Dear Marines, Sailors, Civilian Marines, and Family Members,

Welcome to Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. We are honored to have you join us on this beautiful island. As you settle into life here aboard the installation, please know that the entire team is here to support you; whether it's your first duty station away from home, or you have conducted multiple permanent change of stations, we are here for you. As you settle into your work sections and become acclimated to island living, let me ensure that you know Headquarters Battalion's vital mission.

The mission of Headquarters Battalion is to lead, train, and sustain a ready, resilient and cohesive team of Marines, Sailors, Civilian Marines, and family members in order to enable Marine Corps Base Hawaii to effectively function as an Indo-Pacific power projection platform.

The Marine Corps' and Navy's most valuable resource is our individual Marine, Sailor and their family. The Commandant and senior Marine Corps leaders continue to dedicate unprecedented resources to help Marines, Sailors, and their families successfully meet the demands of military life. To help accomplish this goal, the Headquarters Battalion Uniformed Readiness Coordinator (URC), Gunnery Sergeant Orlando Perez, is a resource for you and your family. He will provide you with:

- Official two-way command communication
- Information and referral services
- Readiness and deployment support
- Volunteer management/Opportunities to volunteer in Battalion activities

The URC stands ready to assist you with any needs you may encounter. He can be contacted at (808) 257-8870 or at Orlando.p.perez@usmc.mil .

The installation has a tremendous index of resources available to assist with your transition to the island.

- Marine Corps Community Services Hawaii page: <u>https://hawaii.usmc-mccs.org/</u>
- To make temporary lodging arrangements aboard MCBH please go to the following website: <u>https://hawaii.usmc-mccs.org/lodging/inns-of-the-corps</u>
- For on-base housing application aboard MCBH, please go to the following website and ensure you follow the specific application process instructions very closely: <u>https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Logistics/Family-Housing/</u>
- For child care application at the MCBH Child Development Center (CDC), please go to the following website: <u>https://hawaii.usmc-mccs.org/marine-family-support/child-and-youth/child-development-centers</u>
- For animal/pet transportation to the island of Oahu, please go to the following website: <u>http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/aqs-info/</u>

If you have not been assigned a command sponsor at this time, please contact the Headquarters Battalion, S-1 at (808)496-0780, for assistance with your sponsorship assignment.

Aloha & Mahalo and welcome to the family.

Semper Fidelis,

H. P. Consaul Lieutenant Colonel, USMC Commanding