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STRIKING A BALANCE

Archeologist protects state's past, ensures resources for future



BY AMY MAY
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Archeological and cultural artifacts are the only absolutely finite resource in the world. Even oil, given a few million years, will replenish, but once these remnants from the past are dug up, disturbed or destroyed, they are gone forever, said Kari Carmany-George, cultural resources manager with Camp Atterbury's environmental office.

Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck Urban Training Center are home to historical buildings, some buried artifacts and other significant sites. These sites should be preserved and studied. But the installations also have the mission of training troops for combat in dangerous areas. The preservation of artifacts must be balanced with the Guard's need to build roads, buildings, training ranges and parking lots.

Carmany-George has struck that balance, finding common ground between these two seemingly incompatible goals. Her work has avoided long delays and saved the Indiana National Guard \$500,000 in consulting fees.

She has also been recognized by the National Guard Bureau and the Department of the Army as the winner of each organization's 2006

Environmental Security Award. Her boss, Walt Anderson, supervisor of the environmental office, said the next step will be consideration for a Department of Defense-wide award.

The award is presented for outstanding achievements in several areas of environmental management. The award can go to the installation for its overall program or to an individual for his or her work.

"Our major command is the National Guard Bureau. The NGB took all their winners and submitted them to the Department of the Army. She went up against active duty installations, as well as other Reserve and National Guard," Anderson said. "People at the Bureau are really excited about it. It's gotten her some national accolades with the award."

Rules and regulations

Laws governing historical structures can be complicated, especially for projects that involve federal money or those on government-owned land. Experts and consultants must be brought in to evaluate the buildings and the owner must consult with the state historic preservation officer for any changes.

If local preservation groups or the Historic Landmarks Association of Indiana decide to fight the changes,

a building project can take years to complete.

"More often than not, it's a very long, drawn-out process with long forms and haggling," Carmany-George said.

She made a list of all the Indiana Guard-owned buildings that were at least 50 years old and had them professionally evaluated to see if they were eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If a property is listed, then guidelines and reviews are in place to protect its historical integrity. If a Guard-owned property was determined eligible, she decided to treat it as if it were already listed to head off problems later.

This was a concern for MUTC, which offered ample sites for realistic urban-environment training, but needed renovations to make it safe and effective as a training area, she said.

"We knew right away that Muscatatuck was a historic district," she said.

Rather than make enemies of the preservationists, she got them on board. She conducted public outreach with state and local historic groups and made sure they were in the process from the beginning. Instead of addressing individual buildings, which would take much longer, she was a

Kari Carmany-George, of Camp Atterbury's environmental office, conducts a survey for buried artifacts at the camp.

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Commander's Corner

BY COL. BARRY RICHMOND

To all of the folks who make Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck great: thanks for everything you do! Each one of you contributes to our success in everything you do well.

To our neighbors and other partners: thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you in the future.

From our medical and dental commands out of Fort Knox to the 205th warriors from First Army to our Installation folks at Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck, we are putting southern Indiana on the nation's map. I will tell you about some important announcements next month.

(Side note: having trouble remembering how to say Muscatatuck? Just say "My cat is stuck" and you will get closer than most folks).

The weather is getting pretty nice and everyone will be eager to get outside and enjoy spring. Keep it safe. Ease into outdoor exercise as you prepare for the May physical training test or other summer

activities. If you ride a motorcycle, use extra caution and make sure you wear all of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that the Army and post requires.

For this year's spring beautification program, I would like us to focus on improving the areas around the mobilizing Soldier barracks in the 1 through 4 blocks. The logistical teams have been doing a super job of repainting and fixing up the insides and we have an exterior painting project planned. But the barracks areas outside are just plain BORING. Get those creative juices flowing and send me your ideas on making the Soldiers' barracks areas more attractive. We will compile your ideas and we will get the projects cranked up in April.

Congratulations to Walt Anderson's environmental team and especially Mrs. Kari Carmany for their efforts and her award.

Thanks for all you do.

It is a privilege to serve with you.
Be well.

Col. Barry Richmond is the commander of Camp Atterbury.



RICHMOND

HAIL AND FAREWELL



On March 16, a change of responsibility ceremony was held at Camp Atterbury. Command Sgt. Maj. James Howell, left, was outgoing CSM for the 205th Infantry Brigade. Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Edwards, right, is the incoming CSM and took over the responsibility at the ceremony. Col. Chris Holden, commander of the 205th, is in the center.

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A look back in history

— By Jim West, www.indianamilitary.org

April

- Former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger established the DOD commemoration "Month of the Military Child" in 1986 to acknowledge the challenges that military children face by having a parent serve in the Armed Forces.
- April 15 is Holocaust Remembrance Day and that week has been named Days of Remembrance.

66 years ago

- April 1, 1942: All heavy equipment required to build the Army camp must be unloaded in Franklin and rolled through town, down Mauxferry Road, as the State Road 252 bridge is not sturdy enough.
- April 2, 1942: 483 bodies to be moved from five old cemeteries.
- April 7, 1942: 100 rail cars full of stoves arrive.
- April 16, 1942: The town of Kansas disappears.

60 years ago

- April 2, 1947: Col. McLennan leaves and Col. Wolfe assumes command.

50 years ago

- April 9, 1957: Camp Atterbury surplus housing units to be sold to the public.

5 years ago

- April 7, 2002: In Iraq, Saddam Hussein pledged to defeat the United States if attacked and promised to continue supplying Palestinians to fight against Israel.



