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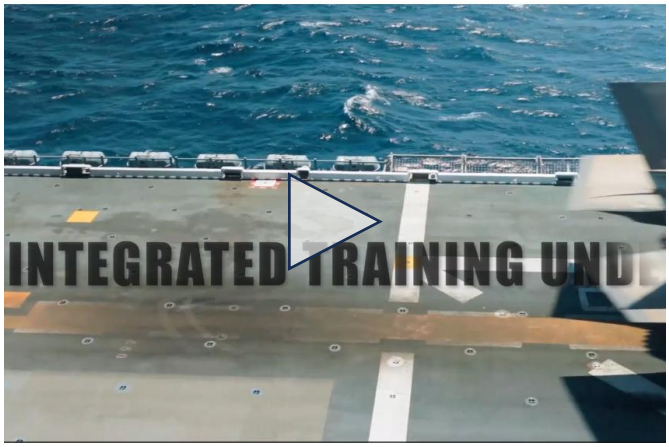

VIDEO: Integrated Training Underway

U.S. Marines assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, conduct routine operations and integrated training, validating the unit's ability to conduct integrated naval operations across a range of missions with the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group off the coast of California, Aug. 2026. The 13th MEU and the MKIARG are underway and conducting routine operations in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations to enhance their combined Navy-Marine Corps readiness and lethality. (U.S. Marine Corps video by Sgt. Mary R. Jenni). Watch Video



BLT 2/4 Conducts an Amphibious Assault

U.S. Marine Corps amphibious combat vehicles assigned to Battalion Landing Team 2/4, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, prepare to execute an amphibious assault during routine training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, Aug. 28, 2026. The 13th MEU and the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group are underway and conducting routine operations in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations to enhance their combined Navy-Marine Corps readiness and lethality. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Mary R. Jenni). View More



13th MEU Establishes Expeditionary Advanced Bases

U.S. Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. Canon Richard, left, a communications chief, and Gunnery Sgt. Connor Brown, a logistics chief, both assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, disembark a CH-53E Super Stallion assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 364 (Reinforced), 13th MEU, during routine training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, Aug. 20, 2026. The 13th MEU and the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group are underway and conducting routine operations in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations to enhance their combined Navy-Marine Corps readiness and lethality. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Grace Stover). View More

COMMANDER'S CORNER

13th MEU Family and Friends,

Welcome back, Fighting 13th. I hope these last few weeks allowed our Marines, Sailors, and families to fully recharge, reconnect, and find some well-deserved rest. As we transition back into our battle rhythm, let us channel that renewed energy into our training and daily operations. The progress we have made since March is undeniable, but maintaining our edge requires constant, focused effort. Let's take care of one another, stay disciplined, and continue working hard to be the absolute best version of this MEU. Thank you for your continued dedication to our collective mission.

Semper Fi,

Col. Richard Alvarez

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VIDEO: Fighting 13th Highlights

A video highlighting U.S. Marines assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit conducting integrated training and routine operations designed to demonstrate their ability to operate as a cohesive Marine Air-Ground Task Force in coordination with naval forces. The 13th MEU and the Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group are underway and conducting routine operations in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations to enhance their combined Navy-Marine Corps readiness and lethality. (U.S. Marine Corps video by Sgt. Angel Diaz Montes De Oca). Watch Video

UPCOMING EVENTS & RESOURCES

For additional Events & Resources, visit the MCCS Calendar of Events: Camp Pendleton & MCAS Yuma



Exceptional Family Member Program: Managing Deployments

Keep your family's foundation strong and resilient during periods of separation! The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is hosting a vital virtual training session, Managing Deployments, on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM PDT. This empowering online event is designed specifically to help military families prepare for deployments, establish healthy routines, and navigate the emotional transitions that come with being apart. Whether this is your first deployment or your fifth, you will walk away with practical, real-world strategies to keep your home front running smoothly. The event is completely free and hosted online for your convenience, but registration is required. Secure your family's spot today by registering on Eventbrite. More Info

Oktoberfest Special: A Taste of Bavaria

Celebrate the season with the MCCS Oktoberfest Specials starting Wednesday, September 23, 2026, running weekly from Wednesdays through Sundays. For just $11, you can feast on a traditional Oktoberfest Special Plate featuring two grilled bratwursts, warm red cabbage, sauerkraut, German potato salad, a warm pretzel, and authentic German mustard—perfectly paired with a refreshing drink special starting at just $8. You can catch these mouth-watering deals at the Windmill Canyon Restaurant (Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM) or kick off your weekend at PUB 1795 (Fridays from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM). Gather your friends, bring your appetite, and enjoy this festive seasonal tradition. For more information, contact (760) 725-5331. More Info





Crochet Club

Ready to destress, meet new friends, and learn a fun, hands-on skill? Grab your yarn and join the MCCS Crochet Club at the Pacific Views Library's CreateSpace! Meeting every Friday starting September 25, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, this welcoming club is the perfect place to connect with a community of makers, swap creative ideas, and get inspired. Whether you are an absolute beginner wanting to learn the basics or an experienced crocheter working on a complex project, all skill levels are welcome (ages 18+). Feel free to bring your own crochet supplies or borrow ours to get started. Come weave yourself into a great community! For more information, contact the library team at (760) 725-2532. More Info