

Up and Down the

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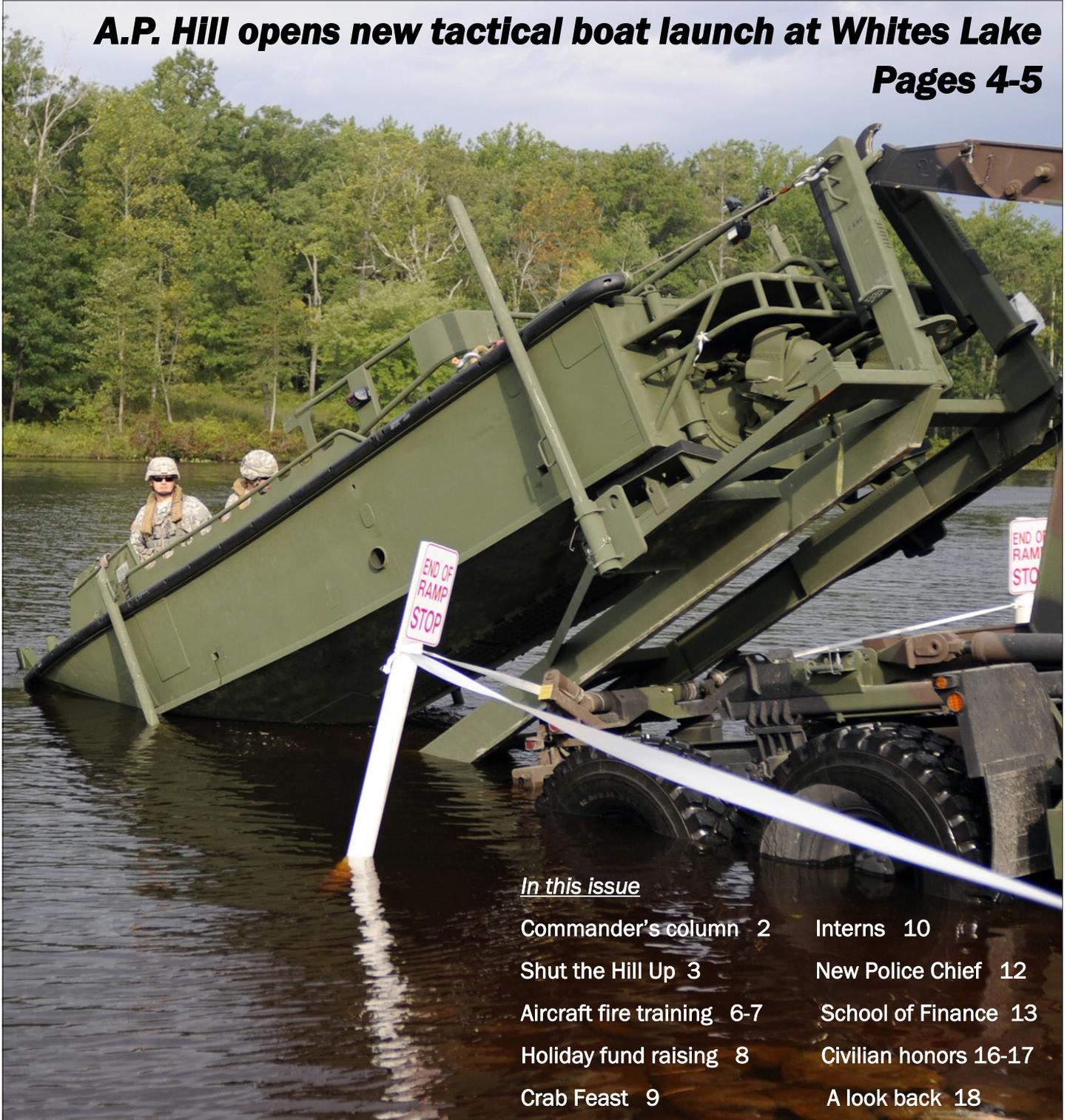


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Commanders Column by Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle



The cool winds of fall have descended upon us and thus comes to conclusion a quarter that was filled with great opportunity and accomplishment equally matched with challenge and uncertainty. Throughout this period, you performed as a professional and dedicated team of teams that was committed to ensuring the success of our mission. You also stood firm during incredible trials and rallied to support one another as a great Family always does.

