



# 6<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade

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# Family Readiness News & Events



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## **AER Campaign**

The 2010 AER Annual Campaign is underway, March 1 through May 15. This is our once yearly opportunity to make funds available to help fellow Soldiers and Family members in times of financial crisis. Each unit and directorate has a project officer to contact each Soldier and Army retired civilian Employee assigned, but they can-not solicit anyone else in the unit. Anyone else who wishes to donate may contact their unit/directorate project officer or the AER office.

## **Army Looks at Holistic Healing**

Since the Army recently introduced the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program, there has been much focus on a holistic approach to physical, emotional, social, spiritual and family well-being. Holistic healing is an approach that uses natural methods to improve health, without using drugs or surgery to correct problems. Ho-listic modalities can include acupuncture, manual therapy, relaxation techniques and prescribed exercises specific to each patient's physical ailment. For more information on holistic healing, visit the Holistic Healing webpage at: <http://www.holisticmed.com/index.shtml>

## **eArmy Family Messaging System**

A new initiative by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, Family Programs Directorate to keep Soldiers and Army Families informed. Commanders will use the eArmy Family Messaging System to enhance communications with Soldiers and Army Family members by using the latest advancements in communication technology. <https://www.earmyfamily.com/>

## **Family Care Plan Policy Changed**

The Defense Department's family care plan policy will be expanded in the coming months to encompass a wider population of military parents. The new policy will require military parents with custody of children from a previous relationship to file a family care plan. This will be in addition to the existing requirement for single parents and dual military.

Family care plans are used to ensure dependents are cared for while the service member is away for an extended period of time, whether it's for training, a deployment or a remote assignment. The document includes everything from designation of temporary guardianship to arrangements for financial and logistical support, including relocation and medical care.

For assistance with your Family care plans please visit Fort Sill Legal assistance office, Military OneSource or Military Homefront.

## **Families Top Army Priorities, Leaders Say**

Funding programs to support Soldiers and their families are the Army's top priority in the new fiscal year. Army Secretary John M. McHugh and Army Chief of Staff Gen-eral George W. Casey Jr., said when they spoke on the need to sustain and improve Soldiers resiliency. The Department of Defense's (DoD) fiscal 2011 budget request includes \$1.7 billion to fund what McHugh called "vital" family programs such as those to provide respite care and spousal employment, and to open some 50 child-care centers and seven youth centers. To read this article in full, please go to: <http://www.army.mil/-news/2010/02/24/34879-soldiers-families-top-army-priorities-leaders-say>.



# May 2010 FRG News



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Post Wide Yard Sale
2	3	4 FRG Leader's MTG SILLFACTS	5	6 IPR-Care Team TNG, 1000 B BTRY, 3-6 BN FRG MTG, 1800	7 Military Spouse Appreciation Day	8
9 Mother's Day- Free admission to mom's at OKC Zoo	10	11	12	13 Volunteer of the Month Nominations	14 Armed Forces Luncheon	15 Armed Forces Day Parade
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	TRADOC AFAP Conference, 17-21 APR Hampton VA				Oklahoma Operation: Military Kids Camp In at the Science Museum	
	Fires Seminar 17-21 APR					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day		AFTB Level I			Single Soldier Retreat 29-30  Great Wolf Lodge

# The Real Glodean

James Wall  
Knowledge Management Advisor

But do you know the real Glodean?

In 1940, a baby girl was born prematurely and by all accounts, she should have died.

- She survived

Still a little baby, she then contracted double pneumonia, and everyone thought she was a goner.

- She survived

Then a little time later she was diagnosed with measles, mumps, chicken pox and then scarlet fever, and should have died.

- She survived

By the age of four, she was stricken with polio and it struck her down and confined her to a wheelchair.

- But she survived

One day she wheeled herself over to an open door and looked through the screen at her 14 brothers and sisters playing basketball in the back yard. She started to cry and then screamed out "Mom, why do I have to be crippled in a wheelchair! All I want to do is play basketball with my brothers and sisters! (And, she started crying out loud)

Her mother reached her boiling point and said "STOP IT RIGHT NOW CHILD, YOU WILL walk again! You are a miracle and a gift from God. Who are you going to believe, the doctors that said you would never walk again or your mother?"

