

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 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 male and female 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 at San Diego’s Balboa Park for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

Thirteen buildings have been named for famous Marines, such a Daly Barracks, Pendleton Hall, Lejuene Hall, McDougall Hall, and Day Hall. Today, the Depot has 388 acres and 25 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment



On behalf of Brigadier General David C. Hyman, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors, and Civilian Marines of the Recruit Training Regiment, it is my privilege to welcome you to this morning’s graduation ceremony. Today, we come together to support your loved one and witness a milestone moment in their personal and professional journey.

The love and support you provided laid the foundation for their success and gave them the strength to take the first step in joining our all-volunteer force. Your presence today is a powerful expression of your ongoing commitment to your new Marine and to our Nation. We are honored to

welcome you into our Marine Corps family. This morning, we recognize your Marine’s extraordinary accomplishment in earning the title United States Marine. This is a defining moment and one they will carry with pride for the rest of their lives.

Marine Corps recruit training is the most challenging in the Nation, demanding the highest levels of discipline, endurance, and determination. Standing before you is a company of Marines who have risen to that challenge and earned their place in our ranks. To get to where they are today, these Marines has been trained physically, mentally, and emotionally through a time-tested process that transforms individuals into Marines. Many contributed to that transformation - families, mentors, coaches, teachers, and counselors - who shaped their character long before they arrived at the Yellow Footprints. Marine Corps Recruiters recognized their potential and helped them begin this journey. Their Primary Marksmanship Instructors aided in their qualification, which ensures every Marine a rifleman. No one, however, had a greater impact than the Marine Corps Drill Instructor. For 13 weeks, they have led with courage, humility, and resolve - demanding excellence and instilling our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. They’ve forged the five essential Marine Attributes: exemplary character, toughness, warfighting skill, decision-making, and leadership. As a result, each Marine graduating today has passed the test, exceeded the standard, and earned their place in our Corps. I have full confidence in their ability to meet any challenge.

Thank you for joining us. Enjoy your visit. Best wishes for a joyful reunion and safe travels home.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy A. Maese".

Semper Fidelis,
Tracy A. Maese
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 “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, and 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
Gerald A. Saunders Jr.
Military and Veterans Program (MVP)
Specialist (Ret.)

Gerald Saunders is a highly respected U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served honorably and faithfully for 30 years, retiring in 2016 as the Sergeant Major of Marine Corps Installations Command, National Capital Region, Marine Corps Base Quantico. Throughout his distinguished career, Gerald held several senior leadership positions, including Sergeant Major of Headquarters and Service Battalion at Quantico, Virginia — the largest battalion in the Marine Corps — and Sergeant Major of Recruiting Station Albany, New York.

As he rose through the ranks, Gerald served across all elements of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF), and completed multiple deployments around the world in support of critical U.S. military operations. He deployed to Afghanistan from May to December 2010 with 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment in support of OPERATION EDURING FREEDOM. Earlier in his career, he was forward deployed with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. He also deployed with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Tustin to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf in support of OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

Following his retirement from active duty, Gerald transitioned to the nonprofit sector, serving as Senior Vice President of Field Service Operations for the Navy League of the United States from 2017 to 2023. In this role, he led national outreach and support programs advocating for America’s sea services — including the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Currently, Gerald serves as a key member of the Military and Veterans Program (MVP) at the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. In this capacity, he supports service members and veterans living with paralysis — whether from combat-related, service-connected, or non-service-related causes — by connecting them with resources, community networks, and the Foundation’s deep expertise in spinal cord injury and paralysis.

Gerald’s personal awards and decorations reflect his dedication, leadership, and combat service. His commendations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in lieu of second award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three Gold Stars in lieu of fourth award), and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal with one silver star and three bronze stars.



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 their superior performance during recruit training.

SERIES HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in their 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 their superior performance during recruit training.

