

Up and Down the Hill

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ACOE Site Visit Team Digs Into Details

For the third time in four years, a team of examiners from the Department of the Army visited Fort A.P. Hill to “verify and clarify” information in the organizational self assessment that serves as the installation’s nomination for the Army Communities of Excellence Award.

According to the Installation Management Agency, 32 installations originally signaled their intent to apply with 14 actually submitting packets by the Aug. 1 deadline.

Fort A.P. Hill’s participation in this year’s competition was seriously challenged by the fact that completion of the organizational assessment was also competing head-to-head with frantic preparations for the National Scout Jamboree. The installation’s Corporate Board decided that, despite the intense pace of activity, the investment required to prepare a package was worth the effort.

The decision was apparently a sound one as four packets were forwarded through to the ACOE awards board phase. Other finalist installations included Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Stewart, Ga., (last year’s winner), and White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The first-place winner receives \$2 million, second place \$1 million and third place \$750,000. Fort A.P. Hill placed third last year, winning \$750,000. The installation was also a finalist in 2003, winning \$500,000.

The site visit team poured over a mountain of materials documenting information in the assessment and conducted intensive interviews with dozens of installation team members, including individual meetings and panel sessions. They also interviewed selected tenant partners.



Post Commander Lt. Col. James M. Mis poses with members of the Army Communities of Excellence site visit team. From right, team chief Ed Mayer, Marie Robinson, Ward Nichols, Joyce Connor, Gwen Ragle, Pat Ellis, Howson Lau, and Phyllis Taylor. The group spent three full days on site with another day spent writing its report at a Fredericksburg hotel.

The final judging is in December. From there, recommendations are sent to the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management. The award ceremony is scheduled May 2006 at the Pentagon and is hosted by the Chief of Staff of the Army.

Corporate Board Prioritizes ACOE Award Funds

The Fort A.P. Hill Corporate Board reviewed suggestions this week for how to use the \$750,000 won in the 2005 ACOE competition, reaching a consensus on a tentative solution that spreads the funds across multiple projects.

At least \$120,000 is earmarked for a component of a “Mobile Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) facility

that will be arrayed as an objective along the maneuver corridor being designed to train units employing wheeled combat vehicles.

Another \$500,000 will be used to enhance the training facility being built at Beaverdam Pond. Breakout rooms, storage areas and other useful space will be added to increase that facility’s utility.

Additional funds are being held to explore the feasibility of some sort of electronic gate on the south side of post to ease employee access during the day. If this is not feasible, the funds will be applied to the Mobile MOUT. Other funds will be allocated to implement some sort of recognition event for employees commemorating the award.

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Installation Celebrates Veteran's Day, Namesake's Birthday



Fort A. P. Hill held a Veteran's Day observance ceremony and a commemoration of the 180th anniversary of installation namesake Lt. Gen. (CSA) A.P. Hill's birth Nov. 9. Following a luncheon at Tucker's Tavern, Lt. Col. James M. Mis, commander, delivered an address before he, Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Chase, and Specs. Cindy Velazquez and Ron Lamborgini laid a wreath at the Medal of Honor Memorial commemorating the service of our veterans. Following the formal ceremony, an informative and entertaining presentation of Lt. Gen. A.P. Hill's life was presented by Patrick Falci, a Civil War historian and actor, who has played A.P. Hill in films. Falci dresses as A.P. Hill for the presentation. Photos by Ken Perrotte



News Notes

CFC Wraps Up a Major Success

Dahlgren/Fort A.P. Hill's combined goal for this year's Combined Federal Campaign was \$280,000. According to CFC Coordinator Nadine Kibler of the Resource management Office, total contributions were \$321,143.46. Fort A.P. Hill's portion was \$20,984. The installations surpassed last year's total of \$13,505 by \$7,479.

Kibler said CFC's mission is to support and to promote philanthropy through a voluntary program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Post CFC volunteers were Christine Coates, Madelaine Perrotte, Tracy Pickeral, Angela Evans, Linda Huckstep, Karen Mountjoy and Diane Stewart.

Mis Leads Pigskin Prognosticators

Lt. Col. James Mis leads the installation "Offsides" competition picking winners of National Football League games with a cumulative score of 95-49. He's followed closely by Brian Taylor at 92-52, Louis Scott at 89-55; Tim Allen at 86-42; Sheila Rivera, 68-62; and Angela Evans, 73-71 and Tim Mulroney, 69-45.

Halloween Party Benefits Foodbank

The Fort A.P. Hill Halloween party attracted hundreds of participants to the installation for an evening of spooky fun and games. The price of admission included a requirement to bring in some form on nonperishable food item that would later be donated to the Central Virginia Foodbank.

Shortly after Halloween, party organizers delivered 267 pounds of food the Foodbank.

Fay G. Lohr, Foodbank chief executive officer, thanked the installation for the donation, writing, "Your contribution will be used by the Foodbank's partner agencies to provide support for emergency pantries, soup kitchens, faith-based feeding programs, emergency shelters and CVFB programs like the Kids Café and the Community Kitchen."

Native American Observance Set

The Fort A.P. Hill Special Emphasis Committee has scheduled a Native American Heritage Month observance Nov. 28 in the lower level of Tucker's Tavern from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The observance will feature displays, a documentary video, cultural music and food, and more.

The menu includes turkey, succotash, fry bread, pumpkin casserole and more for a cost of \$6.50 per person.