

To: Board of Trustees

From: Department Pistol Match Chairman/OIC
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Subject: 2011 Pistol Match Report

**2011 PISTOL MATCH
DEPARTMENT of PENNSYLVANIA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, INC.**

AFTER ACTION REPORT

Beginning on 21 October 2010 I hand delivered a letter of request to FTIG Garrison Commander, Col. Samuel E. Hayes III, requesting to utilize Pistol Range 5A for the period of 3-5 June 2011 in preparation of the Department of PA, MCL, 18th Annual Pistol Match.

On 22 November I hand carried FTIG form 214, Consolidated Request for Training and Logistical Support, to Range control along with a copy of the required NRA Club Insurance for General Liability Coverage.

During the time between November 2010 and the first week of January 2011, I worked on the information packet and the required "Release and Hold Harmless" forms along with the Team Registration form in preparation of having all placed on the Department Web Page beginning 1 February 2011.

After submitting the required forms etc., I began purchasing wood and other supplies to construct the frames for the targets and getting cardboard for target backers, ordering targets, pasters, and much more needed supplies.

During the time from 1 February 2011 until 6 April I started receiving forms from Detachments registering for the match. I placed their Teams in the order of receiving them according to the postmark on the mailing envelope and made copies of the check prior to depositing the check in the bank. All during this time still cutting wood parts and assembling frames and at some times having to travel to FTIG to “hand carry” some type of required form to Range Control and checking on the progress of my Commanders License. Also I was required to take the Range Safety Test, a 45 question test to be completed in 45 minutes which I had successfully passed.

On 6 April 2011 @ 1200 after receiving my mail and checking the registration forms received there were 200 competitors and I had to officially close the match. The next few days following I had to send four Detachment registrations back to sender as the match was filled.

I began gathering the necessary items for the match and my wife and I made a special trip to the Gap because I already had a full truck and would not be able to haul all the items to the match with one truck. While at the Gap I again checked with Range Control and I was informed we were required to have “Ballistic Style” safety glasses for each shooter and score keeper along with the range officers, this prior to one week of my going to the match. While at Range Control I was given my “Commanders License”, FTIG-TC-019-2011 which confirmed that we were finally granted permission to hold the match. As a note of information, even though I request the range almost one year in advance, we are not granted permission until approximately two weeks prior to the match and during this time if any Reserve Unit requested the range we could be bumped.

Upon returning home I desperately tried to purchase the safety glasses but I had to do this spread out over a few days as each store did not have a large supply of safety glasses on hand. Finally I was able to gather enough glasses to accommodate everyone at the match.

On 31 May @ 0800 I departed my home for FTIG and begin the process of attending various safety and other meetings with Garrison Personnel each day, checking in with the CIPBO WHSE; DPTS,IN/OUT Processing; DPTS Range Control, where I signed for the range flag and radio for communicating from range 5A to Range Control; DPTS Range Control Coordination Briefing; The State Safety Office (OSHA), and Billeting and Troop housing supplies.

On Thursday a few key personnel arrived and we began securing the cardboard backers w/targets onto the target frames immediately following that we started loading the cube van with targets; tables; chairs; pop-up canopies; generator; and all equipment in preparation for the shoot on Saturday.

I attended a safety brief at 0700 on Friday followed by shooters arriving for registration and later at 1330 another safety brief for Units training on the weekend which included the Department Pistol Match. Following the brief a detail consisting of myself, Dick Kondash, David Jezercak and Kurt Yurgartis arrived at range 5A to place plywood across the top of the shooting benches, giving more space for shooters to place their gear. At some time later on Friday and before the mandatory safety brief for Team Captains and First Time Shooters the score cards were not able to be printed on the computer and Madame Cmdt. and others began putting shooters information on them by hand writing each one. I conducted the mandatory safety brief at 1900 topside to Team Captains and first time shooters.

Reveille for me was at 0430 and after heading to Headquarters and making sure we had all the necessary items for the match I arrived at pistol range 5A at 0630. Competitors began arriving at the range and I instructed radio operator Marine Jim Dempsey to call Range Control and request to "OCCUPY". At 0706 we were given permission from Range Control to occupy and we began setting up the range.

Upon completion radio operator Dempsey contacted Range Control and requested to go “WET” and at 0728 permission was granted soon to be followed by the first round down range after being given the command to “Fire” by Marine Roy Schrimp who along with Sean Leighton called the line commands. Keeping the time for the match was the job of both William Judge and Marine Frank Becker.

Also assisting were David Ayers as Asst. OIC; Madame Cmdt. Leanna Dietrich as Chief Statistician assisted by Tom Hazlett and Lee Beyer; Chief Line officer Charles Mosier; EMT Gordon Sheriff; Armorers Charles Wertz and David Jezercak; Barracks Officer Joe Pokojni and Relay and Parking Officer PDC David Pavey. All shooting ceased with the completion of the ninth relay and the range was secured at 1720. The successful match went down in History as the earliest to start and also to finish.

After loading all equipment into trucks and returning to Headquarters all gear was secured in the pistol room and people started for home. I had cleared with Range Control after visiting them and turning in the range radio and flag.

Finally on Sunday 5 June Barracks Officer Joe Pokojni and I went to CIPBO WHSE for an Inspector to check barracks T-12-4. Upon getting final clearance I again arrived at Range Control for clearance and signed off Base at 1300 and headed home.

Respectfully Submitted,

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