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MCAS Yuma Response to Government Shutdown

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (September 30, 2013) – In coordination with the Department of Defense, MCAS Yuma is preparing for a potential government shutdown tomorrow.

Lt. Col. Glen Lindstrom, the station's executive officer states, "Our mission of training Marines for combat is crucial to national security. Our operations, to include flight operations associated with our biannual Weapons and Tactics Instructor course will continue as scheduled. That's not to say that the effects of a shutdown won't be felt by MCAS Yuma. Every employee, Marine or civilian, is vital to our workforce and we regret the angst that this uncertainty brings to our employees, their families, and our service members."

In the event of a shutdown, Marines, sailors and civilian employees will report to work on the morning of Oct. 1. Service members will remain in a normal duty status and civilians who are not essential to safety, protection of human life or national security will be dismissed in conjunction with an emergency furlough.

Military members will receive their paychecks for the beginning of the month of October.

Civilians required to work during the shutdown will receive their pay retroactively once the lapse in appropriations ends. Civilians who are furloughed will receive retroactive pay if authorized by a continuing resolution or appropriation in the coming fiscal year.

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