

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, CA, 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 around the world. The depot has the responsibility to train all 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 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 Ryan P. Heritage, 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 Marines who have succeeded in that challenge. We are here to celebrate with you their twelve weeks, your Marine 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 and 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. They have 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... and 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 and the San Diego area and that you will take some 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 and our best wishes for a happy stay and safe return home.

Gratefully,

M. J. Palma
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
Margaret A. Miller

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Colonel Margaret A. Miller is a native of Carrollton, Georgia. She enlisted in the Marine Corps and attended boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina from April to June 1985. From 1985-1987, she was an administrator assigned to Marine Air Group-49, Naval Air Station, Atlanta. From 1987 to 1990 she served with Plans, Policies and Operations Reserve Augmentation Unit, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. In her civilian job, she was an security administrator for the Office of Naval Research, Crystal City, VA. In August of 1990 she was mobilized in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm at Warrior Training Command, Deployment Processing Unit, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton through March 1991. After Desert Storm, she returned to Georgia to complete her undergraduate degree. From 1991 to 1994, she was assigned to Marine Corps Mobilization Station, Atlanta, Georgia. In 1994, Sergeant Miller reported to Officer Candidate School, Quantico, Virginia and upon completion was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

After completing The Basic School, 2nd Lieutenant Miller reported to Ground Supply Officer Course, Camp Lejeune/Camp Johnson, North Carolina. After completion, she reported to Combat Service Support Detachment-23, 2nd Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina, serving as the Executive Officer and Supply Officer. During this tour of duty, she attended night school, and achieved her Master of Arts degree in Human Resource Management.

From 1999 to 2001, Captain Miller reported for duty as the Officer Selection Officer, 6th Marine Corps Recruiting District, Jacksonville, Florida responsible for recruiting Officer Candidates in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia.

From 2001 to 2003, Major Miller was assigned to Bravo Company, 4th Assault Amphibian Vehicle Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve as Officer In Charge in Jacksonville, Florida. She was mobilized on active duty when the Reserves deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2002- 2003.

From 2003-2004 she established the first “Marine For Life” program in Jacksonville, Florida which served both active duty Marines and Reserve Marines by providing support to those who were departing the Marine Corps (transition assistance).

In 2004, Major Miller was assigned as the Reserve Officer In Charge of Detachment 2 Supply Company, 4th Supply Battalion, 4Marine Logistics Group in Albany, Georgia. In her civilian job, she was appointed Deputy Director of Military Affairs and Veteran Services for the City of Jacksonville, Florida.

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

During this time, she partnered with local veteran leaders to established the “Marine Corps Half Marathon & Freedom SK”, supported by Blount Island Command, Marine Corps Logistics Command which has become a nationally recognized event for runners, supporting military and veterans for 15 successful years.

In 2006, Major Miller partnered with the USO and produced a “Thanks For The Memories” tribute to the USO in Celebration of their 65th Anniversary.

Major Miller mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 1st Marine Logistics Group (G4), I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, and subsequently deployed to Camp Al Taqaddum Airfield, Al Anbar Province, Iraq in 2008. She was deployed for thirteen months as the senior supply officer at the command element. During her deployment, her team was responsible for supply distribution throughout the county, and fielding of the new Mine Resistant, Ambush Protectant (MRAP) vehicles to the operating forces.

Upon returning from Iraq in 2009, she was assigned as Logistics Operations Officer, Headquarters, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve. She also taught Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School reserve seminar for three years.

In 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Miller deployed to Afghanistan with I Marine Expeditionary Force (G4) Logistics as the Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF), Deployment, Distribution Operations Center (MDDOC) Officer In Charge, Camp Leatherneck, Helmand Province, Afghanistan for thirteen months.

Upon returning from Afghanistan, Lieutenant Colonel Miller served as the Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S G4) Logistics, Force Headquarters Group, Headquarters, Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, Louisiana from 2013-2016.

In 2016, Colonel Miller joined I Marine Expeditionary Force Individual Mobilization Augmentation (IMA) unit where she served as the (G4) Senior Reserve Logistics Officer until December 2017, and served three years as Deputy Commander for Reserve Mobilization. She will retire on June 1, 2021.

