

WELCOME

Today's graduation ceremony recognizes the successful transition from civilian to basic Marine and consists of a traditional military parade followed by special recognition for those who have excelled while in Recruit Training and final dismissal.

After the graduation ceremony, we encourage you to visit the Command Museum across the parade deck. For your dining convenience, we offer the bowling alley, snack bar, and the individual food vendors at the Marine Corps Exchange.

Due to security concerns, our guests are not allowed into the recruit training areas to include the recruit barracks and physical training areas.

The mission of the Recruit Depot and the Western Recruiting Region is to exercise operational control of enlisted recruiting operations in the 8th, 9th, and 12th Marine Corps Districts; to provide reception, processing, and recruit training for male enlisted personnel following initial entry into the United States Marine Corps; and to produce a basically trained United States Marine embodied with the fighting spirit, core values and esprit de corps which have ensured our Corps' success for over 240 years.

The unique relationship between the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and San Diego is the result of almost 150 years of mutual support, assistance and growth. This relationship is reflected in the history of the Marine Corps in San Diego, the Depot as a post of the Corps, and the heritage of San Diego itself.

Above all else, **We Make Marines.**



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

BAND SERENADE

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER *

"ATTENTION", "ADJUTANT'S CALL" AND MARCH-ON

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *

SOUND OFF

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE COMMANDER OF TROOPS

REPORT

PUBLICATION OF THE ORDER AND OFFICERS CENTER

BATTALION COMMANDER'S REMARKS

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE REVIEWING OFFICER

PASS IN REVIEW (PLEASE RISE WHEN THE AMERICAN FLAG PASSES)

ANCHORS AWEIGH/THE MARINES' HYMN *

GRADUATES RETURN FRONT AND CENTER

RECOGNITION OF THE COMPANY STAFF

RETIREMENT OF THE PLATOON GUIDONS AND RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

FINAL DISMISSAL

* PLEASE RISE

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

A few weeks after establishing Camp Howard on North Island in San Diego, Col. Joseph Pendleton, on September 6, 1914, was the guest speaker at the U. S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego. The subject of his speech was “San Diego”, an ideal location for a Permanent Marine Corps Base.” The drive behind his lecture was the unsatisfactory conditions and the less than convenient location of his men and staff at Camp Howard. About this same time, Col. Pendleton wrote to the Commandant of the Marine Corps at Washington D. C. about the deplorable conditions at Camp Howard and presented the idea of the possible establishment of a permanent Marine Corps base in San Diego.

The Navy General Board approved the establishment of a base on January 8, 1916 and the Marine Corps’ base on the bay tidelands called the Dutch Flats was authorized by a Naval Appropriation bill of August 29, 1916, in large part due to the efforts of Congressman William Kettner. Groundbreaking on 232 acres took place on March 2, 1919. Construction and occupation of the base took place from 1919 through 1926. On December 1, 1921, Pendleton (now a General), placed it into commission as the Marine Advanced Expeditionary Base, San Diego. In 1923, the Marine Recruit Depot for the west coast relocated from Mare Island Navy Shipyards in Vallejo, California, to its new home at the San Diego Marine Base. On March 1, 1924, the base that had been developed as a result of the vision and efforts of General Pendleton became, officially, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, and would be known by that name for the next twenty-four years.

The base now consisted of approximately 388 acres, of which some 367 acres had been reclaimed tidal area. Throughout World War II, the principal activity of the base, recruit training overshadowed all other functions. After the war, the recruit training detachment remained the principal tenant. Marine Corps Base San Diego has been home to the 4th, 6th and 10th Marine Regiments, the Fleet Marine Force and the 2nd Marine Division. However, the main focus of the base has always been training and “the making of Marines.” On January 1, 1948, Marine Corps Base, San Diego was officially renamed Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. The Recruit Training Command grew from three to eight battalions to handle the troop requirements for the Korean War. More than 700 Quonset huts were erected to handle the influx of recruits, some of which are still standing today. The Vietnam War caused the next period of major expansion. A 100-tent cantonment had to be erected to handle the overflow of recruits. Five new recruit barracks, a new dining hall, new bowling alley, a new Regional Dental and Medical Clinic were constructed on the depot. In the 1970’s the focus increased to include the recruiting effort and the Depot became Headquarters, Western Recruiting Region.

