

OFFICE OF THE POST CHAPLAIN  
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT  
PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Greetings:

The Protestant Chaplains assigned to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot are happy to welcome your son aboard this Post.

Recruit training endeavors to adjust and prepare each recruit physically, mentally, morally and spiritually to face life and meet the obligations of service in the Marine Corps. The Chaplains play an important part in this program. Divine Services are held every Sunday, both morning and evening. Every effort is made to encourage church attendance and we hope that you will urge your son to be faithful in his religious duties.

In addition to the regular church services we chaplains offer religious instructions for those who are interested in baptism and church membership. We are gratified to observe that the response to this course of instruction has been very good. We feel that the marine who has a strong faith in God will be both a better marine and a better citizen.

I would like to urge you to write cheerful letters to your son. They will be a great help to him in facing the new life he has adopted. The young marine who does not become homesick at one time or another is the exception. His life here is new, different and sometimes difficult. If the letters he receives from home tell of illness and trouble he is greatly disturbed. Therefore you will help him most by writing cheerful and encouraging letters.

There is another important matter I would like to bring to your attention. In the event of a crisis at home you might want to have your son come and be present. Time and money will be saved if you at home first of all contact your local American Red Cross chapter and ask them to inform your son. The Marine Corps recognizes the Red Cross statements as official verification.

Any time you wish to write to me about your son, please give me his full name, rate and platoon. This will facilitate my contacting him. I shall be very happy to hear from you if there are any problems which I can help your son solve.

Sincerely yours,

Please address all  
correspondence to:  
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