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Yuma Marines Slated to Arrive Home from Deployment

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (April 22, 2014) – Approximately 90 Yuma-based Marines with Marine Attack Squadron 214 commonly referred to as the “Blacksheep” are slated to arrive home at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma from an eight-month deployment on April 23 at 11 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., tentatively.

A detachment of the squadron’s AV-8B Harrier pilots will be the first wave slated to arrive at 11 a.m. The main body of Marines is scheduled to arrive shortly after at 3:45 p.m.

The Marines of VMA-214 deployed with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and provided a vital asset to the MEU’s Air Combat Element. Each MEU, supported by both the Marine Corps and the Navy, deploys to provide the United States a global military presence at sea. These units are ready to respond at a moment’s notice to military aggression, natural disaster, humanitarian catastrophe or any number of other crises. The 13th MEU patrols the Asia-Pacific region.

MCAS Yuma is home to Marine Aircraft Group 13, part of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, which includes three Harrier Squadrons – VMA -211, 311 and 214; Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121, an F-35B Lightning II squadron; as well as Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 and Marine Wing Support Squadron 371.

Media are invited to attend the homecoming, RSVP required.

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Media interested in covering the April 23 homecoming must contact Cpl. Zachary Scanlon at (928) 269-3682 or zachary.scanlon@usmc.mil by 9 a.m. on Wed., April 23 to confirm attendance for the event.

For the homecoming, confirmed media must meet at the MCAS Yuma Main Gate no later than 10 a.m. for the first detachment. For the main body of Marines, arrive no later than 2:45 p.m. When reserving a spot, be sure to include name of the organization and the names and phone numbers of reporters attending.

Media that R.S.V.P. will be informed of any changes to scheduled times.

For further questions, please contact Cpl. Zachary Scanlon, MCAS Yuma Media Operations Chief, at (928) 269-3682.