



## 3d Intelligence Battalion Commanding Officer Welcome Aboard!



Welcome to 3d Intelligence Battalion. As part of this battalion, you will have the unique opportunity to be on a team that is responsible for supporting the III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) with real world intelligence on a daily basis.

You are a member of the only forward deployed intelligence battalion in the Marine Corps. Your professional opportunities here are unlimited. My role as your commanding officer is to ensure you have the tools and the training you need to be ready to “Fight Tonight.” As the III MEF Commander’s intelligence capability, 3d Intelligence Battalion informs every Marine Corps action in the Pacific region. Since 1999, when the battalion was activated, we have aimed our capabilities toward every conflict, humanitarian response, and security cooperation mission in the theatre. Every day, we liaison and partner with allied military organizations throughout the region. It is only a matter of time before we will again be called upon to direct our capabilities towards a conflict, humanitarian or direct response mission. You will be a part of this critical effort.

While here on Okinawa and in this theater, I also encourage you to expand your horizons culturally and see all the area has to offer. This island was the site of one of the largest battles of World War II and is rich in military history. There are many things to see and do. While you are here you represent not only yourself but also this battalion, the Marine Corps, and your Country. Keep your honor clean in all that you do; remember, I need you to maintain your readiness so that we are always ready to “Fight Tonight.”

We want to make your transition to this wonderful island as smooth as possible. We have attached a packet of information that should answer many of your questions. Please use your assigned sponsor to ask any and all questions that you may have.

Again, welcome to 3d Intelligence Battalion. I look forward to meeting you and serving with you. Serve yourself and your country well here and you will have an experience of a lifetime.

“Victory through Intelligence.”

Semper Fidelis,

W. E. DeLeal  
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC  
Commanding Officer

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