

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
EDWARD G. ZAPATA
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

Sergeant Major Zapata enlisted in the Marine Corps on 2 July 1990 in San Antonio, Texas. Upon graduation of Marine Corps Recruit Training, San Diego CA, and Marine Combat Training, and Infantry Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton CA. PFC Zapata reported to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

From December of 1990 to July of 1994, PFC Zapata served with 3rd Battalion 9th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton CA, as a Mortar man and Scout Sniper. During his tour, he deployed to Operations Desert Storm and Restore Hope and two deployments to Okinawa.

In July of 1994, Cpl Zapata received orders to Edson Range, Camp Pendleton for duty as Coach, Block NCO and PMI.

In January 1997 Sgt Zapata received orders to Drill Instructor School at MCRD San Diego, California. During his tour, Sgt Zapata was a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor. In April of 2000, he received orders to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

From April of 2000 to September 2003, SSgt Zapata served as Platoon Sergeant for Charlie Co. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and Platoon Sergeant for the Battalion Scout Sniper Platoon. SSgt Zapata deployed as part of the 31st MEU in Okinawa and also to Iraq in support of OIF-1. In September of 2003 SSgt Zapata transferred to the U.S. Naval Academy.

From September of 2003 to February 2006, GySgt Zapata served at the U.S. Naval Academy as Operations Chief and Guard Chief for the Marine Security Company assigned to guard and protect the permanent personnel and Midshipmen of the yard. In February of 2006, he was transferred to 1st Tank Battalion.

From February of 2006 to May of 2007, he served as 1st TOW Platoon Sergeant with 1st Tank Bn and deployed to Iraq in support of OIF 05-07. In May of 2007, he was frocked to First Sergeant and reported to Bravo Company,

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

1st Tank Battalion and deployed to Iraq in support of OIF 08-09.

In July of 2009, he received orders to Infantry Training Battalion for duty as Company First Sergeant for Charlie Company.

In June of 2011, he was transferred to Headquarters and Support Battalion for duty as School First Sergeant for Combat Instructor School at School of Infantry West.

In December of 2011, he was frocked to Sergeant Major and assigned as Sergeant Major Recruiting Station Orlando, Florida.

In June of 2014, he was transferred to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion for duty as Battalion Sergeant Major.

In March of 2016, he was transferred to 7th Marine Regiment for duty as Regimental Sergeant Major.

Sergeant Major Zapata's personal awards include The Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 Gold Stars), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (1 Gold Star), Combat Action Ribbon (1 Gold Star).

In March of 2016, he was transferred to 7th Marine Regiment for duty as Regimental Sergeant Major and deployed as Command Element Sergeant Major for SPMAGTF-CENTCOM.

In April of 2018, he was transferred to his current assignment as the Weapons and Field Training Battalion Sergeant Major.



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 Ryan P. Heritage
Colonel Daniel R. Kazmier
Sergeant Major Abel T. Leal
Sergeant Major Edward G. Zapata

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel M. P. Palma
Lieutenant Colonel C. B. Kroll
Sergeant Major M. R. Chabot
Gunnery Sergeant J. Gray
Staff Sergeant M. T. Brock

FIRST TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel A. Farsaad
Major B. P. Sargent
Sergeant Major M. D. Reese
Lieutenant J. D. Luckesen
Staff Sergeant N. J. Campbell

COMPANY C

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain H. M. McShane
First Sergeant L. D. Crumpton

LEAD SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain D. Barnhart
Staff Sergeant R. E. Bascom

FOLLOW SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain A. E. Wallace
Staff Sergeant M. L. Lopeztejeda

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Corporal M. Hong
Sergeant L. T. Devalder

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant B. M. Hall
Sergeant A. M. Evans
Sergeant B. R. Ayerdis
Sergeant D. C. Rife

