

UP AND DOWN THE HILL

SERVING THE FORT A.P. HILL COMMUNITY

Post prepares for contingencies during exercise

by Jeremy Heckler
Fort A.P. Hill Public Affairs

It was a typical Tuesday morning at Fort A.P. Hill when a series of random events set the installation's command into action.

The events were part of a force protection exercise to ensure that Fort A.P. Hill is ready when disaster strikes.

"The exercise is to ensure that procedures are in place so that Fort A.P. Hill can meet every contingency," said Lt. Col. James Mis, garrison commander.

"The exercise focused on the ability of the emergency operations center command and control to support an escalation to force protection condition charlie or delta through significant intelligence driven information," said David Hughes, chief of plans, operations and security, DPTMS.

Several operations are conducted on Fort A.P. Hill each year to ensure that everyone is prepared should disaster strike.

What made this exercise unique is that instead of simulating the actual response by members of the team, Fort A.P. Hill assets were on post executing those decisions to ensure preparedness.

In the emergency operations center, Hughes and Keith Brewer pro-

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Fire department takes on post's paramedic mission



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Danny Prescott, a paramedic with the Fort A.P. Hill Fire Department, inventories his equipment before heading out.

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A specialized team of firefighters have arrived on Fort A.P. Hill. They are paramedics and their job is to do what it takes to stabilize patients and get them to the hospital.

The Fort A.P. Hill Fire Department took over emergency medical services two weeks ago from a civilian contractor. The switch was part of a cost-cutting move by the installation and DeWitt Army Community Hospital, which supplies medical support to the post.

"The biggest reason we assumed the mission is because the contractor

priced himself out of a job," said David Vaughn, Directorate of Emergency Services Director.

Vaughn said DeWitt was no longer willing to fund the contractor long-term. They found it was more economical to have the fire department take over.

"It gives us a new capability and puts all of emergency services under DES," said Daniel C. Glembot, installation fire chief.

Glembot said the paramedics provide around-the-clock paramedic support and transportation as well as assist in the installation's medical clinic. The new service gives the fire department

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"War is a series of catastrophes that results in a victory."

-- Georges Clemenceau

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vided intelligence on what was going on, both on Fort A.P. Hill as well as in the region.

The team had to make decisions on the events based on intelligence that illegal immigrants of Arab descent were found on Fort Meade, Md., with the intent of attacking that installation and possibly others.

During the course of the field problem, the command team had to deal with a variety of events that included, a fleeing fugitive, a guest at the Lodge with a possible heart attack and the severing of the post's communications system.

While the command staff made de-

isions, personnel from the Directorate of Emergency Services responded to the incidents in the field with help from Caroline County Sheriff's Department.

"The response to any incident is geographic," said Hughes. "We put in place mutual aid and support agreements to address those issues. We need to show we're good partners in the county because when there is a threat it isn't going to limit itself to the post."

As part of the exercise, the Fort A.P. Hill Police Department worked with local law enforcement and tracked a fu-

gitive who had shot a sheriff's deputy and then fled into Cooke Camp.

Emergency services personnel also had an opportunity to work out the kinks in their force protection plan.

"We had some hiccups that we had to overcome," said David Vaughn, Directorate of Emergency Services Director.

Vaughn said he was happy with how his team responded to each incident.

"The folks who were tasked responded appropriately and in a timely manner," said Vaughn. "They know what to do."

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Paramedics

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an all-in-one capability that they didn't have before.

"This gives us a degree of flexibility because our contractor could only provide emergency treatment and transport, but couldn't get in and help out the firefighters," said Vaughn.

"We serve in a dual role where we can go in and help the rest of the team and provide a smooth transition of medical care," said Danny Prescott, firefighter/paramedic. "We can provide advanced life support above the firefighters standard of care and go into a situation such as a car accident and start life support measures while they cut out the victim."

Vaughn said before the contractor couldn't participate in any of the training that the firefighters were doing or go in to perform any fire fighting tasks.

The paramedics have been hard at work, both as paramedics and as firefighters. Glembot said one crew took care of a Soldier who had an asthma attack. The crew treated him

with medication and he went back on duty without a trip to the hospital.

On another mission, a paramedic crew worked together with the rest of the fire department to extinguish brush fires on the installation, something that the contractors could not do.

