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12 volunteer organizations, more than 100,000 volunteer hours and a little more than \$2 million were saved by the hard work and dedication of volunteers from the Carlisle Barracks Community in the past year.

Carlisle Barracks and the US Army War College recognized the dedication and generosity of the Carlisle Barracks community at the annual Carlisle Barracks Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony at the Letort View Community Center, May 30, 2012.

Guest speaker Sheri Wilensky Burke, a senior volunteer manager and organizer of special events, recognized and applauded the staff and families of Carlisle Barracks for willingly sacrificing their time to volunteer throughout the area.

Burke also encouraged that this trend continue in the future, and that Carlisle Barracks remains a committed force of volunteers.

“The number one reason people volunteer, is because they are asked.” Burke said, “It seems so simple, and it really is. So I am asking you today to think of one person you think would be a good volunteer and ask them.”

The 12 groups that were recognized for the commitment to volunteering were: The Cub Scouts, The Military Family Program, Spouses Club, Army Heritage and Education Center, Thrift Store, Federally Employed Women’s Club, Bowling Center, Post Judge Advocate, The Boy Scouts, Child Youth and School Services, Chapel Volunteers and Army Community Service Group.

These groups combined volunteered for 101,271 hours, which equates to \$2,206,695.09. The US Government equates a volunteer’s time at the rate of GS-09 pay.

The event was sponsored by the 1stCommand Financial Services, Wegmans, Panera Bread, Giant, Weiss and Key Impact Sales and Systems Inc.

US Army War College Commandant, Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, gave the closing remarks and applauded the Carlisle Barracks Community for their time and dedication.

“Be encouraged, be strong, be courageous, be innovative, be imaginative, keep taking it to the next level, we need you,” said Martin about the volunteers, “In an era of downsizing budgets and austerity, we are going to need you volunteers innovating, creating, stepping up,

finding new imaginative ways to make it better, again thank you very much."

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