

**Graduation and Commissioning
Ceremony for
Officer Candidates Class-242
Alpha and Delta Company**



**Officer Candidates School
Training Command
Quantico, Virginia
25 March 2023**

Sequence of Events

*Invocation**

Staff Awards

March On

Sound Off

Receive the Report

Publish the Orders

Officers Center

*Honors to Lieutenant General James F. Glynn**

*National Anthem**

Presentation of Awards

Remarks by Colonel David C. Hyman

Remarks by Lieutenant General James F. Glynn

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Oath of Office

*Benediction**

*Anchors Aweigh**

*Marines' Hymn**



*** Please stand**

Lieutenant General James F. Glynn
Deputy Commandant for Manpower and
Reserve Affairs

A native of Albany, New York, Lieutenant General Glynn graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Lieutenant General Glynn served as rifle platoon commander during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and 81mm mortar platoon commander with 3d Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment; as company commander and operations officer with 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment; as Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Recruiting Station, San Antonio, Texas; as Battalion Landing Team Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, with both 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) during Operation Iraqi Freedom and 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable); and as Commanding Officer, Marine Special Operations School.

His staff assignments include duties at Marine Barracks 8th and I, Washington, D.C.; Future Operations Planner (G35), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Fallujah, Iraq; Director, Theater Engagement and Plans (J5) and Operations Director (J3) for Theater Special Operations Command - Africa in Stuttgart, Germany; and Military Assistant to the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.

As a General Officer, he served as Director, Office of U.S. Marine Corps Communication; Deputy Commanding General, Special Operations Joint Task Force, Operation Inherent Resolve (Forward), Baghdad, Iraq; Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina and the Eastern Recruiting Region; and Commander, Marine Forces Special Operations Command (MARFORSOC).

Lieutenant General Glynn is a graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, U.S. Army War College, and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.



Colonel David C. Hyman
Commanding Officer
Officer Candidates School

Colonel Hyman enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1993 and was a personnel clerk assigned to Company I, 3d Battalion, 23d Marines, 4th Marine Division in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended Officer Candidates School via the Platoon Leaders Class and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduating from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1997. In 1999, he graduated from The Basic School and was later designated a Military Police Officer.



Colonel Hyman's Fleet Marine Force assignments have been with II Marine Expeditionary Force. He was a Company Commander for 2d Military Police Battalion and deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM 04-06.2 while attached to a logistics combat element. Also, while assigned to this battalion, he served as the Officer in Charge, Remain Behind Element and as the Assistant Operations Officer for 5th Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment (REIN), which was re-designated as Task Force Military Police Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force Forward. From 2014-2016, he was the Commanding Officer of 2d Law Enforcement Battalion, II MEF.

Colonel Hyman's supporting establishment assignments include tours at Marine Corps Bases Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, and Camp Butler, where he served in multiple military police leadership billets including Platoon Commander, Operations Officer, Deputy Provost Marshal, and Provost Marshal. He also served as the Operations Officer and Executive Officer, Company F, Marine Security Guard Battalion (State Department) in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa. Additionally, he served as the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Recruiting Station Baltimore, a Military Faculty Advisor at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University, and the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, Marine Corps Installations Pacific. His joint duty assignment was as an action officer assigned to the Deputy Director for Global Operations (J-39) on The Joint Staff (Pentagon).

Colonel Hyman's professional military education includes the Expeditionary Warfare School (Distance Education Program), the Military Police Captains Career Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College (Distance Education Program), the College of Naval Command and Staff, and the Marine Corps War College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cum Laude) in Criminal Justice from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a Master of Arts Degree (with Distinction) in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Marine Corps University.

Sergeant Major John L. Beckett Jr.
Sergeant Major
Officer Candidates School

Sergeant Major Beckett enlisted in October 1998 and graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) San Diego, California in January 1999. After graduating from Marine Combat Training in February 1999, he reported to Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Florida to attend Aviation Ordnance Fundamental School. Upon graduation, he transferred to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina for Aviation Armament Repair Technician School where he was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal in July of 1999 and given orders to his first duty assignment of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 12, Iwakuni, Japan.



In August of 1999, he reported to MALS-12, Iwakuni, Japan where he was assigned to the Aircraft Armament Equipment Repair Shop. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in January of 2000. In September 2000, he reported to MALS-31, MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina. During this tour he attained his Certification/Qualification as a Team Leader then later a Quality Assurance/Safety Observer (QASO) and Collateral Duty Inspector. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October 2001. In October 2002, he reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina for Drill Instructor School. Upon graduation in January 2003 he attended the Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival School graduating first in his class and earning him the secondary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 0918. He was then assigned to First Recruit Training Battalion, Charlie Company where he served as a Drill Instructor/Senior Drill Instructor developing 462 basically trained Marines. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in January 2006.

