

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 James A. Ryans II, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors and civilian Marines of Recruit Training Regiment, welcome to this morning’s graduation ceremony. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated. As we recognize your Marine’s significant accomplishment, enjoy this special day in their life.

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

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

Semper Fidelis,

P. M. Rummler
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
Sael G. Garcia
Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island
Eastern Recruiting Region

Sergeant Major Garcia enlisted in the Marine Corps November 1997 in Santa Ana, California. Upon graduation from Marine Corps Recruit Training, Sergeant Major Garcia attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, California and then reported to Logistics/Embarkation Specialist School in Coronado, California.

After earning his Military Occupational Specialty, Sergeant Major Garcia received orders to Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

In April of 2000 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 3rd Battalion 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton California where he served as the Battalion Embarkation Chief until December 2002.

In January 2003 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California. Upon completion of Drill Instructor School in March of 2003, Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion where he served as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor and Series Chief Drill Instructor. After a successful tour as a Drill Instructor in April of 2006, Sergeant Major Garcia received orders to Headquarters and Service Battalion, Quantico, Virginia where he served as the Battalion Logistics Chief. During his tour he also provided support at Officer Candidate School, as a Sergeant Instructor until August 2007.

In September of 2007 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division where he served as the Regimental Logistics Chief until May 2009. During this period, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 07-9/08-1 with Regimental Combat Team 5 from January 2008 to February 2009.

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

In May of 2009 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Officer Candidate School where he served as a Platoon Sergeant for Alpha Company. Sergeant Major Garcia then reported to the University of Minnesota NROTC where he served as the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor from August 2009 to August 2011.

In September of 2011 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 1st Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, where he served as the Reparable Management Company First Sergeant from September 2011 to September 2013. In September of 2013 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to 3rd Battalion 5th Marine Regiment where he served as Company “L” First Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company First Sergeant and Weapons Company First Sergeant until his promotion to Sergeant Major in 2017.

In February of 2017 Sergeant Major Garcia reported to Recruiting Station Albuquerque, 8th Marine Corps District in Albuquerque New Mexico, where he served as the Recruiting Station Sergeant Major until May 2019. In May 2019, Sergeant Major Garcia was assigned as the Sergeant Major for 1st Radio Battalion, I MEF Information Group until April 2021. In April of 2021, Sergeant Major Garcia was transferred to Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii where he served as the Group Sergeant Major for Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Sergeant Major Garcia assumed his current post as the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Eastern Recruiting Region Sergeant Major on June 2, 2023.

Sergeant Major Garcia has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with 1 gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 4 gold stars and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with 1 gold star.



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 J. A. Ryans II
Chief of Staff	Colonel C. R. Von Bergen
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major O. A. Leavy
Parade Reviewing Officer	Sergeant Major S. G. Garcia

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer	Colonel P. M. Rummler
Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel C. E. Kesler
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major J. J. Miller
Regimental Drill Master	Gunnery Sergeant K. M. Wilton
Narrator	Staff Sergeant D. F. Gomez

FIRST RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel R. Hollenbeck
Executive Officer	Major N. Butner
Sergeant Major	First Sergeant J. Mejia
Chaplain	Lieutenant V. Stevens
Battalion Drill Master	Staff Sergeant A. Jaimes

COMPANY D

Commanding Officer	Captain R. Raney
Company First Sergeant	First Sergeant B. Laca

SERIES 1069

Series Commander	1st Lieutenant A. Hunck
Chief Drill Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant J. Nunez

SERIES 1073

Series Commander	Captain L. Jimenez
Chief Drill Instructor	Staff Sergeant C. Antoine Jr.

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor	Staff Sergeant R. Ponsor-DeChant
Drum Major	Gunnery Sergeant W. Hayes

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer	Sergeant E. Juste
Organizational Color Bearer	Sergeant S. Smith
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant E. Banlaoi
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant J. Rubio

PLATOON 1069

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT S. L. SILLERS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT M. A. CASTANEDA
SERGEANT B. N. ESCALERA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

LANCE CORPORAL E. G. RUIZ (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS C. BOTHMA (332)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT M. R. HEIRENDT

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. A. MARTINEZ
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT M. BASTAZA

