

## **NAE4-HA 4-H Military Partnership Summary**

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Working in collaboration with Fort Stewart's Child, Youth, and School Services, Kasey Bozeman planned and implemented 4-H activities reaching 950+ military youth both on and off installation for the past two years. Additionally, she hosted training and periodic meetings to keep staffed informed about 4-H policies and upcoming events.

## NAE4-HA 4-H Military Partnership Award Narrative

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### Overview:

Fort Stewart, the largest military installation east of the Mississippi River, is primarily located in Liberty County. Fort Stewart is home to the Army's 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. Additionally, Fort Stewart supports seven tenant units (that includes active-duty Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard soldiers) and the Georgia Garrison Training Center. Since November 2011, the applicant has served as the Liberty County 4-H Agent. She works with the Army Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS), a division of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) department to oversee, plan, and implement 4-H activities at the garrison and beyond its gates. Fort Stewart CYSS offers care for youth from 6 weeks to 18 years old.

### Professional Accomplishments:

#### 4-H Clubs and Activities Led by CYSS Staff (169 Youth)

The following clubs are planned using 4-H curriculum and resources. These clubs are implemented by CYSS staff at the School Age Center and Youth Center at Fort Stewart. The applicant oversees these clubs, provides curriculum and other resources, and serves as a guest teacher, as requested by CYSS staff. All club enrollment was provided to applicant by CYSS staff.

#### School Age Center 4-H Clubs

- Smart Girls – 13 participants
- Performing Arts Club – 21 participants
- Photography Club – 9 participants
- Reading Club – 11 participants
- Science Club – 14 participants
- Technology Club – 9 participants

#### Youth Center 4-H Clubs

- Creative Cooking Club – 12 participants
- Photography and Technology Club – 19 participants
- Smart Girls – 11 participants
- Triple Play Club – 22 participants

The Youth Center hosted 2 Babysitter Certification courses using the 4-H/Army CYSS "I Have What It Takes To Be Your Babysitter!" curriculum - 28 participants

#### 4-H Activities Led by Liberty County 4-H Staff for 2012-present (956 Youth)

##### 4-H Summer Activities

- Introduction to 4-H (4 sessions, 72 participants)
- Dairy Foods & Nutrition (4 sessions, 68 participants)
- Health Rocks! Stress Relief (4 sessions, 87 participants)
- Plants We Eat (4 sessions, 61 participants)
- Get Your Game On – Introduction to Public Speaking (4 sessions, 55 participants)
- Being a Better Leader & Teamwork (4 sessions, 69 participants)

##### 4-H After-School Activities

- 4-H Recruitment (6 sessions, 77 participants)
- Let's Recycle (4 sessions, 17 participants)
- America Recycles Day Turkey Crafts (2 sessions, 39 participants)
- Operation: Military Kids Tech Discovery Day #1 (2 sessions, 65 participants)
- Project Achievement Overview (1 session, 6 participants)
- Project Achievement Workshop (1 session, 1 participant)
- Putting the Pieces Together Art Day (4 sessions, 17 participants)
- Operation: Military Kids Gardening Days (1 session, 12 participants)
- 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance (6 sessions, 48 participants)

##### 4-H School Holiday Activities

- MilkMake Preparations (4 sessions, 92 participants)
- Operation: Military Kids Tech Discovery Day #2 (2 sessions, 17 participants)

#### Connecting Geographically Dispersed Military Youth to 4-H Activities

The applicant realizes that military youth are geographically dispersed and not all military youth live on Fort Stewart or participate in CYSS programming. Therefore, she partners with organizations and resources both on and off-post to share about 4-H resources and opportunities. The applicant was invited by the Liberty County School System's (LCSS) Military Student Transition Consultant to attend the Liberty County School Military Support Fair. There, she had a display about Cooperative Extension, 4-H, and Operation: Military Kids resources available to families within Liberty County. Additionally, the applicant shared handouts, brochures, and flyers at community events (Back to School Rally, National Night Out, Safe Kid's Day) about local 4-H programming and how families not living on Fort Stewart can utilize 4-H activities off the installation.

