

COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON FAMILY READINESS

The success of our Marines and Security Battalion personnel depends on the support of our families. Each family member plays an important role in ensuring that every member of Security Battalion is prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. Simply put, it is impossible for us to achieve the highest level of success without the support of our families.



Family members include those persons who are "born into, sworn into, or married into" our Corps. The end-state for our Family Readiness Program is for us to have ready and resilient personnel. Our family members must be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully meet the challenges of military life. Family Readiness directly impacts making Marines and winning battles by helping to build our core values of honor, courage, and commitment, while raising morale and thereby increasing our unit readiness.

Security Battalion will conduct a multi-faceted Family Readiness Program. Designated family members will receive official information and readiness support from the Family Readiness Officer, 2ndLt Talia Bastien. The official command information can be received through eMarine, emails, phone calls or text messages. The primary means of keeping families informed is through the Marines and personnel themselves, but the Family Readiness Officer is an important part of our information flow. She stands ready to assist you with any of your family readiness needs.

As explained by our Commandant, we must ensure that our personnel and families have access to quality facilities and support programs, as well as resources and benefits that provide a quality standard of living. The Family Readiness Program also includes trained volunteers to help provide information and moral support. We can always use more volunteers, and I encourage all of our spouses to join our Family Readiness Team.

Our single Marines and personnel are also included in our Family Readiness Program. At Marine Corps Base Quantico, Marine Corps Community Services is continuously providing opportunities for Marines through the Single Marine Program. Our unit representative will work with the Battalion Senior Enlisted Advisor to make these and other opportunities available to our single Battalion personnel.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Cato II". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

R. E. CATO II
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Commanding Officer
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