

A Strong Start

People who succeed in business, industry and education have often developed a strong self-discipline, an ability to lead and motivate others and a well-rounded maturity

Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) teaches young men and women the kind of self-discipline, self-confidence and leadership skills that can help them successfully meet the challenges of adulthood.

MCJROTC Curriculum, instruction and activities are designed to develop the leadership abilities of each student regardless of which career path is followed.

Eligibility for a MCJROTC program requires students to be; citizens of the United States, of good moral character, physically fit, be in a grade above 8th grade, and attend a high school with a MCJROTC unit.



More Benefits of MCJROTC

While cadets are under no obligation to join the military services, some do enlist. And many take advantage of higher education opportunities such as college, business school, or trade school.

NROTC scholarships are available at more than 50 colleges and universities throughout the country. A successful record in MCJROTC will also reflect favorably on the young man or woman seeking an appointment to any of the United States service academies.

Credit may be given for the first year course of senior ROTC upon approval of the college or university or, male MCJROTC cadets who qualify may enroll in the Platoon Leaders Class Officer Candidate Program upon graduation from high school. The cadet who successfully completes the MCJROTC program can enter the military service with a higher entry level pay grade.

MCJROTC provides young men and women with an excellent opportunity to build strong and lasting friendships.



MARINE CORPS JUNIOR ROTC



Developing Strong Leadership



Who Gains from the Marine Corps JROTC?

The Cadets. Like most young adults, cadets strive to prepare themselves for the future. MCJROTC helps develop the self-discipline and self-confidence cadets need to meet future stresses and succeed in adult life. While cadets incur no military obligation, participation in MCJROTC can help those who are competing for college ROTC scholarships or military academy appointments.

The Community. MCJROTC encourages participation in community programs and projects. It also encourages civic responsibility and helps to develop strong and informed leaders for the future.

What Does MCJROTC Teach?

The curriculum is usually three years in length, but some high schools may have a four year program. It consists of a minimum of 180 hours per year of both classroom and field instruction in a wide variety of subjects.

A full range of courses, introductory through advanced, are offered in leadership and the application of leadership techniques.

MCJROTC provides instruction in the development of good habits and attitudes, problem-solving techniques, the essential characteris-

tics for success, civic and group leadership and planning to meet the challenges of adult life.

Military orientation and organization classes teach Marine Corps customs, courtesies and traditions. Cadets study the Department of Defense and the National Security Organization.

There is instruction and participation in basic drill, the Manual of Arms and how to conduct parades and inspections.

MCJROTC students study first aid and personal hygiene. Some units offer a course in CPR.

Cadets discover plenty of adventure in outdoor living and survival training courses.

MCJROTC puts strong emphasis on challenging physical training. There are programs for getting into shape and staying in shape. Nationwide physical fitness competitions are held with male and female groups vying for unit and individual awards.

Marksmanship and weapons instruction are offered to those students who receive parental consent. Cadets study the principles of small arms, safety precautions, maintenance and inspection of weapons. Matches, both intramural and against other schools are held using air pellet rifles.

Finally, many specialized courses of instruction and orientation trips are offered depending upon the particular MCJROTC unit that is attended.

Who Are the Instructors?

MCJROTC instructors are retired Marine Corps Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers. They are hired by the participating school with the approval of the Commanding General, Training and Education Command (TECOM), Quantico, VA. Schools starting a unit will be provided with a list of instructor applicants who have been screened and certified.

Units are staffed with Senior Marine Instructors (SMI) and Marine Instructors (MI). Both are responsible to school officials for the conduct of MCJROTC classes. While on the job, instructors wear the Marine uniform and meet strict Marine Corps standards for personal appearance.

In order to qualify as instructors, candidates must have a good Marine Corps record and a demonstrated potential as teachers. Applicants are required to be in excellent physical health and of sound moral character.

