



Headquarters Battalion Commander's Family Readiness Policy



Our families are vital to the success of our battalion. Therefore, just as we are responsible for preparing our Marines and Sailors for our mission, we must also prepare our families for their role(s). By establishing key relationships and setting conditions ahead of potentially long periods of separation, we can help reduce the associated impact and stress. When our families are ready, we are ready.

Today's Marine Corps Family Readiness Program has been greatly enhanced to include not only those who are married but also our single Marines and Sailors, parents, extended family members and even close friends. While I am personally responsible for the program, it is important that you know your Family Readiness Officer (FRO). The FRO helps keep loved ones properly informed, executing notifications both in garrison and during deployment. Additionally, the FRO has access to services and resources that can help families in need of assistance, and programs to educate, train and prepare family members for the challenges of military life. I encourage all Marines, Sailors, and their families to bring their family readiness questions or concerns to our FRO - lets enhance our readiness sooner not later.

For this program to be effective, everyone must do their part to prepare and enable our families. Empower them with the resources and support network that exists here on Okinawa. Continue to recruit and retain qualified volunteers; the Family Readiness Program Volunteers are a cornerstone to our Family Readiness Program and we rely heavily upon them for our program to succeed. For those who have or wish to volunteer to assist the Family Readiness Officer, you have my sincerest thanks.

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