Marine Raiders are Marines first, but as members of U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), they take on unique missions. Marines are our nation’s rapid response force, used to doing more with less. Marine Raiders build on their Corps’ heritage as agile expeditionary warfighters. They strengthen USSOCOM’s ability to conduct full-spectrum special operations worldwide.

MARSOC deploys skilled teams of multi-dimensional operators to execute complex distributed operations anywhere, anytime. These highly adaptable units may work independently or with other agencies and military organizations.

If you have the drive to excel and want to test your limits, contact a MARSOC recruiter at 888-93-MARSOC.

Please also visit MARSOC.COM for additional information and resources including:
- The screening team visit schedule
- A fitness preparation program and app
- Publications like Marine Raiders: By The Numbers
- Image galleries and videos

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS
MARSOC engages in direct action, special reconnaissance, foreign internal defense/security force assistance, counterinsurgency, support to countering weapons of mass destruction, and support to unconventional warfare.

Marine Raiders operate beyond the front lines and have a unique battlefield perspective. Marine Raiders quickly assess complicated situations and make intelligent decisions of tactical, operational, and strategic importance. MARSOC teams are small, so each individual must be strong, mentally agile, dependable, and adaptable. Every role is critical, so team cohesion and expertise are key.

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DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Not everyone thrives in complex, volatile environments. Rigorous screening identifies Marines who do.

Marines must successfully complete Assessment and Selection (A&S) to be invited to join MARSOC. This six-week evaluation is mentally and physically demanding; it is designed to identify those Marines who have what it takes to excel at special operations missions and thrive in the Marine Raider way of life.

Upon selection, Marines attend the Individual Training Course (ITC). This course lasts approximately nine months and is focused on building basically trained special operations forces capable of operating across the full spectrum of special operations. ITC is followed by language training specific to the geographic region where a Raider will operate.

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EARN THE MOS
Critical Skills Operators (CSOs) and Special Operations Officers (SOOs) are assigned to billets at the team, company, and battalion levels. Enlisted Marines are designated CSOs and awarded the 0372 Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) while officers are designated SOOs and awarded the 0370 MOS. CSOs and SOOs can stay in the fight with MARSOC for the duration of their Marine Corps career.

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