

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



Master Gunnery Sergeant **Benjamin L. Field** Ground Ammunition Chief I Marine Expeditionary Force

Master Gunnery Sergeant Field was born in Newark, New York and enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 10, 2002 from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He attended recruit training with Alpha Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. After completion of Recruit Training he reported to the School of Infantry, Camp Geiger, North Carolina for Marine Combat Training. Upon graduation he was assigned to Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama where he completed the Basic Ammunition Technician Course and earned the MOS of 2311, Ammunition Technician Specialist.

Upon completion of MOS school in December 2002, Private First Class Field reported to Ammunition Company, 3rd Supply Battalion, Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan where he served as an Ammunition Technician at the Ammunition Supply Point (ASP). He was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal in March 2003.

September 2003, Lance Corporal Field deployed to South Korea with Combat Service Support Detachment-25 in support of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines during the Korean Integrated Training Program-03.

January 2004, Lance Corporal Field was assigned to Ammunition Company, 2D Supply Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. There he was promoted to Corporal and served as a Section Head within the ASP and also worked in the Issues and Records sections.

February 2005, Corporal Field deployed to Al Asad, Iraq with Combat Logistics Battalion-2 and served as a Section Head and Area Supervisor of the Al Asad ASP.

January 2006, Corporal Field reported to Basic Recruiters School, MCRD San Diego, California. Upon completion of school, he executed order to Recruiting Sub-Station (RSS) Mobile, Alabama where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and worked as a canvassing recruiter from Permanent Contact Station (PCS) Spanish Fort, Alabama. Soon after, he was meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant in January 2008.

April 2009, Staff Sergeant Field reported to Range Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina and served as the Platoon Sergeant and Range Safety Officer for Chosin Rifle Range. July 2010, Staff Sergeant Field transferred to H&S Company and served as the Battalion Ammunition Chief.

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

In June 2012, Staff Sergeant Field was assigned to Ammunition Company, 1st Supply Battalion, Camp Pendleton, California and served as a Platoon Sergeant, Assistant Storage Chief, and Area Supervisor of the ASP.

In September 2013, Staff Sergeant Field was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant and returned to the Basic Recruiters School for a 2nd tour on Recruiting Duty. Upon completion of Recruiters School, Gunnery Sergeant Field executed orders to RSS Birmingham, Alabama where he served as the Station Commander, leading his Marines to earn the title of Station of the Year in 2015.

In January 2016, Gunnery Sergeant Field reported to Blount Island Command, Jacksonville, Florida as the Maritime Prepositioning Force Ammunition Chief. In February 2016, he deployed to South Korea on the USNS SACAGAWEA as the Ammunition Liaison for Freedom Banner-16. In June 2017, he deployed to Norway in support of the Op-lift of the USNS LOPEZ. In January 2019, Gunnery Sergeant Field was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant.

In April 2019, Master Sergeant Field reported to Headquarters and Support Battalion, MCI-West, Camp Pendleton, California where he served as the MCI-West/G-4 Ammunition Staff Noncommissioned Officer-In-Charge (SNCOIC).

In June 2021, Master Gunnery Sergeant Field reported to I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) Command Element, G-4 where he is currently serving as the Ground Ammunition Chief.

His personal awards are the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Iraq Campaign Medal, and multiple unit 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. A. Leavy
Master Gunnery Sergeant B. L. Field

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

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

THIRD RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel M. M. Phelps
Major P. Malone
Sergeant Major G. E. Trevino
Lieutenant E. Morales
Staff Sergeant G. S. Schaefer

COMPANY L

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain S. P Kierman
First Sergeant J. A. Aguayo

SERIES 3241

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain K. Zhu
Staff Sergeant C. Denis

SERIES 3245

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain T. C. McCarthy
Staff Sergeant S. L. Fierro

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Staff Sergeant N. Casey
Staff Sergeant A. Chandler

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant R. Navarrette
Sergeant A. Barriga
Sergeant C. V. Noveras
Sergeant B. McCreery

PLATOON 3241

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT K. S. MILLER
DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT S. GOMEZ

SERGEANT J. E. PELKOLA

SERGEANT T. E. GRESHAM

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. N. BRADFORD (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE S. A. PEREZ (333)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT O. C. NIUPULUSU

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS I. L. KUTU
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT STAPLETON

