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A close-up photograph of a man with a beard and mustache, smiling broadly. He is wearing a brown reindeer hat with white pom-poms and a dark blue Christmas sweater featuring a white cat and snowflakes. The background is blurred, showing other people at a social gathering.

*Happy
Holidays!*

Medal of Honor recipient Rubin dies at 86

By Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Holocaust survivor, Korean War hero and Medal of Honor recipient Tibor Rubin died Dec. 5 of natural causes. The Garden Grove, California, resident was 86 years old.

Rubin, born in Pásztó, Hungary, in 1929, found himself in the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria at age 13. The Nazis had murdered his father, mother and sister before he was freed from the camp, May 5, 1945, by elements of the 11th Armored Division.

In 1948, Rubin moved to the United States, and by 1950 had enlisted in the Army and was

deployed with Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, during the height of the Korean War.

There, on Oct. 30, 1950, after an intense nighttime battle, Rubin took charge to man his unit's single source of firepower, a .30-caliber machine gun. The Chinese attack was relentless, however, and the rifleman was wounded and eventually captured. He would spend the next 30 months as a prisoner of war.

It was Rubin's actions during the Korean War that earned him the nation's highest award for valor - though recognition would come some 55 years later when at the age of 76, President George W. Bush placed the Medal of Honor around his neck at a White House ceremony, Sept. 23, 2005.

In presenting the medal, Bush said that the United States had acknowledged a debt "that time has not diminished."

"Cpl. Tibor 'Ted' Rubin's many acts of courage during the Korean War

saved the lives of hundreds of his fellow Soldiers," said Bush. "In the heat of battle, he inspired his comrades with his fearlessness, and amid the inhumanity of a Chinese prisoner of war camp, he gave them hope."

"Many heroes are remembered in monuments of stone," Bush said. "The monuments to Cpl. Rubin are a legacy of life. We see his legacy in the many American families whose husbands, fathers and sons returned home safely because of his efforts. We see his

legacy in the free and democratic South Korea that grew on the soil of his sacrifice. And we see his legacy in a new generation of American men and women in uniform who were inspired to their own acts of courage and compassion."

Recalling that day, Rubin said thousands of Chinese troops were laying in wait. Masters of camouflage, they blended into the brush and burned fires to produce smoke to mask their movements. The 8th Cavalry Soldiers were stretched before

them like sitting ducks.

"The whole mountain let loose," Rubin said. The Chinese swarmed in.

The 3rd Battalion's firepower had dwindled to a single machine gun, which three Soldiers had already died manning. By the time Rubin stepped up to fire, most of his fellow Soldiers felt doomed in the confusion of battle.

"Nobody wanted to take over, but somebody had to. We didn't have anything else left to fight with," Rubin said.

Battle raged for three days around Unsan, then the Chinese pushed the Soldiers south. Eventually, more than 1,000 men of the 8th Cavalry were listed as missing in action. A few lucky ones returned to friendly lines or were rescued by tank patrols in the following weeks.

During this time, Rubin kept to the rear to ward off North Koreans nipping at his battalion's heels. At 4 a.m. that fateful day, while defending a hill on his own, Rubin heard gunfire from what sounded

like hundreds of enemy troops.

"I figured I was a goner. But I ran from one foxhole to the next, throwing hand grenades so the North Koreans would think they were fighting more than one person," he said. "I couldn't think straight - in a situation like that, you become hysterical trying to save your life."

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Cpl. Tibor "Ted" Rubin

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General approves command's priorities for 2016

Praising the focused and collaborative planning process which has defined Fort A.P. Hill, Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker immediately approved the command's Integrated

Priority List during a recent Installation Planning Board brief, Dec. 11.

According to Lt. Col. David A. Meyer, garrison commander, this was the general's fifth

IPB he's chaired and the first of which he recommended no changes to an installation's IPL.

