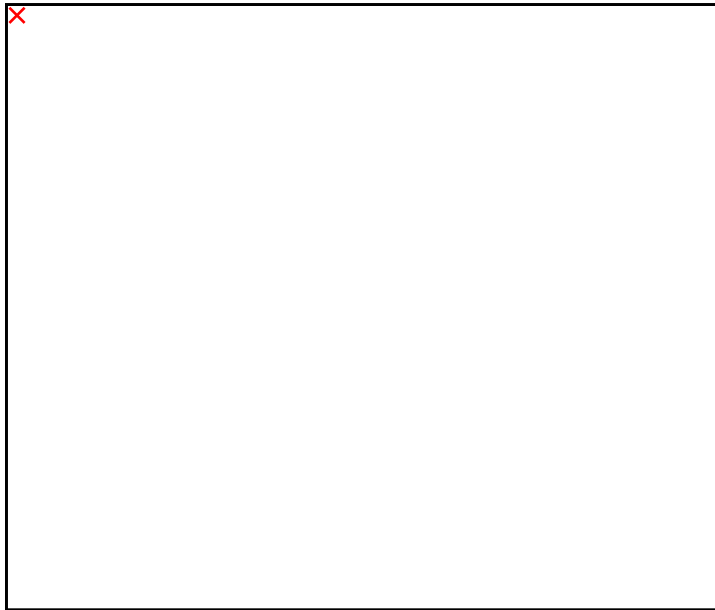


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Col. Thomas Torrance congratulates spouse Heike Juzukonis for her work with the Carlisle Barracks Spouses Club at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony May 14. Photo by Megan Clugh.

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, recognition of individual volunteers, a slide-show presentation, and the presentation of a mock check representing 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.

Volunteers were honored for their contributions to both Carlisle Barracks and the surrounding Cumberland County community. Commissioner Barbara Cross spoke on behalf of the county.

"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 for 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.