

Where our DSC Junior is now...



One of our Junior Rifle Distinguished Experts, Demetri Duey, has been busy for the last 2 years. After completing Marine Corps boot camp, where the instructors assign him to tutor other boots to insure they passed final rifle qualification; he excelled at the Aviation Crash Fire Rescue School and was assigned to CBIRF {Chemical Biological Incident Response Force} just out side of Washington DC. This is the first responder unit covering the east coast, Congress, and the White House. By the way, one of those failing boots he tutored went on to earn the prestigious "top gun" award for boot camp graduation.

This January, the CBIRF unit commander asked for marines with civilian competitive training to start up a unit shooting team. Demetri was sent to a regional match in which, if he earned an individual medal, he would earn a full time spot on the Marine Corps competitive shooting team. Even though his score was at a bonze level for a CMP match he was shooting against the best of the best and was a couple of points shy of a medal. During this time he was notified of his promotion to Corporal.

The captain of the shooting team, impressed with this newcomer, arranged for Demetri to stay with them for another 3 weeks to train with them and compete in the National Marine Corps Shooting Match completed on April 22 for a second chance to make the team. Scoring in the upper third and ahead of a few of the regular team members was still not enough for a personal medal in this group of the best military shooters the country has to offer. But, his unit's team was able to clean the 600 yard targets and secure the Eastern Division Team 2015 Infantry Team Trophy - shown in the picture. The infantry team medal he is wearing will continue to be worn with his service ribbons for as long as he is an active Marine.

Upon return to his unit his captain has assigned Demetri and his team mates to create and establish a unit shooting program to improve their units shooting competency scores. It has come to the Corps' attention that these first responders of CBIRF don't get enough range time and still make the mandatory annual qualification scores. Demetri tells me he is going to grab and run with this opportunity. The Marine Corps Marksmanship Team is stationed across the Potomac at Quantico and they will continue to watch Demetri and look forward to the next time they get to see him on the range. This is a story is far from finished.