



**Commanding Officer,
First Recruit Training Battalion**

Welcome Aboard



On behalf of the Marines, Sailors, and families of First Recruit Training Battalion, welcome!

We have the important mission of making Marines for service to Corps and Country. This is a challenging mission but one of the most rewarding in the Marine Corps. Members of the Battalion have a tremendous and lasting impact on every new Marine while building life-long friendships with their fellow Drill Instructors and officers.

Permanent personnel will be assigned to one of four training companies (A, B, C, or D), and each training company executes a 13-week training cycle every three to four months.

The Battalion has a high operational tempo, but there will be time to balance family with work. The Companies will rotate the duty schedule to ensure personnel gets sufficient rest and are made available to attend important family events during the cycle. Additionally, there are ample opportunities for leave and liberty between each cycle. Finally, families are welcome and encouraged to attend all Company and Battalion events.

I understand coming to a new unit, often accompanied by moving into a new home, can be stressful. That said, Southern California is a great place to live and serve. The Battalion also has plenty of volunteer opportunities and resources for those interested. I intend to continue our inclusive environment where family members are informed, resourced, and appreciated. Our volunteers play a pivotal role in enriching the atmosphere and supporting the training companies. Please reach out to our Uniformed Readiness Coordinator (URC) GySgt Elkan Meyervolinek, at (619)524-1961. GySgt Meyervolinek stands ready to assist you with all your transition, family readiness, and volunteer questions now and throughout your tour.

I look forward to meeting and working with you. Welcome Aboard!

Semper Fidelis,

Roger A. Hollenbeck
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Commanding Officer