I truly believe that what you do every day at Fort A.P. Hill is one of the most important jobs in the Department of Defense - shaping, training and honing the skills of our Warriors to fight and win our Nations wars. Your individual and collective efforts are vital to contributing to a true Joint Force approach to meeting the challenges of today as well as how we succeed in the future.

During the past quarter, Fort A.P. Hill was responsible for the training and support of nearly 13,300 Warriors that represented more than 150 Units from every Component and Service within the Joint Force.

Equally important, your consummate adherence to standards and safety ensured that over 116,000 Warrior training days during this past quarter were completed without a significant safety accident or incident. This is an incredible track record of performance that appropriately reflects the dedication, talent and skill of the entire AP Hill Family.

While you see the faces and read the stories highlighting our significant accomplishments during the past quarter, it is important to understand that these accolades, along

with so many other achievements this past quarter, were done in a period of tremendous challenge and uncertainty for us individually and collectively.

I cannot express enough the pride and inspiration drawn from the individual and collective excellence of the A.P. Hill Family. Perhaps it is best captured and reflected by the statement of one of our Warriors that trained at AP Hill during this past quarter—

“It means a lot that you all are going out of your way to facilitate our training. You my friend are a great American, this act of selfless service helps us to continue to deploy and do God's work!”

As we transition from Fiscal Year 13 to Fiscal Year 14 we continue to face tremendous challenge and uncertainty. We must brace ourselves to endure the impacts of reduced resources and find creative ways and means to achieve our ends. This begins at the grassroots level with individual acts of selfless service and generation of “out of the box” approaches that allow us to see and resolve problems in a manner that we have not attempted in the past.

It continues through the collective action of a team of teams that communicates and coordinates efforts to achieve outcomes in the most efficient and effective way possible. And it ends with the values and spirit of a force that overcomes challenge and outperforms expectation because “WE” remain dedicated to the values of customer service and support to our Warriors!

“Bring Hill Up!”



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Shut the Hill Up! By Command Sgt. Maj. Keith R. Whitcomb

Who Needs to Know..?

In any well run Tactical Operations Center in Afghanistan you will see a large printed banner or poster or something that says “Who Needs to Know..?” TOCs have tons of tactical information coming into them 24 hours a day and it’s absolutely critical that they do their job correctly in tracking, processing and issuing instructions and information as it affects troops on the ground and the accomplishment of their mission. Information that comes into the TOC often includes troops in contact, enemy activity and attacks, force protection issues, friendly patrol information, insurgent activity, aviation, fires and intelligence synchronization; it is absolutely critical that every action is coordinated with the appropriate staff sections to ensure critical information is passed to all who need to know or are affected by that information.

While Fort A.P. Hill may not be at war, we are an extremely busy and decentralized organization that prepares U.S. Joint Forces for war and we rely on a comprehensive communication network—up, down and lateral—to be successful. In most cases, individuals on A.P. Hill are performing jobs “one deep” and are the only person assigned to a specific position. Because of this uniqueness at A.P. Hill, it becomes even more critical that information is appropriately broadcast to all affected. A few questions to think about:

- Do I pass information to all that need to know so A.P. Hill can accomplish its mission? What can I do better? How can I help others get better?
- Does my supervisor require that I report information only to them and has this negatively impacted the accomplishment of my mission or my

organization? Or, is it absolutely appropriate? If not appropriate, you need to talk to your boss and subordinates to improve efficiencies, information sharing and morale.

- Am I a hoarder of information to maintain power or justify my position? This is not good; people gain power by giving it to others. FAPH is a team and value everyone who does their best every day.
- As a leader within your organization, do you let other Directorates know what they need to know, do you cross talk enough to ensure Fort A.P. Hill’s success?



I cannot tell you all how much I have learned every day about the importance of our Civilian work force and the support you all provide to our armed forces and the accomplishment of the A.P. Hill mission. It is also clear that we as an organization can communicate better. I challenge each of you, including myself, to communicate better, more accurately, more openly, and understand that while 99 percent of us show up for work every day trying to do our best, we work better and more efficiently when communicating early and often with the right people throughout the organization. Anytime a task comes in, especially a complicated challenge, always ask yourself... Who needs to know?? Thank-you all for your work, and your service to our country

A.P. Hill hosts semi-annual Installation Community Council

U.S. Army Garrison Fort A.P. Hill commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle hosted about a dozen community leaders at the semi-annual Installation Community Council on Aug. 22 at Roemnick Hall here.