As commanding general of Joint Forces Headquarters

– National Capital Region, and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, Becker meets with installation stakeholders each year to assess the command's project and program goals, and to evaluate their potential impact on the installation.

Hosted by the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, or PAIO, the IPB is an annual forum which helps commanders identify, assess and prioritize installation-wide planning requirements for the upcoming year. It also raises those issues of concern which may need to be addressed at more senior levels.

Fort A.P. Hill's priorities for the next year will center on continuing to upgrade and modernize training enablers, improve access control and "right sizing" of the installation's infrastructure. Additionally, the command will ensure installation development supports the established district zoning plan.



(Photo by David San Miguel)

Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker, commanding general, JFHNCR-MDW, met with Fort A.P. Hill garrison staff and installation stakeholders to review the command's project and program goals for the upcoming year.

Workshop helps leaders become more responsive, better leaders

Katina Oates, manager, Employee Assistance Program, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, conducted a Leaders' Development Workshop for Fort A.P. Hill supervisors and team leaders to help them hone workplace relationships.

The workshop, held Dec. 14, is part of the command's training initiative designed to help the staff become better leaders by improving communication, trust, appreciation and fair treatment of subordinates.

(Photo by David San Miguel)



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Cpl. Leonard Hamm, a fellow Soldier, nominated Ruben for the Medal of Honor.

In the nomination packet, he wrote: "He tied up the enemy forces, allowing the safe withdrawal of allied troops and equipment on the Taegu-Pusan road. The enemy suffered, not only tremendous casualties ... but it slowed the North Korean invading momentum along that route, saving countless American lives and giving the 8th Cavalry precious time to regroup to the south."

When Hamm himself was later severely wounded, it was Ruben who fought to go back for him despite being ordered to leave him behind.

"We didn't know if he was dead," Ruben said. "All I could think about was that somebody back home was waiting for him."

Ruben was pinned down by snipers and forced to low-crawl for several hundred yards in an attempt to rescue Hamm, whose body was so loaded with shrapnel that he could hardly lift a limb.

"Ruben not only saved my life by carrying me to safety; he kept the North Korean snipers off our butts," Hamm said.

A prisoner again

At the battle's end, he and hundreds of his fellow Soldiers were taken prisoner. They were forced to march to a camp known today as "Death Valley." The Soldiers were exhausted, hungry and ill-dressed for the winter's freezing temperatures. Many of them grew sick with dysentery, pneumonia or hepatitis. Others died.

"It was so cold that nobody wanted to move, and the food we got was barely enough to keep us alive," said former Sgt. Richard A. Whalen. "But Ruben was a tremendous asset to us, keeping our spirits up when no one felt good."

Years in a Nazi concentration camp had taught Ruben how to survive. He knew how to make soup out of grass, what weeds had medicinal qualities and that the human body can sometimes prevail if a person's mind is in the right place.

What his comrades needed, Ruben knew, was hope - hope to keep them moving and hope to make them fight for their lives.

"Some of them gave up and some of

them prayed to be taken," Ruben said. He held pep talks, reminding the Soldiers of the families awaiting their safe return. He stole food for them to eat, nagged them to "debug" themselves of the relentless lice, and even nursed them through sickness.

"He'd go out of his way to do favors to help us survive," said Sgt. Leo Cormier, a fellow POW. "I once saw him spend the whole night picking lice off a guy who didn't have the strength to lift his head. What man would do that? I'd have told him to go down and soak in the cold water so the lice would all fall off. But Ted did things for his fellow men that made him a hero in my book."

Ruben thought the best way to overpower his captors was by hitting them where it hurt most - their bellies.

"They didn't have much more food to eat than we did," Ruben said. "One potato would have been worth a million dollars if any of us had had it to give."

So when night fell, he stole corn, millet and barley. And when the Chinese planted a "victory" garden, he snuck past armed guards to reap the harvest, stuffing his pants full of radishes, green onions and cucumbers.

