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15TH MEU, JGSDF TO CONDUCT BOAT TRAINING AT NAB CORONADO

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit is scheduled to conduct boat training with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force as a part of Iron Fist 2012 at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, SUNDAY, Jan. 22.

Boat training is one of many amphibious means the Marine Corps uses to move troops ashore in an expeditionary manner. Marine Expeditionary Units are responsible to our nation as a 911 force in readiness.

Boat training will enable the 15th MEU to demonstrate its amphibious capability to the Western Army Infantry Regiment, JGSDF. Exercise Iron Fist reinforces the relationship between the U.S. and Japanese forces, and provides a unique training opportunity for both services.

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MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

Media interested in covering the event must call the 15th MEU Public Affairs Officer, 1st

Lt. Smith at 760-725-0183 or email at justin.e.smith@usmc.mil and RSVP no later than

4:00 p.m., FRIDAY,

Jan. 20. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at NAB Coronado's MAIN GATE at 1 p.m. on Sunday Jan. 22 to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least two hours.