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READY TO READ

Post library reopens after June tornado destroyed it

By Sgt. Robert Cooper III
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Servicemembers and civilians can once again kick back with a good book following last month's re-opening of the Camp Atterbury library. Located across the street from the chapel and behind the Chow 339 restaurant, the new library offers a wide selection of literature, research materials and a computer lab that can accommodate up to 12 people.

The original library was destroyed in a tornado that ripped through Camp Atterbury last June. Now located a block away from its original location, the new library offers many of the old creature comforts, and then some, said Sgt. 1st Class Milton Parker, the Soldier in charge of post publications.

"We have many different sections of literature, such as fiction and nonfiction, self-help, spiritual and travel," Parker said.

For those looking for political or military reading, there's even a section for that.

The best part isn't the selection of books, Parker said, but the fact that the books don't have to be returned. Since the books are donated through local community outreach, they are free for those on post. All it takes is a quick form to fill out, which helps track how many people visit the library, Parker said.

In addition to free books, the library offers a research and study section for those looking to further their civilian and military knowledge. Parker said that he plans to expand the library to include an Army Publication Resource Center for those wanting to research the latest field manuals or Army regulations.

"We've been getting a lot of requests for Army regulations, so we need a resource center that can accommodate," he said. "In the meantime, if they need anything that's available through the Army Publication Directory, we can make that happen."

Some Soldiers are already taking advantage of the library's computer lab, which offers free Internet in a quiet, dedicated location.

"This is great, being able to use the Internet here," said Sgt. Elisa Farrar, a member of Kosovo Force 10, a unit that began its demobilization in early March. "I don't have to traipse all over post looking for a computer."

For those interested in visiting the library, the hours of operation are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (subject to extended hours in the future) and weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (812) 526-2461.

Sgt. 1st Class Milton Parker, the Soldier in charge of publications at Camp Atterbury, shows off the new post library. The new library offers a wide selection of books that servicemembers and civilians on post can check out permanently for free. The library also offers a computer lab that can accommodate up to 12 people.

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New CSM settles in, introduces self

Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney A. Spade

Commander's Message

First, I want to say how honored I feel to be Camp Atterbury's Post Command Sergeant Major. Many great Post Command Sergeant Majors have come before me and it is my hope that I live up to the previously set expectations of them and the local Soldiers and civilians.

Secondly, I want to tell you a little bit about myself. Born and raised around Winchester, I joined the Indiana National Guard in 1983 with Company B 1-293rd in my hometown. When the 76th Infantry Brigade (Separate) started, I transferred to Fort Wayne with Company B then moved on to E-Troop 238th CAV as First Sergeant to take them to Bosnia with TF 151 (SFOR11). In 2002, I was reassigned to Delta Company 1-151 Infantry as they prepared to deploy to Afghanistan for Task Force Phoenix III.

I returned from Afghanistan in August 2005 when I, like others in this great nation, felt moved to help the people of the gulf coast when Hurricane Katrina hit. So I hooked up with 1-293rd Infantry Battalion out of Fort Wayne and headed to Mississippi as an operations sergeant. I put on Command Sergeant Major with 1-152nd Infantry Battalion, of Jasper, when I returned from Katrina duty, then took them through transformation in 2007 to conduct combat logistical patrols in Iraq last year. I had planned to take some much needed time off, but instead, I was excited to find that I was selected as the next Post Command Sergeant Major for Camp Atterbury.

On a personal note, I have been married to my wonderful wife, Julie, an elementary school principal, for 19 years. She and my son, Samuel, age 4, currently reside in Ohio. Both our parents live near Muncie, and my sisters live in the Winchester and Pendleton areas.

It has been like a whirlwind for me since I came on post with meetings, trips and getting acclimated to my new surroundings. I find this fast-paced environment very exciting and energizing because I love getting out and meeting all the different people. There is one thing that I am certain of in my new position: The Soldiers (ISU, BFSB, RTI, 205th, etc.), command team, civilians and contractors continue to work hard to improve the standards for all deploying Soldiers and make Camp Atterbury the great training facility it is today. All of you have my highest appreciation and admiration for a job well done.

Again, I just want to say how honored I feel to be working here at Camp Atterbury, serving you and our country as your Post Command Sergeant Major.

Commentary

Get help if you consider suicide; you are worth it

The following was written by a National Guard Soldier. His name is being withheld to protect his privacy.

Whenever I hear about the cliché process of taking a step back and looking at your life, I don't scoff, I actually breathe a sigh of relief. Why? Because I'm still alive, that's why. Because I knew that at one point, years ago, I fell so out of touch with life that I took action to end it. That's right; I tried to commit suicide.

I'm relieved because I was lucky to not have followed through, but luck doesn't have to play into the equation for those who are feeling the same way as I. As a Soldier, then and now, I realize that the resources available to servicemembers today help more than I could imagine. Had I known then what I know now, I never would have made that near-fatal mistake in the first place.