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Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hardesty, Camp Atterbury's webmaster, works out of the camp's public affairs office.

Camp's Web site nets third-place award

By SGT. MARK BURRELL
416th ENGINEER COMMAND, DET. 21

Army Rangers are given elite training on a variety of weapons and equipment. Ranger training made Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hardesty a nice fit for supervising the weapons qualifications ranges on Camp Atterbury. But he was destined to fill another void: becoming the webmaster for Camp Atterbury.

After working the qualification ranges for a little more than a month, Hardesty was given a unique opportunity by Col. Kenneth Newlin, the installation commander at the time, to become the webmaster for Camp Atterbury.

Before being activated, Hardesty had his own Web site business and had been doing Web design for only three months.

This was a chance for him to branch out and use his newfound knowledge of Web design. Little did this Army Ranger realize that the task he so willingly volunteered for would be such a daunting one.

"When I first started, I had to use software that I was unfamiliar with," Hardesty said. "It took me a while to get used to it. I have that ability to figure things out."

Working inside a tiny office in the mail room, Hardesty was given the task to complete the Camp Atterbury Web site in six

months. He did it in three.

"I worked a lot of hours on it," Hardesty said. "I was totally dedicated to it."

After finalizing Camp Atterbury's Web site, Hardesty was assigned to be the noncommissioned officer in charge of the post's Internet café.

Since all content placed on the Web site needs to be reviewed by the public affairs office, Hardesty was assigned there next. While assigned to the PAO, he made his third revision on the Web site, which made it easier to manage and more professional.

In 2006, the Camp Atterbury Public Affairs Office was awarded third place in the Keith L. Ware Competition for Web-based Publication. It was the first time that Camp Atterbury had submitted material to the competition.

"The award makes us feel like we as a team accomplished something noteworthy," Hardesty said. "It was actually a surprise we placed at all, but now we can use this as a catalyst to make the Web site even better."

Hardesty's philosophy in navigating a Web site isn't complicated: "I believe you should be able to get to where you need to be in three clicks or less."

With 48,000 to 60,000 visitors each month on the Camp Atterbury Web site, being user-friendly is a must, he added.

453rd loading up for Afghanistan

By SGT. MARK BURRELL
416th ENGINEER COMMAND, DET. 21

Tons of supplies come into Afghanistan every day to help support Soldiers in the region. For Soldiers to accomplish their mission, these supplies need to be unloaded and shipped to the front lines.

"Anything that can be shipped, we can unload it," said Capt. Mark Ganey, commander for the 453rd Cargo Transportation Co. This is the role that the CTC inherits upon arrival to its deployment destination.

Soldiers from the 453rd CTC of Texas recently began a vigorous training regiment at Camp Atterbury to prepare themselves for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. Det. 2, mostly from Corpus Christi, Texas, and Det. 4, out of Houston, are mobilizing for Operation Enduring Freedom. Each detachment is comprised of less than 50 Soldiers. CTC jobs include: light/heavy-wheel vehicle mechanic, motor transport operator, cargo specialist, transportation management coordinator and other administration and supply jobs.

Though each Soldier fills a different role, the "troops gelled together a lot sooner than expected," said 1st Lt. Edward Gunderson, the executive officer for the company and commander for Det. 2.

Along with the Soldiers coming together as a team, the community also came together to support their deployment. Cypress Ridge High School opened its doors for a mobilization ceremony to honor the CTC, along with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post from Katy, Texas, which adopted the unit for the 12-month rotation. Also, the Soldiers started a pen pal correspondence with a local area elementary school.

Activities like this are one way the CTC has been able to keep up morale. Another way is through training. Keeping the morale high and the Soldiers trained is a necessity for units mobilizing to a combat zone and something that Sgt. Migul Godinez knows from experience. He was deployed



ARMY PHOTO BY SGT. MARK BURRELL

Pvt. 1st Class Alejandro Lopez of the 453rd Cargo Transportation Company does a five-point clearing procedure on an M249 before loading and firing rounds downrange at Camp Atterbury.

with the 453rd to Iraq in 2004-2005 and volunteered for this deployment so he could pass along his experience to his troops.

"It's important to train and have fun while doing it," Godinez said. "You can't get complacent in country. It's like a family: I got your back; you got mine."

Becoming a family doesn't just happen overnight. It happens when Soldiers are placed together to undergo demanding training. It

also helps when Soldiers are as highly motivated as Spc. Amber Simmons, who doubles as a light-wheel vehicle mechanic and a motor transport operator.

"I'm definitely ready to go," she said. "Everyone has different reasons for going, but everyone wants to be a part of it."

"You're a part of something there with your battle buddy," Simmons said.

205th trainers go through same scenarios as deploying Soldiers

By 1st. Lt. ANTHONY D. BUCHANAN
CRIER STAFF WRITER

Preparing Soldiers for combat situations can be daunting, especially when a unit has not been training on warrior tasks for a while. For these units preparing for deployment, the quality and scope of the training they receive is vital for mission accomplishment and safety.

"Forward Operating Base Warrior is the first field training exercise Soldiers experience with their unit," said Maj. Jim Elkins, an officer in charge of a team assigned to the 205th Infantry Brigade. "It allows the leadership to see how their Soldiers perform under stress. Trainers also evaluate and help the unit adjust their standard operating procedures to meet the demands of theater."

Because the enemy changes tactics daily, trainers preparing mobilizing Soldiers need to stay up to date with the latest tactics, techniques and procedures from current theater operations.

