

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



Sergeant Major Michael J. Exlos

Senior Enlisted Advisor, Manpower
Management Division, Manpower and
Reserve Affairs

Sergeant Major Exlos enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 1998 and completed recruit training at MCRD Parris Island. Following recruit training, he reported to the School of Infantry at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for Marine Combat Training. Once graduated, he reported to Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center for training as a 0231, Intelligence Specialist.

Private First Class Exlos reported to Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Battalion, 2d Marines in May of 1999 where he served as an Intelligence Analyst and assistant Intelligence Chief. While assigned to 3d Battalion, 2d Marines he deployed in support of the Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Japan and forest firefighting operations in Salmon, Idaho.

In October 2001, Sergeant Exlos transferred to the Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division G-2, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he served as a Collections Analyst, Commanding Generals Intelligence Briefing team, and Platoon Sergeant.

In October 2002, Sergeant Exlos reported to Drill Instructor School, MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina. Upon completion, he was assigned to Company "F", 2d Recruit Training Battalion where he served as a Drill Instructor, Academic Instructor, and Senior Drill Instructor.

In December 2005, Staff Sergeant Exlos was assigned to VMFA-251 where he served as Intelligence Chief. He deployed to the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) as part of Carrier Strike Group-1 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Once embarked, he assumed the additional role of Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Carrier Air Wing Intelligence Officer.

From June 2007 to June 2009 Gunnery Sergeant Exlos was assigned to Marine

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Corps Systems Command as a Project Officer for PM Intel. Additionally, he was the Company Gunnery Sergeant for Tenants Activity Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base Quantico.

In June 2009, Gunnery Sergeant Exlos reported 1st Marine Regiment where he served as the Intelligence Chief. He participated in combat operations in Helmand province in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to Regimental Combat Team-1.

First Sergeant Exlos reported 2d Battalion, 1st Marines in January 2012 where he served as the Company First Sergeant for Company "E". He participated in a deployment as the mechanized Company with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. In February 2013, First Sergeant Exlos transferred to Assault Amphibian School Battalion to serve as the Company First Sergeant for Training and Instructor Company and H&S Company. From May 2017 to June 2019 Sergeant Major Exlos was assigned to 4th Tank Battalion as the Inspector-Instructor Sergeant Major.

Sergeant Major Exlos transferred for duty as the Squadron Sergeant Major for VMFA (AW)-533 in July 2019. He deployed with the squadron to support the Unit Deployment Program to Iwakuni and Okinawa, Japan. Sergeant Major Exlos assumed his duties as Battalion Sergeant Major, HQSVC Bn, Marine Forces Pacific, in May 2021. During his tour, SgtMaj Exlos was assigned as the CSEL, Task Force Kuleana to assist INDO-PACOM and JBPHH leadership in response to the Red Hill water contamination crisis.

SgtMaj Exlos is currently assigned as the Sergeant Major, Manpower Management Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Sergeant Major Exlos has an associates degree from Central Texas College. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, the Navy Achievement Medal with two gold stars and various other Service and Campaign medals.



AWARDS

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

SERIES HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD

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

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The one Marine in the company that receives the highest score on the Physical Fitness Test is awarded a certificate from the Company Commander denoting that they are the most physically fit Marine in their company.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

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

MARINE

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

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

GRADUATION STAFF

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Commanding General
Chief of Staff
Sergeant Major
Parade Reviewing Officer

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

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel P. M. Rummler
Colonel C. E. Kesler
Sergeant Major J. J. Miller
Gunnery Sergeant K. Wilton
Staff Sergeant C. D. Moyers

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel P. C. Trower
Major M. A. Harris
Sergeant Major R. A. Jimenez
Lieutenant Commander Ochigbo
Staff Sergeant L. E. Stogdill

COMPANY G

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain W. R. Schories
First Sergeant A. R. Scott

SERIES 2141

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain T. R. Jackson
Staff Sergeant N. G. Gavilanes

SERIES 2145

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain J. R. Anders III
Staff Sergeant J. A. Maciasmeza

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Staff Sergeant R. A. Ponsor-DeChant
Sergeant A. Wood

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant J. Rubio
Sergeant G. Gutierrez
Sergeant B. Lopez-Hernandez
Sergeant C. Williams Jr.

