

## Post firefighters welcome a new member

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*Pete Gronewold and his family pose for a photo with the team.*

The Carlisle Barracks Fire Department welcomed their newest member last week, honoring him for always giving a laugh, having a thirst for knowledge and providing countless smiles for Engine 38.

Pete Gronewold, the 4-year-old son of Lt. Col. Alan and Rebecca Gronewold, received a certificate making him an honorary member of Engine 38 as a way to say thanks. Peter had taken an interest not long after he arrived here with his family and stopped by the fire house for the first time.

“From that day on, it was like he was one of us,” said Jim O’Connell, Carlisle Barracks Fire Chief. “He always stopped by to say hi, see what we were up to and ask questions to learn more about what we do.”

In addition to sometimes bringing freshly baked goods from home, helping to check equipment and clean up the firehouse, Pete had another impact on

the squad.

“Even when the firefighters were having a bad day, he was able to help cheer them up,” said O’Connell. “We knew that we had to do something special for him, and what better way than to make him an honorary firefighter to thank him for all he did for us.”

Gronewold received the certificate and posed for a photo with the rest of the fire fighters. After the ceremony he gave them a home-made fleece banner with the Engine 38 logo and photos to hang in the firehouse.

“We’ll display this proudly,” said O’Connell.