Colonel Miller’s personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold starts in lieu of third award, the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award, and the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Colonel Miller is most proud of her two children, Victoria Weitzel (24) and Dawson Weitzel (19).

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 R. P. Heritage
Colonel D. J. Erickson
Sergeant Major A T. Leal
Colonel M. Miller

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel M. J. Palma
Major L. S. Woo
Sergeant Major P. F. Agan Jr.
Gunnery Sergeant R. D. Martinez
Staff Sergeant M. C. Garcia

FIRST RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel A. Farsaad
Major J. A. Taylor
Sergeant Major M. D. Reese
Lieutenant J. D. Luckesen
Staff Sergeant L. O. Greccelius

COMPANY B

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain B. B. Yackey
First Sergeant R. Curiel Jr.

LEAD SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

First Lieutenant M. A. Wallace
Staff Sergeant F. Ruiz

FOLLOW SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain S. R. Slater
Gunnery Sergeant R. Mellado

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Chief Warrant Officer II A. J. Panos
Staff Sergeant B. Z. Reed

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant N. T. Tillman
Sergeant A. L. Exner
Sergeant J. G. Mollie
Sergeant C. G. Jackson

PLATOON 1021

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

SERGEANT A. KLUENDER

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT Z. A. CAMPBELL

SERGEANT J. MARQUEZ

SERGEANT B. S. MCCREARY

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE J. LLAMASGUTIERREZ (280)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS P. J. BROWN (337)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT DEVLIN

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. M. JAGGARD

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT A. P. MORGAN

PVT A. S. ADICH
PFC J. A. AVILA
PVT D. S. BROWN
PFC P. J. BROWN
PVT C. R. BRYANT
PVT A. CARRANZA
PVT R. A. CARRASCO
PVT E. CASTELLANOS
PVT E. CHAIREZ
PFC M. A. CHAVIRA
PVT J. CORONASANDOVAL
PVT E. CRUZCANSECO
PFC A. DIAZ
PFC M. DOMINGUEZ JR.
PVT D. R. EATON
PVT D. GAMBOAZAMBRANO
PFC R. E. GARCIA
PVT B. R. GREENLEE
PVT P. R. GULICK
PVT W. J. HAIRE
PFC N. R. HALBUR
PVT S. L. HART
PVT J. L. HERNANDEZ
PVT M. W. HITT
PVT N. H. JACOBUS
PFC* R. M. JAGGARD
PFC* C. N. JENSEN
PFC K. G. KOKOSENSKI

PVT J. LLAMASGUTIERREZ
PFC L. P. LOGSDON
PFC V. LOPEZRAMIREZ
PFC* A. J. LUTHER
PVT A. MADERA JR.
PVT J. M. MARTIN
PFC J. D. MARTIN
PVT A. MEJIA
PFC C. C. MUNOZ
PVT T. J. OKAZAKI
PFC G. J. O'NEAL
PFC J. T. OROZCO
PFC C. F. PEREZ
PFC P. RAMOSPEREZ
PFC A. RAYA
PVT J. REYNA
PVT A. RODRIGUEZ
PVT J. H. RODRIGUEZ
PVT Y. G. SANCHEZ
PVT J. M. SETTECASE
PVT M. D. SICAIROS
PVT C. SOLIS
PFC A. J. STOFILA
PVT F. C. TIMKE
PVT R. I. TOVAR
PVT W. J. WALTERS
PVT P. ZACARIAS
PVT E. ZUNIGA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 1022

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT K. D. HOLLINGSWORTH

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT J. DIAZ

STAFF SERGEANT J. H. GRAY

STAFF SERGEANT J. RECIO

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE R. ZAMBRANO JR. (297)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE J. D. PATTON (340)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT D. A. DOUGLAS

