



# 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

\*PLEASE RISE

## **Cpl Kyle Carpenter Medal Of Honor Recipient**

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On November 21, 2010, Lance Corporal William Kyle Carpenter's life changed forever on a rooftop in Marjah, Afghanistan. Kyle and his fellow Marine, and friend, Lance Corporal Nick Eufrazio had been seriously injured by an enemy hand grenade during an attack on Patrol Base Dakota. Kyle was found lifeless, positioned between the explosion and his friend.

Kyle's heart would stop a total of three times as his team frantically tried to triage his devastating wounds. When he arrived at the first combat trauma hospital, Kyle was declared PEA – Pulseless Electrical Activity. Surgeons removed shrapnel from his brain, stabilized his shattered limbs and face, repaired blood vessels and sutured torn flesh to ensure he was stable enough to survive the trip to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, in Bethesda Maryland.

Five weeks after his injury, Kyle opened the only eye he had left to a snow-covered hospital room decorated with Christmas stockings by his family. Kyle had survived the unimaginable, but his journey had just begun. Kyle spent the next three years at Walter Reed, enduring roughly 40 surgeries and thousands of hours of physical therapy.

On June 19, 2014, nearly four years after his injury, Kyle was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama, making him the youngest \*living recipient and only the second living \*Marine to receive the award since Vietnam.

Since that rooftop in 2010, Kyle has made it his mission to never take a moment for granted and to live his life to the fullest. He has completed three marathons, skydived over Dubai, graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in International Studies, backpacked across Europe and recently released his bestselling book titled, You Are Worth It: Building A Life Worth Fighting For.

Today, Kyle travels the world as a motivational speaker for military and civilian audiences, sharing his journey of perseverance and perspective to help others through their own struggles and see what is extraordinary in themselves.

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT  
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT  
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**24 April 2020**

**Recruit Training Regiment**

Commanding Officer.....Colonel C. P. O'Connor  
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major C. D. Thomas

**Second Recruit Training Battalion**

Commanding Officer.....Lieutenant Colonel C. B. McArthur  
Sergeant Major.....Sergeant Major J. W. Schlaud

**Commander of Troops**

Captain C. J. Miller

**Parade Adjutant**

Captain L. D. Johnson

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

Commanding Officer.....Captain C. J. Miller  
Company First Sergeant.....First Sergeant J. C. Stephenson  
Lead Series Commander.....Captain E. A. Ordway  
Follow Series Commander.....Captain W. P. Savino Jr.  
Lead Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Staff Sergeant M. R. Saeger  
Follow Series Chief Drill Instructor.....Staff Sergeant M. R. Garcia II

**Drill Master**

Staff Sergeant G. A. North  
Staff Sergeant M. J. Casper

**Chaplain**

Lieutenant C. B. Headley

**Color Guard**

Sergeant R. W. Perry      Sergeant B. M. McNair  
Sergeant W. E. Perkins      Sergeant E. Moreno

# PLATOON 2024

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt J. M. Norman  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. Lozano  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt V. V. Cotto  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt G. P. CruzAsturias



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PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC J. M. Mack  
HOMETOWN.....Mansfield, OH  
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt M. C. Covey

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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC T. S. Polk (330)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Whitney

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COMPANY HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC J. M. Mack (600)

Pvt Bounds, L. M.	PFC Johnson, B. N.	Pvt Rigel, J. S.
PFC Campbell, B. N.	Pvt Kolanowski, S. M.	PFC Salgado, E. G.
PFC Cerda Hurtado, M. D.	Pvt Lara Vargas, E.	PFC Smiatek, M. N.
PFC Cherry, K. M.	PFC Lee, M. R.	Pvt Tavares, C. P.
Pvt Childers, S. F.	PFC Lidgard, E. L.	PFC Trantham, J. A.
PFC Chu, L. K.	Pvt Longoria, X. S.	Pvt Trevino, K. D.
Pvt Crisantos Sanchez, N. E.	PFC Luna Castrejon, L.	Pvt Vargas Alvarez, J.
Pvt Davis, C. V.	*PFC Mack, J. M.	Pvt Walker, M. N.
PFC Davis, E. T.	Pvt Madrigal, M. D.	Pvt Walter, E. J.
PFC Deleon Sapon, M. E.	Pvt Maloy, L. N.	Pvt Woods, F. O.
Pvt DeLong, S. A.	Pvt McCoy, S. M.	
PFC Diaz, M. E.	Pvt Nagbe, T.	
PFC Flippo, A. L.	Pvt Ochoa, I. A.	
PFC Flores Torres, A. F.	Pvt Olguin, C.	
PFC Fonseca, J.	*PFC Phillips, M. A.	
PFC Garroutee, J. R.	*PFC Polk, T. S.	
Pvt Gonzales, C. M.	Pvt Quintero, S. M.	
PFC Gravesen, C. F.	Pvt Raivo, O. L.	
Pvt Gurrola, J.	Pvt Ramos Camacho, V. J.	
Pvt Hawkes-Campos, J. D.	PFC Raygosa, V. I.	
Pvt Hernandez, J.	*PFC Reyes, S. A.	
PFC Herrera Sanchez, W.	PFC Reyna, A.	

