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Leadership by Example

**Graduation
Ceremony for
Platoon Leaders Class Seniors
Lima Company**



**Officer Candidates School
Training Command
Quantico, Virginia
12 August, 2023**

Sequence of Events

*Invocation**

Staff Awards

March On

Sound Off

Receive the Report

Publish the Orders

Officers Center

*Honors to
Brigadier General Maura M. Hennigan**

*National Anthem**

Presentation of Awards

Remarks by Colonel David C. Hyman

Remarks by Brigadier General Maura M. Hennigan

Pass in Review

Exchange Guidon

*Benediction**

*Anchors Aweigh**

*Marines' Hymn**

*** Please stand**

On 20 July 1942, The Basic School was deactivated at Philadelphia and its functions were absorbed by the Candidates' Class at Quantico. The Candidates' Class was redesignated 1 April 1944 as Officer Candidates' School. In 1944 the policy had been to select men for officer training who have been in the Marine Corps at least four months; since such men already have some military background and to avoid repetition of previous instruction Officer Candidates School was redesignated on 28 December 1944. This new school was named the Platoon Commanders' School. It was planned so that future officer candidates would receive only a concentration of the more practical subjects considered vital to a platoon leader in combat.

As World War II took its toll on the number of junior officers, the Corps expanded temporary promotions. Letter of Instruction Number 969 of 1945 stated that any enlisted man who has served or is serving overseas in the war, and who is considered to be of officer caliber, is eligible for a temporary commission as a second lieutenant in either the regular Corps or Reserves. Three hundred of these candidates per month were to be selected and returned from the units in the Fleet Marine Force by 1 July 1945 for training.

The course of instruction at the Platoon Commanders' School included basic weapons, map reading, aerial photography, signal communications, chemical warfare, combat intelligence, staff organization, law and administration, tactics of the rifle squad, rifle platoon and rifle company, tactics of the machinegun section squad and platoon, tactics of the 60mm mortar section, squad and 81mm mortar section, squad and platoon, field artillery in support of infantry and landing operations.

The history of The Basic School and Officers Candidate School merge for several years. On 3 October 1945, Platoon Commanders' School was redesignated The Basic School and the Officer Candidate Course was made subordinate to TBS. However, in July 1955 with the relocation of The Basic School from Brown Field to Camp Upshur, the responsibility for training officer candidates was reassigned to the newly activated Training and Test Regiment.

Women Marine Officers

After the initial selection under the so-called transfer program (from Women Marine Reserves to Regulars) in 1948, the only source of women officers was through the commissioning of second lieutenants who successfully completed the Women Officers' Training Class. The class, which vaguely resembled the male Platoon Leaders Course, was conducted at the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico. WOTC, as it was known, was the responsibility of the Commandant of the Marine Corps Schools and fell under the operational control of the Education Center and the administrative control of Headquarters Battalion.

The class, held only in the summer, was divided into two six-week periods: the first a junior course; and the second a senior course. College graduates and seniors attended both sessions, juniors attended only the junior course, and qualified enlisted women were scheduled only for the senior course. Successful candidates who held a bachelor's degree and who were at least 21 years old would be commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve. Only seven honor graduates were offered Regular commissions and these then attended an additional eight week Women Officers' Basic Indoctrination Course (WOIC) held at the Basic School.

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.

Brigadier General Maura M. Hennigan President, Marine Corps University



Brigadier General Hennigan was commissioned through Office’s Candidate Course as a Second Lieutenant, June 1994 after graduating from Mary Washington College and studying abroad in 1993.

Brigadier General Hennigan has had the honor of commanding at various levels. She served as a platoon commander, C Company with 3d Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group and as Headquarters and Services Detachment Commander, with Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 31, III Marine Expeditionary Force; Headquarters and Service Company Commander with 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force; Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 372, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; and Commanding Officer Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3d Marine Logistics Group.

