



# WELCOME TO MCRD SAN DIEGO!

[sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families](http://sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families)

## NEW MARINE FAMILY MEET & GREET

**Wednesdays (graduation weeks)  
1700-2000**

Reservations required:

[mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com](http://mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com)

## FAMILY DAY

<b>0815</b>	<b>Warm Up</b>	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck
<b>0830</b>	<b>Motivational Run</b>	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck
<b>0930</b>	<b>Welcome Orientation</b>	Depot Theater
<b>0945</b>	<b>Marine Corps 101</b>	Depot Theater
<b>1030</b>	<b>Company Commander's Brief</b>	Depot Theater
<b>1045</b>	<b>Beyond the Yellow Footprints</b>	Depot Theater
<b>1120</b>	<b>Liberty Formation</b>	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck
<b>1145-1730</b>	<b>Depot Liberty</b>	

## GRADUATION

<b>0730-0830</b>	<b>Colors Ceremony</b> Please be seated NLT 0730	Commanding General's Building
<b>0830-0945</b>	<b>Graduation Seating</b> Please be seated NLT 0945	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck
<b>1000-1130</b>	<b>Graduation Ceremony</b>	Shepherd Field/ 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.) are allowed access to the installation following a cursory vehicle search. If the rideshare driver chooses not to undergo the cursory vehicle search, the passenger must be dropped off at the designated pick-up/drop off location at each gate. A cursory vehicle search is an external visual inspection of the vehicle by law enforcement.

**Gate 5 Coordinates:** 32.739091, -117.185831 (Navigation apps will direct you to the wrong gate) or search "MCRD Gate 5" or "MCRD Visitor Center."

**Directions:**  
[sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families/base-map](http://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 opens at 4:00 PM for Meet & Greet and 6:30 AM for graduation visitors on Family Day and Graduation. Gate 4 (Old Town Ave.) and Gate 5 will be open for all visitors when departing MCRD San Diego.

**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.

**Identification:** Every person age sixteen and older is required to have a valid form of photo identification to gain base access. Acceptable forms of U.S. government issued identification include: driver's license, state identification card, passport, military dependent identification card, or school/work identification card (for persons under age 18).

**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.**

**For official graduation information:**  
[sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families](http://sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families)  
[mcrdsd.marines.mil](http://mcrdsd.marines.mil)  
[facebook.com/mcrdsd](https://facebook.com/mcrdsd)

# MCRD SAN DIEGO GRADUATION GUIDE

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays every month  
1030-1200 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/](https://meeting.marinenet.usmc.mil/mcrdsdgraduationguide/)

PASSCODE: **family**

## NEW MARINE FAMILY MEET & GREET

**Wednesdays (graduation weeks)  
1700-2000**

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 and get a sneak peek slide show of the crucible for the graduating class.

Reservations: [mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com](https://mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com)

## MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

Rentals available at Guest Services (MCX Mall)  
619-725-3771 (Family Day + Grad)

**0700-1700**

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

## DINE

**Bay View Food Truck**  
**Family Day** Depot Theater 0700-1100  
**Graduation** Reviewing Stands 0800-1000

**Bay View Restaurant**  
Located by the marina  
**Family Day Liberty Lunch Buffet** 1100-1500  
**Graduation Lunch** 1100-1400

**The Common Grounds Café** 0600-1500  
Located IVO MCX Mall  
**Family Day** Depot Theater 0700-1000  
**Graduation** Reviewing Stands 0800-1000

**Food Concessionaire (Family Day)** 1100-1700  
**MCX Mall:** Special Events Services, Aloha Ice, Momma's Boy Cookies

**Domino's** 1000-2200  
Located inside the Community Center  
Pre-order: Domino's app or 619-344-0850

**Bulldog Tavern (Full Service Bar)\*** 1200-2100  
Located inside the Community Center

## SHUTTLE

**Family Meet & Greet** 0900-1800

**Family Day** 0630-1830

**Graduation** 0630-1400

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



Scan QR code for Family Day and Graduation information

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## SHOP

**Marine Corps Exchange\*** 0900-1800  
Located on the MCX Mall

**USMC Memorabilia (Logo Store)\*** 1000-1800  
Located on the MCX Mall

**Marine Mart\*** 0600-2000  
Located on the MCX Mall

**Guest Services\***  
Located on the MCX Mall  
Mobility equipment rentals - Information  
**Family Day** 0700-1700  
**Graduation** 0700-1300

**Engraver** 1100-1700  
Located inside Building 10

**USMC Memorabilia Trailer\*, Guidons/Pennant Flags, Engraver, Platoon Photos**  
**Family Day** Depot Theater 0800-1100  
**Graduation** IVO Parade Deck 0800-1000