\*Denotes meritorious promotion to current rank.

# PLATOON 2025

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. J. Phillips  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt R. Torrence  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt J. F. Rivera  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt B. M. Weston  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt C. S. Champion



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC M. E. Schoonmaker  
 HOMETOWN.....Lenoir City, TN  
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Brown

COMPANY HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt A. T. Reamey (334)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Lacey

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC M. E. Schoonmaker (583)

Pvt Andersen, I. A.	PFC Howard, T. M.	Pvt Redmond, A. J.
PFC Arozarena, R. A.	PFC Johnson Jr., A. T.	Pvt Rey, I. M.
Pvt Bailey, K.	Pvt Kritzinger, D.	*PFC Schoonmaker, M. E.
PFC Bauer, D. C.	PFC Lajaragomez, W. A.	Pvt Selman, A. J.
PFC Bember, M. A.	Pvt Ledbetter, A. D.	Pvt Shimp, B. G.
PFC Benfield, C. A.	Pvt Lukudu, R. W.	Pvt Smart, K. S.
Pvt Blanks, A.	Pvt Makamson, J. L.	PFC Sturdivant, J. I.
Pvt Briley, H. G.	Pvt Mann, W. S.	PFC Swinson, T. E.
Pvt Brooks, D. N.	PFC McCullough, I. U.	Pvt Thomas, E. W.
Pvt Browning, B. M.	PFC Melinsky, D. C.	*PFC Tillman Jr., D. A.
Pvt Companionicastillo, A. G.	Pvt Metzgen, J. L.	Pvt Umanzor, J. O.
PFC Darby, J. S.	Pvt Miler, D. J.	Pvt Varasuner, A. E.
PFC Delgadocolon, A. E.	PFC Miracle, C. W.	Pvt Velasquez, J. A.
Pvt Echevemiavazquez, I.	Pvt Monoskey, J. E.	Pvt Velasquez, M. E.
Pvt Ford, J. H.	*PFC Moran, J. K.	PFC Verzosa, E. R.
Pvt Freeze, J. N.	Pvt Navarro, A. A.	Pvt Watkins III, D.
Pvt Garcia, L. D.	Pvt Nguyen, D. T.	PFC Wilcher, J. L.
Pvt Gunter, L. T.	PFC Norris, J. C.	PFC Winters, S. D.
Pvt Habte, M. S.	*PFC Obie, J. M.	Pvt Wright, R. C.
Pvt Hedrick, A. C.	PFC Ortiz, A. O.	
Pvt Henderson, N. O.	PFC Owens, D. K.	
Pvt Hoke, M. J.	PFC Pierce, T. H.	
Pvt Hosford, J. S.	Pvt Reamey, A. T.	