Additionally, the applicant maintains a Facebook page and Twitter account about Liberty County 4-H activities. The social media sites are updated daily with information about upcoming 4-H activities and Cooperative Extension resources. One particular post about resources available to military families had an 83.33% virility. The applicant also shares all information from the LCSS Military Student Transition Consultant via Facebook/Twitter. Numerous military families have connected with Liberty County 4-H through social media platforms.

### Collaborative Efforts with CYSS

The applicant led multiple collaborative events in conjunction with Fort Stewart CYSS. Efforts included:

- **Operation: Military Kids (OMK) Purple Up! Day:** Building 403 Child Development Center hosted a Purple Up! Parade, complete with children making purple dyed shirts, noise makers, banners, and decorations. Additionally, a Purple Up! family afternoon carnival was coordinated. Family members were invited to the facility that afternoon for outdoor snacks and purple punch. Additionally, carnival rides (spinning buckets, mini Ferris wheel) and karaoke/ dance music were part of the celebration. The School Age Center hosted a Friday night Purple Up! dance. 4-H'ers helped decorate the facility using purple paper, balloons, and steamers. Students were able to dance the night away and play fun games, such as musical chairs.
- **America Recycles Day Owlishly Amazing Artwork:** The School Age Center 4-H members participated in a lesson about conservation and recycling. Students learn how items are recycled and which products can be recycled in their local community. The 4-H members then created over 150 pieces of owl artwork, using recycled/reproduced cardboard tubes. The owls were on display at the Hinesville City Hall and an "art opening" reception was held for 4-H members, their parents, CYSS leadership, and community members.
- **9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance Project:** For the past two years, the national 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, 4-H'ers created and decorated over 100 blank journals for deployed service members. The 4-H'ers filled each journal with encouraging notes, as well as leaving pages blank for the service members to record their own thoughts. These journals were sent to Bagram Airfield Base in Afghanistan for distribution.
- **National 4-H Week:** In an effort to promote 4-H, multiple activities we held during National 4-H Week. Both the School Age Center and Youth Center displayed posters in the lobby promoting the week and 4-H programming. Each year, the week kicks off with an ice-cream social where 4-H'ers socialized and learned more about 4-H. At the end of the week, 4-H'ers visit the Georgia National Fair, viewing exhibits they entered, the livestock barns, and riding the fair rides. Since the event has become so popular for the past two years, it is now a permanent activity on the CYSS calendar.

### Activities Aligned to Meet Goals of Georgia Military 4-H Club Grant

The Georgia Military 4-H Club Grant works to 1) promote resiliency in youth and 2) prevent bullying. In order to promote resiliency in youth, Liberty County 4-H provided multiple lessons that build the life skills of leadership, self-motivation, stress management, and communication with Fort Stewart 4-H members. During the 4-H Summer Days at the School Age Center, lessons reaching over 250+ youth focused on meeting these goals. All lessons were 1.5 hours long and taught four times each day. Topics included: leadership, communication, and teamwork, all skills essential in a resilient person. The 4-H Health Rocks! curricula was used to teach about stress management. During the teamwork lesson, discussions about bullying and preventing bullying occurred.

### Integration of Military Youth into County, District, and State 4-H Programming

The applicant regularly recruits and enrolls military youth (active-duty, guard, and reserve) to join county 4-H programming. For 2012, Liberty County 4-H had 283 military youth participate in the following 4-H events, activities, and contests:

#### **State 4-H Programming:**

- Land Judging: 8 youth
- Photography Contest: 9 youth
- June Dairy Month Poster Contest: 13 youth
- Ambassador Training: 1 youth
- Military Youth Advisory Council: 1 youth

#### **District 4-H Programming:**

- Project Achievement: 3 youth
- Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging: 3 youth

#### **County 4-H Programming:**

- In-School 4-H Monthly Club Meetings for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 237 youth (8 monthly meetings)
- After School 4-H Monthly Meetings Junior Crew for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 4 youth (10 monthly meetings)
- After School 4-H Monthly Meetings Senior Club for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 4 youth (10 monthly meetings)

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#### **State 4-H Programming:**