My life has had its fair share of heartbreak and pain: loved ones lost along the way, a lackluster academia during high school, fights with my family and a divorce to round out my deployment. These are just a tiny taste of the things I've had to endure.

My family life I'll describe as "functioning dysfunction." For the longest time, I never got along with my mother, perhaps because we are both proud, outspoken and stubborn. We've had our share of arguments, but I considered it normalcy.

Along with a rickety relationship with mom was a close-yet-shallow relationship with dad. Always the one to give a life lesson, he was wise and comforting, but only when he wasn't drinking and trying to be a comedian rather than a father. My brother seemed to be the only source of regularity within our group. Eight years younger than me, he was my best friend and I, his hero.

In 2006, I was one year into my service with the National Guard and had recently moved out of my parents' house to live on my own. Everything seemed to be going my way as a young bachelor, but one late autumn visit back home changed my life forever.

After unpacking and getting comfortable for a brief stay,

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Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. Soldiers are encouraged to visit the Behavioral Health Office for resources concerning mental health. Calling a hotline, such as (800) 271-TALK, is another resource that is available to anyone.

✦Help

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I grabbed a drink, because — I reasoned — it had been a long drive. One turned to four and soon I found myself drunk and fighting with my mother over me not doing my laundry.

But it wasn't what my mother said that pushed me to the edge. It was my brother, who was sick and tired of my visits that led to nothing but fighting.

"Mom and Dad would be better off if you were dead!" he screamed.

It's still tough to think about those words. But at that time, I felt I had lost everything. My own brother, who thought the world of me, was disgusted with the fact that although I was a Soldier, the fighter in me continued to wage war against an undeclared enemy. A rush of emotions swelled behind my eyes: anger, failure, sadness and the urge to rid myself of these feelings in the most vengeful way.

"I'll show them," I thought to myself as I stumbled up the stairs and into my old bedroom. I opened my dresser drawer and feverishly rummaged through socks, my white-knuckle fingers finding the cold steel answer to my problems. I bounded downstairs and met the family at the bottom of the steps. I remember screaming at them, asking them if this is what they wanted.

I heard the metal chorus as I chambered a round and put the gun to my head. To this day, I feel like I have a permanent dent in the side of my head from the barrel pressed against my temple. As I flipped off the safety and found the edge of the trigger, I saw something. It wasn't my life flashing before my eyes or the realization that this was the end; it was my brother's eyes staring back at what I was about to do. It wasn't a look of fear, or sadness, but a look that screamed, "Why?"

That look still haunts me to this day, but without that look, I'd be dead. I was lucky enough to see that look at the last moment and realize I didn't want my brother to endure the pain of losing his brother, his best friend.

"As Soldiers, we are not alone in the battle to save ourselves. We have many tools to help us individually deal with these problems. "

It took years and years of ignoring my personal issues with my family before one instance caused me to snap. And that's why, as a survivor and as someone who knows that it gets better, I urge those who feel that willingness to end it all to stop and really think about what you're doing. Don't ignore the things in life that build up, because they will eventually explode. Stop, take a step back, and get help immediately.

As Soldiers, we are not alone in the battle to save ourselves. We have many tools to help us individually deal with these problems. Had I known then what I know now, I would have immediately run upstairs, not to the dresser, but to the phone and called Military One Source where they offer immediate assistance and confidential referrals to counselors who will help you. While it takes a strong Soldier to admit he has a problem, it takes an even stronger one to do something about it.

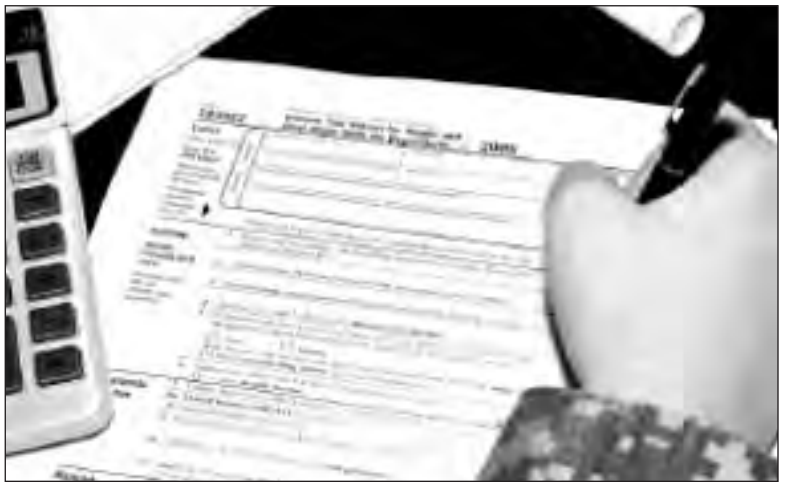
And while we're all worried about the fears of losing our military careers, that fear is often unfounded if you're willing to get help. After all, how will you be able to serve your country and take care of your family if you decide to end your life?

You won't, but with a willingness to get help, an acceptance that no one can get through their problems alone and knowledge that every warrior who wears the American Flag on their shoulder supports and loves you, you will continue to serve.

