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USS MAKIN ISLAND Amphibious Ready Group/ 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (ARG/MEU)

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Agenda



- ARG/MEU Task Organization
- Executive Overview
- Pre-Deployment Training Program Overview
- Operational Discussion
- Recommendations



Task Organization

Supported / Supporting Command Relationship



Amphibious Squadron Five
PHIBRON 5
CAPT Michael Cray

11th Marine Expeditionary Unit
11th MEU
Col Clay Tipton



LHD 8 MAKIN ISLAND
CAPT Mark Melson



LPD 25 SOMERSET
CAPT Darren Glaser



LSD 45 COMSTOCK
CDR Bradley Coletti

CPR5 / ARG Personnel:
1, 947 Marines & Sailors

11th MEU Personnel:
2,460 Marines & Sailors

VMM 163 (REIN)
(Aviation Combat Element)
LtCol Christopher Browning



Battalion Landing Team 1/4
(Ground Combat Element)
LtCol Matthew Lundgren



Combat Logistics Battalion 11
(Logistics Combat Element)
LtCol Patrick Reynolds




Tactical Air Control Squadron 11


Fleet Surgical Team Five


Naval Beach Group One


Assault Craft Unit Five


Assault Craft Unit One


Beach Master Unit One


Helicopter Sea Combat Two One



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Executive Overview

- **MAKIN ISLAND Amphibious Ready Group (MKIARG) / 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (11th MEU) deployed Oct 2015 – May 2017 to the Pacific Command (PACOM), Central Command (CENTCOM), and Africa Command (AFRICOM) Areas of Responsibility (AoR).**
- **Deployed for (214) days, of which the ARG/MEU operated (82) days in an *Aggregated* configuration, (118) days in a *Split* configuration, and (14) days in a *Disaggregated* configuration.**
- **Provided forward presence and deterrence in the PACOM AoR. In CENTCOM, ARG/MEU was postured mostly in the Gulf of Aden, supporting maritime trade and sea lines of communication.**
- **Assisted special operations forces (SOF) efforts to counter violent extremism, and provided alert contingency forces for theater requirements.**
- **Provided forces to support coalition forces in CJTF-OIR's Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (counter IS offensive in Syria) with a fires-centric ground task force.**
- **Assigned to an postured for AFRICOM's to support to US Department of State mission in South Sudan with sea-based and land-based alert contingency forces.**
- **Supported and developed partner force capability and own force readiness through eight major unilateral and bilateral exercises (six in PACOM and two in CENTCOM) and several smaller advisor and subject-matter-expert exchanges.**

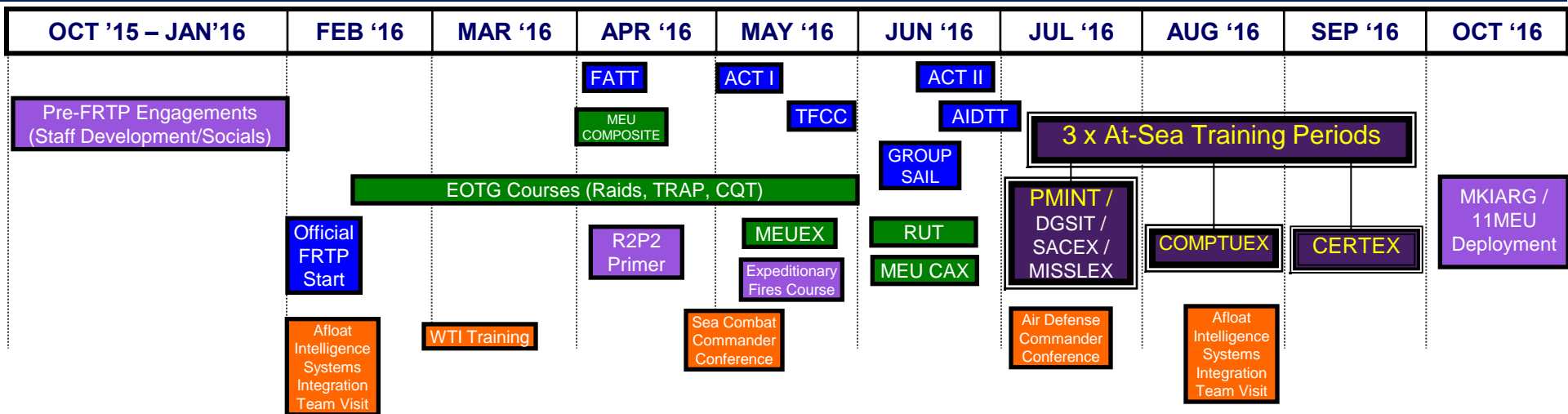
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Pre-Deployment Training