- Land Judging: 8 youth
- Photography Contest: 7 youth

#### **District 4-H Programming:**

- Project Achievement: 5 youth
- Cotton Boll and Consumer Judging: 3 youth
- Poultry Judging: 1 youth

#### **County 4-H Programming:**

- In-School 4-H Monthly Club Meetings for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 255 youth (8 monthly meetings)
- After School 4-H Monthly Meetings Jr/Sr Club Crew for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 12 youth (10 monthly meetings)

### Training and Technical Assistance with CYSS Staff

The applicant led a total of 34 meetings with CYSS personnel in the last 2 years: CYSS Director and Programs Operation Specialist, School Age Center's Director, Assistant Director, Training & Curriculum Specialist, & Floor Supervisory Specialist, and the Youth Center's Director, Assistant Director, Training & Curriculum Specialist. The applicant led 2 sessions of a 2 hour "Introduction to 4-H and Georgia 4-H Certified Chaperone Training" for 22 CYSS staff that work at Child Development Centers, School Age Center, and Youth Center. Training topics included: overview of 4-H structure and leadership, specific activities and events in Georgia 4-H programming, adult volunteer behavior guidelines, ages and developmental stages of youth, discipline strategies, accident and illness procedures, and Georgia 4-H policies and guidelines. All 22 staff members completed the post-training written assessment with a passing score. Additionally, the applicant led 1 session of a 1 hour "Project Achievement Basics Training" that the applicant developed for 14 CYSS staff members. Training topics included: overview of Project Achievement, research methods, writing skills, creating visual aids, and guiding 4-H'ers through the process.

### Collaborative Efforts with State 4-H Military Liaison

The applicant worked alongside the State 4-H Military Liaison in many collaborative efforts. The applicant wrote a draft version of the "Introduction to 4-H for Military Youth" Georgia 4-H Friends Magazine. The educational magazine can be used to teach youth about 4-H programming, military in Georgia, and how military youth can get involved in local 4-H activities. The applicant also worked with State 4-H Military Liaison to create guidelines and procedures for the oversight of 4-H activities at Fort Stewart. These guidelines outline leadership, responsibilities, and required paperwork. The applicant also wrote an article for the 2012 Georgia 4-H Annual Military Report, highlighting the past years' successes. The applicant published an article in the winter edition of the GAE4-HA's newsletter, *The Peach Press*, about the Operation: Military Kids Tech Discovery Curriculum utilized at the School Age Center.

### Efforts to Reach National Guard and Reserve Military Families

As a way to provide programming for National Guard and Reserve military families, the applicant made the following efforts:

- **Welcome Home Gardening:** Through the national Burpee Seed Welcome Home Gardening Project donation, the applicant worked alongside the Keep Liberty Beautiful director to recruit military audiences to benefit from the seed packet distribution. Each packet contains 10 seed packs and vegetable recipes. The applicant specifically targeted Army National Guard and Army Reserve families to benefit from the seed packets. The applicant taught a basic seed planting and care class to youth and families took seeds home to plant. The applicant also provided Cooperative Extension plant care guides to participants. The applicant also allowed for youth/families to submit their own recipes using the vegetables from the garden they planted. The applicant also worked with the CYSS staff to help seed indoor vegetables (tomatoes and peppers) that can later be transported to outdoor raised garden bed containers. A lesson about "Plants We Eat" was also taught for reinforcement.
- **Hearts for Heroes:** Working with the American Legion and a National Guard unit at Fort Stewart, Liberty County 4-H members created over 1,000 Valentine's Day cards each year (3 years total) and donated over \$100 worth of candy for their annual Hearts for Heroes program. The homemade cards and candy are distributed to Army National Guardsmen and Army Reservists (and their families) at Fort Stewart during the February Unit Training Assembly (drill weekend).
- **National Guard and Reserve Publicity:** The local Army National Guard and Reserve units have Liberty County 4-H and Liberty County 4-H Volunteer Information Brochures that can be distributed to youth/families as needed.