In April 2006, he reported to MALS-12, Iwakuni, Japan. During his tour he was nominated for the MCAA Ordnance Marine of the Year as well as the John W. Finn Award. In May of 2009, he reported to MALS-13, MCAS Yuma where he was assigned as the Ordnance SNCOIC. He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in November 2009. In August 2010 he deployed with MALS-16 in support of OEF 10.2 where he served as the Ordnance Chief/SNCOIC. In May 2012, he reported as an Assistant Marine Officer Instructor at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI. There he was named Senior Enlisted Leader of the Quarter and also of the year. He was promoted to First Sergeant in September 2013. In October 2013, he reported to 3d Battalion, 6th Marines, and was assigned as the Company First Sergeant of Company K. In December of 2014 he deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. In November 2015, he reported to School of Infantry-East, and was assigned to Advanced Infantry Training Battalion (AITB) as the Company First Sergeant. In March of 2016 he was assigned to Infantry Training Battalion as the Company First Sergeant of Company B.

In January of 2017, he returned to AITB as the Company First Sergeant and in July of 2017 assumed the role as Battalion Sergeant Major. He was promoted to his current rank in April 2018 and assumed his duties as the Sergeant Major of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 211. In July 2018, Sergeant Major Beckett deployed on the 13th MEU with VMFA-211 on the first F-35B combat deployment. In April 2021, he deployed aboard the United Kingdom ship, Her Majesty's Ship Queen Elizabeth on a multinational deployment as part of Carrier Strike Group 21. Sergeant Major Beckett's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3rd award) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3rd award).

Official Party

Reviewing Officer	Lieutenant General James F. Glynn
Commanding Officer	Colonel David C. Hyman
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major John L. Beckett Jr.
Chaplain	Lieutenant Paul Garcia

Command Staff

Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Courtney Boston
Coordinator Student Activities	Captain Michael Mursuli
Student Activities Chief	Gunnery Sergeant Nytaysia Jamison
S-1 Officer	Captain Joseph Hautzenroeder
S-1 Chief	Master Sergeant Angelo Torres
S-3 Officer	Major Jeremy Laux
S-3 Chief	Master Sergeant Matthew Cale
Physical Training Advisor	Colour Sergeant James Carter
Drill Master	Gunnery Sergeant James Miller
S-4 Officer	Captain Tyler Womack
S-4 Chief	Sergeant Michael Watts
Academics Officer	Major Gregory Jamero
Academics Chief	Master Sergeant Alexis Gonzalez
Medical Officer	Commander Brian Iveson
OCS Medical Platoon Chief	Chief Petty Officer Ryan Junkin

Headquarters and Service Company

Company Commander	Captain Matthew Murray
Executive Officer	Captain Alexandria Bush
Company First Sergeant	First Sergeant Candice Puente
Company Gunnery Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Justin Kelly

Alpha Company Staff

Company Commander	Major Matthew Desmet
Executive Officer	Captain Larry Gonzales
First Sergeant	First Sergeant John Walker Jr.
Gunnery Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Tye Belmore
Police Sergeant	Lance Corporal Adrain Moreno
Administrative Clerk	Private First Class Joloni Williams
Company Corpsman	HM2 Patrick Harrison

1st Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Cameron Baird
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Shawn Roxby
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Minh Vo
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Stephen Wills

2d Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Joshua Moore
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Neathaniel Ridgley
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Jeremy Howerton

3d Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Santiago Quintana
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Matthew Davies
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Michel Garcia
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Arturo Velasco

4th Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Justin Vetterl
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Michael Miano
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Joshua Cordy
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Alex Estrada

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1st Platoon

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JOSHUA M. DELGADO
RYAN A. DEPUGH
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RAYMOND E. GAZZO
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JONATHAN D. JONES
BRANDON P. KENTOLALL
ADRIAN C. KLINE
LUKAS G. LAMER
JALIN P. LEATHERMAN
JOSHUA R. LEE
DAVID A. LOPEZ
ETHAND. MARTELL
JAMES E. MCDONOUGH
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THOMAS C. MIZZONE
NATHAN R. MORRISON
EMMANUELLE R. NOCUM
CARLOS M. PAJARODONADO
KURT W. PITHA
JONATHAN C. RAMOS
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TIMOTHY W. RODRIGUEZ
BRANDON L. ROSARIO
WILLIAM E. SEALE
STEPHEN D. SHIRK

