



# Hotline



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The MCI Hotline is published quarterly by MCI providing you with up-to-date information. Feedback from the Hotline identified the need to expand our distribution list. Although distribution of the Hotline goes to each RUC, many Marines do not receive important MCI updates contained in these newsletters. In an effort to bridge this information gap, the Hotline will now be included in the packing list of every MCI course and included on MCI's web page.

## Deputy Director's Corner

MCI has worked hard over the last quarter to provide commanders and individual Marines more tools to assist them in managing their training and education programs, to assist them to increase individual and unit training readiness, and to support promotion opportunities.

One of the many questions asked of MCI is, "Do MCI courses have college level or vocational credit?" We submit all MCI courses, both MOS and PME, to the American Council on Education (ACE) for evaluation to determine if applicable credit can be recommended for these courses. At present, 53 percent of MCI's courseware has credit recommendation by ACE. Specifically, there are 147 credit recommendations available to eligible MCI students in the following categories: 79 in the lower division baccalaureate (BA)/associate (AS) category; 17 in the upper division BA category; 6 in the graduate division category; and 45 in the vocational-technical certificate category. To see detailed information on which MCI courses have been recommended for credit, look in the MCI *Annual Course Listing* and the *ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. The MCI Listing can be viewed at MCI's website; the ACE Guide can be viewed at the base or station Education Office. Please remember that ACE only recommends credit; the award of college or vocational credits for completed MCI course work is strictly up to each institution.

At MCI's website, there is a new tool for commanders. This tool is called the "Unit Completion Report." This report allows commanders to have access to their unit's completion rate information allowing them to see exactly how well their unit is completing MCI courses. Summary and detailed reports are available giving commanders an overall completion rate or by individual courses.

Over the past year, MCI has been working closely with the Enlisted PME (EPME) staff at the Marine Corps University regarding the revision of the SNCO Advanced Distance Education Program—SNCOADEP 7200. The current program is scheduled to close this calendar year and will be replaced by the 8200 Program. For more specific information on this subject matter, you should review *MARADMIN 077/03*.

This *MARADMIN* is available for viewing and downloading at MCI's website. Additional policy regarding the impact on promotion will be forthcoming from the Marine Corps University. Please use MCI's website as a tool for further information regarding the policy for this new and revised EPME program.

Last, there is a new job aid available for view and download at MCI's website. This job aid is entitled *Saddam Hussein and Iraq*. It emphasizes the three most important factors that have influenced Iraq: Islam, oil, and Saddam Hussein. More details are available within this *Hotline* regarding the specifics of the content for this job aid.

As we continue to march forward during this fiscal year, I hope that you will make use of the tools available from MCI to assist you in your training and education endeavors.

*Semper Fidelis*

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## Unit Verification Report

MCI has deployed a new tool available on the unit verification report (UVR) website to assist local commanders with understanding their unit's MCI completion status. This new capability allows training NCOs and officers the ability to obtain MCI completion reports for their unit. By logging into the UVR and choosing the Completion Report link, training managers can view completion percentages broken down by month and year for enlisted Marines or officers, as well as PME or MOS courses. For more information or UVR access, please contact MCI's website or call 1-800-MCI-USMC.

## Revised MCI Procedures Manual

The *MCI Procedures Manual*, currently on our website, has been completely revised to provide procedural changes necessary for managing an MCI program. The revised procedures manual includes a new section devoted to the operation and management of the unit verification report (UVR). This report is designed to assist training officers/NCOs in the maintenance and management of an effective MCI training program for their unit. The new manual will be available during the second quarter of 2003, and it can be downloaded and maintained as part of the unit's files.

## 2003 MCI Annual Course Listing

Our supply of the 2002 *MCI Annual Course Listing* is depleted. The updated version of the listing will be available to you during the second quarter of 2003. The new listing will contain a revised version of the Staff NCO Advanced Distance Education Program (8200). We will also provide the *MARADMIN* message in support of the new program for students currently enrolled in the old 7200 distance education program. Continue to use the 2002 version of the listing until the new 2003 listing is available.

