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Welcome Aboard from the Commanding Officer

On behalf of the Marines, Sailors, and families of First Recruit Training Battalion I would like to welcome you.

First Recruit Training Battalion has the mission of conducting recruit training in order to transform recruits into basically trained Marines for service to Corps and Country. This is a demanding mission, but one of the most rewarding in the Marine Corps. The Marines and Sailors of the Battalion will have a lasting impact on the lives of all of the recruits that they train or support in training. By executing this mission, the Battalion builds a solid foundation for the Marine Corps one recruit at a time.

I want to assure you that although the mission of recruit training is demanding, and the Battalion has a high operational tempo; there will be time in the schedule to balance family with work. As training cycles permit, Marines will be given time off. Furthermore, there are opportunities for extended leave and liberty between each training cycle throughout the year, especially during the winter and spring when the breaks between cycles are longer. I see family time as vitally important to building the resiliency that that enables all personnel assigned to the battalion to provide their most effective contribution.

All personnel in the battalion will be assigned to one of five companies when they arrive. There is HQ Company which supports and coordinates efforts at the battalion level and there are four training companies (A, B, C, and D). The training companies execute a 13 week training cycle every three to five months. Due to the vast majority of the recruits attending training during the summer time, the battalion is typically busiest from June to October of each year. Most personnel join the battalion in the summer during this busy period - so be prepared to hit the ground running.

I understand that coming to a new unit can be stressful and at times difficult. That being said, San Diego is a great place to live and work. Please reach out to the Family Readiness Officer (FRO) at (619)524-8907 or your sponsor, if known. They will be able to refer you to resources that will help you get settled-in more smoothly and make an informed decision about where to live. The command will do all that we can to assist you.

I look forward to working with you. Welcome aboard.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. M. Rummler".

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