

Up and Down the Hill

Serving the Fort A.P. Hill Community

Fort A.P. Hill Creed Debuts at Meeting

I am a member of the Fort A.P. Hill Team and a Professional.

I am a leader who puts the mission and dedication to the Warrior first!

I live the Army Values, the Fort A.P. Hill Guiding Principles, and the Warrior Ethos.

I set the example for others to follow.

My actions are legal, moral and ethical.

I will not tolerate those who do not act the same.

I am constantly improving in my readiness and abilities, always striving for excellence.

I am essential to our nation's defense because it depends on me to provide "The Best Training and Support - Anywhere."



Post Commander Lt. Col. James M. Mis distributes wallet-sized Fort A.P. Hill creed cards to members of the installation work force following last Friday's Town Hall meeting. The cards have the creed printed on one side and the organizational guiding principles on the reverse. U.S. Army photo

Work Force Turns Out for Year-End Town Hall Meeting

More than half of the Fort A.P. Hill work force attended last Friday's Town meeting at Heth School to receive an overview of the year's accomplishments, a review of employee suggestions and responses from the past Town Hall Meeting, a rundown of how awards were doled out over the year, and a forecast of how Fort A.P. Hill's first "A76" Commercial Activities study would progress.

Post Commander Lt. Col. James M. Mis first recognized many team members with certificates commemorating years of federal service. Also spotlighted were employees who assisted with a special hunting retreat for seven wounded warriors from Walter Reed Army Medical Center—see story next page.

Mis lauded the A.P. Hill team for its successes with the Army Communities of Excellence Program, the work with providing regional support for dining facilities on 9 installations, and the progress made toward completing several key range projects that will enhance the post's ability to support training Warriors.

Along with the ongoing infrastructure improvements, he noted the progress being made with new tenant organizations, such as the Asymmetric Warfare Group, as well as ongoing dialogue with Fort Lee related to partnering for Combat Support training.

Mis showed a tally of awards given during the year including 138 performance awards and 176 Special Act awards

for a total of more than \$192,000. These are in addition to time off awards and on-the-spot cash awards, as well as "non-pay" forms of recognition.

He noted that the Human Resources Directorate was now beginning a formal tracking system of awards.

The Commercial Activities study, which will examine Fort A.P. Hill's workload and structure is scheduled to begin this fiscal year and run for approximately an 18-month period.

The study will be coordinated by the Directorate of Plans, Analysis and Integration with contractor support from the Installation Management Agency. More will be released on the study as the details are defined.

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Wounded Warriors Enjoy Outdoors Break

Seven Soldiers from Walter Reed Army Medical Center who were in the latter stages of recovery from serious wounds and other injuries suffered in the Global War on Terror were treated to a break from the hospital regimen and brought to Fort A.P. Hill for outdoor adventure and camaraderie.

The Soldiers, special guests of Fort A.P. Hill stayed at The Lodge and enjoyed a couple of days of deer hunting with A.P. Hill staff members and local volunteers helping them. A.P. Hill staff and family members also turned in some gourmet efforts in the kitchen with some tasty venison dishes at dinner and big country breakfasts in the morning.

The Virginia Deer Hunters Association donated funds for the Virginia state hunting licenses, while the A.P. Hill-Rappahannock Chapter of the Association of the United States Army donated money for meals and drinks, with one lunch provided at Tucker's Tavern. The Gander Mountain store in Spotsylvania donated products to help outfit the Soldiers for the hunt.

Walter Reed 1st Sgt. John Zelch accompanied the Wounded Warriors. The season's first big snowstorm coincided with the hunt, which resulted in two deer and a bobcat being taken.



(Above) Soldiers from Walter Reed Army Medical Center test fire the shotguns they were loaned for the 2005 Wounded Warrior Retreat Dec. 5-7. (Left) Home cooked venison dinners provided a welcome treat following some snowy days in the woods. Photos by Ken Perrotte

News Notes

Salutes, Kudos, Heroes

Hats off to firefighter Cindy Tate for leading the effort to collect donations of hundreds of useable products that will be packaged and shipped to Soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Well done to the members of the Employee Morale Committee for helping to feed the Department of the Army police officers and firefighters on Thanksgiving Day and for sponsoring a holiday bake sale fundraiser. The Holiday Party Committee also came through, delivering a party at Heth School that was enjoyed by hundreds of members of the Fort A.P. Hill team.

DPTMS Leading Volleyballers

The DPTMS team is sitting in first place with a 2-0 record in the new intramural volleyball competition. The DPW squad is second at 1-1, with the Combined Directorate spikers languishing in the cellar at 0-2.

Games are played in the post gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:45 p.m.

Pigskin Pickers Going to the Wire

Going into the final weekends of competition, the PAIO's Brian Taylor and Commander Lt. Col. James Mis are in a tight

race to see who'll emerge atop the list of installation "Offsides" players.

The cumulative scores are: Taylor, 155-69; Mis, 152-72; Louis Scott, 145-70; Angela Evans, 126-98; Tim Mulrone, 113-65; Sheila Rivera, 114-96; and Tim Allen, 105-55.

Pitts Retiring After 35 Years at A.P. Hill

Barbara Pitts received a standing ovation at last Friday's Town Hall meeting as her name was read to receive a certificate and pin commemorating 35 years of federal service. Pitts has announced she intends to retire from her position with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at the end of the this year. She says her future plans are still undetermined, but she plans on taking a break from the day-to-day work pace and enjoy her retirement — at least initially.



Barbara Pitts returns to her seat after receiving a certificate and pin recognizing her 35 years of service to the federal government. U.S. Army photo