

## 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 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 a Daly Barracks, Pendleton Hall, Lejuene 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 Jason L. Morris, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors and civillian 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. We are here to celebrate with you their twelve weeks. Your Marine has been prepared physically, mentally and emotionally in a time-tested process whereby 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,

J. W. Jones  
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 Julio R. Gonzalez Sergeant Major 1st Supply Battalion



Sergeant Major Gonzalez attended Recruit Training in San Diego California, graduating from Company M, Third Recruit Training Battalion. After completing Marine Combat Training, he was transferred to Camp Johnson, North Carolina where he attended the Basic Food Service Military Occupational School (MOS) and was assigned the MOS 3381.

Upon completion of MOS training, he received orders to Okinawa Japan, and was assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing as a Cook on watch. During this time, he participated in multiple field operations in the Republic of South Korea.

In January of 1996, Lance Corporal Gonzalez reported to the School Of Infantry, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. During this time Lance Corporal Gonzalez was promoted to Corporal and Sergeant, and was a member of the Honored Color Guard and Funeral Rifle Detail. In November 1998, Sergeant Gonzalez received orders to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa Japan.

In November 1999, he requested and received orders to class 3-00 Drill Instructor School Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego CA. Upon completion of Drill Instructor School, he was assigned to Third Recruit Training Battalion. He served as a Drill Instructor with Company M and was promoted to Staff Sergeant in November 2001. He continued to serve as an Experienced Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor with Company M.

In December 2003, he was assigned to the School of Infantry West, Camp Pendleton CA, where he served as the Assistant Logistic Chief and the 52 Area Mess Hall Liaison. In March of 2005, he received orders to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division where he completed several combat deployments in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

In August 2007, he was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. In January 2008, Gunnery Sergeant Gonzalez was assigned to Officer Candidates School (OCS) Quantico Virginia, where he served with company A, B, C, D and K. as a Sergeant Instructor, Platoon Sergeant and Company Gunnery Sergeant.

In January 2011, Gunnery Sergeant Gonzalez was assigned to Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA, Headquarters Battalion, Bravo Company, Logistic Division. In late 2011, Gunnery Sergeant Gonzalez augmented and deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) as the 11th MEU Assistant Headquarters Commandant and Chief Instructor of the 11th MEU Corporals Course.

In January 2013, Gunnery Sergeant Gonzalez was promoted to First Sergeant and received orders to Marine Combat Logistics Battalion 5, and served as the Company First Sergeant for Support Company and Motor Transportation Company. In August 2014, First Sergeant Gonzalez received orders to Officer Candidates School (OCS), Quantico Virginia, as the Company First Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company and later assigned to a candidate training company, company D.

## Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

In August 2016, First Sergeant Gonzalez received orders to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 11th Marines Regiment, 1st Marine Division and served as the Headquarters Battery, Battery First Sergeant.

In February 2017, Sergeant Major Gonzalez was frocked and assumed the post of Squadron Sergeant Major for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466 (HMH-466). Deployed as part of the Unit Program Deployment (UDP) 18.1. Participated in exercise Cobra Gold 18-1, the Korean Military Exchange Program, SSang Yong and embarked aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard LHD-6 with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force 4 (SP-MAGTF), as the Aviation Command Element (ACE) Sergeant Major. In November 2018, Sergeant Major Gonzalez served as the SP-MAGTF 7, Task Force 51, ACE Sergeant Major.

In December 2018, Sergeant Major Gonzalez assumed the post of Battalion Sergeant Major, Third Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. In April 2020, he transfer and assumed the post as the Sergeant Major, Headquarters and Service Battalion and Task Force Commitment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina.

In September 2021, Sergeant Major Gonzalez assumed his post as the Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 101 (VMFAT-101) Sergeant Major. In May 2022, Sergeant major assumed his post as the 1st Supply Battalion, Sergeant Major where he currently serves.

Sergeant Major Gonzalez' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award, and the Combat Action Ribbon.