Today the Recruit Depot provides its nation’s Corps with basically trained Marines to fight in the current conflicts in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The depot has the responsibility to train all male recruits who reside west of the Mississippi River to serve at the call of the nation.

Known for its unique Spanish colonial revival style appearance, the overall site and specific building plans were developed by renowned architect, Bertram Goodhue, who also designed the buildings built in San Diego’s Balboa Park for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

Thirteen buildings have been named for famous Marines, such as the Dan Daly Barracks, Pendleton Hall, McDougall Hall, and Day Hall. Today, the depot has 388 acres and twenty-five buildings listed on the national register of historic places.

The Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment



On behalf of Brigadier General William M. Jurney, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors and civilian Marines of Recruit Training Regiment, welcome to this mornings graduation ceremony. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated. As we recognize your young mans significant accomplishment, enjoy this special day in his life.

Marine Corps recruit training is the most difficult recruit training in the nation and a tough undertaking for all who accept the challenge to become a United States Marine. Before you this morning is the latest company of young men who have succeeded in that challenge. We are here to celebrate with you their twelve weeks. Your young man has been prepared physically, mentally and emotionally in a time-tested process whereby he has been transformed from civilian to Marine. Many are responsible for this significant transformation to include the families, loved ones and teachers who provided the basic values and character as a foundation to include the Marine Recruiter who saw the potential and desire to excel. But the person most responsible for the changes is the Marine Corps Drill Instructor. He has labored intensively for the past three months, personally sacrificing much in the process, to ensure each new Marine is instilled with the essential fitness, character, and values, necessary on and off the battlefield. Each of the new Marines recognized today has passed the test, exceeded the standards, and earned the title Marine. The lessons learned in recruit training, coupled with our core values, will serve them well for their time in the Marine Corps; for the rest of their lives. I am confident in their ability to meet any challenge that confronts them.

Thank you for being here. I trust you will enjoy the rest of your visit to MCRD, the San Diego area, and take time to tour the Recruit Depot to relive some of your Marine’s experiences. Please accept my thanks for your love and support for your Marine. I wish a happy stay and safe return home.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Kazmier".

D. R. Kazmier
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

FLAG ETIQUETTE

The United States Marine Corps has long established a tradition of rendering proper honors and courtesies to the American Flag with ceremony and decorum. If this is your first visit to a military installation, we would like to acquaint you with the “Flag Etiquette” and welcome you to join us in showing courtesy to our Flag as defined by U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, and as observed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

In observance of U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, individuals in uniform, members of the armed forces not in uniform, and military veterans may render a military salute to the American Flag while it is being hoisted, being lowered, passing by. The same courtesies should be rendered while the National Anthem is played.

Gentlemen wearing hats who do not render a salute to the flag should remove their head gear and on the first note of the National Anthem, place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem.

Ladies are not required to remove their headdress. On the first note of the National Anthem, ladies should stand, face the flag, and place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem. All present should remain standing until the last note of the National Anthem is played.

If the Flag is not visible during the National Anthem, please stand and face the sound of the music. If driving during Morning or Evening Colors, persons in vehicles within sight or hearing of the ceremony should halt the vehicle at the side of the road, and remain inside the vehicle until the final bugle call “Carry On” is sounded.

When Honors are being rendered to the Flag, or while it is passing in a parade of review, it is considered disrespectful to smoke, talk, to take pictures, or to be involved in boisterous or noisy activity. If you are in doubt ask the military personnel about appropriate courtesies at any time, or look around. The immediate vicinity will guide your actions.

MARINE CORPS VALUES

WHY WE SUCCEED.

Generation after generation of American men and women have given special meaning to the title United States Marine. These men and women live by a set of Core Values, which forms the bedrock of their character. Core Values give Marines strength and regulate their behavior; they bind the Marine Corps into a total force that can meet any challenge... and succeed.

