

COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAMILY READINESS POLICY

Throughout the history of the Navy and Marine Corps, there has been a proud heritage of "taking care of our own". With that as a guide, Field Medical Training Battalion -- East (FMTB-E) will ensure that Sailors, Marines, and their families have availability and access to quality facilities and support programs including resources and benefits that provide a high standard of living.

The term "family" can be defined in many ways and should be respected as such. While personnel assigned to FMTB-E are not in a deploying billet, it is essential that all personnel be prepared for the variety of life's challenges. This applies to single Sailors and Marines as well. Training days can be long and stressful and issues at home can have a direct impact on the effectiveness in completing the mission. It is incumbent upon every member of this command to ensure that each Marine, Sailor and family are ready and prepared. The full utilization of information, resources and available referral services are key to a thriving Family Readiness Program. Family readiness is not a light switch to be turned on only when needed. Leveraging available resources ultimately contributes to the ability to negotiate life events and enable focus on the mission.

The ultimate responsibility to take advantage of resources to enhance readiness rests with each member of FMTB-E; however, the responsibility to ensure the Family Readiness Program is current, accessible, and proactive rests with the leadership. To that end, feedback through Chief Zurek, the Family Readiness Officer, HM1 Crittenden, the assistant Family Readiness Officer, or HM2 Lowderman, the Command Single Marine / Sailor Program Representative is highly encouraged. These representatives are vital assistants and will reach out in a variety of ways to all members of the command.

The Command Leadership Team at FMTB-E are absolutely committed to the Single Marine / Sailor and Family Readiness Programs and will do everything possible to ensure that all personnel enjoy the highest quality of life possible while assigned to this battalion.



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