

## 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 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 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 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. 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... 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



### Sergeant Major George L. Vega

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Sergeant Major Vega enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1997 and completed recruit training at MCRD Parris Island, SC. Following recruit training, he attended Marine Combat Training (MCT) in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Upon completion of MCT, he attended the Motor Vehicle Operator's Course in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. There he was assigned his MOS, 3531 Motor Vehicle Operator.

In April 1998, SgtMaj Vega was assigned to Support Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group (FSSG), Camp Foster Okinawa, Japan. In December of 1998, he was promoted to Lance Corporal.

In April 1999 SgtMaj Vega attended Marine Security Guard (MSG) School and graduated with class 4-99. In July 1999, he reported to his first assignment, MSG Detachment Asuncion, Paraguay and was promoted to Corporal in August 1999. In September 2000, he was transferred to his second assignment MSG Detachment Athens, Greece where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in June 2001.

In December 2001, SgtMaj Vega was transferred to 1st Marine Division, Headquarters Battalion for duty with Truck Company as a Section Leader. During that time, he deployed with Headquarters Battalion, Truck Company on two combat deployments to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF.1, OIF 2.1).

In January 2005, SgtMaj Vega attended Drill Instructor School in San Diego, California and graduated with class 2-05. Following graduation, he reported to 1st Recruit Training Battalion for duty as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor with Company C. In December 2005, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

In April 2008, SgtMaj Vega reported to 1st Marine Logistics Group, Combat Logistics Regiment-1 for duty as the Platoon Sergeant and Company Gunnery Sergeant for Transportation Support Company, Combat Logistics Battalion-5 (CLB-5). During this period, he deployed twice with CLB-5 to Iraq (OIF 9.1) and Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF 10.2). In September 2010, he was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant.

## Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

In November 2010, SgtMaj Vega reported to the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy, Marine Corps Base Hawaii where he assumed the duties of Corporals Leadership Course SNCOIC and Deputy Director.

In December 2013, SgtMaj Vega was selected for the rank of First Sergeant and was transferred to Headquarters Regiment, 2d MLG Camp Lejeune, NC. There he served as the Company First Sergeant for Food Service Company and Communications Company.

In December 2015, SgtMaj Vega was transferred to 2d Battalion, 8th Marines, 2d Marine Division where he served as the Company First Sergeant for Company G and H&S Company and went on to deploy to BSRF 16.2 and UPD-E. 18.1.

In November 2018, SgtMaj Vega was promoted to his current rank and was assigned to MCRD, San Diego where he is currently serving as the 3d Recruit Training Battalion Sergeant Major.

SgtMaj Vega's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award, the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award, and the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars and Combat Distinguishing Device.



## 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	Brigadier General Ryan P. Heritage
Chief of Staff	Colonel Daren J. Erickson
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major Abel T. Leal
Parade Reviewing Officer	Sergeant Major George L. Vega

### RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer	Colonel M. J. Palma
Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel C. B. Kroll
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major P. F. Agan
Regimental Drill Master	Gunnery Sergeant E. L. Gantt
Narrator	Staff Sergeant Z. J. Aguon

### FIRST RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel A. Farsaad
Executive Officer	Major J. A. Taylor
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major D. M. Reese
Chaplain	Lieutenant J. D. Luckesen
Battalion Drill Master	Staff Sergeant L. O. Crecelius

### COMPANY C

Commanding Officer	Captain J. M. Rosso
Company First Sergeant	First Sergeant L. D. Crumpton

### LEAD SERIES

Series Commander	First Lieutenant A. M. Hartman
Chief Drill Instructor	Staff Sergeant D. A. Jackson Jr.

