

26th Marine Expeditionary Unit Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program (UPFRP)



Taking care of your Marine or Sailor involves taking care of their families and keeping their families informed.

POLICY LETTER 05-20

From: Commanding Officer

To: 26th MEU Personnel

Subj: COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAMILY READINESS POLICY

- 🌿 On behalf of my wife, the 26th MEU Deployment Readiness Coordinator (DRC), and the Sergeant Major, THANK YOU for all that you do to support your Marine or Sailor and our Nation! The 26th MEU is more than just an elite rapid response force – we are a Family of Marines, Sailors, and Civilian employees, spouses, children, mothers, fathers, and siblings. The Marines and Sailors of the 26th MEU and their families are our most valuable resource – as a premier rapid response force, our combat readiness and effectiveness is directly tied to our personal and family readiness.
- 🌿 Our UPFRP is dedicated to keeping faith with the Marines and Sailors of the 26th MEU and maintaining our expeditionary focus by enabling the command to care for our Marines, Sailors, and their families. The Family Readiness Program directly supports our mission to be Ready, Relevant, and Capable of aggregating forces and deploying with limited notice as a MAGTF in support of crises, expeditionary operations on land or from the sea, or other emergent rotation requirements.
- 🌿 As a MEU, the individual and collective readiness of our Team coupled with the readiness of our families is essential in ensuring we are able to fulfill our mission. Our focus is warfighting and maintaining an expeditionary mindset to ensure we are ready to deploy with limited notice and capable of fighting and winning in any clime or place. It is incumbent upon each of us to ensure our families are prepared for the day-to-day challenges that can be exacerbated by the uncertainties of our operational tempo or an overseas deployment.
- 🌿 In accordance with MCO 1754.9B, our UPFRP is the direct link between local and extended families of everyone assigned to the 26th MEU. The UPFRP helps members of our Team stay informed. Additionally, a wide range of resources are available to everyone assigned to the 26th MEU – the Single Marine Program, Deployment Support services, the Chaplain, the Marine Family Life Counselor, and our Volunteer Program are just a few of the integral parts of our UPFRP. The 26th MEU DRC is the primary resource and my principal UPFRP advisor. She has a wealth of knowledge and years of experience serving with the 26th MEU. The Deployment Readiness Coordinator can be contacted at: 910-450-6471.
- 🌿 All members of the 26th MEU must be engaged in our family readiness program. Every Marine or Sailor assigned to the Command Element is required to check-in with the DRC upon joining the Team to ensure their family members (including extended family members if appropriate) are enrolled into the UPFRP correctly. Additionally, each Marine or Sailor is required to validate their family care plans with the S-1 within 30 days of reporting to the 26th MEU.

Semper Fidelis!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Sampson".

Colonel D.W. Sampson, USMC
Commanding Officer, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