### **Professional Involvement:**

The applicant serves as a member of the Georgia 4-H Military Issues Team, led by the State 4-H Military Liaison. The objectives of this team is to 1) to provide guidance and advice to issues related to military youth and families as an audience of Cooperative Extension/Georgia 4-H 2) to identify opportunities for synergy in collaborating with the military and developing 4-H Military Partnerships within the 4-H Mission Mandate structure. Having a close relationship with CYSS staff at Fort Stewart, the applicant serves as a great resource for the issues team. The applicant worked with team members to provide input for the 4-H Military programming logic model. She concentrated her efforts on addressing program outputs and external factors. The applicant also created a draft version of promotional materials that advertise 4-H/military programming.

The applicant participated in 28 online training sessions and 12 in-person trainings throughout the past two year. Training topics included: Cooperative Extension's public value, 4-H volunteer training and management, service learning, evaluating programs, and 4-H competitive events. The applicant also participated in the statewide 4-H Military Partnership meeting and the online 4-H Military Partnership: Enhancing Your Child and Youth Program with 4-H Curriculum – 4-H Express Guides and Training Topics led by Missouri 4-H Military Specialists.

The applicant presented a 20-minute Road Runner Session "4-H & DoDEA Schools: A Winning Partnership" at the Southeastern Region 4-H Professional Improvement Conference. The professional poster "Fort Stewart & Liberty County 4-H: A Recipe for Success" was also presented at the same conference. A display was also shared at the Coastal Empire Fair Adult Education displays.

The applicant also offered professional development opportunities to the CYSS staff (noted above). The applicant facilitated the "Introduction to 4-H and Georgia 4-H Certified Chaperone Training" to 22 CYSS personnel and "Project Achievement Basics Training" to 14 CYSS personnel.

### **Personal Community Contributions:**

Fort Stewart is no stranger to overseas deployments. Since Nov 2011, over 10,000 soldiers, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Headquarters, deployed overseas. The applicant worked in a variety of ways to promote the 4-H military partnership and 4-H clubs and programs to her community. The applicant serves as a youth and military family specialist on the Liberty County Family Connections board. In this leadership role, she was as resource for the board when topics concerning youth or military children and youth were discussed.

First, an entire panel of the Liberty County 4-H brochure describes the relationship between the local 4-H program and Fort Stewart. More than 2,000 of these brochures have been distributed at off-installation events such as the Riceboro Back to School Rally, Homeless Prevention Program Community Wellness Fair, Safe Kid's Day, and National Night Out.

Additionally, the applicant supported a variety of events hosted on Fort Stewart though the year. She worked with numerous Family Readiness Support Assistants (FRSAs) to provide information for soldiers and their family members during deployment fairs. She manned booths at 4 deployment fairs, emphasizing resources available from Cooperative Extension, eXtension, Operation: Military Kids (OMK), and the local 4-H program. The applicant also recruited adults to serve as volunteer leaders for local 4-H and/or OMK activities at these events.

The Liberty County 4-H booth at the Fort Stewart Back to School Fair recruited multiple new 4-H families that participated in both the Land Judging and Cotton Boll and Consumer Jamboree contests in the fall. Additionally, these 4-H'ers now participate in the monthly 4-H Cloverleaf County Council meeting.

The applicant also participated in 3 Fort Stewart Community Showcase and Travel Shows. During these 3 events, she interacted with 1,500+ attendees to share about Cooperative Extension, eXtension, Operation: Military Kids (OMK), and the local 4-H program. She briefly met with the new garrison commander and wife to brief them about 4-H program opportunities in the community as well as specific programming offered on the installation itself. The applicant also regularly communicates with the School Liaison Officer (SLO) and a child psychologist at Winn Army Community Hospital (located on Fort Stewart) to assess any needs in the community and provide resources from Cooperative Extension/Georgia 4-H.



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4-H Military Partnership Award Committee  
c/o NAE4-HA Awards and Recognition

Dear Selection Committee:

With pleasure, I support the nomination package of Ms. Kasey Bozeman for the 4-H Military Partnership Award. Ms. Bozeman is the County 4-H Agent in Liberty County, Georgia. Located primarily in Liberty County, Fort Stewart is the largest military installation east of the Mississippi River. Over 7,000 children and youth are enrolled in the Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) program at the garrison. These children and youth are dependents of active-duty Army Soldiers, activated or mobilized Army National Guard or Army Reserve Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, and Department of Defense contractors. Additionally, Fort Stewart is home to Army National Guard and Army Reserve tenant units.

