



**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**2D ASSAULT AMPHIBIAN BN**  
**STATEMENT ON FAMILY READINESS**



The Unit, Personal and Family Readiness Program aims to strengthen the essential foundation of unit cohesion and family support networks that allow the members of this command to focus on training hard and deploying when required in order to accomplish our assigned missions. It should come as no surprise that our families play a critical role in sustaining the overall readiness of this command. If our families are not ready to fully function in our absence, and do not know what support resources are available and how to access them – then our Marine will not be able to focus fully on the mission at hand when deployed.

A deployment is a hallmark in what we do as Marines/Sailors – but is also a source of significant stress and disruption to the lives of our military families. In conjunction with the rest of the Marine Corps, the Family Readiness Program here at 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion has grown over the years to include a full-time Family Readiness Officer (FRO) – who serves to train, educate, and sustain the readiness of our military families prior to deployment, and continues as the conduit for assistance and support for those families while their member of this command is deployed. Assisting the FRO are several Family Readiness Program volunteers that offer their time and service to help our families.

As members of this command, you should be aware of our priority to “protect our family” – this includes ensuring the welfare of our Marines, Sailors, and their families. This program exists to make sure our families have the resources and help needed to get through the difficult times while their spouse, son, or daughter is deployed. I encourage all Marines/Sailors and their families to reach out to the FRO and your chain of command when family readiness issues arise. For more information regarding our Family Readiness Program or if your spouse would like to volunteer to assist the Family Readiness team, please contact Mr. James Chartier at (910)440-7506 (office), (910)381-6912 (cell), or via email: [james.chartier@usmc.mil](mailto:james.chartier@usmc.mil).

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