

WELCOME

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

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

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

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

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

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



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

BAND SERENADE

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER *

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *

SOUND OFF

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE COMMANDER OF TROOPS

REPORT

PUBLICATION OF THE ORDER AND OFFICERS CENTER

BATTALION COMMANDER'S REMARKS

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE REVIEWING OFFICER

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

ANCHORS AWEIGH/THE MARINES' HYMN *

GRADUATES RETURN FRONT AND CENTER

RECOGNITION OF THE COMPANY STAFF

RETIREMENT OF THE PLATOON GUIDONS AND RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

FINAL DISMISSAL

** PLEASE RISE*

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment



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

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

Gratefully,

M. J. Palma
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

FLAG ETIQUETTE

The United States Marine Corps has long established a tradition of rendering proper honors and courtesies to the American Flag with ceremony and decorum. If this is your first visit to a military installation, we would like to acquaint you with the “Flag Etiquette” and welcome you to join us in showing courtesy to our Flag as defined by U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, and as observed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

In observance of U.S. Code Title 4 and 36, individuals in uniform, members of the armed forces not in uniform, and military veterans may render a military salute to the American Flag while it is being hoisted, being lowered, passing by. The same courtesies should be rendered while the National Anthem is played.

Gentlemen wearing hats who do not render a salute to the flag should remove their head gear and on the first note of the National Anthem, place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem.

Ladies are not required to remove their headdress. On the first note of the National Anthem, ladies should stand, face the flag, and place their right hand over their heart until the last note of the National Anthem. All present should remain standing until the last note of the National Anthem is played.

If the Flag is not visible during the National Anthem, please stand and face the sound of the music. If driving during Morning or Evening Colors, persons in vehicles within sight or hearing of the ceremony should halt the vehicle at the side of the road, and remain inside the vehicle until the final bugle call “Carry On” is sounded.

When Honors are being rendered to the Flag, or while it is passing in a parade of review, it is considered disrespectful to smoke, talk, to take pictures, or to be involved in boisterous or noisy activity. If you are in doubt ask the military personnel about appropriate courtesies at any time, or look around. The immediate vicinity will guide your actions.

MARINE CORPS VALUES

WHY WE SUCCEED.

Generation after generation of American men and women have given special meaning to the title United States Marine. These men and women live by a set of Core Values, which forms the bedrock of their character. Core Values give Marines strength and regulate their behavior; they bind the Marine Corps into a total force that can meet any challenge... and succeed.

HONOR

Honor guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; and to respect human dignity. It is the quality of maturity, dedication, trust and dependability that compels Marines to act responsibly; to hold themselves and each other accountable for their actions; and to fulfill their obligations.

COURAGE

Courage is the mental, moral and physical strength ingrained in Marines. It carries them through the challenges of combat and helps them overcome fear. Likewise, it is the inner strength that enables a Marine to do what is right; to adhere to a higher standard of personal conduct; and to make tough decisions under stress and pressure.

COMMITMENT

Commitment is the spirit of selfless determination and dedication found in Marines. It leads to the highest order of discipline for individuals and units. It is the ingredient that enables 24-hour a day dedication to Corps and country. It inspires the unrelenting determination to achieve a high standard of excellence in every endeavor.



Parade Reviewing Officer



Major
Kaipo-Noa H. Kaheaku-Enhada

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Captain Kaheaku-Enhada was born on 1 August 1986 in Honolulu, HI. After graduating from Kapolei High School in May 2004, he attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in 2004/2005. Upon graduation from NAPS, he attended the United States Naval Academy. In 2009, he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mathematics.

Following graduation from USNA, Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 17 December 2009. He started working at the USNA Admissions Office while waiting to class up with Charlie Company at the Basic School (TBS) in March 2010. During the next year, 2ndLt Kaheaku-Enhada graduated from C Company, TBS and subsequently completed Logistics Officer Course (LOC). In February 2011, 2ndLt Kaheaku-Enhada checked into 1st Radio Battalion, I Marine Headquarters Group. For the next 10 months, 2ndLt Kaheaku-Enhada would be the Maintenance Management Officer. He was promoted to 1stLt on 1 December 2011.

In December 2011, 1stLt Kaheaku-Enhada became the Battalion Logistics Officer where he supported the Unit Level Training and Pre-deployment training plan. He subsequently deployed with Companies and Platoons to Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Forces, and West Coast Marine Expeditionary Units (MUE).