The ICC was created several years ago to provide an opportunity to update community leaders on A.P. Hill projects, construction and training events and discuss community concerns.

At the Aug. 22 session Dargle gave the latest information on construction at the Asymmetric Warfare Group Complex, the Army Reserve Center, the Infantry Platoon Battle Course and the new tactical boat launch at White’s Lake. Dargle also discussed the impact of the summer furlough and sequestration, the Joint Land Use Study, the Restricted Airspace Modification draft Environmental Assessment and the Noise Report posted on the garrison’s official website.

Most of the discussion focused on the future of the Peumansend Creek Regional Jail, which was built on former A.P. Hill land along U.S. Rte. 301. The jail’s bond expires in 2017; Dargle said he and Caroline County Sheriff Tony Lipa discussed the need to develop a plan for the facility’s future.

“This is a good topic to work on early, we need to develop a plan of what to do with it,” Dargle said.

Vision, ingenuity and interservice cooperation the key to building a new tactical boat launch at Whites Lake

Story and photos by Bob McElroy

When a bridge erection boat from the 310th Engineer Battalion slid into the water at Whites Lake on Sept. 13 it was the culmination of more than a year's hard work, ingenuity and inter-service cooperation.

It was also a testament to the efforts and cooperation of a team of Soldiers, Sailors and Civilians who were focused on one goal—to build a safe, sturdy tactical boat launch.

A year ago launching boats at Whites Lake was risky due to the crumbling ramp but with money tight, funds to repair or replace the boat ramp were not available, according to garrison commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle.

The solution, Dargle said, was to use training units and funds to fix the ramp. The units could train on their combat tasks while also providing no or low-cost repairs to the boat ramp.

Lance Didlake, A.P. Hill Range Operations, said the initial work was performed by the 189th Engineer Company, Virginia Army National Guard. The Soldiers identified shortcomings and safety concerns during river crossing training with the 1st Battalion 110th Infantry (Stryker) in July 2012.

Later, on Oct 14 and 15, a survey team from the 72nd Survey and Design Detachment, Fort Knox, Ky. visited the site. Detachment Operations Sergeant Staff Sgt. Sarah Gerke and her Soldiers surveyed the launch site to determine what needed to be done to rebuild it.

Before new construction could begin, the existing pier had to be removed. U.S. Navy divers led by Chief Engineering Aide Christopher Munch and Chief Equipment Operator Jarrel Patton from Underwater Construction Team One, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Va. demolished the existing pier and removed the debris from the site on Oct. 17 and 18.

Next came the design phase. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Enrique Rios, a Construction Technician with 19th Engineer Battalion, Fort Knox, Ky. prepared the engineer drawings and designs from October 2012 to February 2013.



Staff Sgt. Seth Herriman and Staff Sgt. Paul Pipic of the 310th Engineer Battalion (on boat) helped to open the new tactical boat launch at Whites Lake on Sept. 13.

In May 2103 Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Wessel, 244th Engineer Company, Maryland Army National Guard, loaded and transported cable concrete material for launch ramp to Whites Lake.

Finally, from Aug. 11-21, 2nd Lt. Efrain Garcia-Martinez, a platoon leader with the 502nd Multi-Role Bridge Company, 19th Engineer Battalion, Fort Knox, Ky., and his platoon built the new Whites Lake Tactical Boat Launch.

On Sept. 13, after the Engineers recovered their boat, 2nd Lt. Edward Chalkley, the 310th Engineer Battalion Headquarters platoon leader said the new tactical boat launch was a great thing for his unit.

“It’s great because at the old ramp it was impossible to get boats into the water,” Chalkley said. “This makes a huge difference, now we can deploy boats and equipment and train safely.”

Garrison commander Dargle offered a final word.

“The improved launch facility will create significant training opportunities for units desiring to conduct waterborne live fire operations along the Whites Lake and Infantry Platoon Battle Course range complex,” Dargle said.

Project succeeds because of the quiet efforts of many

There were many at A.P. Hill whose contributions were key to the success of the new boat launch, according to Range Officer Lance Didlake. The project could not have been completed without their excellent work.