**Fuel Mart\*** 0700-1700  
Gas lanes open 24/7 with Military Star, debit, or credit card payment.

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

## PLAY

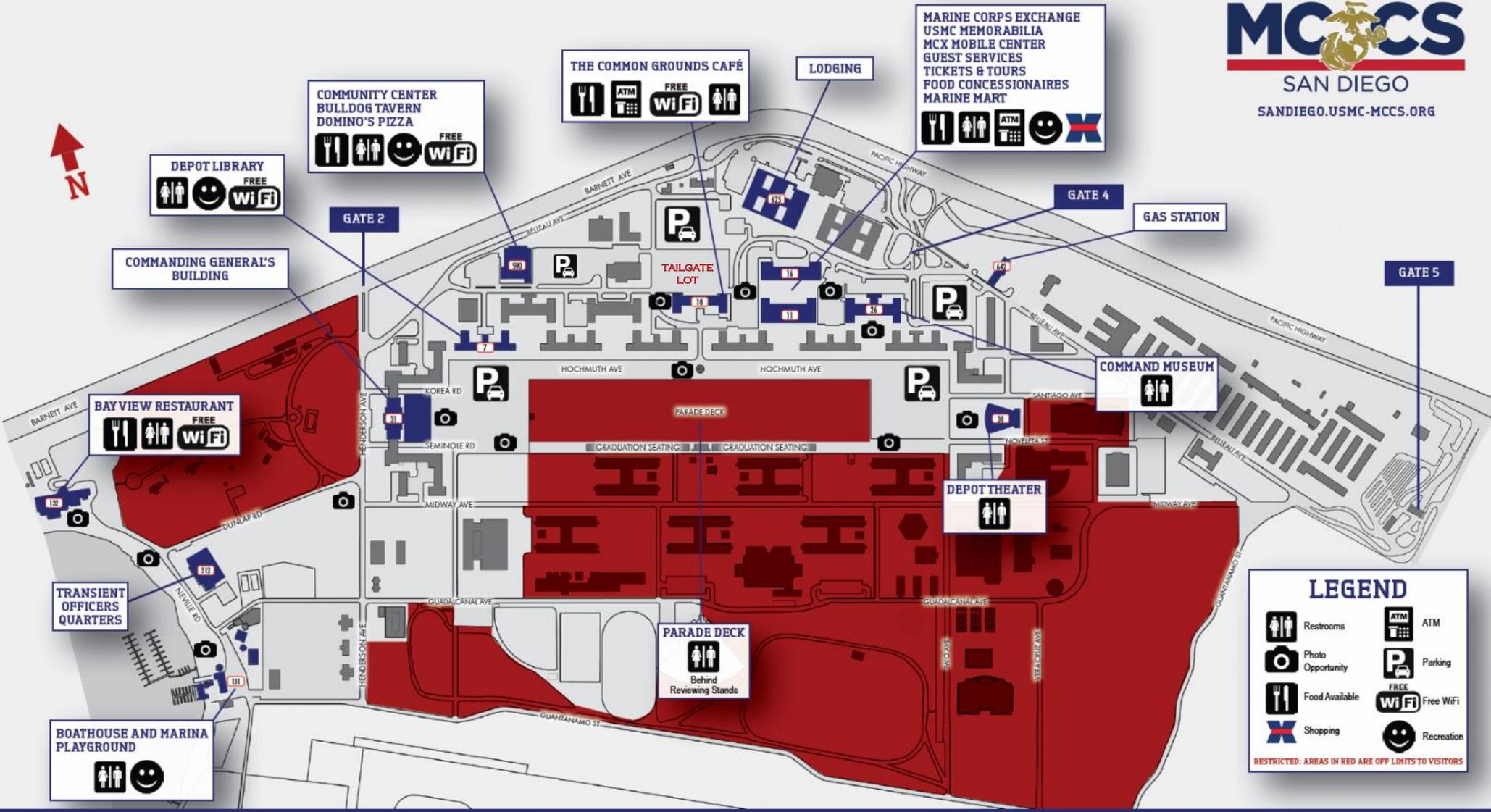
**Tickets and Tours\*** 0900-1700  
Located on the MCX Mall  
Discounted tickets to local and SoCal attractions

**Community Center\*** 0900-2100  
Arcade Games - Bowling - Wi-Fi - Televisions

**Boathouse & Marina\*** 0730-1700  
Picnic Tables - Playground

**Library** 0730-1600  
Computer Lab - Wi-Fi - Children's Area

**\*Cashless operation**



**MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO**  
MAKING MARINES SINCE 1923

**LEGEND**

	Restrooms		ATM
	Photo Opportunity		Parking
	Food Available		Free WiFi
	Shopping		Recreation

RESTRICTED: AREAS IN RED ARE OFF LIMITS TO VISITORS