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Exercise Bold Alligator conducts ground operations at Muscatatuck Media Advisory

NORFOLK, Va. - Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces (USFF) and Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command (MARFORCOM) are preparing for a large-scale joint/multi-national amphibious assault exercise that runs from Oct. 29 to Nov. 10. Exercise Bold Alligator 2014 (BA14) represents the Navy and Marine Corps' further refinement of their core competencies of amphibious operations, focus on readiness, and cooperation with multi-national partners all while strengthening their traditional role as fighters from the sea.

"Bold Alligator 2014 will allow us to strengthen our ability to conduct a full spectrum of crisis response operations coordinated from a combined command element at sea," said Vice Adm. Nora Tyson, deputy commander, USFF. "This exercise will enhance our ability to work with our Marine Corps and multi-national maritime partners to provide high-level crisis response operations around the globe."

Previously, Bold Alligator 2012 exercised the ability to conduct a large scale amphibious landing against strong opposition. Bold Alligator 2014 will focus on crisis response operations in a complex setting with coalition partners. The capabilities that allow amphibious forces to conduct a forcible entry against an opposing military force are the same capabilities that make it the first, best choice for crisis response, humanitarian assistance and building partnerships.

Bold Alligator 2014 will showcase American service members and coalition partners training amphibious operations in a real-world environment. Nineteen partner nations will be participating in an exercise scheduled to feature 19 U.S. Navy and coalition ships and U.S. Marines Corps units from the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

"Bold Alligator 2014 provides an opportunity for the training and further development of Marine and Navy amphibious based units and their crisis response capabilities. It also provides a venue to showcase the Blue-Green team as the nation's 'insurance policy' for crisis response and contingency operations," said Lt. Gen. Robert Neller, commander, MARFORCOM.

Improving Navy-Marine Corps amphibious core competencies along with coalition, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Allied and partner nations is a necessary investment in the current and future readiness of our forces. A total of 19 nations are participating with an equal number of ships and submarines.

Media requesting to attend should contact USFF and MARFORCOM public affairs offices no later than Oct. 24. Also, media will have an opportunity to experience BA14 firsthand Nov. 3 and 4 at Muscatatuck, IN. RSVP to Capt. Jessica Cates at 317-519-7263, Jessica.a.cates.mil@mail.mil or Lt. Mike Sheehan at 757-836-2482, michael.j.sheehan@navy.mil.

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