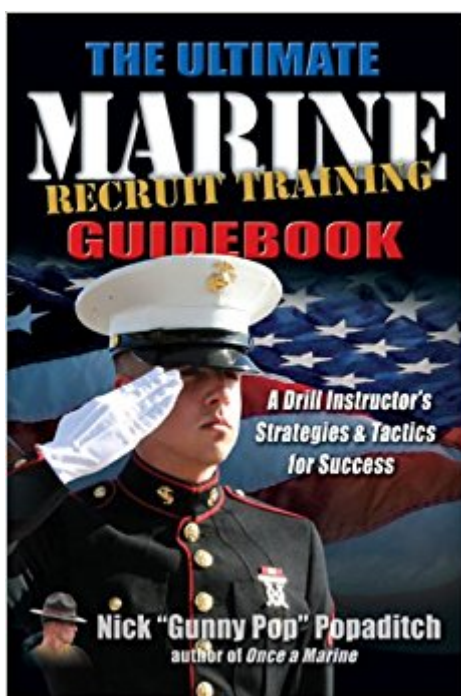


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Ultimate Marine Recruit Training Guidebook: A Drill Instructor's Strategies And Tactics For Success



Synopsis

The transition from civilian to that of a Marine is a process unlike any other in any branch of the military. As any potential recruit can imagine, Marine recruit training is difficult and challenging. Its purpose is to mold a Marine from the inside out. Nick "Gunny Pop" Popaditch is best known as the "Cigar Marine" and author of *Once a Marine*, a candid memoir about his service as a tank commander in Iraq, his horrific wounding in the first battle of Fallujah (where he was hit in the head by a rocket-propelled grenade), and his long and difficult recovery. Gunny Pop has experienced the Marine recruit training process from both perspectives: as a new recruit and as a drill instructor. This new book brings together his nearly 16 years of Marine Corps expertise. *The Ultimate Marine Recruit Training Guidebook* is a comprehensive, practical, and easy-to-follow guide written specifically for every new or prospective recruit about to enter basic training. Gunny Pop offers step-by-step instructions and solutions, including helpful charts and graphics, for how to prepare both physically and mentally for boot camp. Written by a Marine who experienced it firsthand many times over, Gunny Pop explores what recruits will be asked to do (and in many cases, explain why) and the motivating forces behind drill instructor lessons and behavior. *The Ultimate Marine Recruit Training Guidebook* was written by a Marine and former drill instructor for young men and women who want to become one of the few and the proud. No one should undertake Marine recruit training without having read this book.

About the Author: From East Chicago, Indiana, Nick Popaditch enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1986. He was wounded while commanding a tank in Fallujah (Iraq) in 2004 and medically retired from the Marines in 2005 at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. "Gunny" and his wife April have two children, Richard and Nicholas. They reside in Chula Vista, California.

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I have witnessed two U.S. military services in training. I wanted to know what made Marines so special. Nick Popaditch did a wonderful job of explaining to prospective recruits what they can expect from Marine Recruit Training and to prepare them for this ordeal. Training is not hap-hazard. It may seem very confusing to raw recruits at the time, but every sequence of events leads to just one outcome: a battle ready Marine. Nick was a drill instructor and wounded war veteran. He has the rare ability to communicate his experiences in a motivational way. Now I know why Marines are considered to be the few and the proud. So it is.

The average Marine recruit never understands why all the screaming, yelling, hostility, and abuse. The author and former Drill Instructor explains the rationale, which makes sense. The training program turns squishy soft civilians into basically trained Marines in 13 short weeks. That something short of a miracle.

bought for my great niece, 13 yrs. old in ROTC and thinking her future is in the Marines. Wanted her to have all the right info to make the right decision, it's a great book.

I am in the process of enlisting myself, just waiting for my medical waiver to get approved. I read this book in 3 days and I can't wait to read it again. There's so much information that will help you be successful-putting you ahead of your components. Definitely a great buy! :)

My ship out date is June 23rd. My recruiter has given me a lot of information to prepare me for boot camp; however, I wanted more knowledge on the subject. This book has answered questions I didn't even know I had. I used to be terrified of the words boot camp, but after reading this, I am confident that I have the knowledge I need to succeed and help my team succeed as well.

Great book for future Marine. Trying to give my son as much information on boot camp before he goes. This book is very helpful and will hopefully motivate him to study the things other than PT. He says that it has good information. I'll know if it helped after he does basic!

Very informative. Got 2....one for me and one for my son (the one entering the marines). He didn't say much about it, but I noted after he left for basic that the book appeared "much loved."

I purchased this book for my 18 year old sister that leaves for boot camp in a few short months. She said that this book has helped her learn a lot and there were things like slang that she enjoyed learning. She says it is a definite must have. She said the recruiter gave her a book on what to expect but this book went more in depth so I'm rating it at a 5.

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