The little girl looks up from her wheelchair with tears in her eyes and says "I'LL BELIEVE YOU MOMMY" Good girl, because starting today we are going to get you out of that wheelchair and you are going to be playing basketball with your brothers and sisters... The little girl musters up all her little energy and says back "Ok mom, I believe you, if you say I can do it, then I'll do"

At that moment, her life changed forever, because she started to believe what was possible for her. Over the

next several years, what happened to her was nothing short of amazing.

By the age of 11 she was out of her wheelchair, by 12 she was out of her leg brace, by 13 she was playing basketball with her brothers and sisters and by 14 years old she started to run, and run, and run...and by the time she was 16, she had earned a spot on the US Olympic team. By the time she was 20 years old, she was crowned the fastest woman on the planet earth.

I am sure you have guessed by now that she was Wilma Glodean Rudolph.

Now I have to ask you a few more questions:

1. Was she born with this talent?
2. Was it genetic in her family?
3. Was it because she had a lot of money?

You are correct: No, No and No!

Here is the point that I wanted to pass along to you that can change your life (Right now!) forever: At the age of six, this girl's mother taught her that "BELIEF CHANGES EVERYTHING" (Please read that again...)

The most powerful thing that you and I possess, has been with us for our entire lives and yet, we still do not understand it. That special part of you is your mind, I know it sounds simple, but the mind you and I have is the same mind that Michelangelo, Picasso, Edison, Einstein and all the greats you can think of, all have the same mind as us. The difference is in how we use that which we have (Sounds crazy, but it's true) they use their brain power differently than we do, and that's the reason that they get a different result.

What keeps us like we are is our mind and the belief that we have about ourselves. That is very comforting news to some, but I have GREAT news for everyone else. You are not stuck with the beliefs that you do not want, or another way to put it would be "If you don't like

the addiction, bad habit, behavior, belief that you are currently having or has a hold of you... You have the power to change it"

Have a super week,

"You can if you think you can."- Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

"They can conquer who believe they can."- Vergil

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."- Mahatma Gandhi

## For Our Soldiers



**The 2010 Fires Seminar** will be held at the Reimer Conference Center at the Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, from 17-21 May 2010. Preceding these events is the BCD Conference which occurs on 14 May by invitation only.

This year's seminar is unique in that it combines both ADA and FA branches. The seminar will include presentations from key leaders as well as industry displays with vendors who will be available for visits and questions.

Monday 17 May – Although not a part of the Fires Seminar, AUSA will be hosting a golf tournament at the Fort Sill Golf Course. If you are interested in signing up for the tournament please contact Jack Donohue at donohueje@aol.com. NOT OFFICIALLY ENDORSED.

Tuesday 18 May 1730 – Cocktails begin at 1700. USFAA General Membership Meeting and Musical Tattoo of MG (R) Leo Baxter. Artillery Room Patriot Club. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. NO CHARGE.

Please RSVP to Suzette Ortiz, 580-355-4677, e-mail [suzette@fieldartillery.org](mailto:suzette@fieldartillery.org)

Wednesday 19 May 1730 – Air Defenders Statue Dedication, Bldg 1611. Bus transportation available from Snow Hall, Patriot Club and Fort Sill Welcome and Conference Center.

Thursday 20 May 1730 – Dedication of The Field Artilleryman Statue to Fort Sill in honor of the US Field Artillery Association's 100th Anniversary immediately following dedication of the Field Artillery Museum structure as General Donald R. Keith Hall. Bus transportation available from Snow Hall, Patriot Club and Fort Sill Welcome and Conference Center. Field Artillery Museum, 238 Randolph Road.

## **Military Times Service Members of the Year**

<http://www.militarytimes.com/smoy/nominate.php?pub=arm>

**Nominations due May 20, 2010**

**E**ach year, **Military Times honors** five "Everyday Heroes" -- service members who demonstrate pride, dedication and courage beyond what is expected. These service members show concern for their fellow service members, their community and the country they serve. Many of the candidates are often overlooked and have gone unrecognized. Nominations may be submitted by parents, fellow service members, supervisors and commanding officers -- making this grassroots award unique from any other awards given to members of our Armed Forces.

