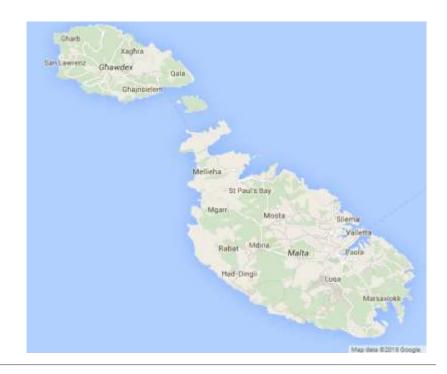




# Armed Forces of Malta

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The Armed Forces of Malta (AFM) includes land, maritime and sea components. AFM's Headquarters is located at Luqa Barracks, Luqa. There are three land units, an air wing and a maritime squadron. The AFM also have a Reserve and an Emergency Volunteer Reserve Force.

#### **UNITS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, is an infantry battalion and is based at Lyster Barracks, Hal Far.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment has a combat support role and operates from Safi Barracks, Safi.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment acts in the combat service support role is located in Luga Barracks.
- The Maritime Squadron provides the maritime component of the AFM and operates from Hay Wharf Base in Floriana.
- The Air Wing is the air component of the AFM and is based in the military zone of the Malta International Airport.

#### **MARITIME SQUADRON**

The AFM Maritime Squadron has its HQ at Hay Wharf Base in Floriana. The Squadron has defence tasks and is also responsible for Search & Rescue operations at sea. There are five Commands at the Maritime Squadron:

- Headquarters (base security, supply, procurement, transportation)
- Offshore Command (4 patrol boats)
- Inshore Command (4 patrol boats, 2 SAR vessels, Special Boat Unit)
- G Command (swift response unit on the island of Gozo)
- Support Command (equipment and supply management)

#### **VESSELS**

Search & Rescue vessels Melita I, Melita II Interceptor vessels P02, P03, P04 Response boats P05, P06

Inshore patrol boats P21, P22, P23, P24
Offshore patrol boats P51, P52, P61, P62

## **CALLSIGNS**

A1A Offshore patrol boat P51 A2A Offshore patrol boat P52

A3A Offshore patrol boat P61 A4A Offshore patrol boat P62

AB1 Inshore patrol boat P21 AB2 Inshore patrol boat P22

AB3 Inshore patrol boat P23

2700 Unid3201 Unid3203 Unid

3205 Unid

## **FREQUENCIES**

Maritime GMDSS and SAR frequencies, plus

6205, 6838, 8207, 12315, 13118, 16402, 17403, 18204,

22372, 26145 kHz

#### **MODES**

MIL-STD-188-110A/USB

DSC 100/170

## **ALE COMMANDS**

AMD />A2001 AMD />A2201



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