COMMANDING OFFICER'S

2D ASSAULT AMPHIBIAN BN

STATEMENT ON

FAMILY READINESS

The Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program is linked to our operational readiness which directly affects the fundamental missions of 2d Assault Amphibious Battalion (2d AA Bn) and the Marine Corps. Our families play a critical role in the readiness of 2d AA Bn. The most valuable resource to this battalion is the Marine/Sailor and his/her family. Personal and family readiness is a combat multiplier equally important as individual, equipment, and combat readiness. *Our goal at 2d AA Bn is to ensure our Marines/Sailors and their families can successfully balance mission or operational events, life events, and career events supported by the enduring partnership with the 2d AA Bn's Family Readiness Command Team to continue our high level of readiness.* Bottom line, if the families are not ready, the Marine/Sailor is not ready.

Deployments are a hallmark to what we do as Marines/Sailors and it can add stress and disruption to the lives of our military families. The Marine Corps Family Readiness program has grown over the years to include duty experts such as the Command Family Readiness Officers (FRO) to assist and support our military families during these challenging times. Family readiness programs are there to educate, train, and prepare our family members in the many military lifestyle challenges. Along with the FRO, there are Family Readiness Program volunteers that offer their time and service to help our families.

As members of 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion, I want to make sure our families have the resources and help needed to get through the difficult times. I encourage all Marines/Sailors and their families to reach out to the FRO or the Command Team when issues arise. For more information regarding our Family Readiness Program or if you would like to volunteer to assist the Family Readiness team, please contact Mr. James Chartier located in BB-5, (910) 440-7506, blackberry 910-381-6912, james.chartier@usmc.mil.

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