



**Policy on Family Readiness**  
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“The life of a military family is one of unique challenges. These challenges are currently exacerbated by the high operational tempo of the Marine Corps. In spite of the challenges, military spouses continue to demonstrate strength, devotion and grace. Military spouses inspire by their example in the many supporting roles they play including both mission and family readiness.”

— James T. Conway, General, 34<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps

***Taking Care of Marines and their Families.*** Our most precious asset is our Marines and Sailors. Their ability to be most ready when our Nation is least ready requires rock solid self-assurance and a stable home front. As brothers and sisters in arms we must take care of those on whom our life may depend and ensure that marital, health, financial and legal problems are mitigated. I need our young leaders to step up, raise awareness and contribute when individuals and their families are in strife.

I invite our spouses to participate in our Volunteer programs (Family Support Assistants and Morale Support Volunteers); those who are familiar with the Corps and experienced at keeping the hearth burning during long deployments will be particularly valued in this organization. This network is aimed at keep the lines of communication open between the commands and family members.

I will encourage family events for all Marines (married and single); in Team 13 we are one family. We will empower our families with training, tools and opportunities such as Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge, Skills (L.I.N.K.S.), military One Source, and command-sponsored events that enable families to interact with the squadrons and its leadership. We will leverage organizational support for our families to include volunteer spouses, Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCTFB), Marine Corps Retention Specialists, Financial Counselors, Branch Clinic services and Chaplains.

I also encourage our Single Marines to welcome their parents and other family members into our family network. We are the caretakers of America’s finest sons and daughters and are grateful for this honor.

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