

I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FORWARD)
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
CAMP PENDLETON, CA 92055



I MEF FWD (ACTIVATION) MEDIA FACTSHEET:

- I MEF (FWD) WILL ASSUME COMMAND OF REGIONAL COMMAND (SOUTHWEST) DURING EARLY 2014
- LOCATION: HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN
- RC (SW) COALITION PARTNERS:
 - NATO NATIONS: DENMARK, ESTONIA, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES
 - NON-NATO NATIONS: GEORGIA, JORDAN, TONGA.
- I MEF (FWD) COMMAND ELEMENT PREVIOUSLY DEPLOYED TO HELMAND PROVINCE
 - 2010, 2012
- II MEF, BASED OUT OF CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. CURRENTLY IS IN COMMAND OF RC (SW)
- APPROXIMATELY 300 MARINES MAKEUP I MEF (FWD) COMMAND ELEMENT
- I MEF (FWD) WILL OPERATE OUT OF CAMP LEATHERNECK, CAMP BASTION
- CURRENTLY THERE ARE 7,000 MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS ON CAMP LEATHERNECK
- I MEF (FWD) AOR IS HELMAND AND NIMROZ PROVINCES
- I MEF (FWD) WILL WORK ALONGSIDE AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES, WHICH INCLUDES: ANA 215TH CORPS, BASED OUT OF CAMP SHORABAK; AND ANP IN LASHKAR GAH
- I MEF (FWD) WILL BE THE LAST MAJOR USMC COMMAND TO DEPLOY TO AFGHANISTAN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

I MEF (FWD) SUBORDINATE UNITS:

I MARINE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS GROUP:

ELEMENTS OF: 1ST INTEL BATTALION, 1ST LAW ENFORCEMENT BATTALION, 9TH COMMUNICATION BATTALION, 1ST RADIO BATTALION, 1ST AIR NAVAL GUNFIRE LIAISON COMPANY

GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT: OUT OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION

1ST MARINE REGIMENT; 3RD BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT; 5TH BATTALION, 11TH MARINE REGIMENT; 3RD COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

LOGISTICS COMMAND ELEMENT: OUT OF 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION-7; AND ELEMENTS OF 1ST EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPANY, 1ST MEDICAL BATTALION, 1ST DENTAL BATTALION, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION

AVIATION COMMAND ELEMENT: OUT OF 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

ELEMENTS OF: MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-16: MACG 38, VMU 3, HMH 466, VMM, MALS 16, HMH 466, VMM 261, VMGR 252, MWSS 274

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KEY TERMS:

ABP- AFGHAN BORDER POLICE

ALP- AFGHAN LOCAL POLICE

ANCOP- AFGHAN NATIONAL CIVIL ORDER POLICE

ANSF- AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES

AOR- AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

GIROA- GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

IJC- INTERNATIONAL SECURITY FORCE JOINT COMMAND

ISAF- INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE AFGHANISTAN

OEF- OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

PRT- PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

RC (SW) - REGIONAL COMMAND (SOUTHWEST)

R4OG- RETROGRADE AND REDEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF RESET AND RECONSTITUTION OPERATIONAL GROUP

TFH- TASK FORCE HELMAND (UK)

TFL- TASK FORCE LEATHERNECK

TOA- TRANSITION OF AUTHORITY

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