

III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

COMMAND BRIEF

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III MEF AREA OF OPERATIONS

“Tyranny of Distance” from CONUS

- 24 hours by air
- Weeks by sea

Potential Flashpoints:

- 60% of World’s Natural Disasters
- Regional State Instability
- Active Extremist Cells

Okinawa

Hawaii

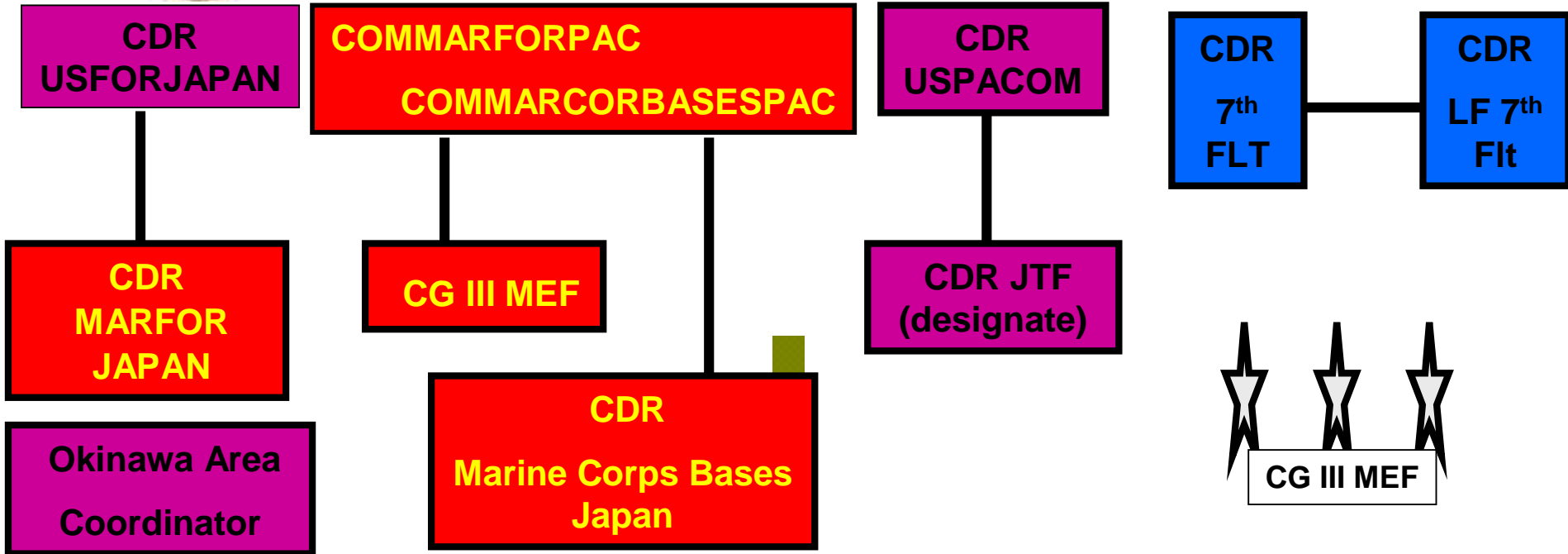
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Regional Facts:

- 60% of World’s Population
- 43 Countries
- Largest Muslim country (Indonesia)
- Largest Democracy (India)
- Communist Country (China)
- World’s Greatest Concentration of Armed Forces (China, India, N Korea, S Korea, Russia, Vietnam)
- 5 of 7 Major U.S. Defense Treaties
- Dispersed Littoral Area (7,000 Islands in Philippines & 17,500 Islands in Indonesia)
- Strategic Lines Of Communication, Chokepoints (Malacca, Sunda & Lombok Straits)

