



Commanding Officer's Welcome Aboard Message



Greetings from the command deck in Okinawa, Japan! My wife Melissa and I welcome you to the MACS-4 family and are happy to have you on the team. MACS-4 is truly a unique unit, spanning three different geographic locations across the Asia-Pacific: Okinawa, Iwakuni and Hawaii. Regardless of where you find yourself, the MACS-4 family aims to make this tour one of the best in your Marine Corps career.

For anyone coming to MACS-4 for the first time, you may be curious about our squadron's mission and operations throughout the region. The Marines and Sailors here provide a number of critical warfighting capabilities across the Western Pacific. MACS-4 provides air traffic control services at Marine Corps Air Stations and in expeditionary environments throughout region. We also provide tactical air command and control, airspace surveillance and air defense through the use of our ground-based radars and communications equipment. Lastly, we deliver meteorological forecasting services to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, supporting aviation operations across a wide variety of environments and missions. Our capabilities are unique, relevant and always in demand. Prepare yourself for a dynamic and challenging assignment.

While our geographic locations provide for many unique operational experiences, it also opens the door for countless cultural and travel opportunities. Being forward-deployed, we are often called to perform our mission in many different countries such as Thailand, Korea, the Philippines, and Australia. In addition to our operational travels, we also highly encourage you to explore and enjoy the many exciting attractions and activities available throughout the Asia-Pacific during your tour. Living in this part of the world is an opportunity of a lifetime!

I hope you are motivated and eager to hit the ground running. Please know that my family and I, along with the Executive Officer, Sergeant Major and Uniformed Readiness Coordinator are all here to assist you or your Marine's smooth transition. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to having you on the MACS-4 team!

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