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Welcome Aboard from the Commanding Officer

Welcome to the First Recruit Training Battalion family, on behalf of all the Marines, Sailors, and families of the First Recruit Training Battalion I want to extend a warm and sincere welcome. We look forward to you joining the ranks and cementing your place in our distinguished history.

First Recruit Training Battalion is comprised of four training companies and a Headquarters. The majority of the officers and Marines are members of the training companies responsible for the transformation of civilians into basically trained Marines. This mission is vitally important to the defense of our nation and future of our Corps.

The demands on the officers and Marines assigned to First Recruit Training Battalion are high and balancing work and family will be challenging. I urge you to change your paradigm when integrating your family into your Marine Corps life. Family time is vitally important to a successful tour in First Recruit Training Battalion and you must strive to find that balance between mission accomplishment and the responsibilities you have to your family.

San Diego is a great place to live. Because of that, it has a high cost of living. I encourage you to take a little time to decide where you will reside and not make an uninformed decision about this very important decision. Your sponsor will be able to assist you in this endeavor as will other members of the command.

I believe that your tour here will be professionally challenging, yet personally gratifying, and an experience that you will remember for the rest of your life. Ensure you get connected with the Family Readiness Officer as soon as you check in and are working through getting your family settled.

I look forward to working with you and again welcome aboard!

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