**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

WEAPONS TRAINING BATTALION

MARINE CORPS MARKSMANSHIP CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND

QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134‑5040

## LESSON PLAN

## COMBAT PISTOL PROGRAM

**Sustainment**

**CPP**

**REVISED 03/25/2019**

**APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

INTRODUCTION (3 MIN)

1. GAIN ATTENTION. Marksmanship proficiency is the cornerstone of a Marine’s effectiveness in any combat situation. The goal of marksmanship training is to develop this proficiency to a combat-effective level. Marine Corps policy requires that all Marines be thoroughly trained and capable of safely and effectively employing those weapons appropriate to their grade and duty assignment. To this end, the Marine Corps Combat Pistol Program (CPP) functions to provide marksmanship training to those Marines who are required by T/O, grade, or duty assignment to carry the service pistol. Through classroom, dry practice, and live fire training, the CPP prepares Marines to be combat-effective with the pistol in support of their unit’s mission.

NOTES:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. OVERVIEW. This lesson will refresh Marine Corps pistol

marksmanship with the service pistol.

3. INTRODUCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES. The Terminal Learning

Objective and Enabling Learning Objectives pertaining to

this lesson are as follows:

1. Terminal Learning Objective. Given a service pistol, (2)

magazines, magazine pouch, ammunition, target, unit-issued holster, and personal protective equipment (PPE), without the aid of references, engage stationary threats with the service pistol to eliminate threats while achieving a qualifying score of 264 on the Combat Pistol Program (CPP) Firing Table One, Training Block Five in IAW MCRP 8-10B.3 and WTBN Pistol Training Circular.

b. Enabling Learning Objectives

1. Given a service pistol, (2) magazines, magazine pouch,

ammunition, target, unit-issued holster, and personal protective equipment (PPE), without the aid of references, assume a standing position with the pistol IAW MCRP 8-10B.3 and WTBN Pistol Training Circular.

1. Given a service pistol, (2) magazines, magazine pouch,

ammunition, target, unit-issued holster, and personal protective equipment (PPE), without the aid of references, present the pistol to the target IAW MCRP 8-10B.3 and WTBN Pistol Training Circular.

3) Given a service pistol, (2) magazines, magazine

pouch, ammunition, target, unit-issued holster, and

personal protective equipment (PPE), without the aid of

references, apply the fundamentals of marksmanship while

firing the pistol IAW MCRP 8-10B.3 and WTBN Pistol

Training Circular.

4) Given a service pistol, (2) magazines, magazine pouch,

ammunition, target, unit-issued holster, and personal

protective equipment (PPE), without the aid of references,

apply techniques of fire IAW MCRP 8-10B.3 and WTBN Pistol

Training Circular.

5) Given a service pistol with a stoppage, (2) magazines,

magazine pouch, ammunition, target, unit issued holster,

and personal protective equipment (PPE), without the aid

of references, perform corrective action to clear the

stoppage IAW MCRP 8-10B.3 and WTBN Pistol Training

Circular.

6) Given a service pistol, (2) magazines, magazine pouch,

ammunition, target, unit-issued holster, and personal

protective equipment (PPE), without the aid of references,

conduct a reload IAW MCRP 8-10B.3 and WTBN Pistol Training

Circular.

7) Given a service pistol, (2) magazines, magazine pouch,

ammunition, target, unit-issued holster, and personal

protective equipment (PPE), without the aid of references,

assess the situation IAW MCRP 8-10B.3 and WTBN Pistol

Training Circular.

4. METHOD. This lesson will be taught in a classroom setting

using lecture.

5. EVALUATION. The Marine will be tested on the material

in this lesson by qualifying with the service pistol.

6. SAFETY/CEASE TRAINING (CT) BRIEF. All weapons used for

demonstration will be cleared by instructor staff and all

four weapon safety rules will be adhered to throughout the

lesson.

**TRANSITION**: Are there any questions on what I’ll be teaching, how I’ll be teaching it, or how you will be evaluated? If there are no questions, let’s begin by talking about Knowledge Based Instruction.