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THOMAS M. SIEGEL
PHILIP P. STEPHENS
CHRISTIAN E. TOLBERT
JORDAN R. TOOMAN
RILEY N. WACASEY
NATHAN A. WORLEY
ISAAC S. YBARRA

2nd Platoon

KAIJ. AGUILA
CONNOR M. ALMAZAN
PATRICK J. BARRON
MARK E. BROWN
LENNOND. BRUNEY
ADAM T. BURNEY
MARCUS H. CANNON
MICAH D. CASTLEMAN
CHACE E. CLECKLEY
WILTON A. COX
ALEX J. DANA
SEAN M. DOBSON
JOSEPH R. GANNON
RICHARD S. GAUVINLADUKE
RILEY C. GEORGE
JIMMY J. GONZALEZ
DANIEL W. HARRISON
ANTHONY M. IDOL
DOUGLAS L. JOHNSON
ULYSSES B. KAMRANI
MATTHEW T. KOENIG
HUNGYU LAM
ANDREW D. LEKWOLD
ISAAC A. MACKEY
OSNIEL E. MAGARINO
ANDREW D. MARTIN
DZIUGAS MEILUTIS
PETER J. MELNYK

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2nd Platoon

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TYLER J. PAYNE
OWEN S. PELLETIER
MITCHELL H. RADER
ISAAC ROJAS
ANDREW J. ROWAN
JESUS G. SALCIDO
DAVID V. SALDIVAR
MARCO P. SMITHAMAYA
CORY D. SPATZ
CAMERON W. STEWART
DAVID P. SWAN
CONNOR D. TRESTER
TREVOR VARANO
LOGAN D. WANN
MATTHEW L. ZACHARIAS

3rd Platoon

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CHARLES G. BARNESWHITE
BRADY T. BLACK
KYLE M. CATANIA
BENJAMIN H. CHILDERS
MARCELO O. CLARK
JOSE A. CRUZ
AUSTINE. DAY
TYLER J. DISABELLA
TYLER J. ERVIN
RICARDO A. ESCALANTE
JOEL M. GARRISON
CHRISTIAN G. GONZALEZ
BENJAMIN F. GUERRA
JONATHAN H. HAZLEHURST
AARON C. JOHNSON
AUSTIN J. JULIUS
NICOLAS A. LANKFORD
SINH D. LE
MICHAEL A. LEMKE

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NICHOLAS A. MARUCCI
ENGLAND P. MCDANIELS
PATRICK A. MCDERMOTT
DYLAN L. MILLER
ANTHONY G. MILOSCIA
ANDREW J. NEAL
NAROBERT PECH
JOSHUA E. PHILLIPS
NICHOLAS T. RAUCHWARG
ERIC M. SHELDON
SCHUYLER J. SMITH
MICHAEL O. STOECKEL
BLAKE A. SWANSON
RAMSEY J. THOMAS
ROY S. VELASCO
ALEXANDER M. VERMEULEN
THOMAS M. VOGELGESANG
ALEX J. WILLBANKS
COLLINR. WILSON

4th Platoon

WILLIAM D. BAKER
TOMAS J. BARRIENTOS
CARLOS J. BAUTISTA
JORDAN J. BENNETT
WILLIAM Z. BRZEZINSKI
HENRY B. CHRISTOPHER
ALEX C. CLOUD
ANDREW H. DANIELL
MITCHELL W. DEAN
RYAN P. ELKINS
CHASE A. ENFINGER
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ROBERT J. ESTES
CHASE A. FORTIER
DANIEL J. GILMER
BRANDON S. GRANGER

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PATRICK T. KELLY
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JUSTIN J. LEE
NICHOLAS V. MARIANI
GREGORY R. MAYER
LUIS E. MUNIZ SANCHEZ
JOSHUA H. NEWMAN
EJIKE E. OKPA
DEVEN W. PARKER
CONNOR L. PENCE
ALEXIS C. PENDLETON
JACOB D. PITCHFORD
RALPH A. PROPHETE
TIMOTHY L. SANCHEZ
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AUSTIN D. STURDIVANT
ALISHER A. TANIMURA
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Executive Officer
First Sergeant
Gunnery Sergeant
Police Sergeant
Administrative Clerk
Company Corpsman

Major Jared Swancer
Captain Ray Hernandez
First Sergeant Grant Moran
Gunnery Sergeant John Paxson
Private First Class James Doering
Private First Class Evan Maskell
HM2 Andrew Williams

1st Platoon

Platoon Commander
Platoon Sergeant
Sergeant Instructor
Sergeant Instructor

Captain Catherine Baniakas
Gunnery Sergeant Loan Nguyen
Gunnery Sergeant Mary Ann Jose
Gunnery Sergeant Brittany May

