

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 542

COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON UNIT, PERSONAL AND FAMILY READINESS

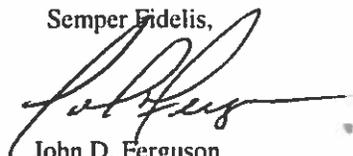
Family Readiness is an integral part of unit readiness and is intimately linked to mission and operational success of the command. Therefore it is my duty to effectively led, train and equip you will all the tools to not only become successful but remain so. The demands of military life are unique and bring forth challenges and demands on family that can be difficult to navigate. Families are a direct link to the squadron and as the Marine or Sailor it is our responsibility to ensure they are well informed, prepared and have the resources they need. Family readiness was developed with you in mind; it is here to assist Marines, Sailors, civilians and their families to successfully balance life, career and mission by providing the necessary resources to enhance family readiness thereby maximizing mission accomplishment.

An indispensable part of the Family Readiness Program is the Family Readiness officer, Stephanie. As a Special Staff Officer, Stephanie will always be available to the Marine, Sailor, civilians and families. She is well-versed in the resources and referrals available to you both on and off base. Her wealth of knowledge will help you to negotiate the Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB) and others. Each and every member of our Tiger family is a critical asset to the unit; be sure to encourage them to get involved with the Family Readiness Program. The success of the program requires the support of each and every Marine, Sailor, civilian and family. Through their involvement and active communication you will be assured your family and loved ones are taken care of.

As Marines and Sailors we are a part of a heritage that has born us the recognition as the most elite fighting force America has to offer. Just as we must be prepared so must our families. Take the time now to ensure you have a plan whether you are married or single, with or without children because ultimately the readiness of your family is your responsibility. If you need assistance in getting prepared take advantage of the Family Readiness Program and all the resources that it has to offer.

As the Commanding Officer, I am responsible for maintaining an effective family readiness program that is informative and can adapt to the many changes families will endure. My commitment to you is that we will do everything we can to assist.....all you need to do is ask. Never suffer in silence, we are the Tigers an extended family standing ready to support and assist. We never leave a teammate behind!!

Semper Fidelis,



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