

From The Point To The Point



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On the cover

F-22 Raptors prepare to depart Cherry Point a day after they made an emergency divert from Langley AFB.

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From The Point

Major White Retires

On 21 Oct 10, a retirement ceremony was held at the station theater to bid farewell to Major Bradley E. White.

For outstanding meritorious service while serving as the Air Traffic Control Facility Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina from June 2009 to January 2012. Major White's exceptional vision, training philosophy, and leadership was responsible for the conduct of over 52,000 training hours that trained 170 students to 595 position qualifications and attained more than 220 MOS producing skill designations, 106 of which include the highly skilled and sought after Local Control and Approach Control qualifications. For the first time in the Facility's history, the Air Traffic Control Facility had obtained over 500 qualifications in a 24 month span. As the Navy/Marine Corps test bed for the Ground Based Sense and Avoid system that will allow an Unmanned Aerial System to safely transit the National Airspace System from Cherry Point's Class D airspace to the Restricted Areas, Major White and his staff provided subject matter expert review and corrections for multiple cornerstone documents for final submission to the FAA. His superior performance during this tour is the hallmark of a career devoted to accomplishing broad and diverse tasks, highlighting the culmination of 20 years of faithful and dedicated Marine Corps service.

From The Schoolhouse

PFC Michael J. Whelton	11 Oct 11
PFC Cody Z. Curran	11 Oct 11
LCpl Bruce A. Stauffer	25 Oct 11
1stLt Daniel M. Tadross	27 Oct 11
Cpl Micah T. Carr	10 Nov 11
PFC Austin D. Orton	15 Nov 11
PFC Michael A. Van	22 Nov 11
Sgt Daniel Mercado	23 Nov 11
PFC Mario E. Gonzalez	1 Dec 11
PFC Richard J. Hession	30 Dec 11

Cherry Point Records Broken in 2011

OJT Instructor Hours in Calendar Year

Jason Woodin – 762.22

OJT Instructor Hours – Personal Best

Jordan Styck – 683.50

Terry Tolster – 472.88

OJT Instructor Hours – Career

Jason Woodin – 5,120

Qualifications

In a calendar year – 246

In a 12-month period – 264

Radar Flight Data – 42

Radar Final Control – 39

Tower Flight Data – 35

OJT and Simulation

Hours in a calendar year – 15,323

Hours in a single day – 99.25

Radar Flight Data simulation hours – 94.50

Ground Control OJT hours – 1,876.10

Tower Flight Data OJT hours – 2,024.18

Local Control OJT hours – 2,211.73

Radar Flight Data OJT hours – 1,792.58

MOSs Issued

In a calendar year for radar 7257 – 29

ATC School Graduates

In a calendar year – 34*

Highest Percentage of GCAs for OJT

53.5%

Lowest Average Months to MOS 7257

Class of 2010 – 4.46

*not including officers

From The Point

Welcome Aboard Capt Richard J. Rose ATC Facility Officer



On 27 Oct 11, Captain Rose became the 12th ATC Facility Officer at MCAS Cherry Point in the modern era. He is a former enlisted controller, born and raised in Arizona, who joined the Marine Corps in April 1991.

He has served in El Toro, Miramar, Okinawa, Iwakuni, Stuttgart and most recently as the Future Operations Officer for MACS-28.

Trainer of the Year 2011

Mr. Jason D. Woodin has been selected as the MCAS Cherry Point Trainer of the Year. Jason has received this award twice in the past, as the first recipient in 2002 and then again in 2008. His consistent effort to train Marines over the years culminated in breaking two facility records this year.

First, he accumulated 762.22 hours as an OJT Instructor during the year. The previous record was 607.60 held by Ms. Karen Geddings in 2005. Secondly, he surpassed the career record reached by Mr. John Hough upon retirement on 27 Mar 10. Jason is now at 5,120 hours and has many more years to add to it.

Jason supplemented his OJT instructing with nearly 40 hours on simulators and 15 hours in the classroom with the 33 Marines he mentored.

