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Dear MACG-28 Families,

As the Commanding Officer of MACG-28, I want to take this opportunity to offer a personal greeting to all of the Marines and sailors of Group 28 and, most importantly, to their families. With the upcoming deployments within the Group, 2011 is sure to be a busy year. I know that finances can be tight and that stress can impact even the most well-prepared family. Your welfare is extremely important to me and I want to make sure that every individual is aware of the multitude of resources that are located aboard MCAS Cherry Point, MCAS Beaufort, and in the surrounding communities.

Below is a list of some of the resources available to Marines, sailors, and family members. The list is by no means all encompassing and your command's Family Readiness Officer (FRO) can provide a more comprehensive explanation of these resources.

- Budget Assistance
- WIC (Food assistance for Pregnant Women, New Born and Small Children up to age 5)
- Child Care Assistance
- When deployed 10 FREE hours Child Care
- FREE Tax Preparation
- Angel Food (order monthly)
- Counseling (Personal, Marital, Family)
- Food Stamps
- Job Searches (to include helping with your resumes)
- Recreational and Community Activities

The individual Marine and sailor bears the ultimate responsibility to keep their families well informed and to ensure that family contact information is up to date with your FRO. This contact information is vital in order for your FRO to maintain reliable and effective communication with your family.

Spouses, remember that your command's Family Readiness Officer is available to you for anything you need or to answer any questions you may have. If you have not heard from your FRO, contact them to ensure your information is up to date. I would ask every spouse to consider volunteering at one time or another within your family readiness program, as volunteers are vital to the success of your command's Family Readiness Program.

As a Group, we are much stronger when we look out for each other than when we go it alone. As we start this New Year, take this opportunity to look at your personal and family readiness. Always remember we are "One team, One family" and that your family's readiness directly and critically supports the Group's Mission Readiness.


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