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Foreword:

Think we've put together a pretty good one this quarter. Included are articles from APC "Around the Beltway", where Colonel Grooves provides insight into the view of ATC from H2 level. Top Slack provides an overview of the ATC ESC meeting conducting in DC last month, the Featured Article is from the FAA and discusses the "Free Flight" concept. Quantico provides an insight into the MCABE "Qualification Goal Date" Program and Lessons Learned includes one that many will recognize as being somewhat familiar.

Of course usual type articles are included as well. the Master Guns is at it again with training lengths, the ATREP provides a review of FAA GENOT info, I review the almost concept, there are many things presently going on within each Air Base and there are very noteworthy Controllers and Technicians of the Quarters that deserve congratulations from all.

As always, thanks for the input, and keep the word spreading that articles will be accepted by any and all. The more diverse the submissions, the better the publication.

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MCABE Controllers of the Quarter

MCAS Beaufort

Corporal Michael D. Archambault, enlisted in the Marine Corps at Recruiting Station West Palm Beach, FL in October 1994. After successfully completing Recruit Training at MCRD Parris Island, he was ordered to attend Air Traffic Control School at NAS Millington, TN. Following graduation in June 1995, he received orders to MCAS Beaufort and was subsequently assigned to the Air Traffic Control Facility's radar branch as a trainee.

Corporal Archambault earned certification on Approach Control in February 1999, and a TRACON rating in March 1999.

Corporal Archambault is twenty-two years old. He reenlisted for four years in October 1998 and resides with his wife Danielle, and son Ryan, in Laurel Bay military housing. His parents live in his hometown of West Palm Beach, FL.

MCAS Cherry Point

Sergeant Charles C. Robinett was recently awarded a Commanding General's Certificate of Commendation for outstanding achievements in the area of ATC training.

Sgt Robinett devoted countless hours in providing classroom and OJT instruction to both Marine and DOD civilian tower trainees. As the Training Team Supervisor for all 7 students training within his control tower watch crew, he monitors the progress of each trainee, holds monthly training meetings, and demands the utmost devotion and initiative towards tower training. Sgt Robinett's insight and relentless pursuit to enhance control tower training was evident in his development of a table-top tower training aid. Through his initiative, this training aid was developed to provide real-time simulations for Tower students in an effort to increase the student's confidence, knowledge and control capabilities under a controlled environment. The Military Training NCO for his watch crew, ensuring Marines under his charge are provided the best possible training to enhance their warfighting capabilities both as individual Marines and as Air Traffic Controllers.

Sgt Robinett entered the Marine Corps on Oct. 16, 1990 and completed his formal ATC School Oct. 17, 1995 after making a lateral move from the 0351 OcoFld and joined the ATC Facility on Nov. 3, 1995. Sgt Robinett is married to the former Bethanie Pack; they have two sons, Nicholas and Nathan.

MCAS New River

Lance Corporal Gabriel P. Galcik enlisted in the Marine Corps. out of Brackenridge, Pa. After the successful completion of recruit training at MCRD Paris Island and the NAS Pensacola Air Traffic Control school, he was assigned to MCAS New River in March of 1998.

Lance Corporal Galcik is a qualified controller on Radar Final Control, Radar Flight Data, and Ground Control. Additionally, Lance Corporal Galcik has completed the MCABE OJTI course, and Approach School at NAS Pensacola. In his short time on station, he's completed his RFC rating in one quarter of the time allotted, his RFD rating in two thirds time allotted, and his Ground Control rating in one third the time allotted. As a Radar Final Control OJTI instructor, he has been instrumental in the training and qualification of numerous students.

Lance Corporal Galcik's creativity and dependability are a result of the high standards to which he holds himself, and are a credit to himself, Marine Air Traffic Control, and the United States Marine Corps.

MCAF Quantico

Corporal Anthony D. Slate joined the Marine Corps in August 1996 at RSS Dallas. After graduating from MCRD San Diego, he went to NAS Pensacola for Air Traffic Control Basic Course. Upon completion of formal training, he reported to MCAF Quantico as a Tower Control Student.

Since joining MCAF, he has attained the much sought after CTO and TWS. Corporal Slate is the MCI NCO for Crew B and has participated as a member of the MCAF Color Guard. Corporal Slate continuously presents himself as a role model towards his peers and subordinates alike.

