

UP AND DOWN THE HILL

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Jamboree concludes with display of patriotism, solidarity

Thousands of flags were given to Boy Scouts and leaders during the July 31 arena show. The show featured a visit by President George W. Bush, Army entertainment performances and a fireworks display. Fort A.P. Hill law enforcement officials estimated nearly 65,000 people packed into the arena for the show. About 32,000 Boy Scouts boarded buses yesterday and headed home, officially ending the jamboree. Fort A.P. Hill personnel prepared for the jamboree by conducting an Emergency Response Readiness Exercise (Page 3). Skills honed during these contingency exercises were critical to Fort A.P. Hill personnel and emergency services who responded to an electrical accident and the more than 300 people who succumbed to heat injuries at the first arena show. (Photo by Mary A. Bodine)



Post emergency responders save lives

by Mary A. Bodine
Fort A.P. Hill Public Affairs

The 2005 National Scout Jamboree may be remembered by its headlines: "Boy Scouts prepare for what could be last jamboree at Virginia military base;" "Four Scout leaders die in electrical accident;" "Tragedy strikes;" "Heat fells 300 at jamboree."

The story these headlines fail to tell is that of the extraordinary -- even heroic -- measures taken by the Fort A.P. Hill work force in response to the July 25 electrical accident that killed four Scout leaders

and the July 27 mass heat casualty incident.

Opening day of the jamboree was marred by the deaths of the Scout leaders electrocuted when the center pole of a tent they were erecting struck an overhead power line. The Fort A.P. Hill Fire Department, augmented by firefighters from Illinois, North Dakota and Washington state, were first on the scene.

"Our firefighters performed CPR on three of the victims (who later died); the third was obviously DOA (dead on arrival)," said Fire Chief Daniel Glembot, (See *Emergency*, Page 4)

"The best armor is staying out of gun-shot."
-- Italian proverb

"The value of an individual's worth should not be judged by his proximity to the battlefield."

Mis Sends: Garrison team excels during tough jamboree mission

by Lt. Col. James M. Mis
Fort A.P. Hill Commander

Team:

Having been a member of such organizations, I can tell you that units become better, closer and stronger when they have faced combat together. The hardships, the heartaches, the highs and the lows that combat presents, meld a unit together. Though I would not compare the National Scout Jamboree to combat, many of the situations faced during this jamboree presented the same challenges and feelings. Because of this, we too as an organization -- as a team -- are better, closer and stronger.

From the moment the first Scout arrived, until the minute the last departed, you proved once again that Fort A.P. Hill is the best garrison in the United States Army. Your four years of hard work paid off as we welcomed over 43,000 Scouts and Scouters and, in the end, supported an experience, which will live on for the rest of their lives. It was truly a team effort:

- Resource management office ensured that the funding was available and streamlined.
- Directorate of Contracting supported with professional contracting services.
- Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation provided exceptional morale and recreation support to our Warriors and our visitors.
- Plans, Analysis and Integration Office assisted in the execution of exercises to include the validation of the Joint Task Force.
- The Installation Safety Office worked to ensure that all the young men present encountered only safe activities.
- Directorate of Human Resources ensured that our



Lt. Col.
James Mis

team was provided with expert administrative and personnel support.

- Public Affairs Office continued the positive community relations and shared the favorable results of your hard work.
- Directorate of Public Works tirelessly constructed and fixed, answering the call at all hours.
- Directorate of Logistics supported whenever called upon, letting no request at any hour go unfilled.
- Directorate of Information Management provided the communications connectivity vital to command and control a vast joint task force.
- Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security provided the overall command and control structure necessary to ensure success.
- Fort A.P. Hill's "Finest and Bravest" in the Directorate of Emergency Services provided security, and when needed, answered the cry for help.

And, throughout post, the training and support of Warriors continued, because you are committed to their success.

The BSA leadership and most importantly the Scouts themselves could not have praised your performance any higher. They were impressed by your professionalism and comforted by your selflessness.

