

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 David C. Hyman, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, and the Marines, Sailors, and Civilian Marines of the Recruit Training Regiment, it is my privilege to welcome you to this morning’s graduation ceremony. Today, we come together to support your loved one and witness a milestone moment in their personal and professional journey.

The love and support you provided laid the foundation for their success and gave them the strength to take the first step in joining our all-volunteer force. Your presence today is a powerful expression of your ongoing commitment to your new Marine and to our Nation. We are honored to

welcome you into our Marine Corps family. This morning, we recognize your Marine’s extraordinary accomplishment in earning the title United States Marine. This is a defining moment and one they will carry with pride for the rest of their lives.

Marine Corps recruit training is the most challenging in the Nation, demanding the highest levels of discipline, endurance, and determination. Standing before you is a company of Marines who have risen to that challenge and earned their place in our ranks. To get to where they are today, these Marines has been trained physically, mentally, and emotionally through a time-tested process that transforms individuals into Marines. Many contributed to that transformation - families, mentors, coaches, teachers, and counselors - who shaped their character long before they arrived at the Yellow Footprints. Marine Corps Recruiters recognized their potential and helped them begin this journey. Their Primary Marksmanship Instructors aided in their qualification, which ensures every Marine a rifleman. No one, however, had a greater impact than the Marine Corps Drill Instructor. For 13 weeks, they have led with courage, humility, and resolve - demanding excellence and instilling our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. They’ve forged the five essential Marine Attributes: exemplary character, toughness, warfighting skill, decision-making, and leadership. As a result, each Marine graduating today has passed the test, exceeded the standard, and earned their place in our Corps. I have full confidence in their ability to meet any challenge.

Thank you for joining us. Enjoy your visit. Best wishes for a joyful reunion and safe travels home.

Tracy A. Maese

Semper Fidelis,
Tracy A. Maese
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
Amina T. Saracay
Sergeant Major
Marine Wing Support Squadron 372
Camp Pendleton, CA

Sergeant Major Amina T. Saracay was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She enlisted in the Marine Corps in September 1998 and attended recruit training with Oscar Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina. She graduated and was meritoriously promoted to Private First Class in December 1998. In January 1999, she reported to the School of Infantry East, Camp Geiger, North Carolina for Marine Combat Training. She was then transferred to Motor Transport Operator School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where she earned the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) of 3533, Motor Transport Logistic Vehicle Operator.

In March 2000, upon completion of school, Sergeant Major Saracay reported for duty to 7th Engineer Support Battalion (ESB), 1st Force Service Support Group (FSSG), Camp Pendleton, California. She was assigned to Support Company, Heavy Section, where she worked as a Logistic Vehicle Operator. She was promoted to Lance Corporal in June 2000. While at 7th ESB, Sergeant Major Saracay attended Motor Transport Recovery Operator School in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where she earned an additional MOS of 3536. She was promoted to Corporal in July 2001. In September 2001, Sergeant Major Saracay was assigned to Communications Company, 3rd Marine Division, where she served as a Recovery Vehicle Operator, Chief Dispatcher, and Refueler Operator. While in 3rd Marine Division, First Sergeant Saracay participated in many training exercises, including Cobra Gold located in Pattaya, Thailand. In October 2002, she also attended Corporals Course at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan.

In September 2004, Sergeant Major Saracay was assigned to Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st FSSG, which later became 1st Marine Logistics Group (MLG), Camp Pendleton, CA, where she served as the Motor Transport Licensing Medium Vehicle Instructor and Recovery Operator. Sergeant Major Saracay was promoted to Sergeant in November 2004. In August 2006, she deployed as the Recovery Chief

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for Combat Logistics Regiment 5, Camp Fallujah, Iraq. In March 2007, she returned from deployment and served as a Motor Transport Licensing Chief Instructor for 1st MLG G-3 Training. Sergeant Major Saracay attended the Basic and Advanced Motor Transport Licensing Trainer Courses on the Logistic Vehicle System Replacement, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle, and Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle. She also attended Sergeants Course while stationed at Camp Pendleton. She was promoted to Staff Sergeant in December 2008.

