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MEDIA RELEASE: Volunteers recognized for saving Fort Benning over \$2 million

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Fort Benning’s volunteer force will be recognized at a volunteer recognition ceremony and reception at 6 p.m. May 7 at the Benning Club.

Last year, more than 3,469 Fort Benning volunteers donated more than 104,721 service hours on post, which represent over \$2 million in savings to the installation.

During the volunteer recognition ceremony, Maj. Gen. Scott Miller, Fort Benning’s commanding general, will receive a symbolic check for the value of the volunteer hours.

This year’s theme, “A Night at the Oscars,” is especially meaningful to the installation as Fort Benning recognizes the integral role volunteers play in the lives of Soldiers and their Families.

During the ceremony 75 individuals will be recognized for their selfless service to the Fort Benning community. The Volunteer of the Year, Youth Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Family of the Year, Retiree Volunteer of the Year as well as Volunteers of Excellence will be thanked.

The Fort Benning Volunteer Family of the Year will be nominated for the Association of the United States Army’s annual Volunteer Family of the Year.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974, when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration of volunteering. Every president since has signed a proclamation promoting the week.

Media who wish to attend this event should call the Public Affairs Office during duty hours to coordinate a media escort.

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