



Commanding Officer's Statement on Family Readiness



Marines, Sailors, and Family Members,

The success of our unit and its personnel is due not only to the talents and skills of our Marines and Sailors but the selfless sacrifices and dedication of our families. This support has allowed the ACEs to focus on and succeed in our assigned missions.

Every one of our families plays an indispensable role in the readiness of the squadron, our Marine Corps and ultimately our country. As the commanding officer of Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, I hold Family Readiness as a top priority. It is clear that today's Marine Corps Family Readiness Program has grown like our wonderful families have grown. Today's families are not limited to immediate members such as our spouses or parents, but include grandparents and other significant family members that give us much needed strength. Our Marine Corps Family Readiness Program has been enhanced with capabilities and given increased funding and support corresponding to the immense importance the Marine Corps places on the care of our loved ones.

Part of this enhanced support comes in the form of a full-time Family Readiness Officer, Mrs. Amanda Soer. I ask you to contact Amanda with any family related questions or issues at amanda.soer@usmc.mil or (858) 577-6336. She has added immense depth and capability to the command's family readiness structure and its ability to reach out to our families in need or those that simply have questions. She is the command's gateway to a much larger set of resources. The special programs offered by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) and Marine & Family Programs (M&FP) inform and prepare our families for the many challenges associated with the military lifestyle. Our fast-paced training schedules and expeditionary nature offer unique challenges to our families and these programs offer valuable support both during deployment and when the unit is home.

Family members...I cannot thank you enough for all the support you give your Marines and Sailors, this unit, the Marine Corps, and, ultimately, our nation. Without you, we could not accomplish our mission with such focus. You give us the peace of mind of knowing that the home-front is in good hands. The Marine Corps has always been highly regarded for its determined efforts to take care of its families and I intend to continue that long-standing practice. Please tap into the resources available at the squadron, at MCAS Miramar, and in the Marine Corps. Let us thank you for supporting us by helping you when you need it most. Semper Fidelis!

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