Winners are recognized online, in the Military Times newspapers and at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., which is attended by officials from the service member's command, members of Congress and senior Pentagon officials.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

Nominees must be serving in the military (active duty, Guard or Reserve) through August 2010 with exceptional service or achievements occurring between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

The Overall Winner receives the following:

**A week's trip to Washington, DC for activities and a formal awards ceremony**

**All-expenses paid attendance for 2 (transportation to and from Washington, D.C.; lodging and meals; local transportation)**

**Formal awards reception and ceremony, and a sponsor after-party on Capitol Hill**

**Luncheon with Military Times editors and staff reporters**

**Tour of the publishing company and newspaper printing plant**

**Professional photographs and video of the awards ceremony**

**A feature in the Military Times newspapers and on the *2010 Military Times Service Members of the Year* Web site**



## Headquarters, Headquarters Battery “Headhunters”

**Commander: CPT Kathryn Devonshire**

**1SG: 1SG Christopher Moore**

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The HHB 6X/OCADA FRG started the month of May off full speed! We participated in the Post Wide Yard Sale. We had many volunteers that spent their Saturday morning and afternoon selling all the great items that were donated by our wonderful soldiers and families. A couple of our little “Headhunters” came by and chipped in by donating a box or bag full of their old toys and games as well. It was a big success!! We raised \$441.00 for the FRG despite the rain coming and going. Thanks again to everyone who came out to volunteer and to all of those who donated items. Hopefully next year will be even bigger!!!

This month we are also looking forward to representing ADA at the yearly Armed Forces Day Parade on May 15th in downtown Lawton. Here is our chance to show Lawton who we are and what we stand for. We want lots of people out wearing their ADA shirts!!

Our next FRG meeting will be May 6th at 6:30 in the basement of Bldg. 900. As always we are looking for more volunteers if you are interested in helping out please let us know!! I hope everyone has a great month. Make sure you have lots of BBQ's. Also get out and enjoy all the wonderful things that Southwest Oklahoma has to offer!!!

Kellie Miller  
HHB 6X/OCADA FRG Secretary  
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# 1-56 ADA BN "Night Hides Not!"



**Commander: LTC Michael Simley**

**CSM: CSM Louis Telly**

**FRG Advisor/Leader: Melita Simley [melitabeth@yahoo.com](mailto:melitabeth@yahoo.com), 915-241-6631**

Growing Spouse Army Strong (GSAS) Course, 3rd iteration was held in April. This Course is designed for Captain Career Course (CCC) spouses and new Captain spouses. GSAS prepares CCC spouses for their future roles as FRG Leaders and Commander Spouses. Recent graduates include: Tara Curtin and Patricia Pedraza-Pendon.



Mock FRG Meeting



Mock FRG Meeting



GSAS Graduates



## 2-6 ADA BN- "Set the Standard"

Commader: LTC Kyle Foley

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Delta Battery:  
FRG Leader: Candace Guy

HQ/A 2-6 FRG: Next Meeting TBD for May.

Fundraiser Mother's Day Basket Opportunity Drawing coming 7 May.

B/2-6 FRG Meeting: 18 May 1800, Location is TBD.

C/2-6 FRG will hold next meeting in June. The Btry FRG Leader is still currently attending FRG Certification classes in May

D/2-6 FRG Meeting: 18 May 1730 at Bowling Alley (T) led by the New Btry FRG Leader: Candace Guy.

The 2-6 ADA FRGs have been busy. Volunteerism is the motto for the Months of April and May. This is especially true in Delta Battery as they provided support to Habitat for Humanity Organization in Lawton from 5-9 April. Habitat for Humanity was a huge success. The organization was especially grateful, and the Soldiers and their family members of the FRG reaped rewards of satisfaction from their experiences. We hope to get you some photos for the next newsletter.

Additionally, Soldiers and FRG Family members across the Bruin Battalion have provided support to Elgin Middle and Elementary Schools as the monitors during the recent EOI testing, volunteering over 200 hours of support to the APLAS program. More events are planned in the month of May to support the Elgin Schools.

