



## Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion



Dear Marine and family,

Welcome to Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion (MCSB). Whether you are assigned to Fort Meade, Maryland or one of the external letter companies, your assignment to MCSB is the beginning of an exciting, challenging, and rewarding experience and one that provides you an opportunity to support national and strategic missions of the highest importance to our nation.

MCSB is a globally dispersed command with Marines spread out across eight states and five countries worldwide. Although the Battalion headquarters is located in Fort Meade, Maryland, there are Marines serving proudly in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Colorado, and Hawaii as well as several locations overseas. The sun never sets on MCSB! Although the span of Marines is wide and far, the Battalion remains strongly rooted in our Core Values—Honor, Courage, and Commitment—and dedicated to intelligence support to critical national missions.

As you check into MCSB, know that the command team is dedicated to ensuring your transition is smooth and efficient. We have an active command sponsorship program across the Battalion to assist Marines and families with their transition. Early communication with your sponsor is necessary to ensure a seamless transition given that Marines within MCSB must satisfy additional security requirements before accessing National Security Agency facilities. If you are in receipt of orders to MCSB and have not heard from your sponsor, please contact my administrative office at (240) 373-3849/3756.

I look forward to meeting you either locally if you are stationed at Ft. Meade, Maryland or when I travel to the letter companies and outstations.

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