

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 as 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 have 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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
Carlos R. Aguilera

Sergeant Major Aguilera reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, in August 1999 for recruit training. Following graduation, he attended the Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California, and subsequently completed the Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) Crewman Course, earning the 0313 Military Occupational Specialty. He graduated as the class

honor graduate and received a meritorious promotion to Lance Corporal.

In February 2000, Sergeant Major Aguilera reported to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division. He earned a meritorious promotion to Corporal in December 2000. In September 2001, he deployed with B Company, Battalion Landing Team 1/1, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), and served as the LAV-25 Gunner during the initial combat operations of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan. Promoted to Sergeant in July 2002, he deployed again in February 2003 as a Platoon Sergeant in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In December 2003, Sergeant Major Aguilera reported to Recruiting Station Orange, 12th Marine Corps District, where he served as a canvassing recruiter and Assistant Noncommissioned Officer in Charge for RSS Santa Ana and RSS Costa Mesa. He was meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant in January 2006.

He returned to 1st LAR Battalion in September 2007, and was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in November 2009. He served in various billets including Platoon Sergeant, Police Mentoring Team SNCOIC, and Platoon Commander. He deployed in support of OEF 10-1, 11-1, and 12-1, leading combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

In September 2012, he transferred to 2d LAR Battalion, 2d Marine Division, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he served as a Platoon Commander and Company Operations Chief.

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Promoted to First Sergeant in February 2013, he reported to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 2d Marines. In October 2014, he deployed to Helmand Province for OEF 14-2. He later served with Combat Logistics Battalion 6 and 2d Transportation Support Battalion, where he was the senior enlisted advisor during Exercise COLD RESPONSE 2016 in Norway.

In August 2016, he assumed duties as the Headquarters Battery First Sergeant, 5th Battalion, 11th Marines, and later became the Battalion Sergeant Major in September 2017. In January 2018, he was reassigned as the Battalion Sergeant Major of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

On March 16, 2018, he was promoted to Sergeant Major, and reported to HMM-462, MAG-16, MCAS Miramar, deploying to Okinawa, Japan, as part of UDP 19-2. In June 2020, he assumed duties as the Battalion Sergeant Major, Headquarters and Support Battalion, School of Infantry–West.

In March 2022, he was assigned as the Sergeant Major of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California.

Sergeant Major Aguilera's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars denoting his third award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars indicating his third award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with three gold stars and a "V" device for valor representing his fourth award. Additionally, he has been awarded the Combat Action Ribbon with a gold star, signifying his second award.

Sergeant Major Aguilera will retire September 2025 having completed 26 years of honorable and faithful service.



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 D. C. Hyman
Colonel C. R. Von Bergen
Sergeant Major O. A. Leavy
Sergeant Major C. R. Aguilera

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel T. A. Maese
Lieutenant Colonel W. Williams
Sergeant Major R. K. Palmer
Gunnery Sergeant K. M. Wilton
Staff Sergeant J. Anderson

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel P. C. Trower
Major J. Alston
Sergeant Major R. Jimenez
Lieutenant E. Ochigbo
Staff Sergeant C. S. Phillips

COMPANY G

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

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

SERIES 2149

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

1st Lieutenant R. T. Duffey
Staff Sergeant N. G. Gavilanes

SERIES 2153

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain J. Andres III
Staff Sergeant J. A. Maciasmeza

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Sergeant N. Jorge
Gunnery Sergeant W. Hayes

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant J. Hamlett
Sergeant S. Perez Jr.
Sergeant B. Lopez-Hernandez
Sergeant C. Williams Jr.

PLATOON 2149

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT W. D. MYERS

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT J. E. HARBERT

SERGEANT A. R. FELIX

SERGEANT J. Y MERZA

SERGEANT K. R. DOWNEY II

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

LANCE CORPORAL E. Y. DELEON (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE J. L. MORUA (333)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT C. D. ASHER