"The TTPs are always being updated from theater," Elkins said.

From March 12-17, trainers from the 205th Infantry Brigade participated in a variety of training scenarios at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, hammering each other with the toughest



CRIER PHOTO BY 1ST. LT. ANTHONY D. BUCHANAN

Staff Sgt. Garland Boyd, a trainer with the 205th Infantry Brigade, tries to hold off an unruly crowd in a training scenario at Forward Operating Base Warrior on Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center.

circumstances that a Soldier could encounter on the battlefield.

"All of these guys are going to be observer controller/trainers (OC/Ts) in the very near future and they are going to be running a FOB," said Master Sgt. Christopher Kowalewski, a noncommissioned officer in charge of a

team assigned to the 205th Infantry Brigade. "We are basically showing them how we run FOB Warrior. We are giving them some good ideas to implement so they can be successful at FOB Nighthawk."

"To have the opportunity to train for a week at FOB Warrior as a team is essential

on many levels," Elkins said.

After one of the scenarios that involved a large crowd of local nationals ended, Kowalewski gathered the group of trainers together to explain to them why he and Crawford made the situation so chaotic.

"The reason why we are so hard on you guys is because this gives you an idea of what the Soldiers mobilizing go through," Kowalewski said. "As you just saw, you can see how quickly any situation can get out of hand."

The Soldiers who participated in this training will be operating FOB Nighthawk.

If the Operation Warrior Trainers and OC/Ts are not preparing a unit of its mobilization mission, they are training each other and finding new ways to improve the overall quality of training on Camp Atterbury.

To improve and assess what went well and what did not, the teams always come together to conduct after action reviews.

"There are always improvements," said Capt. Christopher Crawford, an officer in charge of a team assigned to the 205th Infantry Brigade. "We do our own after action reviews and discuss what we can do to fix any issues. If there is anything I want to change, I bring it up to my command group and they support me one hundred percent."

Soldiers and cadets pursue German proficiency badge

By SPC. TIM SPROLES
CRIER STAFF WRITER

During the span of a Soldier's military career, there are few opportunities to earn approved foreign military decorations. Indiana University ROTC, in conjunction with the German

Armed Forces Liaison Office at Fort Knox, Ky., gave Soldiers and Cadets a chance to earn the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency.

More than 150 Soldiers and Cadets participated in events on Feb. 17-18 at Indiana University

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CRIER PHOTO BY SPC. TIM SPROLES

A cadet prepares to hurl a shot in the shot put event at Indiana University. The shot put is one of many events that were held at Indiana University and Camp Atterbury to earn the German Proficiency Badge.

219th ASG adapts to rockets, mortars, life in Afghanistan

By SGT. MARK BURRELL
416th ENGINEER COMMAND, DET. 21

The difference between rockets and mortars is that rockets come in a lot faster than mortars, Sgt. Kirsten Segal said as she remembered a frightening experience in a combat zone.

Segal and about 15 other 219th Area Support Group Soldiers who recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan were stationed at Forward Operating Base Salerno, also known as "Rocket City." Segal vividly recalled the rocket attack she and others from her unit experienced while on a morning run.

"The sirens went off while we were on a 10-mile run and we had to get to a bunker that was concrete, but didn't even have sandbags," Segal said. "It was about mile six and the guys were already tired, but when they heard that siren everyone was sprinting around like Speedy Gonzales!"

Fortunately, none of the Soldiers from her unit were injured during the attack, but it was a good lesson in adapting to the new circumstances. The 219th ASG was ready for anything and after spending about 13 months in different regions of Afghanistan, the Indiana National Guard unit returned home in March. The 219th did everything that it takes to run a FOB in a hostile environment. Despite all of the many challenges that the 219th faced in cities



Spc. Kirsten Segal (recently promoted to sergeant), of the Indiana National Guard 219th Area Support Group, visits with Afghan children during her tour at Forward Operating Base Salerno in eastern Afghanistan.

like Jalalabad, Bagram, Salerno, Kabul, and Kandahar, they came together as a team to accomplish their mission of supporting troops in their areas.

"We all encountered different changes, but overcame them with communication," Segal said.

Segal, who is a motor transport operator, was tasked to do installation supply throughout the deployment. She was just one of the many Soldiers who did tasks other than what they were trained for to accomplish the mission.

"I never did supply before, but I did my

own research through the TMs (training manuals) and the Internet so I could help the people coming to see me," Segal said.

Staff Sgt. William Cline, a veteran of Desert Storm who was the force protection noncommissioned officer in Jalalabad, had different experiences.

"It was different everyday," Cline recalled. "Someone would try to sneak inside the wire in a trash truck or a septic tank. We had to be ready for anything. It was a hell of an experience."

In addition to the challenges of running a FOB, 219th Soldiers also had to overcome the challenge of working with NATO Allies. Maj. Karl Feldmann, the base operations officer in Kandahar, worked alongside 20 other Soldiers from the 219th, but he also worked closely with local nationals and NATO forces.

"The local nationals did a good job and we kept them motivated," Feldmann recalled. "But working with the NATO Allies was a very positive experience because we were all focused on doing the 'right thing.'"

More than 120 Soldiers from the ASG who redeployed from Afghanistan this past month all did the 'right thing' when called into action. They all worked together, communicated as a cohesive unit and accomplished their individual tasks to come home safely.

