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MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

MFSC May 2012

SCHOLARSHIP

At the MFSC Board meeting on May 10, the Center awarded a scholarship to a military family high school senior. The scholarship was awarded Miss Kayla Gilpatrick of Grafton High School in Yorktown, VA, for her essay regarding CPT Jack H. Jacobs, during the Vietnam. The essay was based on the theme "Five Minutes Longer" which expounds on the merits of a real hero. Kayla is the daughter of Lt.Col. Brian Gilpatrick, US Air Force. She has been accepted by Kansas State. Pictured above are SFC David Vazquez, US Army, Center Director Jerry Brittain, Leslie Brittain, whose graduation speech inspired the scholarship, and Kayla Gilpatrick receiving her award.

PATRIOT AWARD

Annually, the Military Family Support Center presents Patriot Award to an individual or organization that expends time and energy to improve the lives of our military families. The previous awards went to Salem Kiwanis Club for gathering over $30,000.00 of items to stock our first Pantry shelves. Mike Kavanaugh for his diligent work and dedication to this organization. David Wiley, Beth Pline, and the Roanoke Symphony for donating numerous tickets to the Christmas Concert for our families to enjoy. David Wiley even went so far to stop each performance to recognize and laud our military personnel and their families.

On May 20 this year's award was presented to SFC David Vazquez. David has toiled long and hard to ensure we get Humvees, personnel or essential military items supported local fund raisers, several military family ball games or other special events. He also provided excellent, timely counsel regarding the proper military protocol. SFC Vazquez exemplifies the highest tradition of our military. He is a true friend who will be greatly missed as he assumes the responsibility as Station Commander of an Armed Forces Recruiting Center in Pennsylvania..

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- **Baseball Games** - Don't forget that we have three games between now and the end of June. The Lynchburg HillCats on May 26, Salem RedSox on June 14, and Pulaski Mariners on June 20. The games are for all who have served, current and veterans, and their immediate family. You get a free ticket and a hotdog/chip/drink meal. Call the Center on 540-400-8301 or 866-984-2658. Give us your name, the number of tickets you need, and the branch you served.