



“Why in hell can’t the Army do it if the Marines can. They are the same kind of men; why can’t they be like Marines?”

-Gen. John J. “Black Jack” Pershing, U.S. Army

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## Commander’s Corner



Future Marines,

To all our new joins: Welcome to the Team. To all the families of new members of the Delayed Entry Program, thank you for your time and patience as your son or daughter begins the journey that will culminate with service to our great nation as one of the best: a United States Marine. As a Marine

I want to welcome all the new poolees to the Recruiting Station Indianapolis Pool. Your commitment to join the finest military organization in the world speaks volumes about your character and your love of country.

Congratulations to Valparaiso! Valparaiso won the Honor Pool award for Fiscal Year 2013. The award recognizes the best pool in the state for their contributions to the pool and their dedication to making their pool stronger.

As a reminder, it is very important for you to find quality referrals for your recruiters. This not only helps you (by getting you promoted) but it also helps your pool get recognized.

Corps, we only select the best of Indiana and Illinois high school graduates and seniors. The first hurdle of selection has been crossed, and I am excited to see you all excel as the process continues.

In the winter, outdoor physical training becomes more challenging due to the weather and individual schedules while everyone is either attending school or working. Remember to stay focused on improving yourself physically, as the stronger your Initial Strength Test is upon shipping to Recruit Training, the easier your time will be. Additionally, continue to strengthen your mental toughness as you prepare to enter training. Talk to your

recruiters, recent graduates of recruit training, or Marines in your community about the mental challenges that await you. As you all well know, the mental challenges in initial Marine Corps training outweigh the physical challenges ten to one. My staff and I remain committed to preparing you all, so don’t hesitate to ask for help or instruction as the need arises.

I am continuously impressed and proud of all the men and women that have volunteered for service in the Marine Corps during this dynamic time in our nation’s history. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. Continue to press the attack and Semper Fidelis.

## From the Sergeant Major



I challenge each and every one of you to find at least two quality referrals during your time in the Delayed Entry Program.

The time to prepare is now!!! Physical fitness should be one of your main objectives over the winter break. Keeping in shape will help prepare you for recruit training and will help to motivate others in your pool to excel in their physical fitness. High levels of fitness can also help foster camaraderie within the pool and propel the pool even further.

With winter approaching, it signals that time of year when we will begin preparing for inclement weather. Ensure that you have a travel plan and make proper

accommodations before you begin your trip. Also think of electrical hazards as it’s the holiday season.

Good luck and keep preparing yourself mentally and physically for the challenges that lay ahead at recruit training.

SEMPER FIDELIS



Left: Sgt. Cristie Miller, drill instructor, MCRD Parris Island, S.C., corrects a poolee during the female professional military education and combat fitness test on Sep. 7, 2013 in Indianapolis, Ind. According to MCO 6100.13 W/CH 1 Marine Corps Physical Fitness Program, the combat fitness test was specifically designed to evaluate strength, stamina, agility and coordination as well as overall anaerobic capacity.

## RS Indianapolis Females train with Combat Fitness Test

By Sgt. Jose Nava

INDIANAPOLIS - The air was crisp as the sun started to warm the ground, and the morning dew started to disappear off the blades of grass. There were yells in the distance from a figure hiding her features under the shadow of a campaign cover, also known as a "Smokey Bear".

The shrouded figure used her yells to motivate the young female poolees of Recruiting Station Indianapolis to move from station to station with speed and intensity during their quarterly professional military education on Sep. 7, 2013 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Some of the events during the PME were the combat fitness test, time with a drill instructor and a guided discussion with a female Marine. On top of those events some of the poolees were motivated by the camaraderie that Marines build amongst themselves, and one poolee decided to try her best during the evolution and be a part of the Marine Corps family.

"I've seen how close knit the Marine Corps is and how big of a brother and sisterhood it is and I wanted to be a part of that," said Riley Montgomery, poolee, RSS Columbus.

After the CFT concluded, the young women formed into a small platoon and spent some time with a drill instructor. The drill instructor motivated the group into performing a variety of tasks such as running, conducting Marine Corps Push-ups and practicing how to properly speak to a drill instructor.

Once the time came to an end, the group jogged over to their eating area. The poolees were given meals ready to eat, or MREs while the drill instructor gave a brief explanation of why they receive MREs. Each MRE is intended to be a single meal and provides approximately the same nutrition as a balanced meal.