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# PLATOON 2026

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt K. Joseph  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt D. L. Kennett  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. Arifaj  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt A. B. Burton  
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. T. Holt



COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC C. A. Amado  
HOMETOWN.....Elizabeth, NJ  
RECRUITED BY.....SSgt Holston

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....PFC C. M. Hasz (336)  
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Cpl Bailey

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....PFC E. R. Sasseville (581)

PFC Amado, C. A.	Pvt Heon, C. J.	Pvt Raybon, C. C.
PFC Artavia, A. I.	Pvt Hessler, C. A.	Pvt Richelieu, M.
Pvt Banks, J. M.	Pvt House, A. J.	*PFC Sasseville, E. R.
Pvt Bedard, R. A.	Pvt Hoyt, J. L.	Pvt Sickman Jr., D. M.
Pvt Bentley, J. A.	Pvt Jester, E. W.	Pvt Somarribagarcia, C. A.
Pvt Brehm, J. T.	Pvt Kobanelson, L. G.	PFC Starcher, R. C.
PFC Brewer, M. L.	PFC Kramer, G. I.	PFC Swanson, C. A.
PFC Bui, T. A.	*PFC Kuhn, S. N.	PFC Truong, L. V.
Pvt Calvopelaez, A.	Pvt Larzelere, C. B.	Pvt Williams, J. M.
Pvt Casella, J. A.	Pvt Leach, B. S.	
PFC Charity, E. L.	*PFC Lee, J. B.	
Pvt Clark, I. N.	Pvt Magee, I. K.	
PFC Dasilva, D. D.	PFC Maher, C. G.	
Pvt Estlack, E. D.	Pvt Markgraf, M. R.	
Pvt Farrell, B. T.	Pvt McCabe, T. D.	
Pvt Fletcher, J. S.	PFC McCormack, T. A.	
Pvt Fontanaribett, N.	Pvt McCormack, W. E.	
Pvt Fuentes, M.	Pvt Messmore, O. P.	
Pvt Garcia, J.	Pvt Morton, K. A.	
PFC Green, T. P.	Pvt Munger, B. A.	
PFC Hancock, P. C.	PFC Oder, A. J.	
PFC Hansell, J. R.	Pvt O'Malley, R. M.	
PFC Hasz, C. M.	Pvt Ramireztamayo, J. N.	

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# PLATOON 2028

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt B. A. Parker
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt B. A. Pauly
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. R. Mangas
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt F. J. Johnson
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt N. E. Vichich
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt D. J. Villalongo



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC N. A. Strachan
HOMETOWN.....	Gardener, MA
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Gattton

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt G. M. Welch (329)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Turpin

PLATOON HIGH COMBINED PFT/CFT.....	PFC N. A. Strachan (595)
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Pvt Alfaro, E. J.	PFC Gardner, A. S.	Pvt Schovan, K. J.
Pvt Allen, C. J.	Pvt George, K. N.	Pvt Shafer, D. A.
Pvt Amaroaponte, P. H.	PFC Goldsmith, J. M.	Pvt Snipes, J. T.
Pvt Arnone Jr., D. T.	PFC Henegar, K. N.	*PFC Solorzanogarcia, K.
PFC Avilaorellana, M. B.	Pvt Henri, E. N.	PFC Sosa, J. T.
PFC Barefoot, A. J.	PFC Hickman, R. W.	Pvt Sparkman, G. G.
PFC Benitez, K. A.	Pvt Jeanty, A. K.	*PFC Strachan, N. A.
Pvt Blake, J. F.	Pvt Lattarulo, J. T.	*PFC Taylor, D. R.
PFC Bolainezbernal, K. R.	Pvt Lopeznoriega, J. G.	Pvt Thompson, N. J.
PFC Briscoe, B. A.	Pvt McClure, T. K.	Pvt Torrenshernandez, B. V.
Pvt Callahan, H. T.	PFC McGhee Jr., L. D.	Pvt Torres Jr., M.
PFC Campbell Jr., G. T.	PFC McGrath, J. J.	Pvt Welch, G. M.
Pvt Carr, S. A.	Pvt Millen, G. J.	PFC White, R. M.
PFC Chapman, L. C.	Pvt Perez, P.	Pvt Willis IV, R. V.
Pvt Cruz, E. X.	Pvt Pettie, R. K.	Pvt Willis, J. R.
*PFC Dixon, D. A.	Pvt Prosisie, A. E.	Pvt Woods, M. R.
Pvt Dossantos, R. F.	Pvt Prosper, N. N.	Pvt Wright, E. D.
Pvt Edwards, K. R.	PFC Raines, X. A.	Pvt Yacebenitez, E. D.
PFC Fabregas, J. A.	PFC Rankin, S. T.	
Pvt Farley, T. A.	Pvt Reyesgonzalez, M.	
PFC Ficken, M. T.	PFC Ritter, A. D.	
PFC Figueroamorales, C.	Pvt Rodriguezacosta, E. A.	
PFC Gamble, G. P.	PFC Roesler, G. J.	

