

MARINE DETACHMENT FT. BENNING

FAMILY READINESS POLICY STATEMENT



Family readiness is a combat multiplier! Family Readiness is the ability of the individual Marine and their family to successfully balance life, career and mission events. Both the Marine Corps and I define "family" as all members of a Marine's family. Marines and Sailors have three families: the family they are born into; the family they are sworn into; and the family they are married into... **Family Readiness includes Single Marines, too!** MarDet FBGA will provide support to all Marines, and Sailors - and their spouses, children, wards, and designated parents/extended family.

The goal of the MARDET 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, whether in garrison or in combat. A ready Marine and family:

- Is prepared for family separations, crisis, and life events.
- Understand the additional responsibilities that will fall on the family when the Marine deploys.
- Are 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.

While the individual Marine is responsible and accountable for his personal and family readiness, the Unit Family Readiness Program is my responsibility. I use MCCS and MWR to support both the individual Marine and their family and the Unit Family Readiness Program. The Marine Detachment has a collateral duty Deputy Family Readiness Officer (DFRO), MGySgt Thomas, ready to assist you in any way possible. MGySgt Thomas can be reached at john.d.thomas3.mil@mail.mil and (706) 626-5004 (office) or (850) 508-4807 (cell).

Also, two useful resources are available on the internet. First, www.benningmwr.com/ which is the Ft. Benning Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website. It contains support programs and activity information for Marines and their families here at Ft Benning GA. Second, Military OneSource at www.militaryonesource.com is a 'one stop shopping' website that contains information on everything from education to healthcare. Military OneSource is also available by phone 24 hours a day at (800) 342-9657. Both of these websites and other useful resources can be found at our detachment website:

<http://www.benning.army.mil/mcoe/usmc/index.html>

In the event of a crisis such as vehicle accidents/training mishaps, aircraft crash, or the Post's closure due to inclement weather or natural disaster my intent is to ensure the timely and correct information flow up and down the chain of command. This information flow is to include family members of this command utilizing MOL Family Readiness Notification Tool, the Detachment website, official e-mail and telephone.

Know that I am absolutely committed to our Single Marine and Family Readiness Programs, and I will do everything in my power to ensure that you enjoy the highest quality of life possible while assigned to Marine Detachment Ft Benning.

R. A. MARTINEZ

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, COMMANDING OFFICER

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



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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:

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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>

<http://www.benning.army.mil/mcoe/CommunityHealthPromotion/CRC.html>