HONOR

Honor 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; and to respect human dignity. It is the quality of maturity, dedication, trust and dependability that compels Marines to act responsibly; to hold themselves and each other accountable for their actions; and to fulfill their obligations.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral and physical strength ingrained in Marines. It carries them through the challenges of combat and helps them overcome fear. Likewise, it is the inner strength that enables a Marine to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

Commitment is the spirit of selfless determination and dedication found in Marines. It leads to the highest order of discipline for individuals and units. It is the ingredient that enables 24-hour a day dedication to Corps and country. It inspires the unrelenting determination to achieve a high standard of excellence in every endeavor.



Parade Reviewing Officer



COLONEL
AHMED T. WILLIAMSON
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Colonel Williamson was commissioned in the Marine Corps in May 1994 upon graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA). He reported to Quantico, Virginia in August 1994, where he attended The Basic School and follow on instruction at the Basic Communication Officers Course.

In 1995, Colonel Williamson reported to Camp Pendleton, California, where he was initially assigned to 9th Communication Battalion. While with 9th Communication Battalion, he completed assignments as the Wire, Satellite and Data Communication Platoon Commanders. In January 1998, Colonel Williamson reported to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) for duty as the Assistant Communications Officer (S-6A) and Joint Task Force Enabler Officer in Charge. In June 1998, he deployed with 15th MEU (SOC) on a Western Pacific (WESTPAC) deployment.

From 1999-2002, Colonel Williamson was assigned to USNA in Annapolis, Maryland. Following completion as a Distinguished Graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Masters Degree Program, he served as a Company Officer and Naval Leadership/Naval Science Instructor.

In 2002, Colonel Williamson attended the Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) and Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4) Planners Course in Quantico. Upon EWS graduation, Colonel Williamson was honored as a Distinguished Graduate and received the Cook award for C4 excellence.

From 2003-2005, Colonel Williamson was re-assigned to 9th Communication Battalion. He first served as the Support Company Commander, deploying in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) in 2003. He re-deployed to Iraq in support of OIF II as the Battalion S-3 Operations Officer from August 2004-April 2005.

In July 2005, Colonel Williamson reported to Okinawa, Japan. He first served with 3d Marine Division as the G-6 Operations Officer. In 2006, he was assigned to command the Division Communication Company. Following that assignment, Colonel Williamson served as the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) Staff Secretary.

In July 2008, Colonel Williamson attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (CSC) in Quantico. Upon graduation, he was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate and earned a Masters of Military Studies from Marine Corps University.

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

Colonel Williamson reported for Joint duty with U.S. Special Operations Command at Tampa, Florida in June 2009. During that tour, he served as a Branch Chief in the J6 Communications Systems Directorate. Additionally, in 2010 he deployed to Iraq, serving as the J6 Director of Communications for a Joint Special Operations Task Force.

From June 2011 to May 2013, Colonel Williamson was the Commanding Officer of 9th Communication Battalion. While in command, the battalion provided direct C4 support for each I MEF Marine Air-Ground Task Force, including deployments in support of I MEF Forward in Afghanistan; the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade; and the 11th, 13th, and 15th Marine Expeditionary Units.

In 2013, Colonel Williamson completed a Top Level School assignment as a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow to Microsoft Corp. Following the fellowship, he was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) in the Pentagon. While with the JCS from 2014-2016, he served as a Branch Chief and Program Manager within the J6 C4/Cyber Directorate. Colonel Williamson completed his tour in the Pentagon with an assignment to HQMC in the C4 Department, serving as the Deputy Chief, Resources and Operations Division from 2016-2017.

Colonel Williamson's academic and professional education includes: B.S., Computer Science (USNA, 1994); M.S., Management (NPS, 2000); Masters of Military Studies (MCU, 2009); Darden School of Business (UVA, 2013); EWS (2003); USMC CSC (2009).

Colonel Williamson's personal decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with three Gold Stars), Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

AWARDS

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in the company who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that he is the number one Marine in his company. The company honor graduate also receives a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment recognizing his superior performance during recruit training.

SERIES HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in his series who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Battalion recognizing his superior performance during recruit training.

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in his platoon who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps will receive a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that he is the honor graduate of his platoon.

