

WELCOME

Today's graduation ceremony recognizes the successful transition from civilian to basic Marine and consists of a traditional military parade followed by special recognition for those who have excelled while in Recruit Training and final dismissal.

After the graduation ceremony, we encourage you to visit the Command Museum across the parade deck. For your dining convenience, we offer the bowling alley, snack bar, and the individual food vendors at the Marine Corps Exchange.

Due to security concerns, our guests are not allowed into the recruit training areas to include the recruit barracks and physical training areas.

The mission of the Recruit Depot and the Western Recruiting Region is to exercise operational control of enlisted recruiting operations in the 8th, 9th, and 12th Marine Corps Districts; to provide reception, processing, and recruit training for male enlisted personnel following initial entry into the United States Marine Corps; and to produce a basically trained United States Marine embodied with the fighting spirit, core values and esprit de corps which have ensured our Corps' success for over 240 years.

The unique relationship between the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and San Diego is the result of almost 150 years of mutual support, assistance and growth. This relationship is reflected in the history of the Marine Corps in San Diego, the Depot as a post of the Corps, and the heritage of San Diego itself.

Above all else, **We Make Marines.**



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

BAND SERENADE

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER *

"ATTENTION", "ADJUTANT'S CALL" AND MARCH-ON

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *

SOUND OFF

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE COMMANDER OF TROOPS

REPORT

PUBLICATION OF THE ORDER AND OFFICERS CENTER

BATTALION COMMANDER'S REMARKS

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE REVIEWING OFFICER

PASS IN REVIEW (PLEASE RISE WHEN THE AMERICAN FLAG PASSES)

ANCHORS AWEIGH/THE MARINES' HYMN *

GRADUATES RETURN FRONT AND CENTER

RECOGNITION OF THE COMPANY STAFF

RETIREMENT OF THE PLATOON GUIDONS AND RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

FINAL DISMISSAL

** PLEASE RISE*

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

A few weeks after establishing Camp Howard on North Island in San Diego, Col. Joseph Pendleton, on September 6, 1914, was the guest speaker at the U. S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego. The subject of his speech was “San Diego”, an ideal location for a Permanent Marine Corps Base.” The drive behind his lecture was the unsatisfactory conditions and the less than convenient location of his men and staff at Camp Howard. About this same time, Col. Pendleton wrote to the Commandant of the Marine Corps at Washington D. C. about the deplorable conditions at Camp Howard and presented the idea of the possible establishment of a permanent Marine Corps base in San Diego.

The Navy General Board approved the establishment of a base on January 8, 1916 and the Marine Corps’ base on the bay tidelands called the Dutch Flats was authorized by a Naval Appropriation bill of August 29, 1916, in large part due to the efforts of Congressman William Kettner. Groundbreaking on 232 acres took place on March 2, 1919. Construction and occupation of the base took place from 1919 through 1926. On December 1, 1921, Pendleton (now a General), placed it into commission as the Marine Advanced Expeditionary Base, San Diego. In 1923, the Marine Recruit Depot for the west coast relocated from Mare Island Navy Shipyards in Vallejo, California, to its new home at the San Diego Marine Base. On March 1, 1924, the base that had been developed as a result of the vision and efforts of General Pendleton became, officially, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, and would be known by that name for the next twenty-four years.

The base now consisted of approximately 388 acres, of which some 367 acres had been reclaimed tidal area. Throughout World War II, the principal activity of the base, recruit training overshadowed all other functions. After the war, the recruit training detachment remained the principal tenant. Marine Corps Base San Diego has been home to the 4th, 6th and 10th Marine Regiments, the Fleet Marine Force and the 2nd Marine Division. However, the main focus of the base has always been training and “the making of Marines.” On January 1, 1948, Marine Corps Base, San Diego was officially renamed Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. The Recruit Training Command grew from three to eight battalions to handle the troop requirements for the Korean War. More than 700 Quonset huts were erected to handle the influx of recruits, some of which are still standing today. The Vietnam War caused the next period of major expansion. A 100-tent cantonment had to be erected to handle the overflow of recruits. Five new recruit barracks, a new dining hall, new bowling alley, a new Regional Dental and Medical Clinic were constructed on the depot. In the 1970’s the focus increased to include the recruiting effort and the Depot became Headquarters, Western Recruiting Region.