- Director of Resource Management Lisa Skinner and her staff for coordinating funding and temporary duty pay.
- Steve Eger, Justin Jacyshyn, Ashley Gray, Dave Faunteroy and Stosh Basara of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Range Control office coordinated access to the site, facilitated scheduling, lined up resources and provided materials and equipment.
- Terry Banks, Gef Fisher and Scutter Lee of the Environmental Division did the necessary coordination and obtained the permits needed to build the launch.
- Brian Robinson of the Directorate of Public Works prepared the statement of work and the contract for the coffer dam and turbidity current.
- Matt Fleetwood, Sergeant Maj. Richard Deleon and William Mizell of the Asymmetric Warfare Group provided heavy equipment.
- Allan Chenault of DPW Roads and Grounds, provided equipment, materials, technical advice and manpower.
- Anthony Johnson and Richard Medly of Range Control provided technical advice and assistance when framing, pouring and finishing concrete for launch site.
- Benjamin Allen, Curtis Shelton, Travis Heffler III, Jimmy Sumiel, Emmet McVay of the A.P. Hill Integrated Training Area Management, Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance office cleared vegetation, did drainage and grade work, as well as seed and straw.



USAG Fort A.P. Hill commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle (left) discusses the construction of the new tactical boat launch with Military District of Washington Chief of Staff Col. Mark A. Bertolini



Engineers from the 310th Engineer Battalion recover their Bridge Erection Boat following the low-key opening of the new Whites Lake Tactical Boat Launch on Sept. 13.

Firefighters hone skills during aircraft fire training

Fort A.P. Hill firefighters train regularly for situations they will encounter when called. On Sept. 4 several firefighters practiced extinguishing aircraft fires at their training site in Wilcox Camp.



Propane-fired burners provide realistic blazes for firefighters to battle.



When they roll up to the fire, firefighters hit it with water cannons.

Firefighters then attack the flames with a water hose. They can also use chemical foam.



As the fire dies, the firefighters approach and apply a water fog to finish the job.

Mission accomplished, the crew leader gives a thumbs up to the chief that the fire is out .



U.S. Army photos by Bob McElroy

Holiday Party fund raising committee closing in on its goal—a free party for all

By Michael Meisberger

The Fort A.P. Hill Holiday Party Fundraising Committee has held eight cook-outs in the last few months and raised a great deal of money for the annual holiday party.

The Committee also sells snacks at Range Control, Headquarters, the Directorate of Public Works, the Resource Management Office and the garrison Training Support Center to raise funds.

The committee's goal, according to chairwoman Stacy Petry, is to have a free holiday party with money left over for next year's party.

"All past holiday parties have been wonderful, but I knew this year with the furlough, the employees deserved more, a totally free holiday party, if possible," she said. "To make that happen I knew we needed to get the ball rolling at the beginning of the year."

Petry estimates that the committee will have to raise \$2,160 to cover the approximately 180 employees who will attend the Holiday Party this year. The average cost per person for the event will be approximately \$12 or more depending on the menu.

The Holiday Party Committee is comprised of six motivated individuals; Sharee Gerich, Cindy Tate, Karin Nason, Louis Scott, Kelsie White and Petry.

Petry said the committee has received considerable help and support from the garrison command group and directors—everything from allowing committee members to work on the committee and logistic support.

The Directorate of Emergency Services provided pop-up tents, the directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and

Recreation has allowed the committee to use cooking and serving utensils, super cookers and coolers, the Logistics Readiness Center provided tables and chairs.

The Committee has also received help at the cookouts from Ben Allen, Ty Herndon, Jeff Cowie, Bo Satterwhite, Kay Hummel, Mike Lytle and Marcie Norris.



The Fort A.P. Hill Holiday Party Fundraising Committee has held eight cook-outs this year to raise money for the holiday party. The committee's goal is to raise enough to ensure the party is free to all who attend.

"We have received incredible support from

the garrison and without that support the cookouts would not have been successful," Petry said.

Even though it's a lot of work and takes considerable time Petry volunteered to lead the effort out of a desire to help and because she felt employees deserved the best party possible. She added that the cook-outs provide an opportunity for the A.P. Hill staff to get to know each other better.

"We provide a service which everyone enjoys. At the cookouts people get a chance to socialize with co-workers they might not normally see during work, plus enjoy really good food." Petry said.

MDW, IMCOM senior leaders visit A.P. Hill in August



August provided an opportunity for Fort A.P. Hill's command team and directors to meet senior leaders from the Military District of Washington and Installation Management Command Atlantic Region. Above MDW commander Maj. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan (second from left) visits Wilcox Camp. Also shown are Col. Burton K. Shields, MDW operations officer (left), A.P. Hill commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle (center right) and Army Civilian Joseph M. Poirier (right).