INTEGRATED TRAINING STARTS WITH TEAM BUILDING



- Aggressive, raids and alert contingency mission-based Pre-deployment Training Program (PTP) – validated on deployment
- Pre-deployment Training Program focused on maximizing and “stacking” every event with as many assets of the MAGTF as possible; enabled by all three ships of the ARG deploying on time and remaining healthy for each exercise
- First C3F- I MEF ARG/MEU subject to re-designed evaluation process – ARG and MEU both formally evaluated at CERTEX (not sequentially)
- Early relationship w/ SOFLE and multiple ARG/MEU-SOF integration events throughout the Pre-deployment Training Program

LEGEND:

- NAVY
- USMC
- Integrated
- Recommendation

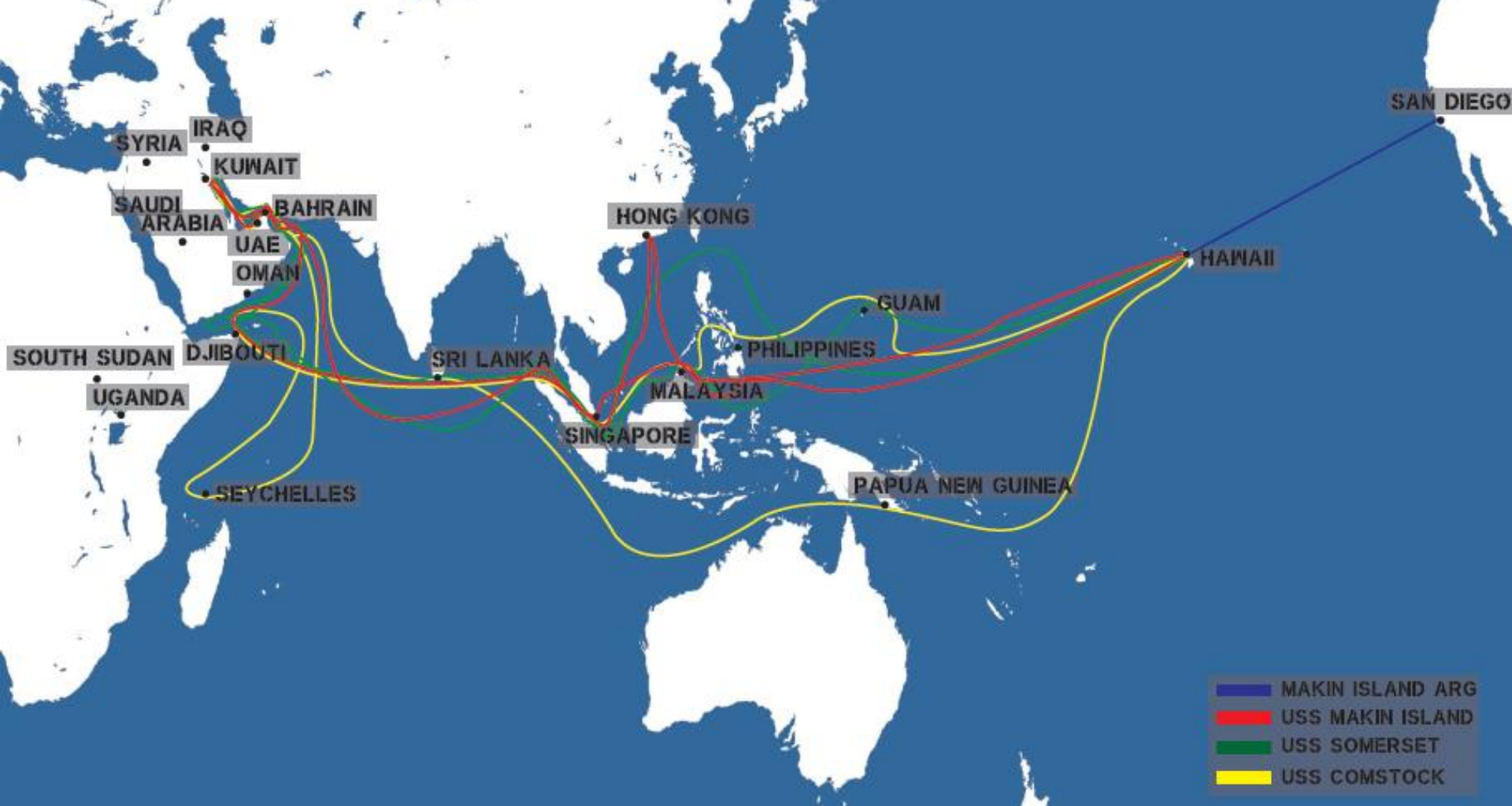


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Overview of Deployment 2016-2017

Four Months in Middle East / Africa Three Months in Pacific and Indian Oceans



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MKIARG/11MEU Operational Overview



KEY THEMES

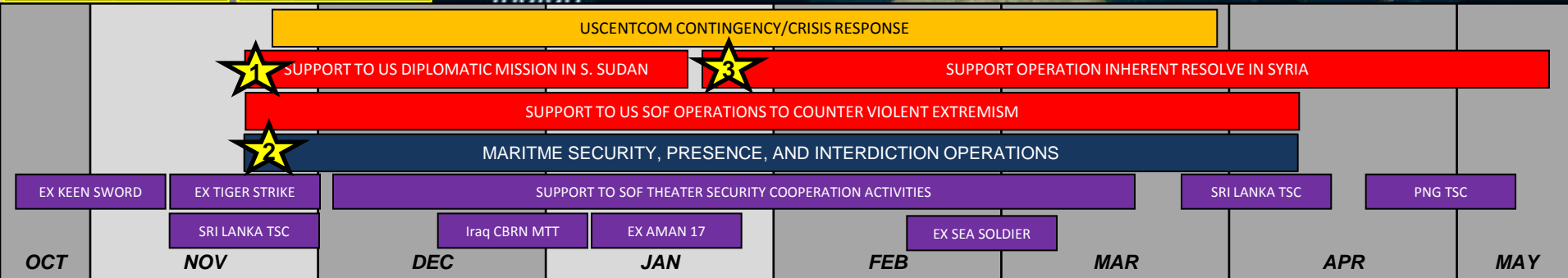
- Multi-Role / Multi-Mission Force in Readiness
- Rapid & Timely Response to Emerging Crisis
- Flexible and Scalable Integration with Joint and Partnered Forces
- ARG Shipping = Sovereign US Soil

THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION

- 1 Japan – EX KEEN SWORD
