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III US Marine conduct Special Ops Training in Peleliu



After several months of planning, with the approval of President Johnson Toribiong, and concurrence of the leadership and people of Peleliu and the Bureau of Arts & Culture/Historic Preservation Office, the III US Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group conducted a certification exercise in Palau. A small group of Marines deployed between September 5 and 19 and exercised advance party movement, reconnaissance and surveillance and conducted a small scale raid.

In compliance with the tenants of the Compact of Free Association and honoring the spirit of US/Palau partnership, in addition to the exercise while in Peleliu the Marines, with support of CAT team members, conducted two MEDCAPS, hosted three movie nights, initiated a clean up around special objective sites and ate as much as possible from the local establishments. In addition via contractual arrangements, the airfield in Peleliu was cleared so it can now facilitate a C130 aircraft and local contractors constructed exercise site temporary structures. A Town Hall meeting with the residents of Peleliu provided an opportunity to describe the exercise and thank the population for their support of the initiative. The exercise went smoothly with Law Enforcement Director Norbert Yano in attendance to witness the activities.