"The Chinese would've cut Ted's throat if they'd caught him stealing. It still amazes me that they never did catch him," Cormier said. "What he did to help us could have meant the sacrifice of his own life."

Ruben and Cormier became fast friends. Throughout their ordeal, they were "bunkmates," although mud floors served as beds for the hundreds of men confined to the small rooms.

When Cormier was struck down with dysentery, Ruben stayed at his buddy's side and nursed him back to health. Fellow prisoners credit him with saving the lives of more than 40 Soldiers during his imprisonment at "Death Valley" and later at Camp 5 in Pyoktong. About 1,600 U.S. Soldiers died in Camp 5 in early 1951.

Ruben was eventually repatriated under "Operation Little Switch," the initial exchange of sick and wounded prisoners from April 20 to May 3, 1953.

A hero is born

Life as a prisoner under the Nazis and the Chinese are incomparable for Ruben.

Of his Chinese captors, Ruben says they were "human" and somewhat lenient.

Of the Nazis, Ruben remains baffled by their capacity to kill. He was just a boy when he lost his parents and two little sisters to their brutality.

"In Mauthausen, they told us right away, 'You Jews, none of you will ever make it out of here alive,'" Ruben said. "Every day so many people were killed. Bodies piled up God knows how high. We had nothing to look forward to, but dying. It was a most terrible thing, like a horror movie."

On May 5, 1945, American forces liberated the prisoners. For Ruben, that day was miraculous and was indelibly imprinted in his heart.

"The American Soldiers had great compassion for us," Ruben said. "I made a promise that I would go to the United States and join the Army to express my thanks."

Three years later he arrived in New York. Two years after that, he passed the English language test, joined the Army and was shipped to the 29th Infantry Regiment in Okinawa.

When the Korean War broke out, Ruben was told that his unit was mobilizing and that because he wasn't yet an American citizen, he didn't have to go.

"But I could not just leave my unit for some 'safe' zone," Ruben said, and he requested to stay with his unit.

That opportunity also turned out to be a boon for his fellow Soldiers.

"I have to say this was the luckiest break of my life because he and I went up that valley together, and we were assigned to the same house," Whalen said. "I wouldn't be here today without him."

"He saved a lot of GI's lives. He gave them the courage to go on living when a lot of guys didn't make it," Cormier said. "He saved my life when I could have laid in a ditch and died - I was nothing but flesh and bones."

Ruben was quick to wave off this praise. My actions had more to do with my vow to serve than with heroism, he said.

"The real heroes are those who never came home. I was just lucky," Ruben said.

His funeral was held Dec. 8. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; daughter, Rosie; son, Frank; and sister, Edith Rittri.

Fort A.P. Hill Christmas Tree Lighting



A father and daughter moment....



Santa Claus arrives...

Lt. Col. David A. Meyer, garrison commander, is assisted by Santa and a few of his helpers in lighting the installation's Christmas Tree, Dec. 3.



(Photos by David San Miguel)

Bowling Green Christmas Parade



Singing with great joy ...



Fort A.P. Hill's Fire Engine No. 7 ...



Waiting for the parade to begin ...



The Caroline High School JROTC marches ...



VFW Post 10295 ...

(Photos by David San Miguel)



Santa Claus joined in on the parade ...



(Photos by David San Miguel)

Santa baby ...



Mowing along ...



A Christmas princess ...



Area motorcyclists share their holiday spirit ...



A youth is amazed by the beautiful floats ...



Did someone say, "my little pony?"

Fort A.P. Hill Holiday Potluck



I have a spoon. Do you want to share?



Look at his nose, Santa!

Spreading the holiday cheer ...

(Photos by David San Miguel)



The Fort A.P. Hill workforce joined together for a holiday feast.



I'm ready to for the holidays!

Liberty Church Christmas Candlelight Service



(Photos by David San Miguel)

Lt. Col. David A. Meyer and his wife, Angela, participate in the Christmas Candlelight Service at Liberty Church, Dec. 16.