Paramedics new to Fort A.P. Hill have been on duty for the past two weeks and are learning the installation's regulations for medical care.

Prescott, an 18-year veteran of the department who was recently promoted to the paramedic position, serves as a mentor for many of the new paramedics, helping them learn the installation-specific guidelines as well as their way around.

"Danny has helped me learn the differences between here and Fort Lee and my way around post," said Jimmy Snowden, one of the new firefighter paramedics.

"Within a couple of days I knew I was part of the team," said Snowden. "Once they start messing with you and including you in the give and take humor you know you are part of the guys."

FEEDBACK: What can employees do to ensure warrior success on Fort A.P. Hill?



"Make sure that when customers come to Fort A.P. Hill we give them the best service possible."

Gail Wallace, TISA Supervisor, DOL



"Be more job proficient."

David Faunteroy, range training tech., DPTMS



"Give 100 percent of our effort to our mission so the Soldier will have the best training."

Cathy Brooks, budget analyst, DRM

New projects to provide urban warfare training

CACTF, modular MOUT provide post with new capabilities

by **Jeremy Heckler**
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A small city will soon rise from a sizable piece of land not far from the northern end of Fort A.P. Hill's assault landing zone. The city will have no mayor, no post office and no citizens. It will be home to warriors looking to hone their skills.

Construction began on the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility or CACTF earlier this month.

Over the next two years the facility will steadily rise and be part of a complex designed to provide a realistic urban environment in which to train.

"The facility is one aspect of the Army's overall program to train for military operations on urbanized terrain," said Henry Hanrahan, Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security.

Hanrahan said research has proven that urban terrain is one of the most difficult places for an army to fight. He cited Somalia, where members of the Army Rangers and the 10th Mountain Division suffered significant casualties when they attempted to seize an individual in Mogadishu, as an example.

Hanrahan said while the Soldiers distinguished themselves for their toughness and heroism, it made the Army rethink its ideas on urban warfare. The new ideas are being incorporated on Fort A.P. Hill.

"We have nothing that is like the CACTF right now," said Hanrahan. "The closest thing we have is Combat Village."

The new facility will be a giant improvement from Combat Village.

Hanrahan said the plywood and pole Combat Village was meant to resemble a Third World village. It has none of the cameras or monitoring equipment the new CACTF will have.

The nearly \$26 million CACTF com-



Jason Kaye

Fort A.P. Hill recently broke ground on a CACTF facility similar to the one depicted above at Fort Lewis, Wash. Completion of the project is scheduled for 2008.

plex also includes an urban assault course, breach facility and a live-fire shoot house to provide warriors an opportunity to perfect urban operations skills prior to deployment.

"The urban assault course, breach facility and shoot house are co-located," said Hanrahan. "The units will go there first before going to the CACTF."

The shoot house, breach facility and urban assault course will be completed by next year.

The CACTF facility will take an additional year to complete in order to equip it with sensors and video cameras.

The initial construction of 10 buildings this year will lay the groundwork for training. A separate building is designed for after-action reviews.

Hanrahan said CACTF was put on the fast track with the help of Sen. John Warner of Virginia. Originally the project was to be started in 2007 and

wouldn't be completed in 2010.

"Senator Warner looked into the master range plan and moved up the funding by two years so that we can start construction this year," said Hanrahan.

Plans are in the works to bring the facility up to the 25 buildings complex that is currently the Army standard.

Meanwhile, Fort A.P. Hill is working on a separate project to build a smaller, "modular" urban training facility flex-

ible enough to handle different types of missions.

"It will be a bridge facility and provide additional capability to the installation because we are tying it directly into the assault landing zone," said Hanrahan.

He said the modular site will appeal to units with airfield seizure and security missions and provides those units with additional locations to train.

The modular facility is due to be completed by fall.

"We have nothing like the CACTF right now."

-- Henry Hanrahan,
Director, DPTMS



Lt. Col. Elmer F. Munshower, commander, Camp A.P. Hill, salutes at the head of the formation during a ceremony held on post. Munshower was the post commander during World War II and led Camp A.P. Hill from 1941-1945.

