

KNOW THE URC ROLES

COMMUNICATION

A main role that the URC has within the unit is bridging the gap of communication between the unit and the family members, be it local or far. Through weekly emails called the 'Sentinel Scoop', the local service members and family members are able to stay in the loop for what's going on around base, and be passed good information, opportunities, and resources from the unit and higher. Bridging the gap with families not in the local area is just as important, and we bring those loved ones into our Sentinel family by reaching them through the Quarterly Sentinel Scoop. This not only keeps them in the loop, but also provides resources available to them to help boost their service member's morale.

***The communication piece is not possible without properly updating the individual Service Member's Authorized Contact information in the Family Readiness Module on Marine Online (MOL).*

MORALE-BOOSTING

Another big role within the unit that the URC take part in comes from the Squadron and Company events. The URC, through the Unit Personal and Family Readiness Program (UPFRP), helps to plan, host, and execute events for the Marines, Sailors, and their family members. It is imperative that we keep the tight-knit community we have fostered within this small base, because we find ourselves leaning on the family atmosphere more often due to being far away from home.

If you have ideas for any events that you would like to see be executed, suggestions are always welcome!

READINESS AND RESOURCE SUPPORT

The URC also serves as a hub for resources around base, as well as at your former or next duty station. Anything ranging from, but not limited to, family support, mental health assistance, financial classes, or Semper Fit classes, the URC can find an answer for you.

The URC also works hand in hand with the Deployment Readiness Coordinator (DRC), who can support even more family needs revolving around deployments.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The URC fosters organic volunteer opportunities through Sentinel events, but also provides information about various opportunities around base from different entities. These are open to both Service Members and Family Members.

Within the UPFRP alone, the Command Team is comprised of the Family Readiness Command Team Advisors (FRCTA) and the Family Readiness Assistants (FRA). These volunteer positions are crucial to the program's success, and help bring the community of spouses together.

FRCTAs are generally experienced spouses who focus on support, advocacy, and mentorship. They have the ability to be a direct voice to the Commanding Officer for spouses and families. FRCTAs and FRAs support the URC with any roles they are capable of supporting.

WHAT IS THE URC?

Uniformed readiness coordinators (URC), formerly known as the Family Readiness Officer (FRO) provide direction and information to the Marines, Sailors and families. They provide official communication and outreach in addition to coordinating events and deployment support. The family readiness council is established to address and implement the MCAS Iwakuni commander's family readiness program needs.

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