## 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. L. Morris
Chief of Staff	Colonel E. R. Sullivan
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major A. T. Leal
Parade Reviewing Officer	Sergeant Major J. R. Gonzalez

### RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer	Colonel J. W. Jones
Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel L. S. Woo
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major P. F. Agan
Regimental Drill Master	Gunnery Sergeant R. Levya
Narrator	Staff Sergeant M. C. Redfield

### FIRST RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel J. R. Smith
Executive Officer	Major A. E. Sierawski
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major K. Valdez
Chaplain	Lieutenant Commander U. L. Ubalde
Battalion Drill Master	Staff Sergeant A. J. Massingale

### COMPANY F

Commanding Officer	Captain J. P. Clift III
Company First Sergeant	First Sergeant J. D. Ruiz

### SERIES 2121

Series Commander	Captain T. Z. Nead
Chief Drill Instructor	Staff Sergeant J. M. Garrison

### SERIES 2125

Series Commander	Captain K. T. Feagin
Chief Drill Instructor	Staff Sergeant T. Bohanan

### MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor	Gunnery Sergeant B. Hallquist
Drum Major	Staff Sergeant J. A. Kearney

### COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer	Sergeant P. F. Schorgl
Organizational Color Bearer	Sergeant D. Reyes
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant H. K. Langille
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant C. A. Garibay

# PLATOON 2121

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT P. TAMALE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT V. SANCHEZ

SERGEANT D. R. MAGGUDDAYAO

SERGEANT L. R. FAJARDO

SERGEANT J. JURAEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. H. VELASQUEZ JR. (288)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. W. ALLEN (339)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT COLMERAUE

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. M. PALAFOX

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT T. ZYCH

PFC	J. L. ALLEN	PVT	H. J. PETRILLO
PFC*	J. W. ALLEN	PVT	A. QUINONES
PVT	D. S. ANDRADECHAVEZ	PFC	A. QUINONEZMALDONADO
PFC	A. E. BAZAN	PVT	B. R. RALSTON
PVT	C. CHAREZROMERO	PFC	E. RAMIREZ
PVT	J. D. CHENEY	PVT	J. C. RAMOS JR.
PVT	I. CHIREN	PVT	J. D. REDMOND
PVT	M. P. COLE	PFC	J. M. REYES JR.
PVT	C. E. CONTRERAS	PVT	J. RIOSOLAYO
PFC	A. E. DUNCAN	PVT	J. F. ROBERTS
PFC	A. Y. ESTRELLA	PVT	O. E. RODRIGUEZ
PFC	J. L. FURAN	PVT	B. J. ROMINE
PVT	N. G. GENTRY	PFC	V. ROMO
PVT	J. S. GRAY	PVT	J. SANCHEZ
PVT	J. R. HANKINS	PVT	C. A. SAVIN
PVT	K. J. JONES	PFC*	N. J. SCHOONOVER
PFC	D. A. KASSAW	PVT	K. M. SHRYOCK
PVT	J. A. LABOA	PVT	J. SINGH
PVT	J. E. LOPEZMARTINEZ	PFC*	B. A. SPINALE
PVT	C. B. MARTINEZ	PVT	A. R. TABER
PFC	J. MAYEN	PVT	K. TAUPI
PFC	J. I. MELENDEZ	PVT	A. J. TEAL
PVT	J. T. MOLINA	PVT	V. TORRESTORRES
PFC	C. K. MOSS	PFC	T. G. TRYON
PFC	N. R. OPITZ	PVT	A. A. UCHEL
PVT	D. R. ORNELAS	PFC*	R. H. VELASQUEZ JR.
PFC	R. M. PALAFOX	PVT	D. VILLAPEREZ
PFC	C. G. PARKER	PVT	T. WHITE
PVT	J. D. PEREZ	PFC	B. A. WUNDERLICH
PVT	J. A. PEREZ	PVT	J. ZAVALETA JR.

Meritorious Promotion \*

# PLATOON 2122

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT J. R. SAVAGE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT L. B. POWERS

SERGEANT S. M. MENDOZA

SERGEANT T. J. TIMMONS

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. A. MANZER (298)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE M. E. HERWING (332)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT O. C. NIUPULUSU

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. HOLGUIN JR.