Don't forget as HQ/A gears up for the Mother's Day Basket Drawing 7 May. What a great fundraising event.



## 3-6 ADA BN- "Right Starts Here!"

Commander: LTC James Payne

CSM: CSM Thomas Eagan

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B/ 3-6 celebrated the Month of the Military Child by hosting an Ice Cream Social for the unit's children. Certificates of Appreciation were given out to three children in particular: Malakye Bowen, Richie Wallace and Madeline Muse. The certificates were presented by CPT Curtin and 1SG van Soolen and each child was given a goody bag thanking them for their selflessness, courage and support of the Army. Also, we voted a winner for our unit t-shirt design contest, Mrs. Renea Bowers!

On May 6th at 6:30 pm, we will have our next FRG meeting at the Fort Sill RecPlex with a presentation given by a Personal Financial Counselor through the Financial Readiness Program. Hope to see you there!

:)Tara Curtin





April has been a busy month for our Charlie 3-6 soldiers and family members. We kicked off the month with an Emergency Preparedness FRG meeting. Steve Young was there as our guest speaker and gave us a lot of great information on how we can be prepared for all types of emergency situations here in Oklahoma, be they man made or weather related disasters. If you haven't done so, I recommend having him come speak at your next FRG meeting.

April was month of the military child and was full of events and happenings on Ft. Sill and in the surrounding community. Our soldiers and family members took full advantage of all these fun activities that let them relax, have fun, and spend some quality time together as a family. Charlie 3-6 also had a nice turn out of families participate in the CG's Challenge. I'd like to say, "GREAT JOB" to all those that came out in support of this get fit challenge. Thank you Ft. Sill for showing your support and appreciation for our Military Children and their families.

Volunteer appreciation week was also this past month. There were lots of awards ceremonies and events to attend. I would personally like to Thank all of my volunteers past and present for all that they do. You give your time, support, participation, wisdom, and dedication selflessly in support of C 3-6 and our FRG. You are the backbone of who we are and what our FRG stands for. We couldn't do it without you.

We would also like to send out a Big Congratulations to SSG Thorpe and his new wife Cheryl. The happy couple was married on April 9th. Best wishes for a long and happy life together.

As if April wasn't busy enough, we are preparing to have not one but two fundraisers in the month of May. Thanks to all of our families who donated items for the FRG to sell, we will be participating in the Post Wide garage Sale on May 1st. We have also finished our Charlie Cobra Logo and we will be selling Unit T-shirts. We hope to raise enough money to have an awesome Family BBQ Event at LETRA. We look forward to the challenge.

"RIGHT STARTS HERE"

Darlene Felicetti :)  
C 3-6 ADA FRG Leader  
910-261-5691



## Chaplain's Corner

CH (MAJ) Douglas D Gibson 580-917-7544 Cell 580-442-2398 Office 580-549-6108 Home

### Strong Bonds Enrichment Training

-A weekend away from the unit

- Materials taught: Laugh your Way to a Better Marriage, PREP, Seven Habits of Highly Effective Family

- Learning and fun- some time focusing on deepening your relationship as well as our singles developing self worth and social skills

Please register with the Chaplains office.

Singles Retreats	29 – 30 May	12-13 June	21- 01 August
Couples Retreats	25-27 June	13-15 August	
Family Retreats	16-18 July		

## Kids & Fun

The National Military Family Association (NMFA) with support from Sierra Club has been providing free camp opportunities to military children since 2004. By the end of the 2010 summer season Operation Purple will have provided close to 30,000 military children and teens FREE summer camp experiences. These camps are designed for children ages 7 through 17, additional Leadership camps are offered to teens ages 15- 17. Locations and activities for camps vary by age. This opportunity is available to children of services members of all ranks and services, active and reserve. Priority for placement is given to children whose parents are currently within a 15- Reference herein to any specific commercial products or services or by trademark, trade name, manufacturer or otherwise does not necessarily constitute or imply it's endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the United States Government. The views and opinions of the authors expressed herein do not necessarily reflect those of the United States Government, and shall not be used for advertising or product endorsement purposes. The deadline is quickly approaching. Visit the NMFA website at [www.militaryfamilies.org](http://www.militaryfamilies.org)