The dates of 25 and 27 July were trying, yet even in the most desperate of hours you didn't cower or complain or give up. All you did was the right thing! As I have said countless times before, as your Commander, I am proud of you! You continue to amaze me with your professionalism and commitment to the mission at hand. You seek neither glory nor reward, and a simple "thanks" is enough.

THANK YOU!

Post Party!

Who: Fort A.P. Hill employees

Where: Pool Pavilion

When: 2:30 p.m., Aug. 5

A barbecue lunch will be served at 2:30 p.m., and attendees can enjoy recreational activities. For those who wish to attend, the party will be their place of duty, per the installation commander.

Why: To celebrate the hard work of Fort A.P. Hill employees

How much: \$3

Readiness exercise prepared responders

by Mary A. Bodine

Fort A.P. Hill Public Affairs

First responders participated in an Emergency Response Readiness Exercise July 20-23 that was critical to their ability to respond to the electrical accident that killed four Scout leaders and the more than 300 people who succumbed to heat injuries during the first days of the National Scout Jamboree here.

Police, fire and medical personnel responded to a civil disturbance, bomb threat, mass casualty, missing scout, chemical explosion, hostage, and sniper threat during the exercises. Each scenario lasted from one to eight hours.

Many of the scenarios were conducted during the day, requiring first responders to work under humid, 90-degree heat. Members of the fire department who were required to respond to the scenarios in uniform and with necessary equipment – which weigh as much as 45 pounds – rotated positions with other firefighters behind the safety line too keep cool, said Fire Chief Daniel Glembot.

“It’s necessary to train as we would execute,” he said. “If we train haphazardly, then we’re going to make mistakes.”

The hot weather first responders dealt with during training persisted through the first week of the jamboree. Had first responders not been stressed during training, “they wouldn’t have been prepared to handle both of the extreme real-world events” that occurred during the jamboree’s first three days, said Monica Mulkeen, deputy director of the Joint Operations Center, which served as the National Scout Jamboree command and control center.

“By training on our response



Firefighter Airman Sam Roemmich, from Minot Air Force Base, N.D. reads an UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief’s “casualty card,” which details the casualty’s injuries, during a downed aircraft scenario. (Photos by Mary A. Bodine)

and in a difficult environment, we were able to react a lot quicker when we were needed,” she said. “Our responses to the electrical accident (on July 25) and the mass number of heat injuries (on July 27) would not have been as effective without the (Emergency Response Readiness Exercise).”

Each scenario was controlled and evaluated by an observer-controller from the Fort A.P. Hill staff. The OC evaluated first responder response time, their ability to handle the situation presented, the communication notification system and how emergency and other services were marshaled, said exercise OC Mike Brandt, Plans, Analysis and Integration.

An after-action review was also conducted after each exercise.

“Any questions that anyone had were answered at the AAR,” Mulkeen said. “We knew who to contact, the processes that needed to be followed and, when it came (See Readiness, Page 9)



A Fort A.P. Hill augmentee firefighter prepares to evacuate fire role player 2nd Lt. Sheryl Lloyd, from the 1710 Transportation Company, during an “explosion” scenario.

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During the first arena show, which was later cancelled, the Fort A.P. Hill Fire Department sprayed water from their deck guns on the overheated crowd. (Photos by Mary A. Bodine)

incident commander. "Although we lost four lives that day, without a doubt we saved three lives and indirectly saved countless other lives by properly responding and controlling the situation."

While fire department personnel were performing life-saving measures on the victims, Fort A.P. Hill police officers secured the scene and prevented Boy Scouts and Scout leaders from entering the area. Because the electrical line had not yet been grounded, the area presented a danger to unqualified persons who may have wanted to assist in the rescue efforts, Glembot said. Scout leaders also kept kids from rushing toward the area, he added.

Billy Cecil, Utilities Branch chief, Directorate of Public Works, arrived at the scene and began

working with Rappahannock Electric Cooperative linemen already in the jamboree area (who were in the process of connecting services for the event) to ground the line.

