



# United States Marine Corps Explosive Ordnance Disposal



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# EOD Mission



To support Marine operating forces, national security strategy, and force protection by locating, accessing, identifying, rendering safe, neutralizing, and disposing of hazards from foreign and domestic, conventional, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield explosives (**CBRNE**), unexploded explosive ordnance (**UXO**), improvised explosive devices (**IEDs**), and weapons of mass destruction (**WMD**) that present a threat to operations, installations, personnel, or materiel. (MCRP 3-17.2C)

*Note: USMC EOD units are authorized to conduct field disassembly and inerting operations for the purpose of exploitation and intelligence gathering.*



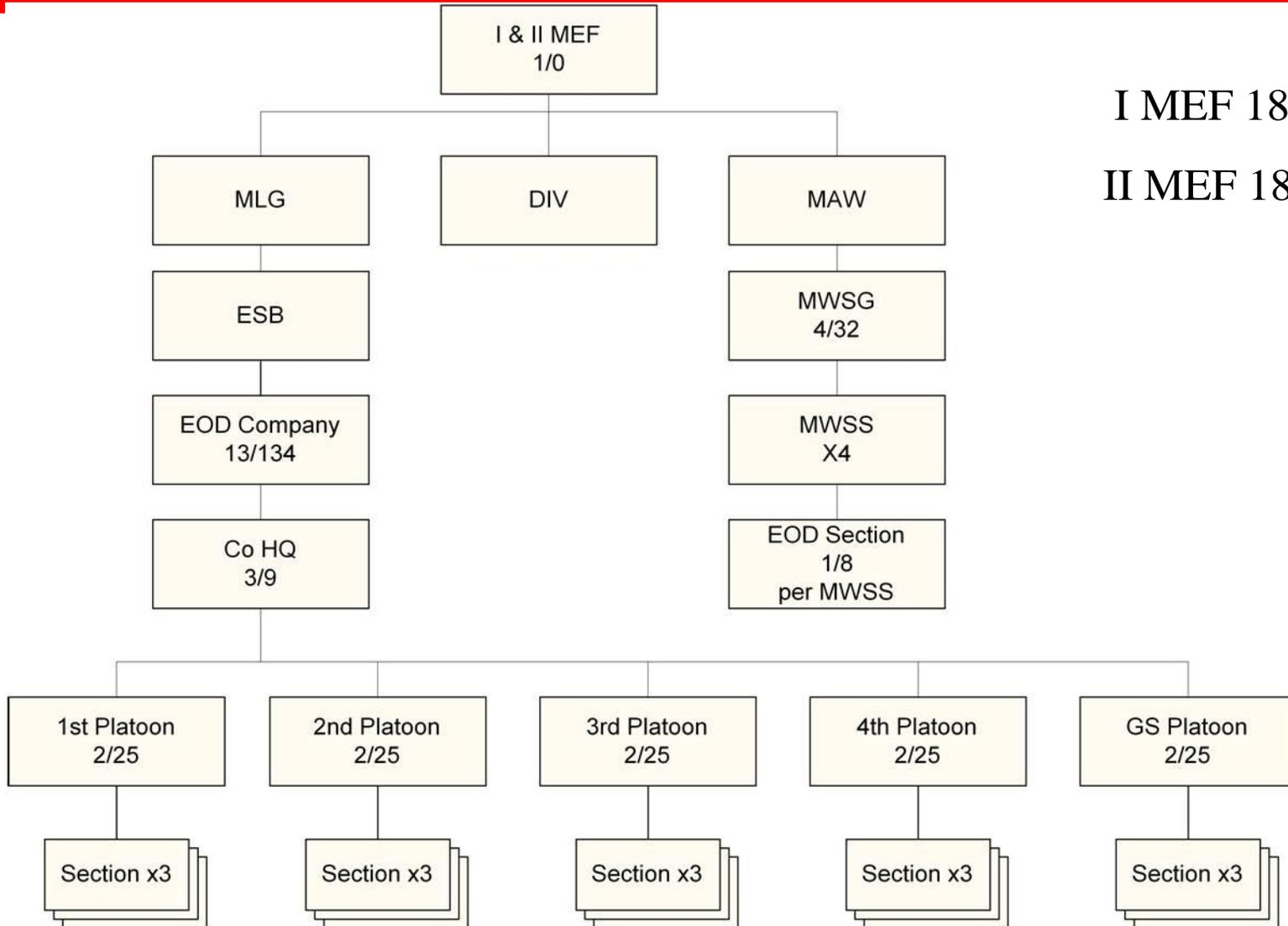
# MAGTF 101



- Marine Corps deploys expeditionary forces that fight on a combined arms concept. These forces are called Marine Air Ground Task Forces (MAGTF'S).
- MAGTF Composition
  - Command Element
  - Ground Combat Element
  - Air Combat Element
  - Logistics Combat Element



