



AFSO21 Green Belt training; “agents of change” for our future

AMARG recently conducted an Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century (AFSO21) Green Belt training class that will help the organization further identify waste and produce efficiencies in the workplace.

Class participants were selected from across the Group and represented both production and administration functions.

The Green Belt management program is the first level in the Lean and Six Sigma series and was taught here by Dr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Nathan Spicker (both instructional experts in AFSO21 principles, and tools and techniques for continuous process improvement), and AMARG’s Mr. Erick Perez. Mr. Brown and Mr. Spicker are assigned to the Ogden Air Logistics Center’s Transformation office at Hill AFB, Utah.

The session was a crucial requirement for Mr. Erick Perez, assigned to the 309 AMARG Transformation office, to achieve his certification as a Black Belt expert. Mr. Perez’s proficiency in the AMARG business processes assisted Ogden’s team by ensuring training material was delivered in a consistent and standardized format.

According to Mr. Perez, he has just two more mentoring sessions to go before reaching the Black Belt level.

Participants in this Green Belt course applied the skills they learned in waste identification, 6S visual management, Observe, Orient, Decide and Act (OODA) Root cause problem solving, process mapping, and other tools, to work on simulated projects in teams of six and seven.

These training techniques develop individuals to lead process improvements--to eliminate variation

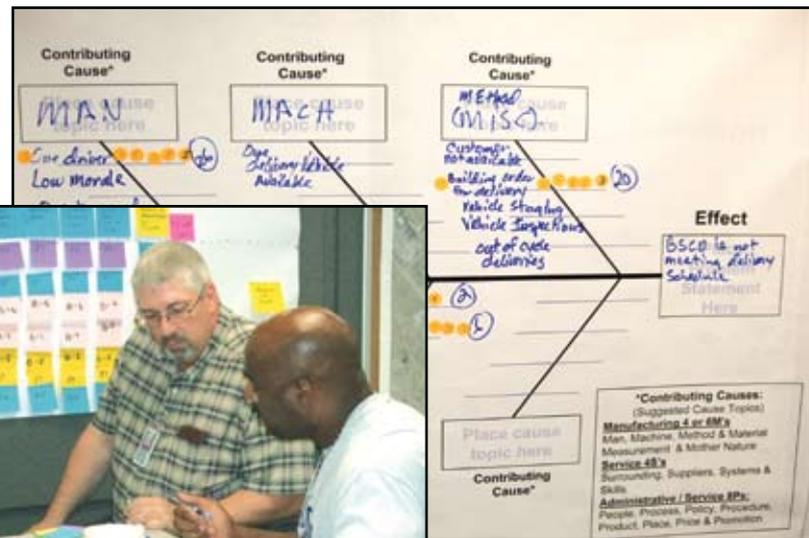
and standardize a process and lean initiatives designed to eliminate waste or non-value added steps.

Col. Patrick Kumashiro, commander of 309 AMARG, encouraged the Green Belt training participants to apply these critical skills and tools in their respective squadrons.

“Success of our organization’s vision of being “the most admired logistics enterprise” is dependent on our ability to identify inefficiencies and constraints within our processes,” said Colonel Kumashiro.

Now considered “agents of change,” AMARG’s Green Belt course graduates will journey toward individual certifications as they promote a culture of continuous improvement throughout all levels within the organization.

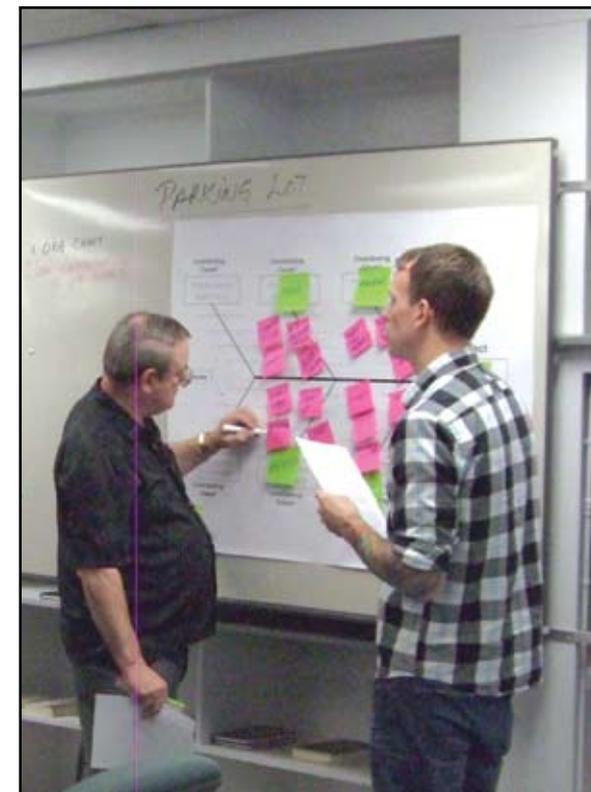
“Our goal here is to get people to think about how we can save time and money, reduce waste, and improve quality, increasing value to our customers,” said Mr. Perez, “We all share the responsibility in achieving mission success!”



Left, a Cause & Effect diagram depicts potential root causes to a process problem.



Green Belt class participants discuss simulated projects, standardizing the processes and reducing the time required for process changes during Green Belt class breakout sessions.



From modest “staycations” to exotic vacations Group employees share their summer fun

Enjoyed the North Carolina shoreline with children and 16 mo old grandson Tyler



Keith Rostoff, 309 SPJIS

Visited So. Calif., to enjoy Disneyland and Sea World



Maj Iris Yagno, 309 SPJIS

Enjoyed family and amenities of a local hotel for July 4th weekend



Russell Austin, 577 CMRS

“It isn’t how much time you spend somewhere that makes it memorable: it’s how you spend the time.”

David Brenner

Spent time with grandson Mason and 15 Wehelas at Camp Jeronimo (Grand Canyon)



Fred Vega, 577 CMRS

Visited Fla. & Ala. to see the rest of the Ragg family, barely missed the tornadoes



Colvin Ragg, 577 CMRS

Hawaii for daughter’s wedding and Vegas for world’s largest Star Trek convention; met Spock



Tim Moore, 577 CMRS

Traveled to Peru’s Andean Mtns to visit Inca’s sacred place Machu Picchu



Dave Petersen, 576 AMRS

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Can you see us now?



Though difficult to see, which is the way they prefer things, there are five burrowing owls in this photograph; four on the ground near their burrow and one, employees have named “Bob,” peering from the exhaust on this T-37 aircraft.

The Navy Inventory Control Point Detachment Field Support Office located at 309 AMARG is now the Naval Supply Systems Command Weapons Systems Support Detachment Field Support Office or NAVSUP WSS Det FLDSUPPO.

In July, NAVSUP launched “One NAVSUP...One Enterprise,” an initiative encompassing three primary objectives across NAVSUP. First, it provides stakeholders a clear understanding of NAVSUP’s mission in the Navy’s Global Logistic Support Network; second, it unifies the NAVSUP Enterprise; and third, it institutes a “one message through many voices” concept.

The revised names throughout the NAVSUP Enterprise, which more clearly define organizational business processes, continue to support the Navy’s Global Logistics Support Network.

Although the name has changed, the NAVSUP WSS detachment will continue to partner with 309 AMARG in providing the fleet with the highest degree of weapon system support possible.



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