

Artillery Relocation Training Program

“Enhancing Combat Readiness for the defense of Japan”



Basic Information

- Artillery Relocation Training Program (ARTP) consists of four live-fire training exercises a year which occurs on mainland Japan.
- Marine Artillery Training can be conducted at one of five sites on mainland Japan.
- ARTP is based upon agreements between the U.S. Government and the Government of Japan in accordance with the Special Action Committee on Okinawa since 1997.
- Training is conducted by artillery units assigned to 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Training

- Training is necessary to improve proficiency and readiness of the unit to assist in the defense of Japan under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.
- Artillery units will conduct artillery live-fire, small arms and crew-served weapons training to improve combined arms capabilities.
- During ARTP, 35 days of live-fire training occurs on approved ranges per Japanese Fiscal Year.
- Artillery training is conducted with a battery consisting of approximately 250 or a battalion size unit of approximately 450 Marines and sailors assigned to the unit.

Safety

- Safety is a priority for all Marine Corps training, especially when it involves live-fire exercises.
- Approved ammunition is used according to proper procedures during scheduled, routine training.
- Marines and sailors participating in ARTP are well trained professionals, who have attended professional military schools
- A bilateral coordination center is established in conjunction with training to improve coordination and response of emergency services in the unlikely case an accident occurs.



Friendship through Training

- Community relations projects and cultural exchange programs are often conducted in conjunction with training.
- The exchanges offer an excellent opportunity for our Marines to learn about the traditions and culture of Japan, while at the same time allowing the citizens of the area to learn more about the United States Marine Corps.
- Senior leaders of units participating in training meet with local leaders to ensure the community is informed about training before it is conducted.
- A bilateral coordination center is established to ensure smooth communication and coordination between JSDF and Marine Corps units during training evolutions.

Artillery training increases III MEF's ability to provide for the defense of Japan