2d Platoon

Platoon Commander
Platoon Sergeant
Sergeant Instructor
Sergeant Instructor

Captain Joshua Arvizu
Gunnery Sergeant Jason Sabatar
Gunnery Sergeant Tyler Huber
Gunnery Sergeant Carlos TrianaPadilla

3d Platoon

Platoon Commander
Platoon Sergeant
Sergeant Instructor
Sergeant Instructor

Captain Matthew Carr
Gunnery Sergeant Noel Desantiago
Gunnery Sergeant Xavier Jordan
Staff Sergeant Patricio Parra

4th Platoon

Platoon Commander
Platoon Sergeant
Sergeant Instructor
Sergeant Instructor

Captain Christopher Wolf
Gunnery Sergeant Brett Thompson
Gunnery Sergeant Luis Ibarra
Staff Sergeant Ivan Rodriguez

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LUN S. CIANG
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DATRA C. DAVIS
SARAH K. DEJESUS
CARSON E. DURHAM
RINIAH A. FOOR
KOURTNI T. GILES
SUELLEN A. JACOB
NICOLE M. LETTER
FIONA M. LYLE
ALLYSSA N. MCBYERS
JESSICA D. MCFADDEN
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JESSICA L. RAY
LINDSAY T. REEVE
HANNAH M. ROWE
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LINDSAY P. SAAD
FREYA S. SCHALLA
SHELBY A. SIPE
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HOPE M. TIMBERLAKE
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ALYSSA M. YEARICK

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ALEXANDER J. CARPENTIERE
SAMUEL P. CLARK

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GABRIEL K. FALLIN
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JAKE W. GUERRERO
KENJI K. GUTTORG
MITCHELL R. HAAG
NOAH R. HEYDT
RYAN S. HOULAHAN
IAN P. HUNT
JEFFREY C. KREMER
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AUSTIN D. LANEY
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MITCHELL R. MULVEHILL
MACKENZIE D. NEWSOME
MACDONELL ORELUS
THOMAS J. PINCUS
ANDREW J. RAFTER
TROY E. RIEMAN
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BENJAMIN N. RODMAN
RHONAN V. RUSH
ADAM J. SANCHEZ
MATTHEW D. SANDER
VINCENT R. SANTIAGO
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WILLIAM H. ONGAY
JOSHUA A. ORTIZ
NOLAN T. POWERS
ZACHARY J. READ
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DYLAN L. SCHAEFER
CHASE P. SCHINELLA
MATTHEW W. SPROUSE
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NIKOLAS TREMBLAY
HENRY K. TRUZY
THOMAS JOHN A. UDAN
TYLER M. VANDAM

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AUSTIN J. BILLIOT
ANDREW J. BONGIOVANNI
RANDALL F. BOWKER
ANDREW M. CAPUL
SEAN P. CLARK
CALEB H. COBB
JAKOB S. CONSTANT
JEREMY A. FILLER
CHARLIE FRANCO
JEFFREY D. FRAZIER
JACOB S. FUNK
AIDAN J. HANSON
GRIFFIN K. HENDRICKS
JOSE M. HIDALGO
ADAM C. KIZUN
SCOTT T. LAANE
MATTHEW J. LAZUSKY
LUKE W. LOCKHART
GUNNAR M. LUCKOSKI
MATTHEW L. MARSHALL
THEODORE S. MCCORD
JOSEPH S. MEYERS
CHRISTOPHE R. MORALES
BRANDON L. NGUYEN
COLE A. PALERMO
JACK H. PURSER
MARLON M. RAMIREZ
JUANPABLO RODRIGUEZ
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MORTON J. ROOP

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4th Platoon

OLIVER Q. ROSE

JERONIMO SILVAS

ZACHARY C. STETTER

JUSTIN B. VARNER

JUSTIN J. VISS

COLLIN J. WEBB

JEFFREY D. WIK

GRANT T. WOLFE

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SHIHZAN I. YAO

The History of Officer Candidates School

The legacy of officer selection in the Marine Corps is rich with history and honor which developed over the past 125 years to its present day home of Brown Field in Quantico, Virginia. The current road to a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Officer Candidates School begins with one of several programs: The Officer Candidates Course (OCC), the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC), or the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC). Each course is a screening process with the mission to educate and train candidates in Marine Corps knowledge and skills in order to evaluate and screen individuals for the leadership, moral, mental, and physical qualities required for commissioning as a Marine Corps officer.