IMCOM Atlantic Region director Davis D. Tindoll Jr. (left) visited on Aug. 30. Tindoll met with A.P. Hill's leaders and toured Wilcox Camp, MWR facilities and the Directorate of Public Works' Environmental Division. Also shown Jason R. Applegate.

Diners consume copious quantities of food at the Crab Feast

Fort A.P. Hill second-annual Crab Feast by the numbers—

- 110 people attended the 2nd annual Fort A.P. Hill crab feast on Aug. 16.
- They ate 1020 crabs, 288 ears of corn on the cob and more than 200 hot dogs.
- The local Association of the United States Army chapter co-sponsored the feast and provided 13 bushels of Blue Crabs.



Diners had plenty of tasty Blue Crabs to eat at the Aug. 16 A.P. Hill Crab Feast .

Interns provide critical support to the installation

Story and photo by Bob McElroy

U.S. Army Garrison Fort A.P. Hill recently honored seven interns who provided excellent work and key support to the post's environmental and cultural resources efforts here.

Garrison commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle praised the seven for their hard work and great contributions to the post, especially in a time of personnel shortages and reduced budgets.

Fort A.P. Hill Environmental Division Chief Terry Banks said the internship provides college students an opportunity to gain professional experience in their area of study.

"I think it's a great opportunity to expose them to as much as possible," she said.

The interns worked in forestry, waste water management, hazardous materials, recycling and archaeology.

Banks said the interns also perform tasks she is not staffed to do. They also got a tutorial on noise modeling.

Some of the interns conducted a refrigeration study that will help the Environmental Division determine the condition of the refrigerators on post.

"It will give us a baseline...it helps us to do an assessment and determine whether we need to do full-scale upgrade or replacement of the reefers," she said.

Three interns went deep into A.P. Hill's forests to count trees; one of them was Virginia Polytechnic Institute student Nathan Balog, who has worked as an intern here twice before.

"We counted trees, pines, oaks," Balog said. "We saw some old trees; some were 60 to 100 inches around. It was hard work but good experience."

The information they gathered will help the Forestry Branch manage A.P. Hill's forests.

Another intern, Mark Durante, is a graduate student of Archaeology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He assisted the Cultural Resources Office.

"He was very good; he worked on our Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan, it has to be updated every five years," said Rich Davis, the Archaeological Field Coordinator and Durante's supervisor.

Davis said Durante worked with the Archaeological Society of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Transporta-



Interns provided valuable support to A.P. Hill's environmental and cultural resources programs this summer. Shown here are A.P. Hill commander, Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle (left rear) and Command Sgt. Maj. Keith R. Whitcomb (right rear) Gavin Duffy, Landon Sharp, Brandon Chennault, Gregory Rogers, Nathan Balog, Curtis Garnet and Mark Durante.

tion regarding the excavation of the Garrett House, the site where Union Forces cornered and killed Abraham Lincoln's assassin John Wilkes Booth.

Durante also did some valuable field work at Bethesda Church on post, Davis said.

The church sits on a prehistoric site that's about five to eight thousand years old, Davis said. Durante did shovel tests every five to 15 meters to determine what might be underground.

Davis said Durante hopes to return to A.P. Hill in December to write the report on his tests at the site.

All of the interns were part of the Oak Ridge Institute for Scientific Education in conjunction with the U.S. Army Environmental Command, a partnership provides students with experience related to their field of study.

We've had interns for at least the last ten years, Banks said. We like them to be a science or engineering major so we can synch them with our program areas.

Over the years, the post has hired several interns after they graduated from college.

"When we find good people we try to bring them back," she said. "It's a way of building your program, building for the future. I think it's a good program because it allows us to build our people. It's good for community outreach too because the kids come from the community and they understand what we do here."

Camp Success helps students conquer their fears

Story and photo by Michael Meisberger

More than 500 Junior ROTC cadets from high schools in Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington D.C. completed Camp Success, a six-day camp here, that broadened their horizons and instilled them with confidence.

Camp Success challenged the cadets by running them through the same confidence course that Soldiers use. The confidence course consists of a series of obstacles that require strength, dexterity and a bit of courage to overcome.

