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Lt. Col. Sally Hannan, the new Carlisle Barracks Garrison Commander, accepts the colors from Vincent Grewatz, director of the Installation Directorate – Training, during the Change of Command ceremony June 14.

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Against a backdrop that showcased the support mission of the garrison, Lt. Col. Sally Hannan and Command Sgt. Maj. Jamie Lethiecq, assumed their positions as the new command team of Carlisle Barracks June 14.

The Carlisle Barracks Golf Course was the setting for the change of command ceremony, which dates back to the earliest days of the Army. Garrison commanders on Carlisle Barracks provide “city-manager” support to the mission activities of the Army War College, other organization and residents living on post as well. The site was selected in part to show the range of services the garrison provides, according to the outgoing garrison commander, Lt. Col. Greg Ank.

Briana Ank, daughter of Lt. Col. Ank, sung the National Anthem before the formal transfer of command ceremony.

The presiding officer for the ceremony, Vincent Grewatz, director of the Installation Directorate - Training, thanked Ank and Command Sgt. Maj. Nelson Maldonado for their hard work and dedication leading the post for the last two years.

“Nowhere is IMCOM’s mission of integrating and delivering base support to enable readiness for a globally responsive Army more evident than here,” he said. “It is reflected in the way you conduct yourselves, the way you

treat each other and the way you serve. It's evident that we've done things better here, because we've done them together. This great success begins with the fantastic leadership that our Garrison command team has provided for the past two years."

Grewatz named off just a few of the accomplishments of the Ank-Maldonado team, including numerous quality of life and safety and security initiatives.

"This command team has worked tirelessly to achieve their goal of making Carlisle the best place to live, work and train for our Soldiers and families," he said. "They've led by example and built a cohesive and effective team. The installation is now better postured to weather the complexity and challenges of the future and meet the needs of our national defense.

Grewatz was among the first to thank the members of the Garrison team.

"To the members of the Garrison team, I want you to know that your efforts and contributions have been recognized and hugely appreciated," he said to those in attendance. "You work tirelessly day in and day out to provide first class service to the community, I am so proud of you. We've asked a lot of you and you've delivered."

He then challenged Hannan and Lethiecq to build on their success.

"Fortunately for IMCOM, the Army and the Carlisle Barracks community, we don't have to look far to find another superb command team to take the helm at the Garrison," he said. "We're placing this command in the hands of two very capable leaders, Lt. Col. Sally Hannan and CSM Jamie Lethiecq. They bring to IMCOM a track record of excellence and a clear passion for mission, people and families.

Lt. Col. Greg Ank, outgoing Garrison Commander