

# Up and Down the Hill

Serving the Fort A.P. Hill Community

## Post Gains Coveted Environmental Status

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Fort A.P. Hill has moved up a significant notch in the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP), achieving “Exemplary Environmental Enterprise” (E3) status.

The program, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, enables participants to receive fee discounts for certain permits and some administrative flexibility in addressing environmental regulations.

Fort A.P. Hill is the first military installation in Virginia to achieve E3 designation. The Defense Supply Center depot in Richmond leads Department of Defense participants in the program, having been designated as one of only 11 facilities statewide to achieve E4 status, or “Extraordinary Environmental Enterprise.”

The E4 status is reserved for applicants that have fully implemented an environmental management system (as verified by an independent third party) and has committed to measures for continuous and sustainable environmental management and community involvement, according to the DEQ

The law states that facilities achieving E3 and E4 designation may have improved monitoring and reporting requirements, streamlined permit renewals, and the ability to make certain operational changes without prior approval and other changes that would not increase a facility's impact on the environment.

Fort A.P. Hill’s Environmental Division, a component of the Directorate of Public Works, coordinates the installation’s participation with DEQ.

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Members of the Fort A.P. Hill work force gather at the main flag pole for a 9/11 commemoration Monday.



Ken Perrotte photos

## A.P. Hill Remembers 9/11

A large number of Fort A.P. Hill employees who were able to briefly break from their duties of assisting warriors prepare for combat gathered at the garrison headquarters Monday to pay homage to the nearly 2,900 American lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001 in the terrorist attacks on the nation.

The group gathered at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane was crashed into the World Trade Center in New York.

Lt. Col. Michael S. Graese, installation commander, noted, “Much like an earlier generation’s experience of knowing the exact thing they were doing when they heard about the shooting of President Kennedy, our generation will never forget where we were when we heard about these attacks.

He said the country has been at war for much of the five years since the attacks on innocent civilians.

“...Sometimes, Americans seem to have short memories, but we should never forget the victims and their families or the historical significance of this event.

“In addition to those killed or wounded in the original attacks, we should never forget or take for granted the 2,921 Americans killed in action or the 20,372 wounded in action since 9/11.

“If you ever question the criticality of our mission here at Fort A.P. Hill, just remember these attacks. They make our mission and vision most critical,” Graese said.

## News & Info Shorts

### CAC Hours Change Beginning Oct. 2

The hours of operation for the Community Activities Center change Oct. 2 to the following: Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 633-8219 for more information.

### IMCOM Commander Nominated

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced this week that President George W. Bush has nominated Army Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson for assignment as assistant chief of staff for installation management/commanding general, Installation Management Command.

General Wilson is currently serving as the assistant chief of staff for installation management, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.

### Upcoming Community Events

#### CFC Big Kickoff!

Sept. 15: The Fort A.P. Hill combined Federal Campaign Kickoff is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heth School House. The event is open to all installation employees.

There will be more than 20 non-profit organizations with exhibits. Call 633-8763 for more details.

Miss Virginia 2006 Adrianna Sgarlata is scheduled to attend and sing the National Anthem as well as autograph photos. Additional music will be provided by Diane Wilder, Cynthia Taylor and Hashmel Turner.

Lunch will be provided by Tuckers Tavern at a cost of \$6.50 per person.



Adrianna Sgarlata  
Miss Virginia 2006

\* Sept. 19, 2006: Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Romenick Hall (Beaverdam Pond Training Building). Call the Directorate of Human Resources for more details.

\* Oct. 13, 2006: Hunter's Open House at the Community Activity Center. 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Information and vendors. Fort A.P. Hill hunting permits will also be available. Call 633-8244 to obtain the requirements for purchasing an A.P. Hill permit or see [www.aphill.army.mil/sites/mwr/huntinginfo.asp](http://www.aphill.army.mil/sites/mwr/huntinginfo.asp).

\* Oct. 27, 2006: Haunted Hayride, Beaverdam Pond. 7 - 10 p.m. The first hayride of the evening will be a "no boo" ride for younger children. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded. Nominal fee. Call 633-8201.

\* Nov. 17 & 18: Holiday on the Hill Craft Show, Dolly Hill Basement. Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free Admission. Call 633-8201 for details.

### Legal Assistance Available Sept. 19

The next Legal Assistance services at Fort A.P. Hill will be Sept. 19 starting at 9 a.m. Legal services are available for active duty, retired military and their family members of all the services possessing a valid Uniformed Services Identification Card. Reserve and National Guard personnel must be on active duty. Notary services are also provided.

Appointments are made by calling Debbie Moore, Director of Human Resources at 633-8326.

Clients will be seen in Building 145, also known as 14135 Montague Street, near the Post Headquarters. All communications are strictly confidential.

### Chamber Crab Feast Here Monday

Tickets are available in the Public Affairs Office for the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce's annual Crab Feast scheduled for Monday at the Fort A.P. Hill picnic area. The event is from 5:30-8 p.m.

Call 633-8324 before noon on Sept. 18 to arrange for a ticket. The event includes hot crabs, cooked on site, a serving of shrimp, potatoes, corn, hot dogs, lemonade and beer.

## E3 Status

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Division Chief Terry L. Banks said, "We submitted comprehensive documentation that demonstrated we have a fully compliant environmental management system. This includes such key areas as pollution prevention, an emergency management program, and regular self-inspections and audits.

"We also had to show that we had an active training program for employees, not only in the environmental division, but installation wide. This designation reflects on the entire installation's success in this area."

Banks said the status should allow the installation to save several thousand dollars annually in permitting fees for such areas

as hazardous waste, solid waste and water quality. Discounts ranging from 5 to 20 percent are available for E3 status facilities.

To continue its march toward E4 status, Fort A.P. Hill be required to report annually to DEQ on progress towards implementation of the environmental management system and pollution prevention program, according to a letter announcing the E3 designation that was signed by Michael P. Murphy of DEQ's Division of Environmental Enhancement.

For more on this achievement, call 633-8255.

