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MDW chief sees post on cutting edge

by **Jeremy Heckler**
Fort A.P. Hill Public Affairs

The chief of the Military District of Washington spent the day on Fort A.P. Hill and saw the best of the post's present and future.

Major Gen. Guy Swan, the commanding general of the Military District of Washington and Joint Task Force, National Capital Region, visited the post on Feb. 9. Swan received a briefing on the transformation that Fort A.P. Hill will undergo in the coming years as it adapts to the changes in the Army battlefield.

"It's exactly in sync with the Army Campaign plan," said Swan. "Just at the installation level you can see that the team here has reviewed that plan and developed its own strategy."

The landscape of the current and future Army battlefield involves more unconventional warfare and Swan said the post is working to meet those needs.

"Frankly you need a training center that is as flexible as the unit it is training and you find that right here at A.P. Hill," said Swan.

After seeing what the future of Fort A.P. Hill will bring, Swan went out to the field to see the training of today as members of 1st Battalion, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard," worked to sharpen their infantry skills.

Soldiers from the five posts that



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Major Gen. Guy Swan (right), commanding general of the Military District of Washington, speaks with members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard," during a visit to Fort A.P. Hill Feb. 9.

are part of the Military District of Washington come here several times a year to train and work on their combat effectiveness. He said when he sees Soldiers on Fort A.P. Hill the word of the day is confidence.

"When I come out here I see confident Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines," said Swan.

"They come out here and grow in confidence by training and developing the skills they need in combat. It is the best thing to see confident professionals."

Swan said the training done on Fort A.P. Hill not only supports the military mission of the region,

but meets the training needs of several agencies that are valuable to homeland security.

"Increasingly training involves units involved with homeland defense and similar support," said Swan. "This place is going to increase in value over the next 10 to 15 years."

In the wake of the Global War on Terrorism all of the installations in the Military District of Washington are taking on new roles associated with homeland defense.

"This is exactly what's going on across the entire command," said Swan. "A.P. Hill is really on the

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"Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have."

-- Ronald Reagan

Army begins CAC logon for computers

Army News Service

WASHINGTON —The Army began implementing Common Access Card Cryptographic Logon last month and will soon require a common access card and personal identification number, or PIN, to log onto the Army's unclassified network.

By March, about 10,000 Army users, including most Pentagon staffers, are expected to be logging onto their computer network by scanning their card.

By summer, the program should be implemented Armywide, G6 officials said.

"Protecting identity is critical as the Army moves forward to deliver a joint net-centric, information enterprise," said Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, Chief Information Officer/G6.

"One of the greatest vulnerabilities

of our networks is posed by weak user names and passwords," Boutelle said. "Spyware or keystroke tracking software can steal your username and password, and even your PIN. It cannot steal your CAC. The Army's goal is to eliminate the use of username and password."

Before the CAC Logon is implemented across the Army, workshops will be offered, G6 officials said.

A workshop for major command and region information management officers is scheduled for Feb. 28 and March 1 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

CAC logon allows users to be authenticated with something they know — their PIN, and something they have — a CAC, officials said. CAC is a type of smart card with

electronic information about

an owner and digital public key infrastructure, or PKI certificates that insure identity.

Part of the CIO mission is to protect and defend the Army systems, networks and information, officials said.

Key to that mission is reducing vulnerability of the unclassified network through security measures such as CCL, they said.

Recently, the Department of Defense's Joint Task Force Global Network Operations started accelerating PKI implementation throughout DoD.

In the near future, the Army's intranet Army Knowledge Online will also require CAC logon, officials said.

They said the Army is currently testing and vetting the capability to use CAC logon outside Army networks.

Swan

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cutting edge right now."

Swan said Fort A.P. Hill could be used as staging areas should there be an incident in the nation's capital.

Swan said the installation not only provides a good location for training but is also a popular one for leaders and Soldiers.

"Everyone just raves about customer service and

warrior focus," said Swan. "Rarely do you hear anything that's negative."

He added that the Fort A.P. Hill team works to streamline the work done to bring Soldiers to the post.

When more paperwork and time is needed to get the mission accomplished, the personnel on post are always ready to help.

"Fort A.P. Hill is certainly an Army treasure, if not a national treasure," said Swan. "It's an installation and training center that goes far beyond what they do at other training centers."

FEEDBACK: *Why is it important to recognize the accomplishments of African Americans?*



"To see how far we've progressed and pay tribute to those who made sacrifices so we could get the same rights afforded to us."

*Anthony Clark,
police officer, DES*



"Because their accomplishments are a crucial part of what America has become."

*Jessica Penaranda,
procurement clerk, DOC*



"It is a part of history and the history of any culture should not be lost."

*Angela Evans,
budget analyst, DMWR*

ATAAPS program starts tracking time Feb. 19

by **Jeremy Heckler**
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Employees at Fort A.P. Hill will be greeted with a brand new way to track their time when they come back to work after the President's Day weekend.

