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Martial Arts Center of Excellence
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“No matter what accomplishments you achieve, somebody helped you.”
Althea Gibson

Instructor Trainers and Instructors,

Hard to believe we're looking at March next week. This is the second Newsletter of 2004 and it is a little overdue. **As a reminder**-Hate to be redundant, but, if you know of an IT, or an I not receiving these please have them contact anyone at the MACE, or go to the web page (see footnote) where it will be posted. These Newsletters are designed to keep all the IT's and I's up to date with changes and in contact with the MACE.

The MACE has been getting a lot of emails asking where the CD ROM's are. Well, we're almost there. We had a few hiccups in the reproduction of the disks but now we're tracking. That said, the first sets of CD ROM's are finally getting into the mail today. There is a catch. As you can probably imagine, this project is costing a pretty penny. We're not able to make sets for every IT/I in the USMC; the MACE just doesn't have that kind of budget at this time. What the MACE plans to do is to send sets to your commands with a letter listing all the IT/I Marines (who have sent us emails with their address) in that command authorized to check the CD's out. Once we get those copies out (about 300), we'll start back filling individuals starting with the MAIT course scheduled in April. All of the Marines attending this upcoming MAIT course will graduate with a set of CD's to take back to their respective commands.

Once the CD's hit the operating forces they have to be treated as a "controlled" item. ***Unofficial use, reproduction of any of the disks will be punishable under the UCMJ IAW Title 10, U.S.C., chapter 663, 7881 (b), which currently prohibits, except with written permission of SecNav, the use or imitation of the seal, emblem, name, or initials of the Marine Corps in connection with any promotion, goods, services, or commercial activity in a manner reasonably tending to suggest that such use is approved, endorsed, or authorized by the Marine Corps or any other component of DoD. SecNav has delegated this approval authority to the CMC.*** Bottom line, **DON'T REPRODUCE!!**

Once you get these DVD's please make sure all the techniques are being taught, sustained to the standards represented in the product. **No other modifications or alterations of the 172 techniques are authorized in MCMAP.** MCMAP will now have a "controlled" one source document for all IT's and I's to follow. If you haven't sent us your email or know of others who haven't please have them send their address to: Major Justin Wilson at: wilsonju@tecom.usmc.mil. The MACE will not send any copies without an official command address and email address from you. Copies will also not be sent to any Marine not in the MCTF system. These DVD's are not to take the place of actually going out and conducting the training/sustainment. They are designed for IT's and I's to refer back to when in question about how a technique is to be taught/sustained. These CD's will stay current until the results of the https://www.tbs.usmc.mil/Pages/Martial_Arts/default.htm DSN 278-5345/Comm 703-784-5345/9891/0278/0279

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upcoming Course Content Review Board (CCRB) are finalized and blessed by higher. More detail to follow in next months Newsletter.

Another plank holder of MCMAP will be retiring from our glorious Corps on 12 March 2004. Major Bourgault will be “departing the pattern,” or as he would say, “switching channels” after serving his country and corps honorably and faithfully for over twenty years. He has been a tremendous asset to the program and has touched the hearts and souls of thousands of Marines. Through his total dedication MCMAP has become a defining part of the United States Marine Corps. His efforts have helped put the MACE on the map of the world, as the duty experts in a Military Martial Culture second to none. He has been a great friend and will be missed dearly from our ranks. The MACE wishes him the very best as he starts a new chapter in his life. Fair Winds and Following Seas Devil Dog!

The MACE is real excited about hosting a CCRB next week. Marine IT's from around the Corps will be getting together to completely scrub the current MCMAP techniques and making recommendations to how MCMAP will look for the next few years. I'd like to personally thank those that used the opportunity to send us proposals. All proposals will be aired. I will send out “minutes” from the CCRB next month after the event.

If you need to contact the MACE on anything, please use the deputy or MGySgt Sanders. If you are interested in becoming a member of the MACE please contact MGySgt Sanders for information.

The MACE is still holding off advancing all IT's until the black belt syllabus/criteria is finalized. Please be patient. Also, remember, to be a designated a MAIT, a Marine **MUST** meet the prerequisites for Black Belt 1st Degree and successfully complete the MAIT course. IT's are not authorized to advance Marines to IT status. MAIT courses are only available through the MACE, or through a unit funded MACE MTT.

The MACE building is still underway. The roof is being installed as this letter is being written. The building should be completed by the 26th of May. The MACE anticipates conducting an official ribbon cutting the last week of June or first week of July. The MACE building name has not been selected to date. More information to follow.

Couple last thoughts: **1.** The Re-certification process must be followed. Make sure this is being done. Special thanks for those that are following the “said” procedures. **2.** Remember, once a Marine has finished his/her MCMAP training and is awarded a belt, please make sure within 10 days the Marine is added to MCTFS. **3.** The MACE has started receiving notifications of injuries-thanks to all those who are reporting them to the MACE. Please continue to take a minute to notify the MACE on all MCMAP related injuries. **4.** Finally, if you were down range participating in OIF and have any lessons learned IRT martial arts, please submit them to the MACE so we can get them out to all Marines. Thank you in advance.

Semper Fi Marines, Train hard but Train safe!

*Joseph Shusko
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Director, MCMAP*

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