PVT C. D. ADAMS
PFC J. C. AMAYAMARTINEZ
PFC I. D. ARGUETA
PVT J. T. AUTRY
PVT J. H. BAKER
PFC* B. A. BEASLEY
PFC H. BEDOLLAPINEDA
PVT J. L. BETANCOURT
PFC T. N. BISSELL
PVT K. M. BOHNE
PVT K. L. CARLSON
PVT M. G. CAVALETTO
PVT N. J. CHIEF
PVT J. C. CONDRACK
PVT E. R. DAHL
PFC E. R. DANENBERG
PVT W. F. DESOUZA JR.
PFC B. V. DONAHUE
PFC* C. A. DONAHUE
PFC D. J. GARZA
PVT A. M. GOODLET
PFC C. A. GUEVARA
PVT B. I. GUTIERREZRAMIREZ
PVT E. N. KIMBRO
PVT L. M. LOVE
PVT J. J. MATHIAS
PFC C. J. MEJIA PAREDES
PVT J. MERCADO
PVT M. R. MURPHY
PVT A. S. ORTEGAHERNANDEZ
PVT J. D. PATTON

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. D. STEPNIOWSKI

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT C. LOZANO

PFC A. S. RAMIREZ
PVT C. A. ROBB
PFC J. E. RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA
PVT J. M. ROGERS
PFC A. A. ROJAS
PFC J. J. RUCHINSKAS
PFC M. SACEDO
PVT M. L. SANDOVAL
PVT E. J. SCHULTZ
PVT S. B. SHEELER
PVT J. C. SHELTON
PVT K. E. SPAULDING
PFC* T. D. STEPNIOWSKI
PVT J. SUNUXLOYA
PFC* D. R. THOMAS
PFC T. A. TOMBAUGH
PVT A. VALLES
PVT C. P. VAN
PVT V. G. VARGAS
PVT J. C. VIDEKA
PVT S. W. WALLACE
PVT D. B. WEITZEL
PFC* B. T. WESSENDORF
PVT C. R. WHITE
PVT B. M. WILCOX
PVT E. D. WILSON
PFC C. A. YOUNG
PVT A. A. ZALDIVAR
PVT R. ZAMBRANO JR.
PFC J. A. ZAMJUAMPA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 1023

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT M. P. GOVEA

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT B. J. BASILONE

SERGEANT D. HALL

SERGEANT J. P. LOYOLA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE B. R. DUBOISE JR. (293)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. P. KESSLER (339)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. J. WASHINGTON

PVT B. M. BALDWIN
PVT P. N. BERNARDI
PFC C. D. BERT
PFC D. J. CARTER
PFC D. J. CURCI
PVT T. F. DALTON
PVT E. B. DELEON
PVT E. B. DELGADO BENITEZ
PFC M. DIOSDADO
PVT B. R. DUBOISE JR.
PVT K. W. GARINGER
PFC* E. W. GOADLOPEZ
PFC A. GOMEZ RAMOS
PFC D. HUANG
PVT I. D. HUERTA
PVT J. HURTADO
PFC V. Q. HYUNH
PVT L. D. JAMES
PFC A. D. JANISE
PFC A. C. JEFFRIES
PVT L. D. JOHNSON
PTV T. T. JONES
PFC R. P. KESSLER
PVT S. K. KHU
PFC R. KITAMURA
PFC J. D. KITTEL
PFC* S. W. LANDIS III
PVT D. T. LANG
PFC J. S. LUPONE

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. W. GOADLOPEZ

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT D. CAIN

PVT E. D. MARQUEZ
PVT Z. M. MARTINEZ
PFC E. MAYORAL
PFC O. MENDOZA
PVT A. A. MESKIENYAR
PVT C. D. MOORE
PVT D. MUNOZ
PVT R. N. NGOMBO
PVT Z. E. NICHOLAS
PVT B. C. NICHOLS
PVT M. A. PARKER JR.
PVT J. R. PARR JR.
PFC* Z. R. PAYNE
PVT M. PETUKHOV
PFC S. J. PRICE
PVT E. REYES ANRADE
PVT H. L. RIVERA
PFC A. ROCHA
PVT H. T. ROTH
PVT L. SALAZAR
PVT J. R. SCALBERG
PFC J. W. SCHILLING
PFC B. A. SCRIVNER
PFC L. L. SEDLAK
PVT A. B. STREET
PVT M. W. TEELHAWKINS
PVT W. K. TROMBLA
PVT D. J. VICK
PVT J. A. YOCKY