You are worth it.

Don't wait too long to file your taxes on post

By Sgt. Jessica R. Duncan
CRIER STAFF WRITER



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Individuals going to the Tax Center should bring identification, income documents (W-2 and 1099 forms) and expense documents.

Camp Atterbury is taking the lead to prepare troops to turn in their taxes by April 15.

The new Tax Center at Camp Atterbury is offering free tax-preparing services provided by Soldiers to support Camp Atterbury Department of the Army employees and servicemembers who work or train here.

"The Tax Center has IRS-certified volunteers available that can review documents and discuss taxes with the servicemember and DA civilians," said Maj. Charles J. Thorbjornsen, the Tax Center's volunteer administrator.

Lt. Col. Robert C. Brown, a volunteer income tax assistant, said normally there is no wait time for individuals to get their taxes prepared. There are approximately six staff members who are available or on-call to provide services to troops and DA civilians.

"Doing taxes at the Tax Center only requires about 30 to 45 minutes after the intake and interview worksheet is filled out correctly — once all documentation is provided to the preparer," Brown said.

The Tax Center will be open through May for extensions granted by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Tax Center, located in Building 230 in Room 209A, is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Questions can be directed to Thorbjornsen at Extension 2033 during Tax Center hours or at Extension 1758 on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. If Soldiers elect not to use the Tax Center, leaders recommend using Military OneSource — an interactive Web site that provides resources for servicemembers and their families and includes the option to speak with consultants who are trained to offer confidential support and practical solutions.

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Cone, an operations sergeant with the 205th Infantry Brigade here, said he has used the Military OneSource tax preparation for the past three years.

"Using Military OneSource was quick, easy and convenient for me," Cone said. "The online assistance was better than I had expected and their frequently asked questions and online assistance was easily comprehensive."

Cone added the hardest thing about using the site was remembering your user name and password for next year.

Military OneSource offers free tax consultations and free e-filing for active duty, Guard, Reserve and their family members. Servicemembers can log on to www.militaryonesource.com and follow the prompts to navigate to the free tax preparation area.

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VIRTUAL HISTORY

Computer program shows MUTC's earlier days

By Sgt. Brad Staggs
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Ruth Roseberry is flying over the Purdue University campus in West Lafayette. She worries about crashing into Loeb Fountain or slamming face-first into the ground as she rounds a building.

"I feel like I'm gonna fall!" she exclaims.

But the most amazing thing about Roseberry's flight is that her feet never leave the ground. She is standing firmly in Purdue's Envision Center for Data Perceptualization wearing a pair of 3-D goggles and controlling her movements inside a virtual view of the campus on a total-immersion, four-screen device called the Fakespace FLEX.

If it all seems a little sci-fi, it is, but it's the same technology being used to bring the history of what is now the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center facility to life. A walk-through, 3-D view of the property when it was still the Muscatatuck State Developmental Center is being created by the Computer Graphics Department at Purdue and will one day be available to experience at the Jennings County Historical Society.

Hundreds of photos and schematics of buildings from throughout the history of the facility from its inception in 1920 up to the present have been scanned and given to Purdue Computer Graphics Technology Associate Professor Nicoletta Adamo-Villani, the academic head of the project.

Her team, which consists of undergraduate and graduate students, is using this reference material to create an entire 3-D Muscatatuck world.

The project was created when the Indiana National Guard took over the property in order to create the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center. The Guard knew that the buildings and history of the Muscatatuck property were very important to the residents of Jennings County and wanted to ensure the people that the history was just as important to the Guard.

"A little bit of research showed that these were the only Art Moderne and Art Deco institutional buildings in the county," said Karstin Carmany, the Cultural Resource Manager for MUTC. "They have significance on an architectural level and the history of the facility has significance on a regional level, as well."

Through Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, several steps were taken to document the history of Muscatatuck from its earliest incarnation as the Indiana Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded.

Every blueprint, every scrap of paper, every photo that could be found was documented and archived. Video interviews were done with former employees and patients. Then the idea came about to do a full-immersion walk-through tour of the grounds the way that people would remember them. MUTC jumped at the chance to finance the project for the community.

The students in Purdue's Computer Graphics Department are taking the project very seriously. They know that this is something that will be used for years to teach children about the history of the Muscatatuck facility. On March 6, Carmany took Roseberry, who retired after 35 years at the state facility, and a group of women from the Jennings County Historical Society to Purdue to see the progress for themselves and get a feel for what it would be like.

Two of the graphics students working on the project, graduate student Marcus Oania and junior Tyler Penrod, were on hand to show their work and, more importantly, ask the subject matter experts about where things actually went and what they looked like.

