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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

At COMMSTRAT, we're proud to bring you this edition of the Ronin Report—a monthly snapshot of the dedication, resilience, and achievements of the Marines of III MIG. From tackling complex cyber challenges to providing critical support in the Indo-Pacific, our Marines continue to exemplify the highest standards of the Corps. Be sure to click the DVIDS links throughout the issue for more photos, stories, and exclusive content that bring their missions to life.



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3d Intel Bn at Jungle Warfare Training Center

Photos by Cpl. Michael Taggart

U.S. Marines with 3d Intelligence Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, take part in a Marine Corps combat readiness evaluation at the Jungle Warfare Training Center, Camp Gonsalves, Okinawa, Japan, July 30, 2025. The combat readiness evaluation is a formal test based on mission essential tasks that evaluated the combat readiness of 3d Intel Bn.

Martial Arts Instructor Course

Photos by Sgt. Abigail Godinez



U.S. Marines with Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Course (MAIC) take part in their culminating event at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 8, 2025. The MAIC certifies Marines to instruct and monitor Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training and advance Marines in the program while testing and strengthening their decision making, warfighting, and leadership skills.

Leading Marines: Through the MAI Course

Story by Sgt. Abigail Godinez

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Japan – U.S. Marines from across III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group earned their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program instructor certification at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, July 21 to Aug. 8, 2025.

The course, led and mentored by Martial Arts Instructor Trainers (MAI/Ts) and Martial Arts Instructors (MAIs), tested Marines physically, mentally and as leaders. By guiding students through the challenges of the course, the MAIs and MAI/Ts reinforced the Marine Corps' warrior ethos and grew as leaders themselves, continuing the legacy of mentorship central to the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP).

"It really goes back to my first instructor that I went through my first three belts with, Corporal Frenchy. He made the training realistic," said Sgt. Malik Bailey, a MAIT and assistant training chief with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "That's always something I've strived to do, and I was also able to find another way to mentor Marines outside the shop."

At the beginning of the course, Marines completed a Physical Fitness Test and a Combat Fitness Test to assess their physical capabilities. Understanding the Marines' limits through these evaluations is important to balancing the discipline of the course with the need for safety, which is ensured through proper leadership and mentorship.

"I will always say the biggest responsibility is safety. Paying attention to the student and seeing how well they grasp the concept of things, and their maturity, can determine the intensity," said Bailey. "Each belt level has a left and right lateral limit, and that matters because we're trying to teach them how to be combat effective when it comes to hand-to-hand combat. That includes how to properly defend themselves and the proper use of force. We're trying to train to stay safe, but we can't even actually do that if we're getting hurt during training."

In addition to martial arts techniques, the course emphasized leadership, mentorship and the three synergies of MCMAP. The training focused on developing leaders, not just fighters, building future mentors and instructors equipped to carry forward the legacy.

"Having the multitudes of leadership styles is important in being able to articulate the three synergies of MCMAP — mental, physical and character — to different Marines at different ranks, ages and backgrounds," said Bailey. "That's what drives the program to keep improving, when this mindset is instilled in students and they pass it on to others, it creates a powerful ripple effect."

In preparation for the culminating event, the students were challenged

one final time through the obstacle course and oleoresin capsicum (OC) exposure training, a demanding test of mental resilience that reinforced the principle that true leadership is earned by setting the example rather than simply giving instructions.

"As the instructor, you can't be the one who expects them to do something you can't do or haven't done yourself," he said. "You need to be proficient in both technique and training because you're the one demonstrating it in front of them. If they see you cutting corners or lacking confidence, they'll lose trust in you."

The morning of the culminating event began with intense physical training that pushed the students to their limits, setting the tone for what would become a final test of grit, endurance, and warrior spirit — a fight that demanded everything they had learned during the MAI course.

Following the strenuous four-hour event, Sgt. Bailey sat down with the new MAIs and emphasized the importance of staying humble and open to learning, regardless of rank or experience.

"The main thing is being an eternal student. You can always learn from your students, regardless of their rank or if they're students, peers, seniors, whatever, having that mindset going in, you can always take the good that you learn and add more to your tool belt. That way it will better help you in the future for the more Marines that you come across," said Bailey.



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5th ANGLICO participates in sUAS integration course

Photos by Cpl. Michael Taggart

U.S. Marines with units across III Marine Expeditionary Force attend a small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) integration course which focused on teaching the capabilities and limitations of class one drones that are used for surveillance, reconnaissance, and intelligence at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 10, 2025.



7th Comm Bn STRAPEX

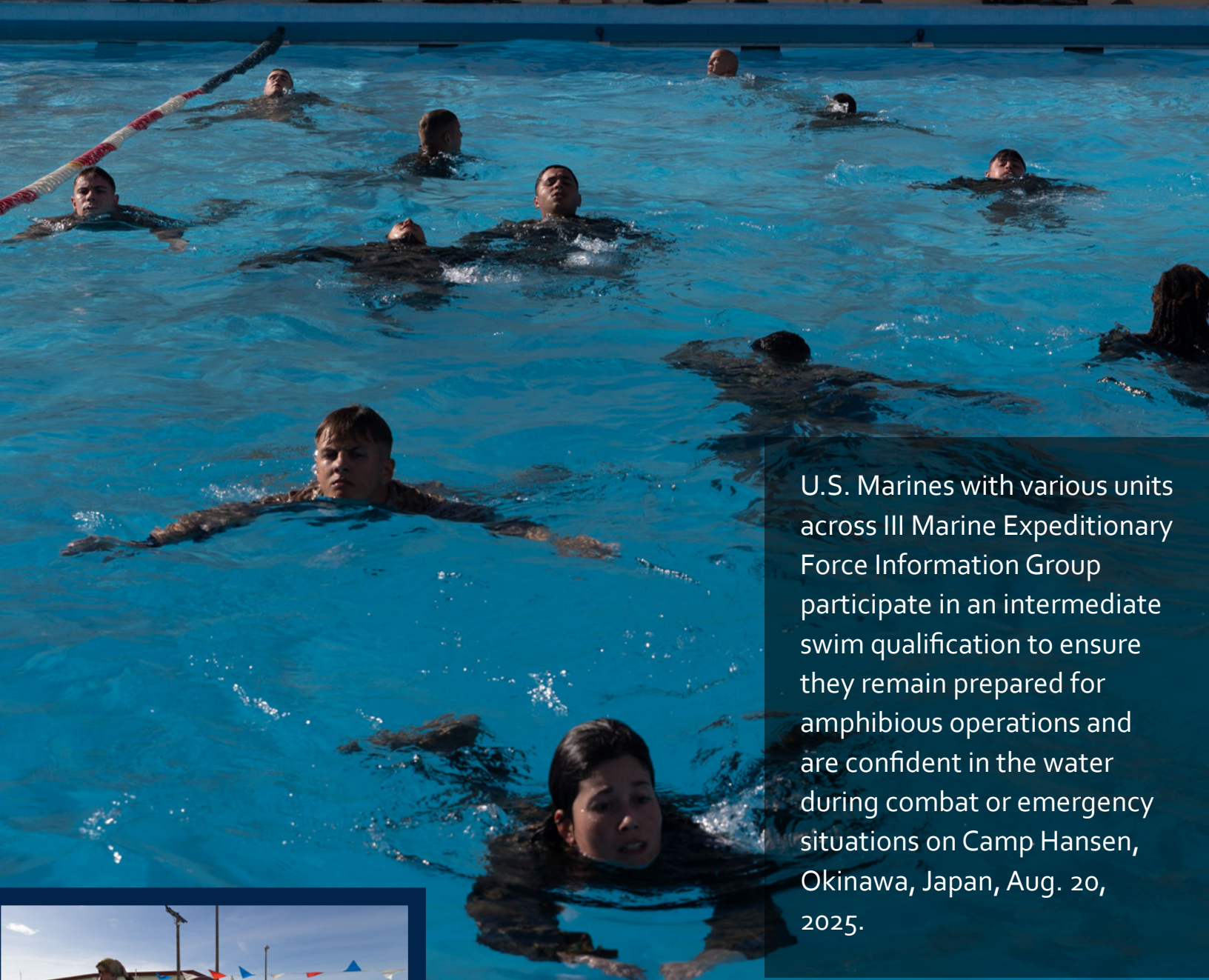
Photos by Sgt. William Wallace

U.S. Marines with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group take part in a strap exercise at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 19, 2025. The STRAPEX is a communication exercise designed to better familiarize Marines with their equipment and ensure proper functioning.



3d Intel Bn hosts swim qualification for III MIG

Photos by Sgt. Abigail Godinez



U.S. Marines with various units across III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group participate in an intermediate swim qualification to ensure they remain prepared for amphibious operations and are confident in the water during combat or emergency situations on Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 20, 2025.



III MSB Machine Gun Range

Photos by Cpl. Michael Taggart

U.S. Marines with III Marine Expeditionary Force Support Battalion (MSB), III MEF Information Group, participate in a live-fire range at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 20, 2025. The machine gun range served to maintain III MSB's proficiency in employing crew-served weapons.



3d Intel Bn DST Field Exercise

Photos by Staff Sgt. Samuel Ruiz



U.S. Marines with 3d Intelligence Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, prepare a Direct Support Team (DST) site in order to provide timely and accurate indications and warnings, refine our intelligence production processes, and improve our responsiveness to dynamic targeting needs at Kin Blue Training Area, Okinawa, Japan, August 26, 2025. The DST field exercise strengthens coordination across dispersed elements, ensuring effective, integrated support to commanders in complex operational environments.

