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MEMORANDUM FOR California National Guard Soldiers, Airmen, Their Families and Loved Ones

SUBJECT: The Adjutant General's Intent – Family Readiness

1. I am grateful and privileged to lead the California National Guard at a very dynamic and challenging time for our country and Warfighters. Our Soldiers and Airmen are being deployed to defend the security of our great nation, state, and the American way of life. I require all commanders to ensure that their Soldiers and Airmen are trained in the most current tactical procedures and are armed with the latest equipment available so they may deploy as a completely ready force. Responding at a moment's notice for any mission, state or federal, is my number one priority. Therefore, I am calling upon each and every service member to make the necessary preparations for their Families and loved ones upon deployment. The Guard must be "always ready, always there."
2. It is essential that Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers understand the value and need for a strong Family Readiness Program. Deployments, annual training and drill weekends are a reality. "Always ready" means taking the time now to prepare your Families and loved ones for both short-term and long-term separations.
3. Command teams at all levels are required to cultivate a strong Family Readiness Program by supporting an ever-growing volunteer corps. Volunteers provide support and service to our Soldiers and Airmen on many levels; specifically when it comes to the latest benefits and resources available to our service members. Our volunteers donate time, energy and compassion to all members of our Families, including our youth. Web-based sites, youth workshops and summer camps, continue to grow and play a vital role in the lives of youth. Our children and youth grow stronger from these shared experiences.
4. Our Soldiers, Airmen and their Families deserve every opportunity afforded to them. The only way possible to maximize these opportunities for everyone is to establish and maintain our personal and family readiness because our Operational Readiness requirements are constant. All Commanders must take full advantage of the resources and capabilities our Family Readiness Program brings to their organizations. Questions concerning this memorandum may be addressed to Lt Col Kimberly Lalley, State Family Program Director, at 916 361-4955 or email kimberly.lalley@us.army.mil.


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