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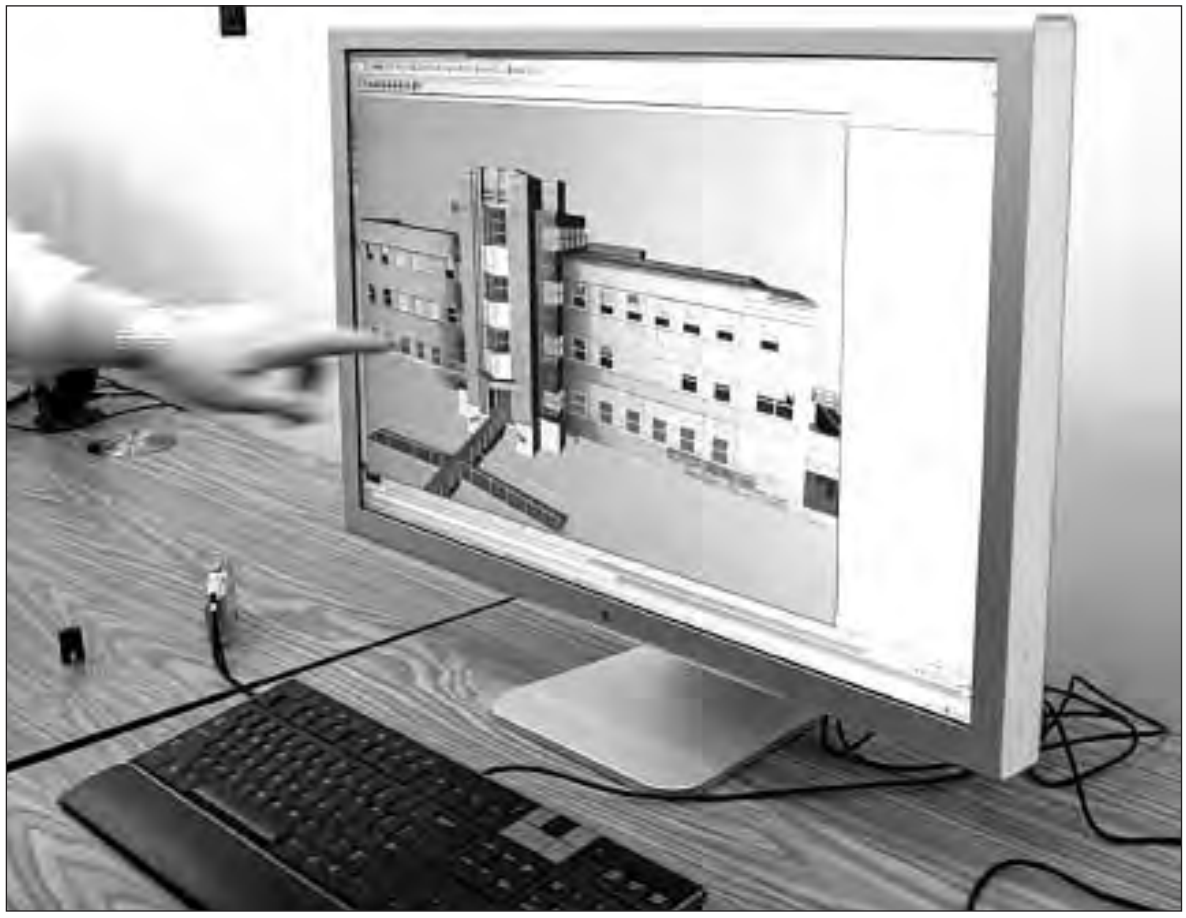

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Building 33, the hospital at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, sits in virtual 3-D space. It is part of the virtual Muscatatuck project being created for the Jennings County Historical Society at Purdue University.

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Ruth Roseberry discusses a feature of the virtual Muscatatuck as Purdue graphic arts student Tyler Penrod listens and Jennings County Historical Society President Patricia Rice looks on. The group went to Purdue University to give first-hand accounts to the virtual Muscatatuck project.

✦MUTC

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Oania was working on a 3-D version of the inside of Building 1, the schoolhouse, and wanted to show such great detail as the specific furniture used in the building.

"Everything is fleshed out in the interior," Oania tells Roseberry as she watches the rooms fly around in virtual space. "There's a classroom in here."

Oania zooms into one room that he has set with student desk chairs and lockers along the back wall. He wants Roseberry's view on how authentic it looks.

"Classrooms back in the day wouldn't have had the lockers," Roseberry suggests, "and the chairs would have been the old wooden chairs."

With the push of a mouse button, the lockers disappear. It's the exacting detail that the graphics designers have been wanting since all they have to go on are photographs taken years apart that don't always show the detail they need. Even the bowling alley will be shown in detail.

Penrod exhibits his exterior of Building 33, the hospital, and revolves the entire building in the computer. It appears as though the outside of the building is finished, but a view of the inside brings about a discussion of whose office was where and what kind of equipment should be shown.

The buildings in the virtual environment are still far from finished. Walls need to be painted, brick laid and furniture moved in … all in the virtual world. Even with the project looking very basic with gray walls and extremely clean lines, the ladies were happy when they left.

"I was very impressed!" Roseberry said. "I can't wait to see it when it's done."

When the tour is complete, users will be able to walk through the grounds and view the exteriors of all of the historic buildings that make up the Muscatatuck campus and have the ability to walk through at least three of them: the schoolhouse, the hospital and the chapel.

