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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE USS SOUTHERN CROSS

With the announcement this month of the commissioning of the USS Southern Cross, the 377th MEU and the 11th Brigade SFMC, would pass their congratulations on this momentous event for Region 11.

Not only will the 377th soon have (in nine months) a designated home berth, but the Region will soon be able to provide the excellent balance of having two SFI chapters for any

likely recruits to join.

Like any SFMC Brigade or Unit throughout the world, we need a place to 'belong' - and the Southern Cross will truly represent the very best home for ANY Marine unit anywhere within the SFI organisation. Already, we feel comfortable with our association and with the large body of members that have signed on to the Corps, we recognise that we are among many

friends.

So "Semper Fi" to the officers and crew of the USS Southern Cross.

May your journey be a long and happy one.

Ooh-ah!

Lt Col B O'Brien

AOIC 11th Bde, 6th Div SFMC

OIC 377th MEU, 4th Bn, 11th Bde, 6th Div, SFMC

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MAY BE INTERESTED IN
JOINING US?**

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INTERESTED
INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY
BE LOOKING FOR
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377TH NEW MARINES - BY THE O.I.C.

As with the new crew signing on to the USS Southern Cross, so too has the 377th MEU (and SFMC of course) been fortunate enough to gain new recruits.

Thus, the 377th this month welcomes the following officers and troops (Marine ranks included)

Major Gary Amor

2nd Lt Andrew Currie

1st Lt Matthew Tuting

SSGT Julie Amor

LCpl David Dy'Sylva

LCpl Sarah Emmerton

LCpl Keiran Bock.

2nd Lt Currie has been appointed the Commander Air Group (CAG) and will be responsible for all flight crew—both fighter and shuttle craft.

Maj Amor of course doubles as the ChOPS for the Southern Cross and brings experience and capability to the Unit.

1st Lt Tuting is also the ChSEC on the 'Cross and he liaises closely with OIC of the 377th in relation to all Security matters pertaining to the Marine detachment and the

security aspects of the Southern Cross.

As these new recruits settle in to the Corps, we trust they will take time to consider the elements and benefits of further study for their possible choice of MOS, via the Marine Academy.

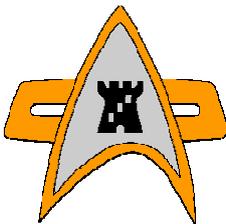
We welcome you all to the 377th and extend the invitation to ANY member of the Southern Cross who may be thinking of also joining the Corps.



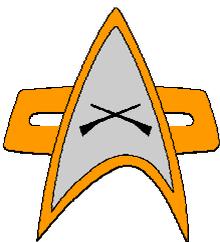
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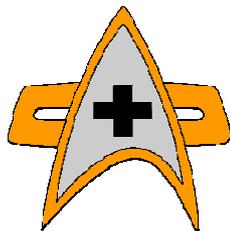
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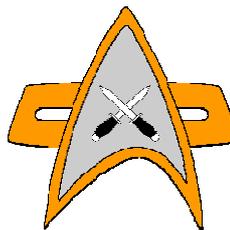
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Medical



Special Ops



Support

CHOOSING YOUR MOS (OR MARINE OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE)

By this time, many of you are perhaps growing a little confused with all the military jargon that gets casually bantered about the place. It is probably hard enough trying to work out the short terms for ranks without having to consider just what is BOS (Branch of Service); C O T R A C O M (Commanding Officer Training Command); MSG (Marine Strike Group) - or just who the heck is this "Gunny" person?? (Gunnery Sergeant).

But just to push the envelope a little further open, it is important that to enable you to perhaps progress your ranking within the Corps, or to simply provide you with a continuing interest in your personal advancement within the chapter by studying at the SFMCA (Starfleet Marine Corps Academy), you do need to understand and perhaps develop, your own MOS.

The MOS put quite simply, is the individual specialty that you as a member of the SFMC has chosen to pursue.

In civilian life, you would learn to become a Doctor by studying medicine—Lawyer by legal studies,

and a Carpenter by studying carpentry etc. Well the military is simply no different—and when you choose your own particular Branch of Service (Infantry, Aerospace, Engineers and so on) it follows that you will then choose to then specialize within that BOS.

For example—if you studied medicine and then became a Doctor, within which section of medicine would you perhaps practice? General? Surgery? Pediatrics? etc.

Again, your selection of MOS is merely your particular specialization – be it Infantry light weapons, heavy weapons, or even a sniper . Or perhaps it is Combat Engineers where you will follow the path to becoming a demolitions expert. Or maybe Aerospace to be a fighter pilot—or even Special Forces to become a special services soldier.

Whatever path you choose, you will find appropriate course of study at the SFMC Academy, that will assist you gain the necessary qualification.

Whatever MOS you decide to pursue, you

can bet there will be an extensive amount of detail required and plenty of manuals to help you out.

While the Branch of Service for the 377th is Infantry, this does not preclude you from choosing any form of MOS that best interests you.

It is suggested that you read the appropriate manuals (refer in this instance to the MOS Manual 2006 Edition which is considered to have the most up to date listings) and discuss with the OIC or DOIC should you have any queries.