"Because of the (road) congestion getting to the site, one of our guys at the Bowling Green office went to the substation and shut the power down," said Billy Carter, director of operations and construction services, REC.

"Our policy about grounding a line is to open the line, test it, ground it, and then tag it," said Dennis Jones, senior distribution designer, REC. "In this case, we just cut the power to the entire circuit. There was no delay."

Two contractors and one Scout leader, who returned to the jamboree, were injured in the accident. A Boy Scout also sustained minor injuries.

Two days after the electrical accident – the first scheduled arena show – temperatures soared and the heat index peaked at 119 degrees. Boy Scouts, who spent the day enjoying the jamboree exhibits and activities, slowly became casualties of the heat while waiting for the arena show and the president's visit.

The Fort A.P. Hill Fire Department sprayed the crowd with water from their deck guns. Three cooling stations were set up outside the arena and any facility with air conditioning or a fan was commandeered to cool the overheated Scouts. "We tried to cool them off as best we could," Glembot said.

The several ambulances stationed at the arena began filling, and Rappahannock Emergency Services began the call for more ambulance support. Between 5 and 6 p.m., about 2,500 radio transmissions were recorded as emergency personnel quickly realized they were dealing with a mass casualty of heat-related injuries, said David Vaughan, director of Emergency Services.

As soon as BSA officials cancelled the show due to an impending thunderstorm, Boy Scouts and visitors flooded the road which slowed down ambulances carrying heat casualties to the jamboree hospital or regional community hospitals, Vaughan said.

UH-60 Blackhawks used to transport passengers were converted to ambulatory helicopters to quickly medically evacuate heat casualties out of the arena and into a hospital, he added.

More than 300 people were treated for heat injuries July 27 and Rappahannock Emergency Services were able to marshal 68 ambulances for support from as far away as Chesterfield County, Glembot said.

"We never anticipated that many casualties, but we were able to react and respond appropriately,"

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Vaughan said. "At the second arena show, everyone had the benefit of hindsight and provided more cooling stations, positioned water so that it was more accessible and improved on the evacuation route plan."

At the July 31 arena show, emergency personnel stationed 18 ambulances in the arena; 19 outside of the arena, said Tina Skinner, Rappahannock Emergency Services. Water bottles were placed at about 15-foot intervals on the sloping lawn and several buses with air conditioning were available. The temperature was a cooler 87 degrees. The Boy Scouts enjoyed a visit by the president and a fireworks display without a major incident thanks to insight of Fort A.P. Hill and supporting



A UH-60 Blackhawk is loaded with heat casualties July 27. Helicopters were converted from passenger to litter carriers.

Most electrical accidents preventable

by **Mary A. Bodine**

Fort A.P. Hill Public Affairs

More than 1,000 people died as a result of an electrical accident last year and many of those deaths were preventable, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Situational awareness and following the proper procedures for digging permits and erecting tents and antennas near power lines are crucial to preventing an electrical accident from happening, said D.M. "Maxie" Rozell Jr., director of safety and security, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative.

At Fort A.P. Hill, employees and Soldiers training here are required to have an approved digging permit before putting shovel to ground and must have the approval of the installation safety officer to post an antenna near a power line and, even then, the antenna must be at least 100 meters away from a power line, said Billy Cecil, Utilities Branch chief, Directorate of Public Works.

Accidents similar to the electrical accident that killed four Scout leaders here July 25 may be

preventable, Cecil said. Although the Virginia safety code requires a 10-foot distance from erecting any structure from a power line, people often misjudge the length of their tent pole in relation to the height of a power line, which is at least 18 ½ feet high, said Billy Carter, director of operations and construction services, REC.

"Most people putting up a tent think about the ground and generally don't look up," Cecil said. "It is easy to take for granted the danger of a power line."

If a person is involved or comes upon an electrical accident, the best action is inaction until the power line is grounded by a professional, Carter said.