PFC	E. M. AGUILON	PVT	I. A. JIMENEZIGLESIAS
PVT	M. N. ALEXANDER	PFC	L. I. KUHLMAN
PFC	K. H. ALLEN	PVT	B. P. LARAFELIX
PFC	M. A. AMAYA	PVT	A. S. LEMUSJIMENEZ
PVT	N. AMINI	PVT	P. P. LIN
PFC*	S. V. ANAYA	PVT	E. A. LINEBERRY
PVT	L. K. ANDREWSTINKER	PVT	T. L. LIZARDE
PFC	L. K. BEGAY	PFC*	N. A. LOPEZ
PVT	N. Y. BERMUDEZ	PVT	E. MARTINEZ
PFC*	C. BOTHMA	PFC*	A. A. MARTINEZ
PVT	S. H. BOYD	PVT	W. S. MASSA
PVT	J. S. BRIGIDOAVILES	PFC	J. R. MEDINA
PVT	E. M. BROWN	PVT	E. MELENDEZ
PVT	A. L. CAGLE	PFC	B. K. MENDEZ
PVT	D. M. CANIZALESHERNANDEZ	PVT	N. MENDOZA
PFC	S. E. CARRILLO	PVT	M. R. MILLER
PFC	A. CHAPARROLOYA	PFC	V. N. MONTES
PFC	S. P. CHAVEZ	PVT	G. S. MOSQUEDAVALDEZ
LCPL*	L. A. CLARK	PFC	D. C. NAVARRO
PVT	R. CLOSE	PVT	C. E. DAVIS
PFC	K. M. COMBEST	PVT	R. NIETOELIAS
PVT	E. CRUZ	PFC	M. I. OCHOA
PVT	G. DELAOCONTRERAS	PFC	A. ORTEGA
PVT	J. A. DIAZ	PFC	C. PAORUNG
PFC	R. N. DIAZ	PVT	D. N. PARKER
PVT	S. J. DIAZLLAMAS	PVT	M. F. PLATA
PVT	E. DOMINGUEZ	PVT	C. M. PRUITT
PFC	J. DOMINGUEZ	PVT	G. N. REGINALD
PVT	M. C. DOMINGUEZ	PVT	D. M. RHOE
PFC	F. DOMINGUEZDOMINGUEZ	PVT	A. M. RICHMOND
PFC	F. M. FALTER	PFC	K. J. RIVERA
PVT	U. I. FELIZ	PFC	A. R. ROMERO
PVT	P. V. FINEGAN	PFC	C. ROSALES
PVT	H. E. FINK	LCPL*	E.G. RUIZ
PFC	C. M. FLORES	PVT	M. SANCHEZ
PFC	J. T. FLORES	PFC	S. D. SANCHEZ
PFC	M. FRANCO	PVT	A. E. SAUCEDO
PFC*	C. J. FUENTES	PVT	A. SHRESTHA
PFC	K. A. GAMBOA	PFC	J.A. SMITH
PVT	A. L. GAMEZ	PVT	D. S. STEELMAN
PVT	E. GARCIA	PVT	R. M. SURICO
PFC	M. GARCIA	PFC*	T. G. TAYLORCOLLINS
PVT	K. GARFIASCARRASCO	PVT	G. I. TORRES
PVT	M. GUTIERREZLICONA	PFC	K. G. TULLY
PFC	J. R. HARGRAVE	PVT	C. USCANGAMARQUEZ
PFC	Z. E. HERNANDEZ	PVT	J. VEGA
PVT	F. S. HIGHTOWER	PFC	C. A. VILACLARA
		PFC	N. M. WAGNER

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 1070

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT J. T. MCGROGAN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT K. M. GRUNDER
SERGEANT O. COSTAS
STAFF SERGEANT J. H. PONTIUS

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Z. T. BROWN (299)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. E. ALVAREZ (338)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT S. HEIHN

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. M. MUGARAY
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT A. SMITH

