

# UP AND DOWN THE HILL

SERVING THE FORT A.P. HILL COMMUNITY

## Leaders tour post, visit workforce

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Two senior leaders paid a visit to Fort A.P. Hill Monday to see how America's men and women are being trained to carry out the mission of defending their nation.

Maj. Gen. Guy C. Swan III, Military District of Washington and Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region commanding general, and Diane Devens, U.S. Army Installation Management Command Northeast Region director, toured the post and saw first hand the improvements being made to keep Fort A.P. Hill on the cutting edge of training America's forces.

"For me, Fort A.P. Hill continues to be just a gem of not just Army training, but joint training and interagency training," Swan said. "Every time I come here there are more and more improvements.

"One of the concerns I have is that, as the post gets more business and more use, we sustain this excellence over the long haul," he added.

During the visit, Swan and Devens saw several of the resources that help the numerous units that use Fort A.P. Hill hone their skills, as well as new facilities that will help keep the training relevant to future threats.

"The new facilities I saw today are very impressive; they're going to be state-of-the-art," the general said. "The Combined Arms Collective Training Facility is a world-class facility and as good as any in



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*Tim Ryan, right, Fort A.P. Hill range officer, briefs Maj. Gen. Guy C. Swan III (left), Military District of Washington commanding general, on construction at the various ranges during Swan's visit Monday.*

the Army. It is going to provide the kind of urban environment and coalition environment our troops are fighting in these days."

"It's exactly what we need," he added about the facilities.

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**"The Soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the Soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."**

-- General of the Army Douglas MacArthur

# Commander's Call:

## *Thanking team for job well done*

With all of the mandatory training, the community reception, A-76, NSPS, the Higher Headquarters Assessment Team visit, the Installation Force Protection Exercise seminar, the Installation Planning Board, community interaction, and normal quarterly meetings, it has made we wonder if "The Gauntlet" we experienced last fall is just the normal pace here at Fort A.P. Hill!

The bottom line is you all have done a magnificent job during the past quarter and have good reason to be proud.

I was especially impressed with you during the recent visit by Maj. Gen. Swan and Ms. Devens. Publicly and privately, both leaders stated how impressed they continue to be with the team at

Fort A.P. Hill and its unrivalled focus on warrior support.

Many new Team members have arrived this quarter and with many more due in the next few months. To our new teammates, welcome! You have come to a special place and we look forward to your contributions and ideas.

To the "veterans" of Fort A.P. Hill, thanks for your continued dedication and lets all ensure Fort A.P. Hill continues to deliver "The best training and support- Anywhere!"

Michael S. Graese  
LTC, AD  
Commanding

# Leaders

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Swan said training done here not only supports America's military mission, but also helps meet training needs of agencies valuable to homeland security.

"Fort A.P. Hill is very important," Swan said. "In this part of the country, the Eastern United States, this is a centerpiece of training for active military forces; Reserve and National Guard forces; all other military services; law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels and a host of other agencies.

"It still amazes me. You get a lot of bang for your buck out of an installation like Fort A.P. Hill," he added.

The general also talked about how none of the training could ever happen without the support personnel who ensure those who come here are given everything they could need.

"I really am proud of the workforce and the leadership team here," Swan said. "They are such

a can-do workforce. It is a small team and they work hard.

"They find a way to please their warriors who train here and their customer service is second to none," he added.

Devens also agreed one of the things that make the post stand out is the attitude of those who support America's fighting men and women.

"The thing I always get when visiting the workforce here is that they are proud of their job... how proud they are of the work they do supporting the warfighter," Devens said. "I think the great thing about Fort A.P. Hill is how focused everybody is on their mission. That is a culture the leaders have instilled here.

"The most unique thing about Fort A.P. Hill is that it is very focused in terms of the mission," she added. "This is a training post and it is more singularly focused than most other posts..., and it shows in how well the post performs its mission."

In addition, she discussed Fort

A.P. Hill's future and some of the challenges the post faces in coming years, and how proper planning is one way to keep both surrounding communities and customers happy.

"I think one of the challenges facing the post will be dealing with growth," Devens said. "In a way, the post needs the space that they have to accomplish the training you do.

