

USMC Family Readiness

Marine Corps Detachment Fort Lee, Virginia



Family Readiness Policy

Service in support of the defense of the United States is demanding and asks much of Marines and their families. Service members voluntarily accepted the obligation of service when they swore to defend the Constitution of the United States. Equally important, these same service members have a moral obligation to support the health and well being of their families. This dual responsibility to serve the Corps and support the needs of one's family can create difficult choices for Marines and their families. In recognition of this dilemma faced by Marines and their families, the Corps has created and resourced the Marine Corps Community Services and has charged the Family Readiness Command Team Leadership with ensuring each service member has knowledge of and access to the available resources for themselves and their families. As such, the Family Readiness Officer has been charged with administering the Fort Lee Marine Corps Detachment's Family Readiness Program.

The Family Readiness Officer is my primary source of official communication to our Marine families. She will use every means available to disseminate messages of non-emergent nature regarding personal and family readiness to every member of the command. Additionally, she will ensure that family members are aware of and have appropriate access to the tremendous amount of support available from the various Army and Marine Corps Community Services. I encourage each of you to make yourselves aware of these programs as they enhance the strength of the family which in turn makes the command more mission ready.

I fully expect all Officers, Warrant Officers and supervisors to use and support the Family Readiness Program. It is a valuable leadership tool we can use to support our Marines and their families as they develop and maintain healthy, vibrant relationships.

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