

Fort A.P. Hill to host AWG open house

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. – The public is invited to an informal open house, Nov. 30, to discuss details of a proposed small arms range training site for the Asymmetric Warfare Group, one of Fort A.P. Hill's newest tenant organizations.

The open house will be conducted at the Bowling Green Town Hall on 117 Butler Street between 5 until 8 p.m. Here, the public will have an opportunity to browse various displays and talk with Army and installation representatives about the proposed small arms range.

Fort A.P. Hill planned the open house as a preliminary step prior to the development of an Environmental Assessment for this proposed small arms range. An EA is a tool, conducted under the auspices of the National Environmental Policy Act that helps federal agencies make informed decisions.

While there is no formal public hearing or presentation associated with the open house, interested citizens will have an opportunity, if desired, to offer comments or recommendations they may have about the range's design or alternatives to the proposed action. Only limited details of any potential environmental impacts will be available at this stage. Early public input, though, may help Army planners evaluate impacts of the proposed action and any alternatives. Additional opportunity for formal public comment on this project also will come during the later review process for the Environmental Assessment.

The AWG assists all military services in confronting and defeating the ever-changing threats associated with battlefields of today. The unit analyzes asymmetric threats and develops tactics, techniques, procedures and products to enhance the effectiveness of the fighting force.

Weaponry and vehicles AWG uses to execute its mission primarily include light-wheeled vehicles such as the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) and the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle equipped with up to .50 caliber machineguns.

For more on the proposed small arms range concept, please see the fact sheet posted at www.aphill.army.mil/sites/directorates/ea.asp. Media wishing to attend or who would like more information should contact the Public Affairs Office at (804) 633-8324 or 8120.