



Serving in the Marines

A person who serves in the Marines is called a marine. Marines do important work for the U.S. in other countries. They provide security details at U.S. diplomatic posts. They also maintain, manage, and operate the helicopter known as Marine One, used to transport the U.S. President.

Like all the branches of the military, Marines go through "basic training," but basic training for a Marine last longer and is much more strenuous than basic training in other branches of the military. Marines also have to know and memorize much more information. Marines are extremely dedicated to their work. They have a motto: *Semper Fidelis*, which means "always faithful." Marines believe that there is no such thing as an ex-Marine, and they have a saying: once a Marine, always a Marine.

1. A person who serves in the Marines is called a _____.
2. What kinds of work do Marines do in other countries?

3. What is Marine One?

4. How is Marine basic training different from the other branches?

5. *Semper Fidelis* means _____.