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On the Cover

An F-35 Joint Strike Fighter taxis past the fuel pits to prepare for a practice demonstration flight that will be one of the highlighted events during the 2014 airshow.

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ATCFO Transfers

Major Scott M. Schmitz transferred to Parris Island, SC on June 13th, 2014 after two years as the ATC Facility Officer.

During his tenure, the facility produced 390 position qualifications, including 149 MOS assignments while logging 24,101 hours of OJT. The facility saw an increase in simulation training to a record rate of 2,883 hours per year for a total of 6,026 hours during Maj Schmitz's tour.

One of the notable accomplishments that Maj Schmitz was directly involved with was the testing, certification and acceptance of the Ground Based Sense and Avoid (GBSAA) system that now meets the FAA requirements for UAS flights between the Class D Surface Area at Cherry Point and the nearby restricted areas.

Best of luck to Major Schmitz and his family.



Civilian Turnover Increases

After the retirement of Richard Clay and the transfer of Brandon Strasler, the facility began a series of promotions and hirings to fill vacancies at three different levels. Tim Henry was promoted to GS-13 on April 20th to fill the supervisor position on Crew 1 at the same time Jordan Styrk was promoted to GS-12 to fill an FPL slot on Crew 2.

On May 31st, Dan Nowak retired after 40 years of government service which resulted in Jason Woodin being promoted to GS-13 on June 1st to fill the supervisor position on Crew 3. One of the GS-12 vacancies is planned to be filled mid-July which still leaves an FPL slot and a tower slot vacated by Jason and Jordan respectively.

Airshow Features F-35

Due to scheduling conflicts, this year's airshow was not able to get the Blue Angels but instead featured the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter. Performing a demonstration much like the AV-8 Harrier, the F-35 made several passes in front of the crowd before showing off its hover capabilities.



Training

Training Program Statistics

	Apr-Jun
OJT Hours	3,332.22
OJF Hours	575.27
Tower Simulation (Training)	224.83
Radar Simulation (Training)	548.51
Simulated GCAs	1,270
MOSs Issued	15
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From The Schoolhouse

LCpl A. N. Eras Zabala	12 May 14
PFC A. J. Davis	12 May 14
PFC R. J. Becker	19 May 14
PFC A. A. Blount	28 May 14
LCpl R. L. Eden	4 Jun 14
2ndLt E. M. Cabrera	9 Jun 14
LCpl C. D. Gibson	11 Jun 14
PFC C. M. Duus	12 Jun 14

Controller of the Quarter

Lance Corporal Benjamin Bonilla was awarded the Controller of the Quarter for the 2nd quarter of 2014. He has proven to be an exceptionally skilled Air Traffic Controller, as well as an outstanding On-the-Job Training Instructor.

LCpl Bonilla joined the facility on 24 Oct 12 from Pensacola and earned his primary MOS in just over 5 months. During this quarter, he logged the most hours for a trainee at 149.90 hours on West Approach as well as 33.68 hours as an OJT/Simulator instructor. As an approach control trainee, he assisted an emergency V-22 Osprey into MCAS New River during a time when their radar branch was closed, formulating lost communication instructions and an approach clearance without assistance from his instructor. Since his qualification on RFC, he has conducted 414 GCAs with 159 of them as an OJT Instructor.

Congratulations to LCpl Bonilla!

Qualifications

Name	Date	Position	MOS
Cpl A. Hasan	3 Apr 14	LC	7252
Sgt C. T. Steinman	7 Apr 14	FD	
LCpl S. L. Bohannon	9 Apr 14	FD	
LCpl Z. N. Heber	10 Apr 14	FC	7257R
LCpl D. J. Turner	16 Apr 14	APW	7253/54
SSgt A. J. Meter	16 Apr 14	LC	
Cpl N. J. Blair	16 Apr 14	LC	7252
LCpl R. J. Hession	17 Apr 14	AR	
GySgt L. S. Cruz	22 Apr 14	FC	
LCpl A. L. Tsang	22 Apr 14	FD	
Cpl J. N. Allen	28 Apr 14	APW	7253/54
Sgt C. A. Stoy	28 Apr 14	FC	7257R
Cpl D. E. Mannheim	28 Apr 14	RD	
Sgt F. M. Finch	30 Apr 14	AR	7253

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Name	Date	Position	MOS
Cpl J. D. McDaniel	13 May 14	APW	7253/54
SSgt R. F. Pyles	14 May 14	LC	7252
GySgt L. S. Cruz	19 May 14	RD	
Mr J. C. Styrk	23 May 14	RD	
Mr J. C. Styrk	24 May 14	APW	
Sgt W. L. Slater	30 May 14	GC	
Cpl J. A. Rodgers	4 Jun 14	APW	
Mr J. C. Styrk	5 Jun 14	APE	
Sgt S. A. Padilla	5 Jun 14	RD	
LCpl J. L. Wurtsmith	9 Jun 14	LC	7252
Sgt C. R. Yauger	17 Jun 14	GC	
Sgt J. C. Skelton	17 Jun 14	LC	7252
Sgt J. J. Hall	18 Jun 14	FC	7257R
SSgt M. H. Hartka	24 Jun 14	RD	