

6TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT COMMANDING OFFICER'S UNIT, PERSONAL AND FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM

An essential element of leadership is taking care of Marines. While programs such as Family Readiness and Single Marine provide critical support, **the most fundamental aspect to taking care of Marines as leaders is to care.**

There are few environments as continuously challenging as recruiting duty. The unrelenting pressure of 36 months on mission can take a toll on families, friends, and free time if leaders are not mindful of how to sustain the force as well as themselves. **Every Marine within the 6th Marine Corps District will participate in, and be accountable for, their own personal and family readiness.**

While the nature of our business geographically separates many of us from military installations, there is still support for our personnel in all aspects of their lives. The challenge is to bring those support programs, education opportunities, and often-overlooked available resources to bear in order to build resiliency and improve the lives of our Marines, Sailors, civilians and their families. My charge for leaders and Marines within this command is to find creative ways to make it happen.



The District's Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program requires the support and dedication of the District Command Team, consisting of the District's Executive Officer, Sergeant Major, Family Readiness Officer, Chaplain and Family Readiness Advisor, as well as the stations. Each Recruiting Station (RS) will execute their own Unit and Personal Family Readiness Program to meet the needs of their Marines and their families.

The District Family Readiness Officer, Craig Sproul, is the Special Staff Officer who is largely responsible for accomplishing my intent for Marine Corps Community Services and Family Readiness support. On my behalf, and the Sergeant Major's, his sole mission is to support and equip our Marines and their families and the RS Family Readiness Command Teams with the knowledge, skills, and tools to take charge of their personal and family readiness and prosper in the ever-changing and ever-challenging profession of recruiting duty.

All Marines are encouraged to utilize the District Family Readiness Officer, RS Deputy Family Readiness Officer, Family Readiness Advisor and the chain of command to address any family readiness issues or concerns. The District Point of Contact is Craig Sproul, office – (843)228-3679, cell phone – (843)441-6364, email alan.sproul@marines.usmc.mil.

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