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III MIG Conducts Exercise Kaiju Rain

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About III MIG

The III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group plans, coordinates, integrates, and employs information capabilities and effects in support of the III Marine Expeditionary Force and regional allies and partners. III MIG operates out of Camp Hansen, Okinawa.



Editor's Note

This month's edition of the Ronin Report features Exercise Kaiju Rain 25, the first exercise to be led by the III MEF Information Group, setting a new standard for enhancing III MIG's capabilities in the information environment. Keep reading to find what else the III MIG has been up to this month. As always, a healthy RAH from your III MIG COMMSTRAT team.

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U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. Jacob Green, chief, All-Domain Operations Center, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, secures a tent during Exercise Kaiju Rain 25 at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan, April 15, 2025.

Setting Up for Kaiju Rain 25

U.S. Marines with the All-Domain Operations Center, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, establish a forward operating center during Exercise Kaiju Rain 25 at Camp Courtney, Okinawa, Japan, April 15, 2025.



Photos by Sgt William Wallace

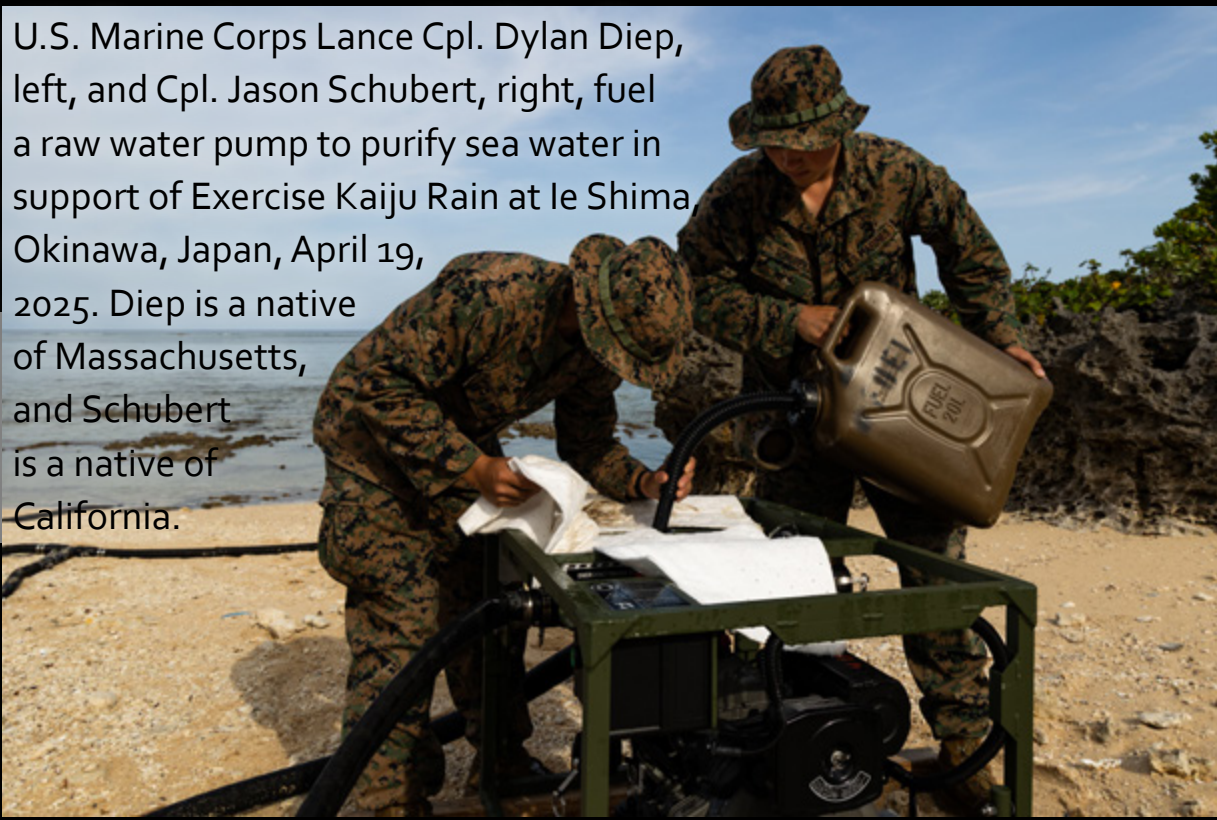


Water Dogs with 9th ESB Support Kaiju Rain



Water purification technicians enhance the self-sustainability of the Marines on exercise, limiting the need for resupplies. Kaiju Rain sharpens III MIG's sensing and intelligence capabilities, enabling rapid deployment, multi-domain collection, and command control across dispersed locations.

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan Diep, left, and Cpl. Jason Schubert, right, fuel a raw water pump to purify sea water in support of Exercise Kaiju Rain at Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan, April 19, 2025. Diep is a native of Massachusetts, and Schubert is a native of California.





APS Assembly

Photos by Sgt. William Wallace



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Brett White assembles an augmented parachute system in support of Exercise Kaiju Rain at Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan, April 21, 2025. Exercise Kaiju Rain 25 enhances III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group's ability to conduct command and control, employ sensor capabilities and integrate multi-domain operations to enable III MEF, the joint force, and allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region. White is a reconnaissance Marine with III MIG and a native of California.



Augmented Parachute System