Today the Recruit Depot provides its nation’s Corps with basically trained Marines to fight in the current conflicts in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The depot has the responsibility to train all male recruits who reside west of the Mississippi River to serve at the call of the nation.

Known for its unique Spanish colonial revival style appearance, the overall site and specific building plans were developed by renowned architect, Bertram Goodhue, who also designed the buildings built in San Diego’s Balboa Park for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

Thirteen buildings have been named for famous Marines, such as the Dan Daly Barracks, Pendleton Hall, McDougall Hall, and Day Hall. Today, the depot has 388 acres and twenty-five buildings listed on the national register of historic places.

The Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment



On behalf of Brigadier General Ryan P. Heritage, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors and civilian Marines of Recruit Training Regiment, welcome to this mornings graduation ceremony. Your presence here today is greatly appreciated. As we recognize your young mans significant accomplishment, enjoy this special day in his life.

Marine Corps recruit training is the most difficult recruit training in the nation and a tough undertaking for all who accept the challenge to become a United States Marine. Before you this morning is the latest company of young men who have succeeded in that challenge. We are here to celebrate with you their twelve weeks. Your young man has been prepared physically, mentally and emotionally in a time-tested process whereby he has been transformed from civilian to Marine. Many are responsible for this significant transformation to include the families, loved ones and teachers who provided the basic values and character as a foundation to include the Marine Recruiter who saw the potential and desire to excel. But the person most responsible for the changes is the Marine Corps Drill Instructor. He has labored intensively for the past three months, personally sacrificing much in the process, to ensure each new Marine is instilled with the essential fitness, character, and values, necessary on and off the battlefield. Each of the new Marines recognized today has passed the test, exceeded the standards, and earned the title Marine. The lessons learned in recruit training, coupled with our core values, will serve them well for their time in the Marine Corps; 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, the San Diego area, and take 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. I wish a happy stay and safe return home.

Gratefully,



D. R. Kazmier
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

PETER A. SIAW

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Sergeant Major Siaw reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, in April 1993, for recruit training. Upon graduation, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. Upon completion of Personnel Administration School in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, he was assigned to Marine Air Control Squadron 6, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

In June 1997, he reported to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, and continued to serve as a Junior Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, Marine Corps History Instructor/ Curriculum Developer, and Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Academic Instruction Unit. In July 1999, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant, and in September 2000, he was selected as the MCRD San Diego Drill Instructor of the Year. In October 2000, he was selected as the Commandant of the Marine Corps' Drill Instructor of the Year and subsequently meritoriously promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. In September 2001, he reported to Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Iwakuni, Japan; to serve as the Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Station Orders Department and Adjutant Chief for Marine Aircraft Group 12. He was selected to the rank of First Sergeant in December 2003.

In April 2004, he reported to 1st Battalion 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; to serve as the First Sergeant for Bravo Company, BLT 1/3, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. In June 2004, he deployed in support of the Unit Deployment Program and, subsequently, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II, for combat operations in Fallujah, Iraq. In November 2004, he served in Operation AL FAJR/PHANTOM FURY and, in January 2005, served in combat and security operations for the first Iraqi elections. In July 2005, he assumed duties as the First Sergeant for Weapons Company, 1st Battalion 3d Marines and deployed in January 2006 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM for combat operations in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. In September 2006, he reported to Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, 4th Marine Division in Saint Paul, Minnesota to serve as the Inspector-Instructor First Sergeant, and was selected to the rank of Sergeant Major in November 2006.

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

In December 2007, he reported for duty as the Sergeant Major for Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing in Miramar, California and deployed in support of the Unit Deployment Program to the Western Pacific. In September 2009, he reported for duty as the Sergeant Major for 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division in Camp Pendleton, California, and deployed in May 2010 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in support of combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. In February 2011, he reported for duty as the Sergeant Major for 2d Recruit Training Battalion and in April 2012, assumed duties as the Sergeant Major for Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California. In March 2014, he reported for duty as the Sergeant Major for Education Command / Marine Corps University in Quantico, Virginia. In February 2016, he reported for duty as the Sergeant Major for Marine Corps Installations Pacific-Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa.

In April 2018, he assumed his current duties as the Sergeant Major of 3d Marine Aircraft Wing.

Sergeant Major Siaw's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (gold star in lieu of second award), the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of third award), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (gold star in lieu of second award), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star in lieu of third award), and the Combat Action Ribbon (gold star in lieu of second award).



