



**Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18**  
**Marine Air Control Group 18**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing**  
**Unit 37181**  
**FPO AP 96373-7181**

On behalf of all MWCS-18, allow me to welcome you and your family to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18! From first-hand experience, we understand the challenges associated with moving a family to Okinawa, Japan. Upon arrival, it will most likely take about thirty days to get settled. However, once your transition is complete, you should find Okinawa to be a great location for your family! We have discovered an abundance of resources and activities for our family. These include a wide assortment of athletic, musical, and language opportunities which are available for your children. There are also fabulous opportunities throughout the island to experience Okinawa's culture and amazing beaches. We highly encourage you to experience these great opportunities!

MWCS-18 is fully committed to supporting the families of our Marines. This is an effort that I am genuinely and personally committed to. The Squadron is extremely busy and we frequently deploy throughout the Pacific. Our Marines and their family members are a top priority and vital to our success. We strive to foster a climate that develops relationships between the unit and its family members. Our goal is to ensure all our family members are informed and involved in unit functions as much as possible. You will find that we have an extremely active Family Readiness Program!

Your Family Readiness Officer (FRO) is Ms. Misty L. Baker. Please do not hesitate to reach out to her. She is standing ready to assist you with any questions or inquiries you may have. Ms. Misty can be reached at +81 (0) 80 1535-7334, or in the office at DSN (315) 645-6771.

Prior to your arrival, you can learn about the Squadron and key personnel on our website at <http://www.1stmaw.marines.mil/Subordinate-Units/Marine-Air-Control-Group-18/MWCS-18/>. Your sponsor and our Command Team are all standing by to assist in your transition. Please let us know how we can make your transition easier. Again, welcome to Okinawa and to the Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18 family!

Semper Fidelis,

LtCol T. J. Cleaver  
Commanding Officer  
Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18