

Nomination for Jennifer Devorak of USAMRICD

It is with great honor and pleasure that I nominate Ms. Jennifer Devorak as the civilian that most exemplifies the Army values. During her 17 years of service to the United States Army, and the community, 13 of which on active duty status, Ms. Devorak has made lasting contributions to the United States Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (USAMRICD) and the United States Army.

As a member of Pets on Wheels, Ms. Devorak took part in an effort to bring relief to the victims of Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Newtown, CT. by representing USAMRICD as a part of the Sandy Hook project. The project was a collaborative effort from organizations across the region to provide therapy pets as a means of support to an emotionally devastated area. She has been a beacon of Selfless Service and an example for Soldiers and civilians alike to follow.

Ms. Devorak displays her loyalty to USAMRICD by serving as an officer on the Institutes Morale Welfare and Recreation Committee. She has either chaired or co chaired several of the organization's events. Ms. Devorak assisted in raising \$10,000.00 by serving as a vendor at the Baltimore Orioles baseball games. The funds raised were then use to put on the most successful Organization Day and Holiday Ball in USAMRICD history, both of which Ms. Devorak played a vital role in the planning and execution.

She also serves as the president of the Advisory Committee at the local youth center, her duty there is to organize outside resources to come to the center to teach and educate young children about outside enrichment and future opportunities to include, bringing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. Recently, she brought in an Entomologist from the Public Health Command (PHC) to educate young people about the field. She also brought in representatives from the First Lego League, a robotics program for 9 to 16 year olds which is designed to get children excited about science and technology – and teaches them valuable employment and life skills.

In addition to her other obligations, Ms. Devorak , along with personnel from local libraries and children from the area, regularly visits the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Perry Point to read to Veterans receiving medical care there.

Ms. Devorak's tireless efforts to give back should be emulated by all. Her commitment to the Army values is deeply rooted since her days as a Soldier. It is quite clear that Ms. Devorak has and will continue to make lasting contributions to the United States Army, the Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense and the community. I can without reservation say that she worthy to be considered for the civilian that most exemplifies the Army Values.