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

LANCE CORPORAL E. P. PIZARRO

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT D. DELA ROSA

PFC* K. C. ADKINS
PVT C. J. ALEXANDER
PFC G. ALMANZA
PFC S. A. ALVAREZCHAVEZ
PVT H. AMADOR
PVT J. ARIZPE
PFC C. K. BALDOMERO
PFC C. E. BALMORES
PVT J. T. BARBER
PFC E. B. BARCE
PFC C. A. BERSANE
PFC* A. H. BOLOSAN
PFC M. A. CABALLERO
PFC O. T. CAMACHO
PVT M. H. CASTELLANO
PFC* D. CHAVEZAGUILAR
PVT D. J. CHESNEY
PVT J. S. COGDILL
PFC A. J. COLLINS
PVT Z. T. DANIELS
PFC G. O. DARDEN
PFC F. N. DAUCHY
LCPL* E. Y. DELEON
PVT D. T. EKNATY
PVT J. O. EVAN
PFC S. H. EVANGELISTA
PVT M. J. FICKES
PVT M. A. FRANKLIN
PVT G. G. GOSE
PVT N. A. GOVEA
PFC L. J. GREENBERG
PVT B. A. GUERRERO
PFC* T. E. HARRISON JR.
PVT M. J. HART
PVT P. HENG
PFC P. A. HERNANDEZ
PFC B. J. HERNANDEZ
PFC L. D. IRIARTE
PVT A. L. JONES
PVT S. J. LAKJOHN

PVT E.I. LOPEZRECANCOJ
PVT R. O. LOPEZTORRES
PVT C. C. MACADANGDANG
PVT N. MANZI
PFC T. MARJANYAN
PVT D. D. MARTINEZ
PFC A. MONTIEL
PVT J. L. MORUA
PVT M. K. MOSIER
PFC M. D. NORMAN
PVT J. T. OASAY
PVT A. D. PARRIS
PFC J. PEDRAZA
PVT L. F. PEREZ
PFC Z. I. PETERSBROWN
PVT D. H. PETERSEN
LCPL* E. P. PIZARRO
PVT K. L. REHM
PVT G. C. REYES
PFC G. M. ROBINSON
PFC C. A. SAAVEDRAMCGUIRE
PFC D. E. SALGADO
PVT E. S. SALUD
PFC K. U. SAMBRANO
PVT C. A. SATEY
PVT A. B. SCHRELP
PVT T. S. SCHUBERT
PFC J. L. SEGURA
PVT J. H. SHARP
PFC B. SOLIS
PVT N. D. SOLIS
PVT A. H. STICKLE
PVT C. D. TALLANT
PFC M. V. TAUANUU
PFC T. TRAN
PFC S. U. VILLA
PFC Z. WANG
PVT J. H. WILLIAMS
PFC J. B. YANISH
PFC D. T. ZAPATA

PLATOON 2150

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT C. G. MELENDEZ

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT K. D. KWANTORO

SERGEANT G. JUSTE

SERGEANT R. M. HADLEY

STAFF SERGEANT A. G. MARTINEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E. T. BOS (300)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. RODRIGUEZ (336)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL S. M. HATTON

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FRIST CLASS R. Q. COLEMAN

RECRUITED BY: GUNNERY SERGEANT R. ANTWAN

PVT A. S. ACOSTA
PFC J. AGUIRRE
PVT* Z. A. AILAK
PFC B. S. ALVAREZ
PVT S. L. ARCALA
PFC N. E. ARNER
PFC A. R. ARNOLD
PFC P. M. BAKER
PVT S. K. BALIGUATLAMOYA
PVT E. BELTRAN
PFC L. BELTRAN
PFC I. N. BENSON
PFC E. T. BOS
PVT G. L. BROWN
PFC J. N. BROWN
PVT S. N. BUNCH
PFC M. N. CAMPBELL
PFC C. R. CARTER
PFC Z. CHAVEZCARVAJAL
PFC R. Q. COLEMAN
PVT S. L. CORRO
PVT F. COX
PFC A. A. CROUSON
PFC A. L. CRUZLEON
PVT L. J. DELGADO
PVT J. K. DEMOREST
PFC N. DIAZ
PVT S. M. DICKERSON
PVT A. L. DUNCAN
PVT A. C. DUNN
PVT T. S. ESKRIDGE
PFC L. A. FLORESGUTIERREZ
PFC E. M. GIBSON
PVT S. A. GIBSON
PFC C. N. GILMORE
PVT L. GOMEZ
PFC C. GONZALES
PFC M. M. GONZALES
PFC R. GUTIERREZGUTIERREZ
PVT J. M. HAAHR
PFC D. B. HALE
PFC S. R. HOLLAND
PVT* C. M. JESTICE
PFC L. J. KYLLONEN
PFC T. L. LASIT