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in their 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 they are the honor graduate of their 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 they are the high shooter in the company. The company high shooter also receives a certificate from the Company Commander denoting that they are 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 they are the most physically fit Marine in their 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 D. C. Hyman
Chief of Staff	Colonel C. R. Von Bergen
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major O. A. Leavy
Parade Reviewing Officer	Sergeant Major G. A. Saunders Jr.

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer	Colonel T. A. Maese
Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel W. Williams
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major R. K. Palmer
Regimental Drill Master	Gunnery Sergeant K. M. Wilton
Narrator	Staff Sergeant J. Anderson

FIRST RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel N. M. Lamb
Executive Officer	Captain V. P. Everman
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major J. Mejia
Chaplain	Lieutenant V. Stevens
Battalion Drill Master	Staff Sergeant D. T. Risener

COMPANY C

Commanding Officer	Captain M. C. Evans II
Company First Sergeant	First Sergeant B. P. Arnone

SERIES 1049

Series Commander	1st Lieutenant J. J. Greenberg
Chief Drill Instructor	Staff Sergeant G. J. Santos

SERIES 1053

Series Commander	Captain P. A. Gianopoulos
Chief Drill Instructor	Staff Sergeant M. A. Rojas

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor	Staff Sergeant B. Martinez
Drum Major	Gunnery Sergeant W. Hayes

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer	Sergeant J. Hamlett
Organizational Color Bearer	Sergeant S. Perez Jr.
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant M. Toland
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant C. Williams Jr.

PLATOON
1049

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT D. M. MAYBERRY

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT D. D. INDUCTIVO
SERGEANT M. CORTESVARGAS
SERGEANT J. A. DAVIES

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS O. H. PICKERING (294)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. S. BORRELLI (329)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL M. J. RODRIGUEZ

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. J. ILAGAN
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANTA. WHYMS

PFC C. D. ANDUJAR
PVT A. ARAGON
PVT J. A. ARREOLAALDAMA
PVT A. BABATRAORE
PFC* N. L. BAKER
PVT S. R. BANGHART
PVT G. M. BLAIR
PVT E. T. BONNELL
PFC A. S. BORRELLI
PFC K. CALDERONGOMEZ
PVT A. J. CARLUCCI
PVT L. Q. CLAYBURN
PFC N. J. COMPEAN
PFC D. I. CORTESMONROY
PVT M. R. DAVID
PFC J. P. DAVIS
PVT K. L. DAY
PVT J. E. DELAPAZ
PFC I. R. DELGADO
PVT J. D. DEY
PFC D. C. DOLPH
PFC S. Q. DUNN
PFC C. P. EISENHARDT
PVT A. A. ENO
PVT L. K. ESQUIVEL
PFC B. R. FAFFLER
PFC C. J. FISHER
PVT R. FLORES JR.
PVT J. G. FUNEZ
PFC C. A. GARIBAY
PVT A. M. GATEWOODCOBLE
PVT A. T. HA
PVT T. E. HASKEY
PVT C. E. HEALD JR.
PFC A. J. HERDMAN
PFC L. F. HERINGTON
PVT P. T. HERNANDEZ
PFC J. J. ILAGAN
PVT J. C. JAURIGUI
PVT A. J. JOHNSON
PVT E. J. JORDAN
PFC* L. A. KING
PVT D. KUIDIM
PVT J. D. LUNA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON
1050

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT J. M. MONAGHAN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT J. NAVA
SERGEANT K. C. GONZALEZ
STAFF SERGEANT N. D. MORENO
SERGEANT C. N. HERMANET
SERGEANT R. A. CRUZRAMOS

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. P. LARSEN (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS I. M. DELMAS (324)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL M. J. RODRIGUEZ

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. P. LARSEN
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT C. NESMITH

