



Welcome to Field Medical Training Battalion-West! I'm Chief Branch, your Uniformed Readiness Coordinator (URC).

Let me start with a little bit of history of how the Uniformed Readiness Coordinator came to be. In 2018 headquarters, Marine Corps initiated a restructure of the family readiness program, and Family Readiness Officers (FRO) were redesigned as URCs, assigned to support the command they are attached too. In January of 2008, the URC responsibilities became a full-time non-deploying position. The URC is a direct link to Sailors, Marines, and their family members. The URC is the go-to for communication, resources and referral information, readiness support, and volunteer management. It is the goal of the URC to ensure that Service Members and their families are well informed and self-sufficient so that readiness at home translates to mission readiness.

My role is to ensure you have knowledge and access to all the resources in the Marine Corps and the surrounding community. We are fortunate to live in a very military-friendly community. Our neighboring cities frequently show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Marines, Sailors and their families make to serve our nation in a multitude of ways such as free events, military discounts, giveaways, seminars, and so much more. I will make sure these opportunities are regularly communicated to you. My main form of communication is an email that allows me the opportunity to reach as many of our members and families as possible with information regarding resources, events, and activities.

I am also here as an advocate for you. I want to make sure that your voices are heard. I work directly for our Commanding Officer, and he has a huge heart for our Sailors, Marines, and their families, as well as the Family Readiness Program. I want to hear your ideas, suggestions, concerns, and frustrations. I am here for all of you and look forward to serving you. You can reach me at (760) 725-5936 or email at angela.branch@usmc.mil.

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Very respectfully,

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