# Current I & II MEF EOD T/O

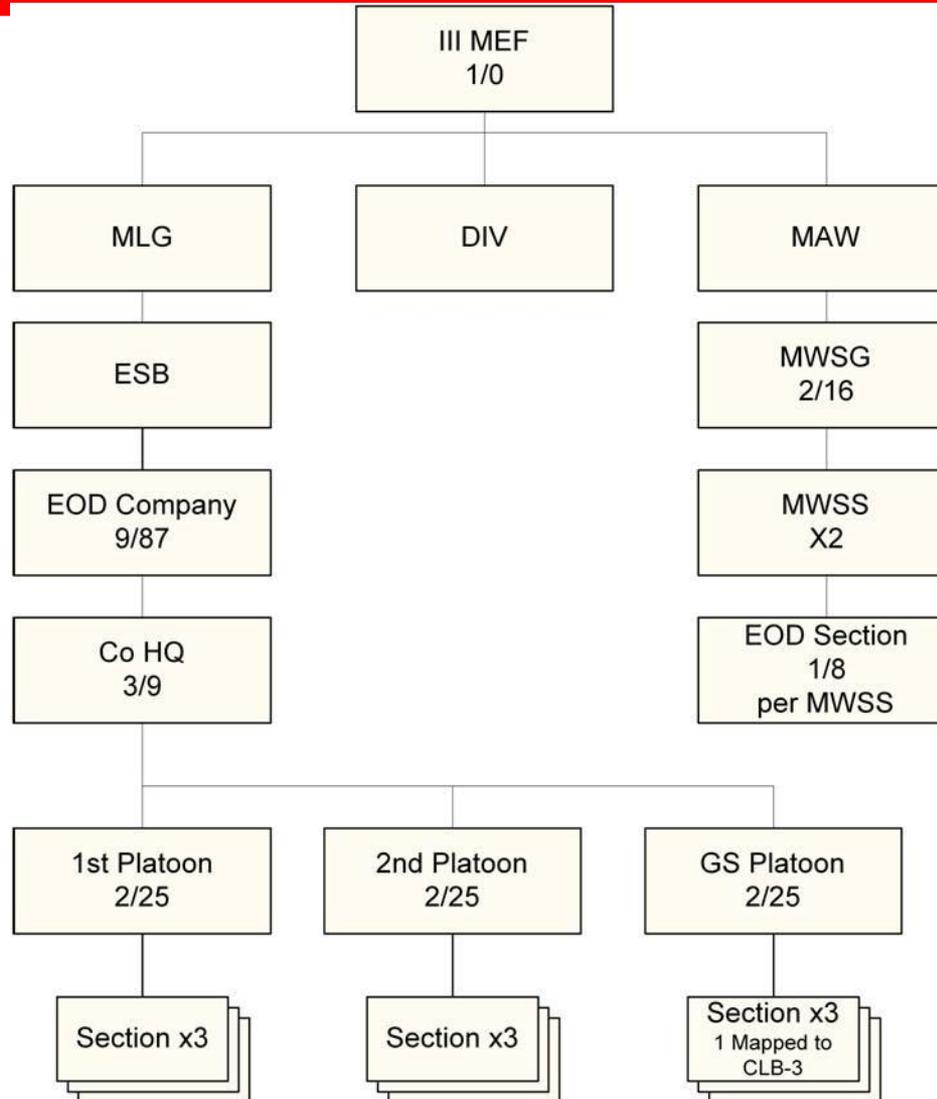


I MEF 18/166

II MEF 18/166



# Current III MEF EOD T/O



III MEF 12/103



# EOD Company Standup



- EOD Company activated within in each MLG - 1 Oct 2009.

