

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



Major General
William J. Bowers
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Major General Bowers currently serves as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command. Throughout his career, he has served in every Marine Expeditionary Force, in every element of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, and in most parts of the supporting establishment. He was commissioned in 1990 after graduating with distinction from Virginia Military Institute with a B.A. in History. After completing The Basic School and Marine Corps Engineer School, he served in a variety of assignments in the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii from 1991-1994, deploying to Southwest Asia and locations in the Pacific. In June 1994, he reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and served as a Series Commander, Company Commander and Regimental S-3A. After graduation from the U.S. Army's Engineer Officer Advanced Course in May 1997, he reported to 7th Engineer Support Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California and served as S-3A, Charlie Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer.

In June 2000, he reported to Recruiting Station Lansing, Michigan and served as Commanding Officer until July 2003. In August 2003, he reported to the Naval Command and Staff College in Newport, Rhode Island, and then attended the School of Advanced Warfighting at Quantico, Virginia. He checked into III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan in 2005 and served as the Operational Planning Team Branch Head for G-3, Future Operations. From Okinawa, he deployed to Iraq and served as a Plans Team Leader for Multi-National Force Iraq. He assumed command of Marine Wing Support Squadron 273 in Beaufort, South Carolina in May 2007. After deploying with the squadron to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008-2009, he relinquished command in May 2009 and reported as a student to the National War College in Washington D.C. In June 2010, he reported to the Joint Staff, J-5 Directorate as the Strategy Concepts Branch Chief.

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

From 2012-2015, he commanded the 6th Marine Corps District at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. From 2015-2017, he served as the Military Assistant to the 33rd and 34th Assistant Commandants of the Marine Corps. In July 2017 upon selection to Brigadier General, he was assigned as the President, Marine Corps University and Commanding General, Education Command. In July 2019, he assumed duties as Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations Pacific - Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, on Okinawa, Japan. He assumed command of Marine Corps Recruiting Command in July 2022.

Major General Bowers' personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (with gold star), the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with two gold stars), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He was the "Combat Engineer Officer of the Year" in 1998 and has received several academic and writing awards.



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
Chief of Staff
Sergeant Major
Parade Reviewing Officer

Brigadier General J. A. Ryans II
Colonel C. R. Von Bergen
Sergeant Major O. Leavy
Major General W. J. Bowers

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel P. M. Rummler
Lieutenant Colonel C. E. Kesler
Sergeant Major J. J. Miller
Gunnery Sergeant D. J. Vilchek
Staff Sergeant D. F. Gomez

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel P. C. Trower
Major M. A. Harris
Sergeant Major A. T. Saracay
Lieutenant Commander B. D. Guillory
Staff Sergeant L. E. Stogdil

COMPANY H

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain K. L. Wickman
Gunnery Sergeant J. D. Matos

SERIES 2161

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

1st Lieutenant N. M. Cerreta
Staff Sergeant W. A. Standley

SERIES 2165

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain B. J. Giliam
Gunnery Sergeant J. M. Yearsley

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Staff Sergeant N. Casey
Gunnery Sergeant C. Palmer

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant E. J. Juste
Sergeant P. D. Bringas
Sergeant E. Banlaoi
Sergeant J. Rodriguez

PLATOON 2161

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT J. T. THIMMESH

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT J. B. BELTRAN

SERGEANT J. B. CARDOSO-BATISTA

SERGEANT C. F. HOUCK

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. D. HEISER (284)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. R. SAVAGE (338)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL R. P. FOSTER

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

LANCE CORPORAL B. T. HUYNH

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT G. LEMOSCAIEDO

PVT A. AFUNGCHWI
PVT C. BATEMAN
PFC* J. BIR
PVT K. BOYD
PVT C. BROWN
PFC A. CARAVEOOTERO
PFC R. DENNY
PFC* G. DEY
PVT B. DOTY
PVT H. DUENWALD
PFC A. EDWARDS
PVT C. ESPINOZA
PVT T. FITE
PVT H. FREDERICKS
PVT C. GAFFKE JR.
PVT E. GALVEZPRECIADO
PVT M. GANSCHOW
PVT D. GUEVARA
PFC B. HEISER
LCPL* B. HUYNH
PFC M. JAVIER
PVT D. LAFAVOR
PVT M. MARTINEZSALES
PVT J. MCGHEE
PVT J. MICELI
PFC K. MUDD

