

WELCOME

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

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

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

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

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

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



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

BAND SERENADE

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER *

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

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *

SOUND OFF

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND TO THE COMMANDER OF TROOPS

REPORT

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

ANCHORS AWEIGH/THE MARINES' HYMN *

GRADUATES RETURN FRONT AND CENTER

RECOGNITION OF THE COMPANY STAFF

RETIREMENT OF THE PLATOON GUIDONS AND RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES

FINAL DISMISSAL

* PLEASE RISE

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Commanding Officer of Recruit Training Regiment



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

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

Gratefully,



D. R. Kazmier
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

FLAG ETIQUETTE

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARINE CORPS VALUES

WHY WE SUCCEED.

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

HONOR

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

COURAGE

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

COMMITMENT

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



Parade Reviewing Officer



LIEUTENANT GENERAL
WILLIAM M. FAULKNER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (RET.)

Lieutenant General William M. “Mark” Faulkner is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Marine Corps Association & Foundation.

Lieutenant General Faulkner served as the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics prior to his retirement in 2015. He previously served as the Vice Director, J-4, Joint Staff. He commanded both 2d and 3d Marine Logistics Groups and served as the Chief of Staff, 2d Marine Logistics Group (Forward) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08.

A graduate of East Carolina University, Lieutenant General Faulkner was commissioned in 1982 and initially served as an infantry officer with 1st Battalion, 6th Marines. After receiving a lateral move to the logistics operational field, he served as a logistics officer at all levels to include command of Combat Logistics Regiment 27 and MEU Service Support Group 26 during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lieutenant General Faulkner also served with Marine Air Group 24, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade and Brigade Service Support Group 4 where he participated in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He has also served as an action officer at Headquarters Marine Corps, in the Logistics Plans, Policies and Strategic Mobility Division of Installations and Logistics Department.

His Joint assignments include duty with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the former Yugoslavia where he participated in Operation Provide Promise; United States Central Command where he participated in Operations Southern Watch, Desert Fox, and Noble Response; and on the Joint Staff as a Logistics Operations Officer in the National Military Command Center.

Parade Reviewing Officer (cont.)

A distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School and Air Command and Staff College, Lieutenant General Faulkner also graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Lieutenant General Faulkner has earned master’s degrees in Business from Chaminade University and in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is an Executive Fellow for the Institute for Defense and Business in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



AWARDS

COMPANY HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

SERIES HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

PLATOON HONOR GRADUATE AWARD

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

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD

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

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

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

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

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

MARINE

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

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

GRADUATION STAFF

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/ WESTERN RECRUITING REGION

Commanding General
Chief of Staff
Sergeant Major
Parade Reviewing Officer

Brigadier General Ryan P. Heritage
Colonel Jim G. Gruny
Sergeant Major Devon A. Lee
Lieutenant General William M. Faulkner (Ret.)

RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Regimental Drill Master
Narrator

Colonel Daniel R. Kazmier
Lieutenant Colonel C. Kroll
Sergeant Major M. R. Chabot
Staff Sergeant J. A. Gray
Staff Sergeant C. A. Malveaux

SECOND TRAINING BATTALION

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
Sergeant Major
Chaplain
Battalion Drill Master

Lieutenant Colonel D. H. Webster
Major K. M. Stahl
Sergeant Major E. O. Hidalgo
Lieutenant R. J. Keener
Gunnery Sergeant J. Cruz

COMPANY G

Commanding Officer
Company First Sergeant

Captain G. Aguirre
Gunnery Sergeant J. E. Sypole

LEAD SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain J. J. Marziale
Gunnery Sergeant J. R. Wyatt

FOLLOW SERIES

Series Commander
Chief Drill Instructor

Captain W. M. Leon
Staff Sergeant B. M. Maier

MARINE BAND SAN DIEGO

Enlisted Conductor
Drum Major

Chief Warrant Officer One A. Panos
Gunnery Sergeant J. Dempsey

COLOR GUARD

National Color Bearer
Organizational Color Bearer
Rifle Bearer
Rifle Bearer

Sergeant B. M. Hall
Sergeant W. Baskerville
Sergeant L. Bates
Sergeant C. Starr

PLATOON 2141

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
GUNNER Y SERGEANT M. A. SANCHEZ