CAMP LEATHERNECK, Afghanistan-  
Capt. Timothy M. Callahan, Commanding  
Officer of EOD Company unfurls the  
company guidon.





# Company Concept of Employment



- EOD Company Concept of employment:
  - Organized to provide command and control for EOD operations in support of the MAGTF.
- Structure
  - EOD Company:
    - Each Platoon manned and equipped IOT support a Regiment not conducting Distributed Operations (DO).
    - Two Platoons (or more) are required for a Regiment conducting DO.
  - EOD Platoon:
    - Three sections per Platoon
    - Each section manned and equipped IOT support a Battalion non-DO.
    - Two sections (or more) are required for a Battalion conducting DO.
- Based on mission requirements, EOD section can be reinforced or divided into task-organized response elements



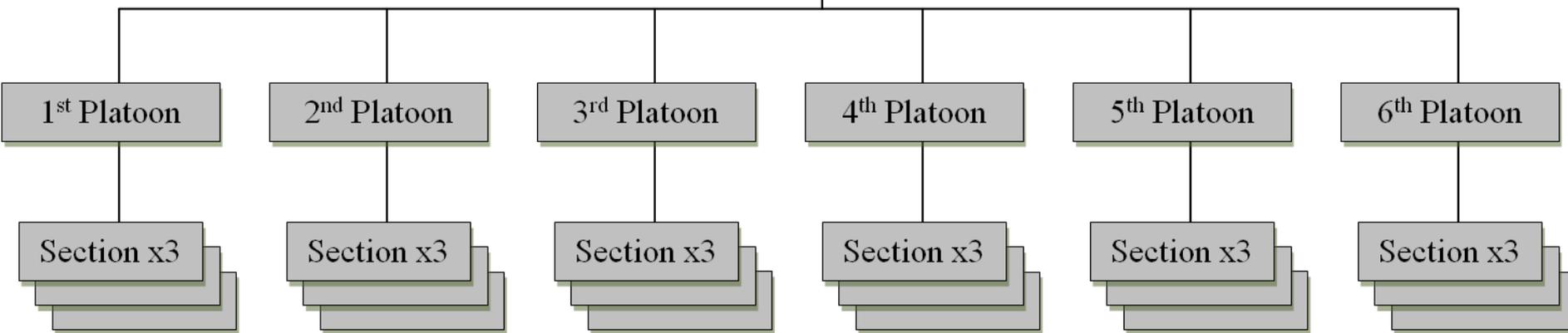
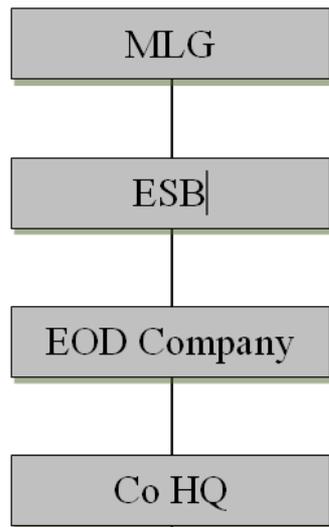
# Proposed EOD Company I, II and III MLG with 202K CAR increase



Mirror Image 3 EOD Companies

**Company T/O  
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Designated Direct Support EOD  
Platoon per Infantry Regiment





# EOD Base / Station Missions



- Base/Station EOD teams are tasked with the full spectrum of Force Protection / Anti-Terrorism / Homeland Defense missions
  - 24 hr Emergency IED/WMD/UXO/Crash response.
    - On & off Base
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Agreements w/ local municipalities
  - Routine base support





# Other EOD Missions



- Department of Homeland Defense
  - FBI
  - ATF
  - TSA
  - USSS
- State and Local agencies
- Technical Support
  - Other Agencies





# MARSOC EOD



- EOD is organic to MARSOC
- Supports all missions;
  - Direct Action (DA)
  - Special Reconnaissance (SR)
  - Foreign Internal Defense (FID)
  - Counterterrorism (CT)
  - Unconventional Warfare (UW)
- Two -Four EOD personnel deployed per MSOC, plus CJSOTF requirements