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD

The one Marine in the company who fired the highest score on the Rifle Range is awarded a plaque from the Marine Corps Association stating that he is the high shooter in the company. The company high shooter also receives a certificate from the company commander denoting that he is the company high shooter.

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The one Marine in the company that receives the highest score on the Physical Fitness Test is awarded a certificate from the company commander denoting that he is the most physically fit Marine in his company.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

Those Marines who have demonstrated a high degree of proficiency and have shown exceptional leadership ability may be promoted meritoriously to the grade of Private First Class or Lance Corporal. **The Marines noted in this program with asterisks by their names have been promoted meritoriously to their present grade. (EX.) PFC* C. M. COLBURN**

MARINE

“Among all the honors, among all the postings, promotions, medals, that have been awarded me, the one in which I take most pride is to be able to say, I am a Marine.”

-Major General John A. Lejeune,
13th Commandant of the Marine Corps

GRADUATION STAFF

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/ WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Commanding General
Chief of Staff
Sergeant Major
Parade Reviewing Officer

Brigadier General William M. Jurney
Colonel Jim G. Gruny
Sergeant Major Alex M. Dobson
Colonel Ahmed T. Williamson

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel Daniel R. Kazmier
Lieutenant Colonel Samuel K. Howard
Sergeant Major Chasen E. Getty
Staff Sergeant Christopher Merrill
Staff Sergeant William Zahorak

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel J. L. Sjoberg
Major N. A. Teach
Sergeant Major E. O. Hidalgo
Lieutenant J. Birch
Staff Sergeant J. Gray

COMPANY F

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain C. R. Deschamps
Gunnery Sergeant J. E. Duque

LEAD SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain O. N. Ogunyemi
Staff Sergeant D. R. Tactay

FOLLOW SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain C. A. McKenna
Staff Sergeant S. J. Follett

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Gunnery Sergeant F. M. Gaxiola
Staff Sergeant B. Williams

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant D. Poganski
Sergeant B. A. Schell
Sergeant S. T. Hamilton
Sergeant C. L. Bates

PLATOON 2121

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT V. A. RHOADS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT K. J. FISHE
SERGEANT J. L. DEAN
SERGEANT R. D. LOMELI

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. S. JOHNSON (279)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. S. JOHNSON (337)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL C. J. WALLACE

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. S. JOHNSON
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT J. K. LEDUC

PFC* C. S. BAIER
PVT C. J. BALL
PVT L. J. BEALL
PVT W. B. BERRY
PVT C. H. BISHOP
PVT G. J. BLEWETT
PVT M. A. BUFFINGTON
PFC C. L. CARROLL
PFC* D. K. CHOWRITMOOTOO
PVT M. M. COLE
PFC S. K. DAHMEN
PFC C. M. DAVIDSON
PVT S. P. DELONG
PFC I. A. DIAZ
PVT A. J. ECHOLS
PVT J. T. GARCIA
PVT S. I. GARCIACONTRERAS
PVT C. D. GARDNER
PVT B. M. GARZA
PVT R. C. GARZA
PFC* K. C. GILMORE
PVT B. J. GRAHAM
PFC* J. D. HARDEMAN
PFC J. J. HIGGS
PFC X. D. HOLFORD
PVT J. C. JESSUP
PFC R. S. JOHNSON
PVT S. R. JONES
PVT B. L. KELSAY
PFC T. L. KREGEL
PFC* S. H. LANGI

PVT D. A. LEAKE
PFC M. S. LOPEZ
PFC T. B. MADEWELL
PVT J. C. MENDOZA
PVT G. R. NEKUDA
PFC M. L. NICHOLSON
PVT C. G. OSBORN
PVT A. S. OSICK
PVT Z. J. PATTERSON
PFC R. P. RANDALL
PVT C. J. RAYMON
PFC B. J. REVOLINSKI
PVT T. D. ROBINSON JR.
PVT C. L. RUDEN
PFC G. B. RUTHFORD
PVT J. SALAZAR
PFC B. R. SARVER
PVT T. W. SEEGER
PFC C. D. SHEARER
PVT M. T. SLAYTON
PVT J. E. SPRAGUE
PVT T. D. STEINHAGEN
PVT I. E. TERRONES
PVT T. S. TRAMMEL
PFC F. J. VARGAS
PVT F. J. VILLALOBOSVALLE
PFC C. A. VILLARVALDEZ
PVT J. O. WALKER
PVT K. W. WOOLERY
PVT J. M. YOUNG
PVT A. ZARATE