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT B. TOM
STAFF SERGEANT J. A. LUBBERS
SERGEANT R. ALMODOVAR

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. K. ANDERSON (280)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. J. NOWAK (336)
INSTRUCTOR:
CORPORAL J. D. DOUGLAS

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. D. WILSON
RECRUITED BY:
STAFF SERGEANT M. CLAUD

PVT T. O. AGNEW
PFC* L. K. ANDERSON
PFC D. G. AQUINO
PFC A. L. BECK
PFC B. W. BRYAN
PFC* J. B. BRYEN
PVT T. R. CAPPS
PVT C. A. CASTILLO
PVT E. CHAVIRAAVILEZ
PFC T. L. COLLISTER
PVT R. M. DEGONIA
PFC D. S. DEVER
PVT J. A. DEWEY III
PVT D. DIAZ
PFC S. C. FILLMAN
PFC D. GARCIA
PVT J. GARCIA
PFC J. H. GEARY
PVT J. L. GRANADOS
PFC T. M. GRANTHAM
PVT S. A. GUTIERREZ
PVT K. J. HARRIS
PVT C. J. HART
PFC D. T. HARTIG
PVT A. R. HUNT
PVT D. A. JACOBSON
PVT K. F. KATIGBAK
PFC J. J. KIM JR.
PFC* P. K. KOCHENOWER

PFC E. B. LEWIS
PVT R. J. LOFTUS
PFC M. A. LOMELI JR.
PFC R. LOPEZ JR.
PVT M. MACEDO JR.
PFC G. M. MAERTENS
PVT C. F. MARQUEZ
PVT E. M. MAXWELL
PVT K. C. MILANI
PFC A. J. NOWAK
PFC A. C. NUTZHORN
PVT K. S. ODELL
PFC R. PUENTES
PFC B. RAMIREZGUTIERREZ
PVT O. D. RIVAS
PVT D. K. SANDER
PFC B. M. SAVAGE
PVT M. D. STEWART
PVT S. J. SWENSON
PVT J. D. TELLONE
PVT D. L. THOMAS JR.
PVT D. TORRES
PVT A. A. TOUBEH
PFC J. S. VANG
PVT D. M. WALSH
PFC R. D. WHITE
PFC J. T. WILFERT
PFC* B. D. WILSON
PVT H. A. YARBROUGH

PVT G. ADAME
PVT D. AGUILARVALENCIA
PVT A. R. AGUILERA
PVT D. J. ALEMAN
PFC C. A. ARROYO
PVT J. M. AUSTIN
PFC J. P. AXTELL
PVT J. A. BEAL
PVT R. F. BRAGG JR.
PVT G. BRAMBILA
PVT L. D. BYBEE
PVT A. CARRILLOCALDERON
PFC B. E. DELANY
PVT J. H. DESAUTEL
PVT C. I. DOMINGUEZ
PVT D. J. DOMINSKI
PFC* J. J. DUKE
PVT N. D. DUREE
PFC I. F. FAULKNER
PVT C. H. FOGLE
PFC K. GONZALEZ
PVT M. M. HENRY
PVT D. M. HIETALA
PFC S. M. HUDSON
PFC M. T. HUMPHREY
PFC* J. M. INFANTE JR.
PVT J. C. KUTZLER
PVT C. T. LANG
PFC B. T. LAWRENCE
PFC T. S. MAUE

