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M.-A. Lucas Director of Army Child and Youth Programs

4-H Efforts: 4-H member in New Hampshire, involved in different Home Economics 4-H projects, Junior Leadership and was a 4-H camper and camp counselor. Attended National 4-H Congress as state winner in clothing. Interned at 4-H camps in New York. As Director of Army Child and Youth Programs, envisioned the 4-H / Army Youth Development Project, reaching over 11,000 Army CYS youth 4-H members and 874 Army adult 4-H leaders enrolled in 429 Army 4-H clubs at 125 Army installations worldwide in 2006; and later Operation: Military Kids collaboration for children and youth of deployed National Guard and Reserve Soldiers.

M.-A. Lucas was involved in home economics projects, Junior Leadership and 4-H camping when in New Hampshire 4-H and attended National 4-H Congress as state clothing winner. As Director of Army Child and Youth Programs, she envisioned in the early 1990's a partnership between 4-H and Army Child and Youth Services that would strengthen Army youth programs and bring new audiences to 4-H. She knew from her own 4-H experience that Army youth would benefit from 4-H and could connect with 4-H wherever they lived. The resulting 4-H/Army Youth Development Project reported in 2006 over 11,000 Army CYS 4-H members and 874 Army 4-H

leaders in 429 clubs at 125 Army installations worldwide. Projects included technology, photography, arts, nutrition and leadership.

Extension faculty and staff from more than 25 states have participated in extended professional development opportunities on the Project, and many more have benefited from the training programs and curriculum developed. Lucas provided support for 4-H's lead role in developing the Operation: Military Kids collaboration that reaches out to children of deployed National Guard and Reserve soldiers. In 2006, the project received recognition from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns for cooperation between federal agencies to support the families of those in uniform. Lucas manages a system of integrated child care and youth supervision options delivered to over 350,000 children ages 4 weeks to 18 years at 125 locations around the world.

Quote: In recognition of the Army-4-H partnership, Ms. Lucas said, "We value and appreciate the work of 4-H staff and volunteers in supporting our military youth throughout the world. Your efforts are a stress reliever for our Families. 4-H programs provide a sense of continuity and consistency in their lives at a time when many of their usual support systems are not available or unpredictable."



M.-A. among 4-H and Army officials and youth at National 4-H Conference.



4-H / Army Youth Development Project team received an Honor Award from USDA Secretary Mike Johanns.



M. L. Wilson
Director of Federal Extension Service

4-H Efforts: Hired by Montana State College to lead corn judging contests for youth, 1911. First county Extension agent in MT. Appointed Montana State Extension Agent Leader, 1914-22. Montana Extension agricultural economist, 1922-24. Led U.S.D.A. division of farm management and cost accounting, 1924-26. Professor and head of MSC Dept. of Agricultural Economics, 1926-33. USDA Chief Wheat Production Secretary, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, 1933. Director, Div. of Subsistence Homesteads, Dept. of the Interior. June 30, 1934, appointed Asst. Secretary of Agriculture. Undersecretary of Agriculture, 1937-1940. Director of Extension Work, 1940-1953; also served as Chief of Nutrition Programs and in the Production and Marketing Administration, 1943-49.

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Quote: "There are many memorable events in my involvement with the 4-H youth program. One memory is of a U.S. Congressman explaining, with tearful emotion, to a group of teenage youth from his state why his 4-H experience motivated him to become a Congressman. Another memory is my visiting an inner city school in Los Angeles where youth proudly showed their landscaping project that beautified the school grounds and their dream to help another school in that area to do the same."



M.L. Wilson accepts a 4-H painting from Guy Noble in 1948. The painting would be in the 1949 National 4-H Calendar.



M.L. Wilson and other charter members of first Epsilon Sigma Phi chapter in MT.



M.L. Wilson with one of the first IFYE exchange groups at USDA in 1949.