PVT E. ACOSTAFAUSTINO
PFC N. D. AGUDOOLAGUE
PFC N. M. AGUILAR
PFC* M. A. AJAYI
PFC E. N. ALEMAN
PFC M. L. ARRIAGA
PFC A. D. ARTIGA
PVT R. K. BLACKGOAT
PFC R. D. BRYANT
PFC* K. C. BUSH
PFC A. N. CAMIRE
PFC S. G. CASTANEDA
PFC* J. CASTANEDAMARTINEZ
PFC H. CASTILLO
PFC D. I. CASTROARREDONDO
PFC K. E. CHANALATACARDENAS
PVT S. U. CZARNOTA
PFC I. M. DELMAS
PFC J. M. DODSON
PFC S. R. DOMINGUEZ
PFC A. M. ESTRADA
PFC K. R. FOHN
PVT K. L. FROST
PVT A. N. GALLEGOSBENITEZ
PVT A. A. GARCIA
PFC G. A. GARCIA
PVT J. GARCIA
PFC J. K. GARCIA
PFC L. GARCIRAMIREZ
PFC A. N. RODRIGUEZ
PFC J. R. GOMEZRAMIREZ
PVT K. R. GUTHRIE
PFC M. L. HAESSLY
PFC B. HERNANDEZ
PFC N. D. KING
PVT Z. L. KINWORTHY
PVT N. J. KULLANG
PFC G. D. LARA
PFC K. P. LARSEN
PVT S. M. LOPEZ
PFC D. LOPEZJIMENEZ
PFC J. J. MALDONADORODRIGUEZ
PFC J. P. MALDONADOVASQUEZ

PFC M. MARTINEZ
PFC J. MARTINEZFLORES
PVT Z. A. MARTINESFLORES
PVT A. E. MILLER
PVT J. MISNER
PFC M. S. MOFFAT
PFC N. M. MOJICAROJAS
PFC H. E. MONTES
PFC A. MURUGESAN
PFC* F. NYAMOITA
PFC P. N. ONOFRE
PVT L. Y. ORENDAYCAMACHO
PFC N. R. ORTEGA
PFC N. ORTIZ
PFC J. E. PENA
PFC H. K. PEREZ
PFC J. A. PEREZ
PFC M. A. PEREZ
PFC T. N. PEREZAYON
PFC M. PEREZROMERO
PFC L. D. PETERS
PVT A. L. PORYCKY
PFC K. R. QUINTEROMERO
PFC H. G. RAMIRESPAREDES
PFC D. P. RAMIREZ
PVT D. V. RAMOS
PFC S. REH
PFC* J. RESENDIZMARTINEZ
PFC A. I. RIOSANGEL
PVT A. N. RODRIGUEZ
PFC J. B. RUSSELL
PFC S. SENN
PFC M. L. SIMMLINK
PFC A. SORIA
PVT M. P. STUMPH
PVT D. R. THOMAS
PVT C. A. TORRES
PFC Y. TORRES
PFC S. F. VAITOHI
PVT A. M. VARGAS
PFC M. VAZQUEZ
PVT S. P. VAZQUEZCABALLERO
PFC I. K. VETTER

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON
1051

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT J. T. HOWARD

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT J. R. WILLIS
STAFF SERGEANT A. J. HOLLAND
SERGEANT A. A. MORALES
STAFF SERGEANT P. K. MIN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS N. B. CAPERS (297)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE A. LOPEZ (327)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT C. ASHER