PVT V. S. LEONGARCIA
PVT* J. S. LIRA
PVT P. A. LOHRER
PVT* D. LUPE
PFC N. R. MARTIAN
PFC J. MARTINEZZAPATA
PFC Y. MATAMOROSMARADIAGA
PFC D. A. MEDRANO
PFC S. H. MIHARA
PFC G. R. MOHAUPT
PFC K. B. MOLINA
PFC L. S. MOORE
PFC A. MURAKAMI
PVT K. E. NAVA
PVT L. M. NAVARETTE
PVT S. J. NEVERMAN
PFC S. N. PADILLA
PVT M. B. PEDROZALOPEZ
PFC G. PELAYOROMAN
PFC D. D. PURVIS
PFC A. RAMIREZROMERO
PFC Y. Y. RAMOSCARDENAS
PVT J. RINCONCUEVAS
PFC B. S. RIVERA
PFC K. K. RIVERA
PFC* A. RODRIGUEZ
PFC A. SANDOVAL
PFC L. S. SANDOVAL
PFC J. E. SANDOVALOSORIO
PVT A. M. SCHWABE
PFC L. M. SHOTTS
PVT L. O. SNODGRASS
PFC G. SWEET
PFC A. S. SWOPE
PFC Y. TERANTORRES
PFC A. M. THEIN
PFC S. TOLEDOPEREZ
PFC H. N. TORRESTORO
PFC I. G. URBINA
PFC A. VARGAS
PFC M. VARGAS
PFC S. R. VERA
PFC B. M. WILLIAMS
PVT S. J. YARBOR
PVT M. K. ZANE

PLATOON 2151

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT J. H. KIRST

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT A. J. KINSHAW

STAFF SERGEANT E. A. VALLEJOTORRES

STAFF SERGEANT G. W. SCHWEND

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. J. MANRIQUEZ (297)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE D. R. LEWIS (332)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT L. HEMMI

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. GARCIA

RECRUITED BY: SERGEANT A. CHAVEZ

PVT R. ALATORRE
PFC L. C. ALBERT
PFC J. A. ANDERSON
PVT P. J. ANDREW
PFC D. D. AULDRIGE
PVT R. J. BANDMANN
PVT J. A. BERGE
PFC A. E. BILICICH
PVT D. D. BORSTAD
PFC O. M. CASSADY
PFC Z. S. CHAN
PVT R. A. CHARNO
PFC* S. A. CONRAD
PVT D. L. CRAWFORD
PVT C. A. DOLLAHAN
PFC B. J. DOTY
PFC K. J. DRAUSE
PFC J. T. DROLL
PFC T. M. EMANUEL
PFC S. T. ERBERT
PVT R. A. ESTRADABARRAZA
PFC* A. C. FALL
PVT Z. D. FUNK
PFC* J. GARCIA
PVT A. I. GARCIASANTOS
PVT S. D. GARZA
PVT J. P. GILLESPIE
PFC* J. P. GLOVERSLATER
PVT G. W. GUDMESTAD
PVT C. M. GURDIANAPONTE
PVT M. A. GUTIERREZ
PVT J. L. HEDMAN
PFC* J. L. HERRERA
PVT T. N. HESS
PVT S. T. HJELLE
PVT C. N. HOBBS
PVT D. L. HOLMSTADT
PVT J. HUERTA
PVT A. J. IRONS
PVT S. D. ISAKSON
PVT R. IZAGUIRRE
PVT T. S. JANIS
PVT J. M. JUDKINS
PFC R. D. KEMPF
PFC C. B. KIGHT
PVT K. P. KLEEN

PVT L. J. KUHN
PVT D. R. LEWIS
PVT T. H. LOY
PFC D. A. MANNINGS
PFC L. J. MANRIQUEZ
PVT N. D. MARGRAFF
PVT R. A. MAROEVICH
PVT F. J. MARTINEZ
PVT D. A. MENDEZ
PVT B. C. MOLINA
PFC D. M. MORENO
PVT C. R. MULLENIX
PVT J. M. NAUGHTON
PFC J. NIELSEN
PFC J. R. OLSON
PVT L. T. OLSON
PVT H. J. OWINGS
PVT J. L. PAUDA
PVT M. C. PHIBBS
PVT M. E. POPLOW
PVT J. E. RAMIREZCORTES
PVT C. D. RIGO
PFC W. I. RIVERA
PFC C. D. ROBLES
PFC S. RODRIGUEZDIAZ
PFC A. L. ROGERS
PVT K. M. RUNYON
PFC K. L. SEWARD
PVT D. L. SHANNON
PFC A. R. SHEPARD
PVT J. N. SILVA
PVT T. T. SILVERLING
PVT K. M. SNOWDEN
PFC P. B. STEVENS
PVT J. L. STUTZMAN
PVT N. A. SWEAT
PVT Q. M. TAYLOR
PVT J. A. THOMAS
PVT B. R. TRIPP
PVT B. M. VANHISE
PFC M. T. VO
PVT J. C. WALTON
PFC D. R. WIER
PVT A. M. WITHROW
PVT B. W. WOODS