AWARDS

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in the company who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that he is the number one Marine in his company. The company honor graduate also receives a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment recognizing his superior performance during recruit training.

SERIES HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in his series who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps is presented with a Certificate of Commendation from the Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Battalion recognizing his superior performance during recruit training.

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

The one Marine in his platoon who has demonstrated the highest degree of discipline, proficiency, bearing, physical fitness, and basic leadership traits that exemplify the highest standards of the United States Marine Corps will receive a plaque from the Marine Corps Association denoting that he is the honor graduate of his platoon.

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD

The one Marine in the company who fired the highest score on the Rifle Range is awarded a plaque from the Marine Corps Association stating that he is the high shooter in the company. The company high shooter also receives a certificate from the company commander denoting that he is the company high shooter.

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The one Marine in the company that receives the highest score on the Physical Fitness Test is awarded a certificate from the company commander denoting that he is the most physically fit Marine in his company.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

Those Marines who have demonstrated a high degree of proficiency and have shown exceptional leadership ability may be promoted meritoriously to the grade of Private First Class or Lance Corporal. **The Marines noted in this program with asterisks by their names have been promoted meritoriously to their present grade.** (EX.) PFC* C. M. COLBURN

MARINE

"Among all the honors, among all the postings, promotions, medals, that have been awarded me, the one in which I take most pride is to be able to say, I am a Marine."

-Major General John A. Lejeune,
13th Commandant of the Marine Corps

GRADUATION STAFF

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/ WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Commanding General
Chief of Staff
Sergeant Major
Parade Reviewing Officer

Brigadier General Ryan P. Heritage
Colonel Jim G. Gruny
Sergeant Major Devon A. Lee
Sergeant Major Peter A. Siaw

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel Daniel R. Kazmier
Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Kroll
Sergeant Major Chasen E. Getty
Staff Sergeant J. Gray
Staff Sergeant W. M. Zahorak

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel D. H. Webster
Major K. M. Stahl
Sergeant Major E. O. Hidalgo
Lieutenant J. Birch
Gunnery Sergeant J. Cruz

COMPANY F

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain L. T. Crumpton
First Sergeant D. R. Navrestad

LEAD SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain J. P. Turek
Staff Sergeant D. R. Tactay

FOLLOW SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain N. J. Sabatini
Gunnery Sergeant J. L. Collier

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Gunnery Sergeant F. M. Gaxiola
Staff Sergeant J. Dempsey

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant B. M. Hall
Sergeant G. M. Starr
Sergeant C. R. Davenport
Sergeant W. P. Brown

PLATOON 2129

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT C. P. CABRELLIS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT M. F. RAMIREZ
STAFF SERGEANT J. SALCIDO
SERGEANT W. P. FOX

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE K. ALVERADO (299)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE N. PLAWSKI (334)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT KING

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS W. C. BRACE
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT T. MADRID

PVT R. B. ABOUDAIL
PVT A. R. ADAMO
PFC J. AGUIRRE
PVT K. ALVERADO
PFC B. R. BANIRE
PVT R. BARAJAS
PVT A. M. BIAGAS
PFC W. C. BRACE
PFC L. R. CHAVEZ
PFC* J. C. CHECKETTS
PFC N. COLON
PVT A. A. COON
PVT J. N. DAHL
PVT D. DEANDA
PFC* B. D. FLETCHER
PFC K. C. GALLAGHER
PVT L. M. GARCIA JR
PVT K. M. GARTH
PVT I. O. GARZA
PFC R. GONZALEZ
PFC C. A. HARTLEY
PFC B. IGNACIO
PVT R. K. LARGENT

PVT J. S. LEMUS
PFC R. MELGOZA JR
PFC* M. A. MILLER
PFC J. NAVARRO
PVT A. B. NETHERY
PVT C. L. OLMOS
PFC A. J. OTERO
PVT N. PLAWSKI
PVT T. ROJAS
PVT J. J. ROMAN
PFC N. A. ROMERO
PFC M. C. SALDIVAR
PFC K. S. STAHELI
PVT A. T. STANLEY
PFC A. G. STOCKTON
PFC M. E. TAMAYO
PVT M. R. TILLINGHAST
PFC D. TKACHENCO
PVT J. A. TORRES
PFC T. N. TRAIL
PFC B. H. WOOD
PFC H. R. ZOLLINGER