## Marine in the Spotlight

This quarter's *Marine in the Spotlight* is Staff Sergeant Charles E. Dorsey, Student Services Division's Operations Chief. He was born in Washington, D.C. and moved to Virginia at the age of 13. On 24 October 1994, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Staff Sergeant Dorsey graduated from MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina as a meritorious private first class and honor graduate on 13 January 1995. He attended MCT in February 1995, graduating with honors. He received MOS training at Marine Corps Combat Service Support School, Camp Johnson, North Carolina. Staff Sergeant Dorsey graduated first in his class and was meritoriously promoted to lance corporal in May 1995. His first duty assignment was with 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina as an administrative clerk. During that assignment, Staff Sergeant Dorsey was meritoriously promoted to corporal and took part in "CAX 10-95" and "Operation Joint Endeavor." Following a successful tour there, he was reassigned as administrative chief for Division G-2 under Major Generals Livingston and Bedard. In November 1998, Staff Sergeant Dorsey received orders to HQMC, MMEA-83, where he served as administrative chief and M&RA Color Sergeant. During this time, he was recognized as HQSVC Bn NCO of the Quarter, nominated for NCO of the Year, and was selected to represent M&RA at the 2000 NCO Symposium. In March 2000, Staff Sergeant Dorsey was hand selected to work with General J.L. Jones, 32<sup>nd</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps, as the receptionist and administrative assistant. Following a successful tour there, Staff Sergeant Dorsey received orders to Marine Barracks Washington, where he was assigned to the Marine Corps Institute Company.

## Deployment Preparation Materials

If you are deploying to the Middle East, you need to get familiar with that area of the world. MCI has a number of courses and job aids that will give you information about the people, their culture, geography, politics, etc. of the region.

MCI 0201 - *Intelligence Brief: Southwest Asia* is a two-volume course. The first volume takes up important topics about southwest Asia such as military and paramilitary forces in the area, including those of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Iran. There is also a unit on terrorism in southwest Asia. The second volume is a set of readings that goes more in-depth on various critical subjects such as Islam, Arab values, and U.S. strategy in the region.

*Afghanistan* - This short "monograph" covers the people and culture of present-day Afghanistan with emphasis on the role of the Taliban in the country. The importance of tribalism as a unifying and divisive factor with the role of the Mujihadeen is included too. This job aid briefly introduces Islam as it relates to Osama Bin Laden and his brand of terrorism. You can download this job aid from MCI's website.

*Iraq* - This job aid entitled, *Saddam Hussein and Iraq* emphasizes the three most important factors that have influenced Iraq: Islam, oil, and Saddam Hussein. There is a brief history of Iraq and of the rise of Saddam Hussein to power in the country. Most of the job aid focuses on the oppressive policies of the dictator, external and internal, as well as his invasion of Kuwait and further defiance of U.N. resolutions. One of the appendices is a power point presentation that can be used to educate Marines about Iraq. You can download this job aid from MCI's website.

MCI 0210B, 0214A, 0215A - *Terrorism Awareness for Marines* come in three "flavors:" paper, CD-ROM, and on-line. The topics included in this course are the basics of terrorism, terrorist groups defined by region and politics, U.S. policy regarding terrorism, and a section about how you can respond to terrorist activities.

MCI 0354B - *Desert Operations* introduces the concept of desert operations, including topics such as desert areas of the world, special tactics appropriate for desert terrain, and combat service support procedures appropriate for these regions. There is also a section on survival in a desert environment.

MCI 0366B - *Military Operations in Urban Terrain* provides instruction in conducting both offensive and defensive operations in an urban environment. The course is designed for Marines in grades private to gunnery sergeant who are assigned to the infantry occupational field.

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