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2122

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT C. P. CABRELLIS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT T. W. BASKERVILLE
STAFF SERGEANT M. F. RAMIREZ
SERGEANT W. P. FOX

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. L. RICE (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. E. RILEY (329)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT N. A. ARMENDARIZ

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. W. TOLSTEDT
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT B. I. PRICE

PFC C. S. ANDERSON
PVT V. E. CRAVINHO
PFC G. T. DAVIS
PVT T. A. DORAY
PVT B. M. ENGSTROM
PVT K. G. ESCOBAR
PFC M. ESPINOZA
PFC A. N. FALCHOOK
PVT K. A. FOX
PVT S. A. GARICA JR
PVT S. GARCIA
PVT J. C. GHOLSTON
PVT J. S. GILLIE
PVT L. M. GODWIN
PVT M. A. GOODWIN
PVT J. D. GRANGAARD
PFC N. W. GUIDRY
PFC T. J. HEAP
PFC E. HIGGINBOTHAM
PVT K. A. HILL
PVT S. D. HOLMES
PFC S. D. HOVE
PFC* G. M. HUERENA
PVT D. C. JOHNSON
PVT J. E. JORGENSEN JR
PFC B. T. KELLER
PVT E. M. KNOTT
PVT Z. T. KREIGHBAUM
PVT T. M. LEHMUTH
PVT J. E. LIETKE
PVT D. A. LINARES
PVT M. L. LOPEZ

PVT M. A. LOPEZCAMERILO
PFC R. J. MENDOZA
PVT Z. I. MENDOZA
PVT F. S. MILLER
PVT T. L. MONTGOMERY
PVT C. R. NAVARRO
PVT G. OCHOA
PFC H. J. OCHOA
PVT J. B. ODOM
PVT V. E. OGORMAN
PVT J. OLVERA
PVT J. E. ORNELAS
PVT M. N. OSBURN
PVT S. J. PECHARKA
PFC S. S. RATHBURN
PFC J. D. REYES
PFC* D. L. RICE
PVT B. E. RILEY
PVT J. RODRIGUEZ JR
PVT C. G. RODRIGUEZARIAS
PVT M. T. RUSH
PVT J. K. SADIASA
PFC Y. SAROKA
PVT J. E. SCHRODT
PVT J. C. SPORL
PVT T. E. TIBBETS
PFC M. W. TOLSTEDT
PVT A. J. TURPIT
PFC A. C. VARGAS
PFC* J. A. WALTER
PVT T. D. WASHINGTON JR
PFC* R. E. WOOLE III

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2123

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT D. A. YOUNG

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT D. D. THOMPSON
SERGEANT C. B. KOSS
SERGEANT M. FRANCO

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE B. A. BAPTIST (291)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. S. SMITH (336)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. D. BUSTAMANTE

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS C. L. VERSCHA
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT M. A. ROBERTSON

PVT N. M. ABBEN
PFC I. O. APPEL
PVT T. T. BABINGTON
PVT B. A. BAPTIST
PFC E. B. BARRIOSGUEVARA JR.
PVT M. A. BENZING
PFC N. M. BINGHAM
PVT C. J. BLEA
PVT J. T. BRECKENRIDGE III
PVT T. J. BURCHARD
PVT M. O. BURNETT
PFC J. A. CATRON
PVT D. L. CAULKINS
PFC* J. C. CHEESEMAN
PFC F. S. DEDIOS
PVT A. M. DEHOYOS
PVT D. H. DOMINGUEZ
PVT C. G. DUTTER
PFC S. C. FOSTER
PFC T. D. FRALICK
PVT S. P. FRANZEN
PVT J. C. GARCIA RODRIGUEZ
PFC K. E. GOGGINS
PVT Z. J. HARRELL
PFC J. A. KIPFINGER
PFC L. T. KLINGENBERG
PVT P. D. LAKE
PFC* D. M. LAVIGNE