PFC*	E. E. ALVAREZ	PVT	G. W. KITTS
PVT	J. J. ANDERSON	PVT	Y. LAURENTDECANNON
PVT	Z.C. ANGLIN	PFC	N. C. LEMYRE
PVT	J. A. ARBOGAST	PVT	T. C. LOBBERECHT
PVT	O. J. ARCILA	PVT	J. A. MARTZ
PFC	F. D. AREVALOMESA	PVT	C. R. MEYER
PFC	A. A. BARAJASMARTINEZ	PVT	D. A. MILLS
PVT	J. E. BARRERA	PFC	L. A. MORRISON
PVT	E. E. BECERRA	PVT	C. G. MUGO
PFC	A. BOUMA	PFC*	A. M. MUNGARAY
PVT	R. E. BOUMAN	PVT	N. D. MYLESPOLLARD
PFC	Z. T. BROWN	PVT	N. G. NASSET
PVT	T. A. BRYAN	PFC	P.H NAUGHTON
PVT	C. C. CALDERON	PFC	D. NERIBACILIO
PVT	E. E. CASTILLOLERMA	PVT	Z. T. ODRISCEOIL
PVT	P. B. CORONADO	PFC	N. W. OHRT
PVT	B. N. CRUZ	PVT	A. J. OTTMAN
PVT	E. O. CRUZCHUN	PFC	R. H. PALMAMADRID
PVT	B. T. CURTIS	PVT	R. T. PATEL
PFC*	C. G. RANKIN	PFC*	C. G. RANKIN
PVT	C. E. DEFALCO	PVT	R. L. REEVES
PVT	W. C. DEMARANVILLE	PFC	G. A. ROUTT
PVT	G. D. DEMPCY	PVT	R. M. RUARK
PVT	H. G. DENOYER	PVT	J. J. SAAVEDRASALDANA
PVT	B. K. DERKS	PVT	N. C. SALAZAR
PFC	A. A. DEVORA	PFC*	A. J. SANDOVAL
PVT	Y. DIAZ	PVT	J. B. SAWEJ
PVT	S. J. DICKISON	PFC	R. P. SCHIFANELLI
PVT	C. A. DOLLEY	PVT	S. SECK
PVT	T. D. DUFFY	PFC	A. SENWAH
PVT	W. J. DUNCAN	PVT	W. SIEGFRIED
PFC	M. A. ESPINOPEREZ	PFC	T. J. SHUPE
PVT	G. ESQUIVEL	PFC	C. J. SMITH
PVT	N. A. FOSTER	PVT	T. M. SMITH
PVT	T. M. FOX	PFC	C. A. SNELL
PVT	J. D. FRANKS	PFC*	H. N. SOE
PFC	E. A. FRIENDLING	PVT	W. A. STIFFLER
PVT	P. K. FUJIMORI	PVT	J. W. STONE
PVT	C. B. FUNKUGUB	PVT	R. J. STRACHANALEXANDER
PVT	D. M. GARCIA	PVT	C. M. TENA
PVT	J. R. GATES	PFC	N. J. TRI
PFC	P. GOMEZJOSE	PVT	J. A. VIRAMONTES
PFC	L. W. GORDONR. VILLA	PVT	D. J. VOLKENS
PVT	G. P. GRIFFIN	PVT	S. W. WARDLOW
PVT	G. D. GUIDA	PFC*	C. A. WHITE
PFC*	N. O. HOKONSON	PVT	C. I. WHITE JR.
PVT	A. A. KANE	PFC	B. J. YU
PVT	A. M. KESSLER	PFC	A. A. ZAMORA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 1071

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT R. S. NELSEN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT C. J. LOGAN
SERGEANT J. A. RODRIGUEZ
SERGEANT F. J. PEREZ