PLATOON 1041

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT I. L. MACARAEG

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT C. S. GROSS

STAFF SERGEANT F. T. RUIZ

STAFF SERGEANT R. J. WELKER

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. A. OCAMPOSUAREZ (299)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE D. ERIVES (337)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. A. GUITERREZ

PLATOON HONORMAN

LANCE CORPORAL A. P. POE
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT D. EVERHART

PVT G. AGUIRRELOPEZ
PVT P. A. ARANT
PVT J. M. ARTIS II
PFC F. E. AYALA
PVT N. P. BARNHILL
PVT A. M. BIGGS
PVT S. J. BONHAM
PVT C. B. BOYD
PVT I. B. BROCK
PFC J. T. BURNS
PFC K. S. BURRELL
PVT D. J. BURTON
PFC A. D. BUTCHER
PVT A. X. CANTUNERI
PVT K. B. CORNWELL
PFC J. A. DAGOSTINO
PVT T. L. DAILEY
PVT L. D. EMINETH
PVT D. ERIVES
PFC E. G. ESCANDON
PVT N. J. FRAGEL
PVT P. GALLARDO
PVT U. GARCIA
PVT A. R. GONZALEZ
PVT L. V. GRATKINS
PVT S. A. GREEN
PFC M. A. HAROMOYA
PFC D. E. HARRISON JR.
PVT D. A. HEREBIA
PFC* J. HERNANDEZ
PFC V. HERNANDEZSOLIS
PVT S. J. HOGAN
PVT J. A. HOOKS
PVT A. C. HOUFEK
PVT N. A. HUF
PVT P. S. HUNSAKER
PVT W. W. LOEBRICK
PVT D. MAGANA JR.
PVT R. P. MARTIN JR.

PVT D. J. MATOS JR.
PVT R. MIRANDA
PVT E. A. MOLINALOPEZ
PFC* E. MONTIELSALAICES
PFC L. X. MUNOZ
PFC A. V. NGO
PFC* I. M. NILSEN BROOKSHIRE
PVT J. T. NORDQUIST
PFC L. A. OCAMPOSUAREZ
PVT C. A. OLSONAWSKI
PVT E. PANTOJA
PVT S. E. PATARA
PVT T. D. PERRY
LCPL* A. P. POE
PVT J. M. RAMIREZFIERRO
PFC H. B. REYNOLDS
PFC J. A. RICHARDSLEONHARDT
PVT B. T. ROBERSON
PFC K. A. ROBERTSON
PVT S. I. ROBINSON
PVT F. A. RODRIGUES
PVT C. RODRIGUEZ
PFC J. C. SAGSTETTER
PVT C. SALAZAR
PFC D. T. SCULLARD
PFC* T. N. SENTER
PFC J. D. SEUFERT
PVT J. J. SIGVERTSEN
PVT C. T. SMITH
PVT D. L. SMITH
PFC C. D. SOTELOORTIZ
PFC* I. K. SOTO
PFC N. J. SOUZA
PVT B. M. STONE
PVT B. O. SUMLER
PFC J. A. TAPIA
PVT J. K. THAO
PFC L. B. WATSON
PFC P. J. ZIKA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 1042

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT D. C. CURTIS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT M. C. GARCIA

STAFF SERGEANT J. T. JOHNSON

STAFF SERGEANT C. A. CHAPMAN

SERGEANT G. CASTILLO

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. RAMON III (290)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE S. L. DYER (331)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT R. G. ROBERTSON