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 1025

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

SERGEANT L. M. REYES

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT J. J. BANDA

SERGEANT M. C. REDFIELD

SERGEANT R. C. ZAPATA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. F. LAWLESS (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. A. SANCHEZ (339)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT D. J. CICOTTE

PVT A. ALDAPE
PFC* W. AMBRIZ
PFC C. S. ARIASVILCHEZ
PVT F. ARRIQJAAVALOS
PVT J. G. BOYER IV
PVT J. R. BUTLER
PVT K. I. CONKLING
PFC C. L. CORMIER
PFC* P. E. COSTELLO
PFC A. M. DADOLE
PFC L. DANG
PVT C. FLORES
PFC* J. FRANCO
PVT T. R. GARRETT
PVT F. A. GOMEZ
PVT J. B. GOMEZ
PFC T. A. GOMEZ
PVT A. T. GONZALES
PVT K. J. HEAD
PFC J. A. HENRY
PFC B. B. HUERTA
PVT J. L. LANGBEL
PFC L. F. LAWLESS
PVT D. MEDINA JR.
PVT J. J. MEJIA ARELLANO
PVT E. I. PAREDES
PVT D. I. PELAYO
PVT C. D. PENA
PVT E. A. PENDON

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS W. AMBRIZ

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT J. B. VENTURA

PVT B. RAMIREZ SALINAS
PVT E. A. RENNWALD
PVT J. D. RESTIVO
PFC J. J. RICO
PFC B. F. ROMAN
PVT A. ROMERO
PFC C. M. ROZANSKI
PFC C. D. RUIZ
PFC T. J. SAENZ
PFC* J. A. SANCHEZ
PFC K. SCHOOLCRAFT
PVT C. S. SCHULTZ
PFC C. W. SHINNEMAN
PVT W. R. SOMERVILLE
PVT A. A. SOUTHWARD
PVT C. TOLSMA
PFC M. TOVAR
PFC A. VALENCIA
PVT J. VALENCIA
PVT F. J. VAZQUEZ
PVT C. VERA
PVT B. WEBLEY
PFC* R. WHITE
PFC J. WHITTLE
PVT A. R. WINBIGLER
PVT I. J. WINKFIELD
PFC M. WITT
PFC A. ZINGALI

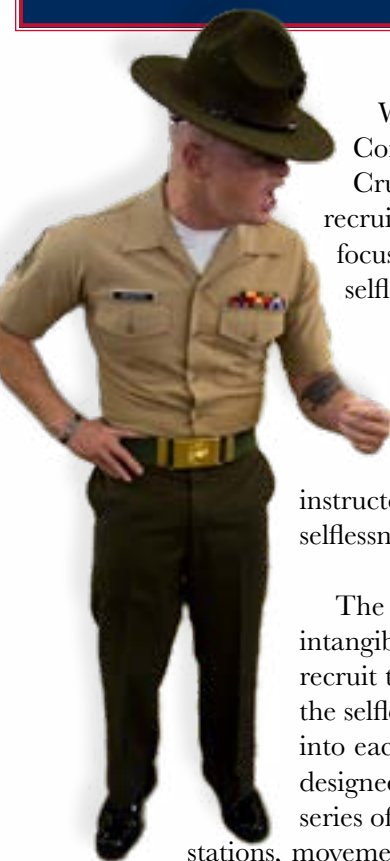
Meritorious Promotion *

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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PRIVATE O. GARCIA (335)

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PVT K. S. CHOUNLAMANY
PVT D. E. CONN
PFC C. R. CORTEZGONZALEZ
PVT X. A. CUMERBATCH
PVT B. T. DANGLER
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PVT G. M. GUERRERO
PVT J. J. HALL
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PVT N. M. HATTEN
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PVT A. L. JONES
PVT B. C. KNIGGE
PFC C. A. LUNA
PVT J. T. LYNCH
PVT M. A. MARTINEZAGUILAR
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DRILL INSTRUCTORS

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GUNNERY SERGEANT C. A. KIRKPATRICK

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PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE W. M. NICHOLS (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

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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.