**Instruction Period (45 MIN)**

1. **Introduction to the Service Pistol (5 min)**

To employ the service pistol effectively, the Marine must have a basic understanding of the pistol and how it functions. This knowledge will provide the Marine with the foundation he will need to learn and develop pistol marksmanship skills.

**Transition**: Is there any questions about the nomenclatures of the service pistol? If not I have one for you.

**Q:** T/F, The Decoking/Safety lever is designed for right hand dominant shooters only?

**A:** False

2. **Weapons handling** **(5 min)**

Pistol safety is the responsibility of every Marine at all times. A thorough understanding of basic handling and safety for the service pistol is critical to safe and effective pistol marksmanship. Weapons handling includes the procedures for loading, making ready, and unloading the pistol. Procedures learned and practiced in training must become habitual to ensure effective weapons handling in combat.

**Transition**: We reviewed weapons handling, do you have any questions about what we just covered before we move on to positions, grip and presentation?

3. **Standing Position, Grip and Presentation (10 min)**

Because the pistol is fired without benefit of bone support, it is critical to establish a stable and consistent grip and firing position to shoot accurately. While a proper firing position provides stability and balance for shooting, a firing grip provides maximum control of the pistol to ensure firing accuracy and consistency. When assumed properly, the standing position provides a stable base for accurate firing by allowing the pistol to be steadied and the trigger to be controlled while keeping the sights aligned. Presentation from the Tactical Carry and holster as well as search and assess procedures allow the Marine to make an assessment and determine the best course of action based on the situation.

**Transition**: Is there any questions about what was just covered? If not I have one question for you.

**Q:** During presentation there is two methods used, what are they?

**A:** Presentation from the tactical carry and from the holster.

4. **Fundamentals** **(5 Min**)

Cover the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship including aiming, trigger control, and stability of hold. These fundamentals form the basis for all shooting whether in combat or on the range. Understanding and applying the basic marksmanship fundamentals will ensure the Marine’s effectiveness in combat with the pistol.

**Transition**: Is there any questions about pistol marksmanship fundamentals before we move on?

5. **Techniques and Fire (10 Min)**

Cover techniques of fire with the service pistol for double and single action firing, controlled pairs, and failure to stop. Understanding and applying these techniques will increase the Marine’s accuracy and effectiveness during target engagement.

**Transition**: I have one question before we move on.

**Q:** What is the definition of a controlled pair?

**A:** A controlled pair is two aimed shots fired upon a target in rapid succession. A sight picture is acquired on both shots.

**6. Weapons Handling Test and Dry Fire (10 min)**

Enable Marines to practice weapons handling skills to include safety rules, carries and transports, weapons conditions, weapons commands, corrective action, filling and emptying the magazine, and transferring the pistol from one Marine to another.

**Transition**: We have completed the classroom and practical application, if you have no questions for me I have none for you.

**Pre-Fire Check** **(15 min)**

**1. Safety Brief**

**2. Weapons Function Check**

**3. Ammunition Issue**

**Live Fire Procedures**

**Live Fire Sustainment Training (40 min)**

**Target Reface (5 min)**

**Block 4 COF (30 min)**

**Water/head calls, Scorecard Issue, Scoring Class (15 min)**

**Block 5 COF (30 min)**

**Scorecard turn in, brass/police call, solicitation**

**Of feedback, weapons cleaning and turn in (30 min)**

**Question and Answer:**

**Q: What is the 2nd safety rule?**

**A: Never Point a Weapon at Anything You Do Not Intend to Shoot.**

**Q: While aligning the pistol sights, what should the Marine**

**focus on when firing at close ranges?**

**A: The Target.**

**Q: What is the preferred technique of fire for firing a**

**precision shot?**

**A: Slow fire in the single action mode.**

**SUMMARY (2 min)**

During this period of instruction we reviewed introduction to the service pistol, weapons handling, position, grip and presentation, fundamentals, techniques of fire, conducted a weapons handling test and dry fire, range procedures and the conduct of fire.