PFC J. M. ALLEN
PVT J. M. ANDERSONPOWERS
PVT V. ARIASPEREZ
PVT J. A. BAGGET
PVT D. C. BARTIK
PFC C. A. BARTOS
PVT N. S. BORLAND
PFC D. D. BOSS
PFC J. N. BRADFORD
PFC H. P. BROWN
PFC J. A. BROWN
PVT D. M. BUCKALLEW
PVT P. J. BUTLER
PVT J. CAMACHO JR.
PFC D. CAPLELESADONO
PVT J. L. CLARK
PFC C. E. CLOUTIER
PVT B. A. COLLINS
PFC A. C. COOPER
PVT D. CORONADO
PFC R. CORTES
PFC G. J. CROME
PVT T. D. DABNEY
PVT A. DAMIAN
PVT L. D. DAVIS
PVT C. DOMINGUEZCASTILLO
PVT R. A. EREKSON
PFC* N. A. FEINSOD
PVT M. A. FORD
PVT G. A. FRY
PFC D. M. GARCIA
PFC F. GARCIA
PVT M. A. GARCIA
PVT N. A. GARCIA
PVT B. L. GONNIE
PVT H. L. GREEN
PVT J. A. GUTIERREZCHAVALOC
PFC A. S. GUZMAN
PVT K. J. HAVENS
PVT A. C. HEALY
PVT D. B. HENRY

PVT O. J. HERNANDEZ
PFC J. HERRERA
PFC A. HOLGUIN
PVT A. A. JABER
PFC J. D. JACKSON
PVT B. R. JACOBSON JR.
PFC* H. H. JORDAN III.
PVT M. I. JUSTICE JR.
PFC* J. O. KAILILAAUBALISCO
PFC* I. L. KUTU
PVT D. M. LUJAN
PFC L. MACEDOJAIMES
PFC J. P. MARTINEZ
PVT T. J. MARTINEZ
PVT H. E. MELNITSKY
PVT J. M. MILLER
PVT J. J. MONCAYO
PVT L. MONTESDEOCA
PFC E. J. MUNGARAY
PFC Z. T. NOBBS
PVT S. V. PACHECOSANTIAGO
PFC H. PANIAGUA
PVT S. A. PEREZ
PVT J. R. PROSSER JR.
PVT A. REGALADO
PFC A. R. ROE
PVT C. A. RUIS
PFC J. R. SALINAS
PVT J. T. SHIPSHOCK
PVT D. L. SHUSS JR.
PVT C. D. SMITH
PVT C. R. STELDT
PVT T. D. STEPHENSON
PVT J. D. STICHTER
PVT M. D. THISTLE
PVT T. J. THOMAS
PVT G. P. VANDENBERG
PFC* O. VASQUEZHERNANDEZ
PFC J. W. WELDON
PVT L. W. WIETZKI
PFC A. X. WOODEN
PFC* D. A. ZAPIEN

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 3242

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
SERGEANT J. E. WADE
DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT A. J. MEJIAS

SERGEANT A. RUIZ

SERGEANT A. E. URRUTIA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE F. STEPHAUN (293)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS N. S. DUNN (335)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT K. PETSCHULAT

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. W. BATEMAN
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT W. DURAN

PFC A. ABREGO
PFC D. A. AGUILAR
PVT G. L. ARNOLD
PFC P. D. BASRALIAN
PFC J. W. BATEMAN
PVT A. R. BICKLER
PVT W. A. BLANDON
PVT A. M. BORQUE JR.
PFC M. J. BREHM
PVT P. L. BUDNICK
PVT Q. C. BUNDY
PFC D. CADENA
PVT N. M. CHUBAROV
PVT M. S. CLARK
PVT J. J. CLARK
PFC R. A. COLUNGA JR.
PVT I. J. CONTRERAS
PFC A. J. CORDERO
PVT J. B. CORTEZ
PVT C. J. COVER
PVT T. D. CURRIN
PFC W. DANG
PVT C. E. DIAZ
PFC N. S. DUNN
PFC S. P. EH
PVT J. C. ESTRADA
PFC A. FERNANDEZ
PVT D. J. FLORES
PVT I. A. SHOFUNWA
PFC D. S. FREDERICO
PVT J. D. GANGLOFF
PVT C. B. GEORGE
PVT C. A. GILES
PVT C. P. GODWIN
PVT S. R. GOFORTH
PVT J. E. GONZALEZ III
PVT L. GRASS
PFC J. P. HARRINGTON
PVT J. M. HERNANDEZ
PFC J. J. HERNANDEZMORENO
PVT W. E. HUMPHREYS
PVT R. A. JAUREGUI II
PFC J. J. JIMENEZ
PFC L. J. JOHNSON
PFC* M. R. JORDAN
PVT J. C. KALEKA
PVT K. A. KRAMER
PFC C. W. LACY
PVT D. O. LAMB
PVT K. J. LAWTON
PFC* P. E. LBARRAFOMBONA

