



MARINES CHALLENGE

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The journey to becoming a Marine Officer is intentionally challenging. It prepares young men and women to lead the fight against any and all opposing forces. Marine Officers have two profound responsibilities: accomplishing their mission and ensuring the welfare of the Marines they lead.

- **Mental Challenge**
 - Willingness to engage and determination to defeat any opposing force
 - Act decisively and without hesitation
 - Solve challenging problems using imagination and individual initiative
 - Adapt quickly to changing situations
 - Develop your mental capacity to become a more productive and effective Marine:
 - Professional Military Education
 - Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) training
 - Advanced MOS training
 - Test yourself to determine what drives you
- **Physical Challenge**
 - Physical ability is as important as mental capacity
 - Test your physical prowess through regularly scheduled Physical Fitness Tests (PFTs) and Combat Fitness Tests (CFTs)
 - You will be tested constantly and are expected to push beyond previous limitations
 - Learn combat skills and maintain your proficiency in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program
 - Be determined to transform yourself into a highly focused, elite warrior
- **Officer Training**
 - Leadership responsibilities and expectations
 - Mission accomplishment
 - Troop welfare
 - Accept responsibility
 - Take the initiative
 - Inspire and motivate others
 - Make the right decisions
 - Train other Marines
 - Manage time, material and resources
 - Leadership training
 - Officer Candidates School
 - The Basic School
 - Schools for occupational specialties