"Call for immediate medical aid and keep everyone away from the area," Rozell said. "Then call the utility company because no one can do anything safely until the line is grounded."

Until the power line is grounded, people should not attempt to save the individual being electrocuted until it is safe, Carter said.

Do not throw water on the individual or attempt to use a stick to remove him from the electrical

conductor, he added.

Rozell stresses that the voltage of a power line or electrical source is irrelevant in determining the danger of electrocution.

"A voltage as low as 100 milliamps is enough to set the body into ventricular fibrillation," he said. "A Christmas light bulb is 100 milliamps. So you should be careful around all electrical sources."

Power lines and other electrical conductors should always be considered live, he added.

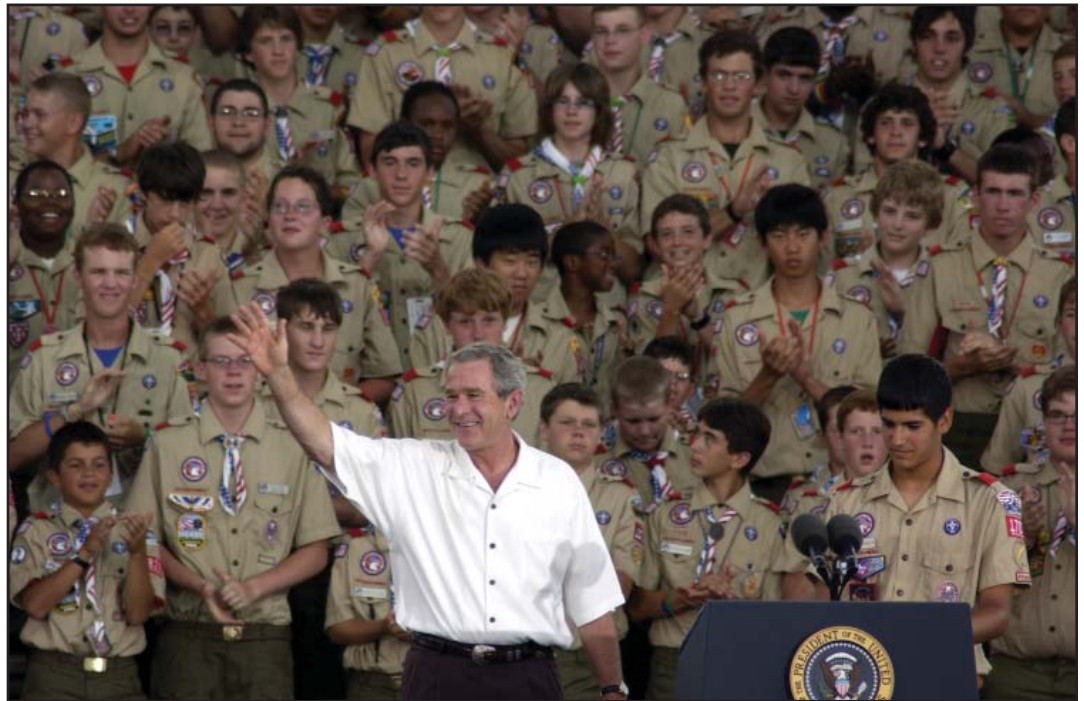
"(For example), it is common to see downed lines and sometimes there may be tree over it," Cecil said. "Do not remove the tree and do not attempt to drive over the line; it is probably a live line and you could be electrocuted."

The Rappahannock Electric Cooperative conducts public safety training as requested. For more information about this training, electrical safety, or Virginia safety codes, acts and the National Electric Safety Code, call Rozell at (540) 891-5817.

For more information about Fort A.P. Hill policies or digging permits, call Cecil at 633-8392.

The jamboree in 1,000 words

President George W. Bush visited the July 31 arena show. He praised the “thousands of Scouts (that) have shown the highest form of patriotism, by going on to wear the uniform of the United States military.” (Below) Post police officers Timothy Casey (left) and Brian Richey patrol the arena. Casey and Richey rode more than 25 miles per day during the jamboree. (Photos by Mary A. Bodine)



Investigator Patrick Sample, Directorate of Emergency Services, monitors the arena before the president’s arrival.