Top Five Civilian OJT Instructors

Jason D. Woodin	762.22
Jordon C. Styrk	683.50
Terry P. Tolster	472.88
William H. Ness	430.90
Judson W. Woodard	395.15

Top Five Marine OJT Instructors

LCpl Nathaniel W. Clift	296.58
Cpl Taylor D. Brooks	266.60
Cpl Brandon C. Miller	261.75
Cpl Joshua A. Mohundro	246.20
Cpl Cory J. Benda	227.12

Top Five Simulator Instructors

Sgt Andrew S. Kinningham	193.92
Brandon S. Strasler	139.15
Timothy L. Henry	86.58
Belinda C. Holbrook	75.02
Cpl Derek A. Ulrich	70.77

Top Five Trainees (OJT Hours)

Cpl Sara A. Weeces	337.20
SSgt Tricia A. Harrell	324.90
Sgt Brian D. Lewis	321.40
Cpl Efrain Reynaga	278.33
Cpl Samuel R. Rockstroh	276.43

Top Five Trainees (Simulation)

Sgt Jeffrey L. Johnson	114.52
PFC Kevin T. Smith	97.10
Cpl Derek A. Ulrich	66.12
LCpl Antwan D. Phillips	64.48
Sgt Brian D. Lewis	60.95

Training

Training Program Statistics

	<u>Oct-Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
OJT Hours	3,191.32	152,764
OJF Hours	208.48	17,083
Tower Simulation (Training)	167.33	5,972
Tower Simulation (Support)	439.78	4,983
Radar Simulation (Training)	450.18	7,803
Radar Simulation (Support)	632.98	10,629
Simulated GCAs	1,529	47,199
MOSs Issued	19	946
Position Qualifications	49	2,648

Controller of the Quarter

LCpl Jovanni Pinero was awarded Controller of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of 2011. He outperformed all other Marines during the quarter with 147.5 hours of OJT and a combined total of just over 217 hours.

On 22 Oct 11 he began instructing on the Radar Flight Data position and on 19 Dec 11 he earned his 7257 MOS with a qualification on Radar Final Control. He assists his crew staff with airfield status, weather and traffic flow during crew briefs.

Congratulations, LCpl Pinero and Crew One.

Qualifications

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>MOS</u>
2ndLt J. T. Fisher	4 Oct 11	FC	
LCpl C. D. Collins	4 Oct 11	FC	7257R
LCpl E. P. Dorsey	5 Oct 11	FD	
LCpl L. A. Simon	6 Oct 11	FC	7257R
LCpl D. J. Monteiro	12 Oct 11	FD	
PFC C. K. Higgins	14 Oct 11	FD	
LCpl K. C. David	14 Oct 11	GC	7257T
LCpl T. E. Kelch	18 Oct 11	FD	
LCpl B. M. Poklar	25 Oct 11	RD	
Sgt J. E. Garcia	25 Oct 11	GC	
2ndLt M. S. Jozaitis	26 Oct 11	RD	
LCpl R. J. Cunningham	28 Oct 11	FD	
LCpl T. E. Kelch	28 Oct 11	GC	7257T
PFC A. D. Rochester	31 Oct 11	FC	7257R
LCpl D. M. Long	31 Oct 11	FD	
Sgt B. L. Gratton	7 Nov 11	LC	7252
Cpl E. Reynaga	7 Nov 11	LC	7252
Sgt C. E. Martinetz	15 Nov 11	RD	
Sgt C. J. Sharpe	21 Nov 11	APE,APN	
PFC T. J. Lund	21 Nov 11	RD	

