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IRON FIST 2012 FEATURES HELO DUNKER TRAINING

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit is scheduled to conduct helo dunker training with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force as a part of Iron Fist 2012 at Camp Pendleton, Jan. 28.

The training evolution involves a swim tank, where troops will practice the techniques on making a safe exit from a sinking helicopter; as well as helo dunker, a simulator that uses a helicopter shell to submerge the students into the water, training them for a safe escape from a sinking helicopter.

The 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

p.m. Jan. 27. Members of the media who have RSVP'd will meet at Camp Pendleton's Basilone gate at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 to be escorted to the event. Please plan to remain on base for at least two hours.