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From: Commanding Officer, Information Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force
To: Service Members and Families

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1. I personally want to welcome you and your family to II MEF Information Group (II MIG)! You're joining a unique and special team with an important mission. We have a great Family Readiness Program to help our Marines, Sailors, civilians, and their families get settled and cope with the high operational tempo that we experience both in training and deployed globally.

2. The Family Readiness Program includes trained volunteers, our Family Readiness Assistants, who help with information dissemination and information referrals. These spouses volunteer to help us bring a personal family touch to our unit, while providing us another means of keeping our families informed. Family Readiness Assistants are a vital part of our information loop, and we could always use more volunteers. Single Marines and Sailors are encouraged to share our program with their parents and loved ones at home around the world. If interested joining this program, please contact our Deployment Readiness Coordinator, Mr. Michael Cline at (910) 376-6599, or email: michael.e.clinel@usmc.mil.

3. I also want to encourage spouses to consider attending a Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills (LINKS) session. LINKS is a tremendous program that helps spouses navigate challenges of life in the Marine Corps. It describes the Marine Corps' organization, mission, culture, history, and traditions and how they may affect you as a Marine Corps spouse. LINKS also provide tips on things ranging from base services, moving, and deployments. In the program, fellow Marine spouses provide a first-hand look at Marine Corps family life from their perspective. It does not cost anything and will make your Marine Corps experience more enjoyable and fulfilling.

4. The Deployment Readiness Coordinator will disseminate information via email, Monthly Deployment Readiness Coordinator Letters, weekly announcements, and unit newsletters. You will receive a monthly unit newsletter during unit deployments, or every quarter when the MIG is Stateside. The newsletter will include information on upcoming events, Family Readiness events, and general events within II MIG. Please ensure we have a good e-mail address, so we can disseminate other important and time-sensitive information.

5. Again, welcome to the II MIG family! Your arrival kicks off your next exciting chapter in the Corps. We are writing the next page of our Corps' history and we need your abilities and dedication. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Deployment Readiness Coordinator.

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