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As time passes, it is the small photos and mementos that help us keep the links to the past and prevent memories from fading out of sight. One person's donation of her collection of photos and mementos is helping Fort A.P. Hill keep its link to the past.

Beulah M. Sommer, whose father, Lt. Col. Elmer F. Munshower, served as the installation's commander during World War II, donated more than 140 photographs and other mementos to the post last September.

Munshower, served in the 29th Division as a member of the Maryland National Guard when his unit was called up in February 1941. He was 57 when he was called to active duty and had served in the First World War as a company and battalion commander. He assumed command of Fort A.P. Hill on Dec. 20, 1941, 13 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Sommer said her father was meticulous and organized several scrapbooks. She donated the scrapbook he created of his four years here. The photographs cover a wide range of activities here as well as in Bowling Green.

The pictures themselves add to the memories of Sommer, now 82, who was a student at Mary Washington College during the war. Sommer and her mother moved down to Fredericksburg



Camp A.P. Hill headquarters in January 1942. Beulah Sommer, daughter of the first post commander, donated a scrapbook with more than 140 photos to the post last fall.

Camp A.P. Hill Daughter of wartime commander donates photos, memories from the post's past

from Maryland to be close to her father.

She said she would drive in from Fredericksburg and visit her father at what is now the Lodge. It served as Munshower's on-post home as well as the officer's club. Stepping onto Camp A.P. Hill, as it was then known, was stepping onto a whole new world for her.

"I was kind of awed by the largeness of the place," said Sommer. "There were so many important things going on."

She said coming on post made her swell with pride and patriotism that many Americans shared.

"It made me feel patriotic, but everyone did," said Sommer. "I felt safe."

Like many Americans, the war came in bits and pieces from newspaper, news reel and radio reports.

"We weren't too aware of what was going on," said Sommer. "I had an isolated experience."

She said she no real relationships during the time and didn't have the connection that many had when their boyfriend or husband went off to war. Her connection with the troops came on those days she came through the camp's gates.

She said she often would bring her girlfriends onto post and they would see all the things that a World War II training post had to offer. They would often get to drive around in a Jeep. Sommer even had the opportunity to take the controls of a tank.

"One time I came out and I got to drive a tank and the man who directed me said, 'Run over that tree,'" she said with laughter.

For years afterward she carried the tank license that the unit made for her.

The Soldiers on Camp A.P. Hill even made brief appearances on the campus of Mary Washington College, a college that was for women only at that time.

"When I was at Mary Washington the dean there would call my father and ask if they could send a few of the boys over for a dance," said Sommer.

The Soldiers would come to the dance and both sexes would stand in lines at opposite sides of the hall and pair up.

Sommer said being the garrison commander was one of the highlights of her father's life.

"Father just loved that job," said Sommer.

The memories Munshower kept of the post were almost lost due to spring cleaning. Sommer said she had those pictures as well as other keepsakes from her father's collection for years and she thought of just throwing them out. She researched the post on the internet and donated them last year because she wanted to help preserve the post's history.

"I thought that somebody will want these pictures because they form a part of Fort A.P. Hill's history," said Sommer. "It was just a desire to put them where they belong."



Troops march along the roads at Camp A.P. Hill in November 1944.



A Soldier stands outside Vilboro Store near the entrance to Camp A.P. Hill.



Beulah Sommer (Bottom Right), daughter of a World War II post commander, stands next to her mother and other personnel on Camp A.P. Hill in January 1942.

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AROUND THE ARMY

Army stands up Asymmetric Warfare Group

by K.P. Rowe
Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. -- The Asymmetric Warfare Group unfurled its colors for the first time at a ceremony at McGill Training Center on Fort Meade, March 8.

Made up now of less than 60 Soldiers in 12 different military occupational specialties, the unit will eventually grow to nearly 400, officials said.

The decision to form the AWG was made in 2003. With the U.S. military committed to fighting the Global War on Terrorism, Army leaders decided that a unit was needed to help combat the enemy's ability to use asymmetric weapons on the battlefield. Suicide bombers, improvised explosive devices and kidnapping are all examples of asymmetric weapons.

With members of the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own) filling the auditorium with martial music, an audience of nearly 200 Soldiers, civilians and family members watched as the unit's commander, command sergeant major and Soldiers were introduced for the first time.

