

For All Members: Pistol Team Information

Marines! We begin our new training season on January 30th at 1:00 PM at the Jefferson County Sportsmens Club on Waterford Road. Current pistol team members have received email pertaining to this first practice. All other Detachment members who think they may be interested in Bullseye Competition, or just handgun practice, are welcome to come join us. We practice every Tuesday at the same time. Here are some things you need to know:

Here is the game we play! (Bullseye Competition Course of Fire). Our intention is to do well enough to earn trophies in the Marine Corps League National Postal Pistol Match in October:

- a. NRA Official Competition Target B-8(T) is set for each shooter at 50 feet.
- b. Relays of five shooters occupy adjacent shooting booths on the firing line.
- c. Shooters fire on command of Range Officer; all observing the same fire commands and safety procedures. See Firing Commands below.
- d. Slow Fire is the first course of fire, requiring 10 rounds to be fired in 10 minutes, shooters firing independently.
- e. Timed Fire is the next course of fire, done in two separately timed strings of fire. For each string, 5 rounds will be fired in 20 seconds. (10 rounds total)
- f. Rapid Fire is done the same way, but the requirement is to fire 5 rounds in 10 seconds. (10 rounds total)
- g. Scoring and repair of targets is done after each course of fire.
- h. The three courses of fire above total 30 rounds. The entire match requirement calls for a second repetition of all three courses of fire, with the grand total of rounds fired being 60.

Training sessions are longer and more difficult.

Here are your Range Safety Procedures and Firing Commands:

- a. No loaded guns carried into range; load only on command.
- b. All guns pointed downrange at all times, uncased only on firing line.
- c. Guns are tabled, unloaded, slides locked, chamber flag inserted.
- d. On command, "Load and make ready," guns are loaded and remain in shooter's hand at downward 45 degree angle from target, safety ON.
- e. On command "Standby" guns are aimed at target, safety OFF.
- f. On sound signal or voice command: BEGIN firing, or CEASE firing.
- g. On command, "Unload and show clear," remove magazine, lock slide to rear, clear round from chamber, table gun, insert chamber flag, and stay with it for inspection. You are expected to know the above commands in advance.

Here is what you need to bring:

Please arrive between 12 and 12:30, bring your unloaded weapon, properly cased. Bring hearing and eye protection, baseball cap, hand towel, lubrication for weapon, magazines, and at least 50 rounds of ammo. Bring \$5 range fee if you are not a JCSC member. Prescription eyeglasses and wrist braces are recommended for senior shooters. If you have an Open Division weapon (this means any handgun), no magnum ammo is allowed. For Service Division, you may use the SIG Sauer P320, 1911 45 cal variants, or the Beretta M9 9mm (or M9 clones).

Call me if any questions,

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