



# The Town of Port Royal

## **PUBLIC MEETING on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010**

Washington plans to put an Explosives Ordnance Disposal training site near the northeastern boundary of Fort A.P. Hill. This site was originally planned for Fort Lee near Petersburg, but was moved to A.P. Hill because of the effect of noise on communities located near to Fort Lee.

Washington's plan is to base the trainees at Fort Lee and bus them up to Fort A.P. Hill for their training, then back to Fort Lee. The only contribution to Caroline County will be the noise.

According to the plan, the loud, house-shaking explosions that we now hear only occasionally will become a daily occurrence—and a nightly one since the plans call for about 700 explosions each year between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am.

The base commander promises that training will be curtailed whenever weather conditions favor greater-than-usual propagation of noise from the explosions. The Port Royal Town Council fully supports the Army training mission, but feels that this training should be conducted at a more suitable location where noise is not a concern and the soldiers can receive the training they need without their commanders needing to compromise it to reduce noise.

This plan threatens to harm our health and well-being, damage our environment, destroy the harmony of our community, jeopardize the economic viability of Caroline County, and severely reduce our property values.

**At the request of the Port Royal Town Council, the Army has secheduled a public information session to begin at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 7, at the Port Royal firehouse (corner of King and Cumberland Streets), to be followed by a public hearing beginning at 7:30. This is a chance to come hear what Army officials have to say and to make your feelings known, both informally during the information session and for the record during the hearing. Even if you don't want to speak, PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING AND LET THE ARMY SEE THE DEPTH OF OUR CONCERN!**

In addition, we urge you to write to Fort A.P. Hill to protest Washington's plan to establish the training site so close to Port Royal. The address to write or e-mail is:

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Directorate of Public Works  
Fort A.P. Hill  
Bowling Green VA 22427  
[terry.banks1@us.army.mil](mailto:terry.banks1@us.army.mil)

Indicate that you are commenting on the  
*Draft Finding Of No Significant Impact,*  
*Supplemental Environmental Assessment for*  
*the Relocation of Three Demolition Sites at*  
*the Explosives Ordnance Disposal Field*  
*Training Area at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia*

**Please write TODAY because the comment period ends on January 11, 2010.**

Nancy Long, Mayor, and the Port Royal Town Council  
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