What distinguishes the Marines?
“Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem.”
President Ronald Reagan
“The Marine Corps has just been called by the New York Times, 'The elite of this country.' I think it is the elite of the world.”

Admiral William Halsey, U.S. Navy
DISCIPLINE

Backbone of the Corps
LOYALTY
“SEMPER FIDELIS”

“ALWAYS FAITHFUL”
To God, Corps, and Country
CONDUCT IN ACTION

“The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight!”

MGen. Frank E. Lowe, USA;
Korea, 26 January 1952
Over 300 Marines have received the Medal of Honor

“Uncommon valor was a common virtue”
VERSATILITY

Every Marine is a rifleman
PRIDE

• IN WHO WE ARE
• IN WHAT WE DO
• IN THE UNIFORM
• IN THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE
TRADITIONS

IN OUR:
History
Uniform
Customs

...SETS US APART
“Be a man of principle…Fight for what you believe in…Keep your word…Live with integrity…Be brave…Believe in something bigger than yourself…Serve your country.”

“Teach…Mentor…Give something back to society…Lead from the front…Conquer your fears.”

“Be a good friend…Be humble and be self-confident…Appreciate your friends and family.”

“Be a leader and not a follower…Be valorous on the field of battle…Take responsibility for your actions.”
These words from Marine Major Douglas Zembiec were taken from his combat journal under the title “Principles my father taught me.” Major Zembiec was Killed In Action, March 11, 2007, during his fourth tour of duty in Iraq, during a raid against insurgent forces.
10 November 1775 -- Congress passed the following resolution: Resolved: that two Battalions of Marines be raised consisting of one Colonel, two lieutenant Colonels, two Majors & Officers as usual in other regiments, that they consist of an equal number of privates with other Battalions; that particular care be taken that no person be appointed to office or enlisted into said Battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea, when required. That they be enlisted and commissioned for and during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies, unless dismissed by order of Congress. That they be distinguished by the names of the first & second Battalions of American Marines, and that they be considered a part of the number, which the Continental Army before Boston is ordered to consist of.
Marine Corps Birthday
November 10, 1775
at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, PA
We will be celebrating our 242nd Birthday
Marine Corps Birthday Customs

- Customary actions:
  - Troop formations (when practical)
  - Reading of General John A. Lejeune’s message
  - Birthday ball
  - Cake cutting ceremony
The oldest of the official songs of the Armed Services, the copyright is dated back to 19 Aug 1919.

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.
Marines always stand at attention and face the music while the Marines’ Hymn is being played
Marine Corps Emblem

Symbol of years of traditions & customs

Eagle – Represents Our Nation
Globe – Represents Worldwide Service
Anchor – Represents our Naval Ties & Traditions

This is the most important insignia you have and should be worn with pride.
Marine Corps Colors

Scarlet & Gold

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Marine Corps Mascot

Bulldog
Marine Corps Band

“The President’s Own”
Oldest Post in the Marine Corps

8th & I
3 Types of Flags flown on Marine Corps Bases

Storm
Post
Garrison
MILITARY COURTESY

Traditional form of politeness in the profession of arms.

NOT JUST JUNIOR TO SENIOR...
COURTESY GOES BOTH WAYS
MILITARY ETIQUETTE

Being a female or male is a matter of birth.

Being a woman or a man is a matter of age.

Being a Lady or Gentleman is a matter of CHOICE.
MILITARY ETIQUETTE

• Respect for seniority: “Attention on Deck”
  • SMI/Principal/Superintendent/etc.
• Encounter Senior in hallway or stairway
• Addressing group of Seniors
  - “Gentlemen”, not “Sirs”
  - “Ladies”, not “Ma’am”s”
ADDRESSING OFFICERS

Address higher ranking officers by either “SIR” OR “MA’AM”

(Rank may also be used)

Address SNCOs and NCOs by rank

STAND WHEN ADDRESSED BY A SENIOR OFFICER
USE OF FIRST NAMES

**NOT APPROPRIATE**

With enlisted Marines
With another officer in front of enlisted Marines

**APPROPRIATE**

(Between officers)
Social hour
Privacy of office or club
MILITARY SALUTE:
WHEN TO SALUTE

Officers, Colors & Standards not cased.

Members of the Naval Service are required to render a salute to officers (regular and reserve) of the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and to foreign military officers whose governments are formally recognized by the Government of the United States.

A salute is a form of greeting and should be done properly.
TIPS ON SALUTING

• Origins of the salute
• Juniors (lower ranking) salute first
• 6 to 30 paces from officers
  • For Colors, start salute 6 paces before and continue salute until 6 paces past
• Don’t salute at the double time (running)
• Only salute when covered (duty belt)
• Render the salute properly
  • If you are in a group call “Attention”
And Finally...

SALUTES ARE NOT SILENT
Good morning, Sir.

Good morning, Marines.
WHEN NOT TO SALUTE

♦ Indoors
♦ Carrying articles in both hands
♦ When engaged in work, sports, etc.
♦ When not covered
♦ In PT gear
♦ In places of public assemblage such as theaters, churches and public conveyances.
♦ Cased Colors
PROPER CONDUCT

FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE IMPORTANT
What does it mean?

- Carry yourself with pride
- Walk with a purpose
TIPS ON BEARING

Means DON’T do this in uniform:

- Put hands in pockets
- Chew gum or tobacco
- Smoke while walking
- Embrace or hold hands
- Hold an umbrella (even when escorting)
Bearing

- Show Respect at all times:
  - Salutes / Greetings
  - Flag etiquette
Proper Grooming:

- Male Marines shave everyday.
- Maintain regulation haircut.
  - 3 inches on top & tapered.
- Shower regularly
BE ON TIME!
Now
Let’s
Review
Birthplace of the Marine Corps
Tun Tavern

(Philadelphia, PA)
Marine Corps Colors
Scarlet & Gold
Birthdate of the Marine Corps
November 10,
1775
Name of the Marine Corps’ service song
The Marines’
Hymn
What you do when the Marines’ Hymn is played
Stand at attention and face the music while the Marines’ Hymn is being played
What you do when SMI, Principal, or Superintendent enters the room
Call,
“Attention on Deck!”
What the eagle represents in the Marine Corps emblem
Our Nation
What the globe represents in the Marine Corps emblem
Worldwide Service
What the anchor represents in the Marine Corps emblem
Naval ties / traditions
Marine Corps Motto
Semper Fidelis
Translation Of
Semper Fidelis
Always Faithful
QUESTIONS?