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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Inbound Marines and Families

Subj: WELCOME ABOARD

1. Congratulations on your selection to join Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion (MCSB)! You are joining a special intelligence unit with a legacy of cryptologic excellence dating back to 1956 under the leadership of then Captain Alfred M. Gray Jr., who later became the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps. As the premier Service Cryptologic Component of the National Security Agency (NSA), our mission is unique within our Corps. We are a cadre of U.S. Marine intelligence professionals persistently engaged in delivering advantage to the Service, the Joint Force, and the Intelligence Community through sensitive National Tactical Integration activities in partnership with the NSA. Whether you are assigned to Fort Meade, Maryland or one of our other sites, your assignment to MCSB is the beginning of an exciting, challenging, and rewarding experience that will provide you an opportunity to support national missions of the highest importance to the security of our nation.

2. You are joining our team at an exciting time. As the strategic environment shifts to near-peer competition, our unit is operating at the cutting edge, leveraging emerging technologies, collaborating with interagency partners, navigating complex operational authorities, and delivering advantage to compete, deter, and win in all operating domains. Although the Battalion headquarters is colocated with NSA at Fort Meade, Maryland, our unit has Marines operating from locations in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Colorado, and Hawaii as well as multiple overseas locations. Although geographically dispersed, we are one team with one overarching mission. Together, we deliver advantage as we uniquely prepare Marines to dominate in the information environment.

3. As you check into MCSB, know that our command team is dedicated to ensuring your transition is smooth. We have a great Family Readiness Program to help our Marines, civilians, and their families get settled. Visit our unit website at <https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/intelligence/Units/Marine-Cryptologic-Support-Battalion/>. If you arrive at Fort Meade after hours, please contact the MCSB Duty Officer for assistance at (301) 928-5510 or (301) 677-6990.

4. **Please note: You MUST complete additional NSA security requirements prior to checking in – even if you already have an adjudicated security clearance. If you have orders to MCSB and have not heard from your sponsor, please call our administrative office today at (240) 373-3849/3756.** Early communication with your sponsor is necessary to ensure a seamless transition to the unit.

5. Again, welcome to the MCSB family! We are writing the next page of our Corps' history and we're excited that you are joining the team.

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