The origins of the first officer's training school began in 1891 when Marine Corps General Order No. 1 established the first formal resident school for Marine officers, the School of Application at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. Since its establishment, Marine Corps officer selection relocated to meet the man-power requirements of the era. In 1909, the school moved to the Marine Barracks at Annapolis, Maryland and was renamed the Marine Officers' School; and, in 1910, it moved to Norfolk, Virginia. The U.S. involvement in World War I presented the need for an increase in the size of all the Armed Services and the Marine Corps was no exception. To meet this need for qualified officers to serve with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe, a decision was made to move the instructional effort to Quantico where individual replacements and new units were being formed for the war. Quantico was where all new officers went and the Officers Camp of Instruction, organized at Quantico in July 1917, was the place they received their training. Its original location was near Barnett Avenue, approximately one-half mile south of what is now the town of Quantico. In April of 1918, the school was formalized and titled the Officers Training Camp.

In the Fall of 1919, the Commanding General of Marine Base Quantico, Major General John A. Lejeune, established the Marine Corps Officers Training School and the Marine Officers Infantry School. These two schools were subsequently combined in 1920 to become the Marine Officers Training School. By 1922, this school had further evolved into the Field Officers Course (modeled after the Army's Command and General Staff School) and the Company Officers Course, both designed to teach tactics, topography, law, administration, and engineering, among other subjects. A third course, called The Basic School (TBS) was designed to indoctrinate new Marine Lieutenants in the duties of infantry leaders.

It was during this period, having proved itself on the battlefields of France, that a still growing Marine Corps began recruiting potential officers from colleges and universities through the NROTC program. Second Lieutenants commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy, NROTC units, and qualified enlisted Marines who had been commissioned reported to TBS for instruction. Officer training continued to expand and, in 1924, TBS moved to Philadelphia due to a shortage of suitable classrooms and officers billeting in Quantico.

In 1934, the Marine Corps introduced the PLC, selecting students from certain colleges that did not have a ROTC. In the spring of 1935, PLC was organized at Quantico and San Diego. Under this new program, college graduates were appointed Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve after two six-week training periods. Lieutenant Colonel Clifton B. Cates, commanded the first 200 candidates at Quantico in July 1935. In July of 1940, Colonel Lemuel Shepard Jr headed a special unit tasked with training additional officer candidates. This unit became the OCC and received the mission to train potential officers "in the fundamentals of military discipline, and in the school of the soldier, squad, and platoon and to select those qualified for commission in order to provide capable and well-fitted officers for the Marine Corps Reserve." On 1 November 1940, OCC-1 became the first class to graduate in Quantico.

The wartime demands of 1943 prompted the Commandant to establish temporary candidate detachments at Camp Elliot, California and at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The PLC was reestablished in 1944 and except for a temporary move to Parris Island, South Carolina in 1951, it has remained at Quantico. The addition of the PLC program to officer candidate training led to another reorganization, and in 1944, the Officer Candidates Class was renamed Officer Candidates School. TBS reopened in September 1945, and by 1947, through various reorganizations, had assumed responsibility for the training of all officer candidates, including those of the PLC and the NROTC. Coincident with these reorganizations, TBS moved from its first home on Barnett Avenue to Brown Field at the site of the old Airfield No. 1.

The history of Brown Field and its namesake is a prime example of the quality leader that Marine Officer Candidates strive to become. In 1921, Marine Aviator Second Lieutenant Walter Vernon Brown perished when his bi-plane crashed into the Potomac River. His leadership and care for his Marines was well known throughout his unit and it was that commitment to his Marines that led to a memorial being constructed and the airfield being named Brown Field. Officer Candidates School remains the caretaker of Second Lieutenant Brown's memorial and honors his memory through welcoming guests to Brown Field, home of Officer Candidates School.

During World War II, potential Marine Corps Reserve women officers were trained at Mount Holyoke College and Smith College. The passage of the Women's Armed Service Integration Act in 1948 enabled women Marines to serve for the first time as members of the regular establishment. In 1949, to accommodate this new requirement for women officers, the Women Officer Training Course was established under the cognizance of OCS.

TBS headquarters left Brown Field in early 1955 and relocated to Camp Upshur where it could be closer to its training activities. A newly formed unit, the Training and Test Regiment, took over the training activities remaining at Brown Field, and became the unit responsible for training officer candidates of the various officer procurement programs. On 1 June 1963, the regiment was re-designated the Officer Candidates School. The last reorganization occurred in 1977 when women officer training was placed under the cognizance of the Commanding Officer of Officer Candidates School. Those who are successful at Officer Candidates School have the privilege of leading and serving Marines.

The Marines' Hymn

*From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.*

*Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev'ry clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.*

*Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.*



Ductus Exemplo



Leadership by Example