

FAMILY READINESS



Our mission is to maintain a ready-to-deploy, Light Lift, Attack Helicopter Squadron, capable of fighting our nation's battles Anytime, Anywhere. To that end, the well-being and resiliency of our Marines and their families is crucial. The Stinger Family Readiness Team's goal is to equip families for success amidst the demands of squadron life, to keep your family informed and help them prepare for what you are called to do a week, month, and year from now. And, as our dynamic situation unfolds, our goal is to ensure families make full use of available resources, take pride in your service, and enjoy their time with the Stingers.

To do that your leadership is charged to communicate with your families. Successful communications means your family is aware of the demands this squadron has placed on you; when you will be working late, when you will deploy, and most importantly when you will have extended blocks of leave to rest and focus on the needs of your family. It also includes ensuring your family connects with our Command's Family Readiness Team, gains insight into life in the Marine Corps, is able to express concerns and challenges at home, and even provide feedback on how we can help them during their time with the Stingers.

Your leadership is also charged with providing access to the resources that set your family up for success. Our Family Readiness Officer, Lynn Sheffer, is committed to doing so. In addition, she is actively building a network of family volunteers that ensures all squadron families are connected to us and the resources within and outside the squadron.

Along with your leaders, you too are responsible for your family's readiness. Building an expeditionary mindset isn't just for you. You are charged with ensuring, in your absence, your family is equipped to handle life's challenges and when they need help, to know how to reach out to our multi-layered Family Readiness support network.

Your family deserves to know as much as they can about what their nation and this squadron is tasking you to do. Our job is to help them meet yours *and their* challenges with success, to be proud of *their* service, and free you up to remain focused on developing and maintaining this squadrons ability to fight and win our nations battles.

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