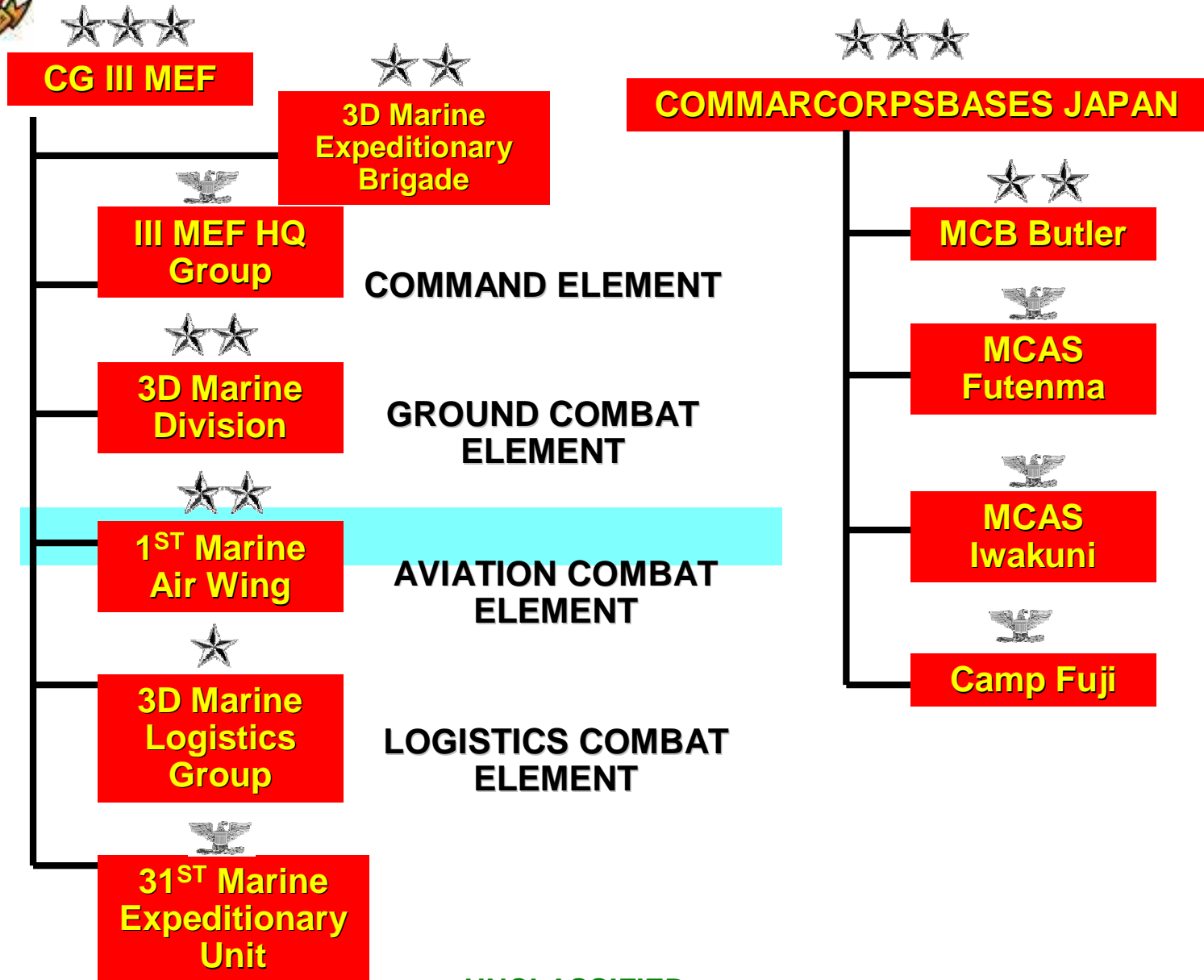


COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS





III MEF AND MARINE BASES





III MEF LAYDOWN OVERVIEW

25,000 Marines and Sailors

Camp Mujuk

Camp Fuji

**Marine Air Group
CSS Detachment**

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

Okinawa

Hawaii

Marine Corps Base S.D. Butler
Marine Corps Air Station Futenma
Jungle Warfare Training Center (NTA)

Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay

**III MEF HQ
(3d MEB HQ)
III MHG
3d MarDiv
1st MAW
3d MLG
31st MEU**

**Infantry Regiment
Marine Air Group
CSS Group**

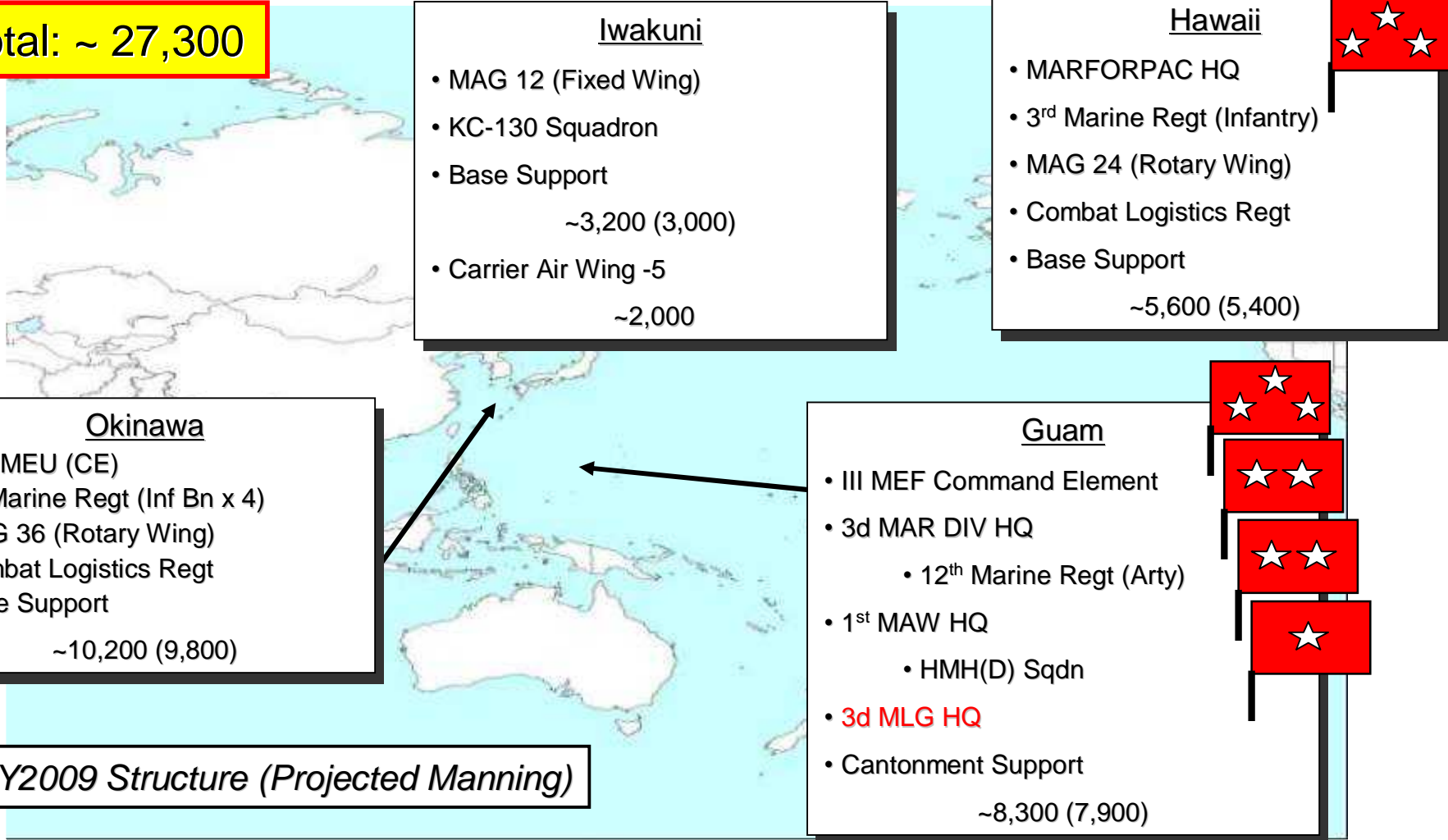
- 16,000 – 6 Camps Okinawa
- 3,000 – Mainland
- 5,000 – Hawaii



Agreed Implementation Plan (AIP)