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# PLATOON 2029

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. E. McIntosh
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt A. D. Escalante
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	SSgt C. M. Crandall
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt J. Rivera
DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt M. A. Reyna Jr.



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....	PFC J. W. George
HOMETOWN.....	Royal Oak, MI
RECRUITED BY.....	SSgt Woodside

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....	Pvt T. M. Beeles (335)
MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....	Sgt Tygart

PLATOON HIGH PFT/CFT.....	PFC J. W. George (565)
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PFC Bailey, D. J.	PFC Classic, I. B.	Pvt Nemec, D. D.
PFC Bal, Z. K.	Pvt Griffith, C. J.	PFC O'Neil, C. J.
Pvt Bandi, M. P.	PFC Hackett, E. J.	Pvt Otero, N.
Pvt Bartlett, B. S.	PFC Hitzler, C. D.	Pvt Pannell Jr., D. G.
Pvt Beeles, T. M.	Pvt Holcombe, B. L.	Pvt Patla III, J. L.
PFC Blair, J. C.	*PFC Huntington, H. T.	Pvt Poland, E. N.
Pvt Bosco, A. R.	PFC Indalecio, J. N.	Pvt Riley, J. J.
Pvt Bradley, N. A.	PFC Jackson, J. K.	Pvt Scarmato, L. G.
Pvt Brown, G. L.	Pvt Jenkins, W. N.	Pvt Scarpitti, D. L.
Pvt Burns Jr., T. D.	Pvt Johnson, M. N.	Pvt Scott, A. J.
Pvt Butler, K. E.	Pvt Jones, C. J.	PFC Stafford, B. L.
Pvt Callahan, G. S.	Pvt Julian, K. D.	Pvt Summerville, C. S.
Pvt Carlisle, A. D.	Pvt Keown, J. T.	Pvt Szurek, D. J.
PFC Carrell, D. C..	Pvt King, N. H.	PFC Taylor, J. A.
PFC Clark III, J. L.	Pvt Layfield, N. C.	Pvt Thomas, M. J.
PFC Conner, S. C.	Pvt Lensky, M. D.	Pvt Tipton, R. A.
*PFC Crawford Jr., S. E.	PFC Marquez Jr., R. X.	*PFC Tylee, D. D.
Pvt Farrelly, C. J.	PFC Meeks, A. N.	Pvt Wachob, J. t.
Pvt FigueredoCastro, J. C.	Pvt Michelson, M. F.	PFC Williams, C. P.
Pvt Flory, I. S.	PFC Miller, K. R.	Pvt Woodward, E. O.
Pvt Gaines, K. M.	Pvt Moreno, P. J.	PFC Zheng, J.
*PFC George, J. W.	Pvt Myers, G. C.	

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# PLATOON 2030

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt E. G. DesRoches  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt M. S. Blaser  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....SSgt T. K. Legree  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt W. R. Giddens  
 DRILL INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt K. A. Adams



PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE.....PFC K. A. Nix  
 HOMETOWN.....Birmingham, AL  
 RECRUITED BY.....Sgt Simms

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER.....Pvt I. E. Carter (341)  
 MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR.....Sgt Beaver

COMPANY HIGH PFT/CFT.....PFC M. K. Newton (589)

