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Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Bill Lisbor

Fireworks erupt over a statue of the Marine Corps War Memorial raising at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, during the base's annual Independence Day celebration July 4. Thousands of civilian and military spectators from throughout the area, as well as platoons of recruits, flocked to the depot's parade deck to watch

CMC to leaders: Make ethics training a priority

Gunnery Sqt. Bill Lisbon

Public Affairs Chief

Faced with a rash of unethical and ting headlines and besmirching the Corps' character, Parris Island's senior leaders recently learned some of the reasons why good Marines do bad

The atypical June 25 training that tackled fundamental motivations of human behavior and classic psychological studies included a subtext -Marines aren't getting continual ethics training and leaders need to incorporate more of it if they want to counter entropy of core values.

The training here was part of a Corpswide blitz held in late June by Marine Corps University to plant seeds for leaders to begin a grassroots approach to infuse more ethical training and mentoring amongst their Marines.

On March 23, the commandant of the Marine Corps published a letter to all generals, commanders, sergeants major and officers in charge detailing a crisis facing the Corps spawned

from highly publicized incidents - alluding to black eyes such as the nowinfamous video of Marines urinating on enemy bodies - now swaying pubimmoral behavior by Marines hit- lic perception of the nation's premiere military service.

"The high regard of our fellow citizens and our own self-image are at stake," Gen. James F. Amos wrote in White Letter 1-12.

Besides mere media attention on a few bad apples, Amos cited the incidents indicate complacency in the enforcement by leaders of the Corps' self-imposed high standards.

"This conduct is particularly troubling in that it portends a lack of discipline and accountability by Marines

and leadership; we are allowing our standards to erode," wrote Amos. The letter prefaced a Corpswide tour, which included an April 19 stop at Parris Island, by the commandant and the sergeant major of the Marine Corps to share their concerns with officers and senior enlisted leaders.

During those visits, dubbed "heritage briefs," Amos and Sgt. Maj. of

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Notice to boaters

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island is scheduled to conduct extended live-fire training Monday and Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. The marsh and waterways in the range impact area to include Archers Creek, Ribbon Creek and Edding Creek will be closed to boater traffic.

For questions regarding firing times and waterway closures, contact the Weapons and Field Training Battalion range control at 843-228-3170.



Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds, Parris Island commanding general, receives a certificate from Lin Ezell, director of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, recertifying the depot museum as a Marine Corps command museum June

Parris Island Museum recertified

Lance Cpl. **David Bessey**

Staff Writer

The Parris Island Museum was recertified as a Marine Corps command museum during a ceremony at the depot museum June 25.

Command museums must recertify every 10 years according to Marine Corps order.

The depot museum is one of three command museums in the Marine Corps. The only other museums are found at

MCRD San Diego and and maintain their muse-Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

The museums must submit a package for a recertification consisting of exhibits, quality of exhibits, command funding and more.

"Every command in the Marine Corps has the option to have their own museum," said Lin Ezell, museum director of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Va. "The museums exist to

support the command."

ums with their own funding. The only museum that is directly supported by the Marine Corps is the NMMC, said Ezell.

Museums will receive aid from the NMMC if they are struggling to make the criteria needed for certification, said Ezell.

"We have a depot museum because history is a very important part of the curriculum of recruit training here," said Stephen R. Wise, depot

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Marines from the Parris Island brass band perform during Parris Island's annual Independence Day celebration at Parris Island's main parade deck July 4.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Michael Rogers
Visitors and Marines
aboard the depot watch
the firework display during Parris Island's annual
Independence Day celebration July 4.The depot
was celebrating 236 years
of independence.

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Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds Commanding General MCRD Parris Island Eastern Recruiting Region