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2130

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT L. M. KLEIN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT B. T. TOM
SERGEANT R. D. LOMELI-GONZALES
SERGEANT K. B. HIRSCHMANN
SERGEANT K. B. L. MACIAS

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE J. J. SCHAFFER (296)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. A. KOSTYUK (338)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT JOAQUIN

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. D. EAGLE
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT SMITH

PFC C. R. ANAYA
PVT B. D. ANDERSON
PVT A. W. BORGENS
PVT I. G. BRANSFORD
PVT J. T. BUCHANAN
PVT J. M. CALLAHAN
PFC D. S. CAMERON
PFC J. O. CLEVELAND
PFC M. L. DUGAS
PFC L. D. EAGLE
PFC M. F. FISCHBACH
PFC D. E. GONZALEZ
PFC M. S. HERRERA
PVT R. A. HERRERA
PVT Z. S. HILDAGO
PVT A. M. JOHNSON
PFC S. P. JOHNSON
PFC M. A. KOSTYUK
PVT M. D. LEE
PVT Q. R. LEMLEY
PFC L. LOPEZ
PVT A. LOPEZFLORES
PFC* I. M. LYTTAKER
PVT Z. L. MADIGAN

PVT G. MANUKYAN
PFC E. MCKEE
PVT J. R. MURRAY
PFC B. B. NGUYEN
PFC M. A. NUNEZ JR
PVT C. L. PAVELSEK
PFC D. A. RAMOS
PFC B. J. RYAN
PVT C. D. SALINAS
PFC J. I. SANCHEZ
PVT S. A. SAVAGETREVASKIS
PVT J. J. SCHAFFER
PFC J. D. SHAFFERVASQUEZ
PVT D. J. SISNEROS
PFC* J. L. SKIRVIN
PVT N. M. SMITH
PVT P. S. SOBERO
PFC* R. A. THATCHERMORALEZ
PVT W. M. VANDIEPEN
PFC N. A. VANPATTEN
PVT A. S. VAUGHAN
PVT C. I. VOSAGECHAMPLE
PFC A. YOKLEY

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2131

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT Z. D. HUNTER

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT R. A. OWENS
STAFF SERGEANT O. VEGA
SERGEANT J. L. BROWN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. J. DUTTON (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE D. J. SMITH (336)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL JEARDOE

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. J. DUTTON
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT B. ROY

PVT L. S. BARR
PFC E. S. BEHRENDFURLER
PVT D. A. BELTZ
PVT T. D. BRITTEN
PVT J. I. CAMACHOROMAN
PFC A. A. CARRERARODRIGUEZ
PFC D. A. CARTER
PVT J. L. CHASTAIN
PFC J. L. CODY
PVT N. J. DEVOID
PFC* M. J. DUTTON
PVT M. T. FREDERICK
PFC J. R. FUENTES
PFC T. P. GREGORICH
PVT J. R. GULLETT
PVT B. M. HILDRETH
PVT A. D. HOLMAN
PVT W. R. HORNBUCKLE
PVT C. M. HUNSAKER
PFC D. M. IVERSON
PVT D. J. KLINGER
PFC E. A. KRASINKSI
PVT J. I. LOPEZ

PFC J. C. MANGAS
PVT M. I. MARSHAL
PVT S. R. MCCLEERY
PFC D. R. MCLEAN
PVT J. K. MCNEELY
PVT D. P. MCTAGUE
PFC E. MENDOZAJIMENEZ
PVT T. D. MERCIER
PFC* J. B. MICHAELS
PFC T. J. MUELLER
PFC M. J. MUSICH
PFC R. A. NEELY
PVT M. J. NICKELSON
PFC J. C. OLIVAS
PFC* Z. D. ORNELAS
PVT A. C. PEREA
PVT L. PICAZOMANZO
PFC R. C. PICKERING
PFC H. S. SANGHERA
PVT D. J. SMITH
PFC L. E. SOTORAMIREZ
PFC A. TRUJILLO
PFC H. E. VALENCIA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2133

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT D. A. YOUNG

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT T. J. SPECKEL
SERGEANT J. L. DEAN
SERGEANT M. FRANCO

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. RODRIGUEZ (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. A. FILLER (332)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. P. KING

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. J. MAZZEO
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT T. A. LEWIS

