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LtCol Basham, former H&HS CO, talks to the Marines during the reenlistment ceremony of Cpl Travis E. Kelch on November 25th

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From The Point

Airspace Expansion Pushed Again

The ever changing milestones for airspace expansion have been moved again. The latest attempt focused on December 11th as the activation date. Automation representatives from Washington Center are now pushing for full implementation on February 5th 2015.

Classroom and simulation training has already begun informally as the Facility Manual, T&R Supplements and testing guides are being finalized. These documents should be ready for publication on January 5th.

Trainer of the Year 2014

Mr. Michael T. Seabrook has been selected as the MCAS Cherry Point Trainer of the Year. Mike has been a trainer at this facility since October 2008. Averaging about 285 hours per year, he kicked it into high gear in 2014 and completed 648 hours as an OJT Instructor. He documented an additional 72 hours as an instructor on the simulators and 29 hours training Tower Supervisors.

Mike directly mentored 52 trainees and his accomplishments helped his crew reach a new annual record of 4,998.72 hours of OJT.

Controller of the Quarter

Corporal Arif Hasan has again been awarded the Controller of the Quarter, this time for the 4th quarter of 2014.

Just as he did last quarter, he logged the most OJT hours for a trainee at 143.60 hours while training on East Approach, West Approach and Arrival Control. He was able to qualify on both of the approach positions and needs only to finish on Arrival Control to complete his facility rating.

Congratulations to Cpl Hasan!

Terry Tolster Retires

After nearly 40 years in Marine Air Traffic Control, Terry Tolster was retired on November 19th. He has held many billets right here at Cherry Point since his ATC School graduation in 1976. He has been a Tower Chief, SNCOIC, NATCA President and a consistent top performer.

Terry has been in the top ten OJT Instructors every year since records have been kept (14 years) and was selected as the Trainer of the Year in 2003. Since 1998, he has accumulated 5,439 hours of OJT instructing which is 3rd on the all-time list. He is also one of the only civilian instructors that excels at training on Radar Final Control. While most of the others max out at around 750 approaches, Terry retired with 2,286.

A small group of friends gathered at Beer Army in New Bern in December to wish Terry a fond farewell and present him with several gifts including some commemorative Mead, a vacation package and a very large plaque.



From The Point

Top Five Civilian OJT Instructors

Michael T. Seabrook	647.53
John M. Holbrook	579.12
Belinda C. Holbrook	432.25
Timothy L. Klinger	431.15
William H. Ness	364.05

Top Five Marine OJT Instructors

Sgt Christopher J. Sharpe	286.72
LCpl Jimmy L. Wurtsmith	241.03
Cpl David M. Long	211.10
Cpl James E. Entzi	199.80
Cpl Matthew A. Hollingsworth	192.73

Top Five Simulator Instructors

Cpl Richard J. Hession	156.25
Cpl David M. Long	133.42
Judson W. Woodard	116.40
Cpl Julian Navarrete	110.75
Belinda C. Holbrook	106.02
Cpl Devin J. Turner	101.03

Top Five Trainees (OJT+Simulation Hours)

Sgt William L. Slater	451.10
Cpl Devin C. Haydel	419.52
Cpl Arif Hasan	394.58
Sgt Blake F. Alvarez	384.88
Cpl Benjamin Bonilla	380.67

TRACON and Facility Ratings

LCpl Daniel P. Goodwin	23 Jan 14	TRACON
Cpl Richard J. Hession	17 Apr 14	TRACON
Cpl Joseph A. Rodgers	4 Jun 14	TRACON
Cpl Devin C. Haydel	6 Aug 14	TRACON
Sgt Francis M. Finch	23 Aug 14	TRACON
Cpl Jonte N. Allen	16 Dec 14	TRACON

Rookie of the Year

LCpl Kevin J. Harte 449.47 Total Hours

Civilian Instructor Milestones

Danny R. Webb 4,000 OJT Instructor Hours
Belinda C. Holbrook 4,000 OJT Instructor Hours

Cherry Point Records Broken in 2014

OJT Instructor Hours – Career

Jason Woodin – 6,029.98

Qualifications

Most in a calendar year on AR - 14

OJT and Simulation

Approach West OJT hours – 2,646.02
Local Control OJT hours – 2,227.50
OJT hours in a calendar year – 14,227.88
Simulation hours in a calendar year – 3,099.40
Approach West simulation hours – 1,068.07
Arrival Control simulation hours – 591.03
Ground Control simulation hours – 265.67
OJT hours per trainee – 145.18



Training

Training Program Statistics

	<u>Oct-Dec</u>
OJT Hours	3,685.12
OJF Hours	539.15
Tower Simulation (Training)	135.17
Radar Simulation (Training)	418.92
Simulated GCAs	1,260
MOSs Issued	24
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From The Schoolhouse

1stLt David J. Engel	6 Oct 14
PFC Matthew J. Stoll	8 Oct 14
LCpl Spencer M. Lawrence	8 Oct 14
LCpl Matthew M. Laffin	3 Nov 14
LCpl Daron D. Prescod	19 Nov 14
LCpl Stephen M. Cook	19 Nov 14
LCpl Samuel R. Klaiber	21 Nov 14
LCpl Mark E. English	1 Dec 14