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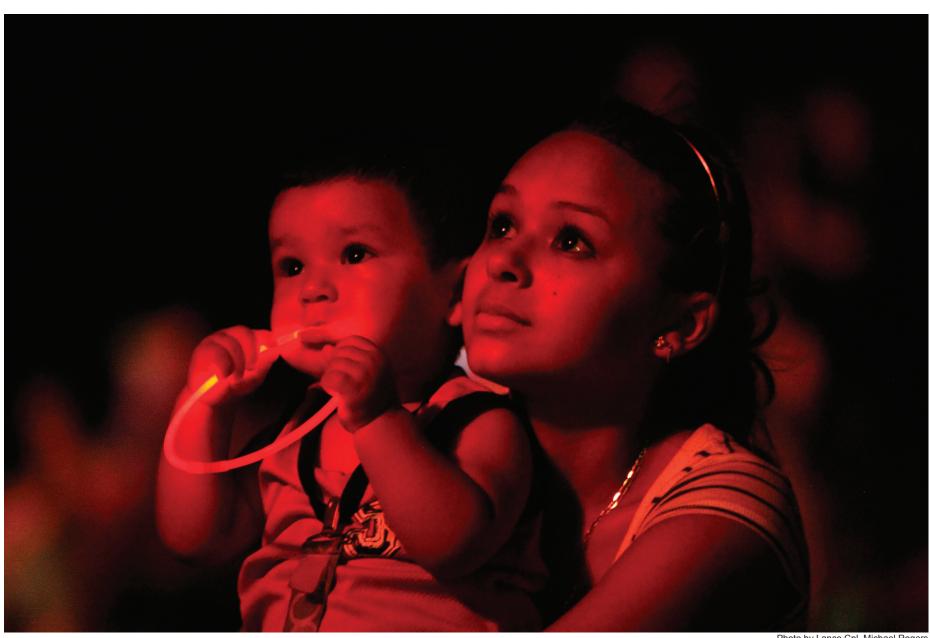


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This was our first time here, music ended with a clim "the "1812 Overtur ""he specta



Photo by Sgt. Jon Holmes

A child Windholtz applauses as the Parris Island brass band steps off the stage during Parris Island's annual Independence Day celebration July 4 at the depot's main parade deck.

"They're the ones

our country. Thank

willing to do that."

making sacrifices for

heavens we have guys

Thousands of people gathered at Parris Island's main parade deck to celebrate America's 236 years of independence as fireworks illuminated the night sky during the depot's annual celebration.

The event included a colors ceremony, live music from the Parris Island Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 533 at Marine Band, as well as a living history display from the Parris Island Historithe past four years, this was the best cal and Museum Society and the larg- fireworks display I've seen.'

est fireworks display in the Lowcountry.
One of the

highlights of evening was the band's performance of popular and patriotic music, which included "Stars and Stripes For-ever," "Armed Forces Medley" and "America."

These songs were chosen to highlight music from this great country, said Chief Warrant

Officer 2 Joshua Stone, director for the in 1968 while deployed in Vietnam. band. The band spent the past month practicing for the event.

Susan Rogers, a visitor from Atlanta. that."

"This was our first time here, and the music and atmosphere were amazing."

The music ended with a climatic performance of the "1812 Overture" signaling the beginning of the spectacular fireworks display, which was one of the most memorable events of the celebration.

"It was amazing," said Lance Cpl. Corey Henderson, a 22-year-old radar and communication technician

For some, having the celebration on a Marine base also added special meaning to the event.

"When you're around the military for an event like this, it makes a big difference," said Nancy Niehaus, a visitor Dayton, from Ohio.

The last time Niehaus here was in 1967 for her brother's, Lance Cpl. Dale Hess, graduation. He passed away

Nancy Niehaus

Vietnam War

A visitor whose brother

gave his life during the

"They're the ones making sacrifices for our country," Niehaus said. "Thank "The music was really excellent," said heavens we have guys willing to do

Commemorating 37 years of service on the Depot

Photo by Pfc. F. J. Abundes

After 37 years of service to Parris Island, Evelyn Simmons, lead supply technician for the Property Control **Branch, Supply and Services** Division, retired June 30. Simmons served in the Marine Corps for three years and began working as a civilian at Parris Island in 1975."I've completed what I needed to do," Simmons said. "It's time I go home and work on my spiritual life." Simmons said she plans on doing missionary work after her retirement. Cathy Stump, Simmons' supervisor, said Simmons supervised mpore than 60 Consolidated Memorandum Receipts, manages supply systems and is a very devout worker.



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the Marine Corps Micheal Barrett shared anecdotes of meetings with legislators who didn't doubt the Corps' combat effectiveness but questioned its character, arguably the quality that ensures a steadfast,

supportive place in the hearts of Americans. "We've got good Marines doing stupid things, and it looks bad on all of us," Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds, depot commanding general, told her commanders and senior Marines before the recent training held

in the depot's theater. Up front, the instructors disclosed they didn't have the magic cure to prevent their Marines' ethical quandaries or a definitive culprit toward whom to finger point.

