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Quotes from Parents:

"I can't tell you how many sleepless nights I would come down to my computer with a cup of tea and a warm blanket to sit with y'all "on the porch". I'm so thankful for this website. We will get through this together."

Tammie, Marine Mom from Kansas
November, 2004

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Parents
Spouses
Family
& Friends
of our U.S. Marines.

EDUCATING

families about the
United States
Marine Corps.

SUPPORTING

families during
bootcamp,
training,
active duty &
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Quotes from Parents:

"Thanks for this web site. I'm no less worried, but a lot less alone. Thank you!"

Deb, Marine Mom from Connecticut
March, 2003

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■ MarineParents.com, Inc.

The organization MarineParents.com, Inc., founded in January of 2003, offers education and support for parents, spouses, family and friends of our U.S. Marines. Education and support is available for each stage of the Marine Corps, including bootcamp, training, active duty, deployments and transitioning out of the Marine Corps.

The web site addresses a wide range of topics, each backed by links to official sites and resources. Topics include the United States Marine Corps, MCRD bootcamp and graduations at both Parris Island and San Diego, unit and battalion information, combat, deployments, military benefits, resources for our new generation of combat veterans, and countless other topics including relaxation and coping skills.

Support for family and friends of our U.S. Marines is offered through the web site's trademark in "*a Place to Connect & Share*"™ which includes live support, email support, chat rooms and message board communities. Both the chat rooms and message boards are moderated for safety and to assure compliance with OPSEC (Operations Security). Additional opportunities to "*Connect & Share*"™ are offered with the Regional Support Groups and the Annual National Conference.

To date, MarineParents.com, Inc. has assisted more than 30,000 Marine Corps families, shipped several thousand care packages to Marines, and actively encourages community awareness for supporting our troops through The Care Package Project.

The organization is under the management of the founder and executive director, Tracy Della Vecchia, along with over 45 volunteers from around the United States. The 9-member board of directors meets regularly and includes Marine parents and active duty Marines. Volunteers with MarineParents.com, Inc. are currently recruiting official state chapters from the database of Regional Support Groups.

The organization has been featured in the *New York Times Sunday Magazine* as well as numerous local and national newspapers, on television news casts with NBC Nightly News, CNN, CNN International and Fox News and countless radio stations including NPR (National Public Radio), Tony Snow and several other nationally syndicated talk show radio programs.

■ Support During Bootcamp

Overwhelmed with the prospect of sending your recruit off to bootcamp? We offer "*a Place to Connect & Share*"™ putting friends and family members from each graduating platoon together on message boards and chat rooms for support and encouragement. The bootcamp section of the web site includes the training matrix, what to expect from the USMC, graduation information and much more.

■ The Care Package Project

We ship over 700 care packages every 6-8 weeks to Marines stationed in combat zones. Family and friends can request a package to be sent to their deployed Marine at no charge. Organizations, individuals, and communities are encouraged to support our troops by working with us to donate both funding and care package items. As per military policy, addresses are not given to the public.

■ Marine Corps News Room

The Marine Corps News Room is a collection of news articles about our Marines, the United States Marine Corps, and our Marine Corps families. The news room is updated daily with articles from around the globe. You can simply visit the web site to read the articles, or it is also available as an RSS data feed which you can subscribe to through most internet communities like Google, MSN and Yahoo!

■ Annual National Conference

The MarineParents.com, Inc. Conference is held in a different state every year on the third Friday of April for the full weekend. Join other Marine Corps family members for a weekend of fun, education, and esprit de Corps. The conference includes VIP Marines, key note speakers, banquets, workshops, presenters, vendors and exhibits, authors' hall, and "*a Place to Connect & Share*"™ with one another.

■ Support During Deployment

Deployment presents many challenges for families of our Marines. We offer "*a Place to Connect & Share*"™ putting friends and families from each unit together on the same message boards and chat rooms. Use the deployment information section to find answers to every question you may have including phone cards, care packages, travel, communication, contact information and more.

■ Unit Information Database

Every Marine is assigned to a unit or battalion in the Marine Corps. Often, finding information about that particular unit can be challenging. Our database includes virtually every unit in the Marine Corps and includes base locations, current station, phone numbers, the unit FRO (Family Readiness Officer, a contact for family members), and links to the unit's message boards and chat night schedule.

■ Regional Support Groups

To help folks find "*a Place to Connect & Share*"™ with one another in their own hometowns, we offer a database of support groups and meeting times around the United States. You can also learn how to start your own support group using the tools and information available on the web site. Make sure your support group is listed in the database, or use the database to find a support group near you.

■ Volunteering

We have over 40 volunteers from around the United States who work countless hours each week to provide services and support to Marine families. MarineParents.com, Inc. is always recruiting more volunteers for help with moderating the message boards and chat room, unit coordinators, conference planning, funding and research. Visit the web site to learn how you can apply to become a volunteer.