'No one more adaptive'

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard Cody told the audience that there is absolutely no one more adaptive on the battlefield than the American Soldier.

"They are challenging our Army and this nation with their creativity. The Soldiers of the AWG are never satisfied with good enough ... They demand the newest, the most effective and the best," he said.

The AWG will help Army units to be better prepared to anticipate enemy activities and help them destroy the enemy's capability to conduct offensive operations.

Cody said Fort Meade was chosen for the home of the AWG for a variety of reasons.

"There is a tremendous growth potential here," Cody said. "Fort Meade is close to Aberdeen Proving Ground and to Fort A.P. Hill. It also makes sense to have the AWG at Fort Meade as the unit will eventually come under the 20th Support Command that will be headquartered here."

One-third of unit deployed

The AWG is already making an impact as nearly one-third of its Soldiers are deployed, training and advising units on the ground. Cody reminded the audience that America is a nation at war, and that units like the AWG are leading the fight in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The capabilities that the AWG brings to the battlefield are critical, said Cody.

"We hear a great deal about how complex the enemy situation is in Iraq and how adaptive the enemy is, but what we don't hear is how adaptive and innovative our Soldiers are at every level," Cody said.

Cody spoke highly of the AWG: "When the odds are the



PHAR Michael Russell

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Richard A. Cody greets members of the new Asymmetric Warfare Group at Fort Meade, March 8.

longest, when the enemy is toughest, when we simply must win — I know the AWG will get the job done."

Experience runs deep

The commander of the AWG is Col. Robert Shaw, a Special Forces officer who has been in the Army 24 years.

His assignments include being an instructor at the Army Ranger school. He also commanded two Special Forces A-Teams and served in various staff positions both in Germany and the United States.

Shaw said he is excited about the opportunity of leading the AWG. He also said how proud he is of his Soldiers, not only the ones that participated in the ceremony, but also the ones who are already carrying out the unit's mission.

Command Sgt. Maj. Alfred Birch of the AWG has been in uniform since 1977. Birch has served in Operations Joint Cause, Desert Storm, Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Great impact, no spotlight

Lt. Gen. James Lovelace, the Army's G-3/5/7, served as the reviewing officer for the ceremony creating the AWG. He unfurled the colors and showcased the black and red guidon trimmed in gold. He then presented the unit's colors to Shaw.

After the ceremony, Lovelace commented on the future hopes for the AWG: "This is an organization that ... in the planning for the long war will make its mark in multiple ways, but it will not be heralded because we will not put ourselves into the limelight. But, at the same time, it is going to have a great operational impact on the force."

RECREATION

● TRAVEL ● COMMUNITY ● SPORTS

Employees to get fit at Fort A.P. Hill Fitness Fair 2006

by Jeremy Heckler
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Showing Fort A.P. Hill how to get physically fit is the goal of this year's Fitness Fair, scheduled for March 22 at the Community Activities Center.

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation is planning a variety of events designed to get hearts pumping and bodies moving.

"This is a day out of the office to devote to physical fitness," said Susan Botkin, DMWR.

Kicking off the day's events is a 5-kilometer run that will take competitors around the Fort A.P. Hill cantonment area and back. Other events include a strongest man and strongest woman competition as well as a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. One of the culminating events of the day is the bench press and run contest. In the bench press and run, competitors will see how many repetitions they can push out before quitting; then, take to the road for a 5-kilometer run.

In addition to the sporting events, attendees can take in a class on aerobics or sample the offerings of one of the health-related booths present in the CAC. Exhibitors from all across northern Virginia are scheduled to provide information about healthier living. One booth will be staffed by DeWitt Army Community Hospital and will provide blood pressure and cholesterol checks. MWR is also providing a free lunch.

The event will be considered the place of duty for most of Fort A.P. Hill's employees. The goal is to give people the opportunity to have a place to get physically fit said Botkin

Nemechek pilots Army car to 13th in Las Vegas



David Ferroni

The Army 01 Chevrolet pit crew in action during Sunday's race.

by David Ferroni
Army News Service

LAS VEGAS – Despite a major spinout that sent the U.S. Army Chevrolet twirling on the infield grass, Joe Nemechek rebounded to bring home a 13th-place finish in Sunday's NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

While running in 13th position and heading to the front, Nemechek lost control of the 01 car on Lap 105 of 267 as he was exiting Turn 4 on the 1.5-mile oval.

