt Hammond, N. E.       |                              |
| Pvt Hammond, T. S.       |                              |
| PFC Hanley, W. J. *      |                              |
| Pvt Horton Jr., B. M.    |                              |
| PFC Kirby, A. T. *       |                              |
| PFC Krug, G. M. *        |                              |
| Pvt Madison, C. X.       |                              |
| Pvt Maldonado, V. G.     |                              |
| Pvt Martinez, J. D.      |                              |

\*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

# PLATOON 2081

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt H. A. Andrews  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. Fernandez  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. A. Ross



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC R. B. Blevins  
 HOMETOWN.....Clintonville, VA  
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Ott

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC L. K. Dooling (336)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Ramirez  
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC R. B. Blevins (597)

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pvt Abrams, A. C.            | Pvt Netane, T. K.        |
| Pvt Alvarado, B.             | Pvt Oldham, J. L.        |
| PFC Auli, C. F. *            | Pvt Organ, E. D.         |
| Pvt Baez, G. E.              | PFC Oxendine, C. R. *    |
| PFC Blevins, R. B. *         | Pvt Palmer, A. T.        |
| Pvt Bowers, L. J.            | Pvt Pascualpaxtor, B. D. |
| Pvt Bowyer, T. S.            | PFC Pham, T. D. *        |
| Pvt Brown Jr., E. T.         | Pvt Rhodes, J. T.        |
| Pvt Butler, F.               | PFC Ritchie, J. L. *     |
| Pvt Dandridge, D. L.         | PFC Robbins, K. C. *     |
| PFC Day Jr., R. G. *         | PFC Saintfleur, K. *     |
| PFC Doby Jr., M. O. *        | PFC Scales, A. F. *      |
| PFC Dooling, L. K. *         | PFC Soto, J. J. *        |
| Pvt Finley, J. J.            | Pvt Stokes, J. T.        |
| PFC Ford, T. Q. *            | PFC Streat, C. M. *      |
| PFC Grube, W. C. *           | Pvt Streat, S. L.        |
| Pvt Hardy Jr., L. M.         | PFC Taube, N. E. *       |
| PFC Hernandezsantos, E. J. * | PFC Thomas Jr., F. C. *  |
| PFC Ingram, S. B. *          | Pvt Torres, A. V.        |
| Pvt Intriagolucas, A. X.     | Pvt Toumey, S. A.        |
| Pvt Keaton, R. J.            | PFC Turpin, D. S. *      |
| Pvt Kittrell III, G. T.      | Pvt Vlahakis, M. C.      |
| PFC Lambdin, A. L. *         | PFC Western, A. D. *     |
| PFC Leclerc, D. A. *         | PFC Weston, D. C. *      |
| Pvt Lewis, B. L.             | PFC Williams, D. A. *    |
| PFC Marchant, L. E. *        |                          |
| Pvt Marseille, C. R.         |                          |
| PFC Meganck, Q. J. *         |                          |
| Pvt Moctezumacruz, E.        |                          |
| PFC Montgomery, D. L. *      |                          |
| Pvt Moralesbaez, L. A.       |                          |
| Pvt Moss II, W. E.           |                          |

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# PLATOON 2082

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt S. B. Ingram  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. V. Hye  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....GySgt G. Lopez



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. G. Saracino  
 HOMETOWN.....Northport, NY  
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Vasquez

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC E. I. Rausch (336)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt Swanson  
 COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. A. Velasquez (600)

