



## COMMANDERS POLICY ON FAMILY READINESS

### MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP 28

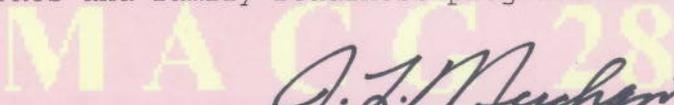
The Marine Air Control Group 28 (MACG-28) Family Readiness Program will provide all Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and their family members with a sustained resource, referral, and support element whether deployed or in garrison. Family includes parents and siblings of our Marines and Sailors. It is my intention that the quality of support for our families reflects the high standards and pride of the nation our Marines and Sailors defend.

The Family Readiness Program is an ongoing initiative under a robust new structure. This structure includes the incorporation of full time Family Readiness Officers (FROs) as well as organized and experienced volunteer spouses trained for Assistant or Advisor (FRA) roles. Our goal is to create a partnership between the command and the families. Proactive guidance and education will equip families with the compass needed to successfully navigate the unique terrain and challenges of a Marine Corps lifestyle.

The squadrons and battalion will reinforce my Family Readiness policy by encouraging families to participate with Marine Corps Family Team Building, and Group level initiatives and events.

Our FROs will pursue quality training and educational opportunities to enhance family readiness. MACG-28 Marines, Sailors and family members will be encouraged to use all available resources. We will apply lessons learned, and continue to refine our program and procedures.

My policy on Family Readiness compliments my Command Philosophy and Commander's Guidance. The nation is at war and we must be combat ready today. Family readiness is tied to combat readiness. Experience has shown that active and engaged FROs have better programs resulting in fewer issues during deployments. Our FROs and family readiness programs must be ready - now!

  
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