

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
MARINE MEDIUM TILTROTOR SQUADRON 261 (REIN)  
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VMM-261 (REIN) STATEMENT OF FAMILY READINESS

Many thanks and kind regards to all the family and loved ones of the VMM-261 (REIN) Raging Bulls! You are valued members of our shared lives as Marines, and we are thankful and ever mindful of the sacrifices you make for us. The entire Marine Corps, from the Commandant through the full chain of command to VMM-261 (REIN) regard Family Readiness as an integral requirement for our success.

Family readiness includes all members of a Marine's Family, from his or her spouse and children to his parents, grandparents or guardians, in-laws, and any other loved one so associated within the beloved description of family.

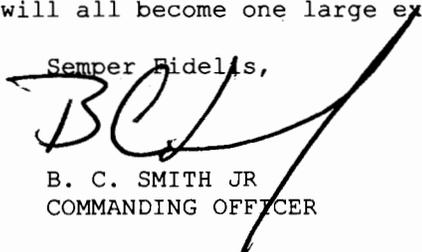
The Marine Corps Family Readiness program is an excellent, detailed, and extremely resourced program. It has the direct and personal attention of the Command because it is critically important to the basic mission of the squadron: Readiness!

For the Marines, you are encouraged to take full advantage of the Family Readiness Program in order to hone your edge and be fully prepared to execute the missions we are assigned - with your best effort and the absolute confidence that you and your loved ones are well informed and readily assisted in any condition.

For the Families, you have access to the Family Readiness Officer at practically any time, day or night. Miss Julie is a wise and skilled listener, with extensive Marine Corps experience of her own. She is capable and patient and I have never found a family problem or issue she couldn't help with or resolve straightaway. She has access to incredible resources available through a multitude of programs, and she and I both will see to it that you find whatever assistance you so need or desire.

Regardless of what anyone thinks of the Marine Corps, we take care of our own, and our own includes the families. It is my firmly held belief that if the Family isn't ready, the Marine isn't ready. While no person is required to participate, we hope that you will, and we will all become one large extended family.

Semper Fidelis,

  
B. C. SMITH JR  
COMMANDING OFFICER