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>MOS</u>
LCpl A. P. Shade	21 Nov 11	FD	
2ndLt J. T. Fisher	2 Dec 11	GC	
Sgt B. D. Lewis	5 Dec 11	APW	7253/54
PFC S. S. Jacobi	5 Dec 11	FC	7257R
SSgt E. L. Griffin	5 Dec 11	RD	
Sgt J. E. Garcia	6 Dec 11	FD	
LCpl M. A. Lorona	9 Dec 11	RD	
LCpl E. P. Dorsey	12 Dec 11	GC	7257T
PFC K. T. Smith	13 Dec 11	AR	
SSgt E. L. Griffin	13 Dec 11	FC	
Cpl D. J. Monteiro	13 Dec 11	GC	7257T
SSgt R. C. Kelley	19 Dec 11	APE,APN	
LCpl J. Pinero	19 Dec 11	FC	7257R
LCpl M. A. Lorona	22 Dec 11	FC	7257R
Cpl E. Reynaga	22 Dec 11	RD	
LCpl M. J. Whelton	22 Dec 11	RD	
PFC A. D. Orton	29 Dec 11	RD	
Cpl C. W. Morgan	30 Dec 11	APW	7253/54
Sgt J. L. Johnson	30 Dec 11	APW	7253/54



To The Point

with
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Qualifications and Ratings

NAVAIR 00-80T-114, 4.4.1 Position Qualifications

During the period prior to completion of facility rating requirements, individual position qualifications shall be entered in the controller's ATC Certification/Qualification Record. The individual may perform duties as a controller under general supervision only at those sectors or positions at which qualified; otherwise, training shall be under the direct supervision of a controller qualified at the position being worked.

4.4.2 Issuance of Ratings

When it is determined that a controller is eligible for an ATCS rating, the ATCS examiner will administer appropriate examinations in accordance with the provisions of FAAO 8000.90 and this chapter. Upon successful completion of these examinations, the ATCS examiner shall recommend the issuance of an applicable rating for the facility concerned. When approved by the ATCFO, the rating shall be recorded on the ATCS certificate, the ATC Certification/Qualification Record, and the individual service record.

We are all familiar with the terms "qualified", "certified" and "rated". Quite often they are used interchangeably but we understand that there is a difference. We receive many qualifications as we progress through a facility. We use the term "facility rated" even though it is not established in ATC NATOPS. We receive a certificate for Control Tower Operator which fits the definition of certified. The ATCS ratings however are rather ambiguous, especially since they are recorded on a certificate.

The paragraphs above show that qualifications come before ratings, ratings come before supervisor, and certifications are somewhere in the mix. It is unclear about why there is an examiner and an examination for ATCS ratings. If it is as simple as it implies, this task could be included with a branch chief.

So what is an ATCS examiner? This mysterious figure has always lurked in each facility and there are a few things we know about him/her.

He/she is responsible for issuing the ATCS examination.
He/she is the only billet in the facility designated by the Commanding Officer.
He/she must possess all ATCS ratings for the facility.

There are some details about the position that we don't know:

- Who should be the ATCS Examiner?
- Can it or should it be combined with a branch chief?
- Can it be a civilian? If not, what if there are no Marines with all ATCS ratings for the facility?
- Is the examination written or practical?
- Since the examiner is designated by the CO, why do ratings need to be approved by the ATCFO?

The most recent NAVAIR resurrected TOWER as an ATCS rating, adding more confusion to the progression. Does the CTO exam precede the ATCS exam or are they the same?

CFR Part 65 establishes the procedures for issuing a Control Tower Operator certificate but there is no further guidance in ATC NATOPS for the issuance of a "CTO facility rating", which by Part 65 standards requires a minimum of 6 months as a CTO certificate holder. I can assume that the new TOWER rating is the same as the CTO rating but without the 6 month wait.

Both the NAVAIR and CFR Part 65 imply the difference between a position qualification and a rating without ever coming right out and saying it. A controller that is position qualified requires general supervision; a controller that is rated no longer requires general supervision and is therefore, with the approved rating, now eligible to become a supervisor. It's curious that there is no standard waiting period established by NATOPS between qualified and rated although most facilities have them in conjunction with their OJT Instructor criteria.

I would like to hear from some of you about how you employ the ATCS Examiner and what you use as a standard progression/timeline for qualification – certification – rating – supervisor.