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT U. NYGUEN

PVT	E. E. AYALA	PFC	R. A. MANZER
PVT	R. J. BALIO	PVT	A. H. MARTIN
PVT	J. C. BAUTISTAELIAS	PVT	B. A. MENDOZA
PFC	K. S. BEKKER	PVT	J. F. MITTENTHAL
PFC	D. P. CLARO	PFC	S. MONSALVO
PFC	J. E. CORREASANCHEZ	PVT	M. A. MONTANOAGUIRRE
PVT	T. S. DEPPE	PVT	W. O. NAJERACHOJOLAN
PFC	C. A. DOMINIQUE	PVT	W. J. NESTVOLD
PFC*	M. M. ENGSTER	PVT	I. NUNEZ
PFC	N. S. EZPELETA	PFC	T. PRADO
PVT	J. D. FIPPS	PFC	P. V. PROCOPIO
PFC	O. A. FUENTESRAMIREZ	PVT	C. P. PUCKETT
PVT	L. GALINDO	PVT	R. REYES
PVT	G. A. GARCIA	PFC	F. L. RUACHORIVERA
PFC	J. N. GARCIA	PVT	H. A. RUIZ
PVT	J. W. GARCIAGAMERO	LCPL	A. K. SANABRIA
PFC	A. L. GARDEA	PFC	D. SANTOSPEDROZA
PFC	J. A. GONZALEZ	PFC	J. M. SCOTT
PFC	M. A. HAIDEN	PVT	J. J. SEPULVEDA
PVT	R. M. HEATON	PVT	D. J. SILVERHORN
PVT	M. E. HERWING	PFC	N. Y. SOSA
PFC	D. HOLGUIN JR.	PFC*	D. C. STEVENSON
PVT	A. HUICOCHEA	PVT	G. R. SWAIN
PVT	A. R. THOMAS	PVT	J. THORRESPINA
PFC	J. KIM	PVT	B. J. TROLLINGER
PFC*	N. L. KIMBALL	PFC	D. M. VICENTE
PVT	C. A. LAFRANCE II	PFC*	M. VILLAFANFLORES
PVT	Z. LI	PVT	S. M. WEATHERSPOON
PVT	D. A. LIZAMAVILLANUEVA	PVT	N. J. WESTON
PVT	D. R. LUNA JR.		

Meritorious Promotion \*

# PLATOON 2123

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

GUNNERY SERGEANT E. C. REGAN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT L. E. STOGDILL

GUNNERY SERGEANT H. M. MISNER

GUNNERY SERGEANT E. J. SMITH

SERGEANT D. M. MOREDO

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. A. VILLEGASLENY (298)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. M. CARROLL (340)

INSTRUCTOR: LANCE CORPORAL B. E. HENRY

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS F. MITCHELL JR.

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT M. D. MACK II

PFC	B. A. AGUILAR	PFC	D. E. LOPEZCALDERON
PVT	J. F. ALCANTAR	PVT	S. R. MACKEY
PVT	K. L. AMOS	PVT	K. MARGETSON
PVT	J. R. ARNOLD	PVT	T. A. MARTIN.
PVT	J. BALTAZAR	PVT	J. N. MCCOY
PVT	N. P. CARRENO	PVT	A. A. MILLS
PFC	A. M. CARROLL	PFC*	F. MITCHELL JR.
PVT	B. J. CHAVEZ	PVT	D. A. MOORE JR.
PVT	Z. S. CHRISTOPHEL	PVT	R. S. MORENOMARILAO
PVT	I. D. CLEVELAND	PVT	J. L. MYERS
PVT	J. A. CORDOVA I	PVT	R. J. PETERSON
PVT	B. A. CRAIG V	PVT	G. O. RIVERAAVILA
PVT	L. H. DARRAGH	PVT	A. A. RODRIGUEZ
PVT	K. R. DOWNEY	PFC*	J. M. ROUNTREE
PFC	C. D. EISCHEN	PVT	D. S. SANTOS
PVT	O. ESCOBARMORALES	PVT	D. M. SCHWEMMER
PVT	D. A. EVANS	PVT	E. SOLANO
*PFC	M. GARCIA	PVT	R. P. SPAETH
PVT	S. A. GLASS	PFC	D. C. STOUT
PFC	E. GONZALEZ	PVT	W. W. TADLOCK
PVT	G. GUZMANNIEVES	PVT	B. X. TAYLOR
PVT	R. X. HARKINS	PFC	D. F. TOBONBETANCUR
PVT	B. J. HASSE	PVT	J. D. TRAINOR
PVT	W. C. HATFIELD	PVT	I. R. VANDERBUSSE
PVT	C. D. HAWKINS	PVT	P. J. VANHORN
PFC	G. D. HEATON	PVT	E. A. VAZQUEZ
PVT	S. M. HERMAN	PFC	J. VEGA JR.
PVT	M. A. HERNANDEZ	PFC	L. M. VELAZQUEZ IV
PFC	B. A. IRWIN	PFC*	K. A. VILLEGASLENY
PFC	J. A. JACOBSON	PFC	V. Z. ZANABRIA
PVT	E. E. LEE		