The full-immersion 3-D walk-through will reside at the Jennings County Historical Society Museum. A version that the viewer will not need goggles for will be on the Internet so that everybody can experience the history and MUTC will continue helping people live the history.

New training brigade at Atterbury

By T.D. Jackson
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The 1st Battle Command Training Group, a part of the 3rd Brigade of the 75th Battle Command Training Division, recently set up shop at Camp Atterbury, where its members will be concentrating on battle command staff training of deploying brigades and battalions.

"We are observer/controller trainers of battalion and brigade staff processes such as military decision making process," said Lt. Col. Marc Duchette, the brigade OC/T for the detachment.

"Our Soldiers evaluate the effectiveness of a unit's command post or tactical operations center. We observe, coach and/or train the unit staff on their staff interactions and adherence to applicable regulations and field manuals," he said.

Duchette said 3rd Brigade is recruiting for Soldiers to help build the exercises at Camp Atterbury that prepare mobilizing Soldiers for overseas deployments.

"We're offering senior slots to area guard and reserve Soldiers and we need to recruit quality Soldiers."

Duchette said the unit primarily needs reserve or National Guard master sergeants and majors with battle staff experience and a few lieutenant colonels and sergeants major. These are not full-time positions, he said, but positions for Soldiers who want to do their monthly battle assembly here.

CRIER PHOTO BY MAJ. MIKE BRADY

Maj. Jennifer Anderson, an observer trainer with 3rd Brigade of the 75th Battle Command Training Division, discusses with 1st Lt. Miguel Castillo, the 40th Infantry Division's Provost Marshall, a mass casualty exercise for the unit's deployment to Kosovo.

Once the detachment of 3rd Brigade is at full staff, Duchette said the goal is to be able to set up Mission Readiness Exercises similar to those executed during the 40th Infantry Division's Kosovo Forces 11 mobilization process here.

Col. Randy LeCompte, the group commander, said the division is more than familiar with the requirements needed to get the job done.

"We are a division that does collective training across the U.S.," he said.

LeCompte said this is not a new mission for them since the division is used to training National Guard and reserve Soldiers: they just want to make themselves more readily available and in larger numbers.

"We want to maintain a permanent presence here as we would anywhere else," LeCompte said. "We're here to support the mission for the increased op tempo at Camp Atterbury," he said, referring to the impending surge of Soldiers on post.

As Camp Atterbury increases in size and troop flow, so too will the number of trainers needed. By the spring of this year, the 205th Infantry Brigade — an Army Reserve unit here responsible for training the troops who deploy from Camp Atterbury — will be joined by the 3rd Brigade Soldiers and the 189th Infantry Brigade, out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

"This is a mutually beneficial partnership between the national guard and the reserve," LeCompte said. "This is our opportunity to show that we are all one Army. One team, one fight."

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The fast and the serious: Streamlining work operations

I did not want to take the training.

My boss chose me to go to Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt training, and by chose I mean everyone higher than me on the totem pole was conveniently unavailable.

Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt. I didn't even know what that meant. It sounded like some sort of karate college fraternity that I did not want to join. Why on Earth would you call it Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt? To get military personnel interested, they should have known you have to throw food in there some kind of way: You gotta call it Lean Cuisine Sigma or Three Twix Sigma. What I was to find out was of course there was a reason it was called Lean Six Sigma. And of course I most definitely should take the training because I could make a very big difference in the way my office operates.

COMMENTARY AND PHOTOS BY T.D. JACKSON

CRIER STAFF WRITER

Lean Six Sigma is a method or process by which you make your work better and you do your work faster. Doesn't that sound simple? It is definitely easier said then done. Make no mistake about it; this course was not a show-up-and-you'll-pass type of deal. There are enough intricate details to make your head spin, but once you get the concept down, the pieces begin to fit together.

The basic idea is that you identify a process within your area of work that could use some tweaking and you apply the LSS tools to fix it. Pretend you are a waiter at a restaurant. As a waiter, you may notice that the time between when a customer orders a mixed drink and when he or she actually receives it is a really long time.

Left: During Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt training, students studied the "rolled throughput yield of a process," which determines how quickly you can change the output of a process by adjusting a small part of the process. In this demonstration, students held playing cards vertically and then dropped them one at a time onto a sheet of paper and achieved a 70 percent sheet landing. After all cards were dropped, they gathered them and were instructed to hold the cards horizontally and again drop them one at a time, this time achieving a 98 percent sheet landing. **Above:** Using a Pareto Chart — a bar chart that helps you figure out which item has the most data — Staff Sgt. Joe Brown, of Camp Atterbury's Morale, Welfare and Recreation, plots Skittles by color. Using Lean Six Sigma methods, a Pareto Chart can be used to collect data on different types or categories of problems.