PVT N. J. LEHNER
PVT D. C. LILLEHAUG
PVT J. J. LOGGINS
PVT J. M. LOPEZ
PFC A. D. LUM
PVT T. Q. MARABLE
PVT K. D. MARTIN
PVT N. A. MILLER
PFC* E. S. OLSON
PVT C. M. PETERSON
PFC J. A. PORTILLO
PVT R. A. RODRIGUEZ
PVT V. A. RODRIGUEZ
PVT K. A. SANCHEZ
PVT B. D. SCHNEIDER
PFC D. E. SINGLETON
PFC R. S. SMITH
PVT E. M. SOLTERO
PVT P. T. SODERBECK
PVT J. M. SPENCER
PVT D. N. SPURLIN
PFC H. E. SUMNER
PFC C. J. TALLEY
PFC M. W. TULLOCK
PFC C. L. VERSCHA
PFC* A. B. WAITE
PVT J. T. WARING
PVT D. D. WHITTED
PVT A. J. YUZVAK

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2125

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT A. M. MARTINEZ

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT R. A. OWENS
SERGEANT H. A. ASHONG
SERGEANT B. T. TOM

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. D. LINQUIST (296)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE A. P. ESPEJODACEY (339)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT D. M. UNRATH

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. A. GHOZEIL
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT T. RODRIGUEZ

PFC B. A. ACEVES
PFC N. A. ALAMEIDA
PVT B. J. BABCOCK
PVT A. I. BALCAZARSANDEZ
PVT B. E. BONILLA
PFC J. R. CORONADO
PVT J. S. COTTRELL
PVT A. I. CRUZ III
PVT L. A. DEGROOT
PVT A. P. ESPEJODACEY
PFC* S. L. FALK
PVT J. K. FISHER
PFC D. C. FLANAGAN
PVT K. J. FOX
PVT M. D. GASTON
PVT D. E. GAXIOLA
PFC A. A. GHOZEIL
PVT F. J. GOMEZ
LCPL C. A. GRAHAM
PVT T. J. GREENLEE
PVT C. A. GUERRERO
PFC M. P. HILKEMANN
PFC* Z. T. HOWARD
PVT D. D. HUNTER
PVT J. A. JIMENEZ
PVT H. L. KOEBRICK
PVT J. T. KURTZ
PFC T. E. LARSON
PFC A. D. LEIKWOLD
PVT B. C. LEITE
PVT L. LEMUSALAMANZA
PFC J. M. LEWELLEN
PVT B. LIN

PFC* J. D. LINQUIST
PVT A. LOPEZ
PFC E. J. MARTINEZ
PVT J. D. NEIL
PFC J. T. NEYER
PVT B. A. NISTLER
PVT J. M. NORRIS
PVT A. OBESOVALDEZ
PFC A. P. ORTEGA JR.
PFC L. F. ORTIZCASTRO
PVT D. W. PAGE
PVT A. B. PARK
PFC C. J. RANGEL
PVT N. A. RECH
PVT C. REYNOSO
PVT A. C. RICARTE
PVT D. M. ROBISON
PVT E. RODRIQUEZ
PVT V. J. SCOTT
PVT C. A. SELK
PVT Z. A. SHORT
PVT H. J. SILVA
PVT S. R. STANLEY
PVT J. C. STEVENS
PVT J. L. TAYLOR
PVT N. M. THORNBURY
PFC M. H. TVEITBAKK
PVT A. VAZQUEZ JR.
PVT C. K. WALKER
PVT T. S. WARNICK
PFC L. S. WILLIAMS
PVT M. WILLIAMS

