



**COMMANDING GENERAL
4TH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING**



**POLICY STATEMENT ON
FAMILY READINESS**

Throughout the history during times of war and peace of this great country, Marines have always taken care of their own. After a decade and a half of protracted conflict and force posturing deployments, it is that much more important to rely upon one another. The Marine Corps is a family, consisting not only of officers and enlisted but also of the parents, spouses, children and even civilians that just want to help. We recognize the importance from a tactical level. But shortly after 9/11 the Marine Corps officially recognized the importance by formalizing policy and making the investments necessary through its Family Readiness Program.

Whether a Marine is in the fight or is in garrison it is vital that all remain focused on the mission and the task. As a crisis response force we all need to be prepared to “fight tonight.” The foundation of all Marines’ cultural health is to have family members fully prepared for when the time comes for deployment. The Marine Corps as an institution understands the importance by implementing Marine Corps Order 1754.9A. My intent is that every commander within 4th Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) constantly place emphasis on our family readiness.

Every Family Readiness Command Team consisting of the Commander, Executive Officer, Sergeant Major, Family Readiness Officer, Chaplain and Family Readiness Advisor shall undergo the required training. They shall also ensure that subordinate commands are fully trained. Commands shall employ the most qualified and committed individuals for the full-time position of Family Readiness Officer. The Command Team shall actively recruit and train qualified volunteers for the position of Family Readiness Advisor and Assistant. The Family Readiness Command Team shall use all means necessary to facilitate efficient and effective communications between the command and families.

Finally, every Marine must recognize the importance and thus invest the time and efforts into personal and family readiness. Family readiness is a crucial component of mission readiness and will impact mission accomplishment.

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