Ten-year-old Nathan Olszowy from Fairfax, Va., negotiates the rope bridge at the Army Adventure Area at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree.



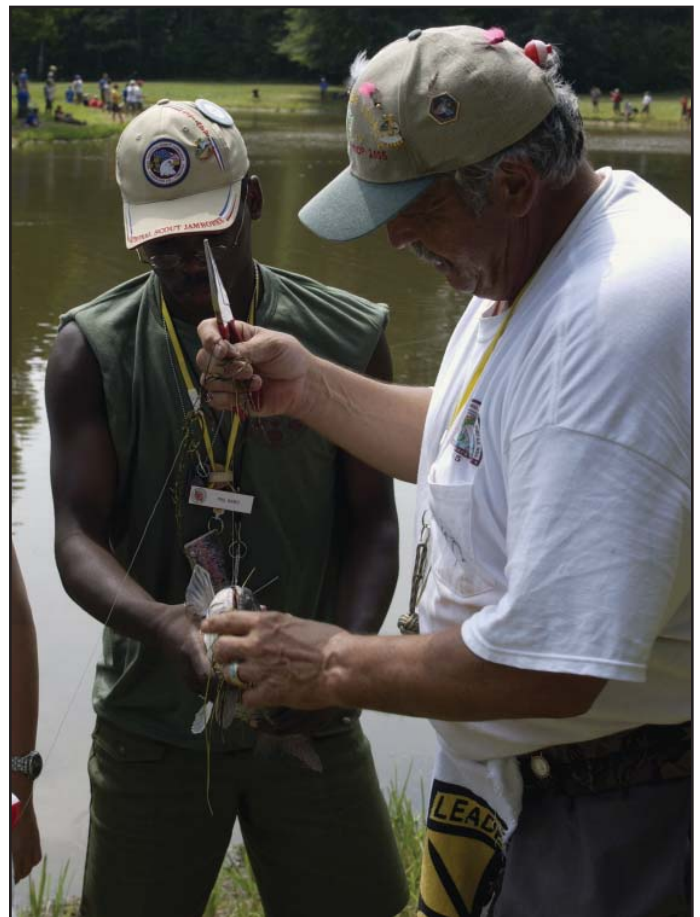
Firefighters pull a patient injured by an “explosion” to safety during a readiness exercise.



Military police officers arrest an “uncooperative demonstrator” during the civil disturbance exercise at South Gate. The scenario was part of the installation’s Emergency Response Readiness Exercise.



(From left) Fort A.P. Hill Commander Lt. Col. James Mis, Task Force Commander Maj. Gen. John Yingling and his adjutant Capt. David Guthrie first hear about the mass number of heat casualties in the arena through radio transmission July 27. (Photo by Ken Perrotte)



A Boy Scout volunteer helps Scout Phil Banks prepare a hefty catfish for weighing and cleaning at Fish Hook Lake.

Leadership change at district headquarters

Jackman, Swan switch positions

by Spc. Justin Nieto
Military District of Washington
News Service

Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman passed on a legacy of excellence, honor and professionalism to the new commanding general of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington during his change of command ceremony held July 21 at Summerall Field on Fort Myer, Va.

Gen. Richard Cody, the vice chief of staff for the Army, was in attendance and quoted a famous passage, stating a good leader knows how to pick good people for the job and then not meddle and let them accomplish the mission.

Cody said he saw those principles in Jackman and how he led MDW.

"Nobody brings our Army to the public more than the Military District of Washington," said Cody of the various missions, both ceremonial and tactical in nature, MDW carried out, under the supervision of Jackman.

These included the planning and execution of the Reagan State Funeral, a deployment of a company of Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) to the Horn of Africa and the creation of the Joint Force Headquarters – National Capital Region.

