



COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAMILY READINESS POLICY STATEMENT

The Marine Corps is a family that looks after its own in every way. The Unit Family Readiness Program (UFRP) provides a way for our command to do just that. Family Readiness is an inclusive system that includes the families a Marine was born into, sworn into, and married into. Each of these families provides support that can help individuals endure the rigors of training, deployment, and operations. Regular communication, family events, and educational seminars are just a few ways our command informs and prepares families for the challenges and rewards of military life.

- Family Readiness is not solely the responsibility of the command. It is the responsibility of each and every Marine and Sailor. To help each of you fulfill this obligation, the goal of this command and its' Family Readiness Program is to:
 - Prepare families for demands of daily work, separations, and life events.
 - Help families understand the unique challenges that arise when your Marine is deployed, training or working extended hours.
 - Educate Marines, Sailors, and their family members of the benefits, entitlements, programs, and services provided by the Department of Defense, the Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), and the community.
 - Provide resources and referrals to Marines, Sailors, and their family members.

The Family Readiness Officer (FRO) is a special staff officer, who serves as the principle channel between the members of this command and the services available to our families. The FRO also serves as the principle communication link between the Commanding Officer and our families who have accompanied us or those left behind. Our battalion is fortunate to have a full-time Family Readiness Officer, Stacy Bush, to help us meet the vision and objectives of our Family Readiness Program. She maintains the highest level of training, skills, and is thoroughly familiar with all aspects of readiness and resources availability, as well as zealous about assisting Marines, Sailors, and their families.

Overseas assignments create its own challenges and makes it necessary to have a program available for our family members. The time to start building a strong family network is today. Your FRO is prepared and committed to helping me fulfill the needs of the program and enable us all to enhance our quality of life while living in Okinawa. Stacy Bush can be reached by email at stacy.bush@usmc.mil or 645-5601/cell 080-2737-5441.

Semper Fidelis,


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