The Automated Time, Attendance and Production System is a new program adopted by the Installation Management Agency which will account for the hours workers in garrison spend on the various tasks they complete as well as their vacation and sick time.

Before ATAAPS, all time sheet functions were done on paper by the timekeeper, said Nadine Kibler, customer service representative for the Resource Management office.

"Instead of using the printed time sheet the individual will be able to go in and validate their time sheet electronically," said Kibler.

The program does more than just serve as an electronic timekeeper.

"ATAAPS allows the team member to account for time spent against specific functions," said Lisa Skinner, director of resource management. "Over time, data collected from this program will allow IMA to develop costs for providing a standard level of support for all garrisons."

Things may not start smoothly, however.

Kibler said employees might have difficulty, at

first, knowing which code to put into the program.

"The major pitfall is being unable to understand how to utilize the proper job order number," said Kibler.

She said if someone had more than one job code, such as for Temporary Duty, and didn't understand that it was for a specific function they may choose that function by mistake. Some people on Fort A.P. Hill will only have one function to report.

"About half of the people will use one job order number, while the rest will have multiple job order numbers to choose from," said Skinner.

Skinner said as sections have their job analyzed they will have more criteria to classify their job tasks on ATAAPS.

To help ease the transition, each section received training on how to use the new program. Kibler said selected personnel were made trainers to ensure that everyone eventually understands the new system.

While having multiple places to classify their time can be confusing for some, diligent recording of where time is spent can make the process quick and easy.

"We encourage people to update their time and attendance daily," said Skinner. "It should take no more than 15 minutes and most days no more than five minutes."

For more information on ATAAPS, call Kibler at 633-8554.

Company offers free tax filing to service members

by **JO3 Chris M. Hwang**
Navy Personnel Command

WASHINGTON,--Military members and their families can now file their taxes for free, thanks to a partnership between a group that helps military people deal with financial issues and a civilian financial services company.

"Military OneSource" has partnered up with Intuit, a financial services company, to provide the TurboTax basic product for federal and state returns at no cost.

Military members can download this program and also benefit from tax consultations and have access to appropriate resources.

The Military OneSource Web site (www.militaryonesource.com) will provide annual upgrades to the TurboTax software at no cost.

"This tax consultant support for filing 2006 taxes is available telephonically toll free (800-

342-9647) and at no cost to the service members from any deployment location in the world," said Jane Burke, acting Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy. "Military OneSource tax consultants are also familiar with the IRS publication 'Armed Forces Tax Guide.'"

Burke said the Department of Defense has a long history of offering tax assistance to military members, but this year the department is offering the opportunity for service members to self-file electronically at no cost, using a popular software product that double checks for accuracy.

"For many years, help has been available at many installations through the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program. VITA volunteers will continue to be available through legal centers at most installations," said Burke. "VITA volunteers help service members to file their taxes free of charge," said Burke.



NEWS NOTES

Fishing competition on post



The Fort A.P. Hill Adult and Youth Fishing Tournament is scheduled March 11 at Beaver Dam Pond from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person and includes a one-day post trout permit. Competitors need to have a state fishing license and a post fishing license in order to compete.

Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third based finishers based on the weight of their fish. To register, contact Game Check at 633-8324.

Fort A.P. Hill yoga classes

Interested in Yoga? Classes will be after duty hours. Call the CAC to sign up. 633-8219/8257
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Luncheon recognizes culture

A celebration is scheduled to recognize the contributions of African Americans on Feb. 22 at the Longstreet Dining Facility. Col. Gwendolyn Bonèy-Harris, deputy director, Installation Management Agency, Northeast Region, is scheduled to speak. For \$7.50, attendees will be able to sample various traditional dishes.

Tips for saving Army Energy

Turn off lights when not needed.

On bright, sunny days consider opening the blinds and using natural light instead.

Make sure windows and doors are closed when heating or cooling systems are operating.

Intramural volleyball results

**Results for the week of
Feb. 6 through Feb. 10**

February 9	DPTMS defeated DPW
February 7	CCSD defeated Combined team



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Tax preparation assistance

Tax preparation assistance will be available to service members, dependents and retirees every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the basement of the Dolly Hill Guest House.

The tax assistant, Petty Officer One 1st Class John Duck, will help prepare and transmit tax returns on the spot.

Those who need assistance with preparing their taxes should bring copies of their W-2, military ID card and any other tax forms that they need. If filing jointly, spouses need to be in attendance.

Tax assistance is by appointment only. To make an appointment or for more information, call Katrina Hunter at 633-6797.

"March Madness" Basketball



The Fort A.P. Hill "March Madness" 3 on 3 Basketball starts play Feb. 27 and runs until March 31.

Teams must register by Feb. 23 to be eligible. For more information call 8257.

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