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

LANCE CORPORAL E. S. BEECHLER
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT A. QUINTANILLA

PVT A. M. AGUILERA
PFC J. A. ARREOLA
PFC J. R. AVILASALGADO
PFC A. O. AYALA
PFC J. A. BANDA
PVT R. E. BARRETOSOLORIO
LCPL* E. S. BEECHLER
PVT B. M. BOYD
PFC* A. M. BREYNE
PVT M. W. BRUNNER
PVT E. D. CALLAWAY
PVT A. CANOMADRID
PFC* N. B. CAPERS
PVT C. M. CAREY
PVT D. S. CHACON
PVT P. C. COVERETT
PFC A. E. DALASKA
PFC J. T. DEAL
PFC S. J. DELANGEL
PVT W. D. DRUIN
PVT L. V. DUCKETT
PFC S. I. ESCOBAR
PFC A. R. ESTEP
PVT A. L. FLOYD
PVT D. GALENO
PFC* J. E. GARZA
PVT L. W. GEESEY
PFC M. A. GONZALEZ
PFC K. A. GUERRAAGUILAR
PVT S. M. HAYES
PVT A. E. HERNANDEZ
PFC J. A. JACINTOCHAICOJ
PFC J. JIMENEZ
PVT A. JUAREZ
PVT A. J. KINSEY
PVT C. J. KIRKPATRICK
PVT R. M. KRSAK
PVT N. K. LADISLAO
PFC E. LEDEZMAMENDOZA
PFC J. J. LINKER
PVT A. LOPEZ
PVT K. A. MAGEE
PFC M. L. MANTEL
PFC I. G. MARTINEZ JR.
PVT A. J. MARTINEZDEJESUS
PVT J. K. MASTERS

PVT T. D. MAXCY
PFC J. K. MCCANE
PVT J. A. MCGHEE
PFC M. M. MELNIKOVFLETCHER
PVT K. A. MILLER JR.
PFC H. A. MORENOBRIONES
PFC D. A. MORRISON
PFC H. M. MOYANO
PFC* Q. L. MUMM
PFC A. T. NGUYEN
PVT K. J. PANGLE
PVT R. L. PREUSS
PVT R. S. RAMSEY
PVT N. REYESRAMIREZ
PVT A. J. RINEHART
PFC E. J. ROBINSON
PFC J. ROMAN
PVT W. RUBIO
PFC M. W. SAMEC
PFC G. SANCHEZCOLLAZO
PFC J. U. SCHLISMANN
PVT R. D. SCHRAM
PFC M. J. SILVA
PFC* D. M. SIMS
PFC H. A. SMITH
PFC S. J. STOKES
PVT B. W. STORIE
PVT C. N. STRAMPHER
PVT E. J. TRAN
PVT S. T. VADEN
PFC B. L. VOLLIN
PVT C. A. WALDEN
PFC L. W. WAN
PVT I. L. WHITE
PVT W. J. WICKES
PFC W. K. WOODS JR.
PVT N. D. WRIGHT
PFC D. ZARATE
PVT K. L. BROWN
PVT K. G. CASE
PVT N. F. JOHNSON
PFC A. C. MANGERS
PVT E CHANG
PVT C. D. MCGEE
PVT M. ESTRADA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON
1053

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT E. E. TAYLOR

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT E. D. BANLAOI
SERGEANT J. D. FORGAS ANTUNEZ
STAFF SERGEANT L. O. AGUIRRE
SERGEANT M. A. MORALESALARCON

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. D. NELSON (299)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE P. F. STATHOS (327)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL D. M. SINGLETERY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS V. G. ALVAREZ
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT M. LUNA

PVT C. ALCAZAR
PVT D. J. ALMANZA
PFC* V. G. ALVAREZ
PFC C. L. ANDERSON
PFC A. R. ARGUETA
PVT A. J. ARRIAGA JR.
PVT D. A. BARON
PVT L. D. BERNAL
PVT J. T. BOAZ
PFC T. V. BOULIGNY
PVT D. R. BROUWER
PFC K. L. BUTLER
PVT A. J. CAMACHORODRIGUEZ
PVT B. M. CACHO
PVT D. U. CAUDLE
PVT J. C. CERONROMERO
PVT U. X. CHAVEZ
PFC D. I. CHILELRAMIREZ
PVT J. L. CHOW
PFC A. CORONA
PFC C. A. COSTER
PVT A. L. CRUMP
PVT E. CRUZJIMENEZ
PVT A. P. DEMAR
PVT M. A. DERAS
PVT R. DIAZCHAVEZ
PVT D. DUENASFERREYRA
PFC E. ENCARNACION
PVT E. E. ESTES
PFC* A. J. EVARISTO
PFC R. FERNANDEZGONZALEZ
PFC H. GARCIA
PFC L. A. GARCIA
PFC R. GARCIA
PVT B. H. GARCIVASQUEZ
PVT A. GARZACHAVEZ
PVT B. M. GOODLOE
PVT J. D. GROVES
PVT C. R. GUERRA
PVT M. S. HAKCHALEUN
PVT H. J. HALL
PVT K. W. HANSON
PVT L. O. HARDY
PVT L. O. HARDY
PFC T. S. HENDRICKS

