



**COMMANDING OFFICER
COMBAT ASSAULT BATTALION
STATEMENT ON FAMILY READINESS**



Family Readiness is characterized by the Marine Corps shouldering its responsibility by holding Marines accountable for attaining and maintaining personal and family readiness. Marines and their families will be supported by the Family Readiness Command Team (Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Sergeant Major, Family Readiness Officer, and Chaplain) and the Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Team, along with the Marines in his or her direct chain of command.

Family Readiness is vital to the success of the battalion's mission, equally as important as individual, equipment, and combat readiness. It is the ability of the individual Marine and their family to successfully balance life, career, and mission events.

The Battalion Family Readiness Program will only succeed if small unit leadership is used to its fullest potential. The Family Readiness Command Team, along with Company Commanders, Officers, SNCOs, and NCOs, must instill in Marines the sense of urgency that a Marine must stay in a constant state of readiness.

I expect all Marines to maintain readiness and all leaders to assist your Marines with any and all issues not allowing Marines to focus on and accomplish the mission. We should know our Marines and their families and ensure they are taken care of.

One of the most important elements to overall mission success is a vigorous Unit Personnel and Family Readiness Program that fosters information sharing from the command team to the Marines, Sailors, and family members of Combat Assault Battalion (CAB). Information leads to knowledge which results in an empowered family prepared for the challenges that face us either here in Okinawa or back in the states.

My desired end state for the Marines, Sailors, and family members of CAB is to stay connected and engaged with our Unit Personnel and Family Readiness Program, together overcoming the many obstacles our unique lifestyle presents.

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