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| PFC Abay Jr., F. A. *     | Pvt Nazareth, J. M.       |
| Pvt Bah, C. A.            | PFC Ndubi, M. *           |
| Pvt Bell, N. A.           | PFC Nowaskie, E. J. *     |
| PFC Bostock, M. C. *      | Pvt Ochs, S. L.           |
| Pvt Brooks, M.            | PFC Oconnor, N. D. *      |
| Pvt Brown Jr., L. C.      | Pvt Parrish, J. E.        |
| Pvt Cao, D.               | PFC Perna, V. R. *        |
| PFC Castrogutierrez, C. * | Pvt Posluszny, E. J.      |
| Pvt Cuevas, E. J.         | Pvt Price, Z. A.          |
| PFC Ellerbe, J. Z. *      | Pvt Rausch, E. I.         |
| Pvt Feeney, T. E.         | Pvt Rosa, M. J.           |
| Pvt Grant, J. C.          | Pvt Salyer, N. R.         |
| Pvt Guerrier, J. G.       | PFC Saracino, D. G. *     |
| Pvt Harris, J. T.         | Pvt Sherm, N. D.          |
| PFC Houllier, A. R. *     | PFC Silfies, A. J. *      |
| Pvt Jacobs, Z. A.         | Pvt So, B.                |
| Pvt Jurhs, J. A.          | Pvt Soffran, R. G.        |
| PFC Lam, P. B. *          | PFC Stahl, J. K. *        |
| PFC Lavender, S. O. *     | PFC Swindle, S. T. *      |
| PFC Leeth, K. J. *        | Pvt Thomas, K. H.         |
| Pvt Lezin, B. I.          | PFC Torres, N. A. *       |
| Pvt Littlejohn, K. S.     | Pvt Travassos, S. L.      |
| PFC Ly, S. X. *           | PFC Vazquezaguilera, E. * |
| Pvt Mader, I. A.          | PFC Velasquez, J. A. *    |
| Pvt Massey, M. G.         | PFC Virgil, C. A. *       |
| Pvt McDermott, C. D.      | PFC Wisner, N. A. *       |
| Pvt Merinorafael, E.      |                           |
| Pvt Meronvil, F.          |                           |
| PFC Montero, J. Z. *      |                           |
| Pvt Moralesnavarro, X. Y. |                           |
| Pvt Moreno, D.            |                           |
| Pvt Morse, M. W.          |                           |

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# PLATOON 2084

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. J. Villalongo  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. S. Jones  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt D. R. Bailey  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt T. G. Guertin



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC S. R. Eckert  
HOMETOWN.....Line Lexington, PA  
RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Michon

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt J.W. Gravatte (340)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Moreno  
PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....Pvt A. R. Conway (575)

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| PFC Arndt, M. J. *          | Pvt McMillon, J. N.     |
| PFC Ayalareyes, Z. *        | Pvt Menchaca, J. J.     |
| Pvt Baker, C. J.            | PFC Molina, J. *        |
| PFC Ballinger, R. G. *      | Pvt Monteleone, M. R.   |
| Pvt Bell, W. E.             | Pvt Mooney, K. J.       |
| Pvt Blasenbauer, C. A.      | Pvt Moore, J. S.        |
| Pvt Brewer, L. G.           | PFC Morris, K. L. *     |
| Pvt Burns, F. M.            | Pvt Patterson, S. L.    |
| PFC Catorszymanski, N. R. * | PFC Rivera Jr., A. F. * |
| Pvt Clark, E. M.            | Pvt Romano, V. H.       |
| PFC Cole, B. J. *           | PFC Rosas, M. M. *      |
| Pvt Colin, Y. J.            | Pvt Saling, A. J.       |
| Pvt Conway, A. R.           | PFC Scaff, A. M. *      |
| Pvt Correia Jr., A. R.      | Pvt Sheppard, R. H.     |
| Pvt Diazbenitez, H. E.      | Pvt Silver, N. M.       |
| Pvt Donahue, M. J.          | PFC Smith, J. A. *      |
| PFC Eckert Jr., S. R. *     | PFC Sutto, M. A. *      |
| Pvt Edwards, J. A.          | PFC Sy, A. O. *         |
| Pvt Gallardo, E. J.         | Pvt Sylvester, A. L.    |
| Pvt Garciafuentes, B.       | Pvt Toner, K. A.        |
| Pvt Gomez, A. J.            | Pvt Travis, C. A.       |
| Pvt Gravatte, J. W.         | Pvt Vang, N. S.         |
| Pvt Harvey IV, L. L.        | Pvt Waters, A. R.       |
| Pvt Haskins, J. R.          | PFC Williams, P. A. *   |
| Pvt Herrera, M. H.          | Pvt Woodcock, A. J.     |
| Pvt Jaynes, S. Z.           | Pvt Wright, M. A.       |
| Pvt Jones, T. A.            | Pvt Zavala, D. C.       |
| Pvt Kirsten, E. J.          |                         |
| Pvt Kuzma, J. T.            |                         |
| Pvt Lacetera, O. M.         |                         |
| PFC Lamb, C. M. *           |                         |
| Pvt McGee, B. H.            |                         |