PVT J. W. HENRY
PVT K. HOLMES
PVT D. C. HONGEVA
PFC C. J. HOVE
PVT D. T. IRREBARIA
PVT S. K. ISRAELSON
PVT K. J. JACKSON
PVT B. KING
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PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

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

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

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



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

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

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

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



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

The Corps has a long established pattern of Marines who have left the active duty ranks to become strong leaders in their communities and for the Nation and we will continue to send men and women of strong character and values back to society. These Marines will carry the legacy of high character, like those Marines who are presently doing great things for our Nation. We have received countless letters from influential public leaders who are former 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 E. D. SMOCK

DRILL INSTRUCTORS
STAFF SERGEANT J. D. JETT
STAFF SERGEANT L. R. HUDSON
STAFF SERGEANT A. S. DOWDNEY

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. ORTIZ JR. (296)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. ORTIZ JR. (330)
INSTRUCTOR: LANCE CORPORAL C. R. GREENE

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. J. RICHARDS
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT C. R. POOLE

PVT C. M. ALCANTARGARCIA
PVT R. Y. ALMOCERA
PFC J. J. AVALOS
PFC A. AVILA
PFC T. A. BAKER
PVT R. P. BAUER
PVT B. T. BOYD
PFC T. W. BRIDGEMAN
PFC B. D. BRUSTER
PFC* T. G. CANTELM
PFC G. CARRIZALES
PVT K. T. CASEY
PVT J. C. CHAN
PFC A. DIAZGUARDADO
PFC L. L. ESCOBAR
PVT A. J. ESPINOZA
PFC T. M. FAIRCHILD VII
PVT K. G. FLORES
PVT K. L. FLORES DIAZ
PFC B. M. GARCIA
PFC C. L. GARZA
PVT R. GONZALEZGARCIA
PVT J. C. HAYNES
PFC J. D. HELFRICH
PFC C. R. HOGAN
PFC* C. M. JOHNSON
PFC K. R. KILPATRICK
PVT B. T. KINIKIN
PVT M. E. KOLLMMEYER
PFC W. J. KREIDER JR.
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PFC R. J. LARSON
PVT A. LOPEZ
PFC R. LUCIOFRANCO
PVT A. E. MABONGOR
PFC J. J. MAGANA
PFC H. MARTINEZRAMIREZ
PVT C. E. MAYFIELD
PVT Z. A. MCFERRAN
PFC R. J. MENDEZ
PVT S. W. MILLER
PFC B. U. OHLENSEHLEN
PFC P. C. OLIVER
PFC K. OREAAALVARADO

PFC* A. ORTIZ JR.
PFC K. D. OVAK
PVT S. P. OWEN
PVT X. T. OZUNA
PVT S. R. PAYNE
PVT C. A. PEARCE
PFC J. E. PEREZHERNANDEZ
PVT M. I. PETTET
PFC J. T. POLLARD
PFC D. QUINTERO
PVT I. QUINTERO
PVT S. J. RAYRAY
PFC M. J. RICHARDS
PFC J. R. ROBLES
PVT J. D. RODRIGUEZ
PFC D. A. RODRIGUEZTAPIA
PVT C. ROJASRODRIGUEZ
PFC Y. J. ROMERO
PFC A E. ROMEROPASCUAL
PFC M. A. ROMEROURIBE
PFC J. ROQUE
PFC A. T. RUDOLPH
PFC J. D. RUVALCABA
PFC E. A. SANCHEZ
PFC C. C. SCOTT
PVT J. SERRANO
PFC A. M. SEXTON II
PFC J. J. STEVENSDELGADO
PFC J. E. TOLIVER
PVT R. C. TURNER
PVT A. VAZQUEZVARGAS
PFC* A. D. VELDERRAIN
PVT K. K. VESTAL
PVT J. P. VIRGA II
PFC L. T. WASHINGTON
PFC* R. A. WHISENANT
PFC C. J. WIGHT
PVT C. C. WILSON JR.
PVT M. J. WOOLDRIDGEBENNETT
PFC S. S. YO
PVT J. D. ZAMORA
PFC M. F. ZELLE
PFC S. J. ZGRZEPSKI