PVT S. G. MERZ
PVT C. G. MILLS
PVT F. MIRANDAVARELA
PVT J. L. NARANJO
PVT E. NAVA
PVT N. J. ORONA
PFC N. J. ORTEGA JR.
PFC A. V. ORTIZ
PVT E. PEREZ
PVT A. L. PETERSON
PFC J. R. PETTTIT
PFC S. M. PHILLIP
PVT J. T. PIGFORD
PFC A. K. PLUM
PFC A. T. POTTER
PFC T. B. RAINEY
PVT G. A. RICH
PFC A. J. SHERBON
PFC* A. F. SILVAQUIJANO
PFC J. D. SIMMONS
PVT T. W. SPIER
PVT W. T. STAFFORD
PVT P. I. TAPIAVELAZQUEZ
PFC S. M. TOBIN
PVT L. A. TOVAR JR.
PVT S. C. TSOODLE
PVT R. A. TUCKER
PFC E. P. VASQUEZ
PVT M. T. WOITTE
PFC* R. L. WOOLMAN

PLATOON 2142

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
GUNNERY SERGEANT J. M. YULEE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

GUNNERY SERGEANT M. W. PATIENCE
STAFF SERGEANT G. C. BURRELL
STAFF SERGEANT J. C. JONES

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. M. INFANTE JR. (282)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS A. J. SHERBON (343)
INSTRUCTOR:
SERGEANT R. ROBINSON

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. M. INFANTE JR.
RECRUITED BY:
STAFF SERGEANT M. CLAUD

PLATOON 2143

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT T. M. MARPLE

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT T. J. RONISH
STAFF SERGEANT S. LESHER
SERGEANT R. A. LOPEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. A. MENDOZA (288)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE N. I. MORALES (335)
INSTRUCTOR:
SERGEANT J. OTERA

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS S. P. SCALLON
RECRUITED BY:
STAFF SERGEANT V. SCHAEFER

PVT J. ACOSTA
PVT R. G. AGRAZ
PVT E. M. BODESTYNE
PVT V. M. BONILLA
PVT W. F. BOUSTRED
PVT J. F. BROADWATER
PVT D. M. CARR
PVT J. E. CARR
PVT R. CHAVIRALOYA
PFC R. N. CHEN
PVT B. L. COSTA
PVT J. R. DEVERA
PFC A. DOMINGUEZ
PVT K. R. DURHAM
PVT G. I. FIGUEROA
PVT N. R. FREURICKSON
PFC E. J. GARCIA JR.
PVT G. C. GARCIA
PVT J. GACRIARUIZ
PVT M. J. GARRITY
PFC T. C. GRANDYMITCHELL
PVT W. W. HAMILTON
PFC E. L. HARVEY
PVT S. D. HENSE
PVT J. D. HERNANDEZ
PFC* J. R. HERNANDEZPOMALES
PFC D. L. HOLT
PFC* E. A. JIMENEZ

PVT P. M. KING
PFC K. A. LINDNER
PVT M. A. MENDOZA
PVT D. L. MILLS
PVT N. I. MORALES
PVT A. M. NASRALLAH
PFC A. M. NELSON
PFC* D. M. NEWELL
PFC S. NUNEZ
PVT W. C. PARMELY
PVT D. E. PAVE;LOCK
PVT J. R. QUICK
PFC I. N. RAZON
PVT L. D. ROSALESOCAMPO
PVT G. A. SANCHEZ
PVT A. SANCHEZSANCHEZ
PFC* S. P. SCALLON
PVT L. D. SCHALLER
PVT C. B. SILVEIRA
PFC P. A. SOTO
PVT C. M. TUCKER
PFC S. B. UPTON
PVT L. G. VILLASENORHERNANDEZ
PVT A. D. VOAN
PVT J. A. WEST
PVT S. M. WILLIS
PVT X. A. WOOTEN
PVT A. A. ZAZI

PLATOON 2145

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
STAFF SERGEANT A. D. JOHNSON

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

SERGEANT C. J. ZUNIGA
SERGEANT J. M. YEARSLEY
SERGEANT J. E. SERFLING

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE C. G. RAMIREZ (289)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. W. SILVERS (341)
INSTRUCTOR:
SERGEANT D. C. JEARDO

