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Combined Federal Campaign

celebrates record donations

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Volunteers with the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) at Dahlgren were honored in a Victory Party Celebration last week as more than 40 keyworkers and committee members enjoyed lunch and an awards presentation at the Naval Support Facility Dahlgren Dowell Community House.

"I would be lying if I didn't admit that I had a feeling something special was going to happen with the CFC this year as I sat at a table on the parade field on Sept. 15 (at the CFC Kickoff) judging barbecue entries and watching all the people that enjoyed lunch and visited the charitable agencies," said Capt. Cattie Hanft, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity South Potomac, the Victory Party guest speaker. "I could just feel a groundswell of support for CFC this year."

Her instincts were correct. The Dahlgren CFC campaign began in September with hopes of reaching the ambitious fundraising goal of \$390,000. As of the start of the Victory Party on Dec. 11, the base had already raised \$405,00 and collected another \$27,000 in turn-ins following the party.

"We're here to celebrate your hard work and recognize that you stepped up to volun-

teer," said Tom Kubalewski, co-chair of the Potomac CFC. "We want to say thank you and let you know that you're appreciated," said Kubalewski.

Last year was the first year the Dahlgren's CFC campaign was merged with the campaigns of Ft. A.P. Hill and Quantico Marine Base. The three commands teamed up last year to raise just under \$1,000,000. This year, with Ft. A.P. Hill surpassing their \$20,000 goal and raising \$26,000 and Quantico surpassing their goal of \$500,000, the campaign is well on its way to a record-setting year.

Hanft reiterated what CFC means around the world. "I want you to consider exactly what you've done" as CFC volunteers, said Hanft. "Because of you, there are children across the world that will have something to eat. There are ill and elderly that will receive the care they need. A lonely pet will find a home. Scientists will continue with research to find a cure for diseases. People who didn't before will have clothes and shoes, and will continue with education that may not have been possible before," said Hanft. "When you made the decision to help this year, you probably didn't realize the scope of

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what you were doing, but you have helped millions of people across the world. As this year's CFC slogan said, to the world you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world."

In addition to certificates of appreciation for keyworkers, awards were also given to departments and commands with the most donations. Awards were given to:

- Fort A.P. Hill
- Honorable Mention -**
- JWAC
- AFRC
- NSWCDD Z Dept.
- Small Unit Donors -**
- Dahlgren Branch Medical Clinic
- Honorable Mention -**
- Naval Air Missile Defense Command
- Dahlgren School

This year's celebration also saw the first Hero Awards presented to several dedicated CFC volunteers. Hero Award recipients included:

- Rosemary Higgs,

NSWCDD W Dept. Higgs was cited for being "a true asset to the Dahlgren CFC campaign as well as the Potomac Combined Federal Campaign." Higgs was a member of the planning committee, a keyworker for W Dept. and was instrumental in the planning and execution of the 2009 CFC Kickoff.

• Cindy Tate, Ft. A.P. Hill "was instrumental in getting 90% of the fire department to donate. Cindy is also a long-term CFC volunteer and participated with the kickoff committee."

• Jeron Hayes, NSASP was recognized as "a go-to person for CFC. Jeron has been involved in every aspect of the campaign, especially the Kickoff event."

Hero Award honorable mention awards were given to Francoise Sibley, Ft. A.P. Hill; Angela Vogel, NSWCDD W Dept.; Bonita Simpson, JWAC; and Lt. Katie Hulise, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense.



(left) Tom Kubalewski, Capt. Cattie Hanft and United Way of Fredericksburg chairman Kathleen Smith celebrate a record-breaking CFC goal at the Dowell Community House.