"At recruit training there are different events that sometimes you [do not] get to eat in a chow hall,"

said Sgt. Cristie Miller, drill instructor, MCRD Parris Island, S.C. "This is the way you will be fed outdoors."

Concluding the training, Capt. Casey Chenoweth, officer selection officer, Officer Selection Team West Lafayette, RS Indianapolis, held a discussion with the poolees about their life changing decision of joining the Marine Corps. One of the topics that she covered was how the poolees should respect themselves and that in turn would have others respect them. Also during the discussion, Capt. Chenoweth described how the Marine Corps will make the poolees into better people and the standards they will be held at.

"The reason it's going to make you a better person [is] because no matter what your values are or how you were raised, as a Marine you follow our values, and that's living life with honor, courage and commitment," said Chenoweth. "The moment you lose that you are no longer a Marine."



Above: SSgt. Velencia Nash, administrative chief, RS Indianapolis, and Sgt. Saleena Reitz, administrative clerk, motivate a poolee during the combat fitness test portion of the female professional military education on Sep. 7, 2013 in Indianapolis, Ind.

# RS Indianapolis: Man-on-the Street

In an effort to get to know the future Marines and Marines that have come from RS Indianapolis, the RS staff has gone out and asked questions to both a poolee and a Marine that has recently graduated recruit training.

## Poolee:

Steven Rhyne  
Recruiter: SSgt. Carl Bash  
RSS North Indy

wanted quality leadership skills to use in my life.

## Are you the first Marine in your family?

## Why did you join the Marine Corps?

I joined because the Marines are the best and I

No, I am following in my father's footsteps. He served from 1997 to 2001.

## Marine:

Pfc. Richard Nordland  
Recruiter: SSgt. Roy Martin  
RSS South East Indy

## Why did you join the Marine Corps?

Originally I was going to join the Navy, but I had a buddy that was a corporal

in the Marine Corps at the time. I saw the lifestyle of the Corps, what and how it stood for its values, and how they had a brotherhood and I wanted to be a part of that.

## RS Indianapolis New Families

As the RS is a continuously growing family, we would like to welcome all the newborns into this Marine family.

Katherine Marie (F)  
Sep. 5, 2013  
SSgt. Joshua York, RSS SE

Keagan Kuhn (F)  
Oct. 10, 2013  
Sgt. Drew Howe, RSS TH

Adelyn (F)  
Nov. 12, 2013  
SSgt. Carl Bash, RSS NI

## RS Indianapolis Hail and Farewell

### Hail

Capt. Joseph Haley  
SSgt. Shannon Crosby  
SSgt. Tyler Hubbard  
SSgt. Jared Riske  
Sgt. Matthew Cunningham  
Sgt. Kevin Eisert  
Sgt. Kyle Sorrell  
Sgt. David Youngquist

### Farewell

GySgt. Barry Worley  
GySgt. Andrew Buck  
GySgt. Rex Loden  
SSgt. Timothy Ebert  
SSgt. Ricky Hopper  
Sgt. Alfonso Garcia  
Sgt. Chester Taylor  
Sgt. John Whitmore  
Sgt. Eloy Barrera

## RS Indianapolis Awards

Every month the RS Command likes to honor Marines and Recruiting Sub-Stations that go above the call of duty. The following are the Marines and the Recruiting Sub-Station that the RS Command would like to congratulate this quarter.

### Recruiter of the Month

October:  
Sgt. Drew Howe

November:  
Sgt. Cody Shelton

### Station of the Month

October, November, and  
December:  
RSS Valparaiso

### A-Billet of the Quarter

Cpl. Arielle Salazar

### NCO of the Quarter

Cpl. Brian Jagosz



# Marine Corps Knowledge

It is time to test your Marine Corps Knowledge. Answer the questions below to the best of your knowledge to see how much you have learned about the Marine Corps. Good luck!