PLATOON 2141

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT C. S. PHILLIPS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT C. G. MELENDEZ

SERGEANT G. JUSTE

STAFF SERGEANT M. R. FITCHETT

SERGEANT R. LOPEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. J. BURNETT (282)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS I. A. HARRIS (332)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT A. HOLLOWAY

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. L. SHIELD

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT S. CRUZ

PVT V. O. AGUILAR
PFC S.S. ALMOSAWI
PFC L. I. ALTON
PFC K. A. BARRON
PVT H. C. BIDDLE
PFC C. BRAVO
PFC J. R. BUENTELLO
PFC* M. J. BURNETT
PFC I. CAMACHO
PVT E. C. CASTANON
PFC M. N. CASTRO
PVT C. N. CAVAZOS
PFC M. C. CERVANTES
PFC K. G. CISNEROS
PVT R. A. CRUZNUNEZ
PFC E. E. DURANT
PVT D. ESPINOSA
PFC M. K. GALVAN
PFC E. B. GRESHAM
PVT C. D. HALL
PVT J. M. HARPER
PFC I. A. HARRIS
PVT N. HERNANDEZ

PFC K. A. KIRSCH
PFC E. E. MACIAS
PFC M. B. MARTINEZ
PVT B. A. MEDINA
PFC* A. P. MEJIA
PVT A. A. MENDEZ
PFC H. MERAZ
PFC L. O. MIRANDA
PVT M. NAVARRO
PFC L. H. NGUYEN
PVT N. K. NICHOLS
PVT M. K. PICKLE
PVT K. S. PINEDO
PFC V. PORTILLOTOBAR
PFC E. M. PRESNALL
PFC L. E. ROBLES
PVT S. R. RODRIGUEZ
PVT K. G. RODRIGUEZNIETO
PFC A. L. SHANNO
PFC* K. L. SHIELD
PFT N. A. TAMBORNINO
PVT M. A. TYNER
PVT P. A. WILLIAMS

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2142

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT J. H. KIRST

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT E. ESQUIVEL

STAFF SERGEANT S. ADAN

STAFF SERGEANT L. ROJASSANCHEZ

SERGEANT D. J. MEJIA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. REYESHACKNEY (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS C. NDUWUMWAMI (339)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT G. GONZALEZ

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. R. AUSTIN

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT O. TROYER

PFC R. M. ABLARD
PVT D. ALAVEZOROZCO
PVT K. R. AUSTIN
PVT C. C. BEASLEYSHEPPARD
PVT A. CARDONAJOHNSON
PVT S. S. CARRANZA
PFC A. D. CHESLOCK
PFC* E. A. COBB
PFC L. J. COLLIER
PFC O. DOMINGUEZ
PFC N. L. DORTRAIT
PFC J. R. ECKER
PFC C. A. EDWARDS
PVT E. O. FARFANCHAVEZ
PVT I. A. GARCIA
PFC* J. D. GRAJEDAFRIAS
PVT L. A. HAINES
PVT N. J. HONG
PFC* W. A. HOPE
PVT E. LOPEZ
PVT J. M. LOPEZ
PVT J. A. MARTINEZCASTELLANOS
PVT A. D. MAYO
PVT L. S. MENDOZA
PVT B. D. MENICHETTI
PVT G. E. MILLER
PFC J. H. MIRAL