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U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. Matthew Webb flies the augmented parachute system during Kaiju Rain 25 at Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan, April 24, 2025.



CID Investigates Notional UUV

U.S. Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Identity and Attribution Activities, 3d Intelligence Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, and III MIG Commanding Officer and Sergeant Major examined an Unmanned Underwater Vehicle during a UUV Recovery rehearsal for exercise Kaiju Rain on Kin Blue, Okinawa, Japan, April 17, 2025. Below, U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Daniel Torres and Staff Sgt. Maxwell Carlson prepare to take an x-ray of a UUV. Torres and Carlson are both explosive ordnance technicians with CLB-31, 31st MEU and I2A, 3d Intel Bn, III MIG. Torres is a native of California and Carlson is a native of Alaska.



Above, U.S. Marines with CLB-31, 31st MEU, explain their Electronic Counter Measure system to Col. Joshua Mayoral, the commanding officer of III MIG during a UUV Recovery rehearsal.



Photos by Cpl. Kira Ducato





U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Steven Telfer reads his notes while conducting dry close air support training during the Korean Marine Exchange Program at Pilsung Range, South Korea, March 13, 2025. Telfer, a native of California, is a field artillery officer with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group.

KMEP Highlights: Pilsung Range


KMEP is an annual joint, combined, and inter-agency Exchange in the ROK that strengthens the combined command and control capabilities of U.S. and ROK forces. This Exchange provides the U.S. and ROK Marines the opportunity to rehearse combined operations, exchange knowledge, and demonstrate the strength and capability of the U.S.-ROK alliance.

Photos by
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Republic of Korea Marines prepare a K1A2 tank for an assault during Korean Marine Exercise Program 25.1 at Twin Bridges Training Area, South Korea, March 19, 2025.

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Photos by Cpl. Bridgette Rodriguez

Ryukyu Hammer

A U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. is shown in profile, wearing a camouflage uniform and helmet, firing an M240B machine gun. The gun is mounted on a tripod and is firing a round. The background shows a grassy field with some trees in the distance.

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Isamar Escalantecandelario fires an M240B machine gun on a live-fire machine gun range during Ryukyu Hammer 25 at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, April 23, 2025.



Ryukyu Hammer 25 is a training exercise under the Kaiju Rain 25 series that allows Marines to maintain their proficiency in patrolling, weapons employment, and other key combat capabilities that ensure lethality and readiness in austere environments.