UDP units included in Pre-OIF deployed locations vice home stations

Total: ~ 27,300



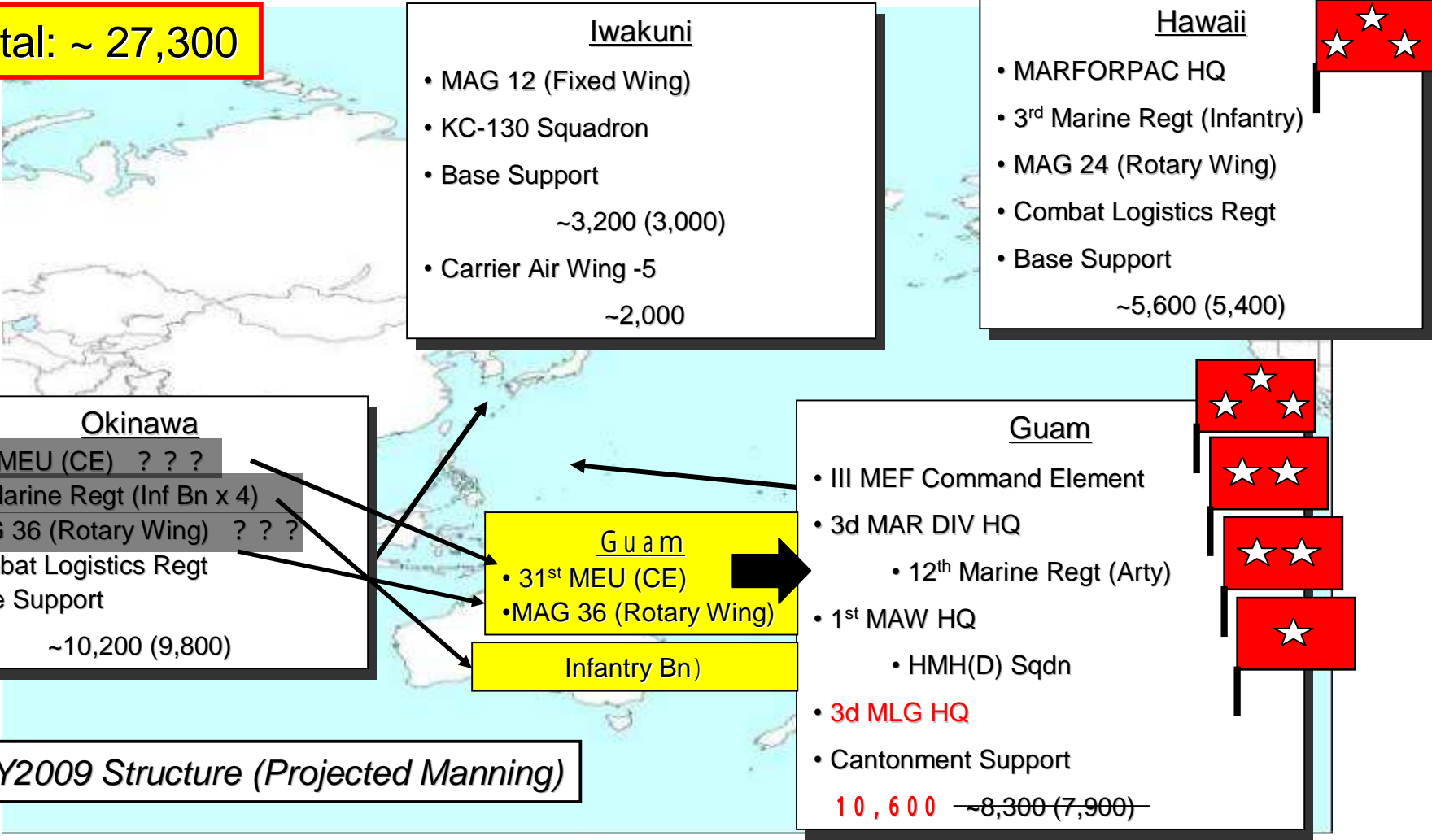
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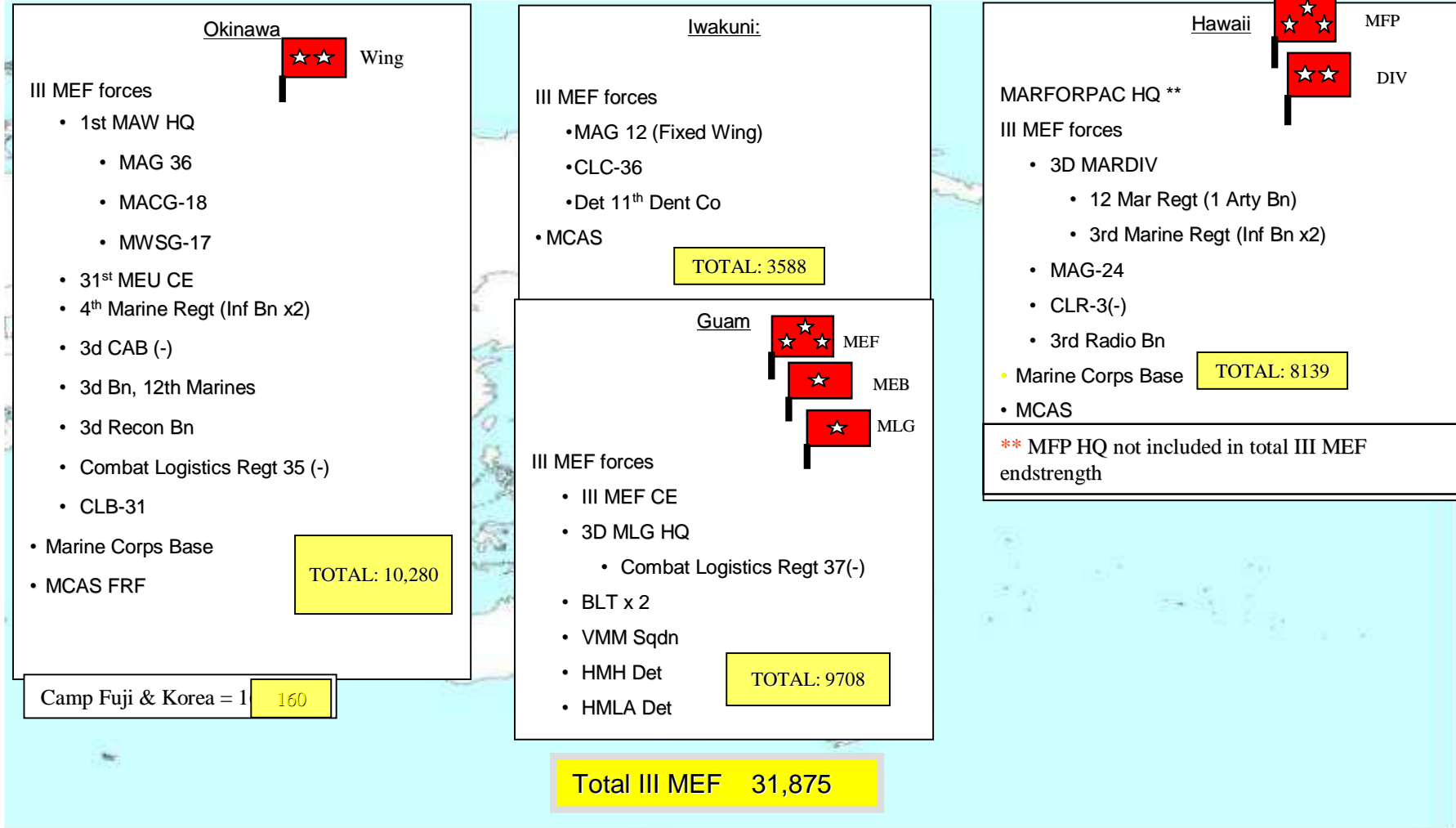
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III MEF Preferred Laydown