Corporal Slate is married to Patricia Slate, and they are the proud parents of a daughter, Tristan.

MCABE Technicians of the Quarter

MCAS Beaufort

Lance Corporal James S. Davis enlisted in the Marine Corps at RS Southern Pines, North Carolina, on 19 May 1996. After completing Recruit Training at MCRD Parris Island, he attended the ATC Comm Maintenance Course at NAS Pensacola, Fla. Upon graduation from tech school, LCpl Davis was assigned to MCAS Futenma, Okinawa, Japan. At the completion of 12 months overseas, LCpl Davis PCS'ed to MCAS Beaufort and reported aboard on October 23rd 1998.

Lance Corporal Davis is currently qualified as an electronic technician in the Comm/NavAids section. He is responsible for the maintenance of the Integrated Voice Communications Switching Systems, AN/URN-25 Navigational System, AN/FAC-6 FiberOptic Landline System, Automatic Transmitting Information System, Emergency Communications System, and the squadron remote boxes. The professionalism with which he works and the ability that he has, far exceeds that expected of his grade and level of experience. LCpl Davis also works as the Safety NCO, another job at which he excels. It is with great pleasure that we select him as the Technician of the Quarter.

MCAS Cherry Point

Corporal R. T. Currie, (5954) was selected as the MCAS Cherry Point Tech-of-the-Quarter. Cpl Currie is an outstanding young Marine whose stellar work habits set the example for all to emulate. Certified in the Comm/NavAids/Wx Branch as a Comm watch stander in Dec of 98, he completed his cross-training and was certified on the NavAids/Wx system during Mar 99. Assigned the tasks of over-hauling the entire squadron remote system (TTC-8/800 and interface). He completed his assigned tasks in half the time expected. He has always completed 100 percent of his assigned PMS.

Cpl Currie's enthusiasm, personal work habits and attention to duty set the example and have merited his selection as Tech-of-the-Quarter. Cpl Currie is from Detroit MI and he and his wife, Heather, have a six-year old son, Christopher.

MCAS New River

Corporal Robert A. Johnson, 5952, Navigational Aids Technician, has been selected as the Technician of the Quarter for first quarter 1999. Corporal Johnson hails from Nowata, OK. Born on 23 August 1977, he joined the Marine Corps 23 October 1995. After completion of MOS training, LCpl Johnson spent a year tour at MCAS Futenma in Okinawa, Japan before arriving at GEMD MCAS New River on 7 January 1998. He attended FDIO school in NAS Pensacola in January 1999. He was recently promoted to Corporal on 1 March 1999.

Corporal Johnson is a superb Navigational Aids Technician, who has also completed Certification Training in Communications. He has taken charge of the training effort of several newly joined Marines since January 99 and motivates the junior Marines to learn. He keeps the PMS completion rate and maintenance effort high. Corporal Johnson holds a collateral duty as the NCO in charge of PEB.

MCAF Quantico

Corporal David D. Holley consistently displays a level of technical expertise and professionalism worthy of recognition. He has an excellent military appearance and his attention to duty and job performance are always of the highest caliber. He scored a high first class score of 277 on his last PFT.

Since joining the command in May, Corporal Holley completed the resident schooling on the AN/FPN-63 precision approach radar system at NAS Pensacola, Florida. This will greatly assist the command when station radar systems are activated. Additionally, Corporal Holley has completed over three hundred hours of combined corrective and preventive maintenance on the equipment at the MATCALS Site. He was instrumental in troubleshooting and repairing the mission critical Multi Mode Displays in the MATCALS equipment. Corporal Holley almost single handedly improved Multi Mode Display status from 60% to 90%. During the recent SPAWARS inspection, Corporal Holley greatly impressed the inspectors with an expertise and drive not often seen in a Marine so junior. Corporal Holley's diligence and hard work have resulted in 99% operational status for the AN/TPN-22 and AN/TPS-73 radar systems, thereby improving safety of flight for HMX-1, visiting aircraft, and the Quantico Aero club. Corporal Holley has completed the Fundamentals of Leadership, Personal Finance, and portions of the Sergeants course MCI's.

This Marine is a motivated, hard-charging, self starter. He requires minimal supervision and attacks each task with zeal. It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Corporal Holley for Technician of the Quarter.