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. M. AGUILERA
RECRUITED BY: GUNNERY SERGEANT J. R. NOACK

PFC T. E. ADKINS
PFC T. M. AGUILERA
PFC D. A. ARELLANORIOS
PVT M. I. ARRIAGA
PFC X. W. AVILA
PFC S. N. BADAL
PVT J. A. BANUELOS
PFC E. Z. BEASLEY
PFC G. A. BELAYSILVA
PVT D. M. BRYAN
PFC C. A. CABRERA
PFC A. CANO
PVT C. G. CARDON
PFC* C. C. CARRINGTON
PVT A. T. CASSON
PFC Z. C. CRAMER
PFC R. K. DAVIS
PVT M. E. DETAR
PVT M. J. DIMONE
PVT S. L. DYER
PVT B. J. DYKES
PVT A. R. ERMER
PFC* J. I. FREEMAN
PVT A. R. FUQUA
PVT T. H. GARCIA
PVT J. M. GODBEE
PVT R. W. GULLY IV
PVT K. C. GURNEY
PVT J. A. SHEPHERD
PFC J. M. GURROLAFUENTES
PVT P. L. HAUSMANN
PFC J. HERNANDEZ JR.
PFC* S. R. HERNANDEZ
PFC J. A. HERNANDEZSALDIVAR
PFC B. M. HOOPEZ
PVT J. E. HOWELL
PFC E. IBARRA
PVT X. R. ISELER
PVT C. G. JENSEN
PVT O. I. JIMENEZ
PFC B. B. JUAREZDIAZ

PFC J. J. KALIFAH
PVT L. U. LALONE JR.
PVT D. A. LAMPERT
PVT S. M. LAUNAY
PFC H. G. LE
PFC J. D. LEE
PVT N. A. LININGER
PVT B. N. LONG
PFC J. C. LOPEZ
PVT C. E. LUDIKER
PFC J. R. LUETHJE
PFC V. A. MARTINEZ
PVT M. J. NORTHGUTT
PVT V. D. OCHOA
PFC* C. R. PAGANO
PVT J. J. PANTOJA
PVT N. M. PETERSON
PFC T. R. PINKERTON
PFC* D. RAMON III
PVT M. G. REISS III
PVT A. REYNOSO
PFC O. W. RHYNERSON
PFC C. M. RIVAS
PFC S. V. ROBERTS
PVT S. R. RODGERS
PFC B. M. ROGERS
PFC A. M. RUIZ
PVT J. A. SHEPHERD
PFC L. K. SULLIVAN
PVT N. G. TABDI
PFC M. W. TATE
PVT W. A. TAYLOR
PVT L. M. TROSTEN
PVT L. VAZQUEZ
PVT T. D. VESEY
PFC C. M. VOGTS
PFC H. R. WADE
PVT K. M. WILMOT
PVT J. T. WILSON
PVT M. M. WRIGHT

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 1043

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT D. T. AIROLDI

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT J. E. ESPINDOLA

STAFF SERGEANT T. L. WOODIE

SERGEANT F. D. GOMEZ

SERGEANT M. CORONA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. NYAWAY (293)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. J. TALLEY (336)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. D. WOODS

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. L. PROVINCE
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT C. A. CAMARENA

PFC* A. O. AJIBOLA
PVT J. I. ARIVETT
PFC I. S. BALLARO
PFC S. V. BARAJAS
PVT N. W. BEEM
PFC C. BERMUDEZ
PVT C. M. BROWNING
PVT I. F. COOPER
PFC M. DEATONSANCHEZ
PFC T. J. DUKES
PVT T. L. EDWARDS JR.
PFC P. A. EOFF
PFC D. J. ESTRADA
PVT T. J. EVANS
PVT M. J. EVANS
PVT A. T. FERGUSON
PFC J. B. FUENTES JR.
PVT G. S. FUNK
PVT A. I. GARCIA CUEVAS
PVT C. T. GERTEN
PVT T. Q. GILLIAM
PVT L. G. GUIROLA
PFC C. K. HALL
PVT M. M. HARDIMAN
PFC Z. S. HARRIS
PVT K. H. HAWKINS
PVT C. A. HEATH
PVT J. D. HESS
PVT G. K. HOLDEMAN
PVT T. A. JOHNSON
PVT C. K. KEENE
PVT A. C. KELLY
PFC M. L. KINGSFORD
PFC B. H. KNAPP
PVT A. D. KNAUF
PFC O. E. LARAMARTINEZ
PFC A. LOPEZROSTRO
PFC E. C. LYNCH
PFC N. A. MACIAS

