



3D BATTALION, 2D MARINES WELCOME ABOARD!



From the Commanding Officer

Welcome aboard,

I officially took command of this great Battalion on 6 February 2014. Together, you and I will team up with great leaders that make up this Battalion, and take the "Betio Bastards" into the future.

Whether you are coming to the Battalion with an immediate family of your own, or simply have loved ones who care about you from back where you call home, understand that you will have an incredible Family Readiness Team at your disposal that, along with the SgtMaj and I, will be mission focused on effectively communicating with you and your family in an effort to reduce the already present stress that is military life. Your Battalion Chaplain is LT David Martin and the key member of the Family Readiness Team, your Family Readiness Officer, is Dale Kerns.

My intent is to build and maintain 3/2 as a professional, combat-ready team, immediately able to deploy worldwide and accomplish any mission with honor. In order to be able to successfully accomplish any mission, I need every Marine, Sailor and supportive family member to "be ready when our Nation is least ready." How can you be ready? Will, Power of Attorney, Record of Emergency Data, Family Care Plan, etc are items that trigger conversations between you and your family to ensure you are ready. Also, I need you to pursue a lifelong commitment to staying mentally, physically and spiritually ready for when you are called.

I'm excited to have you on board and look forward to meeting and getting to know you.

Semper Fidelis,
T. R. Powledge
Timothy R. Powledge
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps



From the Sergeant Major

Welcome aboard!

The United States Marine Corps is an organization built on the foundation of learning from those who have gone before. This mindset has made us successful for over 238 years. With these orders to 3/2, the Betio Bastards, you are now part of a Battalion with a rich history most notably linked to the bloody struggle for the Tarawa Atoll in 1943.

Very soon, you will be contacted by the Marine who will serve as your official sponsor in helping you transition into the Battalion. Know that he and I are available to contact at any time for any questions you may have. Fair winds and following seas on your travels here.

Semper Fidelis,
K. C. Lovell
Kenneth C. Lovell III
Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corps

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