



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

As the new Deputy Director at MCI, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I just finished a tour as the Inspector-Instructor of 4th Battalion, 14th Marines in Bessemer, Alabama. I have been involved with the training and education of Marines several times in my career, including service as a Basic Fire Support Instructor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and as a Curriculum Developer and Enlisted Training Officer for the Marine Corps Recruiting Command at Quantico, Virginia. I look forward to providing the absolute best courses, training materials, and service possible to MCI's students.

By the start of the next calendar year, we will initiate a new process that will enable students to receive shipping information online. Students will be able to track enrollment, track the shipment of course materials, and track the return shipment of completed examinations. Tracking numbers will be given to students so they can go online to check the status of their course materials. This process will be a significant step in eliminating one of the greatest frustrations that our students experience. We do not control the mail, but we can keep you better informed on the location of your course materials!

MCI is working to expand the number of courses that have been recommended for college credit by the American Council on Education (ACE). Currently, there are 61 MCI courses that are worth over 169 hours of college credits. These totals represent MOS and PME courses, as well as undergraduate and graduate credit hours. This can significantly reduce the number of credits you need to complete a college degree. We continue to work closely with the Centers of Excellence to ensure our courses are relevant and meet the needs of our students.

If you have any questions about MCI products or services, contact our Student Service representatives. The Marines and civilian Marines of MCI remain dedicated to serving Marines around the world with timely and relevant education materials.

Semper Fidelis

N.B. Klaus
LtCol, USMC

DLTD New Marines

MCI would like to send a "Welcome Aboard!" to seven new team members in the Distance Learning & Technologies Department (DLTD):

- Master Sergeant Thaddeus Wright, MOS 0848 – Artillery Operations Chief, arrived from 10th Marines and will be focusing on the "King of Battle" courses.
- Gunnery Sergeant Hagle, MOS 0369 – Infantry Unit Leader, arrived from Aberdeen Proving Grounds and will be adding more firepower to the Infantry Operations development team.
- Staff Sergeant Brian Nelson, MOS 0231 – Intelligence Specialist, arrived from 15th MEU and will be developing courses to keep pace with the ever-changing intelligence community.
- Captain Andy Frantz, MOS 1802 – Armor Officer, arrived from Marine Detachment as an instructor at Fort Knox and will be the project manager of the Combat Service Support team.
- Captain W. Taylor Gordon, MOS 3002 – Supply Officer, arrived from the Recruiting Command as the supply officer for the 6th Marine Corps District and will be the manager of Quality Assurance.
- Captain Sam Russell, MOS 0302 – Infantry Officer, arrived from 1st Bn, 7th Marines where he held numerous command billets and will be the project manager of the Operations and Maintenance team.
- Major Greg Corbett, MOS 0402 – Logistics Officer, arrived from 1st Bn, 4th Marines as the S-4 during *Operation Iraqi Freedom* (OIF) and will step in as the Deputy Director for the DLTD section.

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New Products for FY04

The following products will open 1st Quarter FY04:

- The new *Fire Support Handbook* will assist Marines when conducting fire support missions from various platforms.
- The Sergeants Distance Education Program (SDEP) 8010 has been updated and the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Career Distance Education Program (SNCO CDEP) 8100 will soon replace the old 7100 SNCO CDEP. The 8100 SNCO CDEP will include two new computer products that will help in decision making: the Close Combat Marines CD, a tactical decision game (TDG) simulator, and the Improved Performance Through Applied Cognitive Training (IMPACT) CD, which will teach SNCOs how to design and proctor TDGs.
- MCI 0131J, *Correspondence Procedures* has been reworked.
- MCI 571A, *NBC Individual Survival Measures* will be available as a paper-based course and MCI 572 will be available as the CD version. The online version, MCI 573, will also be available soon.

Unit Verification Report (UVR) Passwords

Units are required to obtain a password from MCI to access their unit verification report. In the past, you had to contact the Student Services Division (SSD), provide the unit's RUC and MCC code, and send written confirmation from the CO, 1stSgt, or SgtMaj of the unit. The request was forwarded to MCI's Information Technology Department (ITD), the password was provided to SSD, and the unit was notified of the password. That process has now been streamlined for easier access by the unit.

Requests for UVR passwords can now be submitted directly to ITD via e-mail or telephone. The requesting unit will get a password within 24 hours or less. Check the MCI Web site at <http://www.mci.usmc> for ITD's address and telephone number to request UVR passwords.

Marines at the Logistics Division

Take a look at the condensed article, "Books out the Door," regarding the new Logistics. The link on MCI's Web site <http://www.mci.usmc.mil> will take you to the article as it appears in the September edition of the Marine Corps publication, *Leatherneck*. Read how Marines in the Logistics Division are working to get MCIs to you!

Seeking Qualified Course Writers

Do you want to make a difference in your MOS? Do you want a job that will literally affect thousands of Marines? Are you interested in working in the Washington DC, northern Virginia, or Maryland area? If so, consider applying to become a distance learning instructor (DLI) at the Marine Corps Institute. We are looking for dedicated staff noncommissioned officers who are willing to share their experience and skills in a wide variety of MOSs with Marines worldwide. For more information, contact 1stSgt Forbes at (202) 685-7466 (DSN 325-7466) or contact your monitor. Your work as a DLI will ensure a lasting mark on the Corps!

Marine in the Spotlight

This quarter's *Marine in the Spotlight* is Corporal Jamale J. Jones, who was born on 28 October 1980 in Springdale, Ohio and graduated from Fairfield Senior High School. In July 1999, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and graduated from Parris Island, South Carolina in October 1999. Corporal Jones received MOS training at Camp Johnson, North Carolina and graduated with honors from Marine Corps Training. Corporal Jones' first duty assignment was at Camp S. D. Butler in Okinawa, Japan as the Passport/ID, Immigrations and Separations Clerk. After a year, he was promoted to lance corporal and received orders in February 2001 to The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, Virginia. Corporal Jones served briefly as the Administrative Chief at TBS and was soon promoted to corporal. He was then reassigned as the Legal Chief and Projects NCO. Corporal Jones' next challenge was to Headquarters, Personnel Consolidated Administration Center in January 2003 as the Pay and Travel NCO. In June 2003, he received orders to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, where he served as the Base Administrative Chief. Soon thereafter, Corporal Jones was assigned to his current duty station at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC as Senior Noncommissioned Officer of Student Services Division, Marine Corps Institute.