PVT V. LE
PVT R. T. LESEBERG
PVT M. E. LONDGREN
PFC* D. LOPEZ
PVT J. L. LOPEZ
PFC S. I. LOPEZPEREZ
PVT S. L. LUCAS
PFC R. D. MACHUCAIBARRA
PFC C. MENDOZA
PVT J. M. MERIDA
PVT C. A. MILLER
PFC A. E. MILLER
PVT L. R. MOLENDIA
PVT B. D. NEYJEWELL
PFC* M. A. OJEDA
PVT C. D. OLESON
PFC A. S. PETTY
PFC N. A. PUENTE
PVT J. E. RAMIREZ
PVT I. J. RESENDEZ
PVT C. R. RHOADES
PFC R. D. RIOS
PFC P. R. ROBERTSAGUILAR
PFC J. R. ROBINSON
PVT H. J. ROJAS
PFC D. ROMERO
PFC E. ROMO
PFC* A. T. SANFORD
PVT I. A. SHOFUNWA
PFC O. T. SILVERS
PVT F. STEPHAUN
PVT R. SOTOGONZALEZ
PFC J. C. SPEYRER
PFC N. F. TUDELA
PVT B. J. VANEK
PVT A. T. VANG
PVT J. R. VAZQUEZ
PVT I. VAZQUEZGARCIA
PVT E. VILLARREAL III
PVT C. J. WATKINS
PVT D. J. WEIST
PVT D. S. WHATLEY
PVT T. C. WILSON
PVT D. K. WONG
PVT J. B. WRIGHT
PVT L. X. YANG
PFC A. J. CLAUS
PVT M. O. BRINKWORTH
PVT J. D. MARTINEZ
PFC J. M. CALDERSON
PVT A. J. MCLAUCHLIN

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 3243

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT A. M. MORA
DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT J. G. ROBLES

SERGEANT ORTIZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. L. HANSEN (284)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE T. A. COTTEN (333)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT A. S. JETER

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. GONZALES
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT A. LIVERMAN

PFC D. W. BARTLEY
PFC E. BARRERA
PFC J. BASALDUA
PFC T. A. BATTLES
PFC* B. D. BAUTISTAGARCIA
PVT G. M. BIEDERBECK
PVT S. D. BOYD
PVT S. M. BRACKEN
PFC R. J. BRENNAN
PVT L. C. BROWN
PVT G. A. CEDILLOBENITEZ
PFC K. N. CLEVENGER
PVT M. L. COMBS
PVT T. A. COTTEN
PFC J. M. COX
PVT E. CRUZCASTRO
PFC J. H. DARABCEK
PVT Z. G. DAVIS
PVT C. L. GALVAN
PFC G. GARCIAPAZ
PFC O. O. GARCIASERRANO
PVT M. E. GERSZEWSKI
PFC E. V. GIL
PFC A. M. GILLIHAN
PFC J. R. GONZALES
PFC C. GONZALES
PFC D. GONZALES
PFC D. A. GRIFFIN
PFC G. G. GRIGSBY
PVT W. J. GUTIERREZ
PVT E. N. HALL
PFC T. L. HANSEN
PVT H. A. HATCH
PVT A. I. HERNANDEZMARTINEZ
PVT J. D. HERRINGTON
PVT L. M. HODGES
PVT M. R. HOPKINS
PFC T. M. HOWELL
PVT C. J. HUGHES
PVT A. J. ISAAC
PVT M. L. JOHNSON
PVT E. D. JORDAN
PVT A. J. KEMPKER
PVT L. A. KING
PFC K. M. KOUGL
PVT P. A. KRONJAEGER
PVT T. A. LANGSTON
PVT W. J. LARIOS
PFC P. LEMUSVACA
PFC M. D. LOCKE
PVT J. LOPEZ
PFC L. M. LOPEZ
PVT M. C. LOWERY
PVT J. E. MARLOWE

