

Southern Exchange 2010

TENETS

Platoon level, multi-national exchange which focuses on enhancing proficiency and interoperability between USMC and partner nations in the areas of peacekeeping, disaster relief and combined operations

- ✓ Program aligns with Combatant Commanders' Strategic Vision and Theater Campaign Plan
- ✓ Builds Partner Nation capability to execute UN/coalition missions; such as Haiti and Congo
- ✓ Utilizes U.S. and partner nation ships in an amphibious exercise to the maximum extent possible which further amplifies the Navy/Marine Corps team and promotes operations from the sea
- ✓ Designed to be kept regional in scope and hosted by a different partner nation each year

**STRENGTHEN MUTUAL TRUST,
FACILITATE INTEGRATION AND
FURTHER ENHANCE COMBINED
OPERATIONAL DOCTRINE**

**DEVELOP STANDARD
OPERATING PROCEDURES
AND TACTICS IN ORDER TO
IMPROVE INTEROPERABILITY
BETWEEN PARTICIPATING
NATIONS**

**UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR
STRENGTHENING OF TIES
AND IMPROVING COLLABORATION
AND CAMARADERIE BETWEEN
PARTNER NATIONS**

BACKGROUND: Historically, the United States Marine Corps supported a number of different annual bi-lateral platoon exchanges with partner nations within U.S. Southern Command's area of focus. Due to USMC global commitments and a desire to capitalize on available funding, U.S. Marine Forces, South developed the SOUTHERN EXCHANGE EXERCISE PROGRAM.

SOUTHERN EXCHANGE 2007 was the first such event and was conducted during July 2007 in Fuerte Aguayo, Chile. Participants included Marines from: Chile, Peru, Brazil, Argentina and the United States. In all approximately 120 Marines participated in the two-week exercise.

SOUTHERN EXCHANGE 2008 was conducted during July 2008 in Bahia Blanca, Argentina and participants included Marines from: Chile, Peru, Brazil, Argentina and the United States. Additionally, observers from Bolivia, Uruguay and Colombia were able to attend and assist with the exchange. In all approximately 380 Marines participated in the two-week exercise.

SOUTHERN EXCHANGE 2009 was conducted during July 2009 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and participants included Marines from: Chile, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Uruguay, Colombia and the United States. In all nearly 700 Marines from 7 partner nations participated. Additionally, U.S. NAVSOUTH supported with the deployment of the USS Oak Hill (LSD-51).

SOUTHERN EXCHANGE 2010 is scheduled for July 2010 in Ancon, Peru. This will be the largest Southern Exchange exercise to date and participating will be Marines and soldiers from: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Over 1,300 participants from the U.S. and partner nations are expected to attend. Additionally, U.S. NAVSOUTH will support the exercise with the deployment of the USS New Orleans (LPD-18).



Regional Solutions

Multi-national platoon level exchange which focuses on enhancing proficiency and interoperability between USMC and partner nations in the areas of peacekeeping, disaster relief and combined operations.

Strategic Opportunities

- ↘ *Meets Combatant Commander's Strategic Vision*
- ↘ *Builds Partner Nation capability to execute UN/coalition missions*
- ↘ *Demonstrates transparency with our regional partners*
- ↘ *Amphibious exercise promoting operations from the sea*
- ↘ *Regional in scope and size*
- ↘ *Designed to be hosted by a different partner nation each year*

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