

THE BASIC SCHOOL CAMP BARRETT BULLETIN

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Monthly Focus:

Personnel rotation (summer move season) | POI Refinement | Co. F, 6-19 receiving | Stakeholder Engagement



LT Andrew Brod, USN, says a prayer before Marines conduct a partnered Mission Rehearsal Exercise at Forward Operating Base Juno, Afghanistan. *LT Brod currently serves as Command Chaplain, The Basic School, Training Command*

A Few Good Chaplains

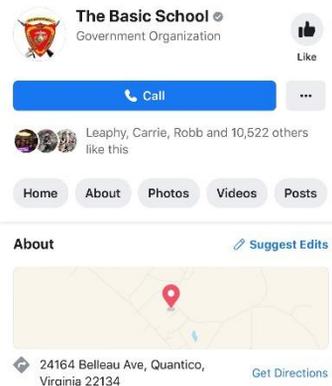
Uniformed chaplains have served alongside our Marines in combat and at sea since 1775, being integrated into assigned units in which they eat, sleep, and breathe with the rest of the men and women in order to provide better counsel and care from an insider's point of view. The original role of the chaplain was to provide religious services to service members similar to civilian clergy counterparts. As time passed, that role also expanded. Now, chaplains not only provide religious services for their own faith group but they facilitate religious services for those of different faiths. Facilitation consists of: contacting a local clergy or chaplain of someone's specific faith group to provide for their religious needs, ensuring service members have materials and scriptures for the practice of their faith and ensuring other faith groups have the freedom and protection to worship in accordance with the traditions. Chaplains also act as religious advisors to commanders and members of the command. Chaplains regularly advise commanders concerning ethical, moral, and religious issues but can also be an asset to all Marines as they navigate the waters of practicing their faith within the rigid context of the institution; including everything from wearing religious items to ensuring attendance at religious services to helping with religious freedoms and oppression.

Expansion of Social Media Platforms

Did you know that The Basic School maintains a persistent presence on social media platforms? In accordance with Line of Effort 3.3.1 of "TBS Campaign Plan 2019-2025", TBS works to expand the network of followers on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. You can find us on all three platforms @TheBasicSchool. We captivate diverse audiences including prospective students, current staff and students, alumni, families of staff and students, and our great Nation, just to name a few. We cover a wide range of activities at TBS to include field exercises, DV engagements, family events, professional military education, award ceremonies, physical fitness, base status updates, and much of the behind the scenes work that keeps our command running smoothly. We welcome and encourage content submissions from current staff and students. If you would like to contribute, contact Capt Michael Inzeo. While all three platforms are useful, our Facebook page is the easiest method for you and your family to stay informed on upcoming events such as our monthly Trivia Night, Warrior Family Obstacle Course, and the annual TBS Summer Fest. Be sure to like and follow us @TheBasicSchool on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to ensure you stay up-to-date on life at TBS!



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TBS supports Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon

On Sunday 19 May 2019, the Marine Corps Marathon Organization conducted the annual Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon in Fredericksburg, VA. TBS enabled execution of the 'Historic Half' with support from the Marines of Combat Instructor Battalion and Company C, 3-19. TBS personnel provided support over the entirety of the course; manning water points, ensuring athletes remained on course, and encouraging runners to 'finish with pride'. The Marines of Combat Instructor Battalion signaled the start of the race with ceremonial firing of artillery. Overall, TBS personnel worked hard, conducted themselves professionally, and had a great time supporting our community.



TBS targets 100% Marine Corps Enterprise Network (MCEN) access for TBS Student Personnel

Feedback from TBS stakeholder engagements identified TBS graduates reporting to the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) without MCEN access lack the ability to access requisite systems upon reporting to their units. This shortfall reduces the officer's ability to immediately immerse themselves into operations. MCEN access enables use of email, shared calendars, and many other Common Access Card (CAC) enabled systems. To address this shortfall, TBS aims to ensure all graduates possess necessary CAC credentials to begin working as soon as they reach their first command. The TBS S-6, Assistant Security Manager, and all training company staffs have synchronized the process to combine SAAR filing, security clearance verification, account creation, and self-service credential upload. Implementation of the refined process began with Company D, 4-19. Utilizing this synchronized approach TBS aims to ensure all students gain MCEN access no later than training week 19. Following account creation, training company staffs will ensure students regularly access the MCEN and USMC outlook functions in order to ensure continued access through MOS school; enabling a more effective transition to the FMF.

Web-based Learning Management System (LMS) Update

In January, TBS began its participation in the MarineNet Ecosystem Pilot by incorporating the use of Moodle, which is a web-based LMS with the Warrant Officer Basic Course (Company I, 1-19). Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) students used Moodle to access course content, additional references, and pre-lesson quizzes in web-connected locations. Feedback from student officers and continued development of this capability with TBS stakeholders enables ongoing integration within the Basic Officer Course (BOC) with Co. C, 3-19, Co. D, 4-19, and Co. E, 5-19. Moodle augments and enhances current TBS instruction by providing an accessible adult learning environment which enhances students' preparation for upcoming lessons. Leveraging Moodle in support of instruction at TBS works toward enabling TBS classroom lessons to shift from the traditional instructor-centered to a student-centered approach offering more active and problem-based approaches to content delivery. Additionally, it will support TBS students' learning before, during, and after lessons in ways not previously possible. Lastly, leveraging this capability supports TBS Campaign Plan Line of Effort (LOE) 1 and associated Major Objectives which aim to *incorporate technology* and *improve instructional methodology*. To learn more and contribute to the developing employment plan for Moodle at TBS, contact TBS Academics at TBS_Academics@usmc.mil.

Combat Instructor Battalion celebrates Warrior Night

Combat Instructor Battalion (CIB) held its inaugural Warrior Night on 15 May 2019 at Camp Upshur. The event commemorated re-activation of CIB and celebrated the continued hard work of the CIB Marines and Sailors over the past year. The event included a Field Meet and Field Mess. The Battalion began with the Field Meet which included a series of competitions between platoons from Headquarters and Services Company and Warfighting Instructor Company. Competition spanned from pugil sticks to the obstacle course. The Marines and Sailors of CIB demonstrated their knowledge of basic first aid and ability assemble and disassemble crew-served weapon systems. The winning platoon retains bragging rights until next year. The event concluded with a field mess wherein the members of the mess share in comradery, fellowship, and service traditions dating back to the founding of the Corps. The event proved worthy of recognizing the re-activation milestone and will endure as a tradition for the warriors of CIB.

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