

## REVIEWS

*Combat Hunter has consistently been rated by Marines returning from Afghanistan as one of the most used and effective counter insurgency training they received during PTP. Marines who only received basic Combat Hunter skills training at SOI identified the importance of receiving advanced or refresher training during PTP. According to Marines, the skills learned in Combat Hunter saves lives on a daily basis and should be mandatory for all infantrymen.* --Semi Annual TSC Report for Second half CY-11

*Basic Combat Hunter Skills are essential in a COIN environment. The ability to observe, critically analyze, react and report is essential to tactical success and Tempo when facing an Insurgent Enemy. Understanding the terrain also aids in the CIED fight.*  
--2BN 8MAR AAR 02/05/2011 to 08/12/2011.

*I wish this course was offered to my unit before I first got deployed.* --Lance Cpl. Randall A. Stevenson 02/04/2011

*Conventional warfare doesn't always work on today's enemies. This course has helped me understand how to think and plan like the enemy would.* --Lance Cpl. Jeremy M. Schweinler 07/08/2011

*Once we determine what is normal, we can pick out the abnormalities based on intelligence we received and what we observe and record.*  
--Cpl Richard B. Gardner 7/30/2009

*We learned how to operate and maintain our binoculars and other optics, then the instructors hid objects and we had to find them out in the field.* --LCpl Aaron R. Anderson 7/27/2009

*Combat Hunter can be effectively used to paint a picture of a hostile act before it happens, and therefore stop it or take action against it.* -2BN 7MAR AAR

*While in country, the Scout Sniper Platoon was exposed to a very brief class on the Combat Hunter program. The Combat Hunter Course, normally a two week in-depth course was crammed into a three-hour power point class. Although compact, course's emphasis on observation, surveillance, and reconnaissance could greatly benefit all scout-snipers. Upon further coordination*

*with the instructors, an additional three-hour course was scheduled and aimed directly at scout-sniper operations.*

*--2BN 24MAR AAR OIF 08-01*

*I have been to combat, and if I would have had this course prior to deployment, my vigilance and situational awareness would have been ten times better. Learning how to take the enemy without firing a shot has been the best training by far. --Combat Hunter student AAR*

*I understand that battle is being fought differently today. I will need to use my tactical patience and cunning when fighting the enemy. Applying the domains I've been taught will make the difference in mission success and making it back home safely. --Combat Hunter student AAR*

*Every Marine should take this course before they deploy, I've learned so much new material that will be able to help me in the short time we've been here. --LCpl. Christopher Rios, Bravo Co 1BN 6MAR*

*Lt. Patrick Zuber, whose platoon was the first unit to get combat hunter training in a pilot program last year, said the training made Marines better able to sniff out trouble before it happened. The combat hunter Marines were able to spot patterns on streets that had formerly only appeared noisy, chaotic and strange. In one instance, Zuber's Marines were manning a series of checkpoints outside Fallujah, a city west of Baghdad. They received reports of a man illegally charging residents to enter the city, so the Marines carefully watched the throngs of cars and pedestrians that appeared every day. They noticed a man who moved among the crowds and regularly talked to people trying to enter the city. After the man was detained, Marines discovered he was carrying a list of people who he had been charging and the amounts they owed. Marines determined he was working for the Iraqi police. -- Jim Michaels, USA TODAY*