WELCOME TO MCRD SAN DIEGO!

sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families

FAMILY MEET & GREET SOCIAL

Wednesdays (graduation weeks)
4:00 - 7:00 PM

An evening hosted at the Bay View Restaurant every Wednesday before Boot Camp Graduation. It is a chance to mingle with other new Marine families, meet the Senior Drill Instructors, relax on the beautiful bay on MCRD San Diego

Registration required for base access:
mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com

FAMILY DAY

8:15 AM	**Warm Up**	Parade Deck
8:30 AM	**Motivational Run**	Parade Deck
9:30 AM	**Welcome Orientation and Briefs**	Depot Theater
10:20 AM	**Liberty Formation**	Parade Deck
10:45 AM - 5:30 PM	**Depot Liberty**	

GRADUATION

7:30 -8:30 AM	**Colors Ceremony**	CG's Bldg
8:30-9:45 AM	**Graduation Seating**	Parade Deck
10:00-11:30 AM	**Graduation Ceremony**	Parade Deck

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Base Access: MCRD San Diego is located just northwest of downtown San Diego and north of the San Diego International Airport, Lindbergh Field. Gate 5 (Washington St.) is the main gate.

Rideshares: Rideshares (taxis, Uber, Lyft, etc.) will not be allowed access to the installation. All passengers arriving via rideshares must be dropped off at the gate entrance.

Directions: Search "MCRD Gate 5" or "MCRD Visitor Center."
sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families/base-map

Entering and Leaving the Depot: All visitor vehicles MUST enter through Gate 5 (Washington St.). Vehicles and personnel will be searched upon entry. Expect delays and plan accordingly. Gate 5 will be open 3:00 - 5:30 PM for Meet & Greet and at 6:30 AM for graduation visitors on Family Day and Graduation. Gate 2 (Barnett Ave.), Gate 4 (Old Town Ave.) and Gate 5 will be open for all visitors when departing MCRD San Diego.

REAL ID Requirements: All visitors (age 18+) accessing Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego should be prepared to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or an approved alternate form of identification (i.e. - U.S. passport) to enter the base, in accordance with federal law, MCO 5530.13, and the Department of Homeland Security's REAL ID Act.

Driver's License/Registration/Insurance: If you are driving a vehicle, ensure you have a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance in your possession.

Firearms/Weapons: All firearms and weapons are prohibited aboard MCRD San Diego. Prohibited weapons include but are not limited to: knives greater than 3 inches, switchblades greater than 2 inches, and brass knuckles.

Drugs: All controlled substances are prohibited aboard MCRD San Diego. Any person(s) found possessing a controlled substance or associated paraphernalia (i.e., smoking devices) will be found in violation of Federal law. A medical marijuana card does not authorize possession of marijuana aboard MCRD San Diego. Contraband will be seized and offenders may be cited and denied entry. Controlled substances include but are not limited to: marijuana (or related products), methamphetamines, hallucinogens, and prescription medication without a valid prescription.

Picnic Areas/Tailgate Lot/RV and Trailers: There are lawn spaces throughout the installation for visitors to picnic. It is requested that visitors who arrive with an RV or trailer, or whom wish to set-up pop-up tents and canopies to utilize the "Tailgate Lot" located adjacent to Bldg 10. Overnight parking, charcoal grills, and consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the premises.

Medical Treatment Facility: The Medical Treatment Facility aboard MCRD San Diego only provides services to recruits. They are unable to provide services to civilians or refill prescription medications. Please plan accordingly.

Boot Leave: Most recruits will book their travel for their boot leave on T-33 (week 6). They are provided an opportunity to make a phone call to confirm travel arrangements in advance of booking their airline tickets and transfers. Travel arrangements are booked through MCCS Camp Pendleton Latitudes Travel.

If friends and family need assistance booking their travel arrangements to MCRD San Diego, Camp Pendleton Latitudes Travel advisors are available to assist:
Mon-Wed: 0830-1700 and Fri: 0830-1700
760-763-3183 or 760-763-3184.

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MCRD GRADUATION GUIDE

Every Tuesday
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM pacific time (virtual)

The ***Yellow Footprints*** to prepare you for your visit. Family and friends of new Marines are invited to attend this virtual workshop.

- What to Expect for Family Day & Graduation
- Before, during and after boot camp
- History & Traditions of USMC
- Benefits of being a Marine

meeting.marinenet.usmc.mil/mcrdsdgraduationguide/

PASSCODE: family

MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

Rentals available at Guest Services
(located inside Welcome Center)
619-725-6464 (Family Day + Grad)

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Single Stroller	$12.00	**Wheelchair**	$20.00
Double Stroller	$16.00	**Electric Wheelchair**	$45.00

(prices subject to change)

SHUTTLE STOPS

Meet & Greet Social	**3:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
Family Day	**6:15 AM - 6:00 PM**
Graduation	**6:15 AM - 2:30 PM**

Bay View
Depot Theater
Command Museum
MCX Mall
Community Center

Looping shuttles will be provided throughout the day.
Route and hours of operation subject to change.