Sergeant Major Saracay deployed again in August 2010 as the Motor Transport Licensing Director for 1st MLG and 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. Upon her return in March 2011, she attended Career Course at the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Academy aboard Camp Pendleton and the Motor Transport Chief Course in Camp Johnson, North Carolina. In January 2013, Sergeant Major Saracay reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, for Drill Instructor Duty with class 2-13. Upon graduation in April 2013, she was assigned to Oscar Company, 4th Recruit Training Battalion, where she served as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, and Chief Drill Instructor. She was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in July 2015. After successfully completing Drill Instructor Duty, she was assigned to Marine Air Support Squadron 3, where she served as the

Motor Transport Chief and Company First Sergeant. She was promoted to First Sergeant in July 2019. Following her promotion, she was assigned to Alpha Company, 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, I MEF, until its deactivation in October 2020. She then served as Inspector-Instructor (I&I) First Sergeant for H&S and Alpha Companies, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. In December 2022, she reported to MCRD San Diego, where she served as the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion Sergeant Major and Golf Company First Sergeant. Sergeant Major Saracay was promoted to her current rank in June 2024. She served as the 2nd Recruit Training Battalion Sergeant Major until her transfer in May 2025 to Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, where she currently serves as the Squadron Sergeant Major.



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	Brigadier General D. C. Hyman
Chief of Staff	Colonel C. R. Von Bergen
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major O. A. Leavy
Parade Reviewing Officer	Sergeant Major A. T. Saracay

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer	Colonel T. A. Maese
Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel W. Williams
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major R. K. Palmer
Regimental Drill Master	Gunnery Sergeant K. M. Wilton
Narrator	Staff Sergeant D. Plummer

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer	Lieutenant Colonel P. C. Trower
Executive Officer	Major J. O. Alston
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major R. A. Jeminez
Chaplain	Lieutenant E. Ochigbo
Battalion Drill Master	Staff Sergeant C. S. Phillips

COMPANY G

Commanding Officer	Captain W. R. Schories
Company First Sergeant	First Sergeant A. R. Scott

SERIES 2141

Series Commander	Captain R. T. Duffey
Chief Drill Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant J. G. Diaz

SERIES 2145

Series Commander	Captain J. A. Anders III
Chief Drill Instructor	Staff Sergeant W. D. Meyers Jr.

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor	Staff Sergeant H. Ford
Drum Major	Gunnery Sergeant W. Hayes

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer	Sergeant J. Hamlett
Organizational Color Bearer	Sergeant S. Perez Jr.
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant M. Toland
Rifle Bearer	Sergeant C. Williams Jr.

PLATOON
2141

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT J. C. ZERENER

DRILL INSTRUCTORS
STAFF SERGEANT S. M. ADAN
STAFF SERGEANT M. E. RUBIO
SERGEANT J. Y MERZA
STAFF SERGEANT J. J. KIM

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. J. CONDURACKI (296)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. J. CONDURACKI (341) INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT E. L. VICTORIA	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS G. J. CONDURACKI RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT M. A. MARKHAM

PVT O. A. ABDALLAH
PVT N. A. ADEN
PFC A. K. AKUNA
PVT J. A. ALVARADO
PVT K. T. ALVARADO
PVT O. ALVARADO
PVT D. F. ARMSTRONG
PVT T. L. ARNOLD
PVT G. A. BAENA
PVT D. E. BAKER
PVT M. L. BATCHELOR
PVT C. R. BIALOSKY
PFC K. E. BOLME
PFC B. BREWAH
PVT J. L. CABRERAGARDNER
PVT T. A. CALLAHAN
PVT J. CHAVEZRUIZ
PVT M. E. CHRISTIANSON
PFC W. C. COLE
PVT T. J. COLVIN
PVT A. M. COMP JR.
PFC G. J. CONDURACKI
PVT A. CORDOBA
PVT J. C. CROWTHER
PVT T. A. DANIELS
PFC* J. DOMINGUEZ
PVT I. T. DUNCAN
PVT Y. Y. EITAN
PVT K. A. ELKINTORRES JR.
PVT J. A. FIGUEROA
PVT W. M. FOLEY
PVT J. G. FOOTE
PFC A. E. GARRIDOROMERO
PFC D. L. GOODWIN
PVT B. J. GREEN
PVT L. F. HERNANDEZ
PVT D. M. HOELER
PVT O. J. HOLLIDAY