Cherishing the memories ...



With candles lit ...



Former residents of Fort A.P. Hill joined in to celebrate in the Christmas Candlelight Service held annually at Liberty Church.

Volunteers help cleanup, repair historic buildings



(Photos by David San Miguel)

John Mullin instructs a team of volunteers on the proper way to saw a board.

Fort A.P. Hill Environmental and Natural Resources Division conducted a clean-up and repair project at three storage buildings in the Travis Lake Historic District.

According to John Mullin, manager, Cultural Resource, these buildings are listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings are centered on an 18th/19th

century impounded lake that were initially constructed to support a mill. Travis Lake briefly supported winter encampments during the Civil War, and in the 1930s it became the focus of a recreational lodge that was constructed only a few years prior to the installation's establishment. Today, Travis Lake serves as a recreational area and wildlife refuge, with lodging available in the historic buildings and several modern cabins.



Several installation employees volunteered to assist with the cleanup and repair.

The team of volunteers were comprised of Boy Scouts, installation staff and their families. Following the cleanup, the team was briefed on the role of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act on federal lands and given a tour of the Historic District and nearby Liberty Church.

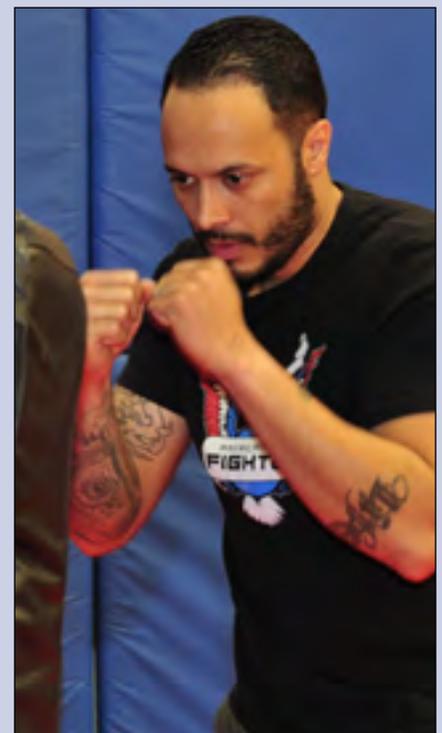
Police force learns combative techniques

Striving to maintain a level of tactical readiness and fitness, Fort A.P. Hill's police force converged at the Ambrose Fitness Center to learn various take down techniques, Dec. 10.

Area self defense training instructor, Jaime Canales offered the police officers combative maneuvers he thought was essential to minimizing injury when confronted by an adversary.



Police officers learn when and where to strike an aggressor.



(Photos by David San Miguel)

Jaime Canales demonstrates a stance to deliver effective punches to help take down an aggressor.



(Photos by Michael Meisberger)

Soldiers from the Fort Belvoir Warrior Transition Unit gather for a group photo before heading out to their deerstands.

Wounded Warriors gather for annual deer hunt

By Michael Meisberger
Public Affairs Office

Soldiers from the Fort Belvoir Warrior Transition Unit converged on Fort A.P. Hill for the 11th annual 2-day Wounded Warrior Deer Hunt, Dec. 11-12.

Garrison volunteers, along with tenant units, such as the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Center, the Asymmetric Warfare Training Complex, and several local businesses, especially Pop's Shop, the Association of the United States Army, and Mayor David Storke, Bowling Green, Virginia, made this hunt an unforgettable experience for the Warriors.

This year's hunt was a tremendous success with eight wounded Warriors harvesting 10 deer, said Command Sgt. Maj. Ho.

He made it a point to present Russell Harvey, owner, Pop's Shop with a commander's coin, for providing each Warrior with coolers of professionally processed meat as he had for all the previous hunts.

He also thanked all the behind-the-scene efforts of the garrison volunteers as well as the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff for offering use of the new Hilltop cabins, cookers, and who provided various meals

for the hunters, guides and support team throughout their stay here.