Brigadier General Hennigan’s staff assignments include: Protocol Officer, III Marine Expeditionary Force; Battalion S-4 at 2d Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force; Facility S-4 and S-6, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay; G-4 Operations and Plans Officer, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing; G-4 Maritime Prepositioning Force Officer and G-4 Operations and Plans Officer, I Marine Expeditionary Force; and as the Chief of Staff for 3d Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. I

In the Supporting Establishment, Brigadier General Hennigan served as a Legislative Liaison for the Office of Legislative Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps and as the Director, Marine Corps Legislative Liaison Office, United States House of Representatives.

Brigadier General Hennigan’s Joint and Coalition assignments include: G-3 Watch Officer, Marine Forces Europe, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM; Deputy, Plans and Programs Vulnerability Officer, J-3 and Deputy Capabilities and Plans Officer, J-8, United States Pacific Command; and CJ-4, Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan and in Special Operations Command – Yemen, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. Brigadier General Hennigan is a graduate of The Basic School, Logistics Officer Course, U.S. Army Combined Logistics Captains’ Career Course, and Marine Corps Command and Staff College. She attended the United States Institute of Peace as a Commandant’s Fellow and studied Women’s Peace and Security. Brigadier General Hennigan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from Mary Washington College and a Masters’ Degree of Public Administration and Policy from American University.

Brigadier General Hennigan’s personal decorations include: Legion of Merit (2), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Joint Service Commendation (2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2), and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement

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.

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.

5th Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Candace Valentine
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Brittany May
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Anne Henry
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Julie Martinez
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Maribel Garcia
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Ikea Kaufman
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Saydia Lama

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 1999 and assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 12, Iwakuni, Japan.

In August 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. He attained his Certification/Qualification as a Team Leader then later a Quality Assurance/Safety Observer 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, Rhode Island. 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.

In April 2018, he reported as the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 211 (VMFA-211) Sergeant Major. In June 2018, he deployed on the first F-35B combat deployment in support of the 13th MEU. In April 2021, he deployed aboard the United Kingdom ship, Her Majesties Ship Queen Elizabeth on a multinational deployment. In February 2022, he reported to Officer Candidates School where he currently serves as the Sergeant Major.

Sergeant Major Beckett's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3rd award), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3rd award).

Official Party

Parade Reviewing Officer	Brigadier General Maura M. Hennigan
Commanding Officer	Colonel David C. Hyman
Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major John L. Beckett Jr.
Chaplain	Lieutenant Paul Garcia

Command Staff

Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Skillman
Coordinator Student Activities	Captain Michael Mursuli
S-1 Officer	Captain Joseph Hautzenroeder
S-1 Chief	Master Sergeant Angelo Torres
S-3 Officer	Captain Catherine Baniakas
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
Senior Medical Officer	Lieutenant Commander Catherine Ridings
OCS Medical Platoon Chief	Senior Chief Petty Officer Ryan Junkin

Headquarters and Service Company

Company Commander	Captain Alexandria Bush
Company First Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Tye Belmore
Company Gunnery Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Justin Kelly

Lima Company Staff

Company Commander	Major Shane Kennelly
Executive Officer	Captain Larry Gonzales
First Sergeant	First Sergeant Joshua Cordy
Gunnery Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Ryan Crider
Physical Training Instructor	Corporal Anthony Rogel
Police Sergeant	Corporal Tanner Richardson
Administrative Clerk	Corporal Evante Toscano
Company Corpsman	HM3 Jordan Agustin

1st Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Caleb Griffin
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Jason Sabater
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Caleb Banks
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Miguel Gonzalez
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Dustin Spivey

2d Platoon

Platoon Commander	1stLt Daniel Longest
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Xavier Jordan
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Chaz King
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Daniel Garcia

3d Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Nathaniel Lambert
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Jeremy Howerton
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Bryce Lindsey
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Matthew Lucas
Sergeant Instructor	Staff Sergeant Willie Matlock

4th Platoon

Platoon Commander	Captain Christopher Wolf
Platoon Sergeant	Gunnery Sergeant Zachary O'Connor
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Sean Durkee
Sergeant Instructor	Gunnery Sergeant Christian Stark