



**COMMANDER'S
FAMILY READINESS
POLICY STATEMENT**



Family readiness is an integral aspect of our overall warfighting readiness. Family readiness is defined in MCO 1754.9B as the ability of the individual Marine and his or her family to effectively navigate the challenges of daily life in the unique context of military service. Enabling Marines and their families to succeed during military service is a top priority for all Intelligence Support Battalion (ISB) leadership.

The Marine Corps' Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program (UPFRP), governed by Marine Corps Order 1754.9B, encompasses not only spouses, but the families we are born into, sworn into, and married into. It also includes our single Marines. The overarching goal of the Marine Corps and ISB family readiness program is to educate, assist, and empower Marines and their families to successfully balance the challenges of military service, family, and civilian careers. The desired outcome of the program is ready and resilient Marines and their families, equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully meet the challenges of military life – regardless of being in garrison or deployed.

The ISB family readiness program also provides a direct avenue of communication between the members of the Battalion and their families. We will facilitate events that enhance readiness, build camaraderie, and develop personal relationships amongst the members of the Battalion and the families. To address the tyranny of distance and the number of Companies and Detachments within ISB, each unit has identified at least one Marine who is a Family Readiness representative and provides official communication, valuable resources, referral information, and deployment support at the local level. It is imperative that Company and Detachment leadership connect their Marines and families with this invaluable resource. In addition, the ISB Command Family Readiness Officer is First Sergeant Alfred D. Brooks, who can be reached at (504) 697-7224 or alfred.brooks@usmc.mil. He is available to all Marines and their families, guiding the family readiness representatives at the Company and Detachment levels.

There are numerous resources available to assist in the pursuit and achievement of a high state of personal and family readiness. We charge all leaders to assist in the implementation of this program by providing counsel to Marines on the opportunities to participate in UPFRP training and events. By focusing on personal and family readiness and participating in events and training, the Marines, Sailors and families of ISB will be confident and remain ready.

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