PVT G. D. MOORE
PFC C. NDUWUMWAMI
PVT C. NELPER
PFC V. R. NERONA
PVT P. NYAMUSANYA
PVT J. J. OBISPO
PFC M. O. OPPLIGER
PFC J. E. PEREZ
PVC J. E. PERRY
PVT D. A. POWELL
PVT N. L. PREWITT
PVT G. A. RAVINDRANATH
PFC K. G. REYESHACKNEY
PVT I. REZAEENIA
PFC* G. M. ROSEN
PFC R. G. SALVADOR
PVT A. A. SANCHEZVALENZUELA
PVT E. SEBASTIONBOLANOS
PVT T. C. SELLS
PVT J. D. SHROYER
PVT Z. A. STEVENS
PVT L. C. STERWART
PVT A. R. TERRAZAS
PFC N. Z. TOUPS
PFC P. D. VELASCOGOMEZ
PVT J. D. WITTENBORN
PVT J. C. YANG

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2143

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
SERGEANT R. NAVARRETTE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT A. KINSHAW

SERGEANT J. CARILLO

STAFF SERGEANT X. PASILLAS

STAFF SERGEANT C. P. FREEMAN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE J. A. AVANT (277)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. GONZALEZ (338)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT L. CORRALES

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. P. DASSOW

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT E. J. SECREST

PVT X. J. ARMSTRONG
PVT J. A. AVANT
PVT H. A. BIRRUETA
PVT M.V. CAMPBELL
PVT E. N. CLAASSEN
PVT T. L. CLARK
PVT G. Y. COLLINS
PVT N. C. CONRAD
PVT F. CORPUS
PFC* K. P. DASSOW
PVT J. R. FIGUEROA
PFC C. C. FISCHER
PVT A. I. GARCIA
PFC I. J. GARINGER
PVT R. GONZALEZ
PFC A. GONZALEZ
PFC* T. GONZALEZ
PFC G. K. GREEN
PVT H. V. GREENMAN
PFC K. M. HALDIMAN
PFC J. M. HERNANDEZ
PVT M. A. HINOJOSALEDEZMA
PVT S. L. JONES
PFC R. A. LEFLER
PVT A. D. LINDBERG
PVT C. L. LONGORIA
PVT W. J. MACIEJEWSKI
PVT J. T. MAMO

PFC M. I. MARTINEZ
PVT C. L. MCELROY
PFC D. A. MEJIACALATA
PVT M. T. MICOLEY
PFC J. M. MILLANROMERO
PVT L. L. NELSON
PVT I. J. OKON
PFC* L. T. PAUST
PFC J. PERALTA
PVT A. L. PEREZ
PVT D. J. PETROFF
PVT D. C. ROBINSON
PFC* A. RODRIGUEZ
PVT A. RODRIGUEZ JR.
PFC D. RODRIGUEZ
PVT C. A. ROJAS
PVT L. R. RUIZ
PVT K. A. RUTLEDGE
PVT A. M. SALVADOR
PVT H. J. SHEPPO
PVT J. A. SIMPSON
PFC T. R. SUSSEK
PVT J. A. TONCOSO
PVT N. R. VENABLE
PFC C. T. WALKER
PFC J. L. WIGNER
PVT Z. L. ZOSS

Meritorious Promotion *

PLATOON 2145

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
GUNNERY SERGEANT E. A. RANKINE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT I. A. CASTILLO

SERGEANT A. R. FELIX

SERGEANT A. T. RUIZ

SERGEANT E. B. DEL POZO

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE S. A. SITCHLER (288)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE T. J. PILLITU (337)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL N. C. EGGEN

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS H. H. HAAS

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT M. LESLIE II

PVT R. K. ALRASHED
PVT J. BARCLAY
PVT M. P. BEALS
PVT B. BILLY
PVT S. A. BUCHANAN
PFC A. CHAVEZ JR.
PVT W. COBB
PVT C. S. COGHILL
PFC M. D. CORCORAN
PFC K. CRUZHERNANDEZ
PFC N.C. ESMERELDA
PVT I. L. EVE
PFC M. S. FARLEY
PFC* H. H. HAAS
PFC N. D. ISBELL
PVT C. A. JACOBBER
PVT D. B. JACOBS
PVT Z. D. JAYNE
PVT Z. M. JOINER
PFC J. KLUESNER
PVT D. M. LANDIS
PVT J. H. LOOKSBEHIND
PFC* D. A. LOPEZ
PVT C. M. MLCAK
PVT S. MUHAMMAD
PFC R. MORALESSESPENA