"This year we really have had a great time," stated Steve Delovich, AUSA. "I have done 14 of these hunts and they just keep getting better and better."

Lance Didlake, range control officer, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, said that this was the smoothest hunt yet by far.

"So many volunteers and directorates came together to provide what was needed," he said. Something he credits to Ho who he says provided top-notch coordination and motivation.

The sergeant major really pulled everyone together to create the best Wounded Warrior Hunt to date, Didlake said.

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Ashley B. Gray, live fire coordinator, DPTMS, briefs William Lassiter and Pierre Larkin on the safe use of the slug gun before going out to their deerstands. The hunters were part of a group of eight wounded Warriors who came to Fort A.P. Hill to participate in the annual deer hunt.

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Steve Delovich, AUSA, and Russell Harvey, Pop's Shop, review the check cards that the hunters will take home with their processed deer meat.



(Photos by Michael Meisberger)

Madelaine Perrotte, DPTMS, Stacey Clingan, EOD, and Marsha Beazley, DPW, prepare burgers and hotdogs for the hunters and guides. They were part of the volunteer staff who supported the hunters throughout their stay at Fort A.P. Hill. This, according to Command Sgt. Maj. W. Alex Ho, garrison command sergeant major, helped make this an unforgettable hunting experience for the wounded Warriors.

Prepare now for winter survival

By David San Miguel
Editor

Though much of the nation experienced unseasonably hot weather this past summer, the changing of seasons and hazards of winter cannot and should not be dismissed by Soldiers and their families.

Last year's winter brought record snowfalls, sleet, freezing rain, ice, gusty winds and bitterly cold air to much of the United States. Two of 2014's biggest storms killed at least 34 people and caused an estimated \$750 million in damage.

According to the American Red Cross, dozens of people die from exposure to cold each year. Still more are killed in vehicle accidents and fires due to winter weather. The only way to prevent these injuries and deaths is to be adequately

prepared for wintry conditions.

Understanding what to expect when the meteorologist announces changes to the weather forecast is a first step. Stay informed by listening to the National Weather Service or local radio and television stations for weather updates. Individuals should familiarize themselves with weather terminology to ensure they make informed decisions on what actions to take when storm conditions arise.

Called "deceptive killers" by the NWS, winter storms are usually not directly responsible for most fatalities. Instead, deaths are incidental to traffic accidents and usually from prolonged exposure to cold.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, recommends families keep an emergency supply kit on hand and have their vehicles properly prepped and ready for winter storm emergen-

cies. Home kits should include a gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, 3-day supply of non-perishable food, battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and NOAA weather radio with tone alert, flashlight, extra batteries, whistle, manual can opener, and cell-phone with chargers. Other suggested items include prescription medications, eyeglasses, infant formula, diapers, cash or traveler's checks, sleeping bags, blankets and household chlorine bleach.

If it's absolutely necessary to drive, plan trips carefully and listen to the radio or television to monitor forecasts and road conditions. Also top off your gas tank, ensure antifreeze levels are adequate, and test the battery, ignition, heater and defrosting systems for proper operation.

For more information on winter storm safety, visit www.ready.gov or <https://safety.army.mil>.



EO2 Kenyon Clark, PHIBCB 2, mans the 240B machine gun imounted on HMMWV as part of a convoy during the battalion's BTX held here, Nov. 16.

(Photos by EA2 Larry Winer)

Seabees, Sailors practice crawl, walk, run tactics

By MCSN Kenneth Gardner
Amphibious Construction Battalion 2

FORT A.P. HILL, Virginia - Amphibious Construction Battalion, or PHIBCB 2, completed a battalion tactical exercise here, Nov. 18.

The BTX was part of the battalion's homeport training cycle which tested the ability of Seabees and Sailors to defend against enemy attacks in a contingency environment.

