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REGIMENT POLICY LETTER 17-10

From: Commanding Officer
To: All Hands

Subj: STATEMENT ON FAMILY READINESS

1. By choosing the profession of arms we have to some degree obligated our families to support us and to make sacrifices along the way. The welfare of our families is a constant concern for our Marines and Sailors while at home and when deployed. Therefore, family readiness is no less important than individual, equipment and combat readiness.

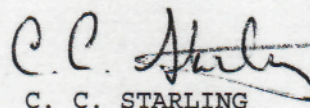
2. A definition of family readiness is the ability of our Marines, Sailors, and their families to balance day to day life, military careers, and emerging mission requirements. The goal of the 23d Marines' family readiness program is to provide resource information, training, and support services to enhance personal and family readiness across the regiment. Marines and Sailors must ensure their personal and family affairs are in order so that, no matter where or in what capacity they serve, they will remain fully focused on the mission.

3. Successful family readiness programs ensure Marines, Sailors, and their families are:

- Prepared for family separations and life events
- Aware of the additional responsibilities that will fall on the family when the service member deploys
- Knowledgeable of and able to utilize information about benefits, entitlements, programs, and services provided through the Department of Defense, the Marine Corps, and the community
- Informed of command structure and resources available to assist and contribute to overall personal and family readiness.

4. Commanders are responsible for the design and implementation of unit family readiness programs. Family Readiness Officers (FROs) are responsible for coordinating family readiness outreach, support, and assistance programs. They are guided by the Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program Order (MCO 1754.9) and have received formal training making them qualified to provide support and assist in attaining the unit's goals and objectives listed above.

5. Marines pride themselves in being the most ready and most expeditionary service. I expect all hands in the regiment to support the unit family readiness program while continuously preparing themselves and their families for the unexpected mobilization or deployment.


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