

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

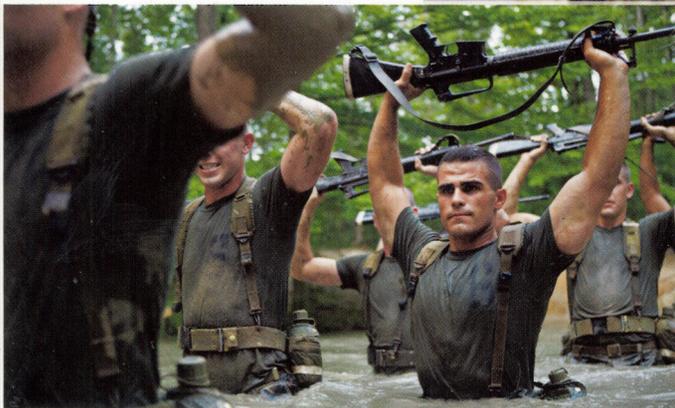


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FEW CAN BE MARINES. EVEN FEWER CAN LEAD THEM.

Becoming a Marine Officer is more than a career choice. It is a bold statement of intent. As a Marine Officer, you will be trained specifically to lead and inspire. You will earn the opportunity to generate real change at a point in your life when most of your peers are still searching for purpose. You will shoulder the great responsibility of directly ensuring our nation's future. As a Marine Officer, you will be entrusted by the United States of America to make sound decisions in the midst of chaos and uncertainty, ensuring not only mission success but also the well-being of the Marines under your command. There is no greater path of distinction, and no better way to test your mental and physical limits, than becoming a Marine Officer.



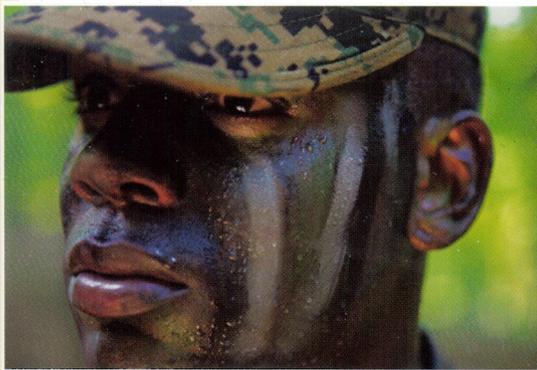


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The Officer Candidate Course (OCC) is a demanding 10-week commissioning program for college seniors and graduates who are seeking to become Marine Officers. The journey begins at Officer Candidates School (OCS)—the physical and mental proving ground for those who want to lead Marines. Designed to screen and evaluate officer candidates to determine if they have the leadership potential to serve as an officer in the United States Marine Corps, OCS proves there are no shortcuts to becoming one. During OCS, your instructors will put your leadership skills, academic abilities and physical fitness to the test. Complete this grueling challenge and you will earn something most will never attain—a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

PLATOON LEADERS CLASS

Prior to their senior year, college students may enroll in the Platoon Leaders Class (PLC), which consists of two six-week training sessions for freshmen and sophomores or one 10-week training session for juniors.



DEFENDING A NATION AND EACH OTHER

The journey to becoming a Marine Officer is intentionally difficult. It has to be, as it prepares young men and women to lead under any condition. The challenges you will face focus on two profound responsibilities: accomplishing your mission and ensuring the welfare of the Marines you lead. To earn a commission as a Marine Officer, you must excel at both.

BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Marine Officers receive full medical and dental coverage, 30 days paid vacation a year, competitive salary, nontaxed housing allowance, discounted travel and recreation, graduate degree opportunities and unparalleled leadership and management experience in what *Inc. Magazine* calls “the best management training program in America.”

- All candidates in OCC attend a 10-week course at OCS in Quantico, VA
- There are three directions your training path can take: Ground, Aviation, Law
- Graduates are commissioned immediately and begin active duty at The Basic School



MARINE CORPS RESERVE: SERVING YOUR NATION IN VITAL WAYS.

The mission of the Marine Corps Reserve is to augment and reinforce active Marine forces in or during:

- Wartime
- National emergency
- Contingency operations abroad
- Service to the community
- Natural and man-made disasters



ENROLLING IN THE OFFICER CANDIDATE COURSE RESERVE (OCC-R) PROGRAM

The OCC-R program provides you with the unique opportunity to be a leader of Marines and still pursue a civilian career. After completion of OCS, you will be commissioned as a second lieutenant and attend The Basic School and your assigned Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) school. As a member of one of the finest Reserve forces in our nation, you can serve as little as one weekend a month and two weeks per year—with the opportunity to serve more—while enjoying all the benefits of maintaining your civilian status. Learn to lead from the front in the Marine Corps Reserve and you will never look back—except at those trying to keep up.

- Work a civilian job and live in the geographic location of your choice
- Montgomery GI Bill available for graduate school
- Programs available for college loan repayment
- Your MOS may be eligible for an incentive

“Leadership is the sum of those qualities of intellect, human understanding and moral character that enables a person to inspire and control a group of people successfully.”

**Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune
13th Commandant of the Marine Corps**