

From 'G' Drive to Portal: transition to CBOOnline

Introducing CBO – Carlisle Barracks Online

March 24, 2010 -- The first townhall meeting took place March 22 to introduce the opportunities and schedule for Carlisle Barracks Online. Under the transition plan, knowledge management -- and knowledge sharing -- will become routine by way of the portal, instead of the 'G' drive. Additionally, the portal, aka Carlisle Barracks Online, will become the go-to location for teaching materials, regulations, and a host of documents now stored on various network drives.

The timeline has shifted. The 'G' shared drive will not revert to 'read only' status in April, as previously planned, but will remain fully functional through January 2011. Get a head start and get smart about using the portal: online training is easy and easily accessed -- on the portal, of course. **Go to: CBPortal and find the 'ad' on opening page for "self-paced online Portal Training."**

The transition schedule will occur in three phases --

1. Organization and Training will continue through June 15.
 - Carlisle Barracks Online (CBO) portal landing page and the top-level organizational landing pages will become operational
 - SharePoint Site Administrator (SPSA) training will occur
 - User training will be scheduled -- setting the framework for the remaining phases
 - Discovery/Assistance team visits to requesting organizations will review data needs and assist with recommended solutions.
 - CBNet landing page will shut down ... no longer needed.
2. Academic Year 2011 Data Migration: June 16 -- August 7
 - Organizations will move data to portal locations -- documents can used collaboratively throughout ay2011
3. Process Conversion: June 16 -- January 3
 - Carlisle Barracks will begin a systemic review of business processes, with user input, to take best advantage of the content and capabilities of the portal.

Moving the tremendous amount of content and data currently stored on the shared drive -- the G drive -- to the portal has many advantages and benefits. Content stored on the portal provides everyone with CAC access the ability to access content remotely while TDY, on-leave, and from home. It enables content owner to grant access to users outside Carlisle Barracks to share information and enables sharing large files.

Content on the portal is searchable across Carlisle Barracks, allowing improved information sharing. Ultimately

select content can be made accessible and searchable to external users such as the operational Army.

The portal provides all users a more effective means of electronic collaboration while increasing the potential efficiency and effectiveness of work processes such as staffing actions, reducing redundancy, improving tracking and accountability, and enhancing situational awareness for all. Using the portal also presents us a more effective means of managing our network capacity and storage needs while increasing access and saving costs.

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