

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Aft	The rear portion of a ship
Aye, Aye, Sir	Official acknowledgment of an order. "Yes. Sir."
Barracks	Building where Marines live
Below	Downstairs
Blouse	Coat
Boondocks	Woods or wilds; training area.
Bow	Front of the ship
Brightwork	Brass or shiny metal
Bulkhead	Wall
Bunk or Rack	Bed
CMC	Commandant of the Marine Corps
CO	Commanding Officer
Colors	Organizational or National Flag. Raising or lowering of the flag.
Cover	Hat
Deck	Floor
Drill	Marching
Ensign	National flag
Esprit de Corps	Spirit or Camaraderie
Field Day	Clean up the area
Galley	Kitchen
Gangway	Move out of the way; make room
Gedunk	Candy, cake, junk food; place where you can buy same
Gung Ho	Working together, in the spirit
Hatch	Door
Head	Bathroom
Ladder	Stairs
Leave	Authorized vacation
Liberty	Authorized free time, but not leave
MOS	Military Occupational Specialty
NCOIC	Noncommissioned Officer in Charge
Overhead	Ceiling
Passageway	Corridor or hallway
Poggybait	Candy, cake or junk food
Port	Left side of a ship
Porthole	Window
PFT	Physical Fitness Test
PX	Post Exchange (Department store)
Quarterdeck	Where boarding and ceremonies take place on a ship
Quarters	A place to live (Barracks, house, apartment)
Reveille	Time to get up in the morning
Secure	Stop work, put away, close or lock up
Scuttlebutt	Water fountain, rumors
Snapping In	Practice firing positions
Starboard	Right side of a ship
Squad Bay	Large room in barracks where Marines live
Square Away	Straighten up; make neat
Survey	Turn in unserviceable items
Swab	Mop
Taps	Time to sleep
Topside	Upstairs