

**MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT FORT BENNING, GEORGIA
FAMILY READINESS**



**Deputy Family Readiness Officer
Master Gunnery Sergeant John Thomas
6998 old Cusetta Hwy Bldg. 4200
Fort Benning, Ga 31905
Office number: 706-626-5004
Cell number: 850-508-4807**

Dear families of the Detachment,

On behalf of myself and our Commanding Officer LtCol Martinez, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our family. My name is Master Gunnery Sergeant John Thomas and I am your Deputy Family Readiness Officer. My mission in this role is to provide this detachment and its families all the support available to include:

- Official Communication
- Information and Referral Services
- Family Readiness support

The goal of the Commanding Officer's Family Readiness program is to provide resource information, training, and support services to enhance Marine's personal and family readiness. Our Marines and Sailors must ensure their personal and family affairs are in order so that they remain fully focused on the mission of training Marines. A ready Marine and family:

- Is prepared for family separations and life events.
- Is knowledgeable of and able to utilize information about benefits, entitlements, programs, and services provided through the Department of Defense, the Marine Corps, and the community.
- Is knowledgeable of command structure and resources available to assist and contribute to personal and family readiness goals.

Below are a few links which will be helpful in orienting you to the local area as you prepare to relocate here. WELCOME ABOARD!

- <http://www.benning.army.mil/mcoe/usmc/index.html>
- <http://www.benning.army.mil>
- <http://benningmwr.com>
- <http://www.columbusga.org>