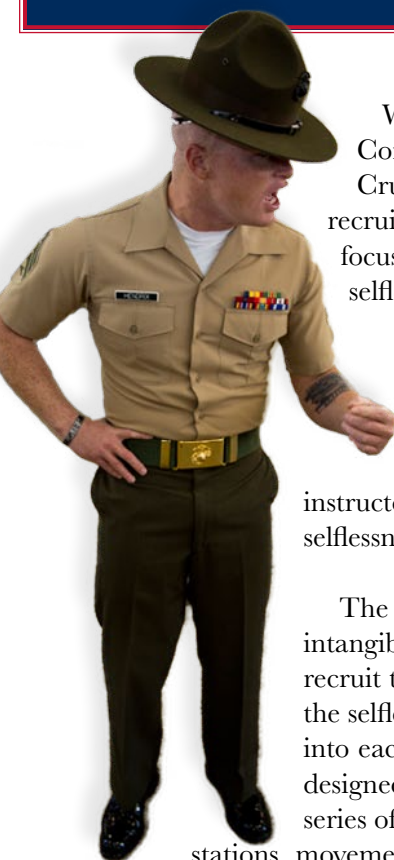
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PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

We have enhanced recruit training by amplifying Core Values instruction and introducing The Crucible. A key element to the recent changes in recruit training is more time for the drill instructors to focus on character development with an emphasis on selflessness and teamwork.

There are 28 hours of programmed instruction on Core values; however, the most powerful values exchange may very well come from the increased one-on-one time with the drill instructors who teach and demonstrate values such as selflessness, determination, loyalty and integrity.



The Crucible, in part, is the manifestation of the intangible values training that have taken place earlier in recruit training. It permeates the entire evolution, forging the selflessness, teamwork and Core Values concepts deep into each recruit. The Crucible is a 54-hour event that is designed to test a recruit's mind, body, and spirit. It is a series of eight events revolving around obstacles, warrior stations, movement courses, and reaction problems tackled over a grueling 40-mile course. Sleep and food deprivation add to the rigor of the course, which is primarily designed to develop teamwork and camaraderie through shared hardship. Each warrior station is named after a Marine Corps hero whose actions epitomize the values we want all Marines to internalize. As a touchstone, this experience in values and hardship can be drawn upon in any challenge they might face.



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

After graduating from recruit training, and taking a well deserved ten days of leave, the new Marines report into the School of Infantry (SoI). SoI and consequent follow-on schools give the new Marines the technical expertise they need to excel in their Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) and the Fleet Marine Force (FMF).

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

All muscles atrophy without exercise; so too with character. Once started on a path of character development, there is no stopping. We are always developing our character until the day we die. The sustainment process continues Core Values training within units and is incorporated in all that we do as Marines, complementing a renewed emphasis on warfighting, combat leadership, and the concepts of responsibility and accountability.



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

The Corps has a long established pattern of Marines who have left the active duty ranks to become strong leaders in their communities and for the nation and we will continue to send men and women of strong character and values back to society. These Marines will carry the legacy of high character, like those Marines who are presently doing great things for our nation. We have received countless letters from influential public leaders who are former active duty Marines. They give testimony to the direct connection between the character traits they forged in the Corps and their success and fulfillment in life. End result: We will continue to provide society with people of great character, whether they do four or forty years in the Marine Corps.

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SERGEANT J. L. POLANCO

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. P. BECK (339)
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PVT P. A. ARTIS
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PVT E. BERUMEN
PFC Z. A. BOERINGA
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PVT T. L. CAMP
PVT A. J. CARRILLO-CORRALES
PFC G. A. CARRILLO-GARCIA
PVT D. CONTRERAS
PVT T. E. CONTRERAS
PVT G. CUELLAR
PFC J. E. DELAMERCED
PVT J. L. DIMOCK
PFC L. A. FUENTES
PFC C. W. GREENLEY IV
PFC O. GRIMALDO
PFC* M. S. GROESBECK
PVT I. A. GUSTAFSON
PFC J. GUTIERREZ-MAYA
PFC J. T. HACKETT
PVT M. P. HANSON
PVT B. R. HENINGTON
PFC J. L. HERNANDEZ
PVT A. P. HYHAM
PVT A. M. JIMENES-HERNANDEZ
PFC B. E. KRATZER

