



## Highlighting Cherry Point's Warriors

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#### **What's your job?**

The pilots call us for clearance, which we give them along with instructions on where they're going and what route to take.

#### **What's your favorite part of your job?**

You're never going to talk to the same plane, doing the same thing. It changes from day to day. It's fun.

#### **What's the hardest part of your job?**

The most difficult thing is the same thing that makes it fun. A robot or computer can't do what we do. Conditions are always changing and in every situation you have to enter the data and do something different.

#### **How does your job differ in the field from garrison?**

My job here is to keep aircraft separated and safe. In combat your job is to possibly fly aircraft at each other if one is a bad guy.

#### **How does your job support the mission of MCAS Cherry Point and 2nd MAW?**

Without the air traffic controllers the aircraft would definitely have a lot more trouble. The pilots need to concentrate on flying the aircraft and that's where we come in and help.

#### **What schools have you completed?**

Air Traffic Control school in Pensacola, Fla.