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## Family Fun at Fort Sill

Fort Sill MWR [www.sillmwr.com](http://www.sillmwr.com)

Oklahoma Travel [www.travelok.com](http://www.travelok.com)

OKC Zoo [www.okczoo.com](http://www.okczoo.com)

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center  
[www.onthechisholmtrail.com](http://www.onthechisholmtrail.com)

Museum of the Great Plains  
<http://www.museumgreatplains.org>

Jahns Pumpkin Hill  
<http://www.jahnpumpkinhill.com/>

LibertyFest, Edmond <http://www.libertyfest.org/>

Sam Nobel Museum of Natural History  
<http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/>

Oklahoma Science Museum  
<http://www.omniplex.org/>

OKC National Memorial and Museum  
<http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org/>

Oklahoma State Parks and Resorts  
[www.touroklahoma.com](http://www.touroklahoma.com)

Free Craft ideas and templates [www.dltk-kids.com](http://www.dltk-kids.com)

Medicine Park <http://www.medicinepark.com>

Lawton Rangers Rodeo  
<http://www.lawtonrangers.org/index.html>

Quartz Mountain  
<http://www.quartzmountain.org>

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge  
[www.friendsofthewichitas.org](http://www.friendsofthewichitas.org)

Lawton Library  
<http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/library>

Cameron University Theater  
[http://www.cameron.edu/theatre\\_arts](http://www.cameron.edu/theatre_arts)

Mothers of Pre-Schoolers [www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org)

Disc Golf [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com)

OKC Botanical Garden  
<http://www.myriadgardens.com/index.html>

Sam Nobel Museum <http://www.snomnh.ou.edu>

Backyard Campout  
<http://www.nwf.org/backyardcampout>

Kids Off The Couch [www.kidsoffthecouch.org](http://www.kidsoffthecouch.org)

Lawton Community Theater  
<http://www.lawtontheatre.org>

Oklahoma City National Memorial  
<http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org>

Duncan Little Theater  
<http://duncanlittletheatre.com>

Chisholm trail stampede  
<http://www.chisholmtrailstampede.com>

Wichita Mountains Climbers Coalition  
[www.wichitamountains.org](http://www.wichitamountains.org)

Scuba Diving [www.okscuba.com](http://www.okscuba.com)

Kayaking [www.okckayak.com](http://www.okckayak.com)

Sky Diving [www.skydiveok.com](http://www.skydiveok.com)

Geocaching [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

## **Volunteer Corner**

*We appreciate all that you do.*

6<sup>th</sup> ADA BDE appreciates and recognizes the important role volunteers play in the successful delivery of our programs and services. We could not be as effective as we are without the support of volunteers. 6<sup>th</sup> ADA BDE Soldiers and families alike are volunteering in the Lawton/ Fort Sill area devoting timeless hours, effort, energy, and efforts making our community better. Our volunteers are at the schools, Armed Forces YMCA, Habitat for Humanity and FRGs.

### **Helping Hand Winners**

6<sup>th</sup> ADA BDE is honored to have two Helping Hand Awardees in our midst: SSG John Reich and Candace Williams. These volunteers were recognized 23 April 2010 for their community volunteer efforts.

#### **SSG John Reich, HHB**

SSG John Reich was brought into both organizations because of his leadership abilities involved in the 2009 Fall Festival, both organizations saw what he was doing by helping set the event up and having his own Soldiers over thirteen of them from his unit their and the organizations liked his style and recruited him for this to bring both entities the Parent & Teacher Association and Booster Club together, Ever since SSG John Reich was voted in our organization as the Parent & Teacher Association Vice-President & the Booster Club Sergeant at Arms, over three months ago he has made a tremendous impact in the school. He has focused on raising the bar for students and teachers with helping put together a mentor/mentee program that is still in the works, read-a-thon that will start after Feb. 2010 and a after school big Brother/Sister program to help members that are deployed and parents not living at home which this will start Apr. 2010. His insisting that high standards be set for all students, with regular assessments to see if students are measuring up. The PTA responded to the challenge of ensuring student achievement by issuing its own standards for parent and family involvement, a proven factor in student success which saw their grades rise and improve over the past three months.