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and Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for the Cadets to meet Cadets from other programs throughout Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and even up as far as Michigan," said Lt. Col. Stewart Fearon, professor of Military Science at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. "All of these Soldiers get the opportunity to compete for the badge, which they can actually carry with them on active duty to wear on their uniforms."

The award was established in the 1970s to reward and recognize Soldiers in the German Armed Forces who possessed superior physical abilities.

"Everything was very nice and organized, especially this event that had over 150 Soldiers participating in a variety of events

"It was just a good accomplishment and morale booster"

Sgt. Andrew Burns
Camp Atterbury, participant in the
German Armed Forces Badge for
Military Proficiency

in a short time," said Sgt. Maj. Karl-Heinz Grenzbech, a member of the German Army Liaison Staff at Fort Knox. "I'm very glad to be here, and this is a great event for me."

This rigorous multi-day competition challenged Soldiers and Cadets to demonstrate proficiency in a wide range of physical activities at Indiana University and Camp Atterbury. Events included a 200-meter swim, 100-, 400- or 1,000-meter sprint, high jump, long jump, shot put, and 5,000-meter run. Soldier skills, including an 18-mile road

march, pistol qualification and first aid proficiency test, were also required elements for this badge. Soldiers and Cadets had to meet the standards in each event based on their age and gender to qualify. In addition to the above requirements, a commander's evaluation of the Soldiers and Cadets was included in their overall review.

"It was just a good accomplishment and morale booster," said Sgt. Andrew Burns of Camp Atterbury. "I didn't get any promotion points for it or anything like that, but it was something that I just wanted to do. We had less than a week to train for it and we did pretty well."

After completing all requirements in each event, Soldiers and Cadets who qualified were given a certificate and badge personally presented by Sgt. Maj. Grenzbech to validate their achievement.



A cadet participates in the 200-meter swimming event at Indiana University to earn the German Proficiency Badge.

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Camp's prescribed burn program creates safer training areas

By AMY MAY
CRIER STAFF WRITER

If you see smoke rising from Camp Atterbury in the next few months, there's no reason to be alarmed. The fire was probably intentionally set.

Most of the camp's 33,000 acres is forested, but 5,700 acres of grasslands are part of the camp's prescribed burn program. These areas are used for training troops, so they must be maintained and kept safe. The best way to maintain grassland is to burn it periodically.

"It keeps the ranges from being dangerous in the summer," said Walt Anderson, environmental management supervisor.

"It minimizes the occurrence of uncontrollable fires and their intensity," added Bradley Schneck, the camp's conservation director. He said the prescribed burns have three purposes.

Burning grassland reduces the fuel loads. Since the Soldiers are training with pyrotechnic devices, there is the potential to accidentally set a fire in an area where fuels have built up, especially in drought conditions.

"You can't stop training, even in a drought," Schneck said. "If a fire is accidentally ignited during training and the area is part of the prescribed burn program, it is easier to suppress since the available fuel is low. It's not as rapid moving. We can tackle it with two or three people instead of calling in assistance."

The burning prevents "woody encroachment," Schneck said. Some of the ranges need to be kept grassy so soldiers can see downrange and walk easily in the area. Trees and bushes would hinder the training.

The burning also helps maintain wildlife habitat for grassland creatures and can stall the growth of invasive species and encourages the growth of other plants and trees. After a burn, the grass and wildflowers come back within a couple of months.

The burning usually starts when the snow melts and the grass areas dry out enough to get a "clean burn," Schneck said. A clean burn leaves the area



completely blackened. Atterbury is home to the federally endangered Indiana bat, so no burning is done April 15 to Sept. 15, when bats are roosting and foraging on the installation.

Schneck said he also prefers not to burn in the fall. The lack of vegetation makes the ground more vulnerable to erosion in the coming winter.

He maintains a schedule to decide which areas to burn and when. The areas are divided into 17 units with 51 subunits. The units are divided according to firebreaks, such as creeks or roads. Approximately 2,000 acres are burned every year. Most of the grasslands are north of the impact area and south of the cantonment area.

The impact area also catches fire occasionally due to the training. These fires are monitored and allowed to burn.

When Schneck decides to burn a specific area, the first thing he does is check the perimeter of the subunit, which can be up to 242 acres. He makes sure the firebreaks are still in place and in working condition. He must



installations, it's not as common, so it never hurts to call if you see smoke," he said. "It could be a hunter that threw a cigarette out."

After Schneck decides conditions are OK for a prescribed burn, two workers ignite the downwind side of the burn area.

As it burns inward, it creates

coordinate with range control to make sure no training is being conducted in the area and check the weather and predicted weather conditions.

If the wind is blowing north, for example, he might decide to delay burning an area near Nineveh, so the smoke doesn't drift into the town.

The day of the burn, he calls Bartholomew and Brown county fire departments and health departments, Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area and the Department of Natural Resources. He informs the camp's public affairs office, which might handle calls from neighbors who have noticed the fire.

Schneck said citizens who are concerned about smoke rising from Camp Atterbury can call their local fire department, which will be informed of a prescribed fire.

"In the southern part of the

more of a firebreak. Then the upwind side is lit. Schneck said the fires then burn toward each other and finally go out.

The environmental office must maintain a plan describing how the burns are to be conducted. They don't just go out and set fires on a whim, Schneck said.

"It's mandated at the DOD level. We take into consideration other things at Camp Atterbury, such as threatened and endangered species and natural and cultural resources," he said.