Using LSS methods, you can identify where the problem is in this process: whether it is your inability to promptly enter the information into the computer, or the bartender's inability to keep up with drink orders or the customer's request for an outlandish concoction. Any of these or something entirely different could be the problem, and LSS, which backs you up with data analysis and statistics, helps you target your problem area even if there is more than one problem.

I am the editor in the public affairs office here, and for my LSS project, I identified that the time it takes us to send a story to the media is crazy long. What LSS helped me do is list each step that goes into the process of getting a story published and later I will identify if all the steps are necessary. Would you believe that there are 15 steps from when I assign a story to a writer to when we send the story to the media? Fifteen!

Using LSS, not only do you examine the process, but then you get into analyzation. I know examine and analyze may seem the same to you, but it's the difference between eating leftovers from the fridge and thinking about eating the leftovers from the fridge. You can examine the contents of a container and know that it is baked ziti, however during analyzation, you may think about when you made it, what ingredients are in it and how this might affect your tummy.

What LSS also helps me do is talk to our "customers," or the people who receive our stories, to determine if the product they get is the product they want. For example, if my customers generally expect our stories to be about Army units that are deploying, and I send stories about how a particular group of Marines interact with the community, I'm missing the mark. I am not giving the customers what they want, but what I think they want.

In the long run, knowing and giving customers what they want helps to cut back on unnecessary work, thereby using that time to do something more productive.

The LSS Greenbelt class was taught by two totally competent instructors, who were as different as night and day. The Airman, as I'll call one guy, was prior service Air Force, with a demure, detailed and soft approach to teaching.

The Texan, as I'll call the other, was loud, obnoxious and fun. He was prior service Navy, and since he was enlisted, he continuously cracked jokes at the expense of his partner, who was an officer. It made for good times.

The instructors made themselves

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Lead the way: Top Soldier discusses makings of a mentor

By T.D. Jackson
CRIER STAFF WRITER

"If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters."
— Alan Simpson

Anthony Edwards, of Sanford, N.C., is a self-described small-town country boy with big dreams.

"I want to be a better leader than anyone who has led me," he said.

Ironically, there's nothing small about the man: not his stature, his personality or even his job. Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Edwards is the man with the plan at Camp Atterbury, an installation renowned for training deploying troops. Edwards is the top enlisted Soldier of the 205th Infantry Brigade here, the main unit responsible for providing this training. At 6 feet, 4 inches, Edwards commands with authority more than 400 Soldiers.

This "country boy" had it in him all along.

As a kid, Edwards can remember always wanting to be in the military.

"Most of the movies or shows on television were about cops or about the army. That helped plant the seed of wanting to be a Soldier," he said.

And what the television didn't cultivate, his older brothers did. Edwards had two older brothers in the military and he said when they would come home they always would talk about the drill sergeants.

"I looked up to my brothers and if a drill sergeant left such an impression on them, then I want to be this guy … Not meet this guy," he said, emphatically, "Be this guy. I want to be this drill sergeant."

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Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Edwards is the top enlisted Soldier for the 205th Infantry Brigade, the main brigade responsible for training deploying Soldiers at Camp Atterbury.

And he did just that. After enlisting in the Army, Edwards said he started out with the idea of being this guy that intimidated his brothers.

"But after the first six or seven months as a drill sergeant you actually see the good that you do," he said.

Edwards said it gave him a sense of purpose to help mold and mentor young people who often had no direction.

"So it becomes bigger than anyone could ever imagine if you're into it for the right reason," he said.

But being the great Soldier that he is, did he need a mentor?

"You bet," he said. "It's someone to guide you in the right direction," he said. "My mentor helped me to be who I am, to be able to do what I'm doing, to have the impact that I think I have on people," he said.

What it boils down to, he said, is treating people the way you want to be treated.

"The bottom line is that this little country boy treats everyone with dignity and respect 97 percent of the time. And the other three percent means you really done messed up!" he said without cracking a smile.

After more than 27 years of service, Edwards is still committed to respect and living the other six Army values in the pursuit of impacting Soldiers' lives. Edwards remembers one thing his father always said was to try to make a difference in everything you're a part of.

"(My father said) be a better leader by interacting, listening and never rushing off to make a decision without putting yourself in the other person's shoes."

And although Edwards probably would not fit in the average Soldier's shoes, it would not stop him from going to bat for someone he believes in.

"If a Soldier tells me he screwed up I'll take my bayonet and fight for him," he said. "But if what he said isn't true …" he trailed off. "I won't say the rest."

At the end of the day, Edwards said, integrity is all that matters.

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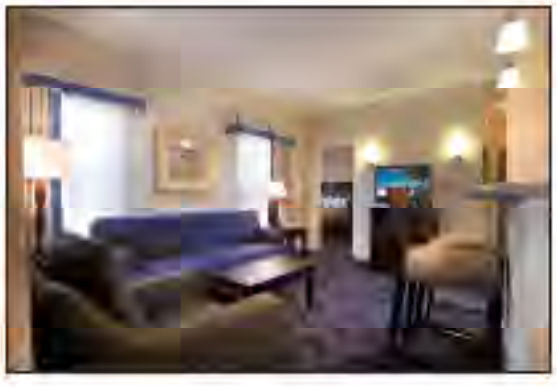

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KFOR10 rotates back to states

By Sgt. Robert Cooper III
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Following a 12-month deployment to the Balkans, the 10th rotation of the U.S. Army's Kosovo Force has returned. More than 1,300 Soldiers from nine states recently demobilized at Camp Atterbury, the final step before returning to friends and family.

