

As the proud dad of a Marine you realize early on there is very little you can do to help them face the many challenges once they leave for bootcamp. It's also hard to watch them deal with minor injuries which make those challenges even harder. My son is 5' 6" 130 lbs. And the average gear pack is 80lbs. Yet he manages to push forward. After he graduated Parris Island he told us his feet were destroyed after 13 weeks of wearing socks and boots issued in bootcamp which were likely supplied by the lowest bidder.

The next step in the journey is School of Infantry where the hikes are longer and expectations are increasingly higher. He sent me this picture after a 10 K (6 mile) hike.



At last I found something I could do to help him. I did some research and found Covert Threads, Made in the USA and designed by a Marine. I called them and spoke to a very nice lady who answered my questions and explained the difference in the various models. I also asked if they shipped to military bases and she said yes they do and if I bought 5 pair they would throw in a free pair. I ordered 5 pair, 3 Infiltrator and 3 Sand (I asked them if they would make sure he got 3 of each and they did). They were delivered as promised in good condition.

My son also purchased new boots. And the combination of the new boots and the Covert Threads socks made a huge difference in comfort and his ability to do his job virtually pain free.

The following picture is after a 20 K (12 mile) hike.



The combination of Covert Threads and Bates Durashock boots made such a difference that I contacted the owner to thank him for making a product that truly does make a difference.

The following is my sons own words regarding his feet.

“During boot camp, we used cotton socks which are awful because once they are wet they are almost impossible to dry, especially in the field. After boot camp I was able to buy a few pairs of Covert Thread combat boot socks. Not only are they comfortable, but they dry out easier than cotton and stay soft rather than flattening and becoming rough. A little trick I do is wrap duct tape around the outside of the sock to give just a little more stability once my feet are in the boots so I don't get blisters. Since wearing Covert Thread socks my feet have been so much better, including on hikes, and I'd recommend them to anyone.

**10k I had really bad blisters and the 20k and had no blisters, we were also carrying 80 pounds of gear
Take that and do what you want with it,”**

Marine Dad Joe Messina and PFC Messina USMC