

# RIMPAC 2004

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

## Media Invited to Cover



### Rim of the Pacific 2004 Event

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The following media opportunity is available for coverage of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2004, the region's largest international maritime exercise, taking place through July 27 in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands.

**\*\*\*TUESDAY, 20 July\*\*\***

### AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT

PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII -- Marines, Sailors and coalition forces from Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-3 (SPMAGTF-3) will conduct an amphibious exercise at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows in support of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2004.

SPMAGTF-3 is composed of Marines and Sailors from 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Regiment, Combat Service Support Group-3, and Marine Aircraft Group-24, all based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The exercise will also include Australian soldiers from the Royal Australian Army.

The SPMAGTF conducts a wide variety of expeditionary operations ranging from crisis response training and peacetime missions. Their duties cover the spectrum from non-combatant evacuations to disaster relief and humanitarian missions.

The amphibious exercise also includes a beach landing with naval amphibious vehicles, a helicopter insert and ground forces.

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Media interested in covering this exercise should call 619-726-9945 or 808-478-7360 to R.S.V.P. no later than 4 P.M. July 19. Media will meet at the CIB at 6:15 A.M and will be provided transportation to the event area.