



## Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron-172 Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Policy

Our Marines, Sailors, and family members must be prepared and equipped with the skills and tools needed to successfully meet the challenges of the military lifestyle and rapid deployment readiness. Just as our unit prepares for deployment, many steps must be taken by the service member to ensure their family will function efficiently during their absence. A successful deployment requires good communication and an understanding of the roles each family member will play. We will accomplish success through our Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program. The Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 Family Readiness Program will support all of our Marines and Sailors equally to include those with families on-island, off-island and single Marines. The program is founded on the fundamentals of communication, preparation, education and volunteerism.



**Communication:** As one of the largest operational units on Okinawa, our Marines, Sailors, and families are spread out across the world. Our high operational tempo requires the distribution of timely information, referral, deployment support, and available resources. We will ensure the information is accurate, timely, and personalized using our eMarine site, Facebook, and direct email communication. The Family Readiness Officer (FRO) will serve as the primary communication link between the squadron and the families.

**Preparation:** Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 is operationally engaged around the clock, which requires deployments for short term and long term exercises and contingencies. Our families must be adequately prepared to function independently so our troops can focus on the mission and avoid stress. The Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 Family Readiness Command Team will help families adjust and cope with these challenges through education, information, and referral.

**Education:** A myriad of services exist to help those in many different situations including deployments, finance, and destructive weather. Often, Marines, Sailors, and families are unfamiliar with the resources available to them. The Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 Family Readiness Command Team will educate our service members and families about the programs available to them and assist with providing these classes locally.

**Volunteerism:** Connecting the first three fundamentals of our family readiness program requires the selfless involvement of volunteers. Volunteers are the cornerstone of the Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 Family Readiness Program. Their daily sacrifice and commitment to the welfare of our program will always be respected, recognized, and honored.

Our Family Readiness Officer is Mrs. Lauren Blond, who is a valued member of our team. She can be reached at DSN (315) 645-3218, (cell) 080 1531-8799, or [lauren.blond@usmc.mil](mailto:lauren.blond@usmc.mil).

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