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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, April 17.

Marines will simulate the evacuation of non-combatants from a potentially hostile environment. Helicopter and tilt-rotor operations will be conducted over the Combat Center, making multiple landings onto Lance Corporal Torrey L. Gray Field, Del Valle Track and Field and Camp Wilson between the hours of 4 and 10 p.m.

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

Depending on atmospheric conditions, the sound of the aircraft may be amplified throughout the local area. To provide feedback and sound reporting go to:

<http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/sound/sound.asp>

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

Media interested in covering this event must call the MCAGCC Public Affairs Office at (760) 830-6213 and must RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, April 16. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at MCAGCC's MAIN GATE located on Adobe Rd. at 3:30 p.m. on FRIDAY, April 17 to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least TWO hours.