PFC S. J. ALMARAZ
PVT B. T. AMARANTE
PFC* R. W. ARTHUR
PVT R. J. BELL
PVT K. S. BLAIR
PVT J. M. COLLIER
PVT K. L. COOK JR.
PVT H. S. DEGNAN
PVT J. L. EGG
PFC B. L. FAHEY
PFC N. C. FAVOT
PFC J. A. FILLER
PVT D. FLORES
PVT J. A. FLORES
PVT J. T. GALLOWAY
PVT D. J. GUTHU
PVT T. D. HICKS
PFC M. J. HORNSBY
PVT C. T. HOUSERNISBET
PVT L. L. JOHNSON
PVT A. A. JOHNSONATWOOD
PVT J. K. KINLERGOSSMAN
PVT T. E. LEE JR.
PVT R. K. LOPEZ

PFC A. J. MAZZEO
PFC Q. D. MOZINGORHODES
PVT P. S. MULL
PVT G. J. MULLENDER
PVT K. C. MURPHY
PVT E. OLVERA
PVT J. G. OROZCO
PFC J. C. ORTELLS
PVT W. R. PERALTA
PVT C. Y. PFIFFNER
PVT D. G. PRINOS
PVT O. REYES
PFC* A. RODRIGUEZ
PVT M. A. RODRIGUEZCRUZ
PFC M. L. SANCHEZ
PVT M. E. SCHLICHTER
PVT M. A. TIJERINA
PVT G. TZUL
PVT J. A. VALENTIN
PVT D. S. WEBERVALENZUELA
PVT Z. P. WILKE
PVT J. C. WITHERSPOON

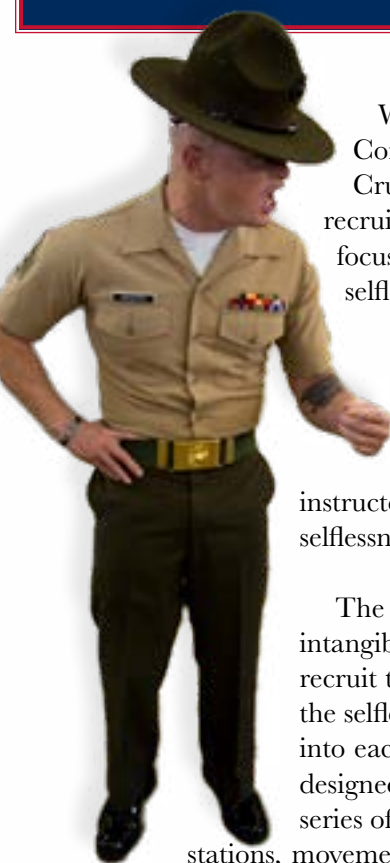
Meritorious Promotion *

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 2134

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT B. M. LINDSEY

DRILL INSTRUCTORS
STAFF SERGEANT R. CORONA JR.
SERGEANT H. A. ASHONG
SERGEANT A. K. MEDINA
SERGEANT C. R. DAVENPORT

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PRIVATE E. J. CARGILL (330)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. M. LAMBERT

PLATOON HONORMAN
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. L. SCOTT
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PFC* J. A. COOK
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PVT T. R. KLINE
PVT O. A. LONGORIA
PVT J. R. LOPEZ
PFC S. MADHU
PFC O. L. MADRIGAL
PFC A. S. MARTINEZ
PVT C. D. MCCLURE
PVT J. MERRITT
PFC J. P. MILLER
PFC M. E. NELSON
PVT S. R. NELSON
PFC N. A. PETERSON
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PFC* D. B. RIZZOTTE
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PFC S. C. RUIZ
PVT J. J. SACBIBIT
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PVT A. W. SEARLES
PVT K. N. SEIDENSTICKER
PVT A. R. SILVAARREGUIN
PVT K. L. SIMPSON
PVT D. SKENANDORE
PFC M. SOSA
PVT J. R. STEWART
PVT D. J. TENER
PFC J. P. THIENES
PVT S. J. THRONBURG
PVT R. J. VELASQUEZ
PVT J. VELAZQUEZ
PVT T. D. VESSELS
PFC J. VILLASENOR
PVT N. L. WALLIS
PFC C. V. WIMBISH

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PLATOON 2135

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STAFF SERGEANT J. R. HUCKABA

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SERGEANT C. B. KOSS
SERGEANT J. L. POLANCO

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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER
PRIVATE A. J. CORTEZ (332)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT UNRATH

