

COMMANDING OFFICER, VMFA(AW)-224

FAMILY READINESS POLICY



The readiness of our Marines and sailors is critical to the Bengal mission. Just as physical fitness and professional development are integral to the individual readiness of each Bengal, our ability to deploy quickly on short notice is vital to our squadron mission. Family readiness is the enabler that allows our Marines and sailors to deploy and ensure their families, immediate or extended, are prepared and cared for throughout their absence.

Most of the members of our Bengal families did not sign up to defend against our nation's enemies. Nevertheless, our families meet challenges, make family sacrifices, and endure separation we on active duty will never fully appreciate. I charge each of the Bengals with ensuring your family is equipped with the tools and skills they need to be successful in the military lifestyle. Much like being a Marine, they need to be most prepared when our nation is least ready.

We are privileged in the Bengals to have the best-trained and most knowledgeable Family Readiness Officer in the Corps. Ms. Jennifer Morrow stands ready to provide you and your family the tools you need to excel in being ready for our nation's calling. Ms. Morrow and my responsibilities, as members of the Command Family Readiness Team, include:

Readiness & Deployment Support

- Ensure the Bengals and their families are empowered to successfully balance the challenges of a military lifestyle, family, career, and mission events.

Information & Referral

- Ensure the Bengals and their families receive proactive marketing and promotion of programs, agencies, and organizations that are readily available to them.

Official Communication

- Official communication from me or on my behalf to keep the Bengals and their families informed and up to date on squadron activities.

Volunteer Management

- Provide a standardized program developed to effectively recruit and manage family readiness volunteers (FR Advisors, Assistants, and Volunteers).

Bengals, your families are the life-blood that enables us to accomplish our mission. Engage them with the most current information available, and empower them to work with the Family Readiness Team to make them **combat-ready**. The following Family Readiness contact information is provided:

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