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PVT	W. G. AGUILAR	PVT	J. B. MARTINEZ
PVT	A. ALCOCERZAMORANO	PFC	K. E. MENDOZAGONZALEZ
PFC	J. AMISI	PFC	A. MIRANDA JR
PVT	P. J. ARIAS	PFC	A. P. MOLONY
PVT	E. J. ARREDONDO	PVT	J. U. MONROYSANCHEZ
PVT	M. S. ATNIP	PFC	J. S. MYERS
PVT	J. E. AYALAJAUREGUI	PVT	W. B. NELSON
PVT	S. AYON	PVT	S. E. ORNELAS
PFC*	I. R. BAEZA	PVT	H. C. ORTIZRENTAS
LCPL*	J. S. BAKOS	PVT	P. C. OVERBY
PFC*	A. C. BALAREZO	PVT	E. R. PAPIERNIK
PVT	D. R. BENITEZTORRES	PFC	N. PECINA
PVT	N. BERTMAN	PFC	E. A. PELZER
PVT	L. K. BLAKNEY	PFC	J. G. PEREZ
PFC*	J. A. BOTELLO	PFC	M. PEREZ
PFC	D. H. BRADLEY	PVT	V. PEREZMEDINA
PFC	B. BRAVO	PFC	C. R. PHEGLEY
PVT	E. R. BUSSEMA	PVT	D. C. PIPPIN
PFC	H. B. CAMARILLO	PVT	G. S. PORTILLO
PVT	R. CARACHURE	PFC*	J. B. QUEZADA
PVT	R. J. CARDENASMUNGUIA	PFC	E. D. RAMIREZ
PVT	B. D. DOBESH	PVT	C. G. RAMOS
PVT	D. L. DOE	PVT	A. A. RAMOSOLIVARES
PVT	J. D. DOWD	PFC	B. B. RASMUSSEN
PVT	T. T. ENGLISH	PVT	J. A. REDDER
PFC	K. U. FERIAVASQUEZ	PVT	D. A. RIOSCORDON
PFC	O. J. FILEK	PFC	M. A. RIVASAGUAYO
PVT	Z. D. FORKNER	PVT	C. C. ROBERTS
PFC*	J. GALLEGOS	PVT	J. ROMERO
PVT	T. J. GARCIA	PVT	E. J. ROSADO
PVT	R. T. GREENE	PVT	J. D. SALAS
PVT	E. J. GUTIERREZ	PFC	J. L. SANDOVAL
PVT	J. T. HAMMOCK	PVT	R. G. SANDOVAL
PVT	R. L. HARPEL	PVT	O. D. SAUNDERS
PVT	K. A. HENSLEY	PVT	J. S. SAVAS
PVT	J. P. HERNANDEZ	PVT	S. D. SIMMONS II
PVT	M. HERRERAHERNANDEZ JR	PVT	J. M. STEPHAN
PVT	J. R. HILL	PVT	T. K. STRICKLAND
PVT	A. B. HOFMASTER	PFC	M. D. SUTTERFIELD
PVT	A. O. HUSSIEN	PVT	L. O. TENA
PFC*	M. L. JOHNSONSTEVENSON	PFC	P. K. TOMS
PFC	A. A. LEMOS	PVT	A. R. URBAN
PVT	W. J. LENA	PVT	J. J. URIBE
PVT	A. G. LINDORFER	PVT	B. G. WALKER
PVT	J. A. LOPEZ	PVT	C. N. WEST
PFC	M. C. LOR	PFC	J. P. WHITE
PFC	C. MARQUEZASCENCION	PFC	L. E. WILSON
PVT	T. J. MARTEN		

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PLATOON 1073

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT J. A. LOPEZPALMA

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT F. DE LA CRUZ
SERGEANT J. I CHAIDEZSANTOYO
SERGEANT B. LOPEZHERNADEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE C. J RUBLE (296)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE N. J. REITER (336)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL J. SINGLETERY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. L. HILL
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PFC	C. P. ADCOCK	PFC	M. A. MORIN
PVT	A. A. AGUILAR	PFC	R. R. NANDIKONDA
PFC	G. A. BERNARD	PVT	C. J. NAY
PVT	B. R. BREEDLOVE	PVT	P. T. NICHOLS
PVT	J. A. BUCKNER	PVT	L. A. ORTIZ
PVT	D. E. BUENDIA	PFC	D. A. OSORIOPORTILLO
PFC	D. J. BUTLER	PVT	J. K. OVERBAY
PVT	C. CANUL	PFC	C. PACHECO
PVT	L. B. CARILLO	PFC	U. PENAPEREZ
PFC	Z. CHACON	PVT	J. PLYTNIKA
PVT	F. A. CHILTON	PVT	C. S. POWERS
PVT	Z. M COLEMAN	PVT	B. L. RAMIREZ
PFC	J. CORTESMEJIA	PVT	R. Y. RAMIREZGOMEZ
PFC	C. J. DIEM	PVT	R. RAMIREZMORALES
PVT	R. C. EHMEN	PVT	N. J. REITER
PVT	J. Y. ENGLISH	PVT	C. REYES
PVT	J. ESPARZA	PVT	E. REYESANTONIO
PFC	J. A. FARIASJAIMES	PFC	E. A. ROANE
PFC	J. J. FLORES	PFC	A. M. ROUAS
PVT	C. J. FRANCIS	PVT	C. J. RUBLE
PFC	G. R. GARZA	PFC	T. K. SAGE
PFC	J. M GODINEZLOPEZ	PVT	D. SALAZAR
PVT	R. GONZALEZ JR.	PFC	N. O. SALMERON
PVT	M. C. GREEN	PVT	A. L. SALOME
PFC	J. M. GUADALUPE	PVT	J. H. SANDOVAL
PVT	A. B. HAGOOD	PVT	V. M. SARDONO
PFC	A. HERNANDEZ	PVT	D. G. SCHULTE
PVT	M. A. HERNANDEZ	PVT	L. D. SELVEY
PFC	N. J. HERNANDEZ	PVT	B. C. SHIVERSKI
PFC	D. R. HEYWOOD JR.	PVT	A. J. SMITH
PVT	A. L. HIGH	PVT	D. I. SMITH
PFC	B. L. HILL	PFC	J. SOTELO
PVT	T. E. HOFFMAN	PFC	J. J. SOTO
PVT	E. HUERTA	PVT	J. W. SPURGEON
PFC	C. D. HYATT	PFC	E. STERN
PVT	C. S. JACKSON	PVT	T. L. STORER
PFC	J. C. JENNINGS	PVT	M. A. SULLIVAN
PFC	K. J. KINGSBURY	PFC	M. S. TEMPLE JR.
PFC	G. M. KOTERO	PFC	G. VARDANYAN
PVT	A. LEMUS	PVT	K. S. VARNER
PVT	B. D. LENZ	PFC	D. A VELASQUEZ
PFC	M. M. LOPEZ	PVT	A. S. VENEGAS
PVT	M. M. MACHUCA	PFC	A. M. WEFEL
PFC	I. P. MARTINEZ	PVT	A. J. WIGGINS
PVT	O. MARTINEZREYES	PFC	G. J. WIGHT
PVT	D. M. MAYNARD	PFC	J. A. ZENTZ
PVT	R. R. MORENO	PFC	N. R. ZEW