The highlight of the training was the rappelling tower where the cadets had to face their fears and overcome them. Many were apprehensive at first about climbing the tower and going down its face with only a rope to hold them.

JROTC senior army instructor retired Lt. Col. Devin Ruh, of Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria, Va. led the rappelling with a cadre of instructors and support personnel.

The instructors offered words of motivation and encouragement to the cadets as they climbed the tower stairs. Once atop the tower instructors offered instructions and more encouragement.

One cadet who never rappelled was Eric Young of Patopasco Senior High School Baltimore County, Md. made

three successful rappels before the end of the exercise.

Young entered the JROTC program to set an example for his siblings. He hopes to enter the Army Reserve and after he graduates from high school next year. After that he would like to start his own demolition company.

As the cadets waited for their turn on the tower, Cadet Logan Thomas, of Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria, Va., helped motivate his fellow cadets when it was time for rappelling. Thomas aspires to be a Marine Aviator someday.



Camp Success cadets sound off during their graduation ceremony in June. They were among the more than 500 high school-age students who participated in the annual Junior ROTC camp here.

Another cadet who drew confidence from Camp Success was Cadet Devon Bodziony Appleton High School Alexandria, Va. Bodziony proudly announced she is the daughter of a U.S. Marine. She plans to stay

in JROTC and continue to expand her horizons with a college ROTC program. Bodziony wants to be a Coast Guard or Army officer when she graduates from college.

As Camp Success ended retired Maj. Lee Bowman, Jr. an instructor from Anacostia High School, Washington D.C., said it proved to be a fantastic experience for the cadets who participated.

"This year we are trying a new approach; the students run the camp with the close guidance and supervision of retired military JROTC command structure," Bowman said. "This gives cadets the ability to make exclusive decisions at a battalion level just as they would in a real Army battalion."

Employee Spotlight – Jack Bieger

Each edition we'll highlight one A.P. Hill employee to learn a little bit about him or her and how they contribute to our mission of providing the Best Training and Support Anywhere.

Interview and photos by Michael Meisberger

Jack Bieger recently began working as the Chief of Police in the U.S. Army Garrison Fort A.P. Hill Directorate of Emergency Services. A career Sailor, he retired as a Master at Arms Chief Petty Officer on the USS Coronado. After retirement Bieger worked at Naval Support Activity Bethesda, Md. a job he calls his most memorable so far because of the high-caliber team he worked with there. Bieger brings more than 30 years of law enforcement experience to the job. He is a native of Bremerton, Wash. and lives in Fredericksburg, Va. with his wife. He can be contacted at (804) 633-8466.

What does your job entail?

"I'm the Chief of Police here on post. I'm here to provide guidance and support for the police officers. I look forward to supporting the officers and guiding them in the right direction with policy, training and community relations."

What are your goals for the police department here at AP Hill?

"I would like to see the police department obtain a Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. certification."

Editor's note—CALEA® accreditation is a form of public safety accreditation that fosters professionalism, stew-

ardship, integrity, diversity, independence, continuous improvement, objectivity, credibility, consistency, knowledge, experience, accountability and collaboration.

"CALEA helps fill in the gaps where the Army does not have guidance or policy. It helps protect the police officers, police department and Command."

After you retired from the Navy, did you ever envision coming back to work for the Army and with Soldiers?

"Actually, I am back with the government quite by accident. I was in the reserves and I was working in the city of Richmond Sherriff's office, when I was recalled on the 13th (of September) to support the Bethesda Naval Hospital immediately after 9/11."

Bieger's recall led an assignment at Naval Support Activity Bethesda, Md.

"The Chief up there offered me an opportunity to enter government service as a police officer, if I so desired to come back and work in the department. I accepted the position and with the Federal Government ever since."

What's your favorite pastime or hobby?

"I used to follow sports, but not so much after I got married," he joked. "Now, I enjoy woodworking, hunting and fishing as well as camping and traveling with my wife."



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A.P. Hill School of Finance teaches life skills, tips to manage personal budget during tough times

Story and photo by Michael Meisberger

Several members of the Fort A.P. Hill family learned valuable skills and had some fun at the recent School of Finance classes on post.

The school was the brainchild of garrison commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle and the newly formed Fort A.P. Hill Support Group. Both the commander and support group recognized the need for the classes as a way to help people during the tough economic times, especially the recent furlough of federal employees.