PVT L. J. MARTIN
PVT D. MARTINEZ
PVT C. R. MCCARTNEY
PVT A. M. MCCOOL
PVT B. A. MECKLEY
PVT L. E. MELENDEZ
PFC G. A. MERTZ
PVT A. B. MILAN
PFC Z. D. MISKA
PFC* P. J. MOSS
PVT E. MURILLOMILLER
PVT G. S. NOLASCOOLESEN
PFC T. A. OGLESBY
PFC B. E. OHIMEE
PVT W. A. OLIVER
PVT A. J. OTT
PFC F. PEREZ
PVT A. PEREZGARCIA
PVT V. PHILIP
PVT D. A. PRECIADO
PVT D. O. GARCIASERRANO
PFC R. R. REAN
PVT E. G. REILLY
PFC Q. M. RIGBY
PVT D. M. ROLLINS
PFC* J. ROMERO
PVT I. T. SALAZAR
PFC H. A. SANCHEZ
PFC D. M. SANNER
PFC R. C. SCHMID
PFC P. M. SCHULTZ
PFC J. M. SETTLES
PVT M. L. SMITH
PVT N. C. SMITHSON
PVT J. J. SOLANO
PVT L. S. SPEER
PVT J. R. STARK
PVT J. M. STEEL
PFC D. J. STELTER
PFC L. K. TAYLOR
PVT W. E. THOMPSON
PFC M. G. TORRESHUITRON
PFC* C. G. TREECE
PVT T. S. TURNER
PVT P. G. UPTON
PVT A. X. URVINA
PFC A. R. VASQUEZ
PVT W. J. VESTAL
PFC M. J. WILLIAMS
PFC K. M. WILSON
PFC B. P. WORDEN
PFC Q. M. YATES
PVT B. G. ZIMMERMAN

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PLATOON 3245

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT D. E. SHANK
DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT D. Y. CURIEL

SERGEANT A. IVORYMELCHOR

STAFF SERGEANT C. L. GARCIA

STAFF SERGEANT E. M. COLEMAN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. FLORESBALTAZAR (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE M. S. SANDLE (325)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT T. M. HAWKINS

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. K. HAYNES
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT J. ADAMS

PFC D. L. ACOSTA
PVT P. S. ALCALA
PFC L. N. AMAYA
PFC E. M. BALL
PVT H. L. BARLOW
PVT L. BARRIOSLOPEZ
PFC N. BLANCOVALDEZ
PFC K. J. BOLTON
PFC* K. E. BROWN
PFC C. C. BUSH
PVT K. N. CASTILLO
PFC N. Y. CHARLEY
PVT C. L. CORBITT
PFC D. A. CORTEZ
PFC A. I. DIAZLOPEZ
PFC J. C. ESCOTOCEJA
PFC H. ESPINOSA
PFC A. G. FAZIO
PVT A. J. FISCHER
PFC K. FLORESBALTAZAR
PVT A. Y. GARCIA
PFC P. A. GARCIA
PVT A. A. GARCIALOPEZ
PFC K. M. GNADE
PVT E. M. GOMEZ
PVT E. L. HAYES
PFC D. K. HAYNES
PFC E. M. HEBERT
PFC I. G. HERNANDEZ
PFC* K. D. HERRERA
PFC A. I. HOATSON
PFC C. J. HORTON
PVT D. L. JAYNESAHKLUAH
PVT S. L. JOACHIM
PVT F. KEITA
PVT L. R. KRUSEMARK

PFC L. A. KUEBBELER
PVT L. A. MARTINEZ
PFC C. M. MATANAVARRETE
PFC L. T. MCKNIGHT
PFC T. N. MEHN
PVT G. MENDOZA
PVT T. L. MONTENEGRO
PVT S. MORALESCAMACHO
PVT A. P. OHARA
PVT J. OLIVAS
PVT B. P. OMOMOFE
PFC J. A. PENALOZA
PFC S. PENAROBLES
PFC J. M. PEREZ
PVT S. C. POTTS
PFC M. D. RAMIREZ
PVT M. M. RAMOS
PVT S. M. RANGEL
PVT A. RODRIGUEZESTRADA
PFC* D. M. RUIZ
PFC B. G. SANCHEZ
PVT I. SANCHEZ
PFC N. E. SANCHEZ
PVT M. S. SANDLE
PFC* L. S. SILVA
PFC K. S. SIMPSON
PVT Z. R. STOKES
PVT V. TERRONESBEJAR
PFC C. J. TROOK
PVT T. H. VANG
PFC S. R. VARGAS
PFC M. A. VAZQUEZ
PFC E. J. VINCENT
PVT J. M. VUCO
PVT J. WANG
PVT S. M. YOUNG