Instead, the instructors showed how ethical decisions are affected by well-established patterns of human behavior and that without moral guideposts and constant reinforcement of acceptable behavior for Marines, they risk rationalizing unethical behavior as a solution.

"If we're not training our Marines morally and ethically, why are we surprised when we have all these problems," said Lt. Col. Wayne Beyer, director of the leadership department at the Marine Corps' Command and Staff College in Quantico, Va.

The most important role for ethical leaders is to be an example for Marines to look toward when faced with a moral challenge, said Beyer. "Be the lighthouse," he said.





Charles H. Burns Jr., 65, embraces his son, Pfc. Ryan C. Burns, 20, following his graduation from Marine Corps recruit training June 29 on Parris Island, while uncle, Thomas W. Cook, grandmother, Eulalia Cook, and mother, Lisa Burns, look on. Charles Burns, a former chief petty officer in the Navy and Vietnam veteran who is terminally ill, promised his son that if he finished Marine Corps boot camp he'd make the arduous trip from their home in Rockland, Mass., to see his graduation. Both men kept their end of the bargain: Ryan Burns earned the title of United States Marine and Charles Burns arrived on Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island June 26 to witness the graduation. "I honestly don't know what keeps him going," said Ryan Burns. "I wish to be half the man he is." Ryan Burns graduated from Platoon 2053, Hotel Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

Dying dad keeps promise to witness son become Marine

Lane Lambert The Patriot Ledger

ROCKLAND. Mass. - Charles Burns was a tired but happy man the afternoon of June 29. That morning, the dying Vietnam War and Navy veteran watched with pride as his son, Pfc. Ryan Burns, passed in review and graduated from the Marine Corps' Platoon 2053, Hotel Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, at Parris Island.

Charles Burns, who's 65, has heart failure. He knows he doesn't have a lot of time left - but months ago, he prom- but days before his ised his 20-year-old son tour ended, a grenade he'd be there to see his boot camp graduation.

"That's the bet we made," Charles Burns said. "I told him, if you graduate, I'll get there to see you."

After weeks of planning, extra medical care and days of highway travel with his wife, Lisa Burns, he got his wish - and when Ryan Burns passed by in formation, Charles Burns stood to salute him.

"For him to do that for me, in his condition I'm speechless," Ryan Burns said in a telephone call.

When Hotel Company broke formation on the parade ground, Ryan Burns hurried over to share a hug with his father amid scores of other families as his mom looked on with tears of

"He's a man now," Lisa Burns said.

"All of us parents thought the same thing at once," Charles Burns said. "We did something right."

Charles and Lisa Burns had only one chance to talk to Ryan Burns since he began basic training in April. They got a surprise call from him on Memorial Day weekend - he had one of the top performances on the rifle range, so he got to make the call as a

reward. Aside from the call, the family's only communication has been old-fashioned letters. In one of Ryan Burns' recent letters to his mother, he said "it means everything to me" that his father plans to see him graduate.

"I hope I will amount to half the man he is," Ryan Burns wrote. know it's hard for him to keep fighting."

Charles Burns joined the fight when he was even younger than his son is now. He signed up for the Navy when

he graduated from Wey- low crew member and in 1992. His parents say was in Vietnam in mid-1966, and he spent his tour as a crew member on patrols in the Mekong River Delta, the southernmost jungle region of South Vietnam.

They nicknamed themselves "river rats." As they maneuvered up and down the delta's narrow tributaries to support Marine and Army units onshore, they "were fired on day in and day out" by Viet Cong guerrillas and North Vietnamese forces, Charles Burns said.

He wasn't wounded, ambush killed a fel-

mouth High in 1965. He sank their boat. Burns he set his heart on miliand the other survivors were in the water until another patrol boat arrived to rescue them.

Charles Burns left Vietnam in January 1968, a few weeks before the Tet offensive. Back home in Weymouth, he went to work as a power lineman for Boston Edison. He kept the job until a stroke forced him into retirement in 1998. He met Lisa Burns, who is a teacher, a decade earlier at a Rock-

land golf course. "We played nine holes and came off the course holding hands," she

tary service when he watched news about the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks as a fourthgrader. He graduated from Rockland High in 2010 and tried a year at Massasoit Community College. Last fall he enlisted in the Marines, like he always said he would.

