

PELARG/15TH MEU EXERCISE IRON MAGIC
UAE FORWARD COMMAND ELEMENT (05-22 DEC 2012)
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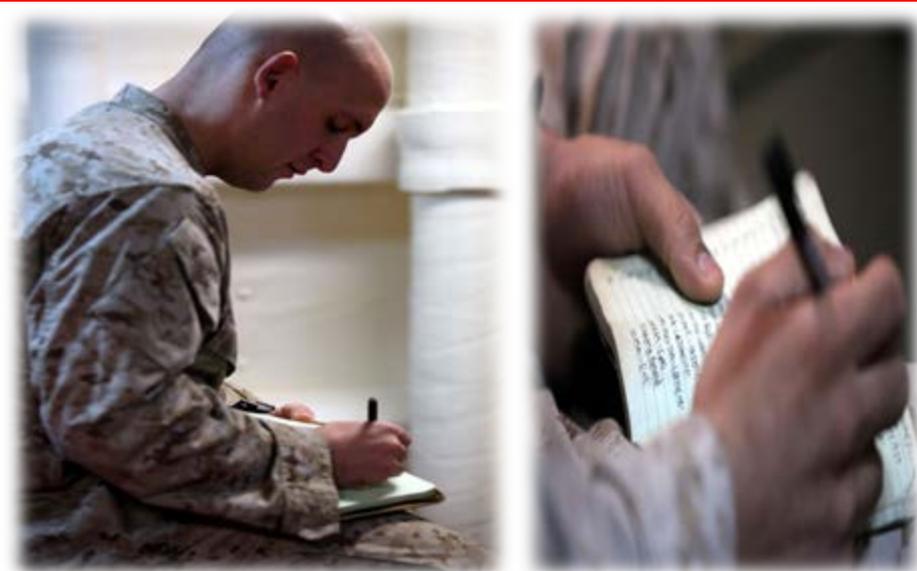
Language Training

- Facilitated LREC capabilities throughout the Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) to promote awareness of the FAS program.
- Briefs included culture information, smart cards, and language material from CAOCL.
- The MSA language class lasted for approximately seven days prior to IM. The Marines were able to learn 35 words and phrases. The Marines also learned how to count to 100.

• Pictures of the 15 MEU FAS providing Maritime Reconnaissance Force (MRF) Culture and Arabic Language Classes.



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• Pictures of the 15 MEU FAS providing language and culture classes to Marines.

Cultural Training

- Supported the ARG by providing LREC products and capabilities focusing on PMESII/ASCOPE, to 3rd Battalion 5th Marines (3/5), and other Major Subordinate Elements.
- Cultural training from the FAS enhanced understanding of our allies and how to deal with specific situations.
- Educate Marines how to build rapport through daily interaction.
- Promote mutual cooperation in CENTCOM theater .



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Bilateral Training

- FAS support to Lima Company.
- Assisted in Arabic instruction weapons handling, BZO, and firing.
- Supported mortar classes and instruction with language capability.



• Pictures with the UAE Presidential Guard Marine Group (PGMG).

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•Pictures with the Khalifa Bin Zayed II Brigade (KB), supporting Tank and LAR joint maneuvers.

Bilateral Training

- FAS support to the Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR)
- Coordinating movement and SOM between U.S. Light Armored Vehicles (LAV) and the UAE Boevaya Mashina Pehoty (BMPs).
- Assisted LAR with communication between both forces for the Combined Armed Live Firing Exercise (CALFEX) movements.
- Supported FINEX practice and synchronization
- Coordinated with Emirate demolition team and engineers to set up demolition throughout the Emirates MOUT combat town.



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•Bilateral training with PG Marines.



•Picture of the Emirate's training on U.S. Marine mortar.



•Picture of Emirate Prince shooting a AT4.



Picture of 15 MEU FAS fast roping and repelling with PG Marines and Lima Company.

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•Picture with Commander of the Presidential Guard (Maj Gen Salem Ali Ghafli) and Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché Abu Dhabi, UAE (Rear Admiral Gary W. Rosholt).



•Picture of the PG HQ's Staff and the 15 MEU FAS.

Summary

The overall mission was a success. All training expectations were met. The Emiratis' experience was positive. The 15th MEU accomplished its mission to reinforce strategic defense cooperation by strengthening bilateral relationships between UAE and the United States.

The 15 MEU FAS supported all levels of training. The main effort to facilitate public diplomacy by way of advising, teaching, and supporting with LREC was accomplished. The programs success is measured in the MEU's staff request for support.



•Picture of the PG Marine Forces, Lima Co, and the 15 MEU FAS (Center).

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