All of Ms. Bozeman's experiences have prepared her to be a deserving recipient of the 4-H Military Partnership Award. She has been an active recipient of the Extension-Military collaborations and grew to become a contributor in her professional roles. Ms. Bozeman's first experience, to my knowledge, with the military audience occurred when she was a counselor at one of the first camps for military youth in Georgia. Soon after, she became an intern for Air Force Reserve Command as she completed her masters degree. She eventually joined the staff at AFRC full time. From her experiences as a Child and Youth staff member at Air Force Reserve Command to her informal learning facilitation in a camping environment, she has transformed collaborations with the military in every area she sets her sights.

Ms. Bozeman works hard to support the on-going efforts of the 4-H activities at both the Fort Stewart School Age Center and Youth Center. She regularly meets with CYSS leadership at both centers to provide assistance with 4-H activities being led by CYSS staff as well as plan and implement 4-H activities that she leads with the 4-H members there. She provides curriculum resources and helps link activities they have planned with current 4-H contests and events that are being coordinated at the county, district, or state level. She supports 10 4-H clubs between the two facilities that reach hundreds of military youth each year. Kasey additionally visits the facilities to lead 4-H activities. She designed her lessons to spark interest in 4-H activities and contests. For the 2013 calendar year, over 360 military youth enrolled in 4-H through the garrison led club programs participated in off installation 4-H programming, such a Project Achievement, judging teams and other contests, and monthly in-school 4-H club meetings. To demonstrate the importance of the military to her programming, Ms. Bozeman has recruited and

retained these transitioning youth and families to a point where military dependents encompass 43% of 4-H'ers in her county.

Understanding that youth need to see themselves as positive, contributing members of their community, Ms. Bozeman collaborated with CYSS staff to have 4-H members complete a variety of activities that benefit others. Successful collaborations included the America Recycles Day activities coordinated with Keep Liberty Beautiful and the City of Hinesville. Not only did she get the 4-H'ers to make recycled artwork, but she was able to coordinate an opening reception, allowing the 4-H members to get recognized by the city of Hinesville for their efforts. The art was on display for the entire month of November, allowing community citizens to view and appreciate the artwork.

On the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, she led 4-H'ers in creating and decorating blank journals to be sent to deployed service members in Afghanistan. Many of the 4-H members have experienced the deployment of one or both parents to the Middle East. Not only did this service project allow for 4-H'ers to encourage and support deployed military personnel, but the children and youth were also able to share about their experiences of having a parent deployed. Allowing 4-H members to share these feelings and discuss coping strategies builds resilience in these youth, a goal of the Military 4-H Club and Operation: Military Kids grant funded projects.

Ms. Bozeman realized the importance of professional development for both herself as well as the CYSS staff at Fort Stewart. She completed numerous in-person and online trainings throughout the year to better prepare herself as an Extension professional. She also provided a Georgia 4-H Certified Chaperone Training for Fort Stewart CYSS staff that outlines the overview of 4-H structure and leadership, adult volunteer behavior guidelines, ages and developmental stages of youth, discipline strategies, and Georgia 4-H policies and guidelines.

She leverages additional support through the use of military members as 4-H Volunteer Leaders. For the past few years, her 4-H SAFE (Shooting Awareness, Fun & Education) Teams have been coached by military members. These content experts contribute to these military youths' understanding and resiliency by having military and civilian dependents interact with military mentors.

Ms. Bozeman serves on the Georgia 4-H Military Issues program team where she provided input for the state military youth logic model. She has also drafted a version of the "Introduction to 4-H for Military Youth" Georgia 4-H Friends Magazine that can be used by military installation staff to recruit and introduce students to 4-H programming. Kasey has shared successes of her efforts with the Fort Stewart 4-H program by writing articles and submitting photos for multiple communications outlets, including the Georgia 4-H Annual Military Report.