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. B. CONLEY
RECRUITED BY:
STAFF SERGEANT A. BROWN

PFC M. ACEVEDOTORRES
PVT A. H. AGUILAR
PVT J. R. ALCOCER
PVT J. B. ALULEMA
PFC D. J. ANGUIANO
PFC P. A. BALDWIN
PFC J. D. BLACKBURN
PFC S. M. BLUM
PVT E. J. CARTENSEN
PFC J. B. CONLEY
PVT R. A. CORNEJO
PVT M. T. CRAWSHAW
PVT W. D. DUKES
PVT A. J. DUPREY
PVT N. A. ESPINOZA
PVT M. FLORES
PFC S. C. FOURNESS
PVT C. M. FRANKLIN
PVT M. J. GARIN
PVT N. C. GOOSBY
PFC T. J. GROSS
PFC* C. HERNANDEZ
PVT E. R. HILL
PVT E. I. IBARRAGALARDO
PFC B. L. JUSTICE
PFC* D. A. KIM
PFC* C. M. KUOLT
PVT E. J. LAWRENCE

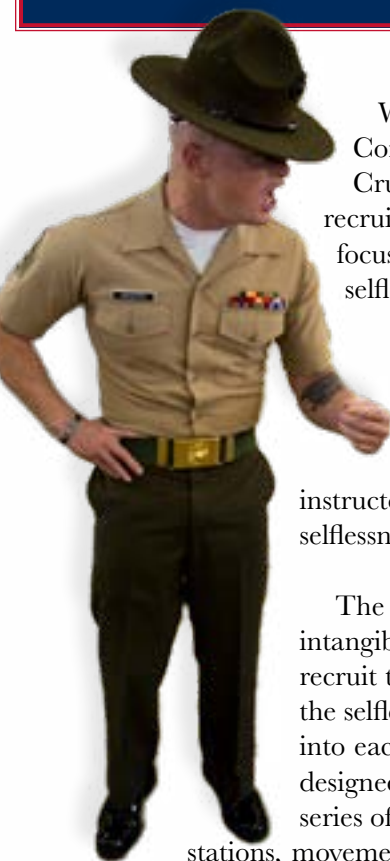
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PFC J. B. MELCHOR
PVT R. A. MORALESMORENO
PFC E. MUNIZ
PVT K. W. NAPOLEON
PVT S. M. ODEH
PVT S. PABLO
PVT A. PALACIOSSANCHEZ
PVT R. R. PECK
PVT C. G. RAMIREZ
PVT T. N. RAMIREZ
PFC* E. C. RAMOS III
PVT R. N. RAVO
PVT S. A. REKENTHALER
PVT B. A. RINDAHL
PFC C. J. SCHWARTZ
PFC N. A. SEARS
PFC M. W. SILVERS
PVT D. A. TORNOW
PVT C. R. TORRES
PVT O. VASQUEZ
PVT R. D. WADE
PVT B. P. WAMBOLT
PFC T. K. WASHAM
PVT A. R. WOLF

PHASE II

PHASE II - RECRUIT TRAINING

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

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



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



PHASE III & IV

PHASE III - MOS SCHOOLS

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

PHASE IV - SUSTAINING THE TRANSFORMATION

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



THE TRANSFORMED AMERICAN

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

PLATOON 2146

SENIOR DRILL INSTRUCTOR
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SERGEANT C. STARK

SERGEANT D. F. WAGGONER

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. L. MANCILLA (295)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS K. M. HAGGERTY (337)

INSTRUCTOR:
SERGEANT A. LAITH

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS L. M. VALENZUELAGREEN

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PFC J. A. ARREDONDO
PFC* R. ATENCIO
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PFC G. A. BALDERAS
PFC A. M. BUNCH
PFC R. CABRERA JR.
PFC J. F. CARBAJAL
PVT D. COLMENEROPOSADA
PVT E. CORREA
PFC K. L. COTTEN
PVT A. M. CRUZ
PVT A. L. DAHL
PFC C. D. DAVISON
PVT O. G. DECONCILIIS
PFC V. H. DELGADO
PFC R. T. FAIRCHILD
PVT B. M. FORGIONE
PVT D. D. GOGO
PVT J. A. GOMEZ
PVT Q. J. GRAY JR.
PFC* N. R. GUEVARRA
PFC K. M. HAGGERTY
PVT K. J. HENEGHAN
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PFC M. A. HERNANDEZ
PVT T. T. HIGHTOWER
PVT S. A. HULTIN
PFC K. L. JOHNSON
PVT K. D. KOOP
PVT A. J. LADD
PVT I. J. LAWRENCEGODBEE

