Benning's 4-H Club is Military Club of the Year for Georgia

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Mention 4-H at most Army installations and thoughts turn to Humvees, howitzers, helicopters and "hoo-ahs."

But at Fort Benning, the traditional meaning of 4-H is in vogue.

In fact, the post's 4-H Club has been named the Military Club of the Year for the state of Georgia.

"We know that Fort Benning is one of the nation's leading military installations and because of this we had no doubt that they would excel when the 4-H/Army Youth Development Project began," said Casey Mull, the state's 4-H military co-ordinator.

Eight of the state's 13 military installations have 4-H programming as part of their Child and Youth Services programs. Each base offers 4-H programs in at least four areas -- fine arts, photography, technology and citizenship.

Dr. Bo Ryles, the state's 4-H leader, said his organization "is dedicated to reaching many of our military dependents whether they live on post and are involved in Youth Center programs or live off-post and are involved in 4-H work in their local schools."

Several of Fort Benning's CYS staff, including chief Becky Meredith, accepted the plaque that goes with winning 4-H Club of the Year. It will remain on permanent display at the Youth Center building.

Also representing the club at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center event in Eatonton, Ga., were Quintella Thorn, the middle school teen director; Felicia McCord, the post's school age services director; and Bettie Harris, a training and programming specialist.