- 2 Malaysia – EX TIGER STRIKE
- 3 Sri Lanka – Sri Lankan Marines & Navy
- 4 Oman - EX SEA SOLDIER
- 5 Iraq - CBRN Training Mission
- 6 Pakistan – EX AMAN 17
- 7 Sri Lanka – Sri Lankan Marines & Navy
- 8 Malaysia – TACP/CAS Training
- 9 Papua New Guinea – Training assistance for APEC 18

LEGEND

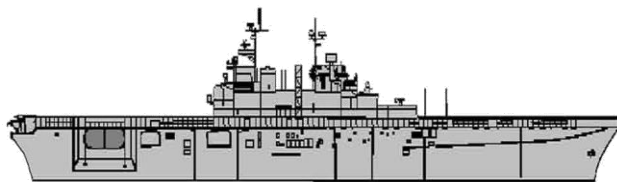
- ★ Significant Combat / Combat Support operations
- Theater Security Cooperation





CPR-5 Summary and Recommendations

Reducing Risk During Split Operations



C5I / PERSONNEL / MEDICAL MANNING

- Enhanced C5I
- Full Motion Video Data Link capability
- Link 16 Interface for MH-60S
- Intelligence Specialists

- Air Intercept Controllers
- Aviation Ordnancemen
- Fleet Surgical Team (FST)/ Expeditionary Resuscitative Surgical System (ERSS) Team for Role II

- Joint Range Extension Applications Protocol (JREAP)
- Flight Deck Manning Enhancements
- Role II Medical Capability

LOGISTICS / INFRASTRUCTURE

- Forward staging of high failure parts
- Develop wash down facilities
- Implementation of aviation logistics in DJI / DUQM
- Facilitation of contractor support (clearances / travel)



(U) Enhance split operations with key upgrades and targeted infrastructure development



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Questions

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