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TALKING TO YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER ABOUT BECOMING A MARINE

Becoming a Marine can be a life-changing decision, and it's perhaps one of the first adult decisions your child will make. Talking about it will help you understand his or her reasons to become a Marine.

Here are several questions to ask and topics to consider during your discussion.

Why is your son or daughter considering the Marine Corps?

Defending our nation, our ideals and our way of life

The prestige and legacy of the Marine Corps

Pride in being "First to fight" as our nation's force in readiness

The immense challenge of earning the Marine title

Finding a greater purpose by making a positive difference in the world

Sharpening of the mind, body and character

What are your son or daughter's goals for the future?

Making a significant impact

Being instilled with the character and leadership abilities to succeed

Learning skills that can be used in the professional world

Becoming a leader

Earning a college education



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Has your son or daughter talked to a Marine Recruiter yet?

The Recruiter's role is to offer support throughout the decision-making process

Recruiters are experienced Marines

Recruiters have information on Marine Corps careers and jobs

It's important for parents to talk with a recruiter as well

Recruiters know the roles in the Marine Corps, both active and reserve

What skills, abilities and qualities are gained in the Marine Corps?

Marine Corps Values, including Honor, Courage and Commitment

Marines build character and develop countless individual abilities, such as confidence, focus and physical and mental strength

Is he or she capable of completing 12 weeks of intense training?

Recruit training—informally known as “boot camp”—is extremely challenging, yet greatly rewarding

Motivation, determination and selflessness are key elements for success

Recruiters can help your son or daughter prepare before recruit training

Recruits experience accelerated personal growth because of the example set by their Drill Instructor



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Is your son or daughter prepared to live and serve as a Marine in a foreign country?

Marines may get assignments in any part of the world

Marines go wherever our nation needs them

Marines can always depend on the Marines they serve alongside

When will they get a chance to return home for a visit?

Marines receive 10 days of leave (the military term for vacation) after graduation from recruit training

Marines get 30 days of paid leave per year

Does the Marine Corps offer college assistance?

Marines earn the opportunity and resources to pursue a college degree

The Marine Corps has many financial assistance programs, such as the GI Bill and Tuition Assistance, available to all Marines