



Spouses of Battalion Landing Team 1/8,

As we celebrate Military Spouse's Day on 7 May 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for everything that you do for our Marines & Sailors.

President Reagan recognized the sacrifices made by military spouses by establishing Military Spouse's Day in 1984. In a public proclamation he stated:

“Since the early days of the Continental Army, the wives of our servicemen have made unselfish contributions to the spirit and well-being of their fighting men and the general welfare of their communities.

Throughout the years, as the numbers of our married men and women in uniform have grown and as their military missions have become more complex and dispersed, their spouses have made countless personal sacrifices to support the Armed Forces. In many instances, they subordinated their personal and professional aspirations to the greater benefit of the service family. Responding to the call of duty, they frequently endured long periods of separation or left familiar surroundings and friends to re-establish their homes in distant places. And there they became American ambassadors abroad.”

Service in the profession of arms presents unique challenges to both service members and their loved ones including long work hours, months away from home, and many unanticipated tests. While our Marines & Sailors are often recognized with promotions and awards, too often the critical role played by spouses goes unrecognized.

Thank you for who you are and what you do. Our Marines & Sailors would not be who they are without your love and support.

Semper Fidelis, .



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