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THE THREE MUSKETEERS



Three landing craft, air cushions are launched from the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan during the biennial, multinational exercise Bright Star 2009. –

U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Ash Severe

SECURITY PATROL



U.S. Marines with Bravo Co, 1st Bn, 5th Marine Rgmt is a combat element of Regimental Combat Team 3, which conducts counterinsurgency operations in partnership with Afghan National Security Forces in southern Afghanistan. They provide security for fellow Marines during a security patrol in the Nawa district of the Helmand province, Afghanistan, on Oct. 20, 2009. Marines conduct patrols to decrease insurgent activity and gain the trust of the Afghan people. DoD photo by Cpl. Artur Shartsberg, U.S. Marine Corps. (Released)

TARGET PRACTICE



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Buddy I. Dagostino, a forward observer with India Co, Bn Landing Team, 3rd Bn, 2nd Marine Regiment, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, surveys range targets during a combined-arms live-fire exercise conducted as part of Exercise Bright Star 2009 in Alexandria, Egypt, on Oct. 14, 2009. The multinational exercise is designed to improve readiness, interoperability, and strengthen the military and professional relationships among U.S., Egyptian and other participating forces. Bright Star is conducted by U.S. Central Command every two years. DoD photo by Cpl. Theodore W. Ritchie, U.S. Marine Corps.

PROVIDING SECURITY



U.S. Army SSG. Douglas Noreen assigned to 2nd Bn, 87th Inf Regiment, 3rd Bgd Combat Team, 10th Mountain Div provides security for his convoy in the Nerkh district of Wardak province, Afghanistan, on Oct. 21, 2009. DoD photo by Sgt. Teddy Wade, U.S. Army. (Released).

STRIKES AND BOLTS



Thunderbolt IIs on the flightline during an early morning thunderstorm on Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., Oct. 20, 2009. The 442nd Fighter Wing maintains a fleet of 27 A-10s. U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kenny Holston

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