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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.



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Combat Marksmanship Program



Photo by Cpl. Michael Taggart



U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Joseph Engler, left, and Cpl. Brynner Sanders execute a series of firing drills on barricades during a live-fire rifle range on Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, March 13, 2025. CMC refines Marines marksmanship fundamentals and enhances their lethality through advanced marksmanship training.



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Mastering the Ropes



U.S. Marines with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, rappels from a UH-1Y Venom with HMLA-367, III Marine Aircraft Wing, during Helicopter Rope Suspension Techniques training at Landing Zone Starling in Okinawa, Japan. HRST training prepares Marines to navigate challenging terrain and quickly insert into contested areas through rappelling and fast-rope descents.



Photos by MSgt Ezekiel Kitandwe



U.S. Marines with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, prepare to fast-rope and rappel from a UH-1Y Venom assigned to HMLA-367, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, during Helicopter Rope Suspension Techniques training at Landing Zone Starling, Okinawa, Japan.

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III MSB Supports MPF Offload

Photos by Cpl. Abigail Godinez



CHINHAE, Republic of Korea—U.S. Marines with various units across III Marine Expeditionary Force participated in a Maritime Prepositioning Force offload during Freedom Banner 25 at Chinhae Naval Base, South Korea, Feb. 12-22, 2025.

Freedom Banner is an annual maritime prepositioning force exercise that allows multiple units across III MEF to practice the quick and effective offload of equipment and supplies, off of pre-staged vessels to forward units in the region.

"It's good practice because it allows us to see how quickly we can take this equipment and marry it to their units to make a capability for the joint force, to employ against our adversaries," said Lt. Col. James Workman, the officer in charge of the Arrival and Assembly Operations Group, 3rd Marine Logistics Group.

This iteration of Freedom Banner allowed routine maintenance of the equipment stored aboard the United States Naval Ship Dahl (T-AKR 312) to be conducted. This equipment will be used in support of upcoming exercises such as Freedom Shield 25 and Korean Marine Exercise Program 25.1.

As units from all across III MEF begin to arrive to the Korean Peninsula for upcoming exercises, Freedom Banner becomes crucial for III Marine Expeditionary Force Support Battalion's mission.

III MSB provides and coordinates direct combat services support, security, and administrative services to III MEF, 3d Marine Expeditionary Brigade and III MEF Information Group Command Elements to enable III MEF to win in competition and conflict. During the MPF Offload, each component of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force had their own equipment allocated for their mission. III MSB supported the offload as the command element's Arrival and Assembly Operations Element. Marines with III MSB arrived to download command element's equipment.

"The MPF offload was synchronized with what we were doing beforehand with our Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation on Warrior Base," said Maj. Matthew Evers, the Operations Officer of III MSB, "in that we ensure those capabilities are integrated with what we were going to be doing on Camp Mujuk, to support Freedom Shield."

As the command element's AAOE, III MSB coordinated with III MEF to validate what the logistics and life support requirements for Freedom Shield would look like. Marines from III MSB worked directly with 3rd Marine Logistics Group, who supported Freedom Banner 25 as the Arrival Assembly Operations Group, which allowed for proper planning and execution for III MSB to determine what equipment would need to be offloaded.


"Most of the equipment we are offloading is communication equipment, engineering equipment, motor vehicles such as JLTVs, LVSRs, generators, tool kits, etc." stated Lt. Col. Workman. "So this equipment provides a lot of capabilities that the MAGTF would need to operate, both in combat and in peacetime."

In order to provide combat service to the Freedom Shield command post exercise, III MSB Marines pulled equipment off of the USNS Dahl such as field feeding equipment, tentage, and utilities equipment. This equipment allowed III MSB to establish an expeditionary field site, an intelligence operations center and an expeditionary feeding site. III MSB also unloaded material handling and motor transportation equipment, such as forklifts and 7-tons, to be able to provide transportation of personnel and equipment around Camp Mujuk.

"Those are the capabilities that we need from the equipment unloaded during the MPF Offload that will help us here at Camp Mujuk," clarified Maj. Evers. "Because it allows us to conduct concurrent operations, I think it's vital that we make use of this equipment. While we are providing combat service and logistical support here at Camp Mujuk, we're still providing support in Okinawa."


With over half a thousand U.S. Marines, Sailors and Republic of Korea Marines preparing to come through Camp Mujuk, the life support services that III MSB provides throughout the base not only allows for training in the region, but will create better integration within the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

"The nature of the MPF Offload demonstrates our ability to rapidly bring the Marine Corps and joint capabilities together to support follow-on missions," Maj. Evers concluded. "This is just one of the ways that the Marine Corps demonstrates readiness to our allies."

A man with glasses and a dark blue short-sleeved button-down shirt stands with his arms crossed in front of two large green military vehicles. The vehicles have "NO STEP" markings on their fenders. The man is looking directly at the camera.

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl.
Brayan Pascualpaxtor
poses for photos at the
7th Communication
Battalion motor pool
on Camp Hansen,
Okinawa, Japan, March
10, 2025.


Motor Transport Technician of the Year

The man is standing in a paved area, holding a large, red, Y-shaped metal component. In the background, there are more military vehicles and a building under a cloudy sky.

Pascualpaxtor was recognized by the Marine Corps as the Marine Corps Motor Transport Technician of the Year. Pascualpaxtor, a native of Georgia, is an automotive maintenance technician with 7th Comm Bn., III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group.

The logo for "divids" in a stylized red font, with a small red graphic element above the letter 'i'.





U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Galilee Havana practices present sword during Corporals Course. Havana is a rifleman with 3d Intelligence Bn., III MIG, and a native of California.

Learning to Lead: Corporals Course



U.S. Marines with 7th Communication Battalion and 3d Intelligence Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, practice drill with guidons as well as sword manual during the Corporals Course.

Photos by Cpl. Kira Ducato

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3D Intel Bn. Field Meet

U.S. Marines with 3d Intelligence Battalion compete in events during the 3d Intel Bn. field meet at Camp Hansen Okinawa Japan, March 26, 2024. The field meet consisted of a pull up competition, an obstacle course relay race, ground fighting, tug-of-war, and flag football.

Photos by Sgt. William Wallace

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. James McCalla participates in a pull-up competition during 3d Intelligence Battalion's field meet.

McCalla, a native of Michigan, is an intelligence surveillance reconnaissance system engineer with 3d Intel Bn.





7th Comm. Battalion JLTV Course

Photos by Cpl. Michael Taggart

U.S. Marines with 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Information Group, drive a joint light tactical vehicle during an advanced motor vehicle operations course on Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan, March 12, 2025. AMVOC enhances units' maneuverability by training vehicle operators to operate tactical vehicles in challenging terrain and austere environments.



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RAJIN RIDERS MOTORCYCLE RIDE



Delta Company, III MIG Conducts a Unit
Motorcycle Ride to foster an
environment of camaraderie.
(Photos by Cpl Kira Ducato)

A person wearing a high-visibility orange and yellow safety vest with reflective stripes is walking away from the camera. They are holding a flashlight in their right hand, which is shining forward. In the background, a vehicle with two large, bright headlights is parked. The scene is at night, and the ground appears to be wet or reflective. The overall atmosphere is one of a night-time safety or security check.

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