As the troops finalized paperwork that transitioned them from Soldiers to civilians, some reflected on the NATO-led mission to support and stabilize the local populace and its continued successes while deployed to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

"The mission was definitely successful," said Sgt. Maj. Chris Jewitt, the command sergeant major of operations with KFOR10. "I think we were probably the leaders in transitioning from stability operations to civil control. We saw firsthand a lot of progress toward having the Kosovar people take more control of operations. Just the fact that we didn't have any major incidents in our area suggests a growing calm."

Having a stable environment afforded KFOR10 many opportunities that a volatile atmosphere would prohibit, Jewitt said. Among those was a number of Army professional development courses offered at Camp Bondsteel. Approximately 25 courses ranging from basic and advanced leadership classes to military occupation reclassifications took place during the deployment, Jewitt said.

"Just around 500 Soldiers furthered their Army education during our time there," he said. "Our missions weren't restricted because of threats, so we impacted the progression of both the locals and Soldiers."

Apart from personal development among the ranks was the satisfaction of a successful mission. Sgt. Bret A. Kurth, an administrative noncommissioned officer with the force's Task Force Thunder, said the busy work environment coupled with the chance to interact with Kosovo natives presented much fulfillment.

"They had me buried in work while I was there," Kurth joked. "It was a high-tempo operation with long days, but it gave me a chance to take care of Soldiers in the field that I was trained to do. Just meeting the people on the street … it was a real eye opener to see the devastation after the war with the (Serbians). Just to see the look on the children's faces when we'd handed out equipment at the schools made it all worthwhile."

Jewitt said that the Kosovo Force maintained a positive rapport with both the Kosovar and Serbian populations and this was an example of the accomplishments of his troops.

"Kosovo is one of the success stories of the U.S. Army throughout the international communities," he said.

CRIER PHOTO BY SGT. TY STAFFORD

Staff Sgt. Shaun Crouse, Multi-National Task Force-East K-9 unit, and his dog, Johnson, take flight as they participate in medical evacuation hoist training at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

Now replaced by the 11th rotation of Kosovo Force, Kurth said that KFOR10 adhered to the same high standards of the previous units deployed there.

"We continued what the other troops before us did," Kurth said. "We maintained, or even bettered, the status quo there. We were there during their first independence celebration (last February). To see how they are progressing, I'd go back in a heartbeat."

Above all else, Kurth offered a message to his fellow Americans: "Don't end the mission," he said. "Those people in that country are in a fragile state, and we're in a good position to keep that forward progression."

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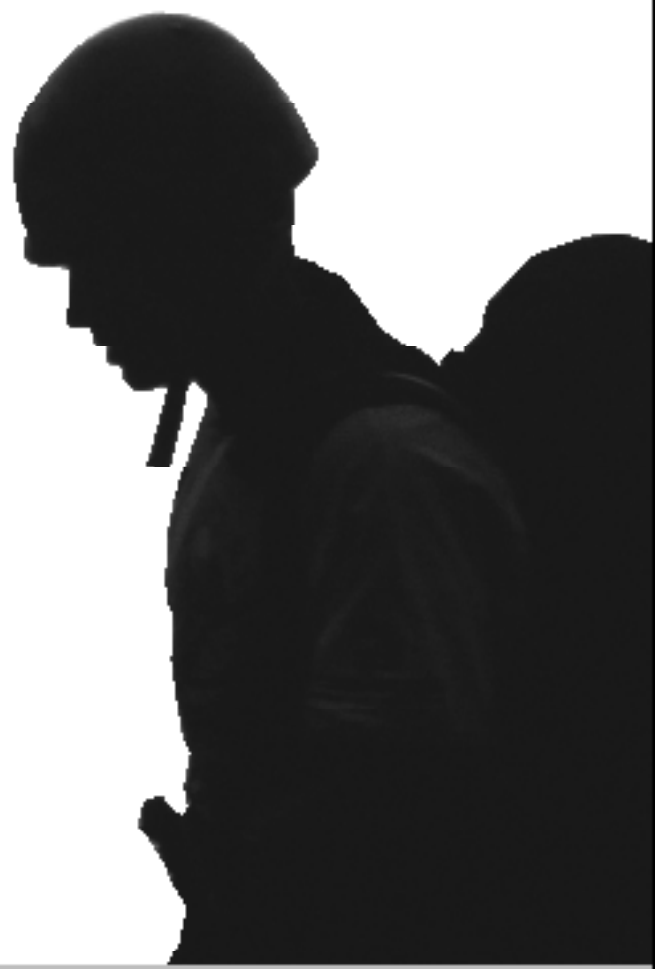

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After completing Military Operations in urban terrain training, the troops of Troop B, 1st Squadron, 18th Cavalry of the California Army National Guard discuss what went right and what could be improved on in their next exercise

Reserve units meld civilian-Army training

By Sgt. Adam-David Pepper
69th PUBLIC AFFAIRS DET.