The camp has a separate burn unit and it is not part of the camp's regular fire department, which handles emergencies and structure fires, Anderson said.

Schneck said members of the Department of Natural Resources fire crews often come to Camp Atterbury to help with the fires.

"We're able to get a lot more done when they're here," Schneck said.

Many of these firefighters volunteer to go help with the large western wildfires, so the training is valuable to them.

"You can never know too much about fire."

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Top: A field burns during Camp Atterbury's prescribed burning last spring. **Bottom:** Brad Schneck uses a drip torch to ignite some brush during a burn.

Steady breath and a good zero keys to M-240 qualification



By PVT. CHRIS MCKENNA
3rd BCT/101st AIRBORNE DIV. PAO

All weapon systems are different. Some fire single shots, some fire semi-automatic and some fire in three-round bursts. The weapons you see in movies fire from an automatic set and the M-240B is just that.

"The M-240 Bravo is a belt-fed, air-cooled, fully-automatic machine gun, which fires 7.62 mm rounds," said Sgt. Frank Davis, Troop A, 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment.

With targets popping up in various locations, a spotter stands next to the Soldier qualifying with this fully automatic weapon to ensure every target is engaged. The Soldier must zero the weapon before even reaching the qualification range.

"Zeroing familiarizes you with the weapon being used, making sure you have a good sight picture so you can shoot with more accuracy when it comes time to qualify," said Spc. Michael Barton, 1-33 Cav.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

A member of the 33rd Cavalry Regiment trains on the M-240B machine gun.

When going to qualify, it is important to maintain steady breathing as the rise and fall of the bullet is controlled by breath, Barton said.

"A good zero usually means the shooter is going to succeed in qualifying," Davis said.

The Soldiers are given 198 rounds and, of the 11 scenarios, or pop-up targets, they must succeed in hitting a minimum of six.

To qualify as a marksman, a Soldier is required to hit six or seven. Sharpshooter requires seven to nine hits and to receive expert, 10 or all 11 targets must be hit, Davis said.

Ammo conservation is important as an automatic weapon should be fired in seven-to eight-round bursts, meaning Soldiers should only release seven to eight rounds per trigger squeeze, Davis said.

All weapon systems are different, as qualifications are separated at completely different standards. The M-240 Bravo stands strong in the field of fully automatic weapons, adding to the arsenal that makes the Army's technology steps ahead of the competition.



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Above: Warren Lucas, Campbell Township firefighter, relays information to the Madison County HazMat team during a training exercise at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center. **Below:** Jason LeMaster, Madison County HazMat team member samples the area surrounding a mock radiological spill during the exercise

Local responders train at MUTC

By SGT. TOMMI MEYER
MUTC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Readiness is a word military members are more than familiar with. Active duty military and Guard members alike train to be ready to go to war or respond when needed stateside.

Families work to be as informed and organized as possible to be ready when a loved one is called to duty. It is a word that the national response agencies use over and over again when encouraging citizens to prepare for natural disasters and other times of crisis.

And, it is a word that community first responders use daily when training for everything from a routine medical emergency to a large local crisis.

"It is an ongoing process. If we don't stay trained and ready, we can't protect our community," said Warren Lucas, training officer for Campbell Township Fire Department.

Lucas, along with 28 other firefighters and EMS workers from around the state, recently took part in Hazardous Materials Response training at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center.

The training at MUTC centered on a mock radiological spill resulting from a highway collision between a truck carrying contaminated soil and a civilian vehicle.

Though his role as the first responder on the scene was not the main focus of the event, Lucas saw

value in the training for himself and his team.

"Communication with other agencies, this time the HazMat teams, is very important for us. Today, we get to practice it and work out problems before we actually arrive on a real emergency," he said.



The HazMat teams, from Districts 1 and 6, from the northern portion of Indiana, took part in Department of Energy and Indiana Department of Homeland Security sponsored training as a direct need for their areas of responsibilities.

"There are travel routes for this type of material through these districts," said Jerri Husband, IDHS event program manager.

"It's just good practice. They want to be ready."

For the HazMat members, the training was critical, according to Jason LeMaster with the Madison County team.

"Of course, this type of incident can really be scary for people, but if you have good training, you learn how to detect what is there and you have practiced what to do, it is manageable," said LeMaster, a 12-year team veteran.

"It is an ongoing process," he said. "Making sure we are prepared to assist in whatever type situation happens."

LeMaster explained that he and other team members, all volunteers, train as much as six to 10 hours each month in addition to responding to real emergencies.

"It is a lot of time, but I like volunteering and the community counts on us to be ready," he said.

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proponent of listing the whole area as a historic district. She participated in public open houses so area residents were familiar with the Guard's plan. She even hammered out a contract so that the Jennings County museum could borrow items from inside the buildings that the Guard had no use for, such as an old piano and a loom.

"I think by giving them that ownership of the process, they became our biggest proponents. They helped dispel rumors in the community that we were going to go in and tear it all down. Our acquisition preserves it but it will be changed. That's better than tearing the entire facility down or letting it rot in place," Carmany-George said. "With my recommendations, we were able to get in quicker and do training. That's the way we looked at it: get in there and have the facility for training to save lives."

Buried artifacts

Another important part of Carmany-George's job is surveying Atterbury and MUTC for archeological sites.

If one of the installations or armories wants to build or expand, she conducts a survey of the area to make sure artifacts are not being destroyed in the process. The sites could include remnants of the towns that were uprooted when Atterbury was built in the 1940s, Native-American sites or pre-European contact sites.

