

U.S. Marines and Australians Conduct Training in Northern Australia

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Darwin, Australia- U.S. Marines with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (15thMEU) and the Australian Defense Force(ADF) will conduct Exercise “Boxing Kangaroo” in the Northern Training areas from early October to November.

The exercises will aim to increase joint responsiveness through a multitude of exercises. The main training points for Exercise “Boxing Kangaroo” will be amphibious landings, Joint Close Air Support, artillery fires, and establishing and sustaining logistical supply lines. Finally, there will be a live-fire field training exercise that will integrate infantry forces from both the 15th MEU and ADF with air assets from both countries.

The 15th MEU consists of units from 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, an Armor Composite Platoon, and Components from VMM-165. The ADF forces consist of 1st Brigade, 5 Battalion Royal Australian Regiment; 8/12 Regiment Royal Australian Artillery; 1

Combat Engineer Regiment; 1 Combat Signal Regiment; and 1 Combat Service Support Battalion based out of Darwin, Australia.



The commander of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit Colonel J. Murphy has stated he is “excited for the opportunity to train with the Australian Defense Force and that these types of exercises increase morale and warfighting capabilities on a global scale.”