



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

THIRD RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION
RECRUIT TRAINING REGIMENT
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT/EASTERN RECRUITING REGION
PO BOX 13000
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA 29905-9001

12 Oct 2000

Dear Marine Family,

As Commanding Officer of Third Recruit Training Battalion, I am pleased to inform you, in a few short weeks, your son will march across the parade deck at Parris Island and proudly claim the title "United States Marine". It is a day Marines remember forever, and I sincerely hope you will join us! Please make plans to arrive in the Beaufort area after **16 November 2000**. This is the day Company "M" will complete the Crucible, the final event that every recruit must complete in order to earn the title "Marine". Your son will earn this cherished title at the Crucible Color Ceremony held at the Iwo Jima Memorial at 8:00 a.m. on the final morning of the Crucible. If for some reason your recruit does not complete this event, you will receive a call that day.

In order to make your visit to Parris Island a pleasurable one, we ask that you maintain this letter on your person or within your vehicle at all times. It will act as a pass for you and members of your party to gain access to the installation until 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday following the graduation ceremony. Please have this letter available to present to the gate sentries prior to entering the base. Persons other than the invited guests of the graduating Marines who use, or attempt to use this letter to gain entry to the installation are doing so fraudulently, and are guilty of trespassing aboard a military installation.

If you desire to stay in the Beaufort area, please make accommodation arrangements through your local travel agency. A limited number of rooms are available at the Depot Temporary Lodging Facility (TLF). You must reserve rooms at the TLF well in advance of your arrival. For reservations and rates, call (843) 228-2976. Additionally, a list of hotels that may be available in the Beaufort area is enclosed.

Your first stop upon arriving to Parris Island should be the **Douglas Visitor Center** (see enclosed map). Parking is available in the large parking lot between the parade deck and the visitor center. The first scheduled event associated with graduation begins at 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, 21 November**. You are encouraged to sign into the visitor center by 12:30 p.m. Additionally, while at the visitor center you can obtain directions for a self-guided automobile tour, locations of eating and shopping establishments, and other activities aboard the Depot.

Our Marine families and their safety are very important to us, and we want your visit here to be a safe one. While driving aboard the Depot, please wear your seatbelts, and use child-restraining devices to protect your children. Adhere to all posted speed limits and watch out for pedestrians.

A complete schedule of events for your Marine's graduation week is enclosed; however, there are several key events that you will not want to miss during your visit here. On **Thursday November 21st**, at 1:00 p.m., there will be a **Welcome Aboard** presentation given on the Peatross Parade Deck. In case of inclement weather, the indoor location for this presentation is the Depot Lyceum for Lead Series (Platoon's 3096, 3097, & 3098) and at the Recruit Chapel for

Follow Series (Platoon's 3100, 3101, & 3102). At the completion of this presentation, the platoons will be formed up, and liberty will be sounded for them until 7:00 p.m. During this time, you may tour your Marine's squad bay and speak with his Drill Instructors and Company officers. **At no time are new Marines allowed to leave the depot while on liberty or allowed to operate a motor vehicle.**

There are several restaurants located within walking distance of the Douglas Visitor Center in which you and your Marine can eat. The Marsh Landing Club has an evening buffet from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.95 per person. Pizza Hut Express, Bojangles, and Casa Ortega's Mexican Food are located in the Food Court directly adjacent to the Marine Corps Exchange. Subway is located in the bowling alley across the parking lot from the Food Court. Additionally, the Four Winds Club serves a buffet style breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the morning of graduation. The cost is \$5.95 per person.

On Friday morning, November 22nd, at 7:50 a.m. there will be a morning colors ceremony at the Commanding General's building (Depot Headquarters), approximately a 5 minute walk from the parade deck. This ceremony will feature the Parris Island Marine Band and Military Police Color Guard. Graduation will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. on the Peatross Parade Deck. In the event of inclement weather, the graduation ceremony will be moved to an indoor location. Both series will conduct ceremonies at separate locations. A complete inclement weather schedule is enclosed.

Following the graduation, your Marine will have to return to his battalion area to pick up personal belongings. Once this is accomplished, your Marine is free to depart Parris Island. Your Marine must remain in his graduation uniform until leaving the base. Please be patient, as traffic will be congested during this time. The Military Police will do their best to keep traffic moving safely.