By the time Ryan signed Burns up, Charles Burns had spent six months in the hospital, getting treated for his failing heart. Earlier strokes and diabetes disqualified him from getting a heart transplant or even a Ryan Burns was born heart pump. In Septem- the attention of South with permission.

ber, he was sent home to hospice care.

Charles Burns' promise to his son inspired an outpouring of well wishes and financial support when The Patriot Ledger of Quincy, Mass., published his story for Father's Day. Already in the care of

pice, Charles Burns got help with car repairs, travel and other expenses from numerous groups and individuals. Several readers offered to pay the family's air fare, but Lisa Burns said they drove for

visiting nurses and hos-

and care.

nurse Lisa Terwilliger, who provided medical help before and after graduation. She the also helped arrange VIP seating for Charles Burns.

Now the family is heading home to Rockland. Ryan Burns will be with them, on a short leave time before he moves on to advanced training at another Marine Corps base. He hasn't been home since April.

"It'll be good," said.

Editor's Note: This report is compiled Charles Burns' comfort from several stories published by The Pa-The story also caught triot Ledger. Reprinted

Summer safety stands strong at Parris Island

Pfc. Caitlin Maluda Staff Writer

Sunburns, scraped knees and burnt burgersit's summer time! Students are released from school, the neighborhood pool is full, and the grills are ready for use as people kick off the summer and their sandals.

However, the summer fun can come to an abrupt halt when problems arise from alcohol abuse, sunburns and a lack of motorcycle awareness.

Going out with friends, taking long trips on the weekend and spending time at the beach may be on some individual's to-do list, but this fun comes with risks.

SUNBURNS

Participating in sports out in the sun or spending time out by the water sound like fun, but these activities can leave people a little discolored if they're not careful.

Sunburns are caused by exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun and can leave an individual in slight discomfort the day after or in pain with noticeable blisters for the next week, said Navy Chief Petty Officer John Turbeville, an independent duty corpsman for the 4th Recruit Training Battalion Basic Aid Station.

Sunburn can cause nausea, fatigue and dehydration, Turbeville said.

A first-degree burn consists of reddish skin that is hot to the touch, said Turbeville, a 37-year-old native of New Orleans. It damages the skin tissue and causes pain. If blisters are involved it becomes a second-degree burn. Blisters often open and can lead to infection.

Sunburns are easy to prevent. Wearing longsleeved shirts, hats and sunscreen can provide proper protection from ultraviolet rays.

"You want to look for sunscreen with protection from UV rays - something that's water resistant," said Turbeville, "You have to reapply it every so ofwater activities like being in the pool."

Everyone should take care of their skin and remember to use Sunburns sunscreen. shouldn't stop the summer fun.

ALCOHOL

A common sight at the neighbor's barbeque is a bottle or can of alcohol in the hand of the person in charge of the grill. Alcohol is the common denominator across the spectrum of domestic disputes, sexual assaults and suicides, said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Fanta, one of Parris Island's safety specialists.

Unsupervised alcohol use mixed with recreational activities can lead to unexpected accidents. It can turn an innocent day at the neighbor's barbeque, a camping trip or a family reunion into an unruly situation.

People who become intoxicated are not only a threat to themselves but to the people around them, whether they know it or not, Fanta said.

People become intoxicated and don't think before they act, said Fanta. They go out to have a good time and start adding a little alcohol with what they are doing and accidents occur.

Twice a year, the Executive Force Preservation Board is held. This course is led by the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps and is a discussion about mixed topics on safety.

According to the safety specialist, the Executive Force Preservation Board recently discussed alcohol abuse during one of their meetings. Ultimately they are trying to keep people from hurting themselves or others while they are out drinking.

Boating, being out on the beach or even playing sports can be dangerous when mixed with alcohol. Have fun this summer, and remember alcohol is best used under the supervision of someone not under the influence.

MOTORCYLES

Driving down the highway, an inconsiderate driver can be an inconveten to keep the protection nience if he is not paying going, especially during attention. However, the encounter can become



Lance Cpl. Iris Santana, a fiscal clerk with the disbursing office at Camp Lejeune, N.C., sprays on sunscreen before going to work. Sunscreen protects individuals from ultraviolet rays that cause sunburns and can lead to skin cancer.

cially for motorcyclist.