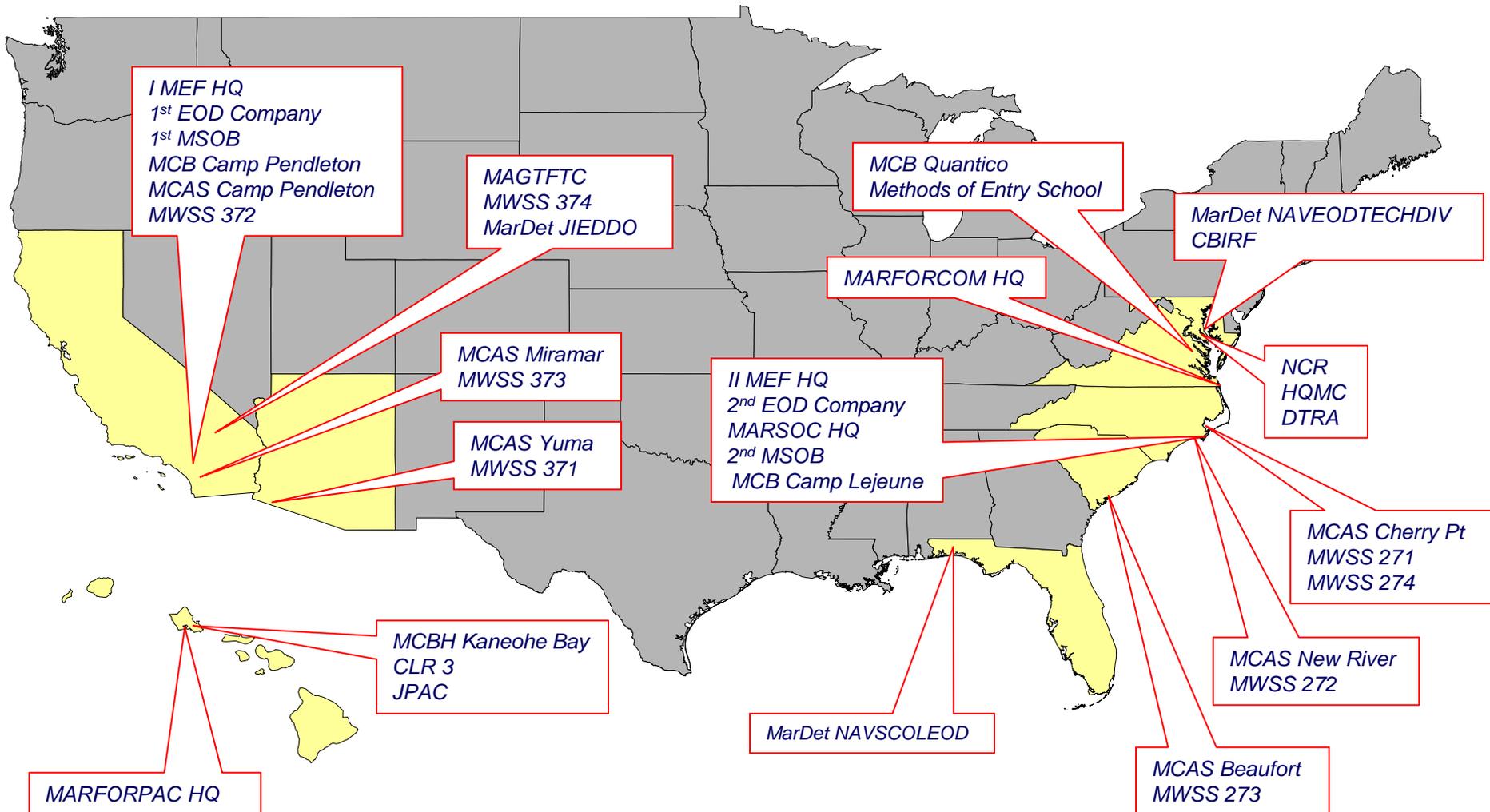
# Current EOD Support Operations



- Afghanistan (Over 100 EOD personnel per rotation)
- Iraq (Task Force Troy - CEXC)
- Seven standing MEUs (1/8 EOD personnel per MEU)
- Continuous VIPPSA missions (POTUS, DOS, etc.)
- Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC)

