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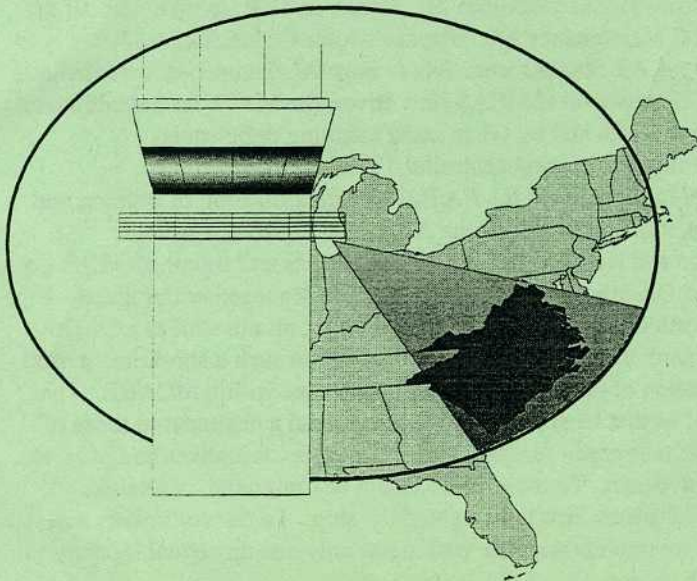
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Foreward:

From the MCABE Director of Operations,

In between finishing last minute business and cleaning out my desk en route to WestPac, I would like to take a moment to reflect over my reign as Director of Operations for the past eight months. It seems like just yesterday when during in-briefs I was hit by LtCol Dawson, Mr. Knipple, Mr. Becker and Mr. Brown with all the initiatives and problem areas surrounding ATC, ATC Maintenance and Airspace within COMCABEAST.

As I try to remember all of the areas where the Air Stations were able to improve themselves over the last eight months, I recollect the following: the ILS OCIR approval at MCAS New River, the MATCALs deployment to MCAF Quantico, the many discussions and approval with and by G1 to assist manning deficiencies, reclassification of New River to an Approach Control, restructuring controller Table of Organizations, development of the 11 Chapter MCABE ATC Order to supplement the NATOPS, standardization of training and procedures, increased readiness through evaluations, implementation of the ATC T&R, TERPS Specialist designations and training, airfield survey at Quantico and New River, CALO designations and training, GSRA SUA operations at New River, newsletter, continued QA progress, continued Airspace Management progress. I review this now and it looks more like a career's worth of accomplishment vice an eight month stint as a DirOps.

The fact that this many accomplishments (many monumental) can be achieved in such a short time period is reflective of the hard work, knowledge and dedication of the controllers and technicians within MCABE. The success of the above initiatives is not due to those of us that sit at the flag pole but instead a testament to those of you in the trenches. At best, we here at MCABE can take credit for supporting your ideas, initiatives and progress.

This would be the challenge that I would leave then. To those in the Chain of Command, continued support for the controllers and technicians at the Air Stations' that have righted the ship. To our controllers and technicians, continued improvement in the services we provide with the goal to not only one day equal industry standard but to become the model of the way to do business.

Col Blick

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MCABE Controllers of the Quarter

MCAS Beaufort

Cpl Christopher Diaz was selected as Controller of the Quarter for **OUTSTANDING** performance as an Air Traffic Controller. After becoming qualified on the arrival sector and winning a meritorious Corporal board in February, CPL. Diaz continued to improve himself and become a valuable asset to the Marine Corps. On May 13, 1998, CPL. Diaz became qualified on the Approach Control position while maintaining his designation as PT and field day NCO, and also as assistant Crew chief. CPL. Diaz was responsible for the training of Marines under him while also working toward his qualification as an Approach Controller. CPL. Diaz reported to MCAS Beaufort in 1994, with a motivated, hard charging, can-do attitude and to this day continues to have adhere to the same attitude. This has led to his success, which he passes on to all the Marines in ATC at MCAS Beaufort no matter what their rank. CPL. Diaz is the prime example of what a Marine is, should be, and can be, if they have the heart and the guts to carry on through adverse conditions. CPL. Diaz recently became a new father when his wife Cindy gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Emily was born on February 5, 1998. CPL. Diaz will be continuing his Marine Corps career in November, when he takes the Oath once again for another 4 years. Semper Fidelis CPL. Diaz.

MCAS Cherry Point

Sergeant Zane J. Loney was selected as MCAS Cherry Point's ATC Facility Controller of the Quarter. Sergeant Loney is a qualified Approach Controller at Cherry Point and a certified OJT Instructor for GCA operating positions within the Facility.