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DRILL INSTRUCTORS
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SERGEANT E. B. RAMIREZ
SERGEANT J. A. ALVANEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS S. S. TAYLOR (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. J. ARELLANO (332)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT E. L. VICTORIA

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS S. S. TAYLOR
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT J. CUEVAS

PVT A. ABADCAZARES
PVT M. W. ALLEN
PFC* B. O. ALTAMIRANO
PFC* F. D. ALVARADO
PFC* L. ALVARADOCEJAS
PFC* R. A. ALVAREZJURADO
PFC* D. J. ARELLANO
PVT A. T. BANNISTER
PVT B. J. BELINTE
PVT J. J. BENJAMIN
PFC* S. D. BENNETT
PVT A. L. BERNARDINI
PVT S. T. BERNARDO
PFC* D. J. BLACK
PVT M. A. CHAVEZ
PVT D. CRUZSANCHEZ
PFC* B. DAGNINOCASTELUM
PVT C. A. DANGELO
PFC* A. J. DAVIS
PVT K. DELACRUZPIO
PFC* D. DOLORESCAMPOS
PFC* P. E. EVANS
PVT J. M. FLORES
PFC* B. GALLEGOSFARIAS
PVT A. X. GATES
PVT J. L. HAMMETT
PFC* N. HERNANDEZ
PFC* D. HERRERAARAGON
PFC* A. E. HINOSTROZA
PVT K. L. HOBBS
PVT S. K. JORDAN
PVT A. T. KESHLER
PFC* J. KIDSOM
PVT J. W. KING
PVT S. E. LANCHO
PFC* P. J. LANGE
PFC* L. LARAPALOMARES
PFC* T. A. LARSEN
PVT C. A. LINHORST
PFC* R. E. LOPEZ
PVT J. G. LOPEZ JR.
PFC* J. E. MACIAS
PVT J. U. MARTINEZ
PFC* G. MARTINEZMENDOZA

PFC* H. A. MATA
PFC* A. D. MCCALL
PFC* A. J. MCKEEHEN
PFC* D. D. MILLER
PVT A. L. MORA
PFC* J. A. MORENO
PVT E. A. MORENO II
PVT J. E. MURTHA
PFC* A. P. NAAG
PVT J. NAPOLES
PVT J. J. OCHOA
PVT C. T. ONEAL
PVT F. ORONA
PVT T. A. ORTIZ
PFC* R. PEREZ
PVT I. A. PEREZNAVARRO
PVT I. PINEDA
PFC* J. A. PINGEL
PVT A. REYESOLIVARRIA
PFC* L. C. ROBERTSON
PFC* S. B. ROBLES
PFC* C. ROSALESAGUILAR
PVT G. RUANO
PFC* J. D. SAAVEDRA
PFC* S. SANCHEZ
PFC* A. A. SANCHEZVILLALVAZO
PFC* E. SANTOS
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PVT D. L. SAUNDERS
PVT J. A. SEDENO
PVT E. T. SEDILLO
PVT I. SERRANO
PVT G. SOTO
PFC* E. N. TAPIAGODOY
PFC S. S. TAYLOR
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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 civil police duties.

The Nation has committed 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: the determination to overcome any obstacle that stands in the 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

Teaching 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.