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Col. Thomas Torrance, deputy commandant presents Col. Robert Hume with a volunteer award for his work with the Cub Scouts Pack 173. Photo by Kelly Schloesser

May 14, 2009 – Carlisle Barracks volunteers were honored for more than 100,000 hours of service at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, May 14 at the Letort View Community Center.

"Our volunteer activities are what make the military way of life unique. The efforts of our volunteers help our community, our families and our Soldiers," said Col. Thomas Torrance, deputy commandant.

The ceremony included a luncheon, the recognition of individual volunteers, a slide-show presentation, and the presentation of a check for the money saved by volunteers. Entertainment was provided by the Carlisle/Shippensburg Band.

"This year, volunteers saved Carlisle Barracks nearly two million dollars, a significant part of our budget," said Jeff Hanks, installation volunteer coordinator.

The volunteers honored were not only recognized for their work on Carlisle Barracks but also their contribution to the surrounding Cumberland County community. Speaking on behalf of the county was Commissioner Barbara Cross.

"I have no doubt that your determination and commitment has kept the doors open of numerous organizations in the area," said Cross. "You all continue to help people every day and I can say from experience that there is nothing more rewarding than volunteering."

Several organizations recognized individuals who continually went above and beyond. Among the individuals honored was **Ray Porter**, chapel volunteer.

"Each week for sixteen years, Ray has shopped for groceries at our weekly prayer breakfast. He has organized,

supervised, and assisted the cooking of the food for 40 people. In addition, he serves on the Parish council and organizes the annual Faith Fest for over 700 people," said Hanks.

With rousing applause, spouse **Heike Juzukonis** accepted an individual recognition award for her work with the Carlisle Barracks Spouse Club.

"She is responsible for the planning of eight luncheons, which includes coordinating vendors, menus, and event speakers, along with decorations and giveaways," said Hanks.

Other individuals recognized at the ceremony included: **Vincent Brazier** for the Cumberland County Red Cross, **Tina Leidigh** and **Brianne Brenneman** for the Child Development Center, **Edward Filliberti** for the Carlisle Barracks & Cumberland Valley AUSA, **Radesha Dantzler** for the BOSS program, **Rita Sirel** for the Conversation & Culture events, **Robert Hume** for leading the Cub Scouts Pack 173, **Petra Smith** for the Thrift Shop, **Jacqueline Chicchi** for Army Community Services, **Nick Mineo** for the Bowling Center, **William Derr** for Retirement Services, and **Vicford Forest** for the Skills Center.

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