



## Family Readiness

The true strength of MWCS-28 is not measured in terms of weapons or technology, but through the Professionalism and Character of our Marines and strength of their Families. I am deeply humbled every time I meet the husband, wife, son, daughter, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, aunt or uncle and they describe the pride they have in their Marine.

Our families play a vital role in the readiness of the Squadron. Our Personal Family Readiness Program encompasses not only the spouses but also the extended families. It includes those sons, daughters, spouses, aunts, uncles and grandparents that support the success of our Marines.

Through the Command Team, we will actively engage the Single Marines, Families and extended Families to ensure that the Squadron's Marine lead a balanced life – as a son, daughter, father, mother, husband or wife - while maintaining his/her commitment to our Squadron and our Country.

My goals for the Family Readiness program are:

- **Keep our extended families up to date** with accurate and reliable information on exercises, events, deployments and homecomings. Regular and consistent communication ensures our families feel a part of the MWCS-28 team, prevents rumors, reduces stress and enables Marines and Families to plan. I want to engage the Marines and Families through multiple venues: eMarine, Facebook, newsletters, periodic emails, workshops, Single Marine and Family events and town hall meetings.
- **Provide a voice of experience and resources.** No one needs to be alone. Any problems or challenges a family may face have no doubt been met and overcome by others. Shared life experience makes us all better. The FRO, Family Readiness Assistants and Command Team Advisors know the challenges of military living. They have experienced it and have specific training on benefits, entitlements, resources and programs to support families. They will work with the chain of command, provide education and access to all the resources and programs available.
- **Partnership with families and extended families.** Engagement, frequent Single Marine and Family events and open communication helps develop a community of support for the Squadron Marines and extended families.

We, Marines and extended Families, are a band of brothers and sisters – united in our esprit de corps to serve our country. We have developed strong bonds with our fellow Marines and appreciate our family and friends – strong families keep our Marines ready.

We will be ready,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.E. Lindert'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.