

From The Point To The Point



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On the Cover

The third of a flight of four C-17s makes a rare landing on Runway 32R just past the centermat.

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From The Point

New Asst ATCFO Checks In

1stLt Nicholas J. Dobrinska returned to the facility on 1 Sep 2015 after two years with MACS-2. He originally trained here on his initial qualifications after graduating from ATC School on 1 Feb 2013.

Coins, Patches and T-Shirts

Through the efforts of GySgt Derringer and an artist in Virginia, the facility has introduced new logos for each crew and has made these designs available as coins, patches and T-shirts.



Controller of the Quarter

Corporal Justin D. McDaniel has been awarded the Controller of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter of 2015.

During this quarter, he completed his training on Approach East while serving as an OJT Instructor on Approach West, Radar Final Control and Radar Flight Data. As one of the most seasoned Marines here at Cherry Point, Cpl McDaniel has completed over 850 GCAs and accumulated over 400 hours as an instructor. Outside of the facility, he volunteers at a local animal shelter, helps maintain a playground at a local church and has been a member of the squadron's funeral detail for over three years.

Congratulations to Cpl McDaniel!

MCAS Celebrates 74th Birthday

August 6th, 2015, marked 74 years since the ground clearing began. Here is an excerpt from the "The Flying Marines" dated March 1946.

"Designed as the most modern and important Marine air station in the world, the mammoth training center for Marine aviators as Cherry Point was authorized July 9, 1941, with allocation of \$14,990,000 for construction purposes.

The project was started July 28 upon the arrival in New Bern of Lt. Comdr. E. W. C. Nice, USNR, now deceased, as the first resident naval officer in charge of construction. Actual work of clearing the ground on the 8,000-acre reservation was begun August 6. Additional land was incorporated later."

LtCol Thomas J. Cushman, USMC, was the first Marine officer to be assigned to duty at Cherry Point. The first airplane landing at the new installation was made March 18, 1942, by LtCol Cushman; and the station was formally commissioned on May 20.

Training

Training Program Statistics

	<u>Jul-Sep</u>
OJT Hours	3,291.50
OJF Hours	364.12
Tower Simulation (Training)	97.50
Radar Simulation (Training)	272.50
Simulated GCAs	1,377
MOSs Issued	19
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From The Schoolhouse

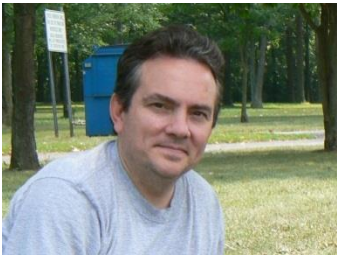
LCpl Brandon T. Twiner	7 Jul 15
PFC Justin E. Tarver	7 Jul 15
LCpl Alexander R. Allen	7 Jul 15
LCpl Kyle A. Butler	7 Jul 15
LCpl Damon T. CurryCavalier	9 Jul 15
PFC Austen T. Cook	20 Jul 15
LCpl Brendan P. Doherty	20 Jul 15
PFC Marcus A. Beacham	25 Aug 15
Cpl Mickey W. McMahan Jr.	3 Sep 15

Qualifications

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>MOS</u>
SSgt S. P. Armstrong	2 Jul 15	LC	
LCpl M. A. Knudtson	12 Jul 15	RD	
Cpl B. Bonilla	20 Jul 15	APN	
LCpl J. L. Perez	20 Jul 15	AR	7253
Sgt M. J. Whelton	22 Jul 15	APW	7253/54
LCpl S. M. Cook	24 Jul 15	GC	7257T
LCpl M. E. English	24 Jul 15	GC	7257T
LCpl S. R. Klaiber	26 Jul 15	FC	7257R
LCpl M. J. Stoll	28 Jul 15	GC	7257T
PFC A. M. Mamula	30 Jul 15	RD	
LCpl J. Pineiro	4 Aug 15	RD	
LCpl M. A. Knudtson	13 Aug 15	FC	7257R
LCpl S. M. Lawrence	13 Aug 15	FD	
Sgt N. L. Patterson	17 Aug 15	GC	
SSgt R. M. Guinn	20 Aug 15	RD	
Cpl C. E. Clark	22 Aug 15	AR	
LCpl A. N. Eras-Zabala	25 Aug 15	LC	7252
SSgt J. A. Michael	26 Aug 15	FC	

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>MOS</u>
Cpl J. D. McDaniel	27 Aug 15	APE	
Cpl D. C. Boti	27 Aug 15	APE	
LCpl D. D. Prescod	27 Aug 15	GC	7257T
SSgt M. H. Hartka	4 Sep 15	APN	
Cpl J. L. Rayburn	4 Sep 15	APW	7253/54
Sgt F. M. Finch	4 Sep 15	FD	
Sgt F. M. Finch	10 Sep 15	GC	7257T
Cpl S. C. Stiffel	10 Sep 15	LC	7252
Cpl R. H. Denson	14 Sep 15	APW	7253/54
SSgt M. A. Smith	14 Sep 15	RD	
Sgt J. J. Hall	14 Sep 15	FD	
Sgt C. K. Higgins	18 Sep 15	APW	7254
SSgt J. A. Michael	21 Sep 15	RD	
Cpl S. M. Browning	23 Sep 15	AR	
LCpl A. M. Mamula	23 Sep 15	FC	7257R
Cpl B. Bonilla	29 Sep 15	APE	
LCpl A. R. Allen	29 Sep 15	FC	
LCpl J. M. Fedina	30 Sep 15	FC	7257R



To The Point

with
Joe Hendrickson

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I must apologize that I do not have this article ready at this time. I realized once I got half way into it that I need more research to finish.

Delayed