In June 2013, 1stLt Kaheaku-Enhada was temporarily assigned to Brigade Headquarters Group (BHG)- Afghanistan, Marine Expeditionary Base-A as the Assistant Logistics Officer. During this time, he completed pre-deployment requirements for unit personnel and filled in as the BHG-A Executive Officer. In December 2013, he deployed in support of OEF. While deployed he served as the BHG-A Logistics Planner and Command

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

Element Camp Commandant. He was promoted to Captain in February 2014. In July 2014, BHG-A rolled up its flag and 1stLt Kaheaku-Enhada changed duties. He volunteered to remain in Afghanistan and work in the MEB-A C4 Current Operations Section. In October 2014, he returned from deployment and completed his Temporary Assigned Duty (TAD).

In March 2015, Captain Kaheaku-Enhada executed orders to Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division. In May 2015, Captain Kaheaku-Enhada went TAD to the 31st MEU where he served as the Landing Force Operations Center Watch Officer for floats 15.2 and 16.1. Upon completion of TAD he returned to the 3d Marine Division where he served as an Exercise Planner in the G4 Operations Section. During this time, he was the lead logistics planner for Blue Chromite 2016 and MRF-D.

In January 2017, Captain Kaheaku-Enhada checked in to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion where he served as the Battalion Logistics Officer. During this time, he supported Unit Level Training, Pre-deployment Training, 31st MEU MRF, Force RECON, and platoon deployments to numerous exercises, events, and real world missions across the INDO-PACOM AOR. In May 2019, Captain Kaheaku-Enhada executed orders to Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, MCRD San Diego.

In June 2019, Captain Kaheaku-Enhada assumed Command of Range Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, MCRD San Diego. During this time, he supervised the execution of entry-level rifle marksmanship Table 1 qualification, established the Primary Marksmanship Instructor Selection Process, and attained a recruit qualification average of 221 out of 250 for over 12,000 recruits.

In February 2020, Captain Kaheaku-Enhada became the Operations Officer for Weapons and Field Training Battalion. Two months later on 1 April 2020, Captain Kaheaku-Enhada was promoted to his current rank of Major.

Captain Kaheaku-Enhada's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

AWARDS

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

SERIES HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD

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

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

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

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

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

MARINE

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

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

GRADUATION STAFF

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/ WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Commanding General
Chief of Staff
Sergeant Major
Parade Reviewing Officer

Brigadier General Ryan P. Heritage
Colonel Daren J. Erickson
Sergeant Major Abel T. Leal
Major K. H. Kaheaku-Enhada

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel M. J. Palma
Lieutenant Colonel C. B. Kroll
Sergeant Major P. F. Agan
Gunnery Sergeant E. L. Gantt
Staff Sergeant Z. Aguon

THIRD RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel A. P. Bariletti
Major J. W. Schnarr
Sergeant Major G. L. Vega
Lieutenant B. J. McCreanor
Staff Sergeant F. Salas

COMPANY M

Commanding Officer
Company Executive Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain T. S. Engel
Captain D. W. Chumich
First Sergeant R. L. Broadway

LEAD SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain W. Cryster
Staff Sergeant C. Guerrero

FOLLOW SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

First Lieutenant E. A. Sands
Staff Sergeant C. B. Brown

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Sergeant E. Reed
Corporal B. T. Bingham

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant P. A. Hasick
Sergeant T. Bohnenkamp
Sergeant D. Cuevas
Sergeant D. Yonking

PLATOON 3269

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT P. P. PACKER

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT J. A. BELMONT

SERGEANT A. R. BROWN

SERGEANT C. A. FEIL

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS F. VEGA (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE J. J. JOHNSON (339)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT T. W. WILSON

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS F. T. BRADLEY
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT L. R. DIAZ

PVT J. J. AGUILAR
PVT G. I. ALVARADO
PVT E. ALVAREZ
PFC J. P. BALBUENA
PVT C. BANAS
PVT B. A. BENITEZ
PFC F. T. BRADLEY
PVT A. CARDENAS
PVT J. M. CASTILLO
PFC I. CASTRO
PVT J. J. COCIO
PVT E. B. COLLER
PFC* C. A. CONTRERAS
PFC M. J. CORTEZ
PFC F. B. CUESTAS
PVT C. C. CURNETTE
PVT J. T. DELMAR
PVT D. E. DIETRICH
PFC J. J. GARCIA
PFC G. GUITERREZ
PFC J. E. HARPER
PVT A. D. HARRISON

PVT A. B. HUGHES
PVT B. JIMENEZ
PVT J. J. JOHNSON
PFC R. A. KNAPP
PVT E. J. LONGERBEAM
PVT K. N. MCFADDEN
PFC G. MENDEZ
PVT M. V. J. MORALES
PFC L. E. PERALTA
PVT E. D. ROBERTS
PVT J. E. ROBLES
PFC J. R. ROWLAND
PFC M. A. ROYBAL
PVT G. RUIZ
PVT J. D. RUSSELL
PFC M. J. SANTOS
PVT W. J. SCHROEDER
PFC B. C. SLOAN
PVT A. W. TALLEY
PFC C. M. TAYLOR
PVT A. T. TRAN
PFC* F. VEGA

