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Col. Doug Mastriano received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star device from Lt. Col. Janet Holliday, garrison commander, for his work as scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 173 during the 22nd Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony May 21 in the LVCC.

May 21, 2010 -- Carlisle Barracks took time May 21 to honor a group of people who volunteered, donating time, talents and effort totaling 68,229 hours worth more than \$1.5 million dollars in the last year.

Guest speaker for the event was Valerie Pritchett, a report with ABC27 who spoke about the value of volunteerism and the role it plays in building strong communities.

Volunteers were honored for their contributions to both Carlisle Barracks and the surrounding Cumberland County community for the 22nd consecutive year. 14 of the volunteers were recognized at the ceremony.

- Col. Tony Pelczynski has contributed more than 250 hours as the Pack 173 Webelos Leader and Asst Scoutmaster for the installation. His dedication to providing leadership, coaching and mentoring to 15 scouts was immeasurable. Tony displayed a true sense of volunteering at all scout meetings and events constantly teaching the scouts the true sense of volunteering and doing the right thing.
- Melissa Jones Pelczynski volunteered to form and lead Daisy Girl Scout Troop 10540 to enable

girls between the ages of 6 and 7 years old to learn and explore new skills and character building experiences through fun activities and friendship. She provided untiring leadership and selfless service to the Daisy Girl Scouts and their family during the Scouting year. Melissa was personally responsible for assisting in coordinating the Borough of Carlisle-wide Daisy Girl Scout Movie Day on Carlisle Barracks that brought together more than 40 Daisy Girl Scouts for an evening of fun and friendship.

Holliday and Col. Tony Pelczynski, Army War College student and honoree for his work as the Pack 173 Webelos Leader, hold a check representing the monetary value of the 68,229 hours donated by post volunteers.



- Ted H. C. Kelley has served with great distinction and honor as a member of the Carlisle Barracks Retiree Council and as the retiree recorder. Kelley has been a main contributor to the decision making process for a highly successful retiree council. Kelley has also served with great distinction as the master of ceremonies during the Retiree Appreciation Day activities, which ensured all activities stayed on the timeline schedule. He volunteered more than 15 Hours at Carlisle Barracks.
- Carole Mineo has provided exemplary voluntary service to the USAWC Memorial Chapel for more than 600 hours this year. Her supervision of the Sacristy Staff of the Catholic Parish has contributed greatly to the enhancement of the quality of life for Carlisle Barracks by making sure all lectors and Eucharistic ministers are ready each service. Carol ensures everything is put back in order and cleaned up after each church service. Carol takes care of all the Alter linen and takes them home to be cleaned, prepare books and religious material need for the Baptism and marriage celebrations.
- Kaitlin Garman has provided outstanding service as a volunteer at the Army Heritage and Education Center from November 2009 to March 2010. Her attention to detail, ability to learn complex conservation treatment procedures and provide excellent communications skills were an asset in preparing over 100 artifacts for three exhibits. Her accuracy, work ethic and team spirit were noticed by all. She has more than 320 volunteer hours at AHEC.





A packed LVCC was the host for the event.

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- Marie Powell has volunteered more than 80 hours with the Thrift shop. She painted the volunteers entrance sign on Bldg 632 and is responsible for a customer information sign. Both of these were done on a highly professional manner. She has contributed expertise and insight as a computer consignor and served as a member of the board. Powell has contributed toward the decisions, profits and destinations of funds that come through the Thrift Shop.

- Janet Wright’s work as a “book mom” at the Child Development Center included receiving book orders from parents, orders books, and distributed them to parents who wanted to purchase books for their children. With Wright’s assistance, parents are able to purchase high quality, low price books for their children. It also helps the Child Development Center receive bonus points to get wonderful books and resources absolutely free. Wright has more than 100 hours at the CDC.

- Laurie Harkie, a Red Cross volunteer, is known throughout the clinic for providing customer service orientations recording and recruiting volunteers for Dunham Health clinic. She cares for the needs and concerns of volunteers in her charge as well as those of patients and clinic staff by creating a joyful volunteer experience while at Dunham. Laurie always keeps the mission of the clinic and corresponding responsibilities of the American Red Cross in her activities as a volunteer coordinator.



A group of volunteers and family members pose for a photo after the ceremony.



- Nick Mineo has been a valuable part of the Strike Zone Bowling Center team for 14 years. Nick manages all league activities at the bowling center, handling all of the league's secretarial activities, along with many of the league's treasury duties. Nick volunteered 515 hours this year at the lanes. He promotes all programs while inside the center and out. Nick is an integral part of the Strike Zone team, and without him, it would be much more difficult for the center to achieve their mission of serving Soldiers and their Families at Carlisle Barracks.
- Amy Turner accepted an award on behalf of the Carlisle Barracks Spouses Club which has collectively donated more than 3,712 hours to the Carlisle Barracks Community. The Spouses' Club has volunteered at many events throughout the year supporting and raising funds for scholarships and other organizations. The Spouse club has awarded \$23,000 in scholarships and donations during this year.
- Sgt. Jeffrey Poland accepted an award on behalf of the Carlisle Barracks Installation Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers President. Poland planned, set up and participated in events where BOSS members provided community service support for the Carlisle Barracks community. He also provided opportunities for the BOSS members to have fun on and off the installation. Poland serves as a forum through which single Soldiers could voice their thoughts, issues, problems and concerns.
- Col. Doug Mastriano accepted an award as scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 173. The troop consists of 54 scouts ranging in age from 10-18 years. Doug's contributions prepared these young men to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Specifically, he provided positive leadership, was a strong role model, and spent countless hours teaching scout skills, the responsibilities of citizenship, physical fitness and civil war history. His efforts resulted in more than 617 hours in preparing scouts to be better prepared and responsible citizens and leaders. Mastriano received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star device.
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chad Bowen was honored for his work with Youth Services and has coached, trained and mentored the game of soccer to more than 200 youth ranging from 7 to 17 years of age. He has held and coordinated soccer clinics for those wanting to play soccer during

the winter months. Additionally, during the winter, training sessions were provided weekly. He works hard to provide a good quality sports experience for kids and teach them to strive to be better.

- Dan Barney volunteered 215 hours, during which he prepared federal, state and local tax returns for 135 customers as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. His efforts resulted in saving his customers approximately \$28,000 in tax preparation fees and refunds. His ability to identify little known deductions and credits further enhanced his customer's savings. He has become a leader in the Tax Center and customers seek out his expertise, as many returning customers requested him by name to prepare their 2009 tax returns.

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