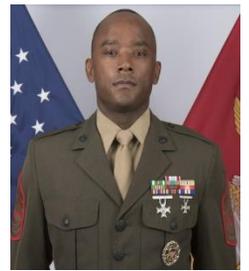




**MARINE CORPS SECURITY FORCE COMPANY  
GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA  
WELCOME ABOARD**



First Sergeant Catching and I would like to welcome you and your family to Marine Corps Security Force Company (MCSFCO) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO). The unit and much of the Naval Station has a tight-knit, small-town community feel which can make for an enjoyable family experience. Our unit's mission of conducting continuous security operations between Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and Cuba is full of Marine tradition, and we all take a great deal of pride in continuing this colorful heritage. In June 1898, a battalion of U.S. Marines were the first U.S. troops to land in Cuba during the Spanish-American War and we have been here ever since. You are about to join that long line of Maines who have served our nation in Cuba since 1898.

The Naval Station you will be a part of, U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, is the oldest U.S. base overseas and the only one in a Communist country. Located on the southeast corner of Cuba, in the Orient Province, the base is about 400 air miles from Miami, Florida and comes with many of the enjoyable aspects of its Caribbean location. Given all of these realities, we are confident you will enjoy your tour here. There are isolated aspects of GTMO living, and you will become familiar with responses like "it's on the barge" to inquiries about mail. However, even these minor hardships are made easier by Amazon service and relatively easy flights to Jacksonville, Florida and Norfolk, Virginia. Your sponsor will make your transition as smooth as possible, so make full use of their insider knowledge.

If you are in receipt of PCS orders, please visit our website at: <https://www.mcsfr.marines.mil/Units/MCSF-Company-Guantanamo-Bay/> for more information and to receive our "Welcome Aboard Package" and all necessary and pertinent documents relative to your Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

Again, First Sergeant Catching and I want to welcome you. We are greatly looking forward to meeting you and your family in person and working with you as a member of our team. Welcome aboard!

R. P. MCKENZIE  
MAJOR USMC

