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CAMP PENDLETON TO HOST TWO-DAY DISASTER RESPONSE CONFERENCE, MARCH 27-28

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -- I Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Installations West will host the Hurricane Sandy and Defense Support of Civil Authorities disaster response conference, March 27-28,

Lt. Gen. John A. Toolan, commanding general, I MEF, will deliver opening remarks to kick-off the two-day conference discussing the roles, responsibilities and relationships essential to connect military and local responders during a catastrophic regional humanitarian crisis.

More than 300 major local, state, federal and military leaders will be attendance. Notable participants include members of the San Francisco Fleet Week Association, Marine Forces North, Commander Third Fleet, Expeditionary Strike Group-3, US Northern Command, US Army and National Guard, FEMA, Los Angeles, San Diego and New York emergency management agencies. A full list of participants is listed below.

The conference will feature a static display of unique equipment and vehicles to the Marine Corps; while leaders will participate in a series of discussions on the roles and command responsibilities of local, state and federal entities during a crisis.

Collaboration between agencies involved will create a deeper understanding of how to interoperate and educate participants on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief capabilities. Within hours of a potential disaster, Marines and sailors from the San Diego region could augment National Guard personnel in response to a crisis, utilizing unique amphibious capabilities from the land, air, and sea to provide heavy equipment, aircraft, logistical and personnel support to assist relief efforts.

In March of 2012, I MEF hosted the first Defense Support of Civil Authorities disaster table top exercise at Camp Pendleton with more than 75 emergency management representatives from city, state, and federal agencies in attendance. The exercise involved a scenario-based 7.9 earthquake that struck the San Andreas Fault-line and affected San Francisco to Los Angeles, jeopardizing roads, bridges, and water resources.

I MEF will develop standard operating procedures and plans to respond to a regional crisis under the framework of DSCA in the coming months.



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For a complete list of conference topics and discussions, please contact the I MEF Public Affairs Office.

MEDIA INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OR INTERVIEWING SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND LEADERS ATTENDING SHOULD CONTACT I MEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE MEDIA DESK AT IMEFPUBLICAFFAIRS@USMC.MIL OR 760-763-7047, 760-763-4675.

MEDIA ATTENDING SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CAMP PENDLETON MAIN GATE NO LATER THAN 7:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH AND WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE PACIFIC VIEWS EVENT CENTER.

DOWNLOAD PHOTOS/ VIDEO HERE:

<http://www.dvidshub.net/video/139946/interview-with-maj-gen-melvin-spiese-part-1>

<http://www.dvidshub.net/image/542697/mef-supports-ttx>

www.facebook.com/1stMarineExpeditionaryBrigade

www.youtube.com/user/1STMARINEBRIGADE

Full list of leaders in attendance:

- Lt. Gen. Toolan- Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force
- Maj. Gen. Spiese- Deputy Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force
- Maj. Gen. Bailey- Commanding General, 1st Marine Division
- Maj. Gen. Busby- Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing
- Brig. Gen. Broadmeadow- Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group/ 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade
- Brig. Gen. Coglianese- Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West
- Maj. Gen. Fox- Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force
- Brig. Gen. Lebidine- Commanding General, Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve
- Vice Admiral Beaman- Commander, Third Fleet
- Rear Admiral Hueber- Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group-3
- Brig. Gen. Sweezy US Army- FEMA Region II, New York
- Brig. Gen. Grant, US Army- FEMA Region II, New Jersey
- Col. Butts, US Army- FEMA Region IX/ X
- Brig. Gen. Craparotta- Northern Command
- Lt. Gen. Robling- Marine Forces Pacific
- Lt. Gen. Hummer- Marine Forces Reserve
- Lt. Gen. Tryon- Plans, Policies and Operations
- Mr. Randy Smith - Plans, Policies and Operations
- Rear Admiral Smith- Navy Region Southwest
- Rear Admiral Castillo- USCG Region XI
- Brig. Gen. Spano- California National Guard/ Washington National Guard



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- Steve Sellers- California Emergency Management Agency
- Mr. Pat Dennon- California Emergency Management Agency
- Ms. Holly Crawford- San Diego Department of Emergency Management
- Maj. Gen. Myatt- USMC Ret.- San Francisco Fleet Week
- Mr. Lewis Loeven- San Francisco Fleet Week
- Mr. James Featherstone- Los Angeles Department of Emergency Management
- Mr. Rob Dudgeon- San Francisco Department of Emergency Management
- Ms. Anne Kronenberg- San Francisco Department of Emergency Management
- Ms. Barb Graff- Seattle Emergency Services
- Mr. Robert Salesses- Department of Defense
- Mr. Richard Serino- FEMA
- Mr. Joseph Bruno- Commissioner, NYC Office of Emergency Management

Lieutenant General John A. Toolan, Jr. Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Lieutenant General John A. Toolan Jr. was commissioned in October 1976 and reported to Okinawa as an Infantry Officer with 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. Following this tour, he spent three years at MCRD San Diego, California, and was subsequently reassigned as a Company Commander with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.

Lieutenant General Toolan served as the Marine Officer Instructor at the University of Pennsylvania from 1984 to 1987. He was then transferred to the II Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Lejeune as the Staff Secretary and then to 2nd Light Armored Infantry Battalion as Operations Officer and Executive Officer from 1987-1991; Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM highlighted his tour with the Carolina MAGTF. Manpower Officer Assignments was his next posting until 1994 when selected for command of 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Wolfpack, in 29 Palms from 1994-1997.

Following Battalion command, Lieutenant General Toolan attended Air Force War College in Montgomery, Alabama, and was subsequently assigned as the Deputy J5 at Supreme Allied Headquarters, Mons, Belgium. Bosnia and Kosovo, particularly Operation ALLIED FORCE, consumed his attention during this tour.

From 2000-2002 he commanded Weapons and Field Training Battalion in Camp Pendleton and then joined the 1st Marine Division as the Operations Officer for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

In March 2003, Lieutenant General Toolan took command of Regimental Combat Team 1 and led the RCT in the march up to Baghdad. His RCT returned to Al Anbar Province, Iraq



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for OIF II in 2004. Following Regimental command, he was assigned as the Director of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia.

Promoted to Brigadier General in 2006, he was assigned as the Principal Director for Asia/Pacific Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy in Washington, DC with follow on assignment as Deputy Commander, U.S. Forces Japan from 2008-2010. He was promoted to Major General in 2009.

In July 2010, Lieutenant General Toolan was assigned as the Commander of the 2nd Marine Division. In March 2011, he deployed as the Commanding General, II MEF (Fwd) to Helmand Province, Afghanistan for duties as Commander, Regional Command (South West) until March 2012.

On September 7, 2012, Lieutenant General Toolan was promoted to his current rank and assumed command of the I Marine Expeditionary Force.