Citizen warriors, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers have the distinct advantage of bringing additional skill sets, such as construction workers, electricians, physicians and police officers, to military missions.

Sgt. Joshua Medrano, a team leader with the 1st Squadron, 18th Cavalry, California National Guard, which prepared for a peacekeeping mission with the 40th Infantry Division last winter, is one Soldier who brought his civilian experience to his military mission.

Medrano, who worked as a correctional officer at the California Institute for Men in Chino, Calif., said that much of the training he received through his civilian correctional academy will help him enhance his mission to Kosovo. Riot training, baton use, riot shield and holding the line are all a part of what Medrano is trained to do at CIM. He showed the techniques he learned at the prison, like body positioning and proper ways to use pepper spray with riot shields at the same time, to his fellow troops of the Cavalry.

"I can show an additional method that has been proven in use in prison riots," Medrano said.

Medrano said being zapped by a stun gun, which puts out 50,000 volts of electricity at 19 pulses a second, will overwhelm even the toughest of Soldiers. A direct shot to the face of pepper spray causes a burning in the eyes and lungs and will cause a normal person to give up a fight within seconds, he said.

Soldiers of the Troop B were stunned and pepper-sprayed as part of their training so they would have knowledge of what the effect of each of these non-lethal devices will be like should they have to employ them on others.

The younger Soldiers, who would soon go through the experience, stood nervously awaiting their turn. Medrano knew what the Soldiers were about to go through since he was required to be pepper-sprayed once a year in what he described as his civilian job's version of annual training.

Medrano trained with his civilian job as a medical first responder and was able to help his troops clear their eyes of the spray after they were exposed to it. With confidence Medrano offered advice and reassured the troops that they could push on through it.

Dealing with the inmates at CIM, Medrano said that he has developed many different types of people skills and that is one of the strengths that he can use for the deployment. Dealing with such a diverse population at the prison helps him deal with the variety of people and personalities he encounters in his military career. One of the traits he learned is to use his people skills to communicate effectively with the different types of personalities on his team. It has allowed him to understand his troops, develop his team and create camaraderie, Medrano said.

The citizen warrior can bring many talents and abilities that enhance the missions in every theater of operation all over the world. In the case of Medrano, the Soldiers of 1-18th Cavalry and Multinational Task Force East will benefit from his civilian career.

Swapping northwest rain for desert sands

By Spc. Tegan Kucera
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Saying goodbye to family and friends is difficult for deploying troops, but even though Soldiers of the 971st Transportation Detachment are leaving home, they are welcoming the opportunity to help other Soldiers in Afghanistan.

The 20-plus Army Reserve Soldiers from Washington and Oregon will form a movement control team to facilitate ground and air movement of troops and supplies on and off their installation. 1st Lt. Jason Fong, the movement control officer for the 971st, said that he's looking forward to the deployment, especially since he has worked with some of the unit members before when they were all assigned to a chemical company.

"I'm excited that I'm going to go there with so many good people and I have total confidence in their abilities," he said.

Another Soldier new to the unit, Spc. Shane Bartrum, a movement control specialist, is looking forward to two missions: working in a new military job and deploying to a new environment. Bartrum was deployed to Iraq twice as a petroleum supply specialist and said he changed his military occupation specialty in order to deploy again.

"My Iraq tours made me grow up a lot; they made me have a better sense of what is important and what's not," Bartrum said, remembering how concerned he used to be with buying expensive clothes. "Hopefully Afghanistan will make me open my eyes up to what I'm not seeing now," he said.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Wroblewski, a squad leader with the 971st, also is excited about the mission. He too was deployed to Iraq and he said he has no reservations about this mission because he was in Iraq at the height of the troop surge and he will now be in Afghanistan during the same circumstances.

"I'm kind of excited to be going out on convoys and a little nervous because I know the threat, but excited because it's the high tempo that comes with our jobs," Wroblewski said.

So while some of the Soldiers will put their new Army skills to the test, many others will be performing the jobs they know so well. Either way, the Soldiers of the 971st continue to train and prepare for one mission status; mission success.

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Warrior Trainer Sgt. 1st Class Eric Joseph of 1st Battalion, 335th Infantry Regiment tosses pyrotechnics onto the road, simulating a roadside bomb at a range at Camp Atterbury. The training lane is used to teach Soldiers what to look for and how to recognize roadside bomb threats.

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- CH (Maj.) Douglas E. Brown
Deputy Post Chaplain

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I did not want to take the training, but I must admit I'm glad I did. At the very least, even if my project falls through, I have learned some very valuable job skills, including problem solving. Unless you're under the age of 1, I don't know a person this side of Earth who doesn't need to problem solve.

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