"We actually found the town limits of Kansas," Anderson said. "The old foundations are protected. The history is still there. There could even be graves there from family plots. Until we have to do something out there, we tend to leave that stuff alone."

Working with the state officials, Carmany-George determines if a

site is an important historical site that should be avoided or excavated.

"It can increase the time before we build and increase the cost of building if it's an important site," she said.

The best course is to simply avoid the site and build someplace else. The goal, she said, is that the artifacts be found and assessed before the digging starts.

"If it's inadvertently discovered (during building), it adds lots of time and money and it means we didn't do our job," she said.

She is now working on an agreement with the state historic preservation officer to streamline the process. Each building project requires a survey, a report to the state officer and then a 30-day waiting period. Since most of Atterbury has been already surveyed, she wants to be able to waive the individual consultations on small projects.

She is also starting the surveying of MUTC's 900 undeveloped acres.

Proactive approach

Carmany-George is actually an archeologist and has a master's degree in archeology, but she said the rules governing artifacts and historic buildings are the same. She trained herself to deal with the historic buildings issues.

All of this is to help the Indiana National Guard comply with Section 106, a federal law governing the treatment of historic buildings and artifacts.

"I brought the Indiana National Guard into 106 compliance. That was another reason for the award," she said.

Anderson said her proactive approach has been helpful to the installations by avoiding compliance problems.

"Quite frankly, we didn't know all the things we weren't doing until we got her," Anderson said. "We'd have to hire an expert if not for her. She's becoming an expert herself."

416th to work on 'big picture' infrastructure projects in Iraq

By Amy May
CRIER STAFF WRITER

The 416th Engineer Command will help Iraqis with some of their most basic needs: clean water, sanitary sewage systems and reliable electricity.

The Army Reserve unit, which trained at Camp Atterbury, is being activated as part of the Army Corps of Engineers' Gulf Region Division mission. Working with Iraqis, American civilians and contractors, philanthropic groups and other countries, the Corps coordinates construction projects throughout the country. The mission began in 2004.

Lt. Col. Jim Moore of the 416th explained that the Soldiers will not be rebuilding Iraq themselves, but will instead help the Iraqis learn the necessary skills to take on their own projects.

"We'll be project managers," he said. "The officers have a lot of Iraqi civilians and a lot of Iraqis are involved in contracting and construction. We'll be involved in the coordination of the project, making sure the project is moving forward."

Although Americans have been involved with helping Iraqis on a more individual basis, such as renovating a school or digging a well for a village, those projects are usually the result of Soldiers noticing problems in the villages near their base and organizing an effort to help. The 416th will work on "big picture" projects, said Sgt. Maj. Tim Freitag.

The electrical system, for example, needs renovation.

News reports say the people complain that they only get a few hours of power a day. The problems are not the result of the war, but of years of neglect under Saddam Hussein's rule, Freitag said. Another issue is the country must import all the electrical generating equipment. Nothing is produced there. The generators are powered primarily by oil-fired turbines and a few dams.

"It is very Baghdad-centric and an antiquated system. It's being built to reasonably modern standards. We're helping with problems they've



Maj. Ed Liu of the 416th Engineer Headquarters Detachment offers a village leader candy during a training scenario at Camp Atterbury.

had for years," he said.

As the standard of living improves for Iraqis, they want luxury items such as computers and satellite dishes. The electrical grid isn't designed to handle the additional demands. It's designed so that Baghdad got all the power it needed and if any was left over, it went to the outlying areas.

Now, the citizens are eager to have the standard of living that Baghdad once had.

"As much (electricity) as you can generate, they consume," Freitag said.

"Our goal is to get them a good foundation of an electrical grid system," Moore added. "Then they can build it up and increase the national grid."

The 416th will also manage projects to refurbish water treatment plants and help the Iraqis decide where new plants should go.

"A lot of established plants

have fallen under disrepair under Saddam Hussein," Moore said. "We're going back in to fix it up so that a larger portion can have fresh drinking water. The Iraqis will continue to manage it."

The sewage treatment plants may be renovated, too.

"Many of the facilities look modern, but under the surface, they're not that great," Freitag said.

The 416th could also help with road projects, although the road system is not in as bad of shape as the water, sewage and electrical infrastructure. The 416th could help by offering engineering advice as to what the Iraqis can do to improve their overall transportation system.

The basic component of the 416th and the Corps mission is to give the Iraqis a hand up, but also

help them take over control of their country's infrastructure.

"The Iraqi government knows the direction they want to go, but they sometimes need a little help," Freitag said. "The key will be working with the host nation contractors and jointly bring in U.S. design and quality control to make sure we build something that will last."

The 416th is based in Gary and Darien, Ill., but has members from all over the country. Their typical

mission, Freitag said, is to go and be "town engineers" for a forward operating base. Most of the Soldiers do similar engineering or construction work in their civilian life.

"A lot of us have been down the whole range of engineering, from pushing dirt to project management."

Approximately 25 Soldiers are going on the Iraq mission. They are training as a unit at Camp Atterbury, but will likely spread out among the large Corps effort in the country.

The training at Atterbury includes land navigation, weapons, Humvee driving, convoy ops, the FOB exercise, cultural preparation, as well as training specific to engineering.

Moore was pleased that the Soldiers got to take the combat lifesaving course.

"We had the opportunity to get all of us through that," he said.

They also felt it was beneficial to work with recent veterans in the Operation Warrior Trainer program.