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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.

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DRILL INSTRUCTORS
STAFF SERGEANT J. R. MARCIANO
SERGEANT M. RANGEL
SERGEANT N. AJIN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS V. SANDOVAL (294)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. A. LOCKWARD (331)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT D. T. MONAHAN

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. A. AGGASID
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT R. A. PLATERO

PVT L. W. ADAMS
PFC* J. A. AGGASID
PVT J. X. ALLEN
PVT R. ALMENDARIS JR.
PVT A. E. ANDRADE
PVT J. ANGUIANO
PFC D. A. BARTLETTWILL
PVT C. J. BLOMQUIST
PVT J. A. BURNS
PFC J. A. CARRION
PVT M. A. CASTRO
PFC H. M. CLIFTON
PVT G. D. DAVILA JR.
PFC G. P. DUCKER
PFC D. ESTRADA
PVT G. I. FELIPEHERNANDEZ
PVT B. J. FINCH
PFC A. D. GAINES
PVT L. R. GALLEGOS
PVT D. J. GAMEZ
PFC T. K. GILBERTAIU
PVT L. A. GOMEZ
PVT C. E. GONZALEZCASTILLO
PVT F. S. GRANADOS
PVT C. T. GUZMAN
PFC F. E. GUZMANMADRIGAL
PVT K. M. HAAK
PVT A. HANKO
PVT L. M. HERNANDEZ
PVT L. HOPKINS
PVT M. L. HURWITZ
PVT D. P. JAMESON
PFC N. R. JOHNSON
PVT B. M. JONES
PFC J. E. JUAREZ
PFC* T. N. KEMPEL
PVT C. A. KERR
PVT J. C. KOFRON
PFC M. M. KOHRELL JR.
PVT L. M. LAWLER
PVT T. LEVARIO
PVT M. T. LEWIS
PFC D. A. LOCKWARD
PFC* R. S. LOPEZ
PVT S. O. LOPEZ
PVT E. A. LOPEZBERNAL
PFC* H. G. MAKOVY
PVT W. B. MASUNO

PVT A. M. MATTHEWS
PFC A. A. MAYA
PFC E. L. MESSENGER
PFC D. C. MINA
PFC E. A. MORAANGEL
PVT D. M. MORADIAN
PVT N. MORENO
PVT E. MUNOZ
PFC V. NAVARRO
PVT A. L. NICHOLS
PVT J. P. NICHOLS
PVT E. D. ORELLANACIFUENTES
PVT T. M. ORMOND
PFC* R. S. PALACIOS
PVT R. A. PRADO JR.
PFC J. M. PUCKETT
PVT B. RAMOS
PVT B. F. REYES
PVT L. N. REYES
PFC A. REYES JR.
PFC A. A. ROBINSON
PVT E. R. RODRIGUEZ
PFC J. M. RODRIGUEZGONZALES
PVT J. U. RODRIGUEZPELAYO
PVT B. C. ROHAN
PFC A. N. ROSALESLOPEZ
PVT G. H. ROTH
PVT M. J. SAGOTE
PVT E. SALAZAR
PVT F. J. SALGADO
PFC* V. SANDOVAL
PVT P. L. SAVAGE
PVT T. J. SCIBOR
PVT G. SEGOVIA
PFC E. I. SILVARODRIGUEZ
PVT D. SORIA
PFC J. T. STANFORD
PVT H. A. TEMPLE
PFC A. TERCERO
PVT Z. T. TOLLETT
PVT R. K. TRIPATHI
PVT K. D. TURNER
PVT F. A. TZUNUN
PVT O. VACA
PVT A. VALENZUELA
PVT B. C. WIGGAN
PVT C. S. WRIGHT