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PFC W. M. MARTINEZ
PFC* J. A. MCCOY
PFC C. A. MEHL
PVT D. T. MORGAN
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PVT L. L. MOSBEY
PVT J. M. NALLEY
PVT J. C. NAVARRO
PVT A. W. NOVINSKEY
PFC A. M. OROZCO
PVT I. B. PATTISON
PVT J. S. REEL
PVT O. P. REIDY
PVT A. J. ROSADO
PFC B. J. RUFFIN
PFC A. C. SANDOVAL
PFC Z. E. SANTORO
PVT O. A. SANTOYO-ORNELAS
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PVT A. S. DECOSTA
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PFC K. R. DELEON
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PFC A. ESQUIVEL
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PFC D. L. ESTRADA
PVT C. A. ESTRADACARRILLO
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PFC J. C. HERRERA
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WHY THE TRANSFORMATION?

The most important things the Marine Corps does for our nation are to make Marines and win battles. The Corps is a versatile, force-in-readiness prepared to handle a variety of missions. We continue to be a force rich in history and traditions, ingrained with the highest values of honor, courage and commitment.



At the very time when a host of factors is tending to undermine individual character development in society, Marines are facing an operational environment which requires stronger character and moral virtue. We live and operate in a world that is proving to be increasingly complex and interconnected. As a result, the Corps is in the midst of an evolution of the uses of force that are not quite war, not quite peace, not quite conventional peace, not quite conventional military operations, and not quite operations, and not quite civil police duties.

The nation is committing Marines to a wide range of scenarios, from peacekeeping operations in Somalia to non-combatant evacuation operations in Liberia, to more conventional conflicts like Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. Operations such as these involve independent units confronted by situations that have operational and strategic implications. The battlefield is becoming so technologically advanced that weapon systems will be able to kill by smell, sight or sound. In order to ensure success in these situations, we have looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and the Chosin Reservoir.



The answer was strong character and a fighting spirit that overcame all obstacles. This is what will allow us to dominate the high tech and diverse battlefields of the future. This will allow us to win America's military battles and to send transformed Americans home to strengthen the very fabric of our society.

Quite simply, we are continuing to focus on and to enhance the root source of a Marine's indomitable fighting spirit: his determination to overcome any obstacle that stands in his way, fueled by unshakeable honor, courage, and commitment.

PHASE I

HOW WE ARE DOING IT.

We believe that new Marines need to be forged in a furnace of shared hardship, mutual commitment, and teamwork. This common, intense experience creates bonds of comradeship and cohesion so strong that Marines will refuse to let each other down. This forging of character, discipline, and fitness will continue to be the basis upon which we make Marines. Holding onto the high character of the Marines of the past, we look for ways to inculcate the strong values that have become synonymous with the Marine Corps. We are attacking the character development challenge in four phases: Recruiting, Recruit Training, MOS Schools, and Sustainment.

PHASE I- RECRUITING

Inculcating these character traits starts in the recruiting process. Recruiting duty is a vital assignment in the Marine Corps. Marine recruiters take it seriously and feel a great responsibility to fulfill the job to the best of their ability. Many Marines say that recruiting duty is among the most rewarding assignments they have had as a Marine, because they are helping to ensure the high standards and future of our Corps.



Most Marine recruiters have earned the rank of sergeant or above, which means they have had four or more years of experience in the Marine Corps serving in one of several hundred Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). They know what it means to serve as a Marine. Meeting a Marine recruiter gives you personal access to someone who has lived and served in the Marine Corps. No matter where you are in the decision-making process, talking to a recruiter can give you more information. You are under no obligation when speaking to a Marine Corps Recruiter, as he or she knows the importance of the decision, and will help determine if you are right for the Marine Corps—and if the Marine Corps is right for you.

First, we recruit young men and women who have demonstrated potential and commitment. Then we prepare them through physical fitness and ready them for the intense forging they will experience in recruit training. Most enlistees spend up to 12 months in the Delayed Entry Program preparing to undergo recruit training and become Marines.



Their preparation includes physical conditioning, study guides, introduction to Marine Corps history and tradition and, most importantly, introduction to Core Values. The bottom line is we are paying more attention to a prospective Marine's character and fitness during screening.