"What they're teaching you is what applies in the theater now. It's not out of date," Freitag said.

Moore said that he was amazed at how much Atterbury has changed since he last visited two years ago.

"There've been a lot of improvement to the facilities as well as the training."

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Local Happenings

Go to www.campatterbury.org

Physical Fitness Center

Building 329, Seventh and Eggleston streets
Hours: Daily, 0530-2200 hrs
Phone: 526-2309

MWR Center

Building 328T, Seventh Street
Hours: Monday-Friday, 0730-1600 hrs.

Phone: 526-1263
Athletic equipment for golf, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, football, racquetball, tennis and horseshoes can be checked out. Boats, canoes, barbecue grills and tents available. Use of recreation areas should be scheduled through MWR center.

Chapel

Building 327
Hours: Daily, 0800 to 1600 hrs.
Phone: 526-1151
Sunday Services: Protestant – 0800 and 1800 hrs.; Catholic services in Edinburgh, Saturday, 1830, Sunday, 0930 (transportation will leave post chapel 30 minutes before service)

ATMs

Building 613 – (laundry)
Building 330 – (All-Ranks Club)
Hours: Open 24 hours, daily

All Ranks Club

Temporarily closed

Laundry

Building 613, Gatling Street
Hours: Open 24 hours, daily

Subway

Hours: Daily, 0900-2100

Post Exchange

Building 611, Gatling Street.
Hours: Monday through Friday, 0900 to 1900; Saturday and Sunday, 1000 to 1600. Phone: 526-1140

Phone Center

Gatling Street, next to PX
Open 24 hours, daily

Atterbury Museum

Building 427, Eggleston Street, near entrance to post
Hours: Wednesdays, Saturdays and

Sundays, 1300-1600 hrs.
Phone: 526-1744

Swimming pool

Building 231
Closed for season
Use of pool for military training or special events should be scheduled through Sgt. Purvis at 526-1149

Officers Club

Temporarily closed

Outdoor Veterans Memorial

West of main entrance at front of post. Hours: Open to public and Soldiers during daylight hours.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Kevin A. at (317) 604-9217

Concessions Stands

Located on Fairbanks Street and other locations; hours posted

Internet Cafe

Building 332
Hours: Troop use: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 0800-1200 hrs. and 1600-2200 hrs.; Tuesday and Thursday, 1600-2200 hrs.; Saturday and Sunday, 1700-2200 hrs.
Unit administration use only: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1200-1600 hrs. Phone: 526-1715

Library Services/ Internet Services

Building 329L (across from 337)
Hours: Monday through Friday, 0800-2200 hrs.; Saturday, 0900-2200 hrs. Closed 1200-1300, 1800-1900 every day. Phone: 526-1499, ext. 2461

The House

Building 502
Hours: Daily, 0600-2100 (beginning April 9)
Phone: 526-1342

Military Family Life Consultants

Building 501
Phone: (317) 370-1747
Provide brief consultation, support and problem-solving to troops, families and civilians relating to deployment and re-integration.

Case lot sale on post

Camp Atterbury and Harrison Village Commissary will conduct a case lot sale at Atterbury's JSTEC Complex on June 1-2.

The sale is open to all DOD card holders.

Indiana Guard to compete in half-marathon in Iraq

A special remote version of the 2007 OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon, designed for troops who want to participate but can't due to overseas deployment, will take place May 5 in Iraq for the 38th Division Support Command.

In 2004, the 500 Festival responded to a request from the Indiana National Guard's 38th Infantry Division to stage a remote Mini-Marathon in Bosnia. The following year, the remote Mini-Marathon took place in Afghanistan under the auspices of the 76th Brigade Combat Team.

"It's important to them and to us that we provide them with the whole experience," said Kirk Hendrix, president and CEO of the 500 Festival.

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The 500 Festival is also providing a Mini-Marathon kit which will include an official start line banner and new timing and scoring chips.

An addition has been made to the 500 Festival training run on March 10. A banner will be available in the registration area for signatures and messages from the public. The signed banner will be sent to the 38th DISCOM and will be displayed at the Mini-Marathon there.

Leaders realigned to meet evolving requirements

The Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger has announced a realignment of critical leadership positions in response to evolving requirements of the Indiana National Guard transformation and Homeland Security responsibilities.

Brig. Gen. David L. Harris will be detailed from his current assignment as commander of the 76th Brigade, headquartered in Indianapolis, to serve as Assistant Adjutant General until May 31.

Effective June 1, Harris will assume command responsibilities of 81st Troop Command. As that organization expands, it will refine its new role and responsibilities as a standing Joint Task Force Headquarters, ready to support homeland security missions.

Col. Courtney P. Carr, deputy commander of the 76th Brigade Combat Team, assumed command responsibilities as the 76th BCT moves through the transformation process to become a fully equipped and ready brigade.

Want to join?

For opportunities in the Indiana National Guard, contact: (800) 522-6546.

For opportunities with the Operation Warrior Trainer program, contact: (317) 247-3300 ext. 2162.

For opportunities with the 205th Infantry Brigade, contact: (317) 247-3300, ext. 2486.

For opportunities with 100th Division in Bloomington and Atterbury, contact: (812) 333-0598.