Pvt Aponte Jr., A. M.	Pvt Hammer II, J. M.	PFC Randall, A. G.
Pvt Armao, M. K.	PFC Henry, C. A.	Pvt Remorenko, D
Pvt Arrington, J.	PFC Jenkins, A. M.	Pvt Rengepes, G.
Pvt Barroso, R. I.	PFC Jimenez, H. M.	PFC Reyesdeleon, F. P.
Pvt Benzeleski, E. G.	PFC Jung, M. R.	Pvt Richter, O. M.
Pvt Biggio, J. W.	Pvt Little, A. T.	PFC Rivera, N. R.
Pvt Burgess, J. M.	PFC Lopez, J. D.	Pvt Rizoborge, Y. R.
PFC Burgos, L. F.	Pvt Luckey, R. K.	Pvt Roden, J. H.
Pvt Carter, I. E.	Pvt Martin, M. D.	Pvt Rodriguez, M. A.
Pvt Comeaux, J.	Pvt Martinez, A. S.	Pvt Sandler, B. J.
*PFC Cunningham Jr., P. F.	Pvt McCarty, I. P.	PFC Scala, M, J.
PFC Cutright, A. H.	PFC Miles Jr., L. J.	Pvt Strange, B. A.
PFC Eyler, R. L.	Pvt Mooney, W. S.	PFC Szymanski, J. W.
Pvt Franco, J.	Pvt Morse, I. S.	PFC Taylor, R. D.
Pvt Freeman, B. J.	*PFC Mould, M. J.	Pvt Wallace, S. N.
Pvt Gomden, B. M.	Pvt Murphy, A. J.	PFC Whithed, L. H.
PFC Gonzales, B.	*PFC Newton, M. K.	PFC Yeung, E.
Pvt Gonzalez, F.	Pvt Ninozavala, M.	
Pvt Gonzalezsoto, J.	*PFC Nix, K. A.	
PFC Goode, M. D.	PFC Peters, C. M.	
Pvt Green Jr., J. B.	Pvt Peters, K. A.	
Pvt Hall, J. M.	Pvt Polera, D.	

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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***

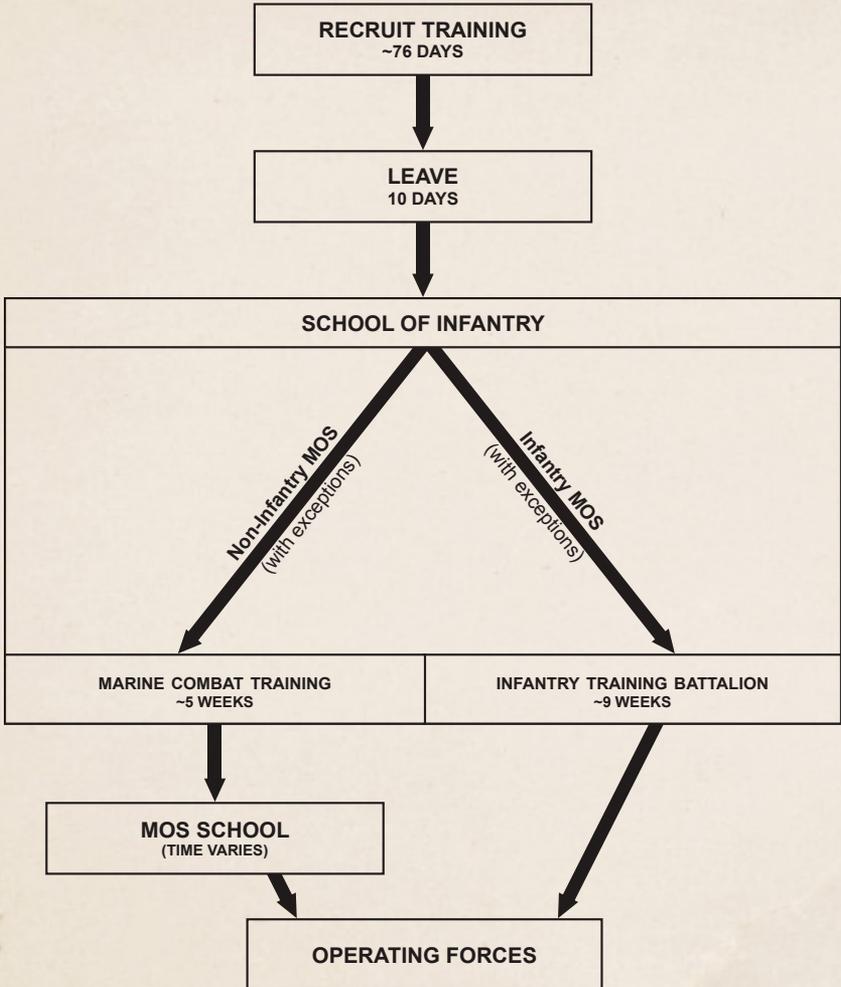
As a basic Marine, imbued with our Core Values, you now represent our Corps. You are expected to exemplify personal character, selflessness, and military virtue. Ensure you stay mentally, morally, and physically prepared to embark on your next challenge of becoming a basic rifleman. Conduct yourself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