



Commanding Officer's Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program Policy Statement



TO THE MARINES, SAILORS, CIVILIANS, AND FAMILIES OF 3D INTELLIGENCE BATTALION:

Let me personally thank each of you for your continued support of the Command. It is a unique challenge, especially when forward deployed, to be the spouse or family member of a Marine, Sailor, or Civilian. When you add the rigors of our Battalion participating in contingency operations, exercises, and relief efforts in an unpredictable and dynamic region of the world, it makes being part of the Marine Corps and Navy family a significant challenge. You have my greatest respect and admiration as to how well you handle these challenges while you raise your family, live your daily lives, and continuously support our mission.

As the Commanding Officer, I am responsible for maintaining an effective Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program (UPFRP) that is responsive, informative and supportive to all Marines and Sailors, married or single, and their families to ensure they are equipped with the tools, skills, and information to successfully balance the challenges of Marine Corps life. Each and every one of you is a critical enabler of unit cohesion, esprit, and mission success. Family readiness is a combat multiplier, equally as important as individual, equipment and unit readiness.

The 3d Intelligence Battalion UPFRP exists for the following purposes:

- To provide a conduit for official communication from the Command, preventing misinformation and rumors.
- To empower personnel and families with the tools and life skills needed to effectively prepare and cope with deployments and the stresses of military life.
- To provide information and referral services to enhance resiliency, esprit, and knowledge of benefits and programs.
- To work in partnership with the Single Marine Program to ensure single and unaccompanied Marines have the resources and opportunities for a successful tour on Okinawa.

I urge each of you to subscribe to the unit eMarine site upon joining the Battalion to ensure you have access to current and accurate information directly from the Command. In addition, it is vital that all applicable Marines and Sailors establish and maintain an executable Family Care Plan. These steps are essential in facilitating a high readiness level for you and your family.

There are several ways to get involved in "our" UPFRP as a volunteer or by simply attending one of the many programs offered through Marine Corps Family Team Building (MCFTB) and Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), all of which provide opportunities to learn something new while meeting others who share your hopes and concerns. If you are involved in the UPFRP, thank you, and I ask that you continue to support our program.

Mrs. Najwa Fox is the 3d Intelligence Battalion's Family Readiness Officer. She is prepared and committed to helping me fulfill the responsibilities of "our" Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program. For questions on the resources, programs and services available to you and your family, she can be reached through email: Najwa.fox@usmc.mil or by phone at DSN: 623-7092 / Comm: 098-969-7092.

Semper Fidelis,

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