Incidents like that can be dangerous if one vehicle is much smaller than the other, and not as easy to spot.

The temperature tends to stay warm year-round in the state of South Carolina. For motorcycle riders, this means riding season is never closed.

"Most of the motorcycle accidents that we hear about involve being cut off by another car," said Fanta. "Another vehicle caused them to wreck.

cycle driver slammed on the brakes and crashed."

In addition to watching out for other vehicles and being a defensive driver, motorcyclists must wear protective gear to include jackets or a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, pants and Department of Transportation-approved helmets. Other than these safety precautions, there is not much motorcyclists can do to protect themselves.

"They aren't going to be as big in your rearview mirror. They fit into

tive of Dannebrog, Neb., 'You'll go to merge and won't see them until it's too late."

Most motorcyclists on Parris Island have gone through the Basic Riders Course, the first level in motorcycle safety for Marines.

"That's the first thing you hear after an accident. The majority of people on PI have been trained," said Fanta. "Car drivers just need to pay more attention."

The vehicle didn't see blind spots better," said trip occurs, make sure to healthy, and watch out

two to check the mirrors for more than just fourwheeled vehicles sharing the road.

The summer months are often looked forward to after the cold season. Flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, and the neighborhood kids are on the loose again.

Safety is something everyone should be aware of, not only for their own family, but the families around them.

So this summer, drink The next time a road responsibly, keep skin

MUSEUM

museum curator. "It is the first impression

the families of new Marines have of the Marine Corps," Wise said.

The museum was first opened in 1976 as a provisional command museum and was first certified as a full status museum Jan. 8, 1993, Wise said.

The annual cost for maintaining the museum is approximately \$22,000, said Wise.

The museum has big plans for the future.

"We are planning on installing an Afghanistan exhibit, former famous Marines exhibit, local military history and current recruit training." Wise said.





(Right) Lt. Col. Gabrielle Hermes, the incoming commanding officer for 4th Recruit Training Battalion at Parris Island, accepts the unit colors from (Left) 1st Sgt. Claudia Fuller, first sergeant for Papa Company, during a change-of-command ceremony June 27. Hermes replaced Lt. Col. Maria Marte as the commanding officer for the only female recruit training battalion in the Marine Corps.



Photo by Cpl. Timothy Lenzo

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Norberto Zamora, a hospital corpsman with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, cooks luncheon meat in Afghanistan on June 5. Corpsmen in the field need to bring a wide variety of medical tools and supplies to be prepared for any injury that may occur.

Cpl. Timothy Lenzo 1st Marine Division

KAJAKI, Afghanistan - The brotherhood and friendly rivalry between sailors and Marines spans

across the history of both

military branches. Whether it's a sailor jokingly calling a Marine a "jarhead" or a Marine retorting with calling the sailor a "squid," the two branches are always closely linked. Corpsmen, who support both the Navy and Marine Corps, often find themselves stuck in the crossfire.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Norberto Zamora, a hospital corpsman with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, finds himself surrounded by Marines every day.

Service members from the Army, Navy and Air Force can find it difficult to attach to a Marine infantry company because they must earn the respect of the Marines around them. They have to be able to prove themselves.

'We always tease (Zamora) about being a sailor," said Lance Cpl. Kevin Wallen, an infantryman with the battalion. "He jokes back and holds his own with the Marines."

Zamora, a native of Houston, looked forward to proving himself to the Marines. That challenge attracted him to becoming a Fleet Marine Force corpsman. The FMF corpsmen are Navy personnel assigned to Marine units.

He added that as a child he always pushed himself to overcome obstacles. He views his time serving with the Marine Corps as his next challenge.

"Being (with Marines) gives (me) a lot of opportunities to push myself," said Zamora.

Zamora is one of two corpsmen with 3rd Platoon, G Company. Together, they are responsible for the medical needs of 38 Marines.

"(We're) the only medical provider out here," Zamora said. "I have to be ready for any kind of scenario."

Marines often spend multiple days in the field, requiring corpsmen like Zamora to carry enough supplies to support the platoon.

