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The Carlisle Barracks community gathered to honor innovative smart leadership during the quarterly installation awards ceremony Feb. 6.

“I appreciate it -- the entire team, we appreciate what you do every day to advance our mission,” said Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, USAWC Commandant. Martin went on to praise the awardees for finding ways to accomplish their missions, despite budget constraints, through innovation and thinking outside the box.

Darby Burkholder, an educational technician with the Department of Distance Education, was named the civilian employee of the quarter.



Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin presents Darby Burkholder, an educational technician with the Department of Distance Education, with an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service during the installation awards ceremony. Burkholder was named Carlisle Barracks Civilian Employee of the Year. *Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.*

Burkholder was nominated for the award by her supervisor because of her dedication to the needs of the distance education students. Col. Brett Weigle, director of 2nd Year Studies for Distance Education, cited Burkholder’s work in providing all administrative and logistical support for the Commandant’s National Security Program, which takes place during the second resident course of distance education, as an example of her dedication.

“Ms. Burkholder interacted with an average of 20 of our 360 students every day via phone, and another

30 via email,” said Weigle.

“Most of these communications are 'crisis' contacts as students prepare to travel to Carlisle Barracks to attend both First and Second Resident Courses, or require immediate attention in order make suspense or fix errors," he said. "She handles all queries with aplomb regardless of caller attitude, focusing on solving each student's problem as if it were affecting her personally.”

Three civilian employees were awarded the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for making In- and Out- Processing faster and easier for students.

George L. Frame Jr., Human Resources Directorate, Timothy Arnold and Ray Leist, both in the Defense Finance and Accounting Services, were recognized for streamlining the in-processing for 2012 Army War College resident students and Army War College Fellows.

Martin commented on numerous calls and emails from students praising the ease in which in processing was handled here.

Many Army War College and garrison employees were recognized for volunteer work.

Sgt. Jeffrey Poland, HRD, was awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his work as the president of the Carlisle Barracks Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program.

Charlotte Kinney and John Blair, both retired military officers, were presented with certificates of appreciation from the Garrison Commander for volunteer support of the 37th Annual Carlisle Barracks Retiree Appreciation Day.

The garrison commander also presented certificates of appreciation to several Carlisle Barracks employees for volunteering at Oktoberfest. Nearly 8000 attendees enjoyed the entertaining family day, thanks to work contributed by -- Wendy Blacksmith; Brad Bower; Susan Cantalupi; Mannie Chesney; Jackie Chicchi; Courtney Crytzer; Simone Crytzer; Kim Foltz; Wanda Gentile; Bree Hovetter; Wendi Kent; Ann Miller; Fran Piper; Larry Piper; Melanie Ramos; Judy Scott; Ken Sjoberg; Brandon Shiposh; Katherine Stewart; Teresa Strohm; Regina Thames; Cleo Williams; Karen Wright; Nathaniel Wright; Barbara Yeager; Zach Zimmermann.

Mary Anne Turnbaugh was recognized for her 19-year contribution to the Carlisle Barracks Family Morale Welfare and Recreation community during the ceremony. Turnbaugh, who retired at the end of last year, began her career as a budget assistant in 1992 and retired as chief of the Nonappropriated Fund Management Division for FMWR. Along with certificates of appreciation and retirement, she was awarded an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

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