PFC P. A. MANDUJANO
PFC M. A. MARTINEZ
PVT W. R. MATTISON III
PVT J. R. MCCARVILLE
PVT A. J. MEDRANO
PFC H. C. MEYER III
PVT D. A. MUNDY
PVT E. MURO
PFC E. A. NGUYEN
PVT J. A. NUNEZ
PFC* A. NYAWAY
PVT A. L. OLDENBURGER
PVT S. OLVERA
PFC K. L. PROVINCE
PVT J. L. RAMIREZ III
PVT N. D. RAMSEY
PFC* M. T. RANNIN
PFC C. R. ROBIN
PFC* D. S. RUIZ
PVT L. R. SCHULER
PVT K. L. SCOTT
PVT A. SOLORZANO
PVT L. M. SPANGENBERG
PFC R. S. STARKS JR.
PFC* B. A. STEEL
PFC D. R. STONER
PVT N. A. STOREY
PVT C. L. STRAUBE
PFC S. D. SWIM
PFC K. J. TALLEY
PFC R. P. USSERY
PFC M. J. VALENTINE
PVT J. H. VITELA
PFC B. G. WALKER
PVT M. J. WALKER
PVT A. M. WHEATLEY
PFC M. J. WILLIS
PVT G. M. ZANJUAMPA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 1045

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
SERGEANT R. A. SAUCEDA

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT J. J. THOMAS

SERGEANT P. A. HASICK

SERGEANT E. GALDAMEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS S. J. BJORKQUIST (289)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. SANDOVAL (338)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT JENKINS

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS C. C. JOHNSON
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT W. PORTOR

PVT J. A. ALANIZ
PVT G. M. ALLEN
PFC N. R. ANGE
PVT M. A. AULT
PVT J. R. BARNETT
PVT J. M. BERNAL
PFC S. J. BJORKQUIST
PVT D. R. BOWEN
PFC* M. J. BRITTLE
PVT J. D. BUSTOS
PVT D. T. CASEY
PFC H. R. CATALAN
PFC E. C. COHN
PVT T. M. CRUSON
PVT V. N. CUNG
PFC I. DELACRUZMUNOZ
PVT A. D. EBELL
PFC W. G. ECKHARDT
PFC T. J. ERICKSON
PVT J. Q. FARWELL
PVT A. R. FAUX
PVT R. J. FIERROS
PFC J. D. FLORES
PFC P. C. FOLKNER
PVT L. A. FOX
PVT J. N. FRANKLIN
PFC E. T. FIELDS
PVT J. L. GALLEGOS
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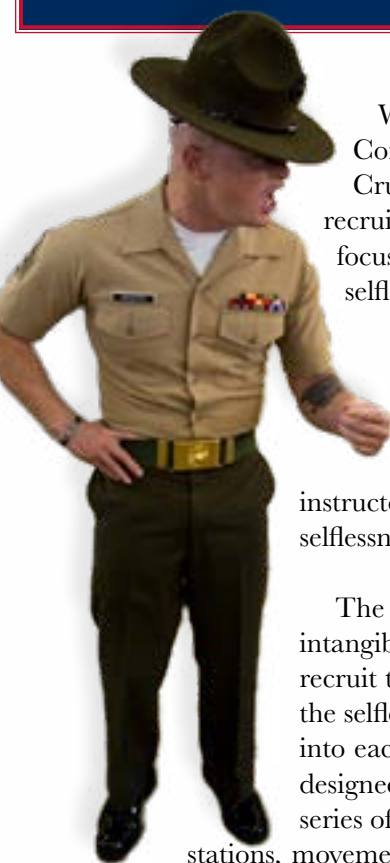
Meritorious Promotion *

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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STAFF SERGEANT J. A. HERNANDEZ

SERGEANT P. G. BANDRIL

SERGEANT P. D. HARRIS

SERGEANT J. K. GREENE

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. A. RASMUSSEN (296)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. A. RASMUSSEN (333)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL C. R. GOSSET