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PRE-DECISIONAL/DELIBERATIVE PROCESS



III MEF HEADQUARTERS GROUP

2,500 Marines and Sailors

3d Radio Battalion


Okinawa


Hawaii

- III MEF Headquarters Group HQ**
- III MEF Command Element
 - 7th Communication Battalion
 - 3d Intelligence Battalion
 - 5th Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company
 - III MEF Special Operations Training Group
 - III MEF Tactical Exercise Control Group



3D MARINE DIVISION

**9,250 Marines and Sailors,
6,700 without UDP**

3D Marine Regiment
- 3 Infantry Battalions
1 Artillery Battalion (1/12)
Combat Assault Company



Okinawa

Hawaii

3D Marine Division Headquarters

- Headquarters Battalion
- 4th Marine Regiment
 - HQ Only
- 12th Marine Regiment
 - 1 Artillery Battalion HQ (3/12)
- Combat Assault Battalion
- 3d Recon Battalion





1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

7,280 Marines and Sailors

Marine Air Group 12 (Fixed Wing)
- 3 F/A-18 squadrons
- 1 AV-8B squadron (MEU)

Iwakuni

Okinawa

Hawaii

1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Headquarters

- Marine Air Group 36 (Rotary Wing)
 - 2 CH-46E squadrons
 - 1 KC-130 squadron
- Marine Wing Support Group 17
- Marine Air Control Group 18

Marine Air Group 24 (Rotary Wing)
- 3 CH-53D squadrons





3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

5,200 Marines and Sailors

3D Marine Logistics Group

- Combat Logistics Regiment 37
- Combat Logistics Regiment 35
- Combat Logistics Regiment 3
- 9th Engineer Support Battalion
- Combat Logistics Battalion 31
- 3d Medical Battalion
- 3d Dental Battalion