Meritorious Promotion \*

# PLATOON 2125

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT M. W. BOWIER

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT O. AGUILAR

SERGEANT C. CHANCY

SERGEANT T. M. BRAMBLETT

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE A. C. MOLINA (294)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE L. J. MUNIZ (341)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT B. J. JONES

PLATOON HONORMAN

LANCE CORPORAL A. D. RILEY

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT J. E. BRODY

PVT	F. D. ACOSTABENITEZ	PVT	T. J. MECHELL
PVT	H. D. AGUILARRIVAS	PFC	R. T. MEHLMAN
PVT	J. A. AGUILERA	PVT	D. S. MEI
PVT	A. S. ALDACO	PFC	J. L. MILSTEAD
PVT	E. P. ALVAREZ	PVT	A. C. MOLINA
PVT	J. C. BANDLEY	PVT	R. A. MONTANO
PFC	P. O. BEAM	PVT	J. M. NAVACABRERA
PFC	J. D. BECKER	PVT	C. J. NEFF
PFC	J. M. BILLY	PVT	T. M. NOBLES
PVT	C. R. BONNER	PFC	G. A. OGIDAN
PVT	C. M. BOYD	PFC	N. E. PALO
PVT	J. A. BRUNSON	PVT	B. O. PAVEL
PFC	A. CACHO	PFC	J. L. PEREZ
PVT	C. J. CASTRO	PVT	D. N. PINEDA JR.
PVT	D. CHANG	PVT	E. G. PULIDO
PVT	A. S. CLAYSON.	PVT	C. R. RAINES
PVT	A. I. CRUZPONCE	PVT	K. Z. RAMDANI
PVT	D. G. DEWEY	LCPL*	A. D. RILEY
PVT	B. J. DIZON	PVT	J. C. ROBERSON
PVT	J. E. DOLCE	PVT	K. K. SAYAPHET
PVT	D. J. DUTCHER	PVT	H. D. SCHNIDER
PVT	L. W. DVORAK	PFC	J. M. SCHULTZ
PVT	B. FLORES	PFC	J. C. SEHMEL
PVT	S. D. GI	PVT	P. J. SHANNON
PFC	K. R. GIBSON	PVT	D. V. SIERRA
PVT	T. H. KAYO JR.	PVT	J. F. SKINNER
PVT	D. T. KIM	PVT	R. R. SMITH JR.
PVT	B. C. LAUSENGJAMESGAARD	PVT	N. R. SOBALVARRO
PFC	J. T. LEIH	PVT	E. A. THIELE
PVT	E. C. LOPEZ	PVT	J. TORRES
PFC	J. LUJANLOPEZ	PVT	T. B. TORRES
PFC	W. MAI	PFC	J. R. UPTONMCNEELY
PVT	X. J. MANDROS	PVT	G. E. WALKER
PVT	C. R. MARTIN	PVT	N. A. WILLIAMS
PVT	A. A. MARTINEZ	PFC	Y. A. ZAMORAORDONEZ
PFC	A. C. MARTINEZ	PFC	E. C. ZIELKE
PVT	T. J. MCCARTHY	PVT	R. T. ZOLEN
PVT	R. E. MCKEE III		

Meritorious Promotion \*



PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

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

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

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



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

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

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

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



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

The Corps has a long established pattern of Marines who have left the active duty ranks to become strong leaders in their communities and for the Nation and we will continue to send men and women of strong character and values back to society. These Marines will carry the legacy of high character, like those Marines who are presently doing great things for our nation. We have received countless letters from influential public leaders who are former active duty Marines. They give testimony to the direct connection between the character traits they forged in the Corps and their success and fulfillment in life. End result: We will continue to provide society with people of great character, whether they do four or forty years in the Marine Corps.