John Reich's roles and responsibilities as the PTA Vice-President

He serves as a member of the finance committee, Serve's as a member of the resource development committee. Performs the duties of the office of the president in the president's absence or when the president is unable to perform these duties. Supports the president in moving the organization to achieve outcomes defined by the strategic plan. Demonstrate/embody the values of Ridgecrest Elementary School PTA. Undertakes the necessary leadership development to fulfill the role of president, and help push the other members to come out of there shell. Conduct media interviews as assigned by the president when necessary. Represent the association in a positive way before constituent bodies and other associations, as assigned. Actively participates in the annual giving campaign by making a monetary contribution at a minimum level of \$100 each year, which happened and brought the spokesperson for the Parent University

to speak at Cameron University which will happen in Feb. 2010. Perform other duties as assigned by the president or the board of directors when asked to.

SSG John Reich's roles and responsibilities as the Sergeant At Arms for the Ridgecrest Elementary School Booster Club. The Sergeant at Arms shall perform such duties and possess such powers as are incident to that office or as shall be assigned to by the President. The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for calling meetings to order, keeping attendance records, keeping general order during the meetings, closing all meetings, issuing any formal correspondence regarding Code of Conduct violations and collecting all outstanding debts owed to the Booster Club. This committee maintains decorum and assists in efficient operation of the meetings. He attends the doors to prevent interruption of opening ceremonies when appropriate. Members also assist with lighting control, presentation equipment and the sound system at meetings. Sergeant at Arms must arrive a few minutes early, do what the meeting may require, and leave at the end of the meeting with everyone else. Maintains decorum and assists in efficient operation of the meetings.

As a result of SSG John Reich being a member of both organizations he has helped with the following fundraisers: Popcorn/Pickle/Cookie which rose above \$1500 dollars to help fund new playground equipment for the school. 2009 Fall Festival which raised money for the Booster Club Cheerleaders and Soccer players, Coke-Cola Fundraiser which raised over \$350.00 for playground equipment, Tupperware Fundraiser which raised over \$500.00 to purchase Basketball uniforms and equipment, Candy Gram fundraiser which raised \$350.00 to put towards Cheerleading & Basketball. Burger King Fundraiser which rose over \$400.00, and Nemours bake sales that were held at Wal-Mart, Country Mart and Sams Club which rose over \$2330.00 to help pay for Fliptastics for the Cheerleaders. Also held fundraisers at Atwood's off of 52nd St. which rose over \$1233.00 dollars for the upcoming Baseball season to purchase and replace worn out equipment and put towards the kids uniforms. Volunteers for the units Softball team, which practices five days a week. As the 4th/5th grade girls Basketball coach volunteered over 62 hours of his time to teach the kids the fundamentals of the game.

### **Candace Williams, D BTRY 2-6 ADA BN**

Mrs Candace Williams has shined as a volunteer and shown genuine care for the Fort Sill community. As a regular volunteer at the local Habitat for humanity office, Candace has logged over 60 Hours of community service in supporting the organizations work in providing homes for our local homeless, and supplies to help renovate older homes for the less fortunate. Weekly, she donates over 7 hours of her time to ensure the Habitat store is organized and functional, and prepared to support the community. Also, she has participated in the "Blitz build" on Georgia avenue, in building an entire home. She has brought this project to D/2-6 to help support, allowing the unit to help build within the community. Because of her efforts 40 new volunteers were brought to Habitat for humanity, more than meeting their requirement for building. In addition to Habitat for Humanity, Candace is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority incorporated. Since arriving here at Fort Sill, she has worked diligently to re-activate this community's chapter, as well as mentor four undergraduate women at Cameron University. Her work with the young ladies includes tutoring, working on Homecoming presentations, event planning, and overall finer womanhood. Also, Candace has used her sorority to support the Lawton Communities Black History Month Celebration by preparing and serving food at the Soul food festival. Candace has also worked to raise money and awareness for the local

March of dimes. As a national partner with Zeta Phi Beta, the march of dimes is a critical program to support. Candace has reached out to gather information about a local march, organized a team of her sorority sisters and fraternity brothers, and has already planned a fund raiser with CiCi's pizza to raise more money for the event. Candace has also signed on to work as the FRG leader for D/2-6 ADA. This new position has required her to take time out, contact the other family members and begin planning events. The first major event is supporting the upcoming Special Olympics. Candace has not only volunteered, but has pushed the members of the battery FRG to do the same. Beyond all of her Volunteer work, Candace is also working towards her MBA at Cameron University. She is truly a member of this community with a heart to serve.

