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Commanding General's I MEF Family Readiness Vision

Family Readiness: Ensure the I MEF Family Readiness Program remains on a wartime footing in order to better prepare, sustain, and support our Marines, Sailors, and their families.

Commanders will:

- Notify, interact with, and provide honest, straightforward and timely information for our families to the fullest extent that force protection (FP) and operational security (OPSEC) will allow.
- Standardize family readiness support for both the active duty and reserve component personnel as well as individual augments (IA) assigned to I MEF and subordinate commands.
- Establish communication with IA families and incorporate those families into family readiness support programs. Properly address the needs of I MEF Marines, Sailors, and their families.
- Coordinate the Family Readiness activities of I MEF's Major Subordinate Commands (MSC), I MEF (F), as well as I MEF Headquarters Group (IMHG) and the subordinate Marine Expeditionary Units (MEU).
- Work with their Family Readiness Officer in order to create partnerships with internal and external supporting agencies that strengthen the individual growth and empowerment of our Marines, Sailors, and family members to foster "self-reliant families."
- Align programs with the Marine Corps mission of making Marines, winning battles, and returning quality citizens.
- Ensure Family Readiness Officers maintain skills in leadership, budget management, attend sponsored professional Family Readiness Officer Development Training, and use all enablers to enhance and modernize the Commander's Family Readiness Program.