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*Hundreds of volunteers from organizations all over Carlisle Barracks were honored May 20 at the Letort View Community Center. Find more photos at [www.facebook.com/usawc](http://www.facebook.com/usawc)*

Volunteers were celebrated at a post-wide appreciation event

hosted by **Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo**, Army War College Commandant, at the Letort View Community Center May 20. Volunteers at Carlisle Barracks include all members of the community -- active duty of all ranks, family members, civilian employees, retirees International Fellows and youth.

“The value of volunteer contributions cannot be overlooked because they provide a valuable resource that greatly enhances the quality of life at Carlisle Barracks,” said **Lt. Col. Kimberly Peoples**, garrison commander. “In fact at any given time there are more than 600 volunteers serving in 19 different organizations at Carlisle Barracks.” In 2013 Carlisle Volunteers gave more than 63,588 volunteer hours with a savings of more than \$1.6 million.

“You have all sorts of reasons not to volunteer and yet you still do,” said Cucolo to the gathered volunteers and their guests. “Thank you for all that you do.”

Volunteering at Carlisle Barracks can be as informal as sponsoring an incoming family, providing meals for someone during an illness, beautifying housing areas or chaperoning a youth group, — it’s people helping each other.

Representing hundreds of volunteers that typify the Carlisle Experience are these members of our

community:

“I love the mission of Army Community Service. Volunteering to help Military Families become stronger, more resilient, keeps me better prepared to meet my own challenges”.

• ***Carolyn O’Steen, ACS Volunteer***

Carolyn thrives on helping and serving those who have served or are serving our country. She is a consummate professional in working with our staff and other volunteers. She always arrives on time ready for her mission. She is always prepared to assist any ACS program manager that may need help on that day; always up for the challenge and ready to provide assistance to anyone. She provides assistance with in processing Soldiers and their Families into the U.S. Army War College upon their arrival at the Relocation One Stop events. She also provides excellent customer service at our front desk assisting with the Information and Referral Follow-Up Program. She has been known to get her hands dirty cleaning shelves in the lending closet or helping to file away memos she is a true team player. She is an outstanding example of a volunteer rock star! And we all know how lucky we are to have her.

“This work gives me a reason to keep moving...I’ve been volunteering for over 20 years, it’s a great reason to get up in the morning”

• ***Nick Mineo, Bowling Center Volunteer***

Nick Mineo is probably one of the best known faces of volunteerism on Carlisle Barracks. Nick is the face of league bowling at the Bowling Center, handling secretarial duty for 80% of the leagues here, and helps set up the other 20%. He has also donated his time at the post tax center and numerous other organizations on post.

"I enjoy working with the Boy Scouts and helping to further develop young men into leaders of character."

***-Col. Sam Haseman, Boy Scout Volunteer***

In addition to his duties at the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, Col. Sam Haseman, volunteers as the Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 173. One of the biggest projects this year was coordinating a scout trip to Valley Forge and battleship USS New Jersey.

“Since I began volunteering at USAHEC, I have learned more about American military history and have come to greatly appreciate the sacrifices of past and current service members and families.”

• ***Annette Keener-Farley, USAHEC Volunteer***

Annette Keener-Farley began her U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center volunteer service as a trained Docent. Over time, Annette expanded her volunteer efforts to include editing inventories, and finding aids of photo collections and screening military publications (specifically Army Regulations). Presently, Annette is now spending some five hours every Thursday morning screening a substantial Army Regulation (AR) transfer from the Army (now the Pentagon) Library. There are an estimated 12,500 regulations that have been transferred to the USAHEC.

“The satisfaction of helping good people file their income taxes with the help of the other volunteers, a group of “team players” with enormous professional capabilities, made it a tremendous experience and worthwhile effort.”

• ***Tom Stubits, Tax Center Volunteer***

Tom Stubits was a true “rookie” this year at the tax center, but his hard work and dedication helped ensure another successful program. After completing numerous classes and gaining the certification for tax filing, he was able to overcome his nervousness and provide a valuable service to the Carlisle Barracks community.

Almost every organization on post benefits from volunteers. Some highlights are included below.

- American Red Cross volunteers offered medical record keeping, volunteer clinic receptionist and pharmacy assistance
- Army Community Service volunteer represented more than 500 hours with the lending closets, relocation program, and community events
- Army Heritage and Education Center volunteers who were involved in research, cataloguing, exhibit construction, and conservation of artifacts
- Cub Scout Pack 173 volunteers and Scouts of Pack 43 contributed 5,600-plus hours to provide leadership, coaching and mentoring to cub scouts
- Memorial Chapel’s volunteers are responsible for more than 19,000 hours supporting Child Watch, Vacation Bible School, and serving as ushers
- USAWC Military Family Program volunteers and seminar spouse representatives dedicated hundreds of hours developing the Battle Buddies video set that’s expected to help military families worldwide
- Retirement Services volunteers represented peers on the Retiree Council
- Carlisle Barracks Spouses’ Club volunteers contributed thousands of hours and thousands of dollar helping each other and helping others through community outreach donations and scholarships for military family members
- Youth Services volunteers with more than 280 hours of support to children’s events
- Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers
- Child, Youth and School Services
- Conversation and Culture program

- Girl Scouts volunteers donated more than 740 hours of community service and leadership
- Youth Services gym and coaching staff volunteers coached games and taught at sports camps
- Strike Zone Bowling Center volunteers donated 200-plus hours assisting bowling leagues and providing help in the snack bar
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers guided members of the military with tax returns.

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