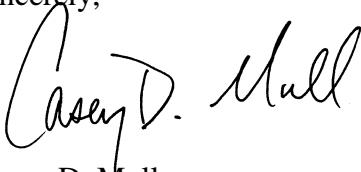
Her previous work experiences also inform and enhance her current role as the Liberty County 4-H Agent. Since 2008, she has supported the Air Force Reserve / Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits. In the first two years, she led the camp counselors as *Mama Bear* at Wahsega 4-H Center. Since that time, she joined the national Air Force Reserve Command staff, assisting in coordinating these summits in three different locations across the country. Most recently, in her current position as Liberty County 4-H Agent, she has and will continue to serve these national level camping programs, including growth of the Joint Reserve Component Teen

Leadership Summit—serving teens from 52 different states and territories. In the summer of 2013, one of her assigned duties as a 4-H Agent in Georgia was to serve as the Lead Agent Coordinator onsite for one of these camps. Her ability to alter programming to always keep in engaging and fun led to the first ever Cardboard Regatta, an idea she gained from seeing programming occurring on post at Fort Stewart and replicating it for a reserve audience who would not normally have the experience.

I cannot describe the full impact of Kasey's collaborations and contributions to military youth on the installation as well as in the community. Bluntly, she transformed an underperforming county 4-H program in less than three years. She committed herself to supporting military families and military youth as the military is the *company* in this *company town* community. While Kasey's budgeted responsibilities require her to serve her county of 65,000—11,000 military youth reside in the county—her impact is felt throughout her Extension District, our great State of Georgia, and indeed the world.

I encourage the review team to closely examine Kasey's package as well as the letters of support from her local community partners. You will find few candidates who could transform a program, receive the accolades from community partners—both military and civilian—and transform the lives of so many young people in such a thoughtful, caring way. Kasey receives my highest recommendation for the 4-H Military Partnership Award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey D. Mull". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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MEMORANDUM FOR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Kasey Lynn Bozeman

Fort Stewart 4-H Club members located at School Age Care have experienced many fun, wonderful and exciting learning experiences through the assistant and partnership of Liberty County Extension Agent: 4-H & Youth Development Kasey Bozeman and the supportive staff that assist her.

These experiences have included the following for 2012:

1. June, July, August: 90- 100 campers participated
  - Kinetic Energy Activities
  - Healthy Eating Habits Activities
  - Demonstrations and hands on learning techniques
  
2. September:
  - Enrollment Drive
  - National Day of Service and Remembrance
  - Children made cards for deployed service members
  - Recycling Day created entries for Recycling Contest at Ga. Fair
  - Tech Discovery introduced at School Age Care
  - Tech Discovery Day at School Age Care
  
3. October:
  - Ice Cream Social to kick off National 4-H Week
  - National Youth Science Day celebrated at School Age Care
  - 22 school age children and staff attend Georgia National Fair in Perry, Georgia



4. November: Family Feast  
America Recycles Day Owl Art  
Children created Owl art to display in Liberty County City Halls  
Signed recycling pledges  
Made recycled turkeys  
Milk make introduced to children grades 1-5  
Senior 4-H'ers taught and gave demonstrations on dairy products  
School Age group created individual recipes  
Tech Discovery Day at School Age Care
5. December: Milk Make competition 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
Tech discovery Day at School Age Care

The Tech Discovery Days at Fort Stewart have been a favorite part of the partnership activities that nearly 100 Fort Stewart 4-H'ers have participated in at our club.

Kasey also works with the staff and assists the training process with the development of quarterly 4-H related training where all Child Youth & School Services programs have the opportunity to participate and develop their 4-H partnership as well.

Training and events have been planned through December 2013 that includes:

- February: Certified Chaperone Training for CYSS staff  
Distribution of Ga. 4-H Photo Contest Information to SAC  
Project Achievement Information & Workshop for grades 4-5 at SAC
- March: Cloverleaf Project Achievement in Alma, Georgia  
One fifth grader from School Age Center competed in Electric / Electronics and received second place
- April: 4-H activity of Gardening, transplanting of vegetables from window boxes to outside garden boxed area.
- June: National 4-H Science Day Information
- July: Liberty County 4-H Program Development Team chaired by Ms. Kasey and Local team extended invitation to Military Partners.

