

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON FAMILY READINESS

Everyone in this Battalion has made a commitment to the Marine Corps or Navy. Beyond that there is a shared commitment between individual Marines, Sailors, and their families. Family members also share in the challenges of Marine Corps life whether it is long hours of training or many months on deployment. These challenges equate to pressures upon spouses, parents, and significant others who have to deal with various issues while their Marine or Sailor is away from home.



The mission of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Family Readiness Command Team (FRCT) is to build a solid family readiness program that will assist married Marines/Sailors, spouses, parents, extended family members and our single Marines/Sailors with the challenges associated with Marine Corps duty and life. I want our program to not only alleviate these challenges, but enhance life for Marines, Sailors, and their families. Our family readiness program should provide an avenue of approach to the FRCT for all members of the battalion and their families. We will facilitate events that enhance readiness, build camaraderie, and develop personal relationships among the members of the battalion and their families. By building this support structure and community environment we will ensure that the battalion has a steadfast approach for our family members. We will ensure that family members are well informed and that there is a sense of community that strengthens families through an extensive family readiness program.

Our family readiness program is managed by Gunnery Sergeant Brian Huffman. Gunnery Sergeant Huffman is a special staff officer who works directly for me and has the full support of the FRCT and Marines and Sailors of the battalion. Gunnery Sergeant Huffman is responsible to adhere to the four tiers of family readiness which are Communication, Readiness and Deployment Support, Information and Referral, and Volunteer Management. If you ever have any questions about family readiness or are in need of assistance, please feel free to contact Gunnery Sergeant Huffman.

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