## **Volunteer of the Month Nominees- April 2010**

### **Monika Moore**

HHB, 6th ADA BDE would like to nominate Monika Moore for Fort Sill Volunteer of the Month. She perennially gives 150% to the Family Readiness Group (FRG) and the Fort Sill community. Monika has been an active and hardworking member every single month, without exception. Monika has been an outstanding FRG leader for HHB 6X. During her time as FRG she has dedicated countless hours to building a strong Readiness Group. Although she has spent the majority of her leader time running the group on her own, she never complained and has continued to work hard for the soldiers and their families.

For the past year, she has served as the FRG Leader her skill at communication is obvious in the emails which summarizes the FRG meetings and activities. For members unable to attend, these articles are truly an excellent substitution.

Monika is the " go-to" lady when a level head is needed. Her fairness is an attribute hard to quantify, but priceless especially when challenges or crisis arise. Her input is always respected and usually heeded.

Monika's commitment to the unit has inspired others to volunteer their time and serve in key leadership positions.

### **Jennifer Reich**

Jenifer Reich is a strong supporter of the HHB 6X FRG program. Initially volunteering to be the treasurer, she has taken on other duties such as being a key caller and assisting with planning FRG events. Jenifer is always seeking ways to energize the unit and ensure that the soldiers and their families are well informed of community news/events. Jenifer is truly dedicated to the military community as a whole and is currently seeking to become an AFTB instructor. HHB 6X greatly appreciates Jenifer for all of her hard work.

## MAJ Christopher Brough

2-6 ADA BN would like to give special recognition to MAJ Christopher Brough who took the reigns of the Special Olympics and went that extra mile to assure that everything ran smoothly.

MAJ Brough's favorite motto is, "Treat others the way you want to be treated". He shows the same level of courtesy and attention to all Soldiers and family members, equally. He exemplifies fairness. He is very professional and conscientious in performing both his professional and volunteer activities. He went "above and beyond" and did an excellent job with the Special Olympics!

## CPT Marcus Tukel

CPT Marcus Tukel is known for his professionalism, exemplary work performance and eager willingness to assist in whatever way necessary. He anticipates family needs before small problems become large ones, and yet, he is never too busy to go out of his way to help others whenever needed. Often going above and beyond his job and making things happen. His response to thanks is always, "It's no problem."

CPT Marcus Tukel volunteered for the Special Olympics and is readily available to assist throughout the military community. He has been an extraordinarily dedicated volunteer, unselfishly donating an average of 7-10 hours per week to the Family Readiness Group for the past two years.

He was instrumental to the success of Special Olympics. He really makes projects incredible and is the glue that holds teams together. Not only is he an outstanding leader to the groups he participates in; he motivates others to do the same.

## Rebecca Tukel

Rebecca Tukel is not just an asset to the 2-6 ADA BN FRG Team, the Air Defense Artillery Schoolhouse and Fort Sill but an essential leader and worker for the ongoing development of Family Readiness Programs and community outreach. For the past two years Rebecca has taken on this role with pride and selfless diligence, working the same hours as the staff. Her commitment to Army Families is witnessed daily through her multitude volunteer efforts in the Family Readiness Group, Catholic Women of the Chapel and Fort Sill community.

-she was instrumental in the rallying of volunteers for the Special Olympics.

-she organized the Family Readiness Resource Library.

-she conducted general clerical work assisting the Family Readiness Support Assistant.

Rebecca serves with pride, honor and compassion. She is an inspiration to military families and it is with great honor, we recommend her for Volunteer of the Month.

## Across the Brigade



CSM Gooden addressing troops



2-6 ADA BN Change of Responsibility



SSG Miller Reenlistment



FRG Funds Custodian (Treasurer) Training



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