

Commanding Officer's Family Readiness Policy Statement

I firmly believe that family readiness is one of the most critical things we do as a command, as it is an integral part of our responsibility to husband our most precious resource, the individual Marine and Sailor. The Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program is my responsibility and my program, and I intend to develop and maintain it at a level such that it ensures optimal unit and personal readiness – this will, in turn, enable our operational readiness. My desired end state is ready and resilient Marines, Sailors, and Civilians whose family members are provided the knowledge, skills, and contacts necessary to meet the myriad challenges of military life. ***Simply put, I want CBIRF to be a home for our personnel and their loved ones where they feel welcome, are a part of something special, and can get solutions to any problem or concern they may have.***

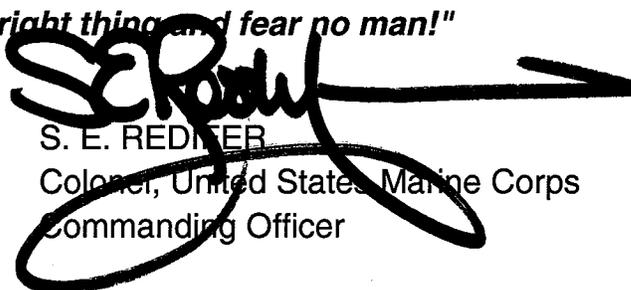


I intend to achieve this by actively using all the resources at our disposal to create a command climate into which our Marines, Sailors, and Civilians feel comfortable bringing their loved ones and have confidence that we will work hard on their behalf. We have a wide range of tools available to us, and all leaders in CBIRF must make themselves aware of these assets and ensure they communicate their availability to our families. Further, we will bring these resources here to Indian Head, and we will offer a variety of classes, get-togethers, and family-related events to provide information, answer questions, identify issues, and share the camaraderie for which the Marine Corps is known.

I expect all leaders in CBIRF to work to enhance the individual readiness of our personnel as well as that of their families; likewise our Marines and Sailors are required to participate in and be accountable for their personal and family readiness. We must all be vigilant for new and innovative ways to create a command climate that will foster a desire to participate in personal and family readiness efforts – I want our families to know that CBIRF is their home.

Bottom line, in order to achieve my intent, every member of this command must be an active participant in the family readiness program, must look for opportunities to reach out to our families, must understand the resources available to us, and must communicate relevant information to our personnel and their families. Personal and family readiness is a key to our success – it requires a team effort and a steadfast commitment to providing our Marines, Sailors, Civilians and their families the tools necessary for success.

"Do the right thing and fear no man!"


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