

Doherty brings experiences, leadership skills to DFMWR

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Experiences from a career coaching football, taking part in leadership programs and deployments as part of Morale, Welfare and Recreation

have arrived to a new challenge at Carlisle Barracks for the new DPMWR director.

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While his first career was coaching football at a handful of NCAA Division 2 & 3 teams and another in Italy, the call of the military led him to MWR after completing his Master's Degree in Recreation Administration.

"My grandfather was in the Navy, my father is a Marine and my brother is Retired Sea Bee and I wanted to do and be a part of something bigger than myself," he said. "So I applied to many of the MWR Branches to see if I could get hired. After six long months, I was hired in as the Sport Fitness and Aquatics Management Intern at Fort Eustis."

Teamwork is an integral part of Doherty's leadership philosophy and he credits a program he took part in while as George Williams College of Aurora University called OWLS for his success.

"OWLS was an outdoors leadership course that taught people how to be a leader, work in groups, understand the value of reflection and goal setting through experiencing activities such as low and high ropes course and initiative based activities where you could learn on the spot," he said. "I credit a lot of my success because of the OWL program, I saw firsthand how to motivate people, ensure people are all activity engaged, how to manage groups, how to manage and reset expectations while taking time to reflect and look for ways to get better. "

He built upon that foundation while working for MWR and in 2008 requested a deployment to Iraq.

"A few short months later in 2008 I found myself in Fallujah," he said. "I was serving my country and I was taking care of the war fighters, I was honored. I left that tour better understanding the sacrifices being made first hand, feeling the impact of being deployed and how important it was for these servicemembers to have a little piece of home in that deployed environment." This experience led him to deploy a second time to Iraq and then again to Honduras.

At Carlisle Barracks Doherty hopes to use his experiences to build a stronger team here and continue to make a difference for Soldiers and their families.

