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TALKING TO YOUR SON'S OR DAUGHTER'S MARINE CORPS RECRUITER

Becoming a Marine can be a life-changing decision, and it's perhaps one of the first adult decisions your son or daughter will make. Talking about it with the recruiter will help you understand his or her reasons for becoming a Marine.

Here are several questions to ask during your discussion, along with some responses many recruiters will offer you:

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE MARINE CORPS?

Possible response:

The Marine Corps exists to make Marines, to win our nation's battles and to develop quality citizens. As our nation's premiere expeditionary force, Marines stand ready to deploy anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

WHAT TYPE OF PERSON IS RIGHT FOR THE MARINE CORPS?

Possible response:

Young people who hold themselves to the highest standards, ethically and morally; those with the mental, moral and physical strength to face fear and overcome it; those who show a spirit of determination and dedication; those who want to serve our country; and those who want to commit to something greater than themselves.

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTER TRAITS AND VALUES THAT THE MARINE CORPS FOCUSES ON?

Possible response:

The Marine Corps instills in every Marine the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. *You may want to ask the recruiter what these values mean to him or her.*

WHAT ARE THE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS OF MARINES? HOW HAVE THESE BENEFITTED MARINES AFTER SERVICE?

Possible response:

As professional warriors, Marines must know how to think, plan and execute missions quickly and effectively. The Marine Corps cultivates leadership—both the ability to lead by example and from the front. After service, the responsibility and the constant practice of being a Marine will help your son or daughter go further in their civilian career than they would have gone without prior service.

WHAT ARE THE SPECIALTIES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS IN THE MARINE CORPS?

Your recruiter can describe and explain the fields of Combat Arms, Combat Logistics, Aviation and Computers/Communications/Intelligence/Electronics