

Pre-Deployment Brief

Time: 30-60 minutes depending on whether or not there are other speakers, and what they will be covering.

Number of Participants: No minimum required.

Location: The unit will decide on a location for the brief. The San Luis Rey MCFTB Family Readiness Center may be used for groups up to 160 people. A room may be available at MCFTB for child care.

Child Care: Regardless of the location, the unit is responsible for coordinating child care providers.

Focus of the Pre-Deployment Brief: The goal of this brief is to prepare Marines/Sailors, their spouses, and designated extended family members for the challenges of the upcoming deployment. Topics include legal and personal preparation, combat stress and coping, emotional cycles of deployment, vehicle storage, voter registration, postal, finances, communication, comfort items, prohibited items, preparing loved ones, emergency leave, contingency/disaster preparedness, TRICARE, family care plan, Exceptional Family Member Program, American Red Cross, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, benefits of Military OneSource, and available resources.

Setting up the Pre-Deployment Brief: Depending on the dynamic of your deploying personnel, you have three options: (1) Single Marine Pre-Deployment Brief, (2) Married Marine and Family Pre-Deployment Brief, and (3) Combined brief. Your unit may choose to set up several briefs of varying composition. The unit Family Readiness Officer will contact the Readiness and Deployment Support Training office NLT 30 days prior to the requested date to set up the brief. The brief will be scheduled for a date 30-60 days prior to deployment. The FRO will notify the RDST of any additional representatives speaking at the brief in order to avoid redundancy. On the day of the brief, the FRO will ensure all audio/visual equipment is set up and functional. The RDST will arrive early to set up a resource table. Upon arrival, personnel to be briefed will receive a deployment guide.



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