

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 Jason L. Morris, 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,

J. W. Jones
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

FLAG ETIQUETTE

The United States Marine Corps has long established a tradition of rendering proper honors and courtesies to the American Flag with ceremony and decorum. If this is your first visit to a military installation, we would like to acquaint you with “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
Austin E. Renforth**
Commanding General
MAGTF Training Command
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center

Major General Renforth enlisted in the United States Navy in 1982. After two years in the Navy, he received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and receiving a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United

States Marine Corps.

Major General Renforth has had the privilege of command at every level. He served as a Rifle Platoon, Heavy Machinegun Platoon, and Dragon Platoon Commander at 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, participating in Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM. He also served as a Platoon Commander at 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion and deployed as a Detachment Commander with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines in support of Operation PROVIDE PROMISE. Major General Renforth commanded rifle companies at 1st Battalion, 2d Marines and 2d Battalion, 6th Marines. At the battalion level, he commanded the Maritime Special Purpose Force while deployed with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Later, he commanded 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and deployed twice in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He later assumed command of 7th Marine Regiment and deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Afterwards, he was Commanding General of Training Command, and then Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island and The Eastern Recruiting Region. Most recently, he was the Commander of Joint Operations Command-Iraq, Combined Joint Task Force, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

Major General Renforth's staff assignments include tours as Protocol Officer, US Central Command; Operations Officer 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines; Faculty Advisor, Amphibious Warfare School; Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines and deployed to Okinawa, Japan; Operations Officer, 5th Marines; Operations Officer, Regimental Combat Team 1 and deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM; Branch Chief, Special Plans Branch, J-5, US Northern Command; and Chief of Staff, 1st Marine Division. Most recently, Major General Renforth served as the Chief of Staff NORAD and USNORTHCOM in Colorado Springs.

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

Major General Renforth is a graduate of The Basic School, the Infantry Officer Course, Amphibious Warfare School, Armed Forces Staff College, NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy, and the High Command and Staff Course in the United Kingdom.

Major General Renforth was a member for the Marine Corps Rugby Team, has worked as the Head Coach for the Naval Academy Sprint Football Team, and as an assistant coach for the Navy Division 1 Men's Rugby Team.



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. L. Morris
Colonel E. R. Sullivan
Sergeant Major A. T. Leal
Major General A. E. Renforth

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel J. W. Jones
Lieutenant Colonel S. T. Woo
Sergeant Major P. F. Agan Jr.
Gunnery Sergeant J. Leyva
Staff Sergeant M. C. Redfield

THIRD RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel C. A. Ashinhurst
Major E. A. Joses
Sergeant Major Cruz
Lieutenant Junior Grade E. Morales
Staff Sergeant E. G. Amana

COMPANY M

Commanding Officer
Company Executive Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain R. H. Nguyen
Captain M. E. Sykora
First Sergeant S. C. Jackman

SERIES 3261

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain S. P. Kierman
Staff Sergeant J. G. Fuentes

SERIES 3265

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain A. J. Zlogar
Gunnery Sergeant F. T. Raudales

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Gunnery Sergeant M. Harper
Staff Sergeant J. Kearney

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant P. F. Schorgl
Sergeant R. Navarette
Sergeant J. Mitrano
Sergeant B. S. McCreary

PLATOON 3261

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT G. PINEDA

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT Z. ESTEVEZ

STAFF SERGEANT N. M. DIEGO

STAFF SERGEANT D. N. HESCHKE

SERGEANT K. A. GUIMARAN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE J. A. GAMEZDEVONE (288)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE E. C. FAJARDOCASTELLANOS (339)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT O. NIUPULUSU

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. J. PARKER

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT N. LOHR

PVT C. ARZATE
PFC W. U. BAIEI
PVT D. J. BARTRAM
PVT G. J. BAUER
PVT D. M. COOK
PFC C. A. CORONADO
PVT F. CRUZPANIAGUA
PVT A. D. DAKARAI
PVT C. J. ELMS
PVT E. C. FAJARDOCASTELLANOS
PVT A. P. FIERROSBRIONES
PVT T. M. FORSYTH
PFC N. J. GABA
PVT J. A. GAMEZDEVONE
PVT A. R. GARCIA
PVT J. T. GAUCIN
PVT N. A. HOLGUIN
PVT B. L. HOPSON
PVT B. IBARRA
PVT E. A. JIMENEZ
PVT A. R. LUJAN
PVT D. S. MAIN

PFC M. K. MCCARTHY
PVT Z. J. MOOREWILSON
PVT G. I. MORGAN
PVT K. NUNEZ
PVT J. M. ORTIZCUEVAS
PVT B. R. PANDUKHT
PFC* A. J. PARKER
PFC* J. N. PAWLOWSKI
PVT C. RAMIREZ
PVT I. W. ROACH
PVT G. X. SHOCKEY
PVT D. SIMENTAL
PFC I. A. TARANGO
PVT C. J. TORRESSAREVALOS
PFC T. N. TRAN
PVT C. VANG
PVT M. D. WAKEMAN
PVT K. N. WASHINGTON
PVT M. R. WHITE
PVT K. H. ZARAGOZA
PVT M. A. GARCIA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 3262

