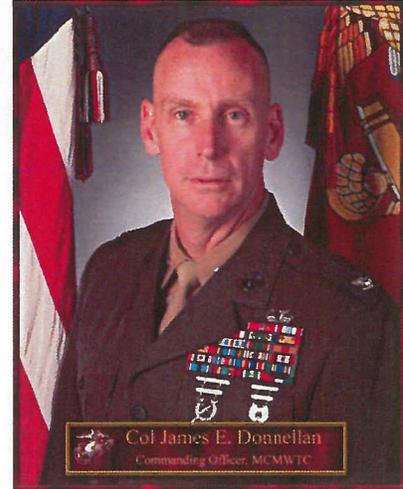


# Commander's Family Readiness Statement

During my initial Commander's Guidance, I told you that I consider three things fundamental to any *great unit*: **Discipline, Training, and Esprit**. I consider Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) to be a *great unit* and I want it to remain so. An essential element of our Esprit is a Family Readiness Program that ensures our families are taken care of and have meaningful and rewarding activities that make them feel like they are part of their community and this great unit. The mission of our Family Readiness Program is to train, prepare, inform, and empower our Marines, Sailors, and their loved ones so that they can effectively manage the myriad challenges associated with military service, and thrive from the unique experiences and opportunities this service presents. Although we are not a deploying unit, the remoteness of MCMWTC only serves to increase the importance of this essential Marine Corps program.



As the Commanding Officer, I am committed to a vibrant and varied Family Readiness Program. Our Command Team, consisting of myself, the Executive Officer, Sergeant Major, Family Readiness Officer, School Liaison, Chaplain, and our Family Readiness Advisor will continue to solicit you and your spouses' input and ideas as to how to proceed with this important program.

Each of us are responsible and accountable to ourselves and loved ones for our personal and family readiness. While no one program can completely address the challenges faced by a military lifestyle, participation in and use of this program will significantly mitigate those challenges.

It has been said that the Corps recruits individuals, but we retain families. Recognizing that this lifestyle is a difficult one that requires commitment from spouses and children as well as the individual Marine, we are committed to making this tour in the Sierra Nevadas as rewarding as possible for our families as well as our Marines. Working together with you and your families, we can maintain a Family Readiness Program that helps us achieve that.

For additional assistance or information, contact our Family Readiness Officer, Gunnery Sergeant Melvin Silva at (760) 932-1514, or [melvin.a.silva@usmc.mil](mailto:melvin.a.silva@usmc.mil).

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