Dargle contacted the Fort Belvoir Financial Readiness Office and they were happy to come to Fort A.P. Hill to teach a variety of classes. The courses were open to all tenants, military and employee family members as well as civil service workers.

Erica F. Drame, of the Fort Belvoir Financial Readiness Office, taught seven classes: Extreme Couponing, How to Budget Your Money, Basics of Investing, Liquidating Your Debts, Understanding Your Credit Score, Financial Services and Account Management and a Financial Readiness Program. Drame taught each course twice.

The classes ran for about an hour each at midday. Employees were allowed to take them during duty hours with their supervisor's permission as part of the Employee Assistance Program.

The average class size was about ten and the most popular class was the Extreme Couponing class, according to Madelaine Perrotte-Clontz, the Fort A.P. Hill Training Officer.

"Not only was the class extremely informative, but a large group had a blast clipping coupons and trading them like a bunch of kids with baseball cards," she said.

Perrotte-Clontz said she was extremely pleased with the classes and the assistance provided by the support group.

"What has been truly humbling about the furlough support effort has been not only the command group's concerns that every civilian has an opportunity to learn how to make it through tough financial times, but that so many Fort AP Hill employees took time out to coordinate, organize and communicate various support agencies. We have a food pantry provided 100 percent by dona-



Erica F. Drame of the Fort Belvoir Financial Readiness Office was the primary instructor at the recent Fort A.P. Hill School of Finance.

tions from fellow employees. We have clothes, various household items and many other necessities located in our Family Housing Office." Perrotte-Clontz said.

A.P. Hill will continue to offer the financial readiness classes for employees who did not attend the first classes.

The Fort A.P. Hill Support Group is working with the Fort Belvoir Financial Readiness Office to set up one on one counseling sessions in addition to the School of Finance classes.

"The financial readiness office will continue to offer workshops; the classes in the school of finance were very broad and did not cover personal goals and budgets. However, they are seeking to build a more personal relationship with clients through one-to-one appointments here at Fort A.P. Hill, where individuals can openly discuss personal financial specifics and goals." Perrotte-Clontz said.

Fort A.P. Hill welcomes new guards, says good-bye to an old friend, salutes 35 years of service



The Department of the Army Police welcomed two new Security Guards to the A.P. Hill force in July. Shown here are Police Training Officer Lt. Ronald Hanson (left), security guards James F. Bragg, Jr. and Robert J. Castellanos and garrison commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle.



Fort A.P. Hill lost a quality employee when Dell E. Johnson (left) of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation retired this summer. At a brief retirement ceremony garrison commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle (right) presented Johnson the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service to recognize her 25 years of service. Dargle praised Johnson for her selflessness and dedication to Soldiers, families, employees and friends over the years.



Ronald R. Green was honored for 35 years of civilian service at the Sept. 27 Town Hall.

Honors and athletics at Fort A.P. Hill



U.S. Army Garrison Fort A.P. Hill celebrated another win in the Army Community of Excellence competition. Shown here with the Bronze Award trophy are, from left: garrison commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle with Ken Perrotte, Diane Smith and Brian Taylor of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.



About 100 runners and walkers of all ages participated in the annual Fort A.P. Hill Labor Day 5K Walk and Run on Aug. 28. The top runner was Brandon Crabtree at 20 minutes, 3 seconds.

A.P. Hill command team honors civilian workforce

Fort A.P. Hill commander Lt. Col. Peter E. Dargle and Command Sgt. Maj. Keith R. Whitcomb presented awards and citations to a number of civilian employees at the Sept. 27 Town Hall at Roemnick Hall. Photos by Bob McElroy



Police Officer Steven J. Clement was honored for his work as acting chief of police at Fort A.P. Hill.



Ashley B. Gray of Range Operations was awarded the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.



James M. Pitts of the Directorate of Public Works earned the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.



Edward T. Herndon, Daniel W. Berkowitz and Jay Poirier earned Military District of Washington Certificates.



Judith C. Collins and Pearl Meade were recognized as Employees of the Month for August 2013.



Kenneth Bouren, Angela Young and Joseph Poirier received letters of appreciation from JTF-Civil Support.

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Linda Booth received a letter of appreciation and coin from the Delaware Army National Guard.



Shawn Morris (L) and Jeffrey Cowie were recognized for ten years of Civilian Service.



Edward T. Herndon was recognized for 15 years of Civilian Service.