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

SERGEANT I. L. STOWE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT I. A. QUIROZ

SERGEANT J. J. GUERRERO

SERGEANT H. A. RIPPEY

SERGEANT A. A. HERNANDEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. G. OSUNA (293)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE K. BIZARDI (342)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT E. VASQUEZ-HERNANDEZ

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. G. OSUNA

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT K. COCA

PFC A. I. AGUINIGA
PVT E. A. ARCINIEGA
PFC C. Y. BALDIVIA
PFC C. A. BIRT
PVT K. BIZARDI
PFC I. G. BOHANNON
PFC J. O. CALLEJAS
PVT J. E. CONRY JR.
PVT D. A. COWAN
PVT Q. M. DAO
PVT R. A. DURAN
PVT J. S. FISHER
PVT J. C. FOULSTON
PVT B. X. FREEDOM
PFC J. S. GARCIA
PVT A. F. GARCIA GOMEZ
PFC R. GUDINOVALDEZ
PVT B. O. GUTIERREZ
PVT J. R. HARPEL
PFC B. K. KIMANI
PVT W. Q. LINDSTROM
PVT I. A. MILLER

PFC A. MIRELES
PFC* N. J. NADOLSKY
PFC* G. G. OSUNA
PVT J. E. QUIJAS
PVT B. X. RAMIREZ
PVT S. H. REED
PFC A. K. RIVERA
PFC J. J. RODRIGUEZ
PVT Q. C. ROZAR
PFC C. J. SAAVEDRA
PVT H. SALAS
PFC L. A. SALAZAR
PVT A. L. SANTANA
PVT J. L. SAUNDERS
PVT L. J. STONEKING
PVT D. L. THOMAS
PVT O. TRUJILLO
PFC B. G. ZIZZOJAUREGUI
PVT K. BIZARDI
PVT J. L. MACENONIO
PVT J. J. HOOD

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 3263

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT J. S. PARKER

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT T. M. WAHLSTROM

SERGEANT A. GIANG

SERGEANT S. S. O'KEEFE

SERGEANT C. DUARTE

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE M. J. GWOSDZ (292)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE W. R. MUNOZ (338)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT T. J. KELLY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

LANCE CORPORAL I. M. YARA

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT A. J. JAGODZINSKI

PVT J. V. AGUSTIN
PVT O. K. ALLEN
PVT S. O. AMAREEN
PVT L. ARROYO III
PVT C. M. BABCOCK
PVT B. M. BALDWIN
PVT J. BARAJASAMADOR
PFC C. BARRAGAN
PFC C. BAYDU
PVT K. D. BEAVER
PVT C. R. BROWN
PVT A. CHAN
PVT G. CONTRERASESQUIVEL
PVT L. S. ELY
PVT S. FERNANDEZBASABE
PVT G. A. FIDDLER
PVT G. D. FIGUEROA
PVT J. H. FLORES JR.
PVT J. F. FLYING
PVT B. GARCIA
PVT G. A. GOMEZ
PVT J. A. GONZALEZ

PVT J. P. GUEVARRA
PVT M. J. GWOSDZ
PVT E. N. HIDALGOHERNANDEZ
PVT E. I. JOHNSON
PVT D. L. KAVANAUGH
PVT W. R. MUNOZ
PVT K. NGUYEN
PVT L. S. NIETCHO
PFC* J. M. OKERI
PFC A. L. PAGAN
PVT A. N. PEREZ
PFC T. RAMIREZ
PVT J. D. REED
PVT J. REYES
PFC K. K. ROMMAN
PVT J. I. SANTIAGO
PFC C. J. SANCHEZ
PFC* M. A. SAWICKA
PVT J. C. SOTO JR.
LCPL* I. M. YARA
PFC K. A. ZUNIGA

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 3265

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

GUNNERY SERGEANT A. J. GARCIA

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT D. E. SHANK

SERGEANT M. C. DRAKE

SERGEANT G. A. RUIZ

SERGEANT A. IVORYMELCHOR

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. R. ELLENBERGER (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. A. BARRETT (339)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. P. PAUOLE

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. R. ELLENBERGER

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT B. TRAIN

PFC M. A. ACEVEDO
PFC S. T. BALDWIN
PVT T. R. BARR
PFC M. A. BARRETT
PFC E. M. BLAIR
PFC B. S. BRAVO
PFC N. S. BROOKS
PVT N. N. BUI
PVT C. A. CORRAL
PVT A. C. COURSEY
PFC M. A. CROSBY
PVT B. M. DIAZ
PFC C. DIAZ
PFC* K. R. ELLENBERGER
PVT P. ERMILOVA
PFC M. FLORES
PFC T. A. GARRISON
PFC* K. K. HAO
PFC K. J. HERNANDEZZARATE
PVT L. M. HOLIFIELD
PFC H. D. HOLSEY
PFC E. P. JENKINS
PVT M. F. KRAKOWSKI
PFC J. G. LOPEZ

