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I MEF (FORWARD) REACTIVATES FOR UPCOMING DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Marines with I Marine Expeditionary Force will conduct an activation ceremony for the I MEF (Forward) command Wednesday.

Brig. Gen. Daniel Yoo, commanding general, I MEF (Fwd), and Sgt. Maj. Douglas Berry, sergeant major, I MEF (Fwd), will uncase the unit's battle colors during the ceremony.

Lt. Gen. John A. Toolan, commanding general, I MEF, will attend and deliver remarks.

I MEF (Fwd) will deploy to Helmand province, southwest Afghanistan, early 2014, and take over responsibility and command of Regional Command (Southwest) from II Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

I MEF (Fwd) transferred authority of RC (SW) to II MEF, February 28, 2013.

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Media should RSVP to imefpublicaffairs@usmc.mil **NLT 4:00 p.m.** on Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

Media should arrive at the Camp Pendleton Main Gate **NLT 1:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

Interviews with Marines will be offered at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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