Lastly, it is tradition for families and friends to show their support for their new Marine's battalion by wearing the battalion's color the morning of graduation. The Third Recruit Training Battalion color is blue. You are encouraged to wear blue to support your son and Third Battalion. Additionally, the Marine Corps Exchange has several items of clothing in Third Battalion blue for your purchase. I look forward to meeting you on Graduation Day.

Welcome to the Marine Corps family,

C. Frazier Jr.
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LtCol, USMC
Battalion Commander, Third Recruit Training Battalion

GREATER BEAUFORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LODGING FACILITIES

MOTELS

Atlantic Inn	2249 Hwy 21	843-524-6024
Battery Creek Inn	Next to Parris Island	843-521-1441
Beaufort Lodge	1630 Ribaut Road	843-524-5600/888-524-5600
Best Inn	2448 Boundary St	843-524-3322/800-BEST INN
Best Western Sea Island Inn	1015 Bay St	843-522-2090
Comfort Inn of Beaufort	2227 Boundary St	843-525-9366/800-423-8466
Days Inn Point South	I-95(Exit 33) and Hwy 17	843-726-8156/800-DAYS INN
de Treville House	MCAS Beaufort Bldg 1108	843-522-1663
Econo Lodge	2221 Boundary St	843-521-1555/800-553-2666
Hampton Inn	2342 Boundary St	843-986-0600/800-HAMPTON
Holiday Inn	2001 Boundary St	843-524-2144/800-HOLIDAY
Howard Johnson Express Inn	3651 Trask Pkwy	843-524-6020/800-446-4656
Lord Carteret Motel	301 Carteret St	843-521-1121
Royal Frogmore Inn	Hwy 21 East, St Helena Isd.	843-838-5400
Super 8 Motel	1360 Ribaut Rd, Port Royal	843-524-9333/800-800-8000
Waterama	Hwy 21 North	843-846-0523

BED AND BREAKFAST/INNS

NAME	LOCATION	PHONE
Bay Street Inn	601 Bay St	843-525-0050/800-256-9285
Beaufort Inn	809 Port Republic St	843-521-9000
Beaulieu House at Cat Island	3 Sheffield Court	843-770-0303
Craven Street Inn	1103 Craven St	843-522-1668/888-522-0250
Cuthbert House Inn	1203 Bay St	843-521-1315/800-327-9275
Old Point Inn	212 New St	843-524-3177
The Rhett House Inn	1009 Craven St	843-524-9030/888-480-9530
The Schleper House	915 Port Republic St	843-770-0600/888-305-7499
TwoSuns Inn Bed & Breakfast	1705 Bay St	843-522-1122/800-532-4244

