

# Volunteers are important members of Dunham team

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***Retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Robert Harder and his wife Mary have spent a combined 65 years volunteering. They currently spend four hours each volunteering at Dunham U.S. Army Health Clinic. Photo by Spc. Jennifer Rick.***

December 18, 2008 – Among the dozens of skilled doctors, nurses and physician's assistants at Dunham U.S. Army Health Clinic, are the able hands of more than 15 Red Cross volunteers.

These people spend a combined 280 hours per month to serving the clinic and the servicemembers, family members and retirees that use it, explained Laurie Harkey, Red Cross volunteer coordinator for Carlisle Barracks.

These volunteers work in medical records, behavioral health, the lab and at the pharmacy. They help out with jobs like clerical work and greeting patients.

"They free up the clinic staff to do the types of activities they are trained for," said Harkey.

One volunteer, retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Robert Harder and his wife Mary, have spent a combined 65 years volunteering. They each spend four hours per week volunteering at Dunham.

"When you retire, it's important to be doing something with your time, and we both very much enjoy doing something that helps the military in some way," Harder said.

Most of the volunteers here are retirees, but everyone is welcomed to help out, said Harkey.

All the volunteers are appreciated, especially by the clinic staff and command group.

"Our Red Cross volunteers here at Dunham are some of the most dedicated and faithful volunteers that I have seen in any Army Health Care facility," said Col. Kenneth Trzepakowski, Dunham's Commander. "Volunteering is a win-win situation. It allows the volunteer to be a part of the Dunham Team, and the team gets an enthusiastic player – often one with many years of experience."

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