PLATOON HONORMAN
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. K. BOUCHARD
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PFC D. A. AGUILARGALLARDO
PVT C. J. ALSMARES
PFC F. ARRYOCARRILLO
PVT I. J. AVILES
PFC J. M. BAIN
PVT J. B. BENDER
PVT B. M. BLOSE
PVT R. W. BOLIN JR.
PFC M. K. BOUCHARD
PVT R. J. CASTANEYRAMARTINEZ
PVT D. J. CATES
PVT K. D. CHACON
PFC* K. D. COBURN
PVT A. J. CORTEZ
PFC* C. D. CROOMS III
PFC E. CURIELGARCIA
PVT D. K. DAVENPORT
PVT S. L. DAVIDSON
PVT M. A. DUKEMAN
PVT V. I. DUCAN
PFC I. G. FANINI
PFC J. C. GALLIHER
PVT A. R. GIBBS
PVT S. D. GIDDIS

PFC R. GOMEZSANDOVAL
PVT N. R. GORMAN
PFC D. W. GRECO
PFC A. X. GUZMAN
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WHY THE TRANSFORMATION?

The most important things the Marine Corps does for our nation are to make Marines and win battles. The Corps is a versatile, force-in-readiness prepared to handle a variety of missions. We continue to be a force rich in history and traditions, ingrained with the highest values of honor, courage and commitment.



At the very time when a host of factors is tending to undermine individual character development in society, Marines are facing an operational environment which requires stronger character and moral virtue. We live and operate in a world that is proving to be increasingly complex and interconnected. As a result, the Corps is in the midst of an evolution of the uses of force that are not quite war, not quite peace, not quite conventional peace, not quite conventional military operations, and not quite operations, and not quite civil police duties.

The nation is committing Marines to a wide range of scenarios, from peacekeeping operations in Somalia to non-combatant evacuation operations in Liberia, to more conventional conflicts like Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. Operations such as these involve independent units confronted by situations that have operational and strategic implications. The battlefield is becoming so technologically advanced that weapon systems will be able to kill by smell, sight or sound. In order to ensure success in these situations, we have looked to the Marines of the past to see what made them successful in battles like Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and the Chosin Reservoir.



The answer was strong character and a fighting spirit that overcame all obstacles. This is what will allow us to dominate the high tech and diverse battlefields of the future. This will allow us to win America's military battles and to send transformed Americans home to strengthen the very fabric of our society.

Quite simply, we are continuing to focus on and to enhance the root source of a Marine's indomitable fighting spirit: his determination to overcome any obstacle that stands in his way, fueled by unshakeable honor, courage, and commitment.

PHASE I

HOW WE ARE DOING IT.

We believe that new Marines need to be forged in a furnace of shared hardship, mutual commitment, and teamwork. This common, intense experience creates bonds of comradeship and cohesion so strong that Marines will refuse to let each other down. This forging of character, discipline, and fitness will continue to be the basis upon which we make Marines. Holding onto the high character of the Marines of the past, we look for ways to inculcate the strong values that have become synonymous with the Marine Corps. We are attacking the character development challenge in four phases: Recruiting, Recruit Training, MOS Schools, and Sustainment.

PHASE I- RECRUITING

Inculcating these character traits starts in the recruiting process. Recruiting duty is a vital assignment in the Marine Corps. Marine recruiters take it seriously and feel a great responsibility to fulfill the job to the best of their ability. Many Marines say that recruiting duty is among the most rewarding assignments they have had as a Marine, because they are helping to ensure the high standards and future of our Corps.



Most Marine recruiters have earned the rank of sergeant or above, which means they have had four or more years of experience in the Marine Corps serving in one of several hundred Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). They know what it means to serve as a Marine. Meeting a Marine recruiter gives you personal access to someone who has lived and served in the Marine Corps. No matter where you are in the decision-making process, talking to a recruiter can give you more information. You are under no obligation when speaking to a Marine Corps Recruiter, as he or she knows the importance of the decision, and will help determine if you are right for the Marine Corps—and if the Marine Corps is right for you.

First, we recruit young men and women who have demonstrated potential and commitment. Then we prepare them through physical fitness and ready them for the intense forging they will experience in recruit training. Most enlistees spend up to 12 months in the Delayed Entry Program preparing to undergo recruit training and become Marines.



Their preparation includes physical conditioning, study guides, introduction to Marine Corps history and tradition and, most importantly, introduction to Core Values. The bottom line is we are paying more attention to a prospective Marine's character and fitness during screening.