

# Post surpasses CFC goal by \$72,158

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There was a lot of good news shared at this year's 2008 Combined Federal Campaign Recognition ceremony which was held Nov. 15 in the Gordon Club Ballroom.

"We are here to celebrate the great generosity of our friends and co-workers at Fort Gordon," said Tom Fitzpatrick, the master of ceremonies for the CFC Recognition luncheon. "Most of all, this is a day to celebrate the great good that will result from the generosity that has been shown: the children who will be cared for, the hungry who will be fed, the homeless who will be treated, and the lonely who will be comforted."

"Each day we hear of more and more economic woes," said Fitzpatrick "Fort Gordon's pledge to the Central Savannah River Area's CFC Campaign rose above those challenges and dug deep. Astonishingly, we set a goal of \$465,000 for our 2008 campaign."

"The results floored me when I saw them," Fitzpatrick added. "Thanks to the efforts of our community, we surpassed our goal by \$72,158, with a final contribution of \$537,158," added the director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security for the post.

"We truly have a lot to celebrate," he continued. Both Pat Camacho, the installation project officer for CFC, and Julie Kennedy, who is the lead CFC action officer at the United Way, received words of gratitude for their efforts in this year's campaign.

Joe Capps, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon deputy commander, gave opening remarks and thanked everyone for their efforts.

"What we did in this campaign will mean so much to those in need," Capps said. "We are and will continue to be a nation at war facing some challenging economic times ahead. I must admit I was very impressed that we exceed our goal this year, he added. Usually contributions go down during times like these. This was a labor of love."

This was followed by the recognition of Sgt. 1st Class Floyd Dunn, 67th Signal Battalion; Sgt. Magdalena Seitz, 56th Signal Battalion, and Sgt. Lashonda Quiller, 442nd Signal Battalion, who were this year's CFC Cell Group. "Without the enthusiasm and hard work of these Soldiers, our campaign simply couldn't happen," said Fitzpatrick. "It is too big, and there are too many moving parts. Each of the Soldiers received certificate of appreciation."

"Although the work of the CFC Cell is crucial to the success of the CFC, where the rubber really meets the road is at the unit level, and it is there that the unit project officers and key workers make all the difference," Fitzpatrick explained. "We want now to recognize Fort Gordon's "Super Key Worker" for 2008. For the past several campaigns, the Local Federal Coordinating Committee has selected a specific key worker to be recognized as the top key worker for that year's campaign."

"This recognition is not based on how much money the key worker raised, but, rather on what the key worker did that was above and beyond the minimum. Capps presented his coin to the first, second and third place runners up. Marilyn Ray of the Directorate of Logistics was the third place runner up; Argelis Berkeley of the Directorate of Information Management was the second runner up and Sgt. 1st Class Cynthia James of Company D, 447th Signal Battalion was the first place winner. I don't give these out often," Capps told the recipients. "I have only given out 10 of my coins."

Edward Toelle of the Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office was named as the "Super Key Worker" for 2008. Capps presented the deputy commander's coin to him as well as a plaque.

"This award I just received is not a reflection on me, but the members of the public affairs office, Toelle said. "It's not about the amount of money given, but that everyone gave what they could."

After the super key worker was honored then attention turned to the units. "Because of the size of the Fort Gordon CFC and because the CFC here is such a big part of the overall campaign in the Central Savannah River Area, the CSRA Local Federal Coordinating Committee would like to recognize specific Fort Gordon units that did exceptionally well in this year's campaign," said Fitzpatrick.

The "Bronze" level units were recognized for performance at 75 percent of the benchmark, which was an average gift of at least \$90 and at least 22.5 percent of the unit participating. Units at Fort Gordon receiving this recognition were the 35th Signal Brigade, 56th Signal Battalion, 63rd Signal Battalion, 434th U.S. Army Signal Corps Band, 442nd Signal Battalion, 447th Signal Battalion, 551st Signal Battalion, the Navy's Center for Information Dominance, Defense Military Pay Office, Directorate of Resource Management, Fort Gordon's Central Intelligence Division and the Fort Gordon Commissary.

The "Silver" level units were recognized for performance at 100 percent of the benchmark, which was an average gift of at least \$120 and at least 30 percent of the unit participating. The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion and the U.S. Army Area Dental Laboratory were recipients of this honor.

The "Gold" level units were recognized for performance at

125 percent of the benchmark, which was an average gift of at least \$150 and at least 37.5 percent of the unit participating. Units at Fort Gordon receiving this recognition were the 7th Signal Command, 73rd Ordnance Battalion, 369th Signal Battalion, 324th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Directorate of Contracting, Directorate of Information Management, Directorate of Logistics, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; Directorate of Public Works, General Dynamics, the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, National Science Center, the Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office and the U.S. Army Southeast Regional Veterinary Command.

"The CFC really is a big team effort, and the biggest part of the team is the scores of project officers and key workers across the post," said Fitzpatrick. "These are the folks that distribute the materials, explain the program, answer the questions, collect the paperwork, make the turn-ins, distribute the donor appreciation gifts, and do all the other things that are required to make the CFC happen."

Fitzpatrick and Julie Kennedy read the names of all the CFC key workers and later presented certificates of appreciation to each of them.

**Joe Capps, the deputy to the commanding general, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, praised the Combined Federal Campaign project officers and key workers for the efforts during the CFC Recognition Ceremony held in the grand ballroom of the Gordon Club.**



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