PVT L. NEMJO
PFC* A. NIELSONGUNNING
PVT C. OFFICER
PVT J. OLSON
PVT H. OROZCOHERNANDEZ
PVT P. PARKER
PVT N. PENA
PFC R. RAMOSBAIRES
PFC C. RAMOSMACIEL
PFC W. REYES
PVT M. RHODES
PVT E. RODRIGUEZ JR.
PFC I. RUHNAUGEE
PVT C. RUSHING
PFC A. SANDOVALRODRIGUEZ
PVT T. SAOFAIGAOAL II
PFC* T. SAVAGE
PVT J. SCHIAVO
PVT A. SHIELDS
PVT E. SOUZA
PFC E. TETELITLASANCHEZ
PVT I. TWIZERE
PVT K. VALEN
PFC O. WALKER
PFC G. WANG
PVT O. WEIS

PVT M. ALEJANDRE
PVT A. ALFORQUETOWNES
PVT D. BRICKLEY
PVT W. BURPEE
PVT C. BURRIDGE
PVT B. CARSON
PVT M. CAXAJ
PVT A. CEDILLOSBOONILLA
PVT P. CHEN
PVT I. CHRISTOFFEL
PVT R. CLAYTON
PVT J. CONTRERAS
PVT J. CONTRERASVILLA
PVT J. DAILEY
PVT L. DELAI
PVT A. DEVINE
PVT A. DOMINGUEZ
PVT J. DUNN
PVT A. DUWAIJ
PVT M. GARCIA
PVT L. GLOSSER
PVT D. GOMEZ
PVT G. GOMEZ
PVT R. GONZALEZ
PVT L. GORE
PFC* K. GRABAVOY

PVT N. GREEN
PVT R. HARPER
PVT P. HERNANDEZ JR.
PVT D. HINOJOSA
PFC* S. HOLLMAN
PVT R. JACOBS
PVT P. JOHNSON
PVT C. LAPHAM
PVT S. LUMPKIN
PVT T. MAGEE
PVT R. MEDINA JR.
PVT A. MEDINAMONTEJO
PVT J. MIKS
PVT O. MURILLOAGUILERA
PFC* T. NONNE
PVT S. ORTIZ
PVT D. PADILLA
PVT J. RAMOS
PVT M. RUIZ
PVT J. SANCHEZ
PVT B. SANTOSPerez
PVT J. SWAN
PVT A. TONUAO
PVT M. VASQUEZ JR.
PVT L. WEIERSHAUSEN
PVT C. WILCOX

PLATOON 2162

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

SERGEANT C. P. CURTIN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT E. A. CANTU

SERGEANT A. M. BUTSON

SERGEANT T. G. MASTERS

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. NONNE (284)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE L. A. GLOSSER (332)

INSTRUCTOR: LANCE CORPORAL D. M. FLANNERY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS S. T. HOLLMAN

RECRUITED BY: GUNNERY SERGEANT S. FERGUSON

PLATOON 2163

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT I. E. CEBALLOS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT I. M. GOMEZ

SERGEANT A. M. ELLIS

SERGEANT J. M. HARRINGTON

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE K. BEGAYE (293)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS N. MASANG (336)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL C. S. GEARY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS I. JUAN

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT B. COCA

PVT A. ALBITER
PFC* K. BEGAYE
PVT N. BRUGGER
PVT C. BUTLER
PVT J. CAMPOS
PVT I. CARBAJAL
PVT H. CASAS
PFC D. CERECERAGUILAR
PFC* A. CERNAK II
PFC A. CHAVEZ
PVT A. CHEVALIER
PVT A. CUSSON
PVT R. DESARACHO
PFC A. DUNLAP
PFC E. FARSCHEMAN
PVT S. FISHER
PFC J. FLORES
PVT A. GARCIA
PVT J. GEPHART
PFC J. HAMIL
PVT J. HARRISON
PVT J. HARUNA
PVT D. HAUER
PVT Z. HERDA
PVT B. JOHNSON
PVT I. JUAN

