



# WELCOME!



Greetings from the School of Infantry-West,

Let us be the first to welcome you to the 'SOI-West' family. We cannot tell you how excited we are to have you joining our team at this very special place. Founded in 1951, SOI-West has a rich legacy of teaching Marines of all ranks how to fight and win, while also developing and mentoring our instructors and staff into stellar Marines known as experts within their occupational field. You have the very unique opportunity to add to that history, and to make your mark on future Marines. Your students will be a reflection of you, your skills will vastly grow, and you will undoubtedly leave here as a stellar Marine among the best in our Corps.

For those family members reading this, these few years will be a great time for you as well. If you are currently at Camp Pendleton, you know the multitude of things to do and see here in beautiful Southern California. For those who are PCSing in from elsewhere, Southern California is a great place to live, with educational opportunities, available jobs, and many fun things to do. Your Marine will be busy, as we always are, but should have a reasonably predictable schedule. They will also be afforded every opportunity to be present for family events, and will be able to enjoy life with you and every member of your family.

Understanding that any PCS move is a stressful time, our team here, primarily through your assigned sponsor, will do everything we can to make this move as smooth as possible. Key to this will be open and honest two-way communication. Enclosed in this packet is a great deal of information to ease this transition to SoCal. If there is something we missed or that is unclear, please reach out to your sponsor, the staff member(s) listed in this packet, or to the school itself.

Again, we are very happy to welcome you to the SOI-West family, and we look forward to having three very rich and rewarding years alongside you and your family. Safe travels and we will see you soon!

Welcome and regards,

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SgtMaj Steve Burkett

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Colonel Seth MacCutcheon