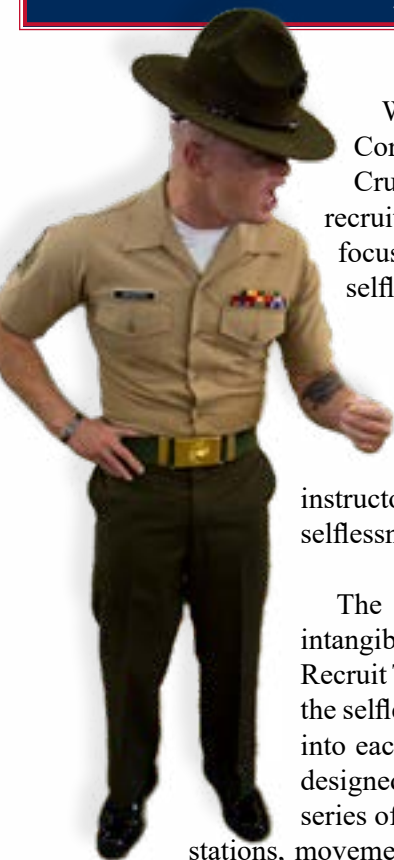
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PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

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

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



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



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

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

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

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



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

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

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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

SERGEANT J. A. SALCEDO

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT A. DAVIS

SERGEANT C. D. OCHOA

STAFF SERGEANT J. RIVERA

SERGEANT E. ZULETA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. A. GARCIA (295)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. T. KOSKINEN (333)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. GARY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

LANCE CORPORAL D. N. GREEN

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT J. PERALTA

PVT I. O. AGUAYO
PVT H. G. ALANIZ
PVT J. B. ALBRIGHT
PVT I. I. AMAYA
PVT P. A. BAILEY
PVT B. M. BANKO
PFC A. O. BAUTISTAHERNANDEZ
PVT V. S. BECERRA
PVT J. A. BERNALRANGEL
PFC I. A. BRACKIN
PVT C. J. BRADLEY
PFC A. J. BROWN
PVT C. J. BURGARD
PFC C. I. BUSTOS
PFC M. J. CAMP
PVT C. I. CAMPBELLHILL
PVT M. E. CAMPOS
PVT M. A. CARTER
PVT A. P. CERVANTES
PFC O. CHAVEZMURILLO
PVT E. M. CHIRINOS
PFC J. R. CISNEROSFUENTES
PVT A. J. CLEMENTS
PVT D. A. CLONTZ
PVT J. L. COLEMAN JR.
PFC O. CONTRERAS
PVT O. H. CORDOVA
PVT H. O. DENHAM
PVT J. A. DIAZALVARADO
PVT L. E. ESPINOZA
PVT L. H. FORTENBERRY
PVT D. K. FULLER
PFC K. A. GARCIA
PVT C. N. GARCIA
PFC K. A. GARCIA
PVT J. O. GODINESS
PVT N. A. GOMEZNUÑEZ
PVT B. O. GONZALEZ
PVT D. N. GREEN
PFC J. D. HARRIS III
PVT M. HERNANDEZ
PFC D. R. HICKS
PVT M. A. HUGHES JR.
PVT J. C. HYLAND
PVT C. D. IRBY
PVT A. A. JACKSON
PFC E. R. JOHNSON
PVT W. G. KATES
PFC C. J. KERSENBROCK
PFC* A. T. KOSKINEN
PVT H. J. KUBOTA
PFC M. O. LEMAOTA

PFC M. LEYVA
PVT A. D. LITTLE
PFC O. I. LOPEZCERVANTES
PFC* A. MAGANA
PVT J. MARTINEZ
PVT J. MARTINEZ
PFC J. D. MARTINEZ
PVT M. A. MARTINEZ
PVT R. W. MCGUIRE
PVT T. I. MCINTIRE JR.
PFC J. G. MENDOZA
PFC J. A. MENDOZAMANCERA
PVT A. J. NANNIE
PVT M. S. NAO
PVT J. T. NEAL
PVT G. A. NUNEZ III
PVT J. A. OCKAIK
PVT C. O. PACHECOFLORES
PVT L. J. PATTERSON
PFC C. E. PEREZ
PVT A. O. PEREZ JR.
PVT J. A. PEREZFLORES
PFC A. M. PUACESCUN
PFC B. E. RAMOS
PVT A. L. RAMOS
PVT A. O. REYES
PVT G. L. RILEY
PVT J. L. RIOSCONTRERAS
PFC* J. C. RIVERA
PVT D. A. ROBERTS
PVT D. O. RODRIGUEZ
PVT D. J. RODRIGUEZ
PFC A. O. RODRIGUEZGARCIA
PVT O. O. ROMANIZSANTOS
PVT C. A. RUBIO
PFC E. O. SAMPERIOVENEGAS
PVT D. A. SANDOVAL III
PFC E. O. SEGURA
PVT B. O. SELESKI
PFC I. J. SEVILLA
PVT T. B. SHAD
PFC* W. C. SHELTON
PFC C. D. SIMMONS
PVT E. A. SINCLAIR
PVT P. J. THONGPHEITH
PFC E. D. TOUCH
PVT D. S. TUCKER
PVT J. L. VARGAS
PVT E. A. VAZQUEZ JR.
PVT I. O. VELASCO
PFC M. T. VO