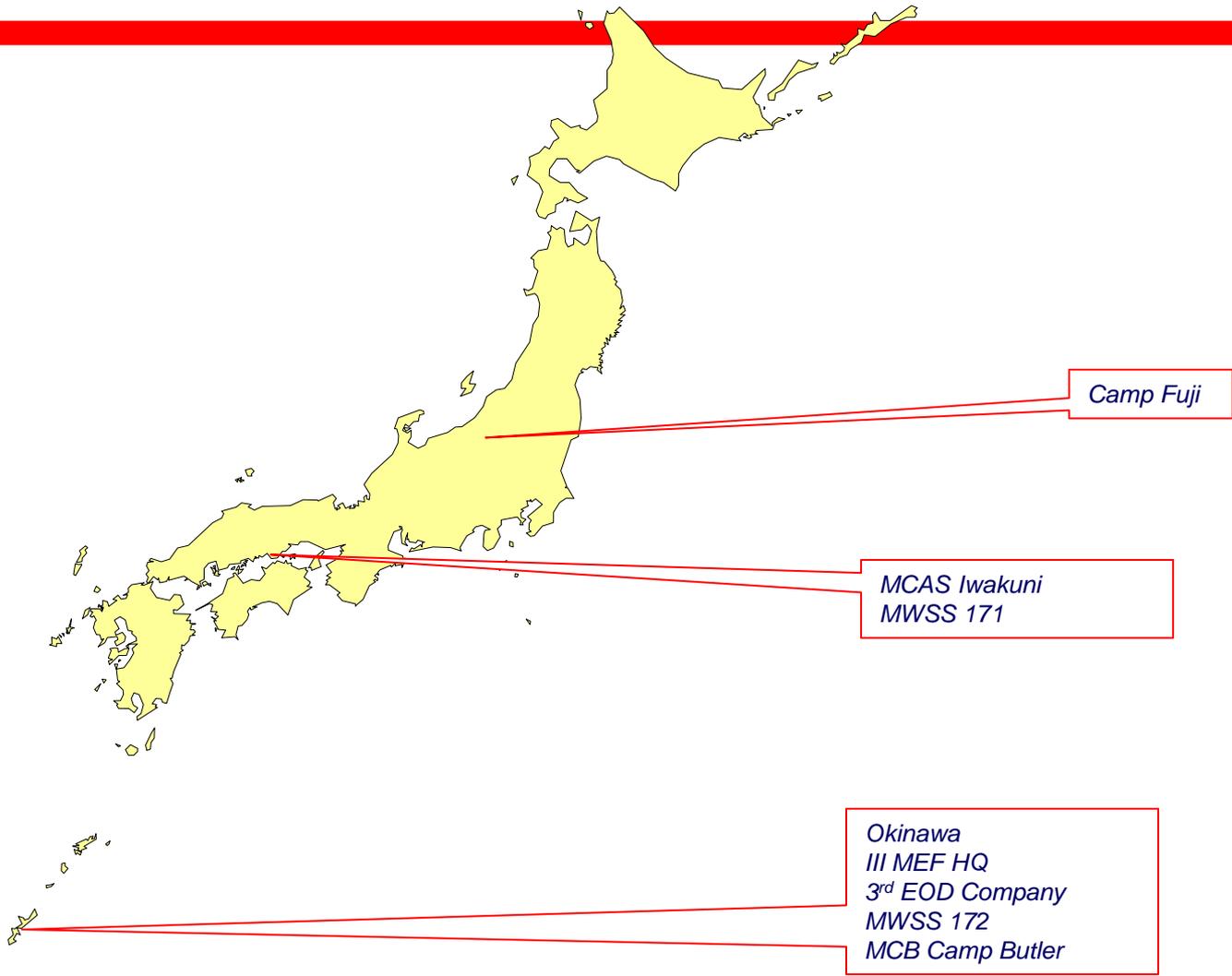


# Locations





# Locations (Cont)

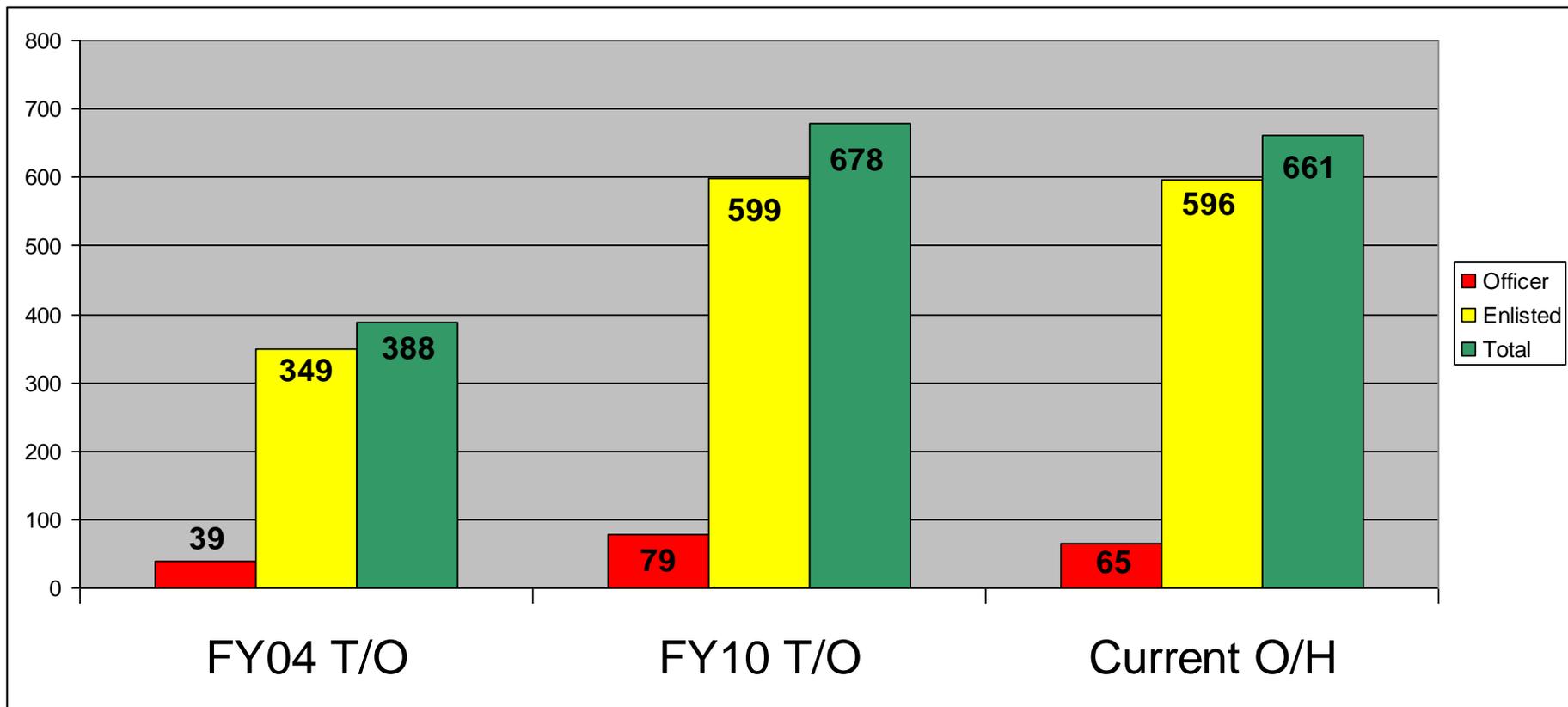




# EOD Manpower Increases



- EOD strength increased several times since 2004 (FSRG 2004, MARSOC, and 202K Grow the Force)





# Requirements to become an EOD Technician



- Must be a Cpl or Sgt. (Not selected for SSgt)
- 21 Years of age.
- GT score of 110 or above.
- Physically Fit (1<sup>st</sup> Class PFT / CFT)
- Bomb Suit Agility Test
- Be eligible for a security clearance based on an SSBI.
- Be interviewed, screened and recommended by a Marine Corps EOD SNCO & Officer.
- For complete list of requirements see MCO 3571.2\_





# Who we have (Enlisted)



- Sgt – MGySgt.
- Cpl's promoted to Sgt w/ minimum TIG (Normally at School)





# Who we have (Officer)



- LDO Capt – LtCol
- WO – CWO5
- All officers were enlisted EOD Technicians
- No Unrestricted Officers





# Initiatives impacting EOD



- Company growth
- Pacific lay down
  - Guam
  - Okinawa
  - Hawaii
- MARFORSOC (EOD growth)
- Advanced USMC EOD Training Center





# Questions