"Our Sailors exceeded my expectations throughout all phases of the exercise," said PHIBCB 2 Command Master Chief Keith Lefebvre. "Last week, we had boatswain mates operating watercraft. This week they're digging fighting positions and employing crew-served weapon systems alongside their fellow Seabees without missing a beat!"

To help with the execution of the BTX, Naval Construction Group 2, stationed at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, acted in a supportive role to help oversee the BTX training.

This was accomplished by working with PHIBCB 2's training department to set up



EO2 Rick Schram, PHIBCB 2, uses a fireplan sketch to explain his pit's field of fire during the unit's BTX held here, Nov. 17.

white and red cell support elements and break down the BTX into a two-phased approach consisting of classroom instruction and tactical field training.

"At the PHIBCB BTX, we employed a crawl, walk, run method to the field train-

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ing,” said Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Lutz, training officer, PHIBCB 2. “We started with the crawl phase with some block training in the barracks for the first half of the training to learn the basic building blocks and to make sure we were all on the same page fundamentally.”

The classroom phase consisted of in-depth instruction where PHIBCB 2 ‘Bees sat down with instructors to learn about different situations they could encounter in the field and the proper way to handle each one.

“At first I thought that I wasn’t going to like it, but I actually ended up having a good time,” said Boatswain Mate 1st Class Robert Cooke, craft master under instruction for PHIBCB 2. “Overall I did a lot of patrols and learned stuff about patrols that I didn’t know before.”

Once the classroom instruction phase was complete, the battalion prepped for the tactical field environment phase. This enabled the battalion to take what they learned in the classroom and apply it to possible hostile scenarios.

“We transitioned from block training out to the field portion of the BTX, where we continued to walk through the initial steps and then straight into a run as we got into the training,” said Lutz. “Overall, it was a very successful event, and I think folks learned a lot from our time at Fort A.P. Hill.”

The red cell, consisting of NCG 2 personnel playing the role of aggressors, would randomly present the battalion with possible scenarios to test its effectiveness in areas such as personnel/vehicle searches, patrols, communications, mass casualty drills, convoy training, first aid and entry control point operations.

The white cell was a conglomeration of NCG 2 personnel, PHIBCB 2 training department personnel and support from Naval Beach Group 2’s Gunnery Sgt. Lopez. Its main goal was not only to grade the battalion’s effectiveness during the scenarios, but also train, guide and oversee the execution of their training.

The BTX proved to be more than just another training exercise. It also served as a staging ground to build and bolster future relations between the two commands.

Through ongoing training and prepara-



NCC Carl Johnson, Defensive Unit squad leader, PHIBCB 2, radios a message to the Defensive Unit Command Post during the battalion’s BTX, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, Nov. 17.



Seabees from PHIBCB 2 simulate a casualty evacuation during the unit’s recent battalion tactical exercise.

tion, PHIBCB 2 is able to combine small craft expertise of the surface Navy with the construction capabilities of the Naval

Construction Force to support NBG 2 in amphibious force projection with fully trained, combat-ready forces.



(Photo by Damon J. Moritz)

U.S. Naval Academy quarterback Keenan Reynolds (19) carries the ball against the Army Black Knights during the Army-Navy game at Lincoln Financial Field, in Philadelphia. At halftime, Army led Navy 17-14.

Young Army team drops first-half lead to Navy

By Gary Shedftick
Army News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland - Three fourth-quarter turnovers and a missed field goal put the Army on the short end of the Navy again, 21-17, despite early successes by freshman quarterback Chris Carter and junior wide receiver Edgar Poe.

The Army put the first points on the scoreboard with its initial drive thanks to a 51-yard return by Poe, a 32-yard reception by him and a field goal by Daniel Grochowski.

The Navy answered with a touchdown on its next possession, but the Army immediately bounced back with a drive capped by Tyler Campbell rushing in for a touchdown. The extra point put the Black Knights ahead 10-7 to end the first quarter.

