U.S. Marine Corps EOD Program

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Agenda

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USMC EOD Mission

• To support the Marine Air Ground Task Force, Supporting Establishment, Homeland Defense, and Special Operations Forces, by locating, accessing, identifying, rendering safe, neutralizing, and disposing of hazards from foreign and domestic, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive (CBRNE), Unexploded Explosive Ordnance (UXO), Improvised Explosive Device (IED), and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) that present a threat to operations, installations, personnel, or materiel. (MCO 3571.2G)

— Note: USMC EOD units are authorized to conduct field disassembly and inerting operations for the purpose of exploitation and intelligence gathering.
Current EOD Support Operations

- **OEF - Afghanistan** (Operational demand over 100 EOD Marines per rotation)
- **Seven standing MEUs** (EOD Section per MEU)
- **MARSOC - EOD Marines deploy with each MSOC, plus CJSOTF requirements**
- **Continuous VIPPSA missions** (POTUS, DOS, etc.)
- **Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command** (JPAC)
EOD Manpower Increases

- Marine Corps has increased EOD strength several times since 2004. (FSRG 2004, MARSOC, and 202K)
MARSOC EOD

• EOD is organic to each MSOB
• Supports all missions;
  – Direct Action (DA)
  – Special Reconnaissance (SR)
  – Foreign Internal Defense (FID)
  – Counterterrorism (CT)
  – Unconventional Warfare (UW)
• EOD Marines deploy with MSOC, plus CJSOTF requirements
• EOD Company activated within in each active MLG

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan-
Capt. Timothy M. Callahan, Commanding Officer of 2nd EOD Company, unfurls the company guidon.
Locations

I MEF HQ
1st EOD Company
1st MSOB
MCB Camp Pendleton
MCAS Camp Pendleton
MWSS 372

MCAS Miramar
MWSS 373

MCAS Yuma
MWSS 371

MAGTFTC
MWSS 374
MarDet JIEDDO

MCB Quantico
Methods of Entry School

MCBH Kaneohe Bay
CLR 3
JPAC

II MEF HQ
2nd EOD Company
MARSOC HQ
2nd MSOB
MCB Camp Lejeune

MARFORCOM HQ

MarDet NAVEODTECHDIV
CBIRF

NCR
HQMC
DTRA

MCAS Cherry Pt
MWSS 271
MWSS 274

MCAS Beaufort
MWSS 273

MCAS New River
MWSS 272

MAC Det NAVSCOLEOD

MARFORPAC HQ
Locations (Cont)

- Okinawa
- III MEF HQ
- 3rd EOD Company
- MWSS 172
- MCB Camp Butler

- MCAS Iwakuni
- MWSS 171

- Camp Fuji
EOD Advanced Formal Training

- EOD Advanced Training Center (EODATC)
  - Currently standing up
  - Located at MAGTF-TC, Twenty-nine Palms CA
  - Formal Courses will include
    - EOD Supervisors Course (SSgt – GySgt)
    - EOD Managers Course (MSgt)
    - EOD Officers Course (WO – Capt)
    - Explosive Ordnance Exploitation Course (All)
Concerns

• Almost all EOD Ops are dismounted
  – It must be man portable
  – It must be light weight
  – Every pound counts

• Low Metallic / No Metallic detection
Questions