Photos by Cpl. Michael Taggart



U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Gavin Gum launches a Skydio X2D Small Unmanned Aircraft System during Kaiju Rain 25 at Ie Shima, Okinawa, Japan, April 24, 2025.

5th ANGLICO SUAS Fires

SUAS provides 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company a way to put digital eyes on target to facilitate control of fires.



Photos by Sgt. William Wallace



U.S. Marines with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, participate in a basic swim qualification at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, April 17, 2025. The basic swim qualification includes a 25-meter swim, an eight-foot drop, treading water and shedding gear underwater. The swim qualification maintains Marines' proficiency in operating and maintaining lethality in maritime environments.



5th ANGLICO Swim QUAL



Photos by LCpl Diana Garcia



Fires and Fiery Hearts

Story by 2nd Lt J. T. Wolek

The Marine Corps' history bleeds thick with the courage few are honored to inherit. It is the constant standard, the north-facing arrow in an increasingly complex world.

Take a moment to ask yourself: how did we get here?

It would be almost impossible to recount every pivotal moment enacted by a Marine, yet it is necessary to reflect on the moments that shaped the ethos of our Corps.

The 27th of April marks the passing of 220 years since the American flag was raised on foreign soil for the first time in war. The flag was raised by First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon of the United States Marine Corps. The Tripoli fortress at Derna was held by pirates before it was assaulted by Lt. O'Bannon, seven other Marines, and about 400 mercenaries. The pirates held the strategically positioned fortress with a larger force, yet the day's end showed them defeated. Two Marines were killed, and one Marine was wounded during the assault. As a token of respect for the bravery and leadership shown in the Battle of Derna, Lt. O'Bannon was given a Mameluke sword by Prince Hamet Karamanli of the Ottoman Empire.

After 220 years, the fateful actions of Lt. O'Bannon and his Marines on the shores of Tripoli are reflected in the second line of The Marines' Hymn. While it has lost its place in battle, the Mameluke sword is still worn by Marine Corps officers at ceremonious events. And more than the physical evidence, more than the day and hour, more even than the place where these actions occurred, the spirit of that day lives on. 220 years ago, Lt. O'Bannon and his Marines set the standard of courage for all Marines to come.

Combat in today's world would have been unrecognizable to Lt. O'Bannon. Perhaps the world itself would be difficult to reconcile. The definition of fires has

extended not just past the naked eye, but even past the horizon.

The globalization of the internet and information sphere has brought imagery of war into the public eye. The combat uniforms of Marines are strikingly different, a reflection of the new nature of combat. Marines eat, sleep, and train on horizons never seen by the Marines at Derna.

For example, the Marines of III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group are based in Okinawa, Japan. III MIG Marines are equipped and trained to lead in the modern battlespace, where information warfare is key to victory. III MIG provides information operations, communications, intelligence, and fires and effects liaison in support of Marine Air Ground Task Force operations. Marines such as Lt. O'Bannon became pillars in the history of our Corps decades before even the telegraph existed. And just as that small band of Marines was aided by Greek and Arab mercenaries, the Marines of III MIG work alongside allied nations to build resilience, integrate best practices, and work together toward our shared goals.

Long before concepts such as forward observers for air attacks, maritime sensor arrays, or secure long-distance communication nodes existed, Marines were lethal and expeditionary. Two centuries of innovation have only increased those capacities. We face new shores, and new threats, with the same courage that the Corps has instilled in Marines since the days of Lt. O'Bannon.

Make no mistake. There are still pirates in the world. There are still fortresses that need taking. There are still threats. And where there is hostility and malintent to be found, there is still a Marine Corps to snuff it out. We no longer cut down the enemy with swords and sabers, but they are still met with the full and fiery hearts of Marines.

**UNTIL THE NEXT
RADIO CHECK:**

STAY LETHAL

**LOOK OUT FOR THE MARINES ON
YOUR LEFT AND ON YOUR RIGHT.**

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