PLATOON 2126

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT C.E. AZCARATE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT F. J. VILLEGAS

SERGEANT C. A. ROSOKOW

STAFF SERGEANT S. M. HUDSON

SERGEANT A. T. POOLE

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS C. A. VARELA (284)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATAE FIRST CLASS D. C. DEVER (338)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL T. J. CRAIG

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. A. BARBER

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT F. NOLAN

PVT A. D. ACOSTA  
PFC\* E. AHMED  
PVT K. B. ALMEIDA  
PFC J. A. BARBER  
PVT A. J. BARFKNECHT  
PFC J. BARRAZA  
PFC M. C. BARTELLS  
PVT T. A. BRAUD  
PVT F. E. BRISENO  
PVT D. T. CABRAL  
PVT E. CARDENAS  
PFC G. A. CARR  
PFC A. R. CLOSNER  
PVT J. D. COLUNGA  
PVT J. V. DANG  
PFC\* D. C. DEVER  
PVT I. C. DIAZ  
PVT L. D. ENLEY  
PVT A. FERNANDEZ  
PVT R. FLORES  
PVT R. D. FONSECA  
PFC D. H. GARCIA  
PVT R. GUTIERREZ  
PFC G. D. HEATH  
PFC J. E. HEILMAN  
PFC B. A. HOUSE  
PVT R. JARA  
PVT M. A. JOHNSON  
PVT B. M. KEPPERS  
PFC J. M. KNIGHT  
PVT T. J. LENZEN  
PVT H. LOPEZ

PVT V. M. LOPEZ JR.  
PFC E. M. MAIRENA  
PVT F. MARTIN  
PFC C. M. MASSO  
PVT T. J. MICHEL  
PVT L. A. MORALES JR.  
PVT F. K. MUNOZRODRIGUEZ  
PFC J. I. NAMORADO  
PVT K. S. OBANNON  
PVT M. E. OSORIO  
PVT J. C. PAZOS JR.  
PFC B. J. PLATTE  
PVT O. RAMIREZDELGADO  
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PVT J. V. REVELES JR  
PFC\* A. S. REYNOLDS  
PVT N. A. ROBERTSON  
PVT M. A. ROGUNWA  
PVT I. F. SALAZAR  
PFC J. B. SAYERS  
PFC\* L. A. SERNA  
PVT M. L. SKINNER  
PFC M. R. TAMAYO  
PFC T. P. THORNTON  
PFC D. A. TRETOOCHOA  
PFC C. A. VARELA  
PVT Z. VELAZQUEZ  
PFC T. S. WERNER  
PVT L. L. YEPMA  
PFC S. R. YOUNG  
PVT R. J. ZAMARO

PLATOON 2127

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT N. T. TILLMAN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT A. M. GARCIA

STAFF SERGEANT J. D. BOWMAN

SERGEANT A. BARRIGA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. GONZALEZ (288)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. E. DANCER (341)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT S. RODRIGUEZ

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. L. PAGE

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT C. EARLY

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PVT C. A. BARNES  
PVT E. M. BARRAGAN  
PVT M. J. BROWN  
PVT D. K. BUNSELMEYER  
PVT C. CAJABONPENAGOS  
PVT E. D. CARRILLO  
PFC C. D. CLARK  
PVT A. D. COWEN  
PFC K. CRUZHERNANDEZ  
PFC D. E. DANCER  
PVT J. D. DAVIS  
PVT M. J. DOMINGUEZQUINTANAL  
PVT C. R. ESTRADA  
PFC E. FLORES  
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PVT J. D. GONZALEZPEREZ  
PFC D. D. GREEN  
PFC A. T. HENSON  
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PVT E. K. HERNANDEZ  
PFC D. L. HUTCHINSON  
PVT Z. A. JOSE  
PVT T. G. MABELEY  
PVT D. MORENO  
PFC A. V. NARANJO  
PVT K. R. ODOMS

PVT T. K. ODONNELL  
PVT D. O. OGBE  
PFC\* K. L. PAGE  
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PVT G. ROSALES  
PVT A. A. SALINAS  
PVT T. L. SAMMONS  
PFC J. S. SANTIAGO  
PVT D. S. SAUCEDA  
PVT G. S. SCAVUZZO  
PVT S. L. MITH  
PFC T. K. STEWARD  
PVT J. D. SWANSON  
PFC G. T. TAYLOR  
PVT M. B. TERCERORIVAS  
PFC J. THOMPSON  
PVT O. C. TOVAR  
PVT P. S. TUIAKI  
PVT E. A. VALDES  
PVT M. A. VASQUEZ  
PVT E. J. WHEATON  
PVT B. L. WILLIAMS  
PVT M. J. ZASKALAN



# 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: 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.