

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

***Lifestyle  
Insights  
Networking  
Knowledge  
Skills***



Your ***LINK*** to the Corps

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

Marine Corps Spouses look to one another to ...

**Understand** the Marine Corps mission  
and how it affects you.

**Acquire** the knowledge and develop the skills  
to successfully meet the challenges ahead.

**Make new friends.**  
Welcome to This journey!!!

## Define L.I.N.K.S.



- L**      **Lifestyle** is a way of living; in this case, it means understanding the military community and the unique lifestyle it offers.
- I**      **Insights** come from experienced Marine Corps spouses, who relate their experiences of living the Marine Corps lifestyle. These spouses understand first hand what you are going through and want to help you adapt to the new culture you married into.
- N**      **Networking** represents the relationships you form during L.I.N.K.S. and throughout your journey in the Marine Corps.
- K**      **Knowledge** is what you will leave with and what will help you understand and navigate the Marine Corps culture.
- S**      **Skills** learned to help you enjoy and thrive in our Marine Corps community.



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



### **Introduction**

Introduces the L.I.N.K.S. concept and welcomes spouses to the Marine Corps Family.

### **The Corps**

Outlines USMC structure and mission to include Navy personnel attached to USMC units. Provides historical insights and discusses traditions.

### **The Maze: Benefits and Services**

An overview of benefits, privileges, and resources available to USMC families; including the location of these services and how to access their wealth of information.

### **Pay Day**

Explains the differences between a civilian and a military paycheck, while introducing the Leave and Earning Statement (LES), including a general discussion on basic pay and allowances. Beneficial financial management tips are also presented.

### **Separation and Deployment**

Discusses the inevitable separations USMC/Navy families will experience and provides suggestions from seasoned spouses on how to successfully balance the additional responsibilities when your Marine is away.

### **Crossroads: Moving in the Military**

Insights on the moving process; everything from the first packer's inspection to clearing quarters.

### **Getting Along**

Focuses on healthy interaction with others in the family and community. Insights into the role of the Navy Chaplain and family support.

### **Staying Marine**

Provides participants with information on the benefits and opportunities for those who choose to "Stay Marine".

### **Investing in Your Community**

Explores the benefits of becoming involved in your community, inside the gate and out.

### **Closure/Celebration**

Cake cutting and Celebration—Summation of the L.I.N.K.S. journey and encouragement to participants to continue developing their knowledge and skills—and to "Pass the Word" to other spouses.



**NOTES FOR HOME....**