Then, it will be simply a matter of registering at the SFMC Academy (after first having completed the PD-10 exam) and start taking the courses that are appropriate for the specialization that you wish to follow

For further reading on these manuals, visit the SFMC database at www.sfi-sfmc.org and study these through the

Main Menu "downloads" selection

Good luck Marine!

AN INTRODUCTION INTO AEROSPACE *BY THE ACTING C.A.G.*

Following on from the theme of the article "Choosing Your MOS" this article is designed to give the reader a small introduction into one of these Services—that of Aerospace.

(quoted from the 2006 Aerospace Manual)

The Aerospace Branch is one of the largest and most politically powerful Branches in the Corps. Only the Infantry has more sway in policy and warfighting doctrine.

This has led to an organization steeped in tradition and rules...and a corresponding number of exceptions at the seeming whim of branch administrators.

Aerospace squadrons are typically top-heavy with officers since pilots are usually all commissioned officers to begin with. Therefore, most every pilot

takes on a role in administration and operation of the squadron in addition to his normal job of flying. That is one reason few non-flight officer MOS's exist in the branch.

If you are going on to become a pilot or flight officer (systems officer, air intercept officer, etc.), you will go from Ground School to Flight School. Basic Flight School also takes place primarily at Twenty-nine Palms. Flight in exotic atmospheres and gravities are practiced at Marine Corps Aerospace Ranges on Venus, Mars, and Uranus. An intensive course of space flying is also conducted at the Marine Corps Aerospace Range in Sol's asteroid belt. The course and content of flight school may vary for aircraft type and crew position; however, some basic principals are covered

with all students...

And thus a brief glimpse into Aerospace—and as the USS Southern Cross holds a large contingent of fighter and support space craft, the Aerospace wings of the 377th provide a crucially important role to the ship's attacking and defensive capabilities overall.

With the large numbers of fighter and shuttle craft aboard the ship, the Southern Cross (and subsequently the Aerospace units aboard) have a large requirement for support staff, and again, this is an area within the Aerospace MOS that interested recruits should look at if they have interest

Please channel all queries to the OIC who will direct you to the appropriate area.



Logo device for SFMC Aerospace

Motto: "Fortuna Favet Fortibus"

(literally meaning—Fortune Favours the Bold)



SFMC Aviator Wings

Dedication

To the men and women who have fought for freedom, above their countrymen.

"In the Air Force or the Navy, the Fighter pilots are the Heroes, the 'Top Dogs' of their branch. That's not me. I'm a Marine Aviator, and my job is to help my buddies on the ground; by attacking enemy ground units or keeping enemy aircraft away from our guys. I'm a ground support element for the Infantry, and I'm the best in the world at what I do."

—20th Century USMC Pilot



The S22 'Dark Horse' drop ship

THE RULES OF COMBAT (TAKEN FROM AOD SEPT/OCT 2000)

Probably the most quoted article ever published in the SFMC Newsletter, AOD ("Attention on Deck") and maybe viewed before—but certainly, well worth repeating.....



- 1) If the enemy is in range, so are you
- 2) Incoming fire has the right of way
- 3) Don't look conspicuous: it draws fire
- 4) The easy way is always mined
- 5) Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo
- 6) Professionals are predictable, it's the amateurs that are dangerous
- 7) The enemy invariably attacks on one of two occasions:
 - * When you're ready for them
 - * When you're not ready for them
- 8) Teamwork is essential; it gives the enemy someone else to shoot at
- 9) If you can't remember, the claymore is pointed at you
- 10) If your attack is going well, you have walked into an ambush
- 11) Don't draw fire, it irritates the people around you
- 12) The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire
- 13) When the pin is pulled, Mr Grenade is not our friend
- 14) If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid
- 15) When in doubt empty the magazine
- 16) Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you
- 17) Anything you do can get you shot. Including doing nothing
- 18) Make it too tough for the enemy to get in and you can't get out
- 19) Mines are equal opportunity weapons
- 20) A Purple Heart just proves that you were smart enough to think of a plan, stupid enough to try it, and lucky enough to survive
- 21) Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last and don't ever volunteer to do anything
- 22) The Quartermaster has only two sizes: too large and too small
- 23) Five-second fuses only last three seconds
- 24) It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you have just bombed

TERROR IN THE UNDERGROWTH

In a recent away mission onto the planet Nelvana 111 in the Romulan Neutral Zone, our scouts came across this mini trooper in the foliage. These nasty little chaps with their old-style bazookas can sure cause havoc to footwear and ankles for the unwary soldier..... Thank goodness our marines are armed with spray cans of "Buzz Off Rodent Repellent"



OK, SO TELL ME THEY AREN'T RELATED.....

So go on then, check this out...

These guys just HAVE to be related.

One is a reasonably famous movie star (we think), the other one is a Captain of the Enterprise.

Oh no—that's wrong.... One is an actor and the other is the OIC's long lost Uncle 'Crazy Jack' O'Brien, a famous US Army vet and ex-CIA agent.

Thank goodness HE isn't one of our crew.....

So what do you think? Related???



Bill Shatner..

NOT Bill Shatner...



....These two hams have to at least have gone to same actor's school !!.....

(and if anyone needs roasting, it's THIS guy for sure!!)

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