



## 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 Luqa 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**

ABA AMF Maritime Squadron HQ Floriana  
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 Unid  
3201 Unid  
3203 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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