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DRILL INSTRUCTORS
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STAFF SERGEANT C. PARTEE
SERGEANT M. J. POCERNICH

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
PRIVATE C. B. CONTEREZ (294)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. J. BARRETO (340)
INSTRUCTOR: LANCE CORPORAL T. LONG

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. J. SOUTH
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PVT J. P. ADAMS
PVT R. R. ADLER
PVT L. D. ALBAREDA
PFC E. M. ANGELES
PVT A. E. ARELLANO
PVT C. ARGUELLOGARCIA
PVT J. M. AYON
PFC A. J. BARRETO
PVT Y. BEATRIZ
PVT I. BENITEZ
PVT A. P. BERTRAND
PVT M. T. CAO
PFC J. E. CARRASCOGASTELLUM
PVT M. M. CARRION
PVT J. CHAVEZ
PVT R. D. CIFUENTES
PVT C. CISNEROS
PVT J. B. COLEMAN JR.
PVT C. B. CONTEREZ
PVT J. I. CONTRERAS
PVT R. D. COTA
PVT J. E. DELGADO
PVT T. M. DORTCH
PVT A. Z. DUNNING
PVT I. ENCIZOJACOBO JR.
PVT J. M. ESPINOSA
PVT J. T. GAJEWSKI
PVT B. GALVEZ
PVT J. M. GARCIARODRIGUEZ
PVT P. C. GIBSON
PVT V. A. GONZALEZGARCIA
PVT S. GONZALEZSOSA
PVT D. M. GUERRERO
PVT J. E. GUZMAN
PVT J. R. HAEN
PVT W. D. HARMSTON
PVT A. S. HARWOOD
PVT C. M. HELM
PVT A. HERNANDEZ
PFC V. A. HERNANDEZHERNANDEZ
PVT L. HERNANDEZMOJICA
PVT C. D. HOSHIYAMA
PVT M. A. IBARRA
PVT G. D. JASSO
PVT B. JIMENEZ
PVT C. D. JOHNSON
PVT S. J. JORDAN
PVT D. JUAREZ
PVT I. A. KOUASSI
PVT T. P. LADD
PVT M. A. LARA

PVT C. I. MACWITHEY
PVT C. I. MADDEN
PVT J. C. MARIANO
PFC T. E. MARSH
PVT E. M. MARTY
PFC T. M. MATTHEWS
PVT M. J. MCQUADE
PVT L. MEJIA JR.
PVT L. A. MENDEZVEGA
PVT O. MONTELONGO II
PVT B. I. MORALES
PVT J. E. MORALES
PVT A. G. MORALEZLOPEZ
PVT A. NUSHWAT
PVT A. ONTIVEROS
PVT J. E. ORTIZAJANEL
PVT C. X. PADILLA
PVT D. I. PICAZO
PVT D. A. RAMIREZ
PVT J. D. RILES
PVT M. A. RIVAS JR.
PVT E. A. RODRIGUEZ
PVT M. A. RODRIGUEZMARTINEZ JR.
PVT J. W. ROJAS JR.
PVT I. ROMERO
PVT M. B. ROMERO
PVT F. R. ROMEROSANCHEZ
PVT D. SANCHEZ
PFC J. E. SANCHEZ
PVT K. U. SANCHEZ
PVT S. SANCHEZ
PVT N. A. SANCHO
PVT E. I. SANTESSANTIAGO
PVT A. A. SEDILLO
PVT A. K. SINGLE
PVT D. P. SMITH
PVT D. E. SOE
PFC L. J. SOUTH
PVT R. C. SPEARS
PVT O. U. SUAREZ
PVT T. P. TONGI
PVT E. URENO JR.
PVT E. M. URIBE
PVT M. N. VALENCIA
PVT J. VALLADARES
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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 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

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.