



Mark A. Sperling **Family Readiness Officer** **2d Battalion, 4th Marines**

Mr. Sperling assists the Commander, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines and is the direct representative in providing Command Family Readiness outreach, support and assistance to the command's military personnel and their families. The Family Readiness Officer is the special staff officer responsible for carrying out the Commander's vision and intent by facilitating and coordinating resources that assist with family readiness issues and diverse functions towards accomplishment of the commands mission. Family Readiness involves a broad range of functions important to the command, military personnel and its family members.



Prior to accepting this position he served 30 years as a staff noncommissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. His first assignment after recruit training was as an Administration Clerk with Military Police Division, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA. Throughout his military career, he held Administrative, Manpower and Personnel assignments at a myriad of Marine Corps commands including: I Marine Expeditionary Force, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton; III Marine Expeditionary Force and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan; Commander Marine Corps Air Bases-West, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, and Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego; Landing Force Training Command, Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado.

As a noncommissioned officer, his assignments included Substance Abuse Control Officer, Training Officer, Rappel Master, Competitive Shooter on the Depot Rifle and Pistol Team, Classified Material Control Center Chief, Security Manager, Inspector-Instructor Staff, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Crisis Action Team Leader, and Drill Instructor. His senior tours include Manpower Chief, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, and G-1 Chief at Multi National Force-West, Iraq; Marine Corps Air Station Miramar; and 1st Marine Division. He retired from the Marine Corps at the Blue Diamond in 2010 and was employed as a contractor for a construction firm as the site supervisor and safety inspector; responsible for a multimillion dollar project that supports live-fire training aboard Camp Pendleton. Mr. Sperling was offered and accepted his current position in 2012.

His civilian education includes a General Education Diploma from the State of California, Associate in Computer Science, Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration from National University. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star and Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars.

He is married to the former Nada Buckovic of Valle Mune, Croatia. They have three sons, of which two served in the military, and four grandchildren.