PVT S. AGUILERA
PVT L. J. ALBERTS
PVT A. J. ANDERSON
PVT J. A. AVINA
PVT M. J. BANTEL JR.
PVT C. BARAJAS JR.
PFC J. B. BAUTISTAMURO
PVT J. L. BELCHER
PVT A. BERNABE
PFC T. M. BOARDMAN
PFC D. H. BRADSHAW
PVT J. M. BROWN
PFC* B. J. CASH
PFC* K. CATANO
PVT J. A. CRUZ
PFC A. A. DELACRUZ
PVT J. R. DELEONFUENTES
PFC I. A. ESCALANTE
PFC Z. A. GUM
PFC M. C. JOHNSON

PVT A. O. KETCHUM
PFC C. M. KLEKOVSKI
PVT F. J. LEAL
PFC M. A. MACKENZIE
PVT R. A. MARTINEZ
PFC A. W. MCKINNEY
PVT J. M. MORALES
PFC R. J. NAM
PFC J. E. PAIVA
PFC D. B. PANGANIBAN
PVT T. D. PETERSON
PVT A. QUINTEROS JR.
PVT A. SANCHEZ
PVT B. J. SMITH
PFC D. T. SPARKS
PVT J. M. TINOCO
PFC* D. E. TORRES
PVT A. F. VASQUEZ
PFC K. L. WALKER
PVT J. ZEPEDA

PLATOON 3270

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT J. T. HUTCHINS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT M. ESCUTIA

STAFF SERGEANT J. E. JEAN

SERGEANT J. FUENTES

SERGEANT E. A. RECODER

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. CATANO (287)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE A. J. ANDERSON (342)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT M. J. MENDEZ

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. CATANO
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT J. E. CHACON

PLATOON 3271

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT I. J. HART

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT E. J. BALDERRAMA

SERGEANT F. J. AYALA

SERGEANT W. P. ESPINOZA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. P. SALAZAR (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. A. MENSCHING (333)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL D. M. ZIMMERMAN

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. P. SALAZAR
RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT J. K. MCGEE

PFC J. M. ABINANTE
PFC M. A. ARZATECASTREJON
PVT T. R. BEALS
PVT N. D. COLLINS
PVT P. F. DIEGO
PFC M. C. EARLY
PVT A. A. GARCIA
PFC C. A. GARCIA
PFC B. R. GARCACORRAL
PFC I. O. GRAVES
PVT R. HARMS
PVT C. A. HEIMARK
PFC C. R. JANES
PVT B. J. KALUSCHE
PVT S. A. KING
PFC* J. W. MACKIE
PVT D. J. MALONE
PFC* T. W. MELVIN
PFC J. MENDEZ
PFC R. A. MENSCHING
PVT E. E. NAVASALAZAR

PVT G. L. OLSEN
PVT A. J. OWEN
PFC J. B. PANEC
PFC G. J. PEDERSEN
PVT E. A. RAMOS
PVT J. C. RAMOS
PFC C. REYES
PFC J. S. RINCON
PVT R. ROMERO
PVT T. M. RUTLEDGE
PFC Z. B. RYDBERG
PFC D. P. SALAZAR
PVT J. N. SERVINO
PVT C. R. SILLASARCIBA
PVT A. J. SIPPPELL
PVT A. B. SMITH
PVT I. D. VALLIERE
PFC G. VENKATRAMAN
PVT A. J. WILLIAMS
PVT J. D. WILLIS
PVT G. C. WILMOT

PLATOON 3273

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT M. R. LIPSEY

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT D. J. SORIA

STAFF SERGEANT C. PIEDRA

SERGEANT T. VALENTINE

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Q. M. BREHME (297)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. F. RAMIREZ (343)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT J. T. CHILES

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS S. B. PUCKETT
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT D. E. GREER

PVT D. J. ADKINS
PVT S. ARIAS
PFC A. T. BENE
PVT V. E. BOHALL JR.
PFC* Q. M. BREHME
PFC Z. D. COLBURN
PVT N. A. COX
PFC* C. E. DICKSON
PFC M. A. DUENESGOMEZ
PVT P. I. FLANERY
PFC R. D. GESSLER
PVT L. A. GONZALEZ
PFC G. M. GRIEF
PVT T. A. HALL
PVT A. R. HARSHA
PVT B. E. HEIMSOOTH
PVT J. A. HERRERA
PVT J. D. JOHNSON
PVT J. R. KEASEY
PVT G. B. KUBICA
PFC M. A. MAGGIANO

