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July 27, 2009 -- Carlisle Barracks and the greater Carlisle community partner on many levels to include mutually beneficial volunteer service. Community members who volunteer at the Dunham Health Clinic through the Red Cross, the Chapel, and AHEC enrich the lives of the military and military families. In turn, the people of the Army War College and Carlisle Barracks are welcomed into organizations that serve the greater community, from veterans service organizations, Rotary, Project SHARE, American Red Cross, or the Salvation Army.

Carlisle Barracks organizations contribute to community

* Carlisle Barracks Spouses Club gave \$14,700 in Outreach donations and \$14,200 in scholarships this past year, said treasurer Kim Bourque. Money raised at the Spring Auction and Duck Derby has benefitted Carlisle CARES, YWCA Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Services of Cumberland County, Nurse-Family Partnership and the local American Red Cross. CBSC begins the year with a Sign-Up Tea Wed., Aug. 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the LVCC

* Carlisle Barracks Thrift Shop returns profits to the community in scholarships and donations. "This past year, the Thrift Shop gave \$5,000 to Carlisle Barracks and Carlisle-area organizations," said Nancy Gibson, the shop's director. Thrift Shop profits have benefitted the Cumberland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Diabetes Association, Army Community Services and others; clothing donations have been given to Project Share, Salvation Army and Bethesda Mission. Volunteers are key: call 717-243-1434.

* ROCKS is a military mentoring organization that gives community and worldwide support. Army War College students, staff and faculty this year raised more than \$2500 for local and international charities; awarded two \$500 scholarships to two Carlisle High School seniors; and volunteered at local schools and organizations.

* Federally Employed Women is a open to all civilian and military employees, dedicated to promoting equality for women and addressing workplace concerns. The FEW Carlisle Chapter has supported the

Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties, American Cancer Society and Safe Harbor, and awarded scholarships for FEW members. One of FEW's first public events this year is a Breast Cancer Awareness Program at the LVCC, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. Contact Renee Mountz at 717-245-3551.

* USAWC Speakers Bureau links USAWC speakers with high school and college students, civic, veteran and service organizations, and other interested audiences who learn about unique experiences and insights of national security professionals.

Carlisle-area organizations

* United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County supports 28 non-profit organizations and plays an important role in volunteer recruitment. "Carlisle Volunteer Connection" is an online service listing nonprofit organizations' volunteer needs, at www.carlisleunitedway.org United Way sponsors its Volunteer Meet & Greet Aug 18 4:30 - 6 p.m., 145 S. Hanover St. in Carlisle. For more, call 717-243-4805.

* Operation Paperback has sent more than a million books to deployed military troops since 1999 – 21 thousand books were sent by local volunteers. "We are looking for paperbacks only," said Sally Brooks, local Operation Paperback volunteer. "We are in need of suspense, history, mystery, fantasy, SCI-FI, thriller and horror." Gently-used books can be added to the cabinet in the hallway near student mailboxes in Root Hall, or call Brooks about large donations: 717-258-9487 or sbrooks313@gmail.com