PVT N. A. LEVENHAGEN
PFC J. A. LIPSKI
PVT A. LUGO
PFC J. A. LUNA
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PVT K. R. MARTIN
PVT A. J. MARTINEZ
PVT D. K. MCCULLAH
PFC R. C. MCWHORTER
PVT M. J. MORRIS
PVT A. W. O'BRIEN
PVT G. A. OHANIAN
PVT D. PHAN
PFC E. E. PLATT III
PVT J. C. RAMIREZ
PVT H. A. RASCON
PFC S. E. RICE JR.
PVT J. RODRIGUEZ
PFC J. R. ROSE
PVT C. D. SHELLBE
PFC S. W. SNEATH
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PVT A. J. TORRES
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PVT A. T. TREESE
PFC* L. M. VALENZUELAGREEN
PVT V. M. VELAZQUEZ
PFC B. R. VILLANUEVALAVARIEGA
PVT M. D. WHITEHEAD
PVT T. J. WILKINSON
PFC J. H. YEE

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DRILL INSTRUCTORS

STAFF SERGEANT J. MOCK

STAFF SERGEANT N.A. GARAY

STAFF SERGEANT S. P. MARTINEZ

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. W. HAMMOND JR. (290)

PLATOON HIGH SHOOTER

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS B. S. RUCKER (332)

INSTRUCTOR:
SERGEANT S. B. STORCH

PLATOON HONORMAN

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. N. VALENTINO

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PVT N. A. BLEDSAW
PVT S. J. BROWN
PFC K. J. BUCHANAN
PVT M. J. BURKHALTER
PFC T. BUSTAMANTE JR.
PVT E. M. CERVANTES
PFC* T. C. CLAPP
PFC* C. W. CRAIG
PVT D. L. DOMINGUEZ
PVT T. D. DUPICHETHOMAS
PFC C. W. ENGLAND
PVT G. M. ERVIN
PFC J. M. FELIX
PVT H. L. FOX
PFC D. Z. GUERRERO
PFC* J. W. HAMMOND JR.
PFC J. J. HARP
PVT T. K. HAWORTH
PVT Y. D. HAYES
PVT T. L. HEBNER
PVT K. T. HEGSTED
PVT E. W. HICKS
PFC N. R. IHDE
PVT L. A. INGRAM
PFC C. G. ISAAC
PVT S. E. JACKSON
PVT D. R. JARAMILLO
PVT C. R. JONES
PFC* D. M. JONES
PVT J. C. JONES

PVT B. J. MANN
PFC J. MARTINEZ
PVT Z. A. MEES
PVT C. E. O'BRIEN
PFC D. D. ORVIS
PFC L. E. PEREZARIAS
PVT P. PHILLIPS
PVT T. C. POPOV
PFC J. R. RADCLIFFARNOLD
PVT D. C. RECHT
PVT M. REYES JR.
PFC B. S. RUCKER
PVT C. J. SALDANAS
PVT J. A. SANCHEZ
PVT E. H. SCHNEIDER JR.
PVT V. SEBASTIAN
PVT N. P. SELCK
PVT L. A. SEVILLA JR.
PFC T. W. SMITH
PVT S. S. SPEARMAN
PVT M. A. STONE
PVT A. E. SULLIVAN
PVT S. T. SWAILS
PVT W. L. TAYLOR
PFC G. N. TRUJILLO
PVT J. M. TURANO
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PVT C. W. ZIMMERMANPAGE

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WHY THE TRANSFORMATION?

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



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

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



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

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

PHASE I

HOW WE ARE DOING IT.

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

PHASE I- RECRUITING

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



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

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



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