Qualifications

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>MOS</u>
SSgt M. A. Smith	1 Oct 14	LC	
LCpl K. P. Sizemore	2 Oct 14	RD	
Mr M. J. Vitchers	3 Oct 14	RD	
Sgt C. R. Yauger	3 Oct 14	FD	7257T
LCpl J. E. Entzi	6 Oct 14	GC	7257T
Sgt C. A. Stoy	7 Oct 14	FD	
Cpl D. C. Haydel	7 Oct 14	FD	
SSgt J. W. Davis	14 Oct 14	FC	7257R
SSgt M. R. Kolenc	15 Oct 14	FC	7257R
Cpl A. Hasan	16 Oct 14	APE	7254
SSgt J. M. Derringer	16 Oct 14	LC	
Cpl M. A. Hollingsworth	20 Oct 14	APW	7253/54
Mr M. J. Vitchers	21 Oct 14	APW	
Mr A. M. Kawczk	22 Oct 14	FD	
Cpl D. E. Mannheim	27 Oct 14	FC	7257R
LCpl K. J. Harte	27 Oct 14	FD	7257T
Mr A. M. Kawczk	27 Oct 14	GC	
Cpl C. E. Clark	31 Oct 14	FC	
GySgt J. D. Meyer	1 Nov 14	RD	
1stLt D. J. Engel	1 Nov 14	RD	
LCpl C. D. Gibson	3 Nov 14	FD	
Mr D. J. McIlhenny	5 Nov 14	RD	
LCpl R. L. Eden	13 Nov 14	FC	7257R
Sgt R. M. Guinn	14 Nov 14	LC	7252
Mr D. J. McIlhenny	18 Nov 14	AR	

Qualifications

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>MOS</u>
Sgt T. E. Price	19 Nov 14	GC	
LCpl M. A. Knudtson	21 Nov 14	FD	
LCpl A. J. Davis	21 Nov 14	GC	7257T
LCpl R. J. Becker	21 Nov 14	GC	7257T
Ms J. L. Adair	21 Nov 14	LC	
Cpl J. N. Allen	23 Nov 14	AR	
Mr D. J. McIlhenny	4 Dec 14	APE	
LCpl A. N. Eras Zabala	5 Dec 14	GC	7257T
2ndLt E. M. Cabrera	5 Dec 14	GC	
Cpl B. Bonilla	8 Dec 14	AR	
GySgt L. S. Cruz	8 Dec 14	FD	
LCpl Z. N. Heber	9 Dec 14	AR	7253
LCpl S. M. Browning	9 Dec 14	APW	7253/54
LCpl K. J. Harte	9 Dec 14	RD	
LCpl C. M. Chase	11 Dec 14	APW	7253/54
Cpl D. C. Boti	11 Dec 14	LC	7252
PFC C. R. Hill	15 Dec 14	RD	
Sgt T. E. Price	15 Dec 14	FD	
Cpl J. N. Allen	16 Dec 14	APE	
LCpl J. C. Mitchell	16 Dec 14	RD	
LCpl C. M. Duus	17 Dec 14	FC	7257R
Cpl D. C. Boti	17 Dec 14	GC	7257T
2ndLt E. M. Cabrera	18 Dec 14	FD	
LCpl K. J. Harte	19 Dec 14	FC	7257R
Mr D. J. McIlhenny	23 Dec 14	FC	
Cpl A. Hasan	31 Dec 14	APW	7253



To The Point

with
Joe Hendrickson

IMPRESSIVE RESULTS

I know I just wrote about our program's recovery in the last issue, but with the calendar year ending I just had to follow it up by congratulating our entire team here with their amazing performance.

I can tell from the training hours for both OJT and simulation that even during the months that we were administratively manipulated on qualification and progression, the Marines still trained as much as they could get away with.

At the time of the previous article, we had increased annual productivity back to a level of 175 and I conservatively estimated that we could reach 200 by year's end. Our benchmark was 220 but because of the prevailing issues of the first 6 months, I didn't want to get my hopes up too high. It had taken over a year to fall from that mark; recovering in 6 months did not seem realistic, however, on December 23rd we completed 222 position qualifications.

Breaking records here has become somewhat difficult these past few years, but the few that we did break this year showed our renewed emphasis on "more hours equals more qualifications". There was also a conscious effort to train more on Arrival Control, resulting in the most qualifications ever in one year.

Local Control and Approach West are common gauges that we use to check the health of the program. Both positions saw new records in annual OJT while APW also set a new record for simulations.

All three crews were able to surpass their previous best in at least one category.

Crew One established a new benchmark of 4,576.35 hours of OJT.

Crew Two combined OJT and simulation for a new crew high of 5,892.48 hours.

Crew Three blew several records away with 4,998.72 hours of OJT, 962.87 hours of simulation, combined OJT and simulation for a new facility record of 5,961.59 hours, and they beat their number of Approach East qualifications and 7252 MOSs.

One of the more impressive records was the amount of OJT instruction accomplished by the Marines. We normally average 5,700 hours and max out at about 6,500 hours due to the fact that our civilians contribute nearly 50% of all OJT. This year the Marines instructed for 8,022 hours.

As we close out 2014, we eagerly await new things for 2015 with the expansion of airspace, the introduction of T&R Supplement Managers and the possibility of three qualified branch chiefs.

Keep up the good work Cherry Point.