



## Monthly Highlights

CIB activation ceremony | FSMAO Inspection | Housing Outreach Execution | Montford Point Marine Memorial Biathlon

### Opening Remarks

by: Colonel D. R. Everly, Commanding Officer, TBS

Change represents an enduring environmental condition here at TBS. We continually strive to refine our instructor education program, our course materials, and analyze the content and sequencing of material presented in TBS programs of instruction. The aforementioned refinements all aim to enhance TBS students' experience and ensure we continue to produce capable leaders, worthy of the privilege of leading our Marines and Sailors. I realize the strain this constant change places on you and your families. To the extent possible, Sergeant Major Burton and I, resolve to maximize consistent and effective communication to TBS personnel and families. Ultimately, TBS will leverage this forum to provide periodic updates on emerging concepts and initiatives which impact the team, highlight TBS team members' reflections on the profession of arms, and provide context to organizational initiatives that may otherwise seem superfluous. Put simply--this bulletin provides an additional resource to enhance communication across the command.

I challenge the team to contribute to the development of the 'Camp Barrett Bulletin'. The success of this initiative hinges upon the quality and consistency of the content published. Leaders shall ensure widest dissemination and encourage personnel to submit content for publishing. The requirement to pursue lifelong learning applies to both students and permanent personnel. I see this Bulletin as a means to stimulate professional discourse on topics impacting our craft. I am confident the talented men and women assigned to TBS will exceed expectations.

### 6th Annual Montford Point Marine Memorial Biathlon

The Basic School and Weapons Training Battalion will recognize the contributions of Montford Point Marines when they host the 6th annual Montford Point Marine Memorial Biathlon on Friday, 26 April 2019. The biathlon commemorates the 71st anniversary of Executive Order 9981, signed on 26 July 1948, which directed the elimination of segregation within the armed forces. The event celebrates the legacy of the Marines who trained at Montford Point, Jacksonville, North Carolina from 26 August 1942 until 9 September 1949 when the Marine Corps began its implementation of racial integration.

The biathlon commences at 1200 on 26 April at the Montford Point Educational Park. Teams of (4) service members from local commands will compete in an 8-mile cross country race and rifle marksmanship challenge. Participating teams will showcase physical endurance, marksmanship, esprit de corps, and camaraderie. Interested personnel still have an opportunity to participate. Contact TBS S3 POC, SSgt Heydenburg, for sign-up instructions. Event registration window closes on Friday, 12 April 2019.

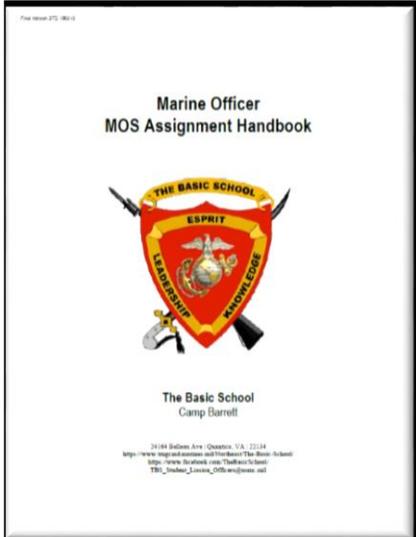


### TBS publishes Marine Officer MOS Assignment Handbook

TBS Marine Officer MOS Assignment Handbook approved and published on 12 March 2019. This resource provides current and future Basic Officer Course students with a workbook to reference throughout the program of instruction and record reflections on specific MOSs as they progress through scheduled mixers and information briefs. The MOS handbook supplements the phased MOS education continuum. Specific highlights include:

- MOS assignment process overview
- Organization of the Marine Corps (battalion/squadron level detail)
- Resources, reading list, and MarineNet course recommendations by MOS
- MOS Specific Physical Standards (MSPS)
- MOS disqualifications

NLT training day one (TD1), BOC students will obtain a hard copy of the handbook. Access the resource here: [MOS Handbook](#)





## TBS Writing Program Update

In response to feedback received from the operating forces during stakeholder engagements and to enhance newly commissioned/appointed officer professional development, TBS will institute a writing program within existing POI hours and resources. As part of this program, Basic Officer Course students will complete three major writing assignments during the program of instruction, which include:

- 1) Essay on required reading - "The Armed Forces Officer"
- 2) Professional writing which supports unit training/readiness planning
- 3) Essay on leadership - reading determined by Company Commander

Writing Mentors, sourced from TBS faculty, will provide support and feedback to for student submissions. This approach aims to minimize the increased requirement on the warfighting instructor group and Staff Platoon Commanders (SPC) while maximizing feedback--enabling continued development of individual student writing ability throughout the program of instruction. Partial implementation began with Co. B (2-19) with full implementation to follow in Co. C (3-19).



## Online Learning Integration

In January 2019 in conjunction with Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC), Co. I (1-19), TBS launched the online learning platform 'Moodle'. Since implementation, interface by both students and faculty appears more user friendly when compared to 'MarineNet'. Command level control of content and maintenance represents the most notable improvement from MarineNet.

When using MarineNet, TBS users often experienced long wait times and system latency. Additionally, periodic system outages degraded users' ability to access courseware, update content, and take quizzes. Moodle provides an enhanced user experience relative to navigation and enables intuitive content upload. With help from CDET, TBS has associated EDIPs to student profiles which increases efficiency of MCTIMS integration. Moodle implementation at TBS includes a student user guide with step-by-step actions for joining Moodle, taking quizzes, and accessing grades.

This month TBS will integrate Moodle into the Basic Officer Course (BOC) with Co. C (3-19). Migration of course content online signifies a significant advancement in the overall learning environment; creating a more immersive student and faculty experience. As TBS increases the depth and breadth of subject matter expertise with this flexible and reliable platform, the team will continue to explore options to maximize this capability.



## TBS supports testing of Mobile Fire Support Trainer (MFST)

TBS personnel received initial instruction which coincided with delivery of two prototype MFST systems. MFST highlights include:

- Paired with instructor control device
- Body-worn augmented reality fire support simulator
- Enables virtual practice of fire support procedures in field environments
- Overlays geo-location, specific virtual targets, virtual effects of fire support, and virtual supporting aircraft on top of live terrain and airspace

Throughout the demonstration and instruction, PMTRASYS collected TBS feedback through surveys and discussion. TBS plans to utilize the two prototypes during upcoming events in TBS POIs. The systems will also support unit training and TBS will continue to provide feedback in support of this initiative. TBS will integrate the MFST into the Basic Officer Course (BOC) during Co. C (3-19), Call-for-Fire Field Firing Exercise in May 2019.

