

# RIMPAC 2004

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## Media Invited to Cover

### Rim of the Pacific 2004 Event

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.

**\*\*\*Wednesday, July 14\*\*\***

### Noncombatant Evacuation Operations Exercise at PMRF

KEKEKAHA, HAWAII -- Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-3 (SPMAGTF-3) will conduct a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) in conjunction with the RIMPAC exercise on July 14 at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF).

A NEO is an operation where noncombatants are evacuated from a foreign country when their lives are endangered by war, civil unrest, or natural disaster.

Marines and Sailors from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Combat Service Support Group-3 and Marine Aircraft Group-24 will perform this mission, which simulates setting up a facility at an American Consulate to evacuate American/RIMPAC citizens who are in danger of an immediate threat to the area.

**Media representatives will have an opportunity to observe the NEO exercise on Wednesday, July 14 at 8 a.m. at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai. The exercise will take approximately four hours. Media that are interested in covering this exercise should call 619-726-9945 or 808-478-7360 to R.S.V.P. no later than July 13.**