- 1. In naval terminology, what is the floor called?**
  - A. The floor
  - B. The ground
  - C. The deck
  - D. The pavement
- 2. What is the rank of E-4 in the Marine Corps?**
  - A. Corporal
  - B. Lance Corporal
  - C. Private First Class
  - D. Sergeant
- 3. On which Marine Corps Base is the 1st Marine Division located?**
  - A. Camp Pendleton
  - B. Camp Lejeune
  - C. Okinawa
  - D. MCRD San Diego
- 4. What type of training does a new Marine have to attend immediately after Recruit Training?**
  - A. Marine Combat Training/Infantry Training
  - B. MOS School
  - C. Rank Training
  - D. Dog Handling
- 5. How long is Marine Corps recruit training?**
  - A. 12 weeks
  - B. 13 weeks
  - C. 14 weeks
  - D. 8 weeks
- 6. Who is the Commandant of the Marine Corps?**
  - A. Gen. James T. Conway
  - B. Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Puller
  - C. Gen. James F. Amos
  - D. Capt. Samuel Nicholas
- 7. Which country in the Pacific hosts a major contingency of U.S. Marines?**
  - A. China
  - B. Australia
  - C. Korea
  - D. Japan
- 8. What does the acronym MAGTF stand for?**
  - A. Marine Airsoft Guided Tank Fighter
  - B. Marine Air-Ground Task Force
  - C. Marine And Ground Training Force
  - D. Marine And Guide Task Force
- 9. How many days of leave does a new Marine get after recruit training?**
  - A. 5
  - B. 9
  - C. 10
  - D. 0
- 10. What is the Marine Corps Mascot?**
  - A. English Bull Dog
  - B. American Bull Dog
  - C. A Devil Dog
  - D. A Boxer
- 11. On which Marine Corps Base is the 2nd Marine Division located?**
  - A. Camp Pendleton
  - B. Camp Lejeune
  - C. Okinawa
  - D. MCRD San Diego
- 12. What are the Marine Corps values?**
  - A. Fighting, Winning and Protecting the Nation
  - B. Honor, Courage and Commitment
  - C. Shooting, Training and Cleaning
  - D. Exercise, Eating and Sleeping

The answers are located on page 6 of the newsletter.

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## History Bites: "Retreat!? Hell we just got here!" - Capt. Lloyd Williams

**23 October 1983:** At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans--including 220

Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

**10 November 1921:** This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November.

On 21 October 1921, Maj. Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to Maj. Gen. Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps.

Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Maj. Gen. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

**8 December 1941:**

Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.



# Parent's Corner

## USEFUL MARINE CORPS WEBSITES

WEBSITE	DEFINITION
<a href="http://www.usmc.mil">www.usmc.mil</a>	Official Marine Corps Site
<a href="http://www.usmcgradsandiego.org">www.usmcgradsandiego.org</a>	Graduation Information for San Diego
<a href="http://www.gradparrisland.org">www.gradparrisland.org</a>	Graduation Information for Parris Island
<a href="http://www.mcrd.usmc.mil">www.mcrd.usmc.mil</a>	Boot Camp Training Matrix-San Diego
<a href="http://www.mcrdpi.usmc.mil">www.mcrdpi.usmc.mil</a>	Boot Camp Training Matrix-Parris Island
<a href="mailto:www.marinmomsanddads@yahoo.com">www.marinmomsanddads@yahoo.com</a>	Marine Moms and Dads
<a href="http://www.MMO1@yahoo.com">www.MMO1@yahoo.com</a>	Marine Moms Online
<a href="mailto:www.USMCMoms2@yahoo.com">www.USMCMoms2@yahoo.com</a>	Two or More Marines in the Corps
<a href="http://www.marineparents.com">www.marineparents.com</a>	Marine Parents
<a href="http://www.usmcgrad.org">www.usmcgrad.org</a>	Marine Graduation Assistance
<a href="http://www.marineparentsunited.com">www.marineparentsunited.com</a>	Marine Parents
<a href="http://www.grunt.com">www.grunt.com</a>	Marine Corps Merchandise

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Parents, without your support and guidance your sons and daughters would not be the outstanding young adults that they have become today. We thank you for all you have done for them in providing them with positive goals and upbringing. The Marine Corps will never take your place in their lives and we hope that you will become a part of the Marine Corps family as your child has chosen to do. Recruit training can be as hard on the parent as it is on the recruit. The websites above will provide you with some excellent tools for while your son/daughter is in recruit training and beyond into their time in the Fleet Marine Forces. If you ever have any issues the recruiter is there to help you as well. Again, thank you for raising the future of our Corps.

Semper Fidelis