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# PLATOON 2085

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt W. K. Olkeriil  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt R. G. Schweitzer  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt S. J. Giovannini  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. S. Morris



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC D. J. Jones  
 HOMETOWN.....Willington, CT  
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Thompson

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC D. J. Jones (342)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Sanchez  
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC V. D. Quinonez (574)

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Pvt Abplanalp, T. G.    | Pvt Laudano Jr., M. E. |
| Pvt Acajabonsanchez, S. | Pvt Marsee, C. M.      |
| PFC Anderson, S. G. *   | Pvt Mayes, K. D.       |
| Pvt Ashley, B. R.       | Pvt Morin, T. L.       |
| Pvt Bonar, L. D.        | Pvt Mullen, R. T.      |
| Pvt Broadhurst, K. T.   | Pvt Muniz, L. A.       |
| Pvt Browncuff, N. J.    | Pvt Ndungu, J. G.      |
| PFC Burgos, C. D. *     | Pvt Oso, D. M.         |
| PFC Calareso, J. J. *   | Pvt Pacheco, C. E.     |
| Pvt Carver, J. D.       | Pvt Pearson, J. C.     |
| PFC Chlebowy, P. D. *   | Pvt Peters, J. R.      |
| Pvt Coytvalencia, F.    | Pvt Pittman, W. T.     |
| Pvt Crowley, P. J.      | PFC Powell, T. P. *    |
| Pvt Cruztorres, O. F.   | Pvt Quinonez, V. D.    |
| PFC Davis, P. G. *      | Pvt Reese, G. M.       |
| Pvt Donahue, M. J.      | Pvt Rice, J. T.        |
| Pvt Ehrlich, K. E.      | PFC Robinson, S. J. *  |
| Pvt Elbarati, A. K.     | Pvt Sarango, Y. D.     |
| Pvt Faber, D. K.        | Pvt Scott, T. J.       |
| PFC Fannin, G. A. *     | Pvt Shafeeq, M. A.     |
| Pvt Floresrezabala, L.  | PFC Thorne, W. M. *    |
| PFC Handy, C. A. *      | Pvt Tongate, K. L.     |
| Pvt Harney, M. J.       | PFC Torres, J. M. *    |
| PFC Houle, T. L. *      | Pvt Trevino, G. R.     |
| Pvt Huffman, E. F.      | Pvt Veraaltamirano, D. |
| Pvt Johnson, J. J.      | PFC Willis, E. M. *    |
| PFC Jones, D. J. *      | Pvt Wilson, A. S.      |
| Pvt Khan, N. A.         |                        |
| PFC Kile, A. O. *       |                        |
| Pvt Kirby, A. M.        |                        |
| PFC Koroski, A. M. *    |                        |
| Pvt Kovac, M. S.        |                        |

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# PLATOON 2086

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. B. Veggian  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt A. A Ochoa  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt M. V. Power  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt B. M. Ingram



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. C. Mason  
 HOMETOWN.....Pasadena, MD  
 RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Sims

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt D. P. Hetzel(337)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt West  
 PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC R. C. Donahue(600)

