

COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 13 COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON UNIT, PERSONAL AND FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM



Our Priorities:

- 1. Mission Accomplishment
- 2. Readiness
- 3. Marines and Sailors

Mission success is the primary goal of our Battalion. No matter the size or location of the current mission, all tools for accomplishment must be kept prepared and organized; ready for use. This standard also applies directly to the Battalion's Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program (UPFRP). As Commanding Officer, my mission is to provide the best support program possible for our unit Marines, Sailors, and families. Founded on the fundamentals of communication, preparation, participation and motivation, I will ensure that CLB-13's UPFRP is the tool of choice for our unit members and their families.

This program is a Commander's program. I take very seriously my responsibility to the families of our Marines and Sailors; both local and extended. I work diligently with our Deployment Readiness Coordinator, program volunteers, and other supporting entities to ensure that official command communications are consistent and reliable, and that all assistance possible is provided to our Marines and Sailors to maintain the highest level of personal and family readiness.

Deployments are reoccurring events in the lives of our dedicated service members and their families. My goal is minimize separation from family members as much as possible without compromising the mission; however, during times of extended absence, the command will continue to commit to excellence in the UPFRP. Access to all available support services and organizations is fundamental to adjusting and coping with these constant challenges. The positive physical, spiritual, and mental health of our Marines, Sailors, and families is maintained by use of these tools. It is imperative to me to ensure that every member of our Command Team and UPFRP is duly versed in the best methods of family support during deployment.

Furthermore, I intend to have volunteers fill critical roles in our Battalion's program. Once interviewed, appointed and trained, our volunteers will be an invaluable source of knowledge, experience, and contribution upon which our unit members and families may draw. As the unit will depend heavily on the critical contributions of these dedicated volunteers, I will expect a *commitment to professionalism* from all who selflessly give their time to supporting our UPFRP. The highest standard of conduct and performance will be expected of those that volunteer, as our volunteers are vital for mission and family success, and professionalism is the Shamrock way.

Remember, what you do matters and together we succeed.

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