Sergeant Loney is selected for superior performance of his duties while serving at MCAS Cherry Point, NC during 01 April, 1998 through 30 June, 1998. During this period, Sgt. Loney's achievements reflected uncommon devotion to duty and superior professional ability, far exceeding that expected of his grade and level of experience. Sgt. Loney's diligence, technical expertise and tireless efforts during this period assisted the Facility in it's ability to complete mission requirements.

Sergeant Zane J. Loney's esprit-de-corps, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and were within the highest standards and traditions of the United States Marine Corps.

MCAS New River

LCpl S. Barta has proven himself to be a superior performer, both as an Approach controller and as a Marine Corps Air Bases East (MCABE) on-the-job instructor. LCpl Barta is setting new standards for on-the-job instructors through his initiative and dedication to his students. He has also excelled as a newly qualified Approach controller, continually studying and perfecting his skills.

As a recently qualified Approach controller, LCpl Barta took it on his own accord to develop the non radar portion of the new Approach Local Qualification Standards (LQS) which was implemented when New River became an Approach Control. LCpl Barta has shown through his exemplary performance and dedication to this MOS that he is the standard by which air traffic controllers aspire to.

As a MCABE on-the-job instructor, LCpl Barta has taken the lead to improve the quality of training for air traffic control students. He has creatively and effectively improved the training process here at New River. LCpl Barta has devised very effective methods to teach students in all levels of their training, utilizing all means available to him. He has generated several quizzes to access students knowledge as well as devising challenging simulations to improve their skills.

MCAF Quantico

Sergeant Marshall K. Crawford enlisted in the Marine Corps at Recruiting Station Gastonia, North Carolina in December 1992. After successfully completing Recruit Training, Marine Combat Training, and Air Traffic Control School, he was assigned to MCAS Beaufort in August 1993.

During his tour of duty at MCAS Beaufort he attained qualification in the Control Tower and was designated a Tower Watch Supervisor. In May 1997 he executed orders to MCAF Quantico. Since reporting aboard he obtained qualification in the Control Tower and was designated a Tower Watch Supervisor, in minimal time. Eager, motivated and determined Sergeant Crawford strives to better himself and fellow controllers in ATC knowledge, proficiency and overall leadership. Dedicated to making a difference to the growth of MCAF Quantico ATC, he was assigned to the Training Department. He is responsible for the daily operation of T&R training and testing under the new MCABE ATC Order.

Sergeant Crawford is a credit to the Marine Air Traffic Control community and the Marine Corps.

MCABE Technicians of the Quarter

MCAS Beaufort

Corporal Daniel W. Leary has been selected as the Technician of the Quarter for the 2nd quarter 1998. Corporal Leary comes from Auburn, New Hampshire where he graduated from Pinkerton Academy. In 1994 Corporal Leary signed up for the Marine Corps and graduated from Parris Island Recruit Depot in November 1994. He then attended the ATC Radar Technician course in Millington, Tennessee. Upon graduation in April 1996, Corporal Leary proceeded to MCAS Beaufort. On March 14, 1998, Corporal Leary married Kristie Ann Hall from Round Rock, Texas.

Corporal Leary is a recent graduate of the FPN-63 school and has put that knowledge to good use. He has corrected a myriad of problems in the FPN-63 since he has returned from Pensacola, Florida. Corporal Leary has demonstrated his technical skills many times, and always displays a "Can Do" attitude. His leadership abilities are seldom found in Marines of his rank.

MCAS CherryPoint

Corporal Paul D. Buskey has been selected as the MCAS Cherry Point ATC Maintenance Technician of the Quarter.

Corporal Buskey hails from Albany, NY and is married to Sergeant Alexandria "ALEX" Schmidt from Tony WI.

Corporal Buskey reported to MCAS Cherry Point from Iwakuni Japan during Aug of 1997.

Corporal Buskey completed certification training and was designated a RADAR watchstander during June of 98.

He holds collateral duties as the division Test Equipment NCO and the division's Tool Control NCO.

MCAS New River

Cpl Barry S. Gilbert - Born 760905 and hailing from Helena, MT, he joined the Marine Corps 951218. He completed boot camp in San Diego and attended the ATC Maintenance Communication Technician Course in both Millington, TN and Pensacola, FL. He was honor graduate from his formal school.

Cpl Gilbert has proved to be an outstanding technician since checking aboard GEMD MCAS New River in April 97. He completed the Comm/Nav certification training requirements in record time and performs his duties as a COMM/NAV technician, Training NCO and Division ISC in an exemplary manner. His ability to manipulate data and create useful automated programs and reports have assisted every section within GEMD. He graduated Cpl's Leadership Course in May 98 and was recently promoted to Corporal 1 July 98.

Corporal Gilbert consistently sets a positive example of the Marine NCO.

MCAF Quantico

The Division does not have a Technician of the Quarter nominee for this Quarter.

