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Using Wikis to Reach the Warfighter

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AGENDA

- ❑ **The Basics**

- ❑ **The Concept**

- ❑ **Option "A"**

- ❑ **Option "B"**

The Basics

- Wiki- From the Hawaiian word for "fast", a wiki is a website that is editable by anyone who can access it

- milWiki- a Knowledge Management tool used by the Army Knowledge Online (AKO)community behind the wall
  - 112,242 registered milWiki users
  - 13,666 milWiki articles

- Publishing (ATTP)-Army Tactics, Techniques and Procedures
  - A secure collaborative publishing site
  - Accelerate the sharing of knowledge compared to typical timeframes for staffing revisions to Field Manuals (FMs)

The Concept

☐ The Army has launched a test allowing Soldiers and leaders to make real time updates to the Army's Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (ATTP) via a wiki environment
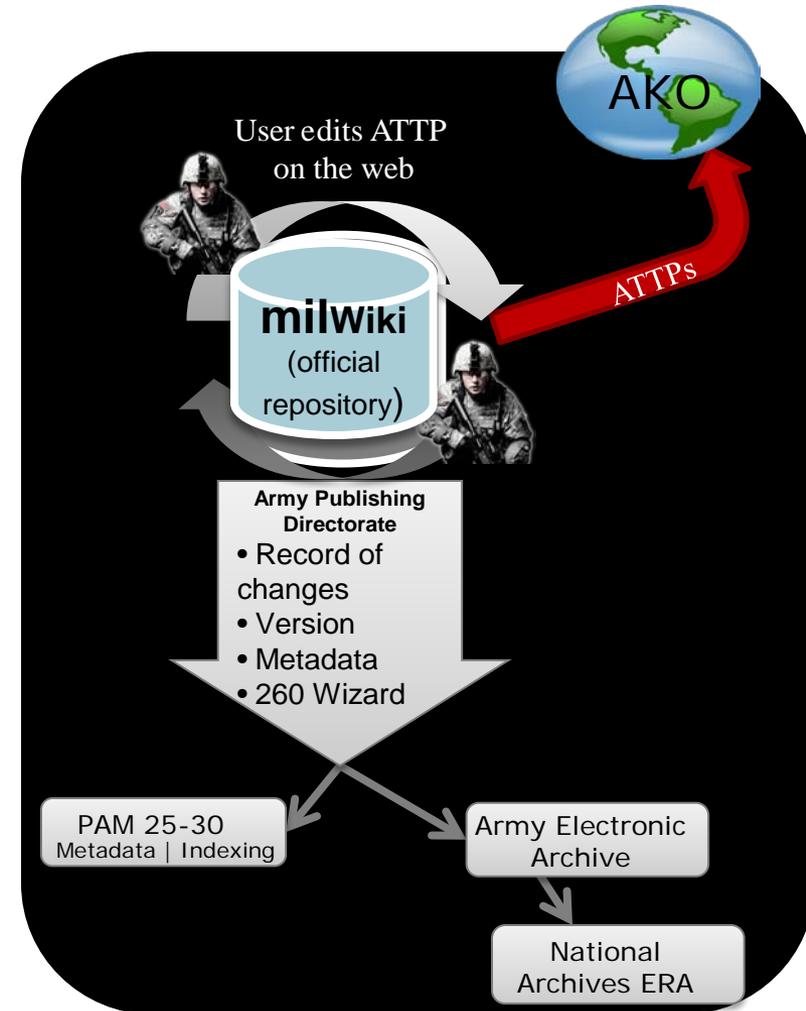
☐ The process under review shapes the future of the Army's learning processes that ultimately will be led by the "digital natives" in today's Army

☐ Two options were considered:

- Option A- No proponent (process owner) adjudication
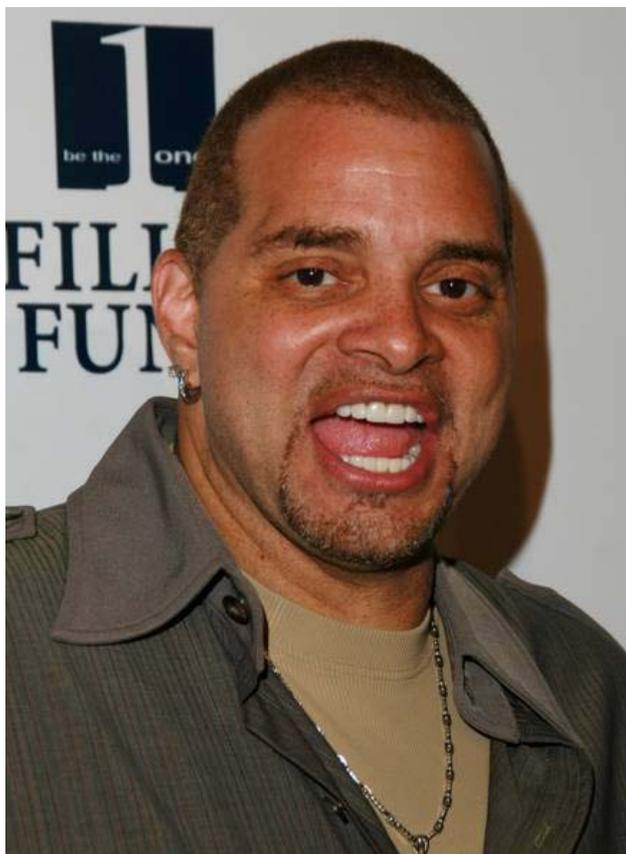- Option B- Changes are held and reviewed by the proponent

