



Welcome Aboard!

Dear Marine,

On behalf of the Marines and Sailors of Headquarters Battalion (HQBN), we want to welcome you to Marine Corps Base Quantico, "The Crossroads of the Corps." You are now a member of the "The Beast" -the Marine Corps' largest battalion. Our mission is to train, administer, and sustain our 1800 Marines and Sailors in order to ensure their individual readiness and enable our supported organizations to concentrate on their respective missions. When you joined the Marine Corps, you joined a close-knit family. We encourage you to be an active part of our battalion family.


The Commandant of the Marine Corps has charged each of his Commanders with putting the welfare of his Marines, Sailors, and their families at the forefront while accomplishing the mission. Within HQBN, the responsibility for ensuring your welfare rests with our commanders and senior enlisted advisors, with support from the Uniformed Readiness Coordinator (URC), Single Marine Program representatives, the Chaplains, and Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS). Each member of this team is here to serve you in a manner that ensures your tour at HQBN will be challenging, rewarding and most memorable.


During your tour, you are encouraged to take advantage of the vast array of MCCS programs on base and the incredibly enriching activities off base. We're confident that if you take full advantage of all that this tour has to offer, you will realize why our Marines re-enlist at a rate greater than the Marine Corps Average.

For those with dependent family members, our URC, Master Sergeant Gerald W. Wendel III is your advocate. He will provide you with the information about the bountiful resources available through MCCS here on base. These resources include information for family care and readiness, recreation programs, behavioral health, physical and mental health, personal and professional development, and activities both on board Quantico as well as within the National Capital Region. If you have any questions, you can reach Master Sergeant Wendel by phone at (703) 784-2267 or email at gerald.wendel@usmc.mil.

The Sergeant Major and I are confident you will find this a rewarding tour of duty, we look forward to meeting you and hearing about your experience as a member of "The Beast."

Semper Fidelis,


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