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NON-COMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATION EXERCISE

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. - Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 will conduct a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation exercise aboard the Combat Center Oct. 18 as part of their Assault Support Tactics Three exercise during Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course.

Marines will simulate the evacuation of civilians during an emergency situation. Helicopter and tilt-rotor operations will be conducted over the Combat Center, making multiple landings onto Lance Corporal Torrey L. Gray Field and Del Valle Track and Field between the hours of 4:00 and 10:00 p.m.

NEO exercises simulate real-life scenarios where non-combatants need to be evacuated from a potentially hostile area.

*****MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS*****

Media interested in covering this event must call the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at (760) 830-5476 and must **RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, Oct. 17**. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at **MCAGCC's MAIN GATE** located on Adobe Rd. **at 4:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, Oct. 18** to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least TWO hours.