The next score was a quarterback run

by the Navy's Keenan Reynolds, who holds the collegiate record for quarterback rushing this year with 1,093 yards rushed going into Saturday's game.

Not to be outdone, on the next drive facing third down, the Army's quarterback Carter dodged a tackle and ran the ball to pick up a first down. Then he passed to Poe who ran an additional 12 yards for a touchdown with just 2:08 left in the first half. The Army went into halftime leading 17-14.

The Navy's defense came out strong the second half holding the line and putting pressure on Carter, forcing a sack.

The Navy began a drive on the 50-yard line. Reynolds threw a bomber to Jamir Tillman, who dove across the goal. The Navy took the lead 21-17.

Grochowski's attempted a 29-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter that went

just-wide. Carter fumbled on the Navy's 34-yard line.

With no turnovers in the first three quarters, Carter threw a long pass that Navy safety Lorentez Barbour jumped up to intercept. But the Army's defense held the Midshipmen to four downs, giving possession back to the Black Knights.

With just three minutes to go, a Campbell reception for 35 yards gave the Army hope. Then Carter tried a trick play, flipping the ball over to Andre Bell who threw a long pass downfield for an interception.

The Army defense held the Midshipmen to four downs again, giving the Black Knights possession with just 12 seconds left. Two bombs downfield by the Army's fourth-string quarterback went incomplete, to give the Army its 14th consecutive loss to the Navy.



2015 Commander's Cup winners

Fort A.P. Hill Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation announced the winners of the 2015 Commander's Cup, Dec. 15.

Winners included the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Complex for the Commander's Cup while DFMWR won in the best directorate category.

Individual winners include: Mike Brown, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, won top male with 278 points; Command Sgt. Maj. W. Alex Ho, U.S. Army Garrison won top male master with 936 points; Lindsay Taylor, DFMWR, won top female with 559 points; and, Joanne Williams, DFMWR, won top female master with 250 points.

Police chief welcomed

Fort A.P. Hill recently welcomed self-described Army brat Shane Krantz as its new police chief.

He comes to the post with an extensive law enforcement background, spanning 16 years in various assignments, some of which include: police officer, undercover vice and narcotics detective, field training officer, senior patrol officer, watch commander, desk operations branch chief and Fort Bragg, patrol captain.

Krantz holds a bachelor's degree in administration

of criminal justice from Mountain State University, West Virginia. His law enforcement education includes the Hampton Roads Regional Academy of Criminal Justice, Virginia General Instructors' Course, Mid-Atlantic Police Supervisory Institute, Undercover Operations, Basic SWAT Operators Course, Prescription Drug Identification and Diversion Course, Basic Investigators Course, and Fraudulent Document Identification Train the Trainer Course.



Shane Krantz
Police Chief

MWR Holiday Operating Hours

Outdoor Recreation

Dec. 1-23 Monday - Friday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.- noon Sunday Closed	Dec. 26-30 Monday - Friday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.- noon Sunday Closed	Jan. 2-4 Monday - Friday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.- noon Sunday Closed
Dec. 24 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Dec. 31 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	
Dec. 25 Closed	Jan. 1 Closed	

Ambrose Fitness Center

Dec. 1-23 Monday - Friday 6 a.m.- 8 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Sunday Closed	Dec. 26-27 Monday - Friday 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Sunday Closed	Jan. 2-4 Monday - Friday 6 a.m.- 8 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Sunday Closed
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Dec. 24 6 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Dec. 28-31 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
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Dec. 25 Closed	Jan. 1 Closed
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Downtime Zone

Dec. 19-20 Closed	Dec. 22-31 Closed	Jan. 4 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
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Dec. 21 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 3 Closed
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Recreational Lodging

Dec. 1-23 Monday - Friday 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Dec. 25-27 Closed	Jan. 1-4 Closed
Dec. 28-30 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 31 8 a.m. - noon	