Combat Logistics Company 36

Iwakuni
Okinawa

Hawaii

Contributes to Expeditionary Capabilities

Combat Service Support Group-3





3D MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BDE



2,500 – 17,500
Marines and
Sailors



Elements*:

- **Ground Combat Element**
 - Infantry Regimental Landing Team
- **Aviation Combat Element**
 - Composite Air Group
- **Logistics Combat Element**
 - Combat Logistics Regiment
- **3D MEB Staff embedded within the III MEF Command Element**
- **Facilitates expansion into the MEF as a Scaleable, Tailorable, Marine Air Ground Task Force**

Strategically Mobile

- **Amphibious Shipping**
- **Maritime Prepositioned Squadron**
- **Strategic Air**
- **High Speed Vessel**

*Drawn from MEF subordinate commands



31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT



**2,200
Marines and
Sailors**



- **Crisis response force**
- **Amphibious Ready Group (at Sasebo Japan) consists of:**
 - **Amphibious Squadron 11 (PHIBRON 11)**
- **Marine Expeditionary Unit (on Okinawa) consists of:**
 - **Marine Expeditionary Unit Command Element**
 - **Battalion Landing Team (Inf Bn (Rein))**
 - **Composite Aviation Squadron (HMM, HMLA, HMH, VMA)**
 - **Combat Logistics Battalion**

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HIGH SPEED VESSEL

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Rapid Response Package

- Maximum speed is 33 knots
- 1240 nautical mile (2282 Km) range

584 metric tons

- 970 Marines (122 m/tons)
 - 462 m/tons of cargo
- Enough supplies to equal
20 C-17 aircraft sorties

8 helicopters
embarked

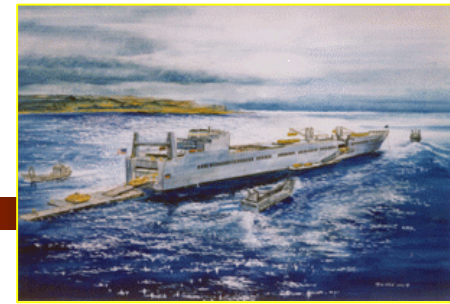
20 established ports
in III MEF AO

Main Ports

- Yokohama
- Pohang
- Pusan
- Pyongtaek
- Subic Bay



MARITIME PREPOSITIONING SHIPS SQUADRON-3



OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS



- **OIF: (Operation Iraqi Freedom)**
 - One Infantry Battalion
 - One Combat Engineer Platoon
 - EOD Dets
- **OEF-A: (Operation Enduring Freedom- Afghanistan)**
 - Afghan National Army Embedded Training Teams (ANA ETT)
 - One Regimental Combat Team Headquarters
 - One Infantry Battalion
 - One CH-53D Squadron
 - KC-130 Detachment
 - Marine Wing C2 and Logistics Support Squadrons
- **OEF-H (Horn of Africa): Communications Detachment**
- **OEF-P (Philippines): 3d Radio Bn & 4th Marines Det**
- **Individual Augments (IA)**
 - 100 a year total:70 officers/30 senior enlisted



EXERCISES AND TRAINING



70+ EXERCISES PER YEAR: ☉
III MEF Training is Theater Security Cooperation

- Key Resolve, Foal Eagle and UFG (Korea)
- Balikatan, PHIBLEX (Philippines)
- Cobra Gold (Thailand)
- Terminal Fury (JTF Ops)
- Yama Sakura and Forest Light (Japan)
- Talisman Saber (Australia)
- CARAT (multiple SE Asia)
- 11 MTWS FY08 (multiple Asia)
- MEU Patrols (various)

AND planning conferences / site surveys

Remote locations

Depend on ISOS greatly

Care in how we try to utilize ISOS

Security considerations

Communication scheme

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HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE DISASTER RELIEF



Dec 2004 – Mar 2005
JTF-536 Asian Tsunami Relief

Oct 2005 – Mar 2006
Pakistan Earthquake Response

Mar – Apr 2006
Philippine Mudslide Response

May – Jun 2006
Indonesia Earthquake Response

Mar 2007
Legazpi Typhoon Recovery

Apr 2007
Solomon Islands Tsunami Response

Nov 2007 – Dec 2007
Sea Angel II Bangladesh

May 2008 – Jun 2008
Caring Response Burma

Aug 2009
Taiwan Typhoon Relief

Oct 2009
Philippine Typhoon & Indonesian
Earthquake Relief

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Questions / Discussion

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