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COMBAT CENTER TO HOST BATTALION LANDING TEAM EXERCISE

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. – Marines and sailors of Battalion Landing Team 2/1, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., will conduct Battalion Landing Team Exercise aboard the Combat Center, 29 Palms, Calif., from Aug. 30 through Sept. 8.

BLT 2/1 is the ground combat element of the 13th MEU and is preparing for deployment in early 2016. BLTEX provides the BLT an opportunity to conduct live-fire combined arms training in its core mission essential tasks.

BLTEX will run concurrently with the 13 MEU's Realistic Urban Training Exercise, allowing the MEU command element to practice command and control of all elements of the Marine Air Ground Task Force. The MAGTF is composed of a command element, ground combat element, air combat element and logistics combat element. BLT 2/1 will employ the use of MCAGCC's unique training ranges and support structure, which enables the Marine Corps to train Marines for future global contingency operations.

A MEU is a task organized Marine Air Ground Task Force embarked aboard a Naval Amphibious Ready Group and deployed to provide a geographic combatant commander a contingency force capable of executing missions throughout the range of military operations, often within hours of initial notice.

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

Media interested in covering this event must call the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at (760) 830-6213 or email SMBPLMSCOMBATCENTERPAO@usmc.mil and must RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, August 27. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at MCAGCC's MAIN GATE located on Adobe Rd. at 7:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, September 1 to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least THREE hours.