CAMPGROUNDS

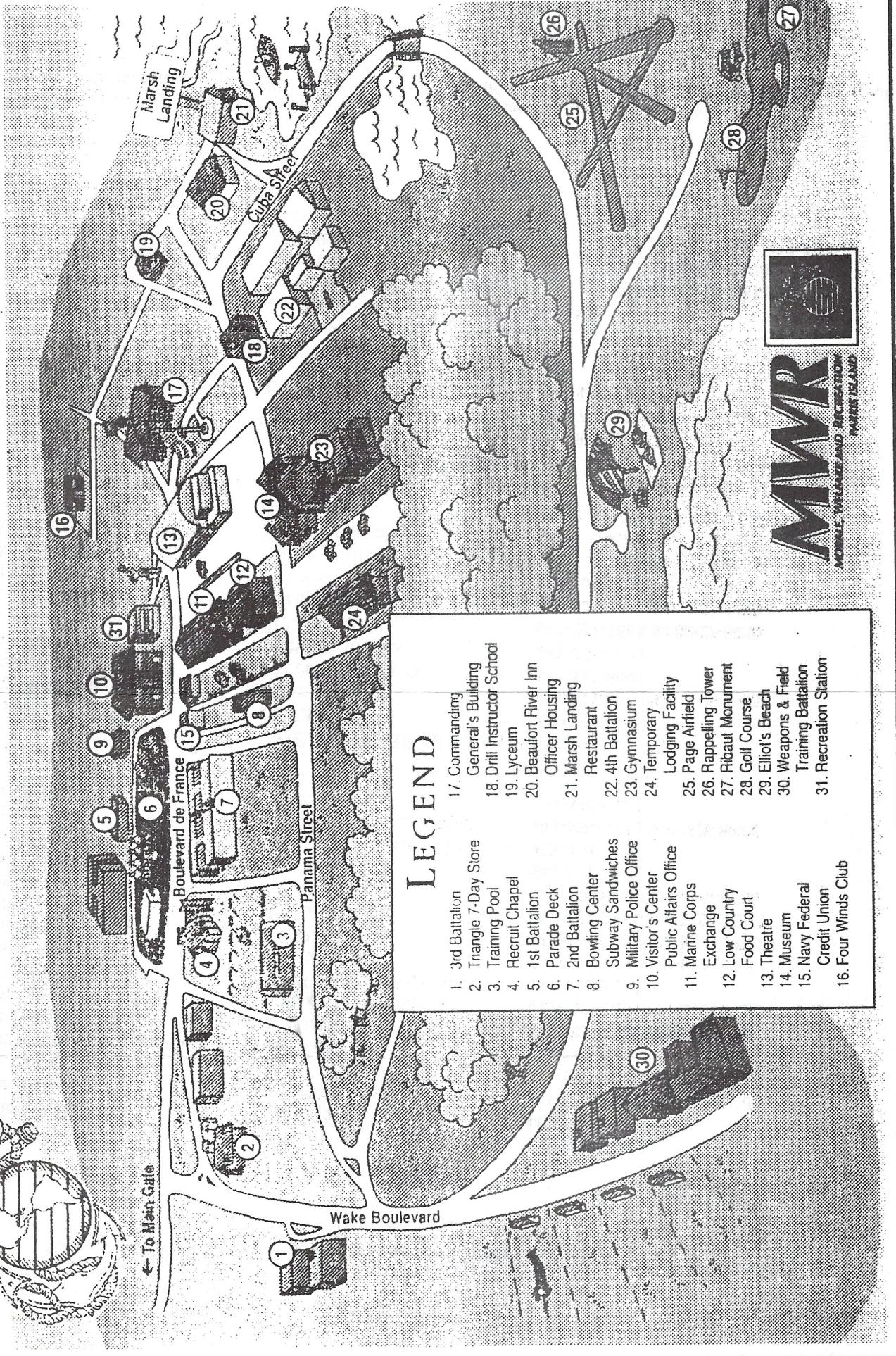
Hunting Island State Park	Hwy 21 South	843-838-2011
Point South KOA	I-95(Exit 33) & Hwy 17	843-726-5733/800-562-2948
Tuc In De Wood Campground	Lands End Rd, St Helena Isd.	843-838-2267

VACATION VILLAS/HOUSES

Fripp Island Resort	One Tarpon Blvd., Fripp Isd.	843-838-3535/800-845-4100
Harbor Island Accomm.	Two Harbour Drive	843-838-2410/800-809-2410
Harbor Island Rentals	2123-B Sea Island Parkway	843-838-4800/800-553-0251
Resort Properties of the Lowcountry	2143 Sea Island Parkway	843-838-7595

*Beaufort is accessible off I-95 South by taking Exit 33 to 17N to 21S. From I-95 North, take Exit 8 to 170N.
For more information, please contact the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce at (800)638-3525 or browse our web site at
www.beaufortsc.org.*

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA



LEGEND

- 1. 3rd Battalion
- 2. Triangle 7-Day Store
- 3. Training Pool
- 4. Recruit Chapel
- 5. 1st Battalion
- 6. Parade Deck
- 7. 2nd Battalion
- 8. Bowling Center
- 9. Subway Sandwiches
- 10. Military Police Office
- 11. Visitor's Center
- 12. Public Affairs Office
- 13. Marine Corps Exchange
- 14. Low Country Food Court
- 15. Theatre
- 16. Museum
- 17. Gymnasium
- 18. Drill Instructor School
- 19. Lyceum
- 20. Beaufort River Inn
- 21. Officer Housing
- 22. Marsh Landing Restaurant
- 23. Temporary Lodging Facility
- 24. 4th Battalion
- 25. Page Airfield
- 26. Rappelling Tower
- 27. Ribaut Monument
- 28. Golf Course
- 29. Elliot's Beach
- 30. Weapons & Field Training Battalion
- 31. Recreation Station
- 32. Four Winds Club