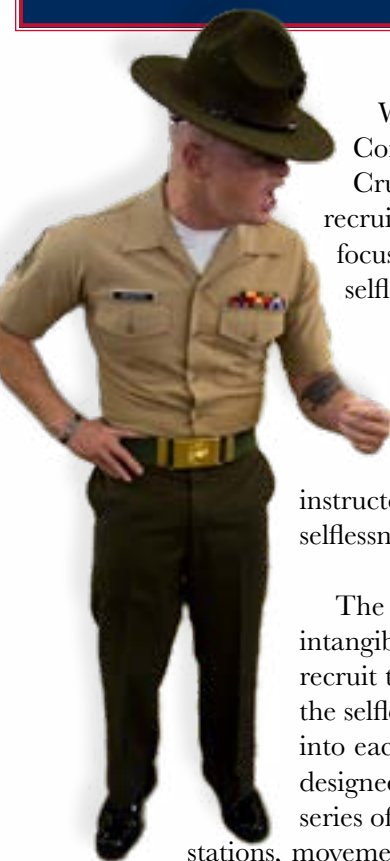
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PFC B. D. MERZ
PVT H. L. MOFFITT
PVT S. NYEMA
PFC C. E. OLVERANAVAEZ
PVT J. A. PAGE
PFC S. B. PUCKETT
PFC A. F. RAMIREZ
PVT D. REYNA JR.
PFC E. V. RICHTER
PFC K. T. ROYCE
PFC D. B. SETUNGE
PVT H. B. SHORE
PVT R. A. SOTO
PVT A. J. STOCKWILL
PVT A. TAVASSOLI
PVT A. A. THOMAS
PFC D. S. WILHELM
PFC B. C. WILLIAMS

PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

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

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



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



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

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

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

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



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

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

PLATOON 3274

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT E. WILLIAMS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT E. A. VELIZ

STAFF SERGEANT A. J. CENICEROS

STAFF SERGEANT J. HARDY

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. M. ARAIZAATILANO (294)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE E. P. JOE (339)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT W. W. GWIN

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. M. GARZA
RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT M. J. AURELI

PFC A. B. ALVIZO
PFC J. M. ARAIZAATILANO
PVT J. B. ARGENTO
PFC C. G. BOICOURT
PVT E. G. BURPEE
PFC J. A. CHAVEZ JR.
PFC P. D. CORBETT
PVT K. J. DAVIS
PVT L. J. DIEHL
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PVT J. GUZMAN
PFC T. P. HERNANDEZ
PVT B. D. JACOBS
PVT C. A. JAIME
PVT E. P. JOE
PFC M. L. KELLEY
PVT D. S. KIMERLY
PVT M. C. KOONTZELARMS
PFC J. A. KRUSE

PFC K. C. LANGLEY
PVT D. M. LINTON
PVT C. A. LOGAN
PVT J. P. METTLER
PVT F. E. MILLER
PFC C. T. MIYAKE
PVT G. S. MONTGOMERY
PFC O. MONTOYA
PFC B. R. MURPHY
PVT D. W. PEECH
PFC D. M. RAMIREZ
PVT M. M. RASMUSSEN
PVT J. R. REYNOSO
PVT D. E. RILEY
PFC A. J. SALAZAR
PFC M. A. STODOL
PFC* M. E. TUPOLO
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PVT S. M. WHITSON
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STAFF SERGEANT D. P. MCGUIGAN

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT J. M. DINO

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STAFF SERGEANT C. M. PEREZ

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LANCE CORPORAL H. G. WHITEHEAD (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

LANCE CORPORAL H. G. WHITEHEAD (342)
INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT C. E. GARCIA

PLATOON HONORMAN

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PFC C. G. BERLS
PFC A. R. BERNAL
PVT D. D. BOELL
PVT L. R. BOURDON
PFC L. A. COLUNGA
PVT C. L. CROCKER
PFC* Z. P. DOUGHTIE
PFC N. M. DOUGLAS
PFC A. J. FOX
PFC N. H. FRANCOM
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PVT S. R. GAZARYAN
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PVT A. B. GREEN
PVT J. C. GREGORY
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PVT J. A. HEMINGWAY
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PVT D. R. HILL
PVT M. T. HIRONAGA
PVT A. R. HOPPE
PFC K. P. KEETER
PFC M. R. LANDON
PFC E. M. LEDESMA
PVT M. LIRA
PFC* W. C. MALOY
PVT H. I. MATHEWS
PVT S. M. MCAVOY
PVT J. L. MCCALLUM
PVT E. J. MQUIVEY
PVT J. W. RANSOME
PFC E. A. RECINOS
PFC W. J. REEVES
PVT D. M. THOMAS
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WHY THE TRANSFORMATION?

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



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

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



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

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

PHASE I

HOW WE ARE DOING IT.

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

PHASE I- RECRUITING

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



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

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



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