



Marine Air Support Squadron 2 Commanding Officer's Statement on The Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program



Personal and family readiness is crucial for individual and combat readiness, making it a responsibility shared by every Marine and Sailor. I am fully committed to maintaining a solid and well-supported Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program (UPFRP) as doing so is inextricably tied to taking care of our Marines, Sailors, and their families. This program ensures that our support networks remain effective, enhances combat readiness, and improves quality of life.

The importance of personal and family readiness is even more pronounced in the III MEF area of operations, given our proximity to potential adversaries and the ever-present threat of dangerous natural disasters. To cope with these challenges, Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (MASS-2) will focus on equipping Marines, families, and significant others with the necessary knowledge, skills, and connections so they are postured and ready.

To achieve this resiliency, our UPFRP will focus on the following four areas:

- Communication
- Resources and Referrals
- Volunteer Management
- Readiness and Deployment Support

The Uniformed Readiness Coordinator (URC) will manage the program and receive training, ensuring familiarity with available services for our families. The URC will promptly address concerns, provide accurate information or referrals, and serve as the primary liaison between the command and our families. The URC will work alongside the Deputy Unit Readiness Coordinator, Family Readiness Command Team Advisors, Family Readiness Assistants, and other Family Readiness Command Team members.

The Family Readiness Command Team has an important role but cannot replace the leadership and Chain of Command. Engagement from leaders at all levels is crucial, and we will treat any spouse or family member needing assistance with respect and professionalism. The URC will promptly report problems to the Chain of Command and the affected Marine or Sailor. To ensure readiness, all Marines and Sailors must keep their Marine Online Family Readiness Authorized Contact information up-to-date. Those with families must also keep their Family Care Plans accurate and up-to-date.

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