



**Welcome Aboard**  
**Marine Corps Security Force Battalion**  
**Kings Bay, GA**



Welcome aboard!

I look forward to you joining our team here at Marine Corps Security Force Battalion on Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia. Our battalion is one of the few truly integrated Navy-Marine commands in the Fleet Marine Force. Consisting of 1,000 Marines and Master-at-Arms Sailors, our mission is to secure the nation's nuclear weapons in support of strategic deterrence. Whether you are new to the service of our nation or a seasoned veteran, I am confident that you will find this duty station both personally and professionally rewarding.

But the first challenge is getting here so I want to ensure that you get off to the right start. All PCS moves present challenges for both single service members and those moving with their families (my family and I have moved 13 times in the last 20 years and I still find it stressful!). Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay and our battalion have numerous resources that you and your family can take advantage of to help make your move easier.

The first resource I encourage you to check out is the [Welcome Aboard](#) package at our public website ([MCSF Battalion Kings Bay, GA \(marines.mil\)](#)). Here you will find maps of the base, surrounding areas, and links to housing, healthcare, schools and other items.

Next, I encourage you to reach out to our Deployment Readiness Coordinator (DRC), Mrs. Dannielle Niewald ([Dannielle.Niewald@SWFLANT.navy.mil](mailto:Dannielle.Niewald@SWFLANT.navy.mil)) with any questions that the Welcome Aboard link cannot answer or for more detailed information. She is a phenomenal and easy to use resource for both Marines and Sailors who can provide you with information about the local communities of Kingland and St. Marys, nearby towns as well as the submarine base itself. She is also a great place to start if your spouse would like to get involved in command events and learn about volunteer opportunities.

Finally, if you are in receipt of orders to Kings Bay, you will be contacted in the coming weeks by a member of the command who will put you in contact with your Active Duty sponsor. This sponsor will be your primary point of contact prior to your arrival and is responsible for assisting you in transitioning into the area, getting you checked into the command and leveraging additional resources to assist your move.

The Command Team and I wish you the best for a smooth move and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Semper Fidelis and Semper Fortis!

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