



## COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON FAMILY READINESS

Marines have an obligation to take care of their own. Family Readiness plays in the success of any mission and it is clear that if a Marine or Sailor is distracted by an event at home, he or she will not be focused on the task at hand, and become an impediment to the mission. We Marines must reduce these distractions and to ensure that when we are asked to leave our families, we do so knowing that they are being cared for properly. In order to meet these obligations, I will fully support the unit's Family Readiness Program and expect everyone at this command to do the same.

The Family Readiness program will provide support 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 their 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 Family Readiness Officer, Mrs. Rebekah Redifer at DSN 645-5601 or by e-mail at [rebekah.redifer@usmc.mil](mailto:rebekah.redifer@usmc.mil).

Semper Fidelis,

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