



COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAMILY READINESS POLICY STATEMENT

We Marines pride ourselves on "taking care of our own" whether on the battlefield or in garrison. When a Family Readiness issue distracts a member of this command, the entire unit shares the consequences. The Unit Family Readiness Program provides all of us a way to help reduce these personal distractions and allow us to focus on our fellow Marines and the mission. I firmly support this program and expect all members of this command to do the same.

The Family Readiness program will provide assistance to Marines, Sailors, and their families. The program will reach out to, and provide support for, all service members, whether single or married, and to their families. The support provided will include, but is not limited to, official communication between the Command and its families, information and referral support, and readiness and deployment support.

Please note that Family Readiness is not the sole responsibility of the commander. I hold each Marine and Sailor personally responsible for individual and family readiness. I expect each of us to maintain a constant vigilance over our personal and family affairs so that we will be mission ready at all times. Also, I require that Small Unit Leadership provide a sense of importance and necessity for maintaining family readiness.

In order to accomplish all of the objectives of the Family Readiness Program, I have appointed a full-time, Family Readiness Officer (FRO). The FRO is a special staff officer who has my full confidence and should be the initial point of contact for all family readiness inquiries. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the unit FRO, Mrs. Rebekah Redifer at DSN 645-5601 or by e-mail at rebekah.redifer@usmc.mil.

Semper Fidelis,

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