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS N. G. OTASU
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT S. LAUREN

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PVT B. S. ANDERSON
PVT M. A. BARRON
PVT K. J. BENTS
PFC A. BERNARDO
PVT E. BERUMENRAMIREZ
PFC C. A. BJORLING
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PVT W. M. ENGENIA
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PVT A. A. FIGUEROA
PFC D. D. FORT JR.
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PVT T. J. HANSEN
PVT S. C. HASCALL
PVT K. P. HASSLER
PVT J. A. HERNANDEZ
PVT A. S. HESS
PFC K. K. JORGENSEN
PVT Z. J. LEPRE
PVT T. J. LONG

PFC C. J. MALDONADO
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PVT C. J. MARQUEZUCHOA
PVT P. A. MARTIN
PVT D. R. MCKINNEY JR.
PVT A. R. MEDINA JR.
PFC A. N. MENDOZA
PVT N. A. MOLLET
PVT E. L. MONTROYA
PVT J. R. MOSER
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PVT K. J. PETRUZZI
PVT J. PHONG
PFC M. QUINTANAMADINA
PFC D. A. RASMUSSEN
PVT M. C. REIMER
PVT G. S. RIOJAS III
PFC R. RIVASCHAVEZ
PVT J. C. RUIZ
PFC* B. P. SHONG
PVT T. K. SLEIGH
PVT W. J. SMAIL
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PVT R. TAFOYA
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PVT E. J. WASSON
PVT M. B. WEBSTER
PFC D. H. WILSON
PFC G. R. WIGGINS
PFC N. H. WRAY

PFC* M. W. AKO
PVT D. A. BARNES
PFC B. P. BELISLE
PFC A. D. BELTON
PVT H. E. BOUCHEA
PVT A. F. CHIGSALCEDO
PVT E. T. COX
PVT J. H. CROPPER
PFC W. E. CRUM
PFC B. A. CZAHOR
PFC J. C. DEGROOT
PVT J. DELAROSA
PFC J. U. DELIM
PVT N. K. DELOSANTOS
PFC M. F. ESTEPHAN
PFC J. M. FRAUSTO III
PVT N. W. GABAYERON
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PVT C. I. GAUNA
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PVT E. GONZALEZ
PFC N. T. GREEN
PVT S. J. GRIMES
PVT D. A. GRINDLE
PVT J. M. GROCE III
PVT J. G. GUERRA III
PVT I. GUERRAHERNANDEZ
PFC S. GUTIERREZ
PVT D. M. HECHT
PFC J. HERNANDEZDAVILA
PVT I. A. HERNANDEZREZA
PVT I. L. HORAT
PFC J. H. HOUSTON
PFC* J. A. JESSOP

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PVT C. KUANG
PFC W. A. LARA
PVT C. M. LARIVEE
PVT J. P. LARSON
PFC R. LEMUSHERNANDEZ
PVT T. R. LERDAHL
PFC* K. M. LINDSEY
PVT R. Z. LLOYD
PFC E. J. LUMBRERAS JR.
PFC* T. G. MABRITO
PVT C. L. MARSHALL
PVT L. J. MASSEY JR.
PVT T. L. MCDONALD
PVT J. B. MEEK
PVT J. P. MENDOZAOLIVAS
PFC G. MORENO
PVT J. A. MUNOZ
PFC J. T. NGUYEN
PFC N. M. NIEVESJAVIEL
PVT R. ORTEGA JR.
PVT C. P. OWENS
PVT E. S. PATTON
PVT A. T. PHAM
PVT C. J. PLACE
PFC K. G. RAGANIT
PFC L. D. REYESHERNANDEZ
PVT M. P. ROBERTS
PFC M. J. ROBERTS JR.
PVT R. B. ROSENBLUM
PFC N. R. SAMAD
PVT B. C. SISNEROZ
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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.