MARINE CORPS JARGON

782 Gear - Also "Deuce" gear; includes pack, canteen, poncho, ammo pouch, etc. used when in the field. 782 refers to the DD Form signed when gear is issued.

As You Were: Resume former activity

Below - Downstairs
Bird - Any aircraft
Black Cadillacs - Combat Boots
Blouse - Cammie Shirt
Brass - Officers
Brig - Military Jail
Brown Bagger - Married Marine
Boot Lewy - 2nd Lieutenant
Bulkhead - Wall
Bunker - A protective shelter
Butt can - Ashtray
Butter Bar - 2nd Lieutenant
BX - Base Exchange

Cammies - Camouflage uniform
Canon Cocker - aka gun bunny personnel in an artillery battery
Click - One kilometer or one notch of a rifle sight
Chopper - Helicopter
Chow Hall - Where a Marine eats, like a cafeteria
Cover - Marine Corps Hat

Deck - Floor
Deuce and a half - 2.5 Ton Truck
Devildog - Another name for a Marine
Dinky Dau - Crazy (Viet Nam era term)
Doggie - U.S. Army Soldier

Field Day - Barracks or Office cleanup
Float - Deployment by ship

Geedunk - Junk food, snacks
Go-Fasters - Running shoes
Good to go - Ready to move, agree with, situation ok
Gouge - Any information or instructions, written or verbal.

Grunt - A Marine infantryman
Gung Ho - Very enthusiastic and committed
Hat - Drill Instructor
Hatch - Door/doorway
Head - Bathroom
High and Tight - Standard Marine haircut
Horn - Radio
Hump - Field March

Jarhead - Another name for a Marine
John Wayne - A grandstander, or descriptive of a bold act, or any act which is typical in the movies but not sound Marine procedure, such as firing a machine gun from the hip. Also, a simple can opener that can be carried on the dog tag chain.

Ink Stick - Black Pen
K-BAR - Marine fighting knife
Klick - A kilometer

LPC's - Leather personnel carriers ... boots
Ladderwell - Stairwell
Leave - Vacation time
Liberty - Rest and relaxation - Authorized absence up to 96 hours
Lifer - Career Marine
Light Up - To fire on the enemy
Lipstick Lieutenant - Chief Warrant Officer 5
Lock and Load - Put ammunition in a weapon and prepare to fire

Maggie's Drawers - A red flag on the range connoting a miss
Maggot - DI's affectionate name for a recruit
Mess Hall - Cafeteria where a Marine eats
MOS - Military occupational specialty (job)
Moon Beam - Flashlight
Moon Floss - Toilet paper
Most Ricky Tick - In a hurry; with a purpose; move fast

NCO - Non-Commissioned Officer
Nonhacker - A man who can't perform under pressure

O-Dark Thirty - After midnight, but before working hours
Office Hours - Appearing before the Commanding Officer for discipline
OOH RAH - Motivational call. Also spelled OO RAH

PCS - Permanent change of station
PFT - Physical Fitness Test
PT - Physical Training
Piece - Rifle
Pogey bait: Candy or any non-issued food or drink item. The term possibly derives from the term “pogue,” used to describe anyone working in an administrative capacity. One would use “pogey bait” to bribe a “pogue” into doing a Marine a favor.
Portholes - Thick-framed – and particularly ugly – glasses. Also known as “BCGs” – an abbreviation for “birth-control glasses.”
Pogue - Anyone not in the infantry (especially administrative personnel). Derives from the acronym POG - Personnel Other than Grunt

Rack - Bed
Ruck - Backpack

SNAFU - Situation Normal, All Fouled Up
Scuttlebutt - Rumor; Gossip / water fountain
Secure - lock up, close, take care of, finish for the day
SOs - Creamed beef on toast, a Marine delicacy
Skivvies - Underwear
Slop Chute - Bar
Smedly - An enlisted man who caters to officers and staff noncommissioned officers in the mess hall. Coined in reference to Marine legend Smedly Butler's last name
Smoking Lamp - A shipboard tradition which indicates permission to smoke (lit) or not to smoke (out)
Sparks - A Marine whose MOS is radioman or field communications
Squad bay - The long open room that houses a squad, platoon or other unit.
Squid - Sailor
Swab - Mop

TARFU - Things Are Really Fouled Up
Ten (10) Percenter - One of the small number of nonhackers in any unit
Topside - Upstairs

UA - Unauthorized absence

Water Buffalo - A large water tank on wheels
Whitewall - Standard Marine haircut

Zoomie - Anyone in the U.S. Air Force