"Zamora puts his medical gear before any com-

forts out here," Wallen tures more than 120 desaid. "His pack is as heavy as everyone else's.'

A corpsman's pack contains everything from emergency gauze to allergy medicine. Zamora also carries extra water to battle the adverse conditions.

"We have to worry a lot about dehydration, especially with the heat," Zamora said.

Marines face tempera-

grees Fahrenheit and with packs weighing anywhere between 70-100 pounds so heat casualties are a high concern.

"He's always preparing himself," said Wallen, a native of Gardiner, Mont. "I've seen him take hours of his time setting his medical gear up and checking his pack over."

Zamora's put his train-

ing to the test within the first week of arriving in Afghanistan. On his second day, a patrol detonated an improvised explosive device. Three casualties were coming back to the base – and coming fast.

"I woke up to someone yelling 'corpsmen up!" Zamora recalled.

The casualties' injuries varied from shrapnel to the face, lacerations to the body and an amputated leg. It was a reminder to Zamora of the realities of deployment. remember think-

ing this is the real deal," Zamora added. "This was what I was trained to do." Zamora treated the casualties with five other corpsmen from the battalion.

Zamora said he realized that his patients' lives were in his hands and his

training immediately took over. It's a responsibility Zamora doesn't take for granted.

"I continue to train hard and carry extra gear because I want to be ready for anything," Zamora shared. "I know these guys depend on me. I can't let them down. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else but with these guys – out here."

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MCRD PARRIS ISLAND ILY DAY SCHEDULE

MCRD Parris Island has expanded the events and activities available to families who are coming aboard the Depot to see their son or daughter graduate and become a Marine. The adjacent schedule outlines the events that are now offered to our new Marines' families and loved ones. The times and locations of these events are subject to change. For the most current information, please visit http://www.mccs-sc.com/recruitfamilies.







Welcome to Family Orientation Day at Parris Island

AM-10PM	.Marine Corps Exchange (MOX) Open
AM-6PM	.Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
AM-5PM	.Engraving Shop open
2:30AM-4PM	.Douglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival
	Java Café (9AM-11:30AM)
	Graduation Station (8AM-4PM)
AM-4PM	.Family Check-in at the Douglas Visitors' Center; Java Café open 9AM-12PM
0AM-12:30PM	.Marine Corps 101, including a "Behind the Scenes" tour, at Douglas
	Visitors' Center
UNCH	.Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club), Food Court, Subway, Golf Course,
	Back Yard Burgers
:30PM-3:30PM	.Family Orientation Brief at the Lyceum
PM-8PM	.Steak Night at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club).
	Reservations required

Welcome to Family Liberty Day at Parris Island

6AM-4PM	.Douglas Visitors' Center open - please register upon arrival
	Java Café (6AM-2PM)
	Graduation Station (6AM-4PM)
6AM-10PM	.Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
6AM-6PM	.Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Food Court Open
7AM-5PM	.Engraving Shop open
	.Motivational Run - Peatross Parade Deck
8AMMA8	.Depot Museum Opens
8:15AM	.All Weather Training Facility (AWTF) Opens
9:30AM-10AM	Battalion Commander's Brief to Families & Liberty Ceremony (AWTF)
10AM-2PM	.Marksmanship Training Unit Open House
10AM	Liberty Begins
10:30AM-1PM	.Family Day Buffet at the Lyceum – new Marines eat for free!
2PM	.Warrior's Prayer at the Recruit Chapel
3PM	Liberty Ends
3PM-4PM	Marine Corps 101 at Douglas Visitors' Center
	.Meet & Greet with Depot Command at Traditions Lounge
	.Welcome from the Command
5:45PM	Family Day Dinner with Depot Command at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club
	Advance reservations guarantee admittance

Welcome to Graduation Day at Partis Island

0AW-2FM	DOUGLAS VISILOTS CETILET OPEN
	Java Café (6AM-12PM)
	Graduation Station (6AM-12PM)
6AM-10PM	.Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) Open
6AM-6PM	.Marine Corps Exchange (MOX) Food Court Open
7AM-5PM	.Engraving Shop open
7:45AM	.Morning Colors at Barrow Hall
9AM-10AM	Graduation at Peatross Parade Deck (weather permitting.
11AM-1PM	Lunch Buffet at Traditions (Officer/SNCO Club)