"You need the buffers, you need to keep these people coming here to train, and they make noise," she said.

"Encroachment is going to be a strategic issue for you, not in the immediate future, but in the next decade I think that will be a challenge the post will have to deal with," Devens added.

Before leaving, Devens said people ask her about Fort A.P. Hill and she gladly tells them of all of the great things the post is accomplishing for the nation.

"The Army has a good thing here, and I know it will only get better," she said.

**"Which World War II U.S. Navy admiral said: "Hit hard, hit first, hit often."?"**

-- Fleet Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey Jr.

# CYS Summer Camp subsidized off post

Fort A.P Hill Morale, Welfare and Recreation Child and Youth Services will not offer a summer camp on post this year. Instead parents can apply for a subsidy to offset the cost of their children attending accredited off post camps.

This change was brought about by the fact that only 15 children signed up for the summer camp program this year.

Feedback from the installation population attributes this drop in participation to the increase in fees this year.

The fee increase was mandated by the Installation Management Command Northeast Region headquarters after an inspection found that Fort A.P Hill's fees didn't meet regulatory minimums.

For the installation to receive the funding to host the camp, NERO required that the installation must

meet mandatory minimum fees and have at least 30 children signed up.

To allow Fort A.P Hill families to send their children to summer camp at a comparable cost to the existing MWR CYS fee structure, families will have a subsidy program available to them through an Army contract with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

To apply for the program, interested families should go to [www.naccrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/assistance.php](http://www.naccrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/assistance.php).

MWR will distribute information with specific instructions on how to apply for this program. MWR is expected to offer an on post summer camp program in 2008; however the participation and fee requirement set by the Department of the Army will still be in effect.



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*Scott Kittle, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, gives Maj. Gen. Guy C. Swan III (right), Military District of Washington commanding general, and Diane M. Devens (second from right), U.S. Army Installation Management Command Northeast Region director, a tour around the new Combined Arms Collective Training Facility during a visit by the two leaders Monday.*

## This day in U.S. Army history

*1847 - Mexican-American War: United States forces led by General Winfield Scott take Veracruz after a siege.*

*1865 - American Civil War: Battle of Appomattox Court House begins.*

*1973 - Vietnam War: The last United States Soldiers leave South Vietnam.*

# NEWS NOTES

## Upcoming events for MWR

Here are a few of MWR's upcoming events:

- April 7 Easter Egg Hunt
- April 13 Stress Relief Day at the CAC
- April 28 Youth Fishing Day
- May 9 Ping Pong Tournament

All events and dates are subject to change. Contact 633-8219/8257 for further details.



Ken Perrotte

Fort A.P. Hill community members gathered to listen to playwright and performer Dorothy Leeds at Heth Schoolhouse March 15. The post's Special Emphasis Program Committee invited Leeds, who presented "Good Lessons for Bad Women (in history)" and what people can learn from them as part of Women's History Month observances.

## Fishing competition on post



Brian Poe

Jason Walter lands one at the Annual Adult Trout Tournament held Saturday at Beaverdam Pond. Twenty-one participants spent the day fishing for the largest trout, and for the most total weight. The winner of the largest trout was Ron Witt, 2.1 pounds. Joseph Scott took the prize for total weight at 8.5 pounds.

## Local attractions opening soon

- Busch Gardens in Williamsburg now open
- Kings Dominion in Doswell opens Saturday
- Water Country USA in Williamsburg opens May 12.

Visit the Community Activities Center for tickets, or call them at 633-8219/8257.

# SALUTES

- HAILS, FAREWELLS
- ACHIEVEMENT
- FAMILY

### Hails

Fort A.P. Hill welcomes the following new employees:

- Jason Cutshaw, Editor/PAO
- Timothy Beverly, Fire Protection

### Inspector/DES

- Kevin Roberson, Lead Fire-fighter/DES
- Milton Ramos, IT Specialist/DOIM

If you would like to recognize any member of the Fort A.P. Hill team, please let us know by calling 633-8120 or send an E-Mail to jason.cutshaw@us.army.mil.

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