Inspirational moment

Contact the chaplain's office for spiritual or counseling needs at Ext. 2327

When we experience displacement in life, it means to no longer be in a place of familiarity. When we are in the midst of such times, our ability to think clearly is challenged. We lose our normal focus on life. We can overreact, taking things too seriously, or even underreact, not taking them seriously enough. After awhile though, once the initial troubling displacement is passed, we begin again to find our place and a sense of normalcy. Normalcy is being around the familiar. That is the beauty of being human; we can adapt to many circumstances. There are some circumstances in which we do not need to adapt while there are others where it is an absolute necessity.

What adaptations do you need to make? — CH (MAJ) Doug Brown

Maj. Gen. Jay Hood, center, commanding general of First Army Division East, prepares to hand the division's colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Marvell Dean, right. The colors were uncased for the first time as a part of the division's activation ceremony that was held March 7 at Fort Meade, Md. The commanding general of First Army, Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, left, had passed the colors to Hood, thereby passing the responsibility and authority of command to him.



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BY PVT. REESE MADDOX

It's official: First Army East activated

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FIRST ARMY DIVISION EAST

Patriotic music filled the Murphy Field House on Fort Meade, Md., March 7 as representatives from the brigades and headquarters of First Army Division East took their places for the division's activation ceremony.

First Army Division East has been performing its mission on Fort Meade for nearly a year, but the ceremony was an official recognition of the division's creation.

Led by their brigade commanders and brigade sergeants major, the 69 color bearers, representing the division's brigades and battalions, provided a visual representation of the nearly 5,000 members of the division.

The music, played by the 249th Army Band of the West Virginia National Guard, was seamlessly replaced by the voice of the ceremony's officiator, who gave the attendees a brief history of First Army and its mission.

Although it was formed in 1918, First Army didn't have many of its "firsts" until World War II, when it was first on the beaches of Normandy, first into Paris and first to cross the Rhine River, among numerous other firsts.

To officially begin and bless the ceremony, Lt. Col. Rodney A. Lindsay, the division chaplain, led attendees in prayer for success of the mission.

"I pray that this ceremony gives all the members of First Army Division East a fresh appreciation of the importance of their role in the mission," Lindsay said.

The Commander of Troops for the ceremony was Brig. Gen. Blake W. Williams, the division's deputy commanding general. Following ceremonial tradition, a Soldier sounded a bugle to call the commands after Williams gave them.

The division was formally activated when its colors were uncased by Command Sgt. Maj. Marvell R. Dean, the division's command sergeant major.

With the new colors in hand, Dean passed them to the reviewing general, Lt. Gen. Russel L. Honoré, commanding general of First Army. He then, in turn, passed the colors to Maj. Gen. Jay W. Hood, commander of First Army Division East, thereby passing the responsibility and authority of command to him. Hood then gave the colors back to the guardianship of the command sergeant major.

Following the official activation, both Honoré and Hood spoke to the audience of more than 100.

Honoré stressed the importance of First Army's mission: the training, readiness, oversight and mobilization for all U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard units within the continental United States and two U.S. territories.

"If we're going to maintain the safety of the United States, we have to be prepared to go anywhere at anytime; outstanding training of our Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines is the key to that," said Honoré. "Success in our mission requires teamwork at the top and teamwork at the bottom. Everyone must collaborate to make the mission happen."

Hood delivered the final speech, which highlighted the importance of training our troops for the ongoing War on Terror. He pointed out that the First Army Division East has already trained more than 40,000 troops for combat.

The division's mission is simply to train service members with tough, realistic, competitive training to create what he calls "confident warriors," Hood said. "It is my hope that every member of First Army recognizes the importance of his duties."

At the close of the ceremony, the band again picked up its instruments and the attendees stood to sing the Army song, "The Army Goes Rolling Along." Everyone remained standing in respect for the ceremonial retiring of the division's newly uncased colors.

Although First Army Division East's brigades are scattered across the eastern United States, the feeling of unity among them will continue long after this official ceremony as they collectively drive on with their mission.

Army launches Wounded Warrior, family hotline

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Army officials launched a hotline to help wounded Soldiers and their family members get information or assistance with medical or other issues.

The "Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline" also will help Army leaders improve services to wounded Soldiers and their families, officials said.

"We have designed this call center to be able to collectively hear what the Soldiers say about their health care issues, so as issues are raised, we can identify systemic faults or problematic areas and senior leaders can better allocate resources," said Maj. Gen. Sean J. Byrne, commander of U.S. Army Human Resources Command. "It's all about serving our wounded and injured soldiers and their families. If we can find a way to improve our system, we will. It's that simple."

In a statement, Army officials acknowledged that many Soldiers wounded in the global war on terror and their families are "enduring hardships in navigating through our medical care system."

Care of wounded soldiers has been in the spotlight since a February series of articles in the Washington Post revealed shortcomings in outpatient care at

Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Since then, the hospital's commander was relieved, Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey resigned, and the service's surgeon general submitted his retirement request over the issue.

"Recent events made it clear the Army needs to revise how it meets the needs of our wounded and injured Soldiers and their families," Army officials said in a statement. "In certain cases, the Soldiers' chain of command could have done a better job in helping to resolve medically related issues."

Officials stressed that the hotline is not intended to circumvent the chain of command, but is "another step in the direction of improvement."

"The Army's intent is to ensure wounded and injured soldiers and their families that they receive the best medical care possible. The Army chain of command will ensure every soldier is assisted in navigating the military health care system," said the statement.

The Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline can be reached from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at (800) 984-8523.

As additional personnel are trained to receive calls and refer them to the proper organization or agency for resolution, the hotline hours of operation will expand to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, officials said.