

Dear Marine and Sailor Families and Friends,

Welcome to the Combat Logistics Battalion 15 family! You've joined a small community of elite Marines and Sailors whose mission is to provide agile and responsive logistics support to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) – at sea or on land. From our humble beginnings in October of 1987 as a Marine Amphibious Unit Service Support Group to the present day, combat service support Marines and Sailors assigned to MEUs have been a vital part of Marine Corps history – supporting the seizing of beaches and extending the operational range of the fight. We take great pride in this and the close-knit nature of our community. It doesn't matter what military occupational specialty your military member is, they are now officially an expeditionary and amphibious Marine or Sailor.



Before long you'll find this great Battalion moving in many directions all at once. Our 300 Marines and Sailors will soon be supporting several critical missions around the world. In preparation for our shipboard deployment in the summer of 2012, our men and women will be training hard and conducting various exercises along the west coast of the United States. Their hard work and dedication will undoubtedly build a solid reputation within the 1st Marine Logistics Group and the 15th MEU for unmatched professionalism and mission accomplishment.

Our command philosophy here at Combat Logistics Battalion 15 centers on a few simple tenets – initiative, courage, leadership, and ethics. We'll always strive to keep work fun and challenging but never lose focus on the safety of all personnel. With these ideals in mind, our Battalion will flourish and accomplish every mission thrown our way – no matter how tough or diverse.

A major part of our overall success will be a concerted focus on our Battalion families. If the family is happy and engaged in unit activities, then the Marines and Sailors are likely to be happy and much more effective. To that end we'll work hard to fully implement a comprehensive Battalion Family Readiness Program. Our program includes a full-time civilian Family Readiness Officer (FRO) to focus solely on assisting you with your family's needs and issues. We are implementing the latest communications technologies for rapidly contacting all the families with the latest important news about their Marine and Sailor and his unit. We'll have a small but skilled group of volunteer Command Team Advisors as friendly points of contact and reference for all our families. We also have a robust schedule of events

throughout the year to teach, integrate, and entertain all our family members. These range from highly informational pre/post-deployment and reunion briefs to family days, holiday parties, Jane/John Wayne Days, Marine Corps Birthday Balls, and Bring Your Child to Work days. Through these fun events you'll find many ways to learn about the Battalion and meet others in our community with whom you'll find so much in common.

Our FRO, Ms. Jewel Williams, should have already contacted you to introduce herself or will do so soon. She is a great resource, and she'll provide you with:

- o Official two-way command communications
- o Information and referral services for Marine Corps Community Service (MCCS) and other Department of Defense family programs
- o Readiness and deployment support

Jewel stands ready to assist you with any need you may encounter. She can be contacted at (760) 763-4016 (work) / (760) 405-7995 (cell) or at jewel.williams@usmc.mil. Also, please check out the Battalion's official webpage at:

<http://www.i-mef.usmc.mil/mlg/clr17/clb-15/default.asp>

the CLB-15 Family Readiness Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/CLB-15-Family-Readiness/127057023982167?ref=ts>

and the CLB-15 eMarine page at:

<https://www.emarine.org/skins/eMarine/display.aspx>

We'll strive to keep these current and relevant, so please check back often for upcoming family readiness events and Battalion information.

I've served 20 years in the Marine Corps and this is my third opportunity to be with a Marine Expeditionary Unit. I truly consider it my home and family -- I hope you and your family will grow to feel as I do.

Welcome Aboard,

John J. Wiener  
Lieutenant Colonel, US Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer