

Patricia “Nikki” Wylie – Witness Bio
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Patricia Wylie married her husband, then sergeant Trevor Wylie in September 2009. The two have been married for 12 years. During that time, she has supported her husband as he earned his way up to his current rank of master sergeant. She has also held down the proverbial fort as he earned numerous awards and honors within the Marine Corps including both senior instructor and master instructor of the year during his time at the Marine Corps Communications and Electronics schoolhouse (MCCES), four Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and the coveted Defense Meritorious Service Medal from his time supporting the Joint Chiefs of Staff. MSgt Wylie has served two tours in Iraq and most recently, in the summer of 2020, deployed as part of the Marine Rotational Forces Darwin. They have lived in six homes over the past 12 years, two of which they have owned, zigzagging back and forth across the country every few years while MSgt Wylie is also working toward his bachelor’s degree in Communication Management.

The family moved back to Twentynine Palms in 2018. When the MCCES Battalion Commander hand selected then gunnery sergeant Wylie to act as its Unit Readiness Coordinator (URC) – someone to coordinate events for families to boost morale and encourage Esprit de Corps, the Wylie family jumped at the opportunity. Patricia became a Family Readiness volunteer and was together they coordinated several successful events during MSgt Wylie’s time as URC. Then, in early 2020 when the monitor needed someone to “hot fill” a position with First Battalion, Seventh Marines and deploy to Australia, the family decided to again volunteer to meet a need.

While she is currently focusing her energies on homeschooling her children, applying to Master of Social Work programs, and prepare for an overseas move to Hawaii, Patricia’s bachelor’s degree is in social work. She has contributed to the field via many positions throughout college and shortly after doing case work for United Way, supervised visits for foster children, working in a group home for at-risk youth, and advocating for victims of domestic violence for the Marion County prosecutor’s office. This passion for advocacy is why, two years after most of her family’s housing woes, she is still seeking to hold the housing company accountable and ensure safe military housing is available to all our servicemembers and their families.