**"M" COMPANY, 3RD RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION
"N" COMPANY, 4TH RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION
FAMILY WELCOME AND GRADUATION SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Nov 21st	1:00 P.M.- 1:30 P.M.	Family Welcome Aboard	Depot Lyceum (male-lead series)
	1:00 P.M.- 1:30 P.M.	Family Welcome Aboard	Depot Theater (male-follow series)
	1:00 P.M.- 1:30 P.M.	Family Welcome Aboard (4 th bn)	Depot Chapel (female series)
	1:30 P.M.	Sound Recruit Liberty	Depot Area
	1:30 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.	Barracks Open House	Company Barracks
	1:30 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.	Combat Swimming Instruction	Indoor Pool
	1:30 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.	Weapons Static Display	Weapons Training Battalion
	1:30 P.M.- 4:30 P.M.	Pugil Sticks Brief	Leather Neck Square
	3:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.	Buffet Dinner	Marsh Landing Club
	7:00 p.m.	Liberty Expires	Company Barracks
Nov 22nd	7:50 A.M.	Morning Colors Ceremony	Depot Headquarters
	9:15 A.M.	Graduation Ceremony	Peatross Parade Deck
	10:20 A.M.	Pick Up Gear	Company Barracks

NOTES:

1. **SIGN IN AT THE VISITORS' CENTER.** In order to allow sufficient time to identify which recruits have family or visitors waiting to meet them, please check in with the Douglas Visitors Center before 12:30 p.m. on November 21st.
2. **DEPOT BUS TOURS.** Free bus tours of the Depot will start on the hour at the Douglas Visitors' Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on November 21st.
3. **INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN.**
 - a. Due to varying lowcountry weather conditions, I would advise you to watch the weather channel and be prepared for a wide variety of temperatures and conditions. In the winter months (Dec-Mar) this area can get quite cold with temperatures in the low to mid 30's.
 - b. On November 21st, the Family Welcome Aboard will be held for the new male Marines inside the Depot Lyceum (Lead Series), and the Depot Theater (Follow Series). Family Welcome Aboard for the new female Marines will be held at the Recruit Chapel.
 - c. If inclement weather occurs on November 22nd, the Graduation will be held for the new male Marines inside the Depot Lyceum (Lead Series), and the Depot Theater (Follow Series). The new female Marines ceremony will be held at the Recruit Chapel.

Platoons 3096, 3097, 3098 (Lead Series) - Depot Lyceum
Platoons 3100, 3101, 3102 (Follow Series) - Depot Theater
Platoons 4000, 4001 (4th Bn - Female Series) – Recruit Chapel

Due to extremely limited seating, please attend only that indoor ceremony in which your new Marine will participate. In this case, please wait for official word in the Douglas Visitors Center. The military police at the front gate and the Marines at the Visitors Center will know by 7:00 a.m. where the graduation will be conducted.



PARRIS ISLAND SC BILLETING FUN

BUILDING 330 MEXICO STREET
PARRIS ISLAND, SC 29905

YATES, JOSHUA

1360 CENTER POINT RD
CARROLLTON, GA 30117

FOLIO

Account: 104237

Arrival: 11/20/2000

Departure: 11/22/2000

Room: 3224A

Rate: \$34.00

DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	DEBIT	CREDIT
11/20/2000	1 CASH ROOM PAYMENT	CASH ROOM PAYMENT		(68.00)

BALANCE DUE: _____ (68.00)

MAKING MARINES . . . The Change is Forever

(Marine Graduation Video)

This one of a kind video details the rigors of "boot camp" at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. **MAKING MARINES: THE CHANGE IS FOREVER** captures an appreciation for the countless hours of hard work by both the recruits and the Drill Instructors.

From the anxious arrival at the Charleston, SC, International Airport to Graduation Day, this video chronicles the hardships and the achievements of those who dare to take up the challenge. Witness the transformation from raw recruit to proud Marine. See how young men and women coming to Parris Island in quest of pride, honor, and discipline become thoroughly indoctrinated in love of Country and Corps. Once you've viewed the process of making Marines, relive the moment when the Corps unveils its newest crop of "Fighting Leathernecks" at **YOUR MARINE'S GRADUATION CEREMONY**.

This video is sure to become a treasured memento of this once in a lifetime occasion.

Congratulations!

And welcome to the Marine Corps Family!

Order your copy of today's graduation ceremony by completing the form below and taking it to the MCCS Administration Office (Navy Federal Credit Union Building, Second Floor).

ORDER TODAY!!

Order today and save \$3.00 on shipping! Look for the video to arrive in your mailbox in about two or three weeks!

(Or send a check or money order for \$19.95 + \$3.00 shipping to: MCCS, Attn: 29905. Allow five to six weeks for delivery)

Date Ordered _____

Graduation Date _____

New Marine's Name _____

Platoon No. _____ Company _____

No. Videos Ordered _____

Mail To:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

