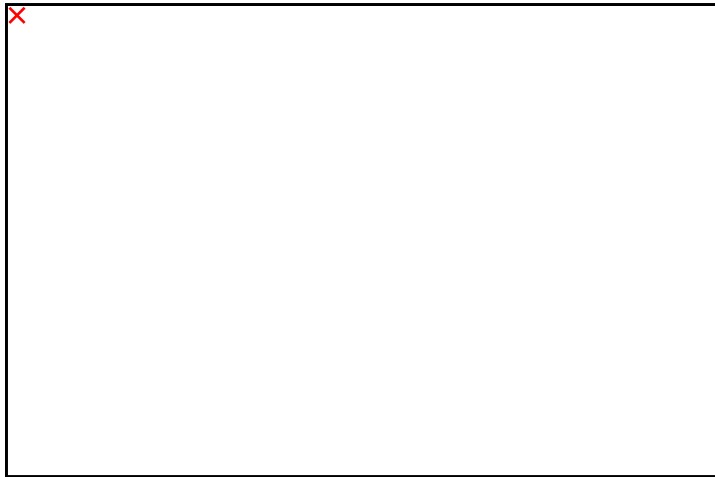


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Jan. 19, 2010 -- Randy Rakers, Army Heritage and Education Center security manager, received a special recognition award from the Carlisle Barracks and Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Association of the United States Army Jan. 19 in the Ridgway Hall conference room for his work with wounded warriors. Neal Delisanti, Veterans Affairs Officer for Cumberland County and Charles Elliot, AUSA

chapter president, presented him with the award.

"I'm really the lucky one to be able to spend time with them, it's an honor for me," said Rakers.

Rakers brought wounded Soldiers from the Army Wounded Warrior Program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to the local area to hunt turkey and deer, attend NASCAR races, barbeques and other events since 2005.

He said the program involves people from all over the Carlisle Barracks and local community. Rakers coordinated with local organization for donations, such as special veterans' licenses and the required tags, as well as all the equipment the Soldiers would need. The post has helped provide lodging and transportation.

"It really is a team effort and I'm just glad we're able to do this for the Soldiers."