



Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations on joining Marine Combat Training Battalion, School of Infantry (West), where Marines "Learn the Title." You are joining an organization that enjoys a rich and renowned tradition. Through our doors walk 40% of the Marine Corps' entry-level Marines, as they transition from the San Diego Recruit Depot to military occupational specialty training. For a student, you are walking in hallowed footsteps – this is where you "Learn the Title". For permanent personnel, you are joining the battalion that influences more Marines than any other!

Here at Camp Pendleton we are strong today because of the many fine Marines that comprise our ranks - we are honored to have you and your families join these ranks. You and your family now belong to a United States Marine battalion that is second to none. You will work hard, but you will do so alongside some of the best men and women with whom you have served and will ever serve. We have the best Officers, Staff Non-Commissioned Officers, and Non-Commissioned Officers in the Marine Corps. It takes all of us working together to train and develop the best warrior in the world, a United States Marine. At the end of each day, and at the end of our time here, you will know that YOU made a difference.

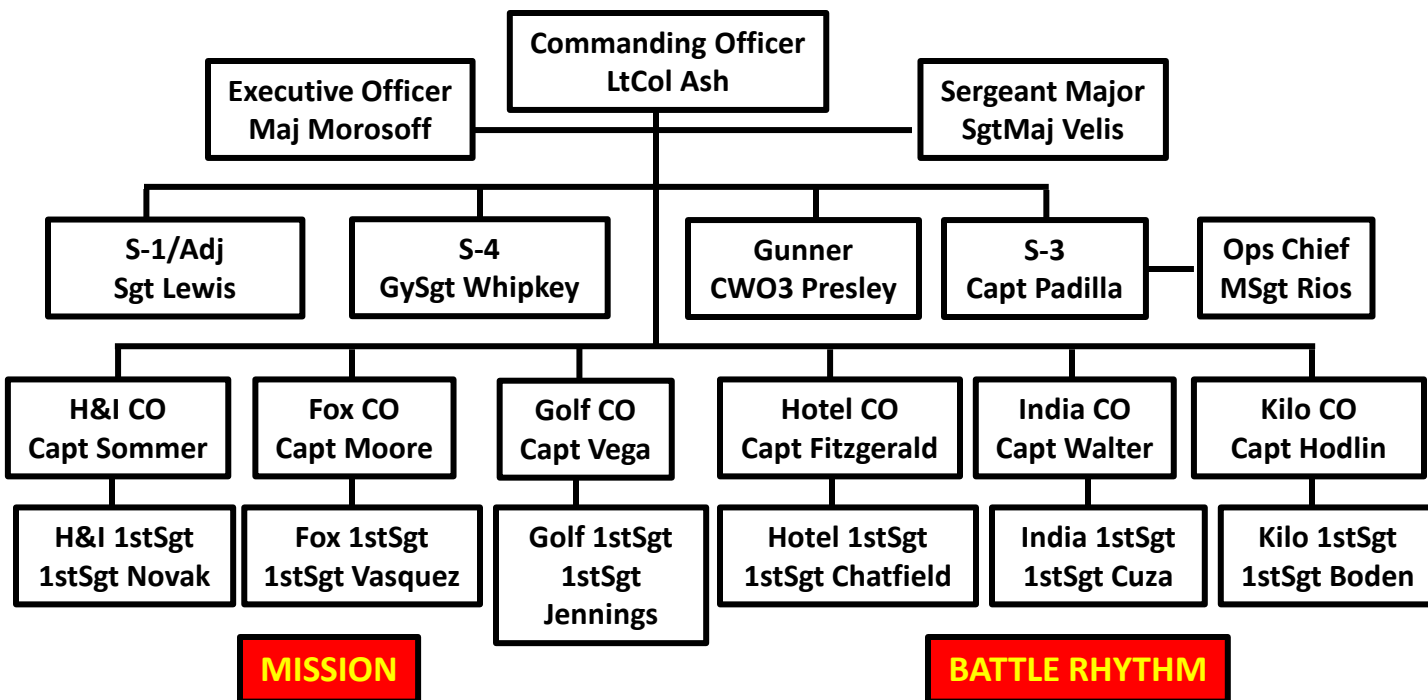
It is my privilege to lead such a fine organization, and I am humbled by our legacy and abilities. I look forward to your joining us as we write the next chapter in our history together.

LtCol Phillip N. Ash
Commanding Officer

SgtMaj Daniel V. Velis Jr.
Sergeant Major

MARINE COMBAT TRAINING BATTALION (WEST)

In Boot Camp Marines "Earn" the title - At MCT Marines "LEARN" THE TITLE



Marine Combat Training Battalion trains Marines to be basic combat rifleman in order to prepare them for world wide deployment in the operating forces.

-Training Cycles alternate with Maintenance Cycles
 -Training Cycle is 29 days
 -Maintenance Cycle varies; typically 6 to 28 days

TRAINING CYCLE

MAINTENANCE CYCLE

- 6+ day work week
- Typical day is 0500 to 2100
- Overnight duty every 2 to 4 days
- First weekend is all hands
- Basic Skills Retention Exercise (BSRE) 48 hour field exercise
- Pick up and graduate on a Tuesday

- Pre & post Training Cycle special libo (96/72)
- Make up 96
- Leave
- Annual training: rifle/pistol qual, PFT/CFT, swim qual, annual classes
- Instructor proficiency: cycle deficiencies, annual recert, CMT/CMC, PME

Week 1: In-processing, Marksmanship and PA, 5K & 10K Hike

Week 2: M16 (BZO, Tables 3-6, LFAM), M240B, M203, M67, 15K Hike

Week 3: TFC, Comm, Land Nav, Patrolling, Defense, MOUT, Searching

Week 4: BSRE, XPs, ECCs, PFT, Out-Processing, Graduation

THROUGHPUT

- Average class size: 294
- FY2012: 11,136
- Max class size: 440
- FY2013: 12,878
- # of cycles in FY15: 36
- FY2014: 11,430
- FY2015: 10,612

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