PVT N. KELLY
PVT A. LOMELIVELASQUEZ
PVT M. MAGALLANES
PVT N. MALDONADO
PVT J. MARTINEZ
PVT N. MASANG
PVT C. MATOSRAMOS
PVT A. MAXWELL
PFC* I. MOE
PVT W. NICKELS
PVT J. OSBORNE
PVT A. PACHECO
PVT J. RAMIREZ
PVT K. RAMON
PVT F. ROBERTS
PVT J. RODRIGUEZ
PVT B. ROMERO
PVT A. RUIZVELASCO
PVT SC. HERMAN
PVT H. SWIFT
PVT N. TIMMERMAN
PVT E. TOPETE
PVT J. TORRES
PVT E. VIERA
PVT A. WADSWORTH
PVT Z. ZAYAS

PVT D. ACEVESSUAREZ
PVT E. ALBERTO
PVT A. AMAYAMARTINEZ
PVT G. ARIAS
PVT M. ARIAS
PVT B. BAEZDELAFUENTE
PVT B. BAUTISTA
PVT L. BELLO
PVT K. BREWER
PVT G. CERVANTES
PVT C. EDWARDS JR.
PVT S. ELLERBEE
PVT M. ESTRADA III
PVT M. FINLEN
PVT C. GIL
PVT M. GONZALEZ
PVT J. GORDIANLOPEZ
PFC* G. HALL
PVT L. IBARRA
PFC* D. JAEN
PFC* A. JUACHE
PVT N. JUDD
PVT G. KINGSTON
PVT A. MADERO

PVT E. MANCILLA
PVT J. MANGAPITLAGON III
PVT B. MARTIN
PVT A. MARTINEZ
PVT B. MAZARIEGOMELELENDEZ
PVT E. MCGHEE
PVT V. MORFINAGUILAR
PVT A. NEVAREZ
PVT E. NILA
PVT R. ORTEGAVALDIVIESO
PVT J. ORTIZ
PVT B. PENNINGTON
PVT J. PERRY
PVT D. PORTER
PVT R. PRICE
PVT P. RIVAS JR.
PVT K. RUIZ
PVT V. RUIZ
PVT J. SALAS
PVT B. TAYLOR
PVT E. VENEGAS
PVT V. VIVEROS
PVT P. WALLEY
PVT G. ZEPHIER

PLATOON 2165

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT J. C. BROWN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT D. A. MARTINEZ

SERGEANT F. GONZALEZMIER

SERGEANT E. J. TUIOTIMARINER

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. NILA (291)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE M. GONZALEZ (329)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL N. C. EGGEN

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. J. JAEN

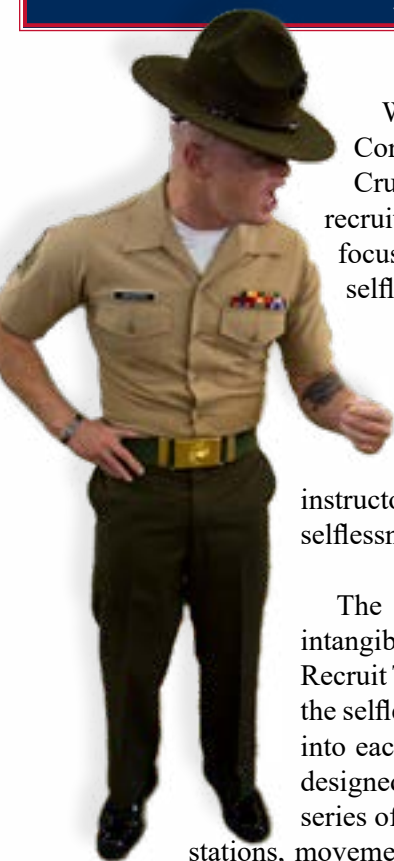
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT A. GAVRILYUK

PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

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

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



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



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

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

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

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



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

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

PLATOON 2166

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT R. JEANPIERRE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT E. CORTEZ
STAFF SERGEANT G. L. SIMMONS
SERGEANT R. J. ROMANOWSKI

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. N. VALDESPINO (286)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. F. RIOS JR. (326)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL Z. R. NIELSEN

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. C. PRUITT
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT A. GEARY

PVT E. AQUINO
PFC* M. ARMENTA JR.
PVT C. ARREDONDO
PVT D. BADILLOHERNANDEZ
PVT M. BAEZ
PVT R. BAGGETT
PFC E. BARRAZA
PVT C. BARRON
PVT B. BRANYAN
PVT G. CAMPBELL III
PVT H. CARREONMUNOZ
PFC A. CHADWICK
PFC K. DAPONTE
PVT D. DAY
PVT O. DIAZ
PVT R. FAJARDO II
PVT E. GALVAN II
PVT E. GARCIA
PVT K. HART
PVT G. HERNANDEZRAMIREZ
PVT J. HERRERATRUJILLO
PVT C. HICKMAN
PVT A. JIMENEZ
PFC F. JIMENEZHERNANDEZ
PVT M. JONESRODRIGUEZ
PFC C. LEWIS

PVT N. LEWIS
PVT D. LOPEZ
PVT E. MARTINEZ
PVT D. MASSEY
PVT B. MURILLOTORRES
PVT D. OKWENA
PVT E. OSORIO
PVT A. PARSONS
PFC* T. PRUITT
PFC B. RICHMOND
PVT J. RIOS JR.
PVT M. RIVERATORRES
PVT M. RIVERO
PVT J. RODRIGUEZ
PFC J. RODRIGUEZMORALES
PFC* H. SALAS
PVT P. SCALCIONE
PVT B. SCOTT
PFC* L. TAYLOR
PVT C. THORNTON
PVT S. TIBSHRAENY
PVT M. VALDESPINO
PVT V. VALENZUELA
PFC P. WATSON
PVT C. WOJNOWSKI
PVT J. ZILINGER

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
GUNNERY SERGEANT J. D. SANDEL

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

GUNNERY SERGEANT F. AGRAZBUGARIN
GUNNERY SERGEANT C. G. SPIVEY
GUNNERY SERGEANT C. MELCHOR
GUNNERY SERGEANT L. A. LEYVATALAMANTES

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE R. HERNANDEZ (293)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. WEATHERS (336)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT M. S. ALBERS

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. A. ROGERS
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT M. LESTER

PVT A. AGUILARROCHA
PFC V. ALVARADO
PFC E. ARANDA
PVT E. CAMPOS
PFC J. CARRILLOMOTA
PVT G. CENTER
PFC L. CUMBY JR.
PVT A. DIAZ
PVT E. DORITY
PVT C. FLORES
PVT K. HEATON
PVT D. HERNANDEZ
PVT R. HERNANDEZ
PVT R. HERNANDEZ JR.
PVT A. HERNANDEZCRUZ
PFC E. HERRERAPONCE
PVT N. HUBBARDDENCARNACAO
PVT R. KASPER
PVT J. KURTH
PVT J. LOEPER
PVT S. MAHER
PFC D. MATUS
PVT F. MENDEZ
PVT J. MERRINGER
PFC P. MORINBARCENAS

PFC* E. MOTA
PVT A. MOUTON
PVT C. NUNEZ
PVT C. OUZTS
PFC R. RAMBY
PVT J. RIANDA
PVT G. RIVERA
PFC H. RODRIGUEZBARAJAS
PFC A. ROGERS
PFC R. ROMERO
PVT E. RUIZ
PFC O. SANCHEZ
PFC A. SEMERE
PVT E. SIEBERT
PVT G. SIMENTALVILLEGAS
PFC* Z. STEPHENS
PVT J. STEWART
PFC A. VERNON
PVT B. VILLAFUERTE
PVT A. VILLALOBOS
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PVT J. WOODS
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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 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.