

Fort Barfoot celebrates Earth Day with beautification projects

Virginia National Guard Soldiers and civilian staff assigned to Fort Barfoot completed several beautification projects on and around the post in honor of Earth Day April 20, 2023, at Fort Barfoot, Virginia.

The installation conducts projects in support of Earth Day annually, however this year's efforts encompassed more projects than usual, thanks to the support of the employees of Fort Barfoot's different directorates.

Outside of the installation, at the intersection of Cox and Military Roads, Col. James C. Shaver Jr., the Fort Barfoot garrison commander, and Maj. Jason Simulcik, the Fort Barfoot Headquarters Company commander, planted holly bushes at the Fort Barfoot sign in coordination with Nottoway County administration.

"This initial beautification project was coordinated through Nottoway County Administrator, Mr. Ted Costin," said Shaver. "It will serve as a base for the future addition of ornamental plantings with annual flowers, grasses, and other native and low maintenance specimens."

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DiNonno to succeed Rhodes as 29th ID commanding general
 Brig. Gen. Joseph A. DiNonno has been selected to succeed Maj. Gen. John M. Rhodes as the commanding general of the Fort Belvoir-based 29th Infantry Division, according to an announcement made April 21, 2023, by Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia.
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SIO training provides tactics to help fellow Soldiers
 Virginia National Guard Soldiers from around the state attended a Suicide Intervention Officer Course April 18-20, 2023, at the State Military Reservation in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
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VNG MPs conduct border checkpoint security exchange in Tajikistan
 Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to the 229th Military Police Company conducted a border checkpoint security military exchange with the Republic of Tajikistan April 10-14, 2023, at the border checkpoint in Dusti, Tajikistan.
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VNG Teen Panel celebrates Month of the Military Child
 Members of the Virginia National Guard State Teen Panel came together for their fifth meeting of the season and to celebrate Month of the Military Child April 15, 2023, at an outdoor adventure park in Williamsburg, Virginia.
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Fort Barfoot ASP recognized for outstanding performance

Brig. Gen. K. Weedon Gallagher, the Virginia National Guard Land Component Commander, and Col. Dennis Rohler, the Virginia Army National Guard G4 logistics officer, visited and recognized Soldiers and civilian employees assigned to the Fort Barfoot Ammunition Supply Point after their outstanding performance during a recent inspection April 26, 2023, at Fort Barfoot, Virginia.

The ASP's staff enjoyed a cookout during their appreciation day, and Gallagher presented select individuals with special challenge coins for superior performance.

The ASP, one of the busiest on the East Coast, performed exceptionally during a recent logistics and explosives safety inspection by the Defense Ammunition Center, prompting recognition and commendation. The ASP graded out at 93%, placing it among the highest-rated Army ASPs across the globe.

During the appreciation day, Gallagher explained why the results are so important for Fort Barfoot as a training installation.

"We couldn't be prouder of your performance during the DAC inspection. Your piece in our mission of making Fort Barfoot the best-in-class training destination in the mid Atlantic is incredibly important," said Gallagher. "This is where we want troopers to conduct their maneuver training. We're putting a lot of time and energy into making Barfoot best-in-class. And, thanks to your hard work at the ASP, visiting units find Barfoot attractive. Let's face it, maneuver training is much more realistic with munitions. When our visitors interact with this ASP, they are treated professionally and appreciate your customer focus."

"The bottom line is what we do matters," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nick Seymour, explosives safety officer at the ASP.

Rohler elaborated on just how remarkable the ASP's staff performed.

"The unofficial word from the evaluators is they've been around the world, and this is one of the top three ASPs on the entire globe," said Rohler. "We're not just talking about Virginia, we're not just talking about this country. What you all are doing here is better than the majority of the ammunition supply points across the entire Army, wherever they are. The 93% rating was 7% higher than the active duty's average. They were at 85%, you all hit 93%, which is incredible."

Rohler said the level of success the ASP earned isn't surprising because of the high standards they hold themselves to, as well as the high standards they hold all training units to in order to pick up ammunition for training use.

"When you talk about owning what you do, this team right here proves every single day that they own what they do, the high standards coupled with high customer service," said Rohler. "They understand the importance of what they do, and they keep the standard where it's supposed to be and it showed."

That customer service includes holding training units to the prescribed standards without exception in order to maintain accountability and safety.

"When folks leave out of here, when we push them away from



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the ASP because they didn't meet the standards, they don't walk away feeling as if they've been beaten or something," explained Rohler. "They've been educated, they now understand what the requirements are, they come back and get right because the team treats them right."

"The ASP is focused on continuing to provide safe, effective, and on time ammunition logistical support to the end users, which is the Soldiers," Seymour said. "The ASP's focus is always on ensuring the Soldiers receive safe, accurate, and functioning ammunition."

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