PVT B. K. NELSON
PVT J. J. NEZ
PFC A. F. OLVERA
PFC E. ORTIZPARRADO
PFC D. PAREDES
PFC J. A. PETERSON
PVT T. J. PILLITU
PFC A. PINEDA
PVT D. I. RAMOS
PVT K. R. REDLINGER
PVT C. L. ROACH
PVT A. B. ROLOFF
PVT N. J. RUIZ
PFC L. N. SALDIVAR
PFC A. S. SANCHEZ
PFC* J. C. SIMPSON
PVT S. A. SITCHLER
PVT N. D. THOFT
PVT L. K. THORPE
PVT J. S. TRANDEL
PVT J. A. VALDES
PVT J. A. VALDEZ
PFC I. VIDAURRI
PFC J. N. WESTON
PVT O. D. WILLIAMS
PVT E. D. ZOBRIST

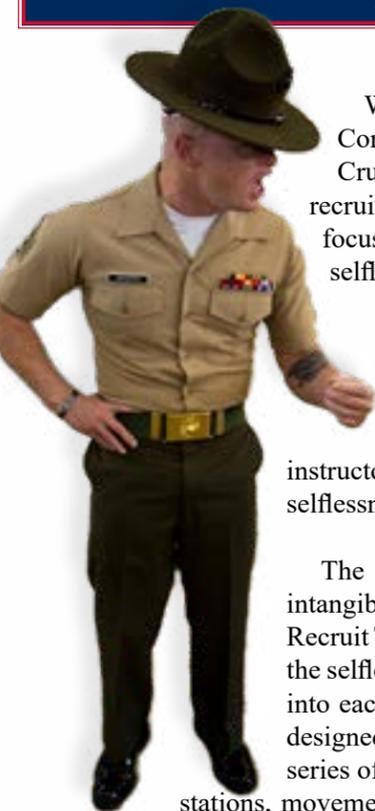
Meritorious Promotion *

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.

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PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. J. YORBA (343)
INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL S. HATTON

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. I. CORTES
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PVT K. F. AMBROCIO
PVT U. L. ARREDONDO
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PVT J. M. BAUTISTASANCHEZ
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PVT B. A. BURKE
PVT D. C. BURTON
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PFC J. Y. CRUZALVAREZ
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PVT L. S. FRANCIA
PVT S. D. FREEMAN
PVT N. L. FROST
PFC S. J. GALEANO
PVT A. D. GRIFFIN
PVT D. D. HALE
PVT I. HERNANDEZ
PVT R. Y. HERNANDEZMEDINA
PFC M. HERRERA

PVT C. HOUSER
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PFC J. A. KETTERER
PVT D. S. LAKIN
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PVT J. J. MENA
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PVT S. M. PEARSALL
PVT J. P. PERRY
PVT R. E. RAMIREZ
PFC* B. J. RINK
PVT B. S. RODRIGUEZ
PVT C. J. RUNKLES
PVT J. V. SANDATE
PVT D. SANDOVAL JR
PVT Z. D. SMITH
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PVT J. J. THOMPSON
PVT G. C. VALLEJO
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DRILL INSTRUCTORS
STAFF SERGEANT J. GRAD
STAFF SERGEANT D. PLUMMER
STAFF SERGEANT E. VALLEJOTORRES

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. I. WILDING (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS N. A. WHITE (344)
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LANCE CORPORAL S. J. HOLLING
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PFC H. C. COPELAND
PVT X. I. DURAN
PVT K. S. ELSAYEDIGLESIAS
PFC R. J. ESCOBEDO
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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.