Option A

- No proponent adjudication.

- FMs are converted to ATTP then authenticated and loaded on milWiki

- AKO users are able to edit these ATTPs on the web

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All kidding aside…..

☐ What if this were doctrine on an M18A1 Claymore Anti-Personnel Mine?

☐ Army Doctrine is a Permanent Record.

 ■ Volume of changes
 ■ Metadata

☐ What affect will this have?

 ■ Storage Capacity?
 ■ Additional Costs anticipated?
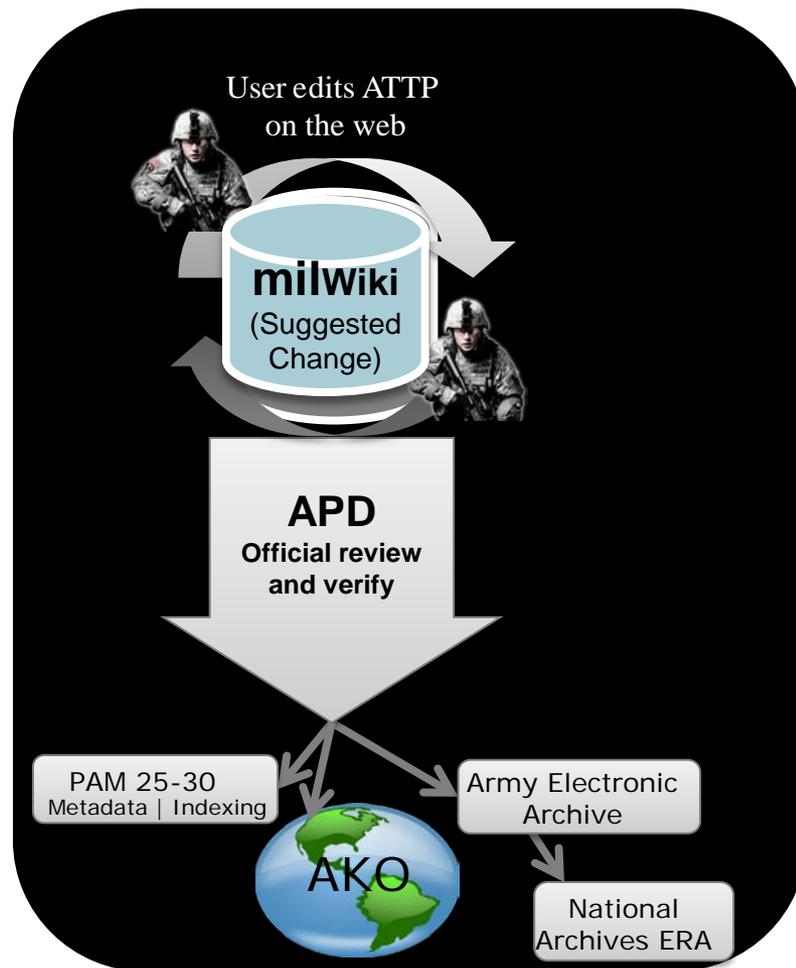
Potential Solutions

- NARA Representatives suggested pre-accession of ATTP records
  - This was the preferred method by the Working Group.
  - Issues with this solution

- Storage in Army Electronic Archive
  - This would require the development of a process with APD's Enterprise Content Management System (ECMS)
  - Issues with this solution

Option B

- ☐ milWiki sends data, metadata, and 260s to the ECMS APD database for authentication

- ☐ Once approved the information is then distributed appropriately

Option "B" in the current state

- ❑ The ATTPs on milWiki are in a draft form and not for implementation

- ❑ Army Doctrine Web on milWiki is a doctrine developmental tool only and is currently being tested

- ❑ Suggested changes to doctrine are to be reviewed by the proponent for authentication, then the normal doctrine development process is followed