

Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico COMMANDING OFFICER'S Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Policy

We all play a vital role in the lives of our families, and our families play a significant role in our lives. I take the Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program (UPFRP) seriously, and I am eager to serve the families of Marine Corps Air Facility (MCAF) Quantico by strengthening bonds and adding to our overall unit cohesion and readiness.

The focus of the MCAF Quantico UPFRP is to create an environment where families are informed and connected with their Marine or Sailor, to provide a support network of resources, and to create a home away from home for our single Marines and Sailors. To accomplish this, we will focus our effort on five tenets:

Official Communication: Communication is the foundation upon which success is dependent. We will use the UPFRP as one of the primary means to keep our families informed on upcoming events, operating tempo changes, and opportunities that may benefit all service members and their families.

Readiness and Deployment: Although MCAF is a non-deployable unit, we do operate on a very dynamic and fluid schedule. We need to ensure our Marines, Sailors, and families can balance the rigors of military life and operational tempo.

Information and Referral: As a cornerstone to any UPFRP, we must be able to provide information and referrals to help our Marines, Sailors, and families cope with life changing events and stressors. Through an active outreach program and family oriented events, we will develop a cadre of family members with the experience, knowledge, and willingness to provide guidance for almost any situation.

Volunteer Management: Another key to success is encouraging family members to take a proactive role within the unit. Volunteers from across all ranks, military occupational specialties, and backgrounds will help us achieve a balanced and mutually supportive network to assist in the planning, coordinating, and execution of morale events and family support initiatives.

Single Marine Program (SMP): For our single Marines and Sailors, we will maintain an active and enjoyable SMP; because of our unique location in the National Capital Region, our SMP will seek opportunities to explore different cities, venues, cultures, and nature.

Family networks are important to our unit. I encourage you to use the services available and to contact our Uniformed Readiness Coordinator at (703)784-1464.

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