Pacific Vanguard 25

Photos by Cpl. Juan Maldonado

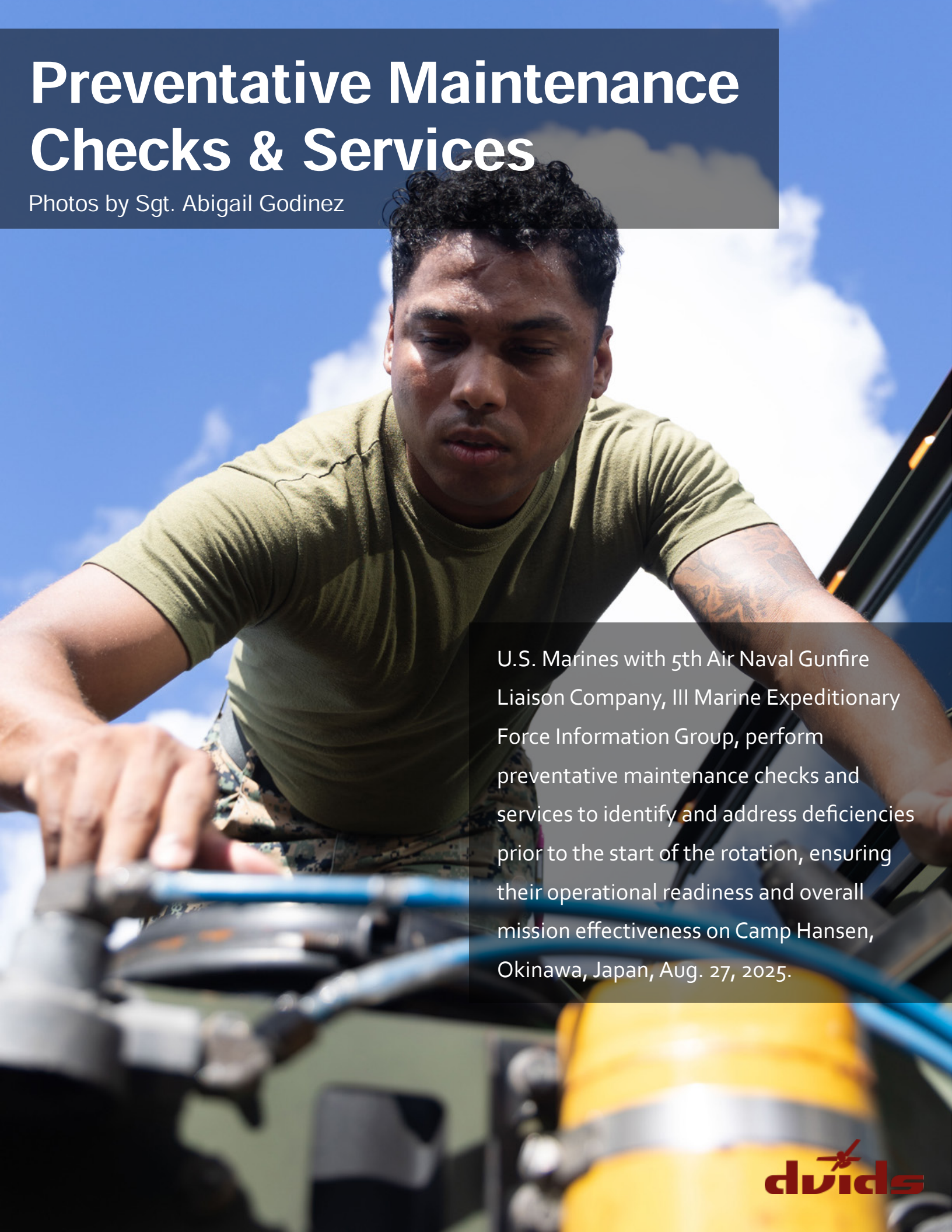


Key leaders with the U.S. Navy and allied forces take part in the Pacific Vanguard 25 opening ceremony at the Joint Region Marianas headquarters in Asan, Guam, Aug. 25. Pacific Vanguard 2025, the seventh iteration of this exercise series, will allow Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, and U.S. armed forces to focus on refining multidisciplinary warfighting skillsets as an integrated naval force in the highly-complex and ever-evolving Indo-Pacific region.



Preventative Maintenance Checks & Services

Photos by Sgt. Abigail Godinez



U.S. Marines with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, perform preventative maintenance checks and services to identify and address deficiencies prior to the start of the rotation, ensuring their operational readiness and overall mission effectiveness on Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, Aug. 27, 2025.

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