DINE

Aloha Ice

Family Day	Depot Theater	**8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**
	MCX Mall	**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
Graduation	Depot Theater	**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Bay View Restaurant*
Located by the marina
Family Day Liberty Lunch Buffet **11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
Graduation Lunch **10:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

Bulldog Tavern (full service bar)* **11:30 AM - 11:00 PM**
Located inside the Community Center

Common Grounds Cafe

Family Day	Bldg 10	**6:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
	Depot Theater	**8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**
Graduation	Bldg 10	**6:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
	Depot Theater	**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Domino's **10:00 AM - 8:00 PM**
Located inside the Community Center
Pre-order: Domino's app or 619-344-0850

Food Concessionaires
Located on the MCX Mall
Family Day **11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

PLAY

Boathouse & Marina* **7:30 AM - 5:00 PM**
Picnic Tables - Playground

Community Center* **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
Arcade Games - Bowling - WiFi - Televisions

Library **7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**
Computer Lab - Wi-Fi - Children's Area

Sector 7 Laser Tag **12:30 PM - 5:00 PM**
Located next to the Community Center

Tickets & Tours* **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
Located on the MCX Mall
Discounted tickets to local and SoCal attractions

SHOP

Marine Corps Exchange* **9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**
Located on the MCX Mall

Marine Mart* **6:00 AM - 8:00 PM**
Located on the MCX Mall

Memorabilia (Logo Store)* **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
Located on the MCX Mall

Guest Services*
Located inside the Welcome Center
Mobility Equipment Rentals - Information
Family Day **7:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
Graduation **7:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Engraver
Located inside the Welcome Center
Family Day **12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**
Graduation **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

USMC Memorabilia Trailer*, Guidons/Pennant Flags, Engraver, Platoon Photos, and more!
Located at the Depot Theater
Family Day **8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**
Graduation **8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Fuel Mart **7:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
Fuel lanes open 24/7 with Military Star Card, debit, or credit card payment.

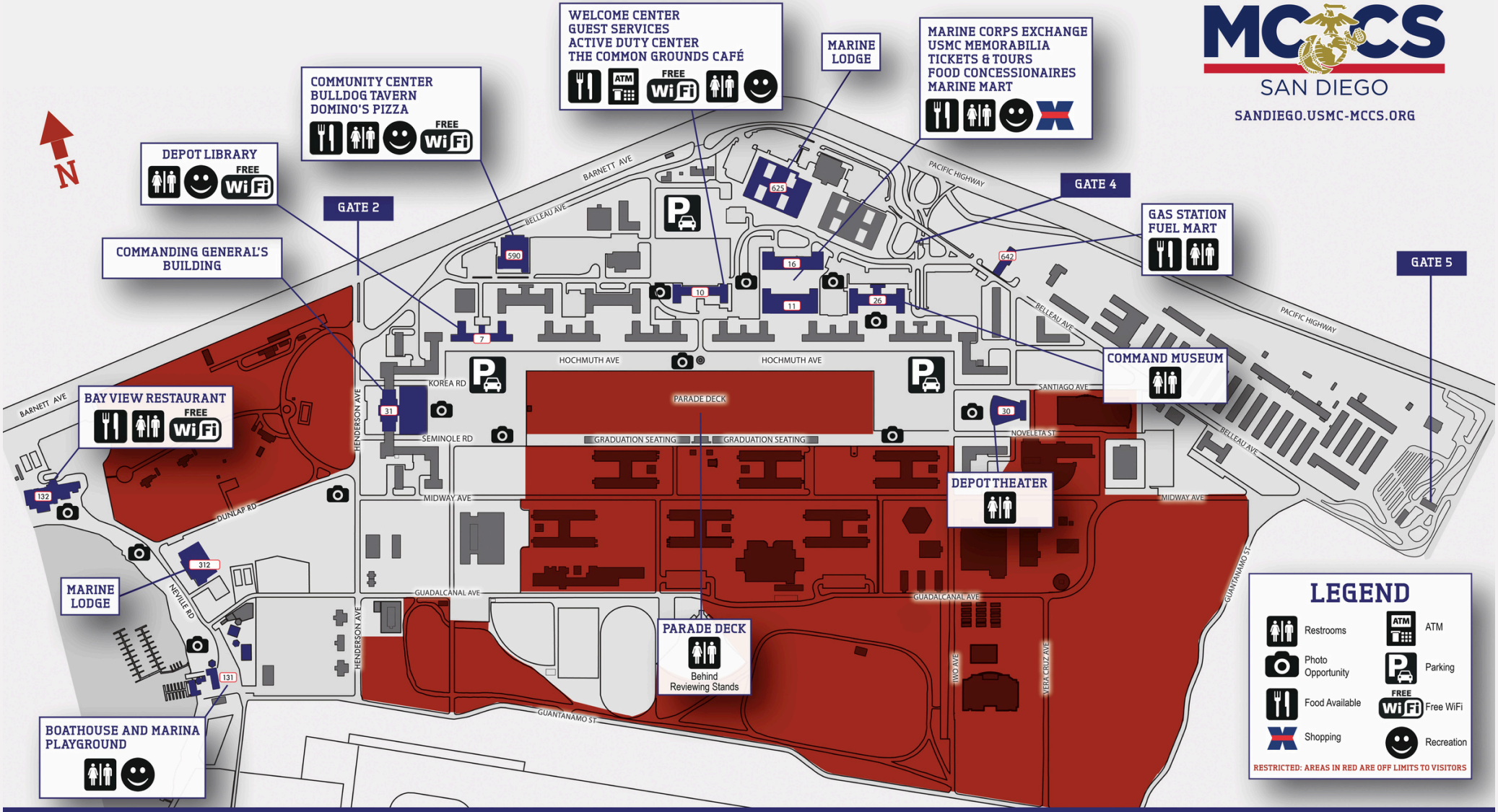
Profits generated go directly back into MCRD San Diego's quality of life programs for Marines and their families.

***Cashless operations**

For official graduation information:
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mcrdsd.marines.mil
facebook.com/mcrdsd

Scan QR code for Family Day and Graduation information

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