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**Task Force Forge relieves Task Force Sapper at southern border**

**YUMA, Ariz.** – U.S. Marines and Sailors with Combat Logistics Battalion 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, have assumed operational responsibilities along the U.S. southern border as Task Force Forge under Joint Task Force–Southern Border, today.

Over the weekend, commanding officers and key leaders from Task Force Forge and Task Force Sapper conducted a joint reconnaissance of the southern border barrier in the Yuma Sector. The visit marked the official activation of Task Force Forge to succeed Task Force Sapper in their mission.

Working alongside U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Border Patrol, the task force will provide critical engineering and logistical support in accordance with the presidential executive order issued Jan. 20, 2025.

“The Marines and Sailors of Task Force Forge are ready to build on the accomplishments of our predecessors,” said Lt. Col. Colin Graham, commanding officer of Task Force Forge. “Our mission is clear: support our federal partners and Joint Task Force-Southern Border, strengthen operational readiness, and support upholding the territorial integrity of our nation’s border with professionalism and precision.”

Over the past several weeks, Task Force Forge personnel conducted extensive hands-on training with Task Force Sapper to prepare for their mission.

As part of its deployment, Task Force Forge will establish its presence eastward in the Yuma sector, bolstering JTF-SB’s current support activities in the region.

For additional information about Task Force Forge and the Marine Corps’ role in Joint Task Force-Southern Border, please contact the Joint Task Force-Southern Border Media Desk at (520) 454-7625 or [JTF-SBMediaDesk@army.mil](mailto:JTF-SBMediaDesk@army.mil).

For more information, photos, videos and stories about southern border operations, please visit: <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/DoDSWB25>.



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