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15TH MEU TO CONDUCT LCAC TRAINING WITH JGSDF

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit is scheduled to conduct bilateral training on Landing Craft Air Cushions with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force as part of Iron Fist 2012 at Camp Pendleton, Tuesday, Jan 24th.

The Landing Craft Air Cushion, or LCAC, is a high-speed, over-the-beach, fully amphibious landing craft, capable of carrying a 60-75 ton payload. It is used to transport the weapons systems, equipment, cargo and personnel of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force from ship to shore.

The LCAC training will enable the 15th MEU to demonstrate its amphibious capability to the Western 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 p.m., Fri., Jan. 20. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at Camp Pendleton's

main gate at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24th to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least two hours.