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Subj: MANTRACKING (FUNDAMENTALS OF VISUAL TRACK INTERPRETATION) AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. On April 23, 2006 through April 27, 2006, I along with two other Marines had the chance and privilege to attend the "Fundamentals of Visual Tracking Interpretation" course, presented by The Centurion Training Group, at Osage Hills State Park.
2. I have served in the United States Marine Corps for almost thirteen years. During this time I have been deployed many times through out the world. The most recent was for Operation Enduring Freedom. Units that I have been with have been included straight leg infantry units, a recon company, and a STA (Special Target Acquisition) sniper platoon. I am now serving as part of the Inspector-Instructor Staff in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.
3. As a fellow instructor, I thought the course was very well prepared and presented in such a way that it made for an easy learning environment. For every class taught through out the course, there was a great example of how it has been used and there was plenty of practical application time. If there was ever a question or a hint of some one at the course not understanding, the instructors were more than happy to go into more detail or explain it in a different manner.
4. All the instructors that were present for teaching were well experienced, had vast amounts of knowledge of the craft of tracking and counter-tracking techniques, and had the some of the best professionalism that I have seen. Every one of the instructors would ask each student at the end of each training evolution if additional instruction was needed, which made the students feel more comfortable in the learning environment. Mike Vaught and David Reeder were two of the most knowledgeable individuals on the craft that my Marines and I have ever met. The rest of cadre was likewise skilled and able to communicate their knowledge. The successful completion of the course is a direct reflection of The Centurion Training Group's selfless dedication to its school. This was shown through their dedication to teaching and volunteering their own time without pay, to teach and train me, my Marines, and countless other students.
5. The craft of ManTracking is something that should never be forgotten in our society. The entire course curriculum that was covered has a purpose in our job field as infantry Marines. These skills can be instituted into the daily use of Marines in Iraq or Afghanistan, whether it is from tracking an insurgent after setting an IED to his staging point or safe house, to help locating enemy patrols in the area of operation.
6. We are very thankful to be offered to attend such a course that was well put together and taught. Both my Marines and I would attend any more courses that would be offered by The Centurion Training Group (and fully intend to do so).
7. POC is the undersigned at (918) 271-2846.

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