PVT B. J. JABLONSKI
PVT B. J. KLINKHAMMER
PVT D. J. KOPECKY
PVT J. M. KRANER
PFC M. B. LALIME
PVT D. MCCANN
PVT J. C. MODESTO JR.
PFC D. S. MODESTO
PVT T. J. MYERS
PVT M. V. NAVARRO
PVT Y. A. NDEH
PVT U. OJEDAZUNIGA
PVT B. K. PALIMOO
PVT D. R. PARNELL
PVT R. S. POPP
PVT J. J. REGAN
PVT T. L. RICHARDS
PVT D. M. RIDENOUR
PVT S. B. RYAN
PVT A. M. SANCHEZ
PFC B. SANCHEZ
PVT N. J. SAWYER
PVT D. C. SCHLUETER
PFC A. J. SJOBERG
PVT E. K. SOE
PFC M. A. SOON
PVT B. T. STEINMETZ
PVT E. J. STIMATZE
PFC D. T. TAYLOR
PVT Y. THAO
PFC* A. J. THOMAS
PFC* M. R. TIRADO
PVT F. K. TORRES JR.
PVT K. A. VALDEZ
PFC P. K. VISALLI
PVT J. R. VOLKERT
PFC A. N. WELLER
PVT N. M. WINDSOR

PLATOON
2142

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT C. G. MELENDEZ

DRILL INSTRUCTORS
STAFF SERGEANT J. L. CARRILLO
SERGEANT R. LOPEZ
STAFF SERGEANT A. G. MARTINEZ
SERGEANT P. SHULIKA

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS W. L. BLANKENSHIP (292)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. I. MONTEZ (317) INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL J. W. WORTHY	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. G. GONZALEZINFANTI RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT A. PEREZ

PFC G. G. ALVARADOJARALILLO
PFC A. L. ALVAREZ
PVT J. APODACALOYA
PFC D. E. ARREOLAMAGANA
PFC A. J. AVINA
PFC E. V. BARRAZAHERNANDEZ
PFC* K. D. BELGER
PVT T. L. BLAKE
PFC W. L. BLANKENSHIP
PVT A. J. BORRETT
PFC M. V. BRINKMAN
PVT J. M. CARPIO
PVT A. CASTELLANOSSOSA
PVT W. CAVAZOS
PFC E. Y. CEBALLOS
PFC R. CEBALLOS
PVT E. R. CHAMBERS
PFC* A. R. COLLINS
PFC L. M. CORDELL
PVT E. N. COREASBONILLA
PVT S. D. COULTRESS
PVT J. B. COX
PVT S. E. DELACRUZ
PVT M. F. ESCOTO
PFC L. ESPEJORODRIGUEZ
PFC M. ESTRADADEPAZ
PFC D. F. GALI
PVT A. B. GARCIA
PVT A. D. GARDNER
PVT J. P. GIEFER
PVT E. M. GODINEZ
PVT Z. Y. GODINEZPONCE
PVT S. GONZALEZ
PFC S. M. GONZALEZ
PFC* A. G. GONZALEZINFANTI
PVT D. A. GRUZLEWSKI
PVT H. M. GRUZLEWSKI
PFC A. E. HERNANDEZCARBAJAL
PFC Y. V. JUAREZGUERRERO
PFC K. R. KEILEY
PVT G. J. LARA
PFC E. N. LEMERY
PFC A. C. LEON
PFC* A. M. LICAUSI
PVT S. LIRARANGEL
PFC E. LO

PFC M. Y. LORENZO
PFC A. A. LUGO
PVT M. O. LUGOGALLARDO
PVT H. MACEDOGALAN
PFC L. MAGANA
PFC L. D. MALOON
PFC G. D. MARTINEZALONZO
PFC I. MASCOTE
PFC K. I. MASHUE
PVT K. A. MATTHEWS
PFC C. F. MAVROGIANNIS
PVT H. A. MCKASKLE
PVT K. B. MINK
PVT A. I. MONTEZ
PVT V. NOVASANGON
PVT I. NUNEZ
PFC J. C. OGLESBY
PFC A. ORDUNO
PFC M. I. PALACIOSMOLINA
PFC V. C. PALOMO
PVT A. S. RAMIREZGOMEZ
PVT D. C. REYMOND
PVT B. ROBINSON
PVT A. L. RODRIGUEZ
PVT B. I. ROSAS
PFC* A. H. RUBALCAVA
PFC E. A. SANTAMARIAURBINA
PFC M. G. SCHUETTE
PFC S. A. SERRANTOTREVIZO
PVT K. R. SIMMONS
PFC J. D. SIMON
PVT M. L. SPEARS
PVT A. L. STRINGHAM
PVT N. K. TABOR
PVT J. L. TAURONE
PVT G. L. THOMPSON
PVT S. N. THOMPSON
PVT V. O. UGWUANYI
PFC S. A. VAZQUEZ
PVT O. VAZQUEZMENDOZA
PVT R. B. VELAZQUEZ
PVT S. E. VERHULST
PFC M. VICTORIOVERA
PVT K. I. WEILERMEDELLIN
PVT B. S. ZARAGOZACRUZ
PFC A. M. ZUNIGA