James E. Scruggs was cited for 20 years of Civilian Service.



Ann E. Moore was honored for 25 years of Civilian Service.



Judith C. Collins, Tracy L. Pickeral and Roger D. Satterwhite were recognized for 30 years of Civilian Service.

Images from the past

A look back at Fort A.P. Hill

Editor's note—Each edition we'll run a couple of photos from our archives to give A.P. Hill Soldiers, employees, families and friends an insight into our history.



Reporting for duty? We don't know whether the young Soldier in this photo was based at A.P. Hill or training here with his unit. If any of our readers can pinpoint the location we'd love to hear from you; send us an e-mail at: usarmy.aphill.imcom-atlantic.mbx.pao@mail.mil



The USAG Fort A.P. Hill Resource Management office might trace its roots to this facility.

Suicide Stand Down Day classes educate, inform

U.S. Army Garrison Fort A.P. Hill held Suicide Stand Down day on Sept. 27 at Roemnick Hall. The event featured classes that focused on recognizing suicide risk factors, suicide prevention and intervention.

The sessions also included presentations on resources and educational opportunities available to Soldiers and Families.

During Suicide Prevention Month the Army emphasized Total Force awareness of health and wellness, risk reduction, suicide prevention and intervention training and Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness (CSF2) resources that are available to promote the resilience of Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family members.

The Army remains steadfast in maintaining a healthy, ready, and resilient Force with empowered leaders dedicated to saving lives while preserving our nation's security.

To learn more about Suicide Prevention Month visit- http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/sp_month_2013/default.asp.



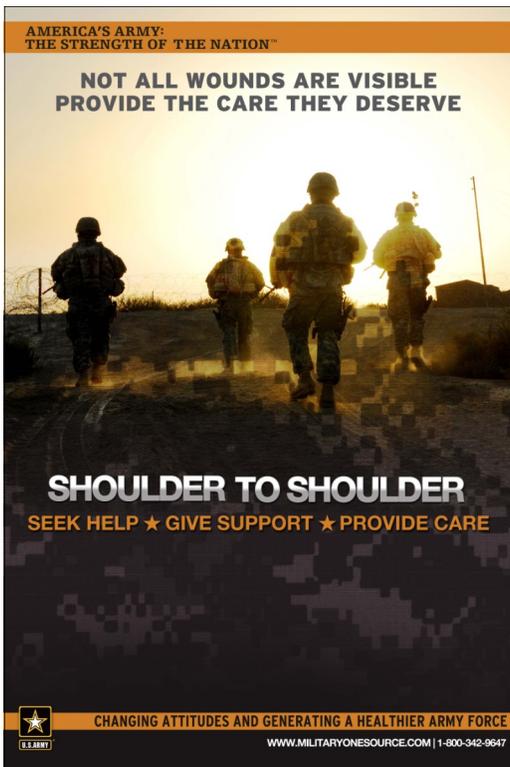
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Mili Frank, (left) Fort Belvoir Suicide Prevention Manager and Foster Meador, Department of Veterans Affairs, provided valuable information during the A.P. Hill Suicide Stand Down Day on Sept. 27.



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Katina Oates, Fort Belvoir Employee Assistance Program, was one of the featured speakers at Suicide Stand Down Day.



Garrison Hours of Operation

Garrison Headquarters	Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Lois B. Wells Health Clinic	Monday – Friday 7 a.m.— 4 p.m.
Directorate of Family and MWR	Monday – Friday 8 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.
Community Activity Center	Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.—7 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Holidays 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
1673 Recreation Center	Unit sign-out on an as needed basis.
Wilcox Gym	24/7
Downtime Zone Recreation Center	Unit sign-out on an as needed basis.
PX at Wilcox	Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m.— 5 p.m.
Wilcox Snack Bar	Tuesday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Recreational Lodging	Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation	Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sat 7 a.m.—3 p.m. Sun 8 a.m.— Noon

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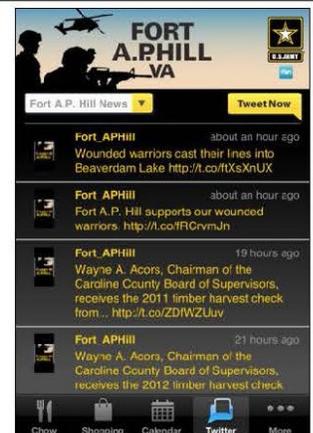
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