



COMMANDER'S STATEMENT ON FAMILY READINESS



The individual Marine or Sailor and his or her family are the Marine Corps' most valuable resource. It is imperative to the success of our mission that we understand that there is a link between family readiness and operational readiness. My desire is that every Marine and Sailor of MWSS-271 take advantage of the many resources available to ensure their family is prepared for the challenges that we face in our profession of arms. We are America's 911 Force, we must be prepared to deploy on short notice for undetermined periods of time. With this in mind, it is our obligation to our family to take the appropriate steps now to ensure they are well-prepared and ready as we are, should the need to deploy arise.

Marine Corps Family Team Building, Marine and Family Services, and numerous other organizations provide many services and resources for our families and us. In addition, outstanding programs such as our Military Family Life Counselors, L.I.N.K.S., New Parent Support, Military OneSource, Exceptional Family Member, Community Counseling Program and Semper Fit are but a few of the resources available to you and your family – please use them!

The MWSS-271 Family Readiness Officer, Mr. Dave Stockwell, is always available to answer your questions and to assist you and your family. Take advantage of his training and experience to enhance your family's readiness. In his absence, anyone in your chain of command can and will help connect you and your family with the many resources available.

Our service to our country demands a lot from our loved ones, so please use your well-earned time off to invest in your relationships with your spouse or significant other, children, extended family members, and other loved ones and friends. We can never be certain how many training days are left to us before a crisis arises somewhere on the world stage. In those few days that we may have available to pack our gear and deploy in response, there will be little time to prepare your family members. Prepare them now.


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