PLATOON
2143

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT A. J. KINSHAW

DRILL INSTRUCTORS
SERGEANT G. JUSTE
SERGEANT D. J. MEJIA
SERGEANT J. SERRATOS
SERGEANT J. E. JIMINIAN

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. N. WHITEURST (283)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER	PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. M. ORTIZ (332) INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL N. C. EGGEN	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. H. BLOHM RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT C. MCDONALD

PFC S. ACEVESROBLEDO
PFC J. ARCAYABARDALES
PVT C. E. ARRIAZAGAONA
PVT T. T. ATSTITTY
PVT J. E. BAKER
PFC B. J. BALBUENADELGADO
PVT A. S. BARAJAS
PVT C. D. BARLOW JR.
PVT M. J. BAUTISTAVALENTE
PFC* P. G. BENNETT
PFC* D. H. BLOHM
PFC G. BOTELLOVEGA
PVT G. A. BREMER
PVT C. H. BROWN
PVT E. A. CAMBRONTAFOLLA
PVT G. M. CANDELARIA JR
PVT M. A. CANDELARIA
PFC A. L. CARR
PFC R. CASTRO
PVT M. M. CEDILLO JR.
PFC B. C. CHEE
PFC J. C. CHEEK
PVT J. W. CHIEF
PVT A. R. CHRISTIANSEN
PVT R. C. CLEMENTS
PVT S. R. CLEVINGER
PFC R. A. CORADO
PVT A. S. CORONA
PFC D. DELLANOGARDUNO
PVT G. M. EGAN
PVT A. E. EVENSON
PVT J. D. FERREIRA
PVT B. C. FISHER
PVT M. T. FREDRICKSON
PVT K. R. GABBLE JR.
PVT D. E. GONZALEZGOMEZ
PVT B. E. GOURNEAU JR.
PVT G. D. GUERRERO
PVT K. M. GUZMAN
PFC* J. A. INFANTE

PFC L. W. JONES
PVT C. M. KINSEY
PVT J. J. KOEHLER
PVT A. P. MANYCOWSYAZZIE
PFC T. R. MASS
PFC R. S. MERCHLEWITZ
PVT I. B. MOIR
PFC Z. C. MORA
PVT L. G. ORNANO
PFC* J. M. ORTIZ
PFC T. H. OSGOOD
PVT K. C. PAGLIA
PVT J. A. PANNING
PFC I. Z. PARKE
PVT C. W. PARKS
PVT C. A. PHILLIPS
PFC L. J. PLUMMER
PFC C. G. RAMLER
PVT K. A. RAY
PVT T. P. ROLAND II
PFC C. J. SCHUETTE
PVT N. P. SLOAN
PVT C. B. SONNENBERG
PVT G. M. SPIVEY
PVT U. G. TAMAYO
PFC E. D. TARTICCHIO II
PFC A. R. TEVES
PVT T. D. THIESSEN
PVT J. E. TIETSPORT
PVT S. TORRES
PFC R. D. TULLIS
PVT C. O. USREY
PVT J. C. VANG
PVT T. VANG
PFC D. A. VERA
PFC* A. E. VIRAY
PVT Z. S. WARREN
PVT H. J. WATKINS
PFC J. N. WHITEURST
PFC V. L. WIDNER

PLATOON
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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
SERGEANT E. ESQUIVEL

DRILL INSTRUCTORS
SERGEANT A. R. FELIX
SERGEANT A. T. RUIZ
SERGEANT C. P. FREEMAN
SERGEANT K. R. DOWNEY

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS N. T. DAM (295)

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PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

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

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

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



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

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

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

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



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

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

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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 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

Teaching 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.