USMC Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion: Relevance Across the Range of Military Operations
Task Organization

TF Total: 1428 Marines
Company Task Organization

- Company Commander
- Company Executive Officer
- Company 1st Sergeant
- Company Ops Chief
TAO Tripoli Overview

- TAO TRIPOLI
  - Bordered by Syria to the (E)
    - 3 ACR to the West (Mosul)
  - Turkey border is 6Km to the (N)
  - Rawah 45Km to the South
  - Approx 205 km x 115 km

- Sinjar Mountain
  - Largest terrain feature in TAO TRIPOLI

- POE Rabiyah is the only POE within TAO TRIPOLI

- ASR Santa Fe runs east to west through TAO TRIPOLI

- RTE Adams stretches the entire length of the border throughout TAO TRIPOLI

- Major Population Centers
  - Sinjar
  - Bi’aj
Operational Reach

- Total Miles Operated (1 Oct 2008 – 31 March 2009): 465,782 Miles
- Total Hours Operated (1 Oct 2008 – 31 March 2009): 45,473 Hours
Significant Operations

- Three battalion level un-partnered operations conducted
  - Bulayj
  - BOBs
  - Iraqi National Election Security

- Three partnered operations conducted with 11\textsuperscript{th} BDE, 3\textsuperscript{rd} IA
  - OP Dark Shadow
  - OP Dark Shadow II
  - OP Chaban Region

- IA/IP units in Ninewa Province more advanced than their counterparts in Al Anbar Province.
Lessons Learned

• Electric Laser Range Finder (ELRF) Failures
  – Discrepancies identified and fixed with a PM-LAV Contact Team in country

• Command and Control
  – Tied to G-SWANs with no mobile capability

• Long Range Communications
  – Platoons talked on SATCOM, BFT, Iridium
  – SATCOM Data (HPW) at the platoon-level
Maintenance Trends/Issues cont.

- **Hull:**
  - Engines: Replaced 28
  - Starters: Replaced 15
  - Differentials: Replaced 14
  - Crew Heaters: Replaced 35
  - Drivers DVE Sensor: 41
  - Head Gaskets replaced: 22
  - Planetaries rebuilt: 22
LAV BPUP Survivability
Questions?