"Not much to say except the Army Chevy was a little loose and I lost it after trying real hard to pass the No. 11 car (Denny Hamlin)," said Nemechek. "Fortunately our car didn't suffer any damage, but the incident did drop us to the rear of the field."

The spinout brought out the yellow and sent Nemechek back to 26th place.

"I was looking to get back to the front on the next (green-flag) run, but the car got loose -- it was a struggle just to maintain our position," offered Nemechek.

The Army of One crew, led by crew

chief Ryan Pemberton, kept on making adjustments and eventually found a good balance as the race was winding down.

"I thought we had an easy top-10 car, but once we got behind we had to pass a lot of cars and that's difficult to do here," explained Nemechek. "But we did manage to recover and I am proud about that."

A key moment for the Army team came with three laps remaining while Nemechek was running in 15th-place. Pemberton elected not to pit to get fresh rubber for the green-white checkered restart and the decision paid off as Nemechek picked up two spots in the closing two laps.

"That was a good call by Ryan," said Nemechek. "And overall, it wasn't a bad result today. We had two bad-luck runs coming into this race and needed to get some points, which we did. Again, the Army Chevy was strong, it responded to changes and right now everything is looking really good for our team."

Nemechek gained eight spots in the Nextel Cup driver point standings and is currently 24th after three of the 36-race schedule.

NEWS NOTES

Fort A.P. Hill legal assistance

Legal assistance, provided by the Fort Belvoir office of the Staff Judge Advocate, will be on post March 28. The service is open to active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retirees and dependents.

To make an appointment or for more information, call Katrina Hunter at 633-8797.

Protecting payroll information

“Phishing,” the stealing of personal information online through a site with a similar name to an official site, is currently sliding into the MyPay system. The Department of Defense wants people to be aware of sites that are designed to make people think they are accessing official sites, including MyPay. These sites use MyPay as part of their web address. While they may be legitimate sites they are not in any way affiliated with DFAS or MyPay.

Fort A.P. Hill yoga classes

Interested in Yoga? Classes will be after duty hours. Call the Community Activities Center for more information or to sign up. 633-8219/8257

Easter Sunrise Service

An Easter Sunrise Service is scheduled for Apr. 13 at 7:30 a.m. at Liberty Chapel. Chap. (Lt. Col.) Rodney A. Lindsay from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains will officiate the ceremony.

Fort A.P. Hill Sports

Adult and Youth Fishing Tournament

		Weight
1	Charlie Massey	2.6 pounds
2	John Lyshel	1.7 pounds
3	Cory Oliver	1.5 pounds
4	Charlie Massey	(Overall Limit)

St. Patty's Day Pool Tournament

J. R. Brooks defeated Robert Mountjoy to capture tournament title



ITR offers fall trip to Italy

The National Security Agency, Indian Head ITR Office offers visitors the world, or at least a great part of it with his fabulous tour of Italy's greatest cities. Oct 30 through Nov 7.

Travelers visit Rome, Venice, Pisa, Florence & Verona and see all the wonders of Italy.

The cost is \$1,950 per person for a standard room or \$2,025 per person for the deluxe upgrade.

The price includes: round-trip airfare from Dulles to Rome; the service of a professional tour manager; and eight days and seven nights in a first class hotel. Guests can also sample seven buffet breakfasts and two dinners, including a welcome dinner.

Visitors will also be able to take guided trips to St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and many other popular attractions.

For more information, call 301-744-4850.

Tax preparation assistance

Tax preparation assistance will be available to service members, dependents and retirees every Tuesday until April 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the basement of the Dolly Hill Guest House.

The tax assistant, Petty Officer 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 present. Tax assistance is by appointment only. To make an appointment or for more information, call Katrina Hunter at 633-8797.

Celebrating Women's History

A celebration to recognize the accomplishments of women is scheduled for today in the Tucker's Tavern basement from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's theme is Builder's of Communities and Dreams. Maj. Laura Casulli, from the office of the staff judge advocate's office at Fort Belvoir is the guest speaker.

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