

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Why have I not been contacted by my Marine recently?**

The Marines spend the majority of their training in the field with no access to cell phones. Please do not worry, it is not uncommon for families to not hear from their Marines during training.

**2. Is there lodging on Camp Geiger for families?**

There is no lodging for families at Camp Geiger; however, there are many lodging facilities in Jacksonville, NC.

**3. Will my Marine have 10 days of leave after the graduation from SOI?**

No, after graduation your Marine will travel to his or her MOS school or permanent duty station.

**4. Is the graduation located on Camp Lejeune?**

No, Camp Lejeune is about a 20 minute drive from Camp Geiger. To enter Camp Geiger, please use New River Air Station's main gate.

**5. Can my Marine receive mail while training at SOI?**

Yes, your Marine can receive mail. The address is located in the CO's Welcome Letter.

**6. Will there be a Family Day before the graduation?**

The Marines will be given liberty to visit with their families the day prior to graduation. Information about the liberty times is also listed in the CO's Welcome Letter.

**7. How do I contact my Marine if there is a family emergency?**

Please contact your local American Red Cross. The Red Cross will send an official message to the command.

**8. Is there an indoor location where I can visit with my Marine during liberty?**

Yes, Camp Geiger's Rally Point Recreation Center is located on 6<sup>th</sup> and D Street. The Rally Point Recreation Center is open on Sunday and Monday.

**9. Are there any family activities scheduled with my Marine?**

Yes, Marine Combat Training Battalion is encouraging family members to utilize the Rally Point on Monday the day before graduation from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm following the LINKS Brief and just prior to your Marines being released for liberty. There will be food available for purchase or you can bring your own. Plenty of space is available along with video games and televisions, both indoors and outdoors to relax and enjoy quality family time with your Marine.

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Please Join Us for this Informative, Interactive Presentation!

Open to Marine Corps Family Members Free-of-Charge!

**When: The day before Graduation (No Federal Holidays)**

**Time: 10:30am-2:30pm**

**Where: Room 122, Ivy Hall, Camp Geiger (Located on 7<sup>th</sup> and C Street)/ Alternate Location is Bldg AS-208 aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River**

**Topics:** Marine Corps History, Rank Structure, Organizational Structure,

Chaplain Support, Resources and Activities on Base, Basic Pay, Entitlements, Leave, Liberty, Separations and Deployments, Communication, Operational Security, and the Family Readiness Program.

Please register online at [www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/mcftb](http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/mcftb)

Or register by calling **910-449-0168**

When recording your message, please state: your name, the number of people attending the LINKS class, and the date of your Marine's graduation. If you need additional information, please call 910-449-0219 to speak with the Family Readiness Officer.

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