### FOLLOW SERIES

Series Commander	Captain T. D. Wilson
Chief Drill Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant R. D. Martinez

### MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor	Chief Warrant Officer 2 A. J. Panos
Drum Major	Gunnery Sergeant J. W. Dempsey

### COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer	Sergeant P. A. Hasick
Organizational Color Bearer	Sergeant S. T. Schreyer
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant C. W. Blais
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant D. T. Pralle Peterson

# PLATOON 1049

**SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR**  
STAFF SERGEANT F. RUIZ

## DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT M. CORONA  
SERGEANT S. BRESLIN  
SERGEANT R. CHANCE  
SERGEANT P. LIZZOTE

## PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. Q. COLLINS (292)

## PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. L. JONES (338)  
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL M. MAZZORATO

## PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. CHAVEZ  
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT A. AGUILAR

PVT S. AGUILERA  
PFC A. L. ALBERS  
PVT J. E. BEAN JR  
PFC K. S. BENALLY  
PVT J. B. BERRY  
PFC A. J. CAMPOMANES  
PVT J. CASTANEDA JIMENEZ  
PFC\* E. CHAVEZ  
PVT L. CHAVEZHEREDIA  
PFC D. Q. COLLINS  
PVT C. S. COX  
PFC A. J. DELGADO  
PVT H. T. EARDLEY  
PVT J. C. ESTRADA  
PFC D. A. GINGRY  
PFC J. P. GOUPIL  
PVT A. D. GUITRON  
PFC A. D. HELLER  
PFC S. A. HERNANDEZ  
PVT Z. D. HOGAN  
PFC D. ILDEFONSO  
PVT R. A. JOHNSON  
PFC\* B. L. JONES  
PVT M. D. JUVERS

PVT B. J. KARREN  
PFC K. J. LAINO  
PFC M. A. MAAS  
PVT A. P. MADSEN  
PVT A. M. MCCALL  
PVT A. R. MCGEE  
PFC A. J. MCINTOSH  
PVT A. C. ORTIZ  
PFC A. PEREZVAZQUEZ  
PFC C. PRADOSANDOVAL  
PVT J. T. PRETTYPAINT JR  
PVT J. I. PRUITT JR  
PFC C. J. RAGLE  
PVT R. M. RUDOLPH  
PVT A. D. SHAW  
PVT R. W. SINGH JR  
PVT C. R. STERNER  
PFC W. A. SUAREZ  
PFC B. D. SUMMERS  
PFC R. C. TAGGART  
PVT A. TAMAYO  
PVT A. J. VALLE JOMEYERS  
PVT A. F. VILLALVAZO  
PVT E. M. WROE

Meritorious Promotion \*

# PLATOON 1050

**SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR**  
STAFF SERGEANT R. J. WELKER

## DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT M. GARCIA  
SERGEANT T. M. GEORGE  
SERGEANT D. T. BELL  
SERGEANT D. W. MORGAN

## PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

LANCE CORPORAL I. E. RAMIREZ (298)

## PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. A. CHABOYA (334)  
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT D. A. BENAVIDEZ

## PLATOON HONORMAN

LANCE CORPORAL I. E. RAMIREZ  
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT A. GARCIAZORRILLA

PVT J. P. AGUILAR  
PVT C. W. ALLIN  
PFC J. ANES  
PVT K. A. ARBOGAST  
PVT I. BARRIOSAVENDANO  
PVT N. S. BETTES  
PVT J. G. BIDOL  
PVT J. T. BIRDSILL  
PVT O. M. BOTTORFF  
PFC E. L. BOWIE JR  
PVT D. V. CALAFATO  
PFC D. CANCHOLA  
PFC B. A. CHABOYA  
PVT M. E. COOKE  
PVT M. K. CORDES  
PVT D. J. CORNEJO  
PFC J. P. CORONA JR  
PVT Z. A. CRUMPACKER  
PFC I. M. DORRES  
PVT T. C. ELLIS  
PFC J. K. FISHER  
PVT D. A. GARRISON  
PFC\* X. E. GONZALEZ  
PVT A. D. GOROSTIZA  
PVT J. GREGSONSMIT  
PVT P. A. HALLEY  
PFC J. A. HALLMARK  
PVT D. J. HAWKINS  
PVT J. E. HAYNES  
PFC C. M. HAZELRIGG

