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Montford Point Marine member and Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Operations Manager attends the CMP National JROTC Championships with fellow MCJROTC Instructors and Cadets



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Carmen Cole retired in 2001 as a CWO-3, Motor Transport Maintenance Officer (the first female in that field) and is still actively involved in serving the Marine Corps. After 9 years as a Marine Corps JROTC Senior Marine Instructor in Augusta Ga. she relocated to Quantico Va. to the MCJROTC headquarters to be the Instructional Systems Specialist (ISS). She was later reassigned to her current position as the Operations Manager with ISS as an additional responsibility. As the Operations Manager she is responsible for the daily coordination and operations of 6 Regions and 235 MCJROTC units. Her duties require traveling throughout the country to promote the mission of the MCJROTC program, train new instructors, visit schools, and to actively engage in cadet activities. Her most recent involvement with the cadet's was at Anniston, AL. for the CMP National Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Three-Position Air Rifle Championships. Carmen is a life member of the [Montford Point Marine Association, Inc.](#) and performs her duties as the Quantico Chapter 32 recording secretary.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) held the 2012 National JROTC Three-Position Air Rifle Championships, 22-24 March at the Anniston, Alabama CMP indoor range complex. This year 747 JROTC cadets representing each branch of service came from throughout the United States and Overseas to compete.



The [Civilian Marksmanship Program](#) traces its origin to 1903 when Congress and the President established the National Matches and National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. The program gave life to a concept advanced by President Theodore Roosevelt and several other national leaders that marksmanship skills developed through regular practice and competition contribute to the nation's defense. When the program expanded to make its competitions and military support available to civilians, it became identified as the "civilian marksmanship program." When U. S. Army interest in marksmanship diminished after WWII, the CMP mission increasingly focused on fostering youth development through marksmanship.



Then in 1996, after 93 years of Department of Defense and U. S. Army administration, Congress privatized the program by creating a federally chartered, not-for-profit corporation known as the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety, Inc. Today, the program is popularly recognized as the Civilian Marksmanship Program or CMP.

The National Junior ROTC three-position air rifle season kicks off in the fall with a postal match administered by the CMP. Qualifying individuals then move on to shoot in their Military Branch Service Championships.

From the Service Championships, teams and individuals qualify to shoot in the National JROTC Air Rifle Championship held in March. In 2011 over 8000 cadets participated in the JROTC postal match.

Three-Position Air Rifle Shooting is the most popular and fastest growing form of shooting sports competition for youth of high school age or younger. Two different Three-Position Air Rifle events are available. Precision Air Rifle is modeled after Olympic-style shooting and allows the use of specialized target rifles and equipment. Sporter Air Rifle is designed for new competitors or those who desire to compete with a minimum of equipment and expense.

In both types of shooting, competitors fire at targets at a distance of 10 meters in three different positions, prone, standing and kneeling. Sporter and precision air rifle classes may also be combined into one “open” class. Three-Position Air Rifle provides young competitors with competitive shooting sports opportunities that can be offered on a wide variety of easily accessible or easily constructed ranges, with equipment that is commonly available at affordable costs.



The Civilian Marksmanship Program actively promotes Three-Position Air Rifle shooting as a premier youth marksmanship competition by providing low-cost equipment and pellets as well as training curriculum materials and competition activities. Scholarships are also available: <http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Scholarships.htm>

The following results are from the 2012 JROTC National Three-Position Air Rifle Championships

Precision Individual Top 10

- Heather Kirby – Marine Corps
- Connor Davis – Marine Corps
- Jodi Cull Host – Navy
- Tessa Howald – Army
- Darren Kasl – Navy
- Makennon Doran – Army
- Jasmine Juarez – Army
- Briana Figueroa – Navy
- Colt Gross – Navy
- Kelsey Moral – Marine Corps

Sporter Individual Top 10

- Alexandrea Provine – Army
- Tyler Rico – Army
- Charles Hollis – Army
- Benjamin Estes – Army
- Zachary Kofron – Army
- Hunter Cushmon – Navy
- Zach Gibson – Navy
- Matthew Miller – Navy
- Rachel Mangor – Army
- Joshua Nabinger – Army

Precision Team Top 10

- Ozark HS, MO – Army
- Shelby County HS, KY – Marines
- Del Valle HS, TX – Army
- Los Alamoso HS, NM – Navy
- Walla Walla HS, WA – Army
- Luella HS, GA – Navy
- Eldorado HS, NM – Marines
- New Albany HS, IN – Navy
- East Coweta HS, GA – Marines
- Zion Benton HS, IL – Navy

Sporter Team Top 10

- Flowing Wells, AZ – Army
- Daleville HS, AL – Army
- Ozark HS, MO – Army
- King George HS, VA – Navy
- Rayville HS, LA – Army
- R-S Central, NC. Marine Corps
- S. Anchorage, AK – Air Force
- Western Hills, TX – Air Force
- East Aurora HS, IL – Navy
- Central Catholic TX – Army