

Marine Attack Squadron 223 Policy Statement: Unit Personal and Family Readiness MCO 1754.98

The mission of Marine Attack Squadron 223 is to employ the AV-8B Harrier as a world class Attack platform in support of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. In order to successfully achieve this mission, we must ensure we have the proper readiness with our Marines, and with our families. We must ensure we are taking care of each other and our families as a unit if we are to be ready for combat.

In Marine Attack Squadron 223, our Family Readiness Team is tasked with providing this support to each Marine, Sailor, and their families. The team consists of the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Sergeant Major, Deployment Readiness Coordinator (DRC), Uniformed Readiness Coordinator (URC), Single Marine Program Representative, Chaplain, and Family Readiness Command Team Advisors.

Upon check in with the unit, each Marine and Sailor will meet Ms. Brittany Castro, our DRC, complete the NAVMC 11654, and ensure your MOL contacts are authorized and updated. This is not only the responsibility of each Marine, but also the responsibility of every leader in our squadron.

The Marines and Sailors of Marine Attack Squadron 223 all have different skills and responsibilities, and while we may serve in different ways, we all make sacrifices in service to our nation. Moreover, our families also are asked to make sacrifices as well, as the long hours and constant time away from home impacts both Marines and family members alike. While we cannot always control the schedules and deployments we are asked to complete, we can ensure we make efforts to provide support and care to our Marines and their families as we face these challenges together.

Semper Fidelis,

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Commanding Officer