PLATOON 2153

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

STAFF SERGEANT A. X. CORRALEZ-GARCIA

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT I. A. CASTILLO

SERGEANT C. FREEMAN

SERGEANT M. L. SCOTT

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. T. BROWN (294)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE T. C. DEHART (338)

INSTRUCTOR: CORPORAL M. S. ALBERS

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS D. Z. ALEXANDER

RECRUITED BY: STAFF SERGEANT FREDRICK

PVT C. A. ABREGO
PVT A. AGUILAR
PVT M. A. AGUIRREOAJACA
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STAFF SERGEANT A. J. VAZQUEZ

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PRIVATE FIRST CLAS R. POMPOSO (299)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE D. B. GRAHL (326)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT A. EMILIO

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

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PFC O. AVILAAMADOR
PFC A. AZAM
PFC M. I. BARRON
PVT H. B. BARTON
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PVT A. E. CHAIREZ
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PVT R. E. COOPER
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PVT A. X. CURRIE
PVT S. H. DIETERT
PVT S. P. DINSMOOR
PFC J. J. DORSEY
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PVT J. FLORES JR
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PFC D. FUENTESCONSTANZA
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PVT M. A. GILLES
PVT J. GOMEZ
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PFC L. GONZALEZ
PVT J. C. GONZALEZRODRIGUEZ JR.
PVT D. B. GRAHL
PVT D. L. GRISSETT
PFC J. A. GUZMAN
PVT J. B. HALE
PVT S. R. HANEY
PFC C. T. HILL
PVT D. J. HOWARD
PVT I. E. INIGUEZ
PVT D. IRAZOQUIREYES
PVT J. J. ISLASCHACON
PVT J. S. JOHN
PVT T. M. JONES
PVT J. R. KELLEY

PFC A. G. KORSHUNOV
PFC H. R. LANGLEY
PVT A. I. LOERA
PFC A. E. LOPEZ
PFC E. S. LY
PVT C. A. MARTINEZ
PVT D. A. MARTINEZ
PVT E. MARTINEZMARIN
PVT M. A. MATA
PVT D. P. MCKEOWN
PFC A. MILLANJIMENEZ
PVT J. L. MITCHELL
PFC A. N. MORIN
PVT Z. E. MOSS
PVT J. D. MURPHY
PVT T. J. OLIVEIRA
PFC A. OSORIO
PVT D. G. PAGE
PVT S. PARK
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PVT T. L. PATTERSON III
PVT J. J. PEREZ
PFC I. A. PEREZMENDEZ
PFC R. POMPOSO
PVT C. J. PRATT
PVT J. D. RAMIREZGUARDADO
PVT D. RENDEROS
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PFC A. L. ROMERO
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PVT B. R. SIKES
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SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR

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DRILL INSTRUCTORS

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SERGEANT A. T. RUIZ

SERGEANT D. J. MEJIA

STAFF SERGEANT J., J. KIM

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Y. K. UCHISHIBA (283)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE A. S. DELALUZ (330)

INSTRUCTOR: SERGEANT M. WEIR

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE

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PVT N. S. BENNEFELD
PVT R. M. BRADSHAW
PVT D. A. BRAMMER
PFC D. M. BROOKE
PFC C. H. BUGARIN
PFC J. A. CABRERAOLVERA
PFC Z. T. CLARK
PVT M. G. COATS
PVT D. COLORES
PFC K. J. COX
PVT K. J. CRAIG
PVT J. C. CRISPO
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PVT J. R. HOLLENBECK
PFC N. J. HUTZENBILER
PFC J. INGUEZ
PVT A. M. ISKENDERIAN
PVT D. A. JIMENEZ
PFC J. E. JOSEPH
PFC R. T. KEVORKIAN
PFC C. A. KHOURY
PFC Q. R. KORNIS
PFC O. M. LOGAN

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PFC M. J. MALDONADO
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PVT E. J. MCKOY
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PFC P. M. MONTES
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PVT M. J. OCHOA
PVT I. A. PALAFOX
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PVT R. P. PHONTAVY
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PVT D. J. QUEZADAS
PVT L. I. RAMIREZCARILLO
PVT T. D. RAMOS
PVT J. E. RAYGOZACALOCA
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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

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.

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.