August: Meeting with Ms. Kasey and School Age Center staff to consider FY 14  
4-H Program goals.  
Coastal Empire Fair information presented to partners  
4-H display posters presented to partners to advertise club events  
Additional 4-H Curriculums received from Ms. Kasey for program planning

September: Wounded Warrior cards made for distribution to warriors  
Planning meeting with Ms. Kasey and partners

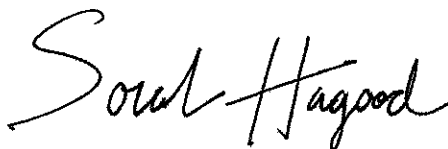
Other events included National Science Day and National 4-H Week  
Where Ms. Kasey provided additional materials and input regarding the mapping and graphing  
that staff in turn used to do Science Day events with the partner program children.

It is a pleasure to work with Kasey and her staff as our 4-H partners. Kasey's energy, enthusiasm, warmth and love for what she does is felt by all who encounter her. It is demonstrated by her interest and out pouring of energy and ideas and support that she gives and portrays in her work with our program. It is always "Yes, we can do that" or "Have you tried this?" "Of course, no problem"

The staff and school age group and senior 4-H'ers, that she brings to our program, feels this energy and begins to develop a love and enjoyment for 4-H. This is what Kasey does as part of programming and supporting our Child Youth & School Services through 4-H.

It is also a privilege to be a member of the Liberty County 4-H Program Development Team and be able to represent the Military community and partnership.

We look forward to continue partnership with Ms. Kasey and the team that supports us so very well.



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February 8, 2014

To the 4-H Awards Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Ms. Kasey Bozeman as the award recipient for the 2014 NAE4-HA 4-H Military Partnership Award. Kasey co-chairs two committees, Beautification & Community Improvement Committee and Cleanups & Eradication Committee, on the Keep Liberty Beautiful Advisory Board. It might initially seem strange to mix Kasey's leadership with the Keep Liberty Beautiful organization and her work with 4-H military audiences, but some of things she has accomplished over the past two years by bringing the separate groups together has been truly synergic for Liberty County.

I am no stranger to Cooperative Extension. I interned with the Lauren's County Cooperative Extension many years ago when I was in college and regularly call on the Liberty County Cooperative Extension office to form collaborative partnerships as I work as the Director of Keep Liberty Beautiful. Kasey has been the 4-H Agent for Liberty County since November 2011 and has worked hard to rebuild the 4-H program for the entire county. Kasey has a B.S. degree in environmental science and M.S. degree in environmental education. Furthermore, she is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in curriculum studies through Georgia Southern University. We met within the first month of her employment, and I immediately asked her to serve on the Keep Liberty Beautiful Advisory Board. Having worked as civilian employee for the Air Force prior to assuming her role as a County Extension Agent, Kasey had working knowledge of the military child and youth programs. As she worked with the child and youth leadership at Fort Stewart to plan 4-H activities, she continually looked for ways involve Keep Liberty Beautiful in her collaborations.

One of the largest activities she conducted the past two years focused around America Recycles Day. Each year, Keep America Beautiful encourages chapters to help promote recycling and waste reduction in their local communities. Kasey wanted to take educational efforts a step further by leading specific activities with the military youth at Fort Stewart. First, Kasey taught a "Let's Recycle" lesson and led 17 students in creating recycled items to be exhibited at the Georgia National Fair. The lesson focused on repurposing items to be either decorative or functional in nature. On America Recycles Day in November, Kasey led a Thanksgiving turkey craft day, where students were able to reproduce milk jugs into Thanksgiving Day centerpieces. Additionally, she distributed information about recycling in Liberty County, recycled pencils, and had over 125+ children and parents sign "I will recycle" pledges during the Thanksgiving Day Feast at the School Age Center. For one individual to plan and implement these activities is truly remarkable.

