



WELCOME TO 9TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION



I would like to personally welcome you and your family to the Marine family of 9th Communication Battalion. 9th Communication Battalion provides task-organized expeditionary forces to operate and defend information networks in order to enable the Commander's ability to command and control in all domains, and to support and conduct MAGTF operations in the information environment. ***At approximately 1200 Marines, organized into 7 companies, you're joining one of the largest battalions in I Marine Expeditionary Force.***

Originally organized in 1966 as a communication company, it was re-organized as a battalion in the mid-80s. Professionalism, Reliability, and Flexibility formed the principle foundation of this battalion's collective action. ***This battalion's Marines and Sailors, at every turn, at every endeavor, and in every clime and place demonstrated decades of sustained operational excellence.*** This battalion's reputation for being ready whenever and wherever called, and its ability to deliver occupational excellence to the lowest tactical edge with the highest degree of professional and technical competence is unparalleled. Furthermore, this battalion is now being called upon to deliver innovation in some of the Corps' newest and most critical capabilities. ***I have no doubt that your Marine's and Sailor's leadership and individual contributions will continue to perpetuate the same outstanding reputation this battalion has delivered to the Corps for more than five decades.***

We are located aboard Camp Pendleton, California in Area 13, Main Side. Your Marine's or Sailor's time will be spent leading Marines and Sailors, and being exceptionally led; developing their occupational skill and developing others; training throughout on Camp Pendleton, across the United States, and around the world; and deploying in support of I Marine Expeditionary Force operations. ***Life will be busy, much will be expected, and they'll meet the challenge.***

I encourage you to stay connected to 9th Communication Battalion's story through our official and authorized communications tools, and through direct contact with our Deployment Readiness Coordinator, Mrs. Jenna Minter. ***Staying connected will keep you in touch with the Marine family of 9th Communication Battalion, and will facilitate the total readiness of your Marine or Sailor and your family.***

Your participation in the 9th Comm's story directly contributes to your Marine's or Sailor's readiness to meet the challenges of serving our Corps with sustained operational excellence; to be ready to fight; to take care of each; and to win whenever and wherever called. ***Thank you for the part you play in this battalion's history, and present and future success!*** And again, welcome to 9th Communication Battalion!

Sustained Excellence - Be Ready to Fight, Take Care of Each Other, and Win.

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