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West Coast Marine Brigade Changes Command at Camp Pendleton Aug. 29

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. –Brigadier Gen. Joaquin F. Malavet, designated a Naval Aviator in 1987 as a CH-53D pilot, will assume command of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade during a ceremony at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Friday, August 29 at 12:30 p.m. Malavet will assume command from Brig. Gen. Carl E. Mundy III who has served as the commander since July 2013.

The mission of 1st MEB is to composite and deploy as a Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) in support of Combatant Commander requirements for contingency response and serves as the core element of a Joint Task Force.

1st MEB provides flexibly scalable forces, allowing commanders to tailor force footprints to evolving situations and effectively composite modular MAGTFs by combining forward-deployed forces with rapidly deployable standby forces at the right place at the right time.

Malavet's previous assignment was as the Principal Director to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia in Washington, D.C. He has also previously deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

From 8-14 August 2014, Mundy led 1st MEB during Large Scale Exercise 2014 that trained over 5,000 U.S. Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Soldiers as well as over 150 Canadian military forces across a range of military operations. Mundy, a Major General select, has been chosen to be the next commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command Forward in Bahrain as well as the commander of Combined Task Force 51, a naval force that falls under the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.

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Media interested in attending this event should contact the I MEB public affairs officer, Capt. Staci Reidinger, at (760)763-7047. Media must arrive at the Camp Pendleton main gate NLT 11:30 a.m. Friday and will be escorted to the 21 Area Parade Field for the ceremony.



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Recent News about 1st MEB

Aug. 7: UT San Diego—Marine Brigade Fights Lean

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/aug/07/marine-brigade-exercise-twentynine-palms/?#article-copy>

Aug. 18: Marine Corps Times – MEB-level exercise pits Marines against a highly skilled enemy

<http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/article/20140817/NEWS/308170014/MEB-level-exercise-pits-Marines-against-highly-skilled-enemy>

Aug. 23: Stars and Stripes – Equipped with monitors and mice, modern Marines train for fast moving future

<http://www.stripes.com/news/equipped-with-monitors-and-mice-modern-marines-train-for-fast-moving-future-1.299571>

Background Information

BGen. Carl E. Mundy III Bio:

<http://www.imef.marines.mil/Leaders/tabid/3952/Article/146452/brigadier-general-carl-e-mundy-iii.aspx>

BGen. Joaquin F. Malavet Bio:

BGen Joaquin F. Malavet was born on August 8th, 1963 in Denville, New Jersey. He attended the Pennsylvania State University on an NROTC scholarship and graduated as a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in August 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering (Systems Management). Following commissioning, he attended The Basic School (TBS) and then reported to Naval Flight training in March 1986. BGen Malavet was subsequently designated a Naval Aviator in August 1987 and received orders to fly the CH-53D with HMH-463 at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Kaneohe Bay, HI.

He completed two WESTPAC deployments with HMM-265 and HMM-262 serving as the Embarkation Officer and Safety Officer. In 1991, he attended the Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) school and served as the Air Officer for 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines. He then completed the CH-53E conversion training with HMT-302 at MCAS Tustin, CA and was transferred to HMH-464, MAG-29, MCAS New River, NC. He subsequently served as the Flightline Officer, Quality





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Assurance Officer, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer, and the Aircraft Maintenance Officer with the “Condors” of HMH-464.

BGen Malavet graduated from Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) as a Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) and transferred to HMM-263 (REIN), 24th MEU(SOC) in October 1994. He served as the Aviation Combat Element (ACE) Future Operations and Tactics Division Head and was responsible for the 24th MEU(SOC) Mediterranean, Adriatic Sea, and Bosnia theater contingency Air Plans. BGen Malavet was the 24th MEU(SOC) ACE TRAP/CSAR mission planner during the 1995 deployment and coordinated UNPROFOR contingency evacuation operations with AFSOC forces located in Brindisi, Italy. He completed his East Coast FMF tour with HMH-464 serving as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer.

In 1996, he returned to MCAS Yuma, AZ as a MAWTS-1 Instructor. BGen Malavet served as the MAWTS-1 CMCC Officer and additionally served as the Opposing Forces (OPFOR) coordinator before being selected as the CH-53D/E Division Head in 1997. He was subsequently selected as the Assault Support Department Head in 1998 and was responsible for the CH-53, CH-46, AH-1W, UH-1N, and MV-22 Weapons and Tactics Programs. Upon completing his tour at MAWTS-1 in June of 1999, he attended the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College. BGen Malavet graduated from the Naval War College in 2000 with Distinction earning a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

In 2000, he joined the United States Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) J-5 Directorate as a Strategic Plans Analyst. BGen Malavet then returned to MCAS New River in 2002 and was assigned to MAG-29 serving as the Current Operations Officer during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

BGen Malavet took Command of HMH-464 aboard the USS Kearsarge on May 5th, 2003 in the North Arabian Gulf. While Commanding HMH-464, the “Condors” earned the 2003 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Safety Award, the 2004 Department of the Navy (DON) Safety Excellence Award for Active Duty Marine Corps Squadron, and the 2004 Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) Commandant’s Trophy in recognition of the best overall performance and accomplishment of all assigned tasks by a Marine Corps Squadron. He relinquished Command of HMH-464 on November 17th, 2004.

In January 2005, he redeployed to Iraq with the 2nd MAW (FWD) team and served as the Tactical Air Command Center (TACC) Senior Battle Captain and Current Operations Director. In August 2005, he attended the Johns Hopkins University – The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) as a CMC Fellow. He graduated in 2006 earning a Masters of International Public Policy - concentrating on Asia-Pacific security affairs. BGen Malavet then served on the Joint Staff J-5, Central Asia/South Asia Division as the Afghanistan Branch Chief from 2006-2007.



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BGen Malavet commanded MAG-24 from 2007-2010 and deployed his CH-53 Squadrons to the WESTPAC AOR, Iraq and Afghanistan. He served as the Aviation Expeditionary Enablers (APX-1) Branch Head from 2010-2011. He then led the Marine Corps' JROC processes as the Director, Joint Capabilities Assessment and Integration Directorate from July 2011 to May 2012.

BGen Malavet assumed his current duties as the Principal Director, South and Southeast Asia for OSD Policy in May 2012.

He is married to the former Rose A. Dicen and they have two daughters, Layla and Kaila.

BGen Malavet's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with one Gold Star, Air Medal with one Strike/Flight award, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one Gold Star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, and various unit/campaign award