PFC H. E. LVYI
PVT J. A. MARQUEZGONZALEZ
PVT L. MARTINEZ
PVT A. M. MONTERO
PVT B. E. NESTELL
PVT J. F. NISSEN
PVT K. OCHOAALVAREZ
PVT K. A. OLVERA
PFC P. R. QUINONES
PVT H. N. REISENAUER
PFC K. Y. SANCHEZ
PVT* A. P. SHEARER
PFC E. E. SOTO
PVT E. E. THOMPSON
PFC J. L. TRUIJILLO
PFC* E. J. VALDEZ
PVT T. A. VALLE
PVT K. D. VALTIERRA
PVT A. M. VELA
PFC N. A. VELASQUEZ
PFC N. A. VENEGAS
PFC R. N. VOSECI
PFC E. K. WALLEN
PVT J. L. WEIST

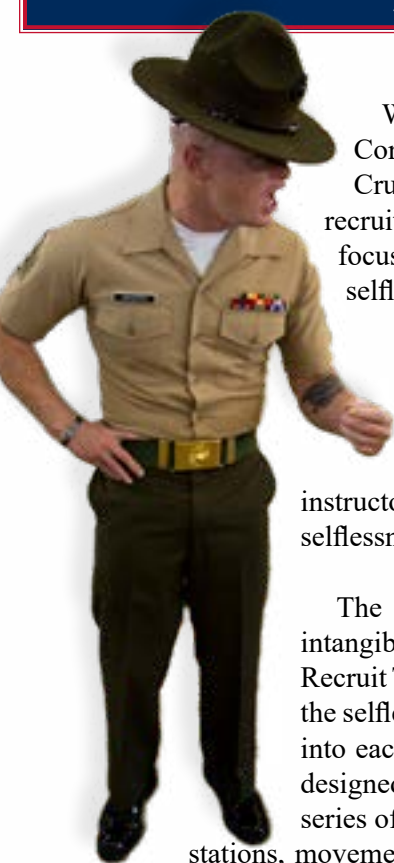
Meritorious Promotion *

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 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 3266

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
GUNNERY SERGEANT F. J. FERNANDEZ

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

GUNNERY SERGEANT J. E. HALL
SERGEANT C. B. ZAVALZAGARCIA
SERGEANT S. J. STEINMANN
STAFF SERGEANT D. M. GABB

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. A. GUZMANDIAZ (283)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. N. GARCIA (335)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT A. JETER

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. N. FOWLER
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT A. BRODY

PVT L. H. ABRAMS
PVT L. ALI
PVT T. R. BAUTISTA
PVT C. L. BAYKOWSKI
PFC* B. S. BENITEZ
PVT A. CEDILLO
PVT J. C. DEMUTH
PVT R. R. DOAK
PVT A. E. EBARB
PFC C. M. FERNANDEZ
PFC* D. O. FLORESSERANO
PFC* T. N. FOWLER
PFC E. N. GARCIA
PFC J. B. GATEWOOD
PVT N. GRAMMER
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PFC J. L. HAMM
PFC J. A. HAMMETT
PVT W. S. HERNANDEZSANCHEZ
PVT B. M. JACKSON
PVT J. H. JOHNSON

PVT F. T. MALTA
PVT D. A. MASONJOHNSON
PVT L. S. MCNEILL
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PVT G. J. MIAN
PVT B. A. MONTIETH
PVT C. B. NEWTON
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PVT G. PERERZ
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PVT O. E. VALLEJO
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GUNNERY SERGEANT C. J. FIERO
STAFF SERGEANT R. DOMINGUEZ
GUNNERY SERGEANT D. LANG
GUNNERY SERGEANT Y. ZUNIGA

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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE H. N. MITCHELL (328)
INSTRUCTOR: STAFF SERGEANT L. GARVEY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. R. TRAPP
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PFC S. BARRAZA IV
PFC A. BAZAN
PVT I. BECKER
PVT C. BISHOP
PVT H. C. CAHOON
PVT M. CERVANTEZRAMIREZ
PVT O. DANIEL
PFC C. DELGADO
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PVT E. GLASS
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PFC L. HIBBARD
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PVT E. LEE
PVT A. LOPEZ
PVT C. LUIS
PVT D. MARTIN
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PVT L. NINHAM
PVT A. NUNEZ
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PVT J. RACH
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PVT T. ROBLES
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PFC J. ROSAS III
PVT J. RUIZ
PVT A. SANCHEZ
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WHY THE TRANSFORMATION?

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



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

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



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

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

PHASE I

HOW WE ARE DOING IT

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

PHASE I - RECRUITING

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



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

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



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