



Martial Arts Center of Excellence
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“Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool an unruffled under all circumstances.”

Thomas Jefferson

Instructor Trainers and Instructors,

First let me congratulate the graduates of MAIT class 02-'03. . . a “strong” group of Marines. If you see any of the following Marines shake their hands and congratulate them for their success while at MAIT and their worth for the future of MCMAP. GungHo recipient was SSgt Young. Top three Marines based on GPA: Honor Graduate: SSgt Jones; 2nd:-Sgt Redmond; and 3rd:-Sgt Cloutier. Again, congratulations to all Marines. Well done!

Sgt T Adams	MCT SOI	Sgt Z Balentine	TBS CI	SSgt T Beltran	MCCES
Sgt N Best	MALS 24	Sgt O Bowen	3rdMAR	Sgt S Burrik	2dAABN
Sgt C Calfee	3/6	Sgt M Cannon	BMT	Sgt M Canute	MCSA
Sgt D Cloutier	¾	Sgt J Clower	MATSG21	GySgt R Cooper	SecFor
Sgt L Covarruvias	1stMar	Sgt Davis-Chavez	CSSG3	SSgt S Dempsey	AITC SOI
Sgt R Favela	APG	Sgt M Field	CBIRF	GySgt Garibay	PISC
Sgt O Gaytan	Yuma	Sgt J Gerabacia	MAG49	SSgt F Ginn	CLNC
Sgt M Goggin	CLNC	GySgt C Gore	NAMTRA	SSgt E Gresham	
Sgt T Hall	CBIRF	Sgt K James	1/12	SSgt E Johnson	Bridgeport
SSgt R Jones	MCCDC	Sgt J Joyce	SecFor	Sgt D Laboy	1stMaw
Sgt A Lane	2/7	Sgt T Lawrence	3FSSG	Sgt D Lowe	MCCES
Sgt A Macias	3 rd TSB	Sgt J Marshall	PISC	Sgt J Martinez	2dAABN
SSgt T Marzluf	PISC	Sgt M Melenas	2ndRad	Sgt R Mendoza	3dMAR
SSgt D Nelson	Yuma	Sgt J Olivas	1stRTBN	Sgt J Patterson	Namtramar
2ndLt D Ponzo	1 CEB	Sgt S Redmond	TBS	Sgt K Reynolds	2dAABN
SSgt J Romero	1 CEB	Sgt A Salazar	TBS	Sgt J Salzgeber	3dRecon
Sgt J Sausville	MWSS271	Sgt D Stallings	MALS11	SSgt C Stephens	MALS39
Sgt R Uresti	MCCSSS	Sgt W Vizcaino	MCRD	SSgt C Wells	6thMTBN
Sgt C Williamson	MCSB	SSgt J Young	PISC		

This is the second Newsletter I’ve sent out. If you know of an IT that is not receiving these please have them contact me or go to the webpage where it will be posted. These Newsletters are designed to keep all the IT’s up to date with changes and in contact with the MACE.

The new FY is upon us and the MACE IT’s will be hitting the road to visit all stations and bases around the Corps. The intent of these visits is to Q&A programs, assist if necessary, bring back

your ideas/recommendations on how to make “*our*” program better and to keep everyone up to date on MCMAP. That said; if you are planning a MAI please send the MACE the dates.

The MACE is planning three offsites during the first half of the FY. In November (12-13), the MACE will be conducting their first offsite where they plan to finalize the techniques/procedures and standards of the 2nd through 6th degree black belt structure. Once that has been blessed we’ll get it out to all IT’s around the Corps. Then everyone receiving the degrees will be on the same sheet of music—right now that is not being done. If you desire to attend any of the offsites, please contact MGySgt Sanders for the details.

The second offsite will be conducted in February where the MACE will completely scrub all of the 172 techniques in preparation for the CCRB that will be conducted the first week after MAIT 01-’04. Once again, if you desire to participate, please contact MGySgt Sanders.

As the Director of MCMAP I’ve noticed a few areas in “our” program that need tweaking. That said I’d like the following guidance followed when representing the MCMAP.

1. Some organizations are changing techniques on their own without going through the MACE. That is counterproductive to this great program. None of the 172 techniques will be modified until we convene the CCRB next spring. Send in any recommendations to the MACE if you have thoughts/ideas on how to do techniques better.
2. Black belt wearers are progressing through degrees without any standardization across the boards. No black belt wearers will advance a degree until the General has signed off solid standardization/procedures/techniques for each degree.
3. “Users” are not authorized to “teach” MCMAP techniques, they can only sustain. Instructors or Instructor Trainers must only teach MCMAP procedures and techniques.
4. Remember the safeties. A lot of injuries can be avoided if we start off slow. There is really no reason to go 100% with Marines vs. Marines. Marines should not get in the habit of hurting other Marines to prove they are tougher, save that for the “bad guys!”

Lastly, the MACE has come in contact with a couple bootleg CD’s produced by Marines showing techniques from Tan to Black. The MACE is the keeper of the flame IRT standardizations, procedures, and techniques. No Marine organizations are authorized to produce videos and or CD’s showing techniques while using the MCMAP/MACE name. The MACE is currently in the process of developing CD’s for all the techniques. Once this project is done it will be sent to all IT’s so once again, everyone will be on the same sheet of music. I applaud the initiative of our Devil Dogs for producing their own CD’s but they are in violation of Marine Corps Orders and Policies by representing higher headquarters.

MCMAP will only survive if we live and breath the standards set within this great program. If we venture outside that box there is a good chance we’ll lose this program like we’ve lost so many great programs before. Go out and do great things . . .maintain the standard! Semper Fi.

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