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pvt Alicandri, N. L.         | Pvt Kobylykh, A.           |
| PFC Amorim, A. F. *          | PFC Landim, E. G. *        |
| Pvt Bean, A. A.              | Pvt Lebsack, J. C.         |
| Pvt Bell, R. A.              | Pvt Lovin, J. C.           |
| Pvt Brennan, J. M.           | PFC Loyd, B. D. *          |
| Pvt Brewer, L.               | Pvt Maharaj, D. B.         |
| Pvt Burke, C. J.             | PFC Mason, J. C. *         |
| PFC Burrus Jr., J. D. *      | Pvt Meierhofer, C. J.      |
| Pvt Byrd Jr., M. R.          | Pvt Meletzpablo, W.        |
| Pvt Calderon, J. R.          | Pvt Montero, J. I.         |
| PFC Callis, J. J. *          | Pvt Moore, D. T.           |
| Pvt Cerritos, E. E.          | Pvt Olson, C. J.           |
| Pvt Coleman, J. C.           | Pvt Panzer, W. T.          |
| Pvt Colgan, T. R.            | Pvt Pruett, J. T.          |
| Pvt Cruz, J. P.              | PFC Puppogaviria, M. *     |
| PFC Dabrowski, A. N. *       | Pvt Racanelli, V. J.       |
| PFC Davis, J. E. *           | PFC Richman, E. C. *       |
| PFC Donahue, R. C. *         | Pvt Sackett, J. T.         |
| PFC Duran Jr., L. *          | Pvt Santangelo, R. P.      |
| PFC Egan, J. D. *            | Pvt Santosmaldonado, C. J. |
| PFC Fincher, B. J. *         | Pvt Schadewald, C. L.      |
| PFC Fletcher, D. M. *        | Pvt Singh, R. S.           |
| PFC Garciahernandez, J. C. * | Pvt Solis, T.              |
| PFC Grimes, L. M. *          | Pvt Tejankella, K. S.      |
| Pvt Harrington, D. K.        | PFC Tress, M. S. *         |
| PFC Henrymcconnell, C. P. *  | PFC Watara, W. T. *        |
| Pvt Herrera, O. A.           | PFC Winkler, C. A. *       |
| Pvt Hetzel, D. P.            | Pvt Wright, J. C.          |
| PFC Hickey, N. C. *          | Pvt Zegarragarcia, E. H.   |
| Pvt Jennings, G. T.          |                            |
| Pvt Johnson, G. L.           |                            |
| Pvt Jordan, J. L.            |                            |

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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

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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***

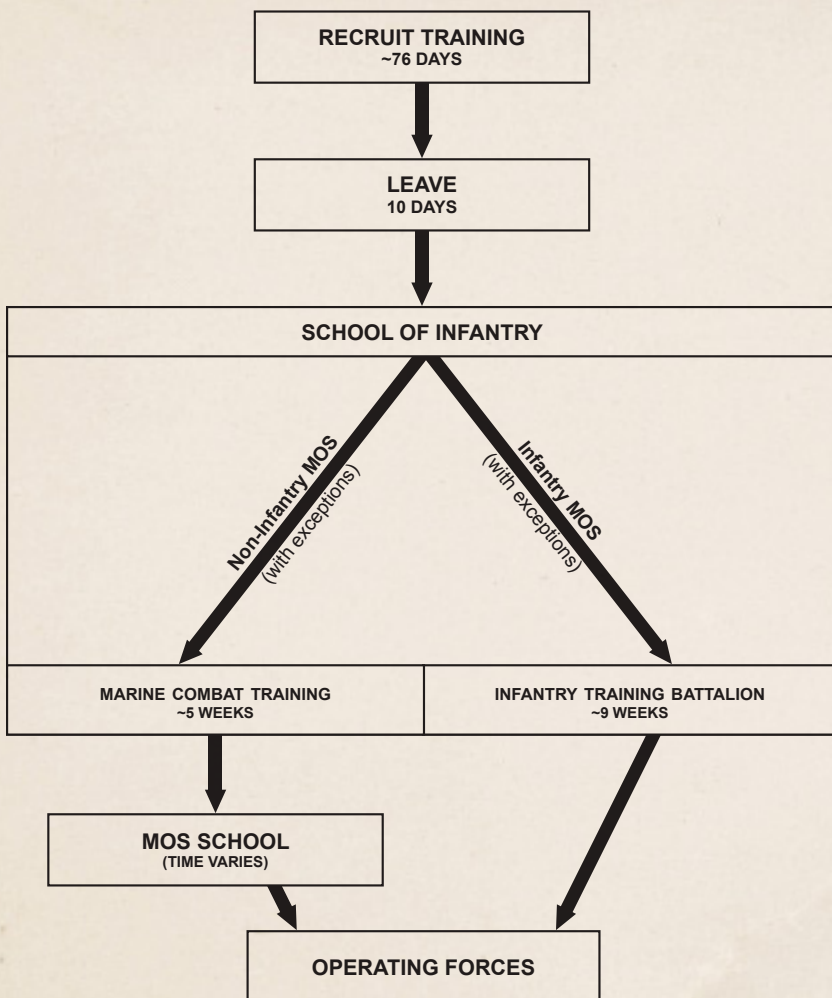
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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