Jackman, flanked by fellow general officers, watched the ceremony, full of military tradition and synchronized marching, performed by the Soldiers of The Old Guard alongside fellow honor guard units from all branches of service with the type of attitude summing up his tenure at MDW; quiet dignity.

"Thank you all for sharing



Maj. Gen. Guy C. Swan, (left) the incoming commander of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, Col. Robert Picone, (center) the commander of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman (right) perform a troop inspection during the change of command ceremony Thursday at Summerall Field on Fort Myer, Va. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto)

your precious time today," said Jackman, welcoming his friends, family and peers to the event before focusing on the troops on the parade field. "You're awesome; you bring honor, dignity and respect to this command every day.

"It has been a great honor to serve in this command and may God bless," said Jackman in closing his speech. "I am extremely proud of all that you do and how you do it, everyday."

Jackman leaves MDW switches places with Maj. Gen. Guy C. Swan III, the new MDW commander. Jackman will assume the position of chief of legislative liaison for the U.S. Army -- Swan's previous position.

Jackman will now be responsible for creating and executing plans for the Army's interaction with Congress.

"The Military District of Washington will continue to accomplish its mission on my watch, just as it did on your

watch," said Swan.

Swan said he watched MDW from afar grow and change as a command in to a world-class organization more capable of defense of the National Capital Region, along with effectively providing inter-agency support.

Swan too, sang the praises of the troops on the field; the ones he is now commanding. "The prestige and pride of the Army are on display here on this field. Every day," said Swan.

Swan said he is committed to making sure the troops are equipped, trained and ready to react at a moment's notice. "I intend to build upon what you have here," said Swan.

Jackman was then presented with a saber by Col. Robert Pricone, the commander of The Old Guard, concluding his last ceremony at MDW as its commander and ushering in Swan's tenure at one of the most public Army commands in the world.

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down to the real thing, there were no questions about who was required to do what; everyone knew their role.”

Although each scenario involved limited and sometimes fictional response assets, the communication and command and control processes and procedures established during the exercise allowed for a quick response during jamboree real-world emergencies.

“The number of ambulances used to transport patients is not significant when you’re talking about contingency training,” said David Vaughan, director of Emergency Services.

“It doesn’t matter if you train for a situation that requires 10 ambulances and actually use 30 during a real (mass

casualty). If the command and control is there and there’s a coordinated response, then you will be able to react and respond appropriately.”

By conducting the Emergency Response Readiness Exercise, Fort A.P. Hill also met its annual force protection and downed aircraft exercise requirements for the Army, Mulkeen said.

“Once the Boy Scouts leave, we may not have the same assets, but we’ve made those contacts,” she said.

“Plus, we have a high level of confidence because we’ve validated our training, our command and control, and verified our communication (...) reporting processes and training and have been tested in a real-world situation,” she added.



Fort A.P. Hill paramedic Jennifer Reilly examines role player Sheryl Lloyd during an ERRE exercise.

NEWS NOTES

Post honors history, employees

Fort A.P. Hill will recognize Women’s Equality Day in conjunction with the Civilian Employee of the Year award ceremony 1 p.m., Aug. 26, at the Honor Garden behind the Headquarters Building.

This year’s Women’s Equality Day marks the 85th anniversary of women in the U.S. being granted the right to vote.

For more information, call Yvonne Smith at 633-8288.



Legal services are available for active duty, retired military and their authorized family members of all the services possessing a valid Uniformed Services Identification Card. (Reserve and National Guard personnel must be on active duty.)

Call Debbie Moore, director of Human Resources, at 633-8326 to schedule an appointment.

Summer fun at discounted costs

The Community Activity Center has Kings Dominion amusement park tickets available at a discounted cost:

1-Day passes -- \$24

Season Pass -- \$75

Family Pack Season Passes -- \$245

Add-On -- \$65

For more information, call Latasha Woolfolk at 633-8219.



Legal help available Aug. 9

The next legal assistance services at Fort A.P. Hill will be Aug. 9 at 9 a.m.

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