As a way to allow the Fort Stewart staff to lead their own activities in conjunction with America Recycles Day, she met with the child and youth Program Assistants, and they collaboratively decided to lead the Owlshly Amazing Artwork. Kasey worked with county employees to gather over 150 toilet paper rolls for the activity. She provided all materials, supplies, and a brief lesson plan for the Programs Assistants to lead. She also worked with Leah Poole, Chief Executive Officer of the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau, to secure a location for the artwork – the Hinesville City Hall. Over 150 owls were made by the 4-H'ers to celebrate America Recycles Day and be on display at the art "opening exhibit." At the art display, facts about recycling and environment were on display alongside the owls for the general public to read. I personally was amazed at the detail that they put into creating their own little owl personality. My favorite was the super hero owl. Kasey really has a way with getting kids to blossom with any project – even simple ones using recycled items. I think it's great that Kasey not only reaches out the 4-H clubs at Fort Stewart, but she involves them in collaborative projects. Many of those 4-H members live and go to school on post, and I think she does a great job trying to expose them to all of Liberty County – especially the part that exhibits outside of the garrison's gates.

Kasey also realizes that military youth are geographically dispersed, particularly those that have parents in the National Guard or Reserve, so she has also partnered with Keep Liberty Beautiful to reach these children and their families. One of the activities she completed the past two years specifically targeted those families and their children was with the Burpee Seed Company's Donation of the Welcome Home Seed Packets. Kasey made flyers about the seed packets and distribution information, and specifically targeted National Guard or Reserve families for this project. Kasey taught a community class about how to plant seeds and care for them. She also provided Extension publications about gardening to the families. Reserve and Guard military families that typically don't benefit from the resources and organizations at Fort Stewart were able to participate in this activity. Additionally, to connect with the youth that participate in Fort Stewart CYSS programming, she secured supplies and resources to plant a vertical tower vegetable garden with the 4-H Science Club at the School Age Center. The 4-H'ers planted and cared for the seeds and eventually were able to transplant them into larger raised beds at the School Age Center. The vegetables were harvested by the 4-H'ers during the summer and shared with their family and friends.

It really amazed me to see how Kasey can maintain a strong 4-H program for Liberty County and supports the 4-H efforts at Fort Stewart. With over 800 youth involved in 4-H programming outside of the garrison's gates, she truly goes above and beyond to include the military youth that are located on Fort Stewart. Although her time and resources may be stretched thin, she understands the importance of quality youth development programming and will do "whatever it takes" to make sure these young people are served.

Whether she is providing resources, teaching programs, or assisting the staff in planning their own activities, Kasey is truly a community collaborator. She understands how the military is important to Liberty County and how to design and implement 4-H activities that meet the needs exhibited by military community. She is innovative with her approach and can easily link together community resources and partners to provide quality programming that is consistent with Cooperative Extension's high standards. Due to her accomplishments, Liberty County 4-H was recently recognized as the national 1<sup>st</sup> place

winner in the Youth Programs category by Keep America Beautiful. I am continually amazed and inspired by all the incredible work she does with Keep Liberty Beautiful and young people in our county. I believe she is very deserving of this award. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Swida". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Dear Awards Committee:

It is my pleasure to nominate Ms. Kasey Bozeman, Liberty County 4-H Agent, for the 2014 4-H/Military Partnership Award. Ms. Bozeman has been an active Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents (GAE4-HA) member since she began working as an Extension Agent in November 2011. Her commitment to providing 4-H programming for military youth in her own community is truly outstanding.

Fort Stewart is the largest military installation east of the Mississippi River and is located primarily in Liberty County. Ms. Bozeman works with the Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) department to provide quality 4-H programming for many CYSS participants. Not only does she prepare, teach, and evaluate her own 4-H lessons to these military youth, she also includes them in traditional 4-H programming, such as Project Achievement competitions and judging team events. Ms. Bozeman also meets with CYSS leadership and plans periodic staff training and professional development opportunities for them to further learn about the 4-H program and activities. Her goal of providing quality 4-H youth development programming for military dependents both on and off installation is remarkable.

Due to her commitment and dedication for the past two years, it is with great pride that we award Ms. Bozeman our 2014 4-H/Military Partnership Award for the state, and nominate her to advance to the regional and national level. Ms. Bozeman's work is of the highest quality, and we are proud of her endeavors.

Sincerely,

**Dorothea Graham**  
GAE4-HA President