MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 273
FAMILY READINESS POLICY STATEMENT

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Family readiness is equally as important as individual and combat readiness. With families in a higher state of readiness, individual Marines are better able to perform their assigned missions both efficiently and safely. I whole-heartedly believe in this and know from personal experience thata happy home/family makes for a happy Marine/Sailorand vice versa.

I recently provided my "Philosophy of Command", or, more importantly my enduring intent, to the organization. That philosophy is grounded in "REALITY" where the "Y" refers to "you": the individual Marine, Sailor, and you, his or her family. This is the most important part(s) of the MWSS-273 reality as taking care of the "you" has positive second and third-order effects with our Marines and Sailors. As your Marine's and Sailor's Commanding Officer, I am responsible for your service member's health as well as his/her mental, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and physical welfare while he or she executes the privilege to serve our nation. I will work hard to ensure they along with you, their families, are prepared and equipped with the skills and tools to successfully meet the challenges of a very demanding military lifestyle.

Let me be clear, while the individual Marine is responsible and accountable for his personal and family readiness, the Unit Family Readiness Program is my responsibility. I use our phenomenal MCCS to support both the individual Marine and their family and the Unit Family Readiness Program. The Sweathogs have a full-time Family Readiness Officer (FRO), Derrick Wells, ready to assist you in any way possible. Derrick served as an active duty Sweathog prior to retirement and has been the MWSS-273 FRO for over five years. He has assisted family members in garrison and during deployments. Derrick can be reached at derrick.wells@usmc.mil and (843) 228-8306 (office) or (843) 476-3031 (cell).

Also, several useful resources are available on the internet. First, www.mccssc.com is the official Beaufort area Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) website which contains support program and activity information for Marines and their families. Please take the opportunity to review this site. Second, Military OneSource at www.militaryonesource.com is a "one stop shopping" website that contains information on everything from education and financial services to moving support and counseling services. Military OneSource is also available by phone 24 hours a day at (800) 342-9657. Additionally, eMarine is the Marine Corps' official site for disseminating official information from the command. Finally, our unit Face Book page –"The Official MWSS-273 Page" – is a place where families can connect and receive information and direction to eMarine for important communications.

In closing, know that as both a husband and father myself, family readiness is a topic that is constantly in the forefront of my daily thinking and execution. As with my family, I look forward to working with and for our Marines and Sailors to ensure their families are in a high state of preparedness for the unique challenges of a military lifestyle.

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