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PLATOON 3247

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT S. ORELANNA

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT M. M. MARTINEZ

SERGEANT S. J. O'LEARY

SERGEANT B. FULLER

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS I. O. SUAREZ (291)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE M. F. MADRIGAL (330)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL J. S. ALBERS

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. C. SALGADO

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PVT D. J. ACOSTA
PFC J. R. ALIDIO
PVT E. F. ALVARADO
PFC E. F. ALVAREZ
PVT J. A. ANDERSONRICHARD
PVT B. A. ACROS
PFC B. A. ARISTONDO
PFC B. A. AVILA
PFC J. G. BAKONDI
PVT J. M. BARAJAS
PFC N. J. BARRAGAN
PFC L. F. BARRAGANBALLESTEROS
PFC A. S. BARWICK
PVT T. A. BEAR
PFC E. A. BELTRAN
PVT J. E. BERNALHERNANDEZ
PVT A. L. BOUCHER
PVT R. P. BRISTOW
PFC J. M. BROCK
PFC C. W. BROWN
PVT T. J. BURKHARDT
PFC G. I. CALDERON
PVT F. A. CASTANEDA
PFC D. CERDA
PVT M. CRUZ
PFC C. J. DASSLER
PVT C. W. DOLAN
PVT C. A. DOMINGUEZ
PFC J. J. EICHOLZ
PVT G. FARIASCHAVEZ
PFC* A. L. FIELD
PVT J. L. FISHER
PVT R. FLORES
PFC G. D. GALINDO
PVT A. B. GARCIA
PFC A. A. GONZALEZSILVIA
PVT A. V. GRAEFF
PVT D. R. GRANADOS
PFC H. GRANDI
PFC L. V. GUERRA
PVT C. R. HANSON
PVT J. M. HART
PVT A. K. KECKEISEN
PVT K. P. KELLY
PVT C. L. KING
PVT LOGOTALA
PFC E. L. LOPEZ
PFC L. E. LOPEZDELARA

PVT R. P. LOTTS
PVT A. G. LUCASGARCIA
PVT A. M. LUNA
PVT M. F. MADRIGAL
PFC F. G. MAGANA
PVT D. I. MENJIVARMROA
PVT G. A. METHVIN
PFC J. R. MEYERS
PVT W. A. MILLS
PFC M. L. MONGOLD
PFC N. L. MOORE
PVT C. A. MOSEMAN
PVT J. NAJERA
PVT J. L. NELSON
PFC C. L. NGUYEN
PVT D. M. NOLAN
PVT O. A. OCHOAAGUILERA
PFC* M. A. OLIVARES
PVT J. A. ORTIZ
PFC* D. A. ORTIZZAVAZA
PFC A. A. PEREZ
PVT C. T. PEREZASCENCIO
PFC J. R. PEREZHERNANDEZ
PVT P. N. PHAN
PVT G. D. PLATT
PVT J. B. RECLA
PFC A. O. RESENDIZ
PVT N. M. RODRIGUEZ
PVT A. C. ROHR
PVT J. O. ROMERO
PVT N. M. ROSS
PFC* J. C. SALGADO
PVT S. P. SANFORD
PFC R. O. SEGURAGODINEZ
PVT A. C. SHILTS
PVT D. A. SLOAN
PFC W. L. SPOHN
PVT D. I. STELLING
PFC* B. J. STOCKER
PFC I. O. SUAREZ
PVT D. C. SUAREZ
PVT J. M. TAFUA
PVT Q. B. TEJANO
PVT Z. T. TIERNEY
PFC M. A. VARGAS
PFC A. G. VICKERS
PFC A. L. WAYLAND
PFC A. L. WU

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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.