

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FIELD MEDICAL TRAINING BATTALION
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Dear Prospective Student:

Welcome aboard and congratulations on your selection for attending combat and field medical skills training at Field Medical Training Battalion – East (FMTB-E)! FMTB-E is located on Camp Johnson which is approximately two miles from Camp Lejeune main base in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Camp Johnson is the home of the Montford Point Marines of World War II fame and FMTB-E is located in Doc Bradley Hall which honors Petty Officer Second Class John Bradley who received the Navy Cross for his actions on Iwo Jima in World War II. With your assignment to FMTB-E, you will become part of the long line of Corpsmen, Medical Department Officers, and Religious Program Specialists that have trained here and then honorably served with the United States Marine Corps with valor and self-sacrifice.

Be aware that FMTB-E courses are designed to prepare you for combat operations with the United States Marines Corps. These courses are both mentally and physically challenging and your endurance and capabilities will be pushed to their limits. Therefore, you should begin a training regimen now that prepares you for your success as a student at FMTB-E.

Upon reporting to FMTB-E, you must be able to pass within standards all phases of the Navy PFA including the Body Composition Analysis, push-ups, sit ups, and 1.5 mile run. <u>I highly encourage you to watch the Welcome Video on our Home Page and review the Rules and Regulations in the Student Materials tab on the Home Page as well.</u>

FMTB-E leadership and staff are committed to excellence in education and training but as the student you are ultimately responsible for your own success in these courses. Realize that you are embarking on a very serious but fulfilling assignment to provide service, care, and protection for your fellow Marines and Sailors. This will be like no other assignment you have had before. Whether your follow-on command is with a Marine Corps unit, hospital platform or other command, upon graduation I assure you that you will be more technically proficient and better prepared physically to serve at your new assignment.

If you have questions or concerns, the Administrative Office staff can be contacted at (910) 450-1187/0763/0767 from 0800-1600 M-F to answer any of your questions or concerns. If after hours, please contact the Officer of the Day (OOD) at (910) 450-0750/0712.

I am honored for the opportunity to serve as your Commanding Officer. Please be safe during your travels and come prepared to FMTB-E to excel.

Semper fidelis

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U. S. Navy Commanding Officer