

## Minutes for MCFTB Council Meeting February 3, 2009

### **Members Present:**

Billie Kochara-MCFTB Director  
LT David Bates-Deputy FRO Anacostia  
HM1 Christopher Luna-Deputy FRO Anacostia  
Kathleen Beech-L.I.N.K.S. Trainer  
Yasmine Bell-Family Readiness Program Trainer  
Alice Stauffer-Counseling Services Program Manager  
Bill Russell-Military Family Life Consultant  
Stephen Norton-FRO Marine Barracks Washington  
Katherine Hendricks-LifeSkills/Deployment Trainer  
Carol LaVoy-Readiness Program Manager

### **Meeting:**

Council reviewed past activities MCFTB has held since the last meeting.

8<sup>th</sup> & I would like to know when next L.I.N.K.S. is scheduled. The L.I.N.K.S. session that couples attended there went very well

There will be another Prep Class held in April at 8<sup>th</sup> & I.

Anacostia L.I.N.K.S. session will be mostly Marines

Yasmine informed the group that we will be seeking volunteers soon for Joint Services Air Show at Andrews.

Adopt-A-Family Program. There was not enough turn around time for applications. This was mainly because of paperwork being reviewed by legal. Everyone agreed that October would be the time to get it out for 2009.

Steve Norton and LT Bates praised MCFTB for the help and trainings we have provided them the past few months.

Concerns from field:

FROS cannot always get a straight answer or get to the right person. The communication downward needs to be improved.

Council discussed marketing research survey. It was the FROS opinion that MRZ wants to find out what is working but not talking to FROS about it. It was suggested that FROS have big meeting/conference and talk to them about this issue.

FROS said it would be nice to have an updated FRO list for every command across the Marine Corps.

MFR-have to communicate with San Diego or New Orleans to get stuff done and turnaround time is extremely slow.

They do not hear from their Battalion FRO.

MCFTB requested Organization Chart for Anacostia Reserve Units to further help them out.

We discussed Mass Communication Tool and when trainings would be provided. Yasmine will provide trainings here, Quantico, and at unit locations if they have space available. We also discussed the pros and cons of using this tool. Some of the concerns were keeping information updated and reluctance to provide family information.

Other Speakers:

Ms. Alice Stauffer introduced herself to the group and talked about Counseling Services through Marine and Family Services.

Mr. Bill Russell is a Military Family Life Consultant. Mr. Russell passed out his information to attendees and talked about how he could help Marine families in the area. Mr. Russell is able to go on the road and meet with clients anywhere. The MFLC is a very important role here in this area because of the geography.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting date Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10:00 am. The location of the meeting is to be determined.