PVT E. R. JONES  
PFC A. J. LANDIN  
PVT G. M. LEWIS  
PVT T. LOPEZGUZMAN  
PVT A. B. MANZOLOPEZ  
PFC J. D. MCCORMICK  
PVT E. S. MENDOZA  
PVT J. S. MILLER  
PVT C. R. MILLIGAN  
PVT J. J. MOLINA  
PVT T. J. NEWSOM  
PVT E. D. PARRA  
PVT D. A. PEREZ  
LCPL\* I. E. RAMIREZ  
PVT R. Z. REESER  
PFC A. T. RICHEY  
PVT C. B. RODRIGUEZ  
PVT A. L. ROGERS  
PVT J. T. ROLSTAD  
PVT S. M. SAYSON  
PVT B. C. SCHOUTEN  
PVT T. S. SCHWAGERL  
PVT T. S. SHEYCHA  
PVT E. M. SMITH  
PVT J. D. SPITHORST  
PVT N. M. TAYLOR  
PVT C. N. TOBIAS  
PVT J. A. VARELA  
PVT J. L. WALLS  
PVT M. A. WORLEY

Meritorious Promotion \*

# PLATOON 1051

**SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR**  
STAFF SERGEANT B. M. HALL

## DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT P. M. MCCALL

SERGEANT J. K. GREENE

SERGEANT S. N. GOETTLICH

## PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE T. PRAUSE (289)

## PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. R. HARRIS (328)  
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. LAMBERT

## PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. M. LANHAM  
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT C. L. BROWN

PFC L. A. AGNES  
PVT J. A. ALVAREZ  
PVT C. R. ANDERSON  
PVT B. AVONCE  
PFC R. C. BELDEROL  
PVT J. S. CABRAL  
PFC C. J. CARELLO  
PVT D. W. CARLISLE  
PVT J. E. CASTRO  
PVT D. A. COJULUN  
PFC\* I. Q. CORTEZ  
PVT T. J. CRANN  
PVT E. D. DAROS  
PVT J. D. DAVIS  
PVT A. D. DONALDSON  
PVT T. R. DUTRA  
PVT E. I. EARL  
PVT L. A. GARCIA  
PFC M. GARCIA  
PVT K. GARCIASERRANO  
PVT C. E. GIL  
PVT C. M. GILL  
PFC G. R. GOSSETT  
PVT M. R. HARRIS  
PVT J. D. HERNANDEZ  
PVT J. J. HERNANDEZ  
PFC C. S. HOLDER  
PVT A. J. HURKMANS  
PFC A. A. JIMENEZ  
PVT K. M. JOHNSON  
PVT T. D. KALICKI

PVT S. Z. KHALIFE  
PVT K. J. KULOW  
PVT A. H. LABORIN JR  
PFC\* A. M. LANHAM  
PVT B. T. LEAMON  
PVT N. M. LEHR  
PFC R. A. LEPORE  
PVT R. E. MAIN  
PVT J. C. MALEY  
PFC D. A. MARTINEZ  
PVT D. J. MAYVILLE  
PFC S. A. OLARTE  
PVT G. ORTIZ  
PFC T. W. PRAUSE  
PVT C. W. PRYOR  
PFC R. L. RAMAGE  
PVT S. RAMIREZ JR  
PVT A. RAMIREZ  
PVT M. E. RUSCH  
PVT Z. A. SAKAIAN  
PFC S. O. SANCHEZ  
PFC J. T. SASAKI  
PVT J. T. STEINBACH  
PVT C. R. THIELK  
PFC J. A. TORRES  
PFC N. J. TOSCANO  
PVT C. M. TRUSLER  
PVT A. URENDA  
PVT A. J. WAGNER  
PFC C. L. WALLACE  
PVT T. K. WILSON

Meritorious Promotion \*

# PLATOON 1053

**SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR**  
SERGEANT P. G. BANDRIL

## DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT P. D. HARRIS  
SERGEANT E. I. GARCIA  
SERGEANT N. M. FLORES  
SERGEANT J. A. PALACIOS

## PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE H. M. SALAZARPEREZ (292)

## PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. GOMEZYIN (335)  
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL N. J. MENJIVAR

## PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. C. KERLEY  
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT L. SAINTPIERRE

PFC A. D. ALEXANDER  
PVT H. A. ALGHAZALI  
PVT J. L. ARGUELLO JR  
PVT N. D. ARMSTRONG  
PVT A. S. AVALOSHERRERA  
PFC D. BAUTISTA  
PVT M. BEATTY  
PFC T. R. BOWLING  
PFC\* T. E. BOYD  
PVT C. S. BROWN  
PVT T. A. CARROLL  
PVT D. CLARK  
PFC K. J. CONWAY  
PVT W. L. DARNELL  
PFC A. R. DRAKE  
PFC\* G. S. ERICKSON  
PFC C. A. FRAZER  
PVT A. A. GARCIA  
PVT G. R. GATEWOOD  
PVT D. S. GIFFORD  
PFC J. GOMEZYIN  
PFC B. GONZALEZ  
PVT Z. C. GRAHAM  
PFC\* A. T. HALL  
PVT J. L. HALL  
PVT J. W. HANSEN  
PVT N. J. HARVEY  
PFC B. W. HERALD  
PVT C. L. HOLLAND  
PVT T. J. JACOBSON

PFC D. S. JOHNSON  
PVT T. J. KENDALL  
PFC\* A. C. KERLEY  
PVT J. P. LACE II  
PVT J. S. LEITHER  
PFC M. MACIELBORREGO  
PFC A. D. MCCLURE  
PVT C. J. MCMINAMEN  
PVT A. R. MORRELL  
PFC S. MUNOZ  
PFC J. C. NORTHROP  
PVT J. D. ORNELAS  
PFC R. OROZCO  
PVT S. PASCUALJIMENEZ  
PFC T. M. PATINO  
PVT J. P. PESANTESLAPO  
PVT R. S. RAMIREZ  
PVT L. R. ROBINSON  
PVT J. A. RODRIGUEZ  
PVT N. R. SAENZ  
PFC K. SALAZAR  
PVT H. M. SALAZARPEREZ JR  
PVT A. R. STRODE  
PFC M. D. SUBIRAN JR  
PFC J. D. TORRANCE  
PFC N. TORRESRAMIREZ  
PVT S. D. VALADEZ  
PFC W. A. VANHOLLAND  
PVT J. G. WAGNERHIBBARD

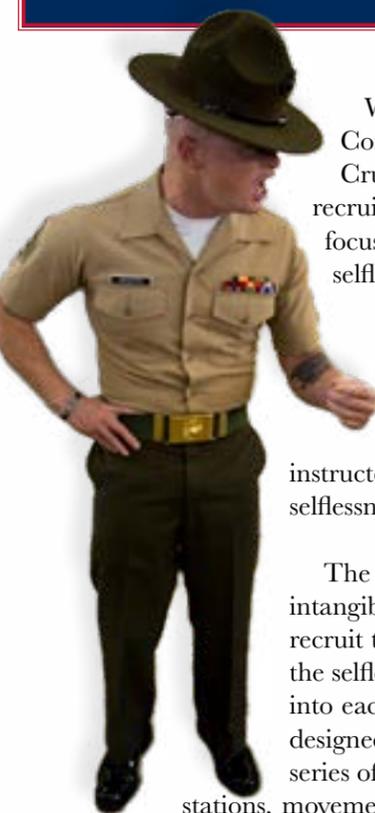
Meritorious Promotion \*

## 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.

## PLATOON 1054

**SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR**  
STAFF SERGEANT J. T. JOHNSON

### DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT K. T. FRAZIER

STAFF SERGEANT N. T. CIMMARRUSTI

STAFF SERGEANT G. M. STREIGHTIFF

### PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. K. KONIECZNY (300)

### PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. J. RICE (340)  
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT D. M. GORNICK

### PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. TRUJIO JR.  
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT K. M. REID

PFC\* E. AMBRIZOROZCO  
PFC A. W. ARGO  
PFC E. A. BARRENOSILVA  
PVT R. D. BELEY  
PVT A. G. BELL  
PVT M. J. BENNETT  
PFC\* J. T. BENSON  
PVT C. M. BRACE  
PFC D. J. BROWN-PARKS  
PVT J. N. BUELL  
PVT A. J. BULLOCK  
PFC L. J. BURGESS  
PFC J. A. CASTILLOSOTO  
PVT J. M. CHERNEY  
PFC J. D. CLARK  
PFC K. CONTRERAS  
PVT M. DENNIS  
PFC S. B. DUKE  
PFC R. ESCOBEDO  
PVT M. C. FAGGIONE  
PVT C. A. GILES  
PFC M. A. GONZALES  
PVT Z. L. GONZALES  
PFC C. T. JOHNSON  
PFC M. N. KAN  
PFC J. W. KNIGHT  
PFC T. K. KONIECZNY  
PFC B. A. KUBAREK  
PFC N. C. LEE  
PVT Z. M. LEFFUE  
PVT R. S. LEMMONS

PVT L. J. LEMUS  
PVT S. D. MARSHALL  
PVT E. J. MITRA  
PFC D. B. H. NOIA  
PFC T. S. ODELL  
PFC S. ORTIZJACOBO  
PVT A. X. OVERTON  
PFC D. S. POPE  
PFC J. RAMIREZ  
PFC M. A. RAMOSORTEGA  
PVT R. A. REYNOLDS  
PFC R. J. RICE  
PFC M. RODRIGUEZ  
PFC N. A. RODRIGUEZ  
PVT V. A. ROMAN JR.  
PFC M. D. RORLING  
PVT S. P. ROSBERG  
PFC M. G. RUNNINGBIRD  
PFC T. M. SAVAGE  
PFC W. B. SIDABUTAR  
PFC S. M. SONDAY  
PVT M. S. STANDING  
PFC A. M. STOCKALL  
PFC J. K. STOCKTON  
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PFC\* E. J. UCHENDU  
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PVT H. I. WALKER  
PVT B. S. WILLIAMS  
PVT N. A. ZARAZUA

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STAFF SERGEANT J. A. PESOLA

SERGEANT A. GODINA

SERGEANT S. DELROSARIO

### PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. W. WORTHY (287)

### PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE D. E. PLATA (337)  
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT E. C. HOLMES

### PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS P. W. RAINES  
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT D. B. AGUSTIN

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PVT D. R. ASMUS  
PVT T. B. ALCARAZ  
PVT C. B. BEAN  
PVT Z. M. BLODGETT  
PFC E. J. BUNNELL  
PVT S. L. CALLEJAS  
PFC M. CARNOVALI  
PVT J. S. CARTER  
PVT C. W. CLAMP  
PFC I. J. CORONADO  
PVT J. P. CUPPY  
PVT J. T. DELMAR  
PFC A. J. DONATO  
PFC\* J. I. DURHAM  
PFC A. D. ELDERS  
PFC J. I. FILOTEO  
PFC\* E. T. FIVECOAT  
PVT D. A. FLOYD  
PVT A. M. FRILSTAD  
PVT A. J. FULLER  
PVT J. GARCIA  
PFC D. T. GOMEZ  
PVT A. J. GONZALEZ  
PFC J. M. GONZALEZ  
PVT F. A. GONZALEZMOTA  
PVT L. F. GREGORY  
PFC T. J. GUERRERO  
PFC N. A. HENSEL  
PFC E. K. HERNANDEZ  
PVT X. M. HERNANDEZ

PVT C. A. JICHA  
PVT L. L. LOCKETT  
PVT L. A. MADRID  
PVT B. A. MCCAIN  
PFC G. A. MORALES  
PFC A. R. MUNOZ  
PFC S. M. MYERS  
PVT C. R. NAUTA  
PFC I. N. OCAMPO  
PVT J. S. ORTEGA  
PFC J. D. PETERS  
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PFC M. I. SAINZ  
PFC R. SALGADO  
PVT A. S. SANDOVAL  
PFC N. R. SCHIELKE  
PFC J. E. SEGURA  
PFC J. W. STEELE  
PVT S. E. TOLIVER  
PVT D. M. WALCZAK  
PVT T. B. WALKER  
PVT B. M. WHITE  
PVT J. D. WILSON  
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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.