

FAMILY READINESS SUPPORT COUNCIL

# MEETING MINUTES

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**MARCH 12, 2009**

**ATTENDEES:**

**MCFTB Director:** Perry L. Ford

**Family Readiness Program Trainer:** Monica McBroom

**L.I.N.K.S. Trainer:** Amber Bilderain

**LifeSkills Trainer:** Adriana Fernandez

**American Red Cross:** Niki McBain

**P.R. & C.S.:** Larry Stratton

**1st Tanks FRO:** Jany Wasdin

**3rd LAR FRO:** Jillian King

**3<sup>rd</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> Mar FRO:** Gilbert Cardenas

**Children, Youth & Teen Program:** Christina Adams

**New Parent Support Program:** Donna Templeton

**MCCES FRO:** David Plaster

**HQBN FRO:** Kathleen Schmidt

**MCCS Area Coordinator:** Lindy Seto

**Armed Services YMCA:** Chris Alvarado

**MCFTB Admin Assistant:** Monica Martinez

#### **MCFTB**

- Meeting chaired by Perry Ford.
- The Marine Corps Family Team Building Council Meeting is now called the Family Readiness Support Council Meeting as directed by HQMC (MRZ).
- The Family Readiness Support Council Meeting, have been established at each installation to ensure that all family readiness program needs are being met at all unit levels.
- Customarily installation issues, concerns, or questions concerning family readiness are resolved at the installations level.
- All unresolved issues requiring further consideration are forwarded from the MCFTB Director to CMC (MRZ) Family Readiness Branch Head, via the Installation Commander & MCCA Director.
- The HQMC MCFTB Section Head will route and address each submission appropriately.
- In May the LifeSkills Trainer is slated to attend the 7 Habits of Effective Families, and Army PICK/LINKS training.
- On May 8, 2009, is Monica McBroom's last day.
- Are we offering programs that are essential to the Marines and families? Suggestion on what we are not getting done: Post Partum Depression - please contact Donna Templeton.

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

- Since January 1, 2009, 251 services to Marines, Sailors and Soldiers.
- March is Red Cross Month: Since 1943 when the president signed the first proclamation declaring March as Red Cross Month, every president, every year acknowledges March as Red Cross Month.
- CPR Class at Joshua Tree Community Center on Saturday, cost is \$5.00 that includes your book, to pre-register call 760-366-5330.
- Lifeguard session on April 1, 2009 in Yucca Valley.
- Applications for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dental Program will begin May-June time frame, candidates will have to complete a federal back ground check.
- The ARC Youth Program will be meeting on March 14, 2009, they will be making Disaster Supply Kits for distribution in April thru May.

#### **NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM**

- Services families with children 5 and under, for more information call 760-830-7622.

#### **ARMED SERVICES YMCA**

- Silent Auction fundraiser on May 15, 2009.
- Soapbox Derby on June 5, 2009, entry fee is \$20.00 per child.
- Summer Camp sign ups for the Big Bear, CA have begun, deadline for registration is June 13, 2009.
- Heart to Heart Luncheon is March 21, 2009, currently have 20 spots open, deadline for registration is March 13, 2009, there is a \$5.00 registration fee but childcare and transportation are provided.

#### **PERSONAL READINESS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

- IG for RA did good.
- Area of concern for base is Sponsorship Program. IG Inspection checklist every command must have a Sponsorship Coordinator; one must be assigned in writing and trained, this can be a Marine or Civilian. For more information contact Larry Stratton.
- Welcome Aboard Briefs are once a month, POC is Richard Crummett or Rick Yeager at X6344/X4028.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM**

- FRO's to check with Commander's in regards to EFMP status as units deploy.
- Lawyers for program at regional level, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Respite Care available to all EFMP family members.
- Nurses for Respite Care, POC Titus Burns at X7740, need to be licensed, pay will be determined by condition and level of care.
- EFMP Support Groups are every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday night of the month, next session is March 23, 2009 at 1730-1930.
- CG Townhall Meeting, on March 26, 2009, from 1830-2000 at the TTECG Auditorium, looking at Twentynine Palm and Bridgeport as an isolated duty station.

#### **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAM**

- Continue to send possible date for childcare as soon as possible to avoid over booking.

#### **MCCS AREA COORDINATOR**

- Pools to open in April.
- Lt Dan Band coming soon.
- We Salute You will be featuring Gretchen Wilson.
- Will have a rock band for 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Will also have a replacement for MCCS Area Coordinator position at end of the month.

### **LifeSkills**

- Beyond the Looking Glass, first workshop to be March 31, 2009 from 0830-1230, this will be an interactive workshop.
- PREP is scheduled for March 19-20, 2009 and April 16-17, 2009.
- 4 Lenses Class, first workshop to be May 14, 2009 from 1700-2000

### **L.I.N.K.S.**

- CAX for Kids on April 7, 2009 & CAX for Teens on April 8, 2009, 25 kids per session, will have a variety of games for the kids to enjoy, to be held at Felix Field.
- Working on 7 tons for Teens, need authorization from units.
- Passed out schedule for L.I.N.K.S. sessions.
- Will be going to Orange County for a LINKS for Parents on April 4, 2009.
- Spouse CAX will be May 5, 2009 at Victory Field, meeting up at 0730 at the General's Lawn in front of the flag pole (AAV is sponsoring).
- LINKS for Teen on March 28, 2009.
- LINKS for Marines on April 24, 2009, adjusting to gear towards single and married Marines, SMP and Lifelong Learning to help facilitate.

### **FAMILY READINESS OFFICERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tanks, Jany Wasdin: March 30, 2009, having a Suicide Class for the BN.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> LAR, Jillian King: Deploying in 7-10 days. The city of Hemet has adopted the Wolf Pack.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marines 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Gilbert Cardenas: Unit in Bridgeport right now.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Marines 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Ruby Zunino: Unit in Iraq right now.
- Head Quarters Battalion, Kathleen Schmidt: IG Inspection ending today. Working on writing a new battalion order for sponsorship, have received in put from SgtMaj Bellis. Did get inspected, did well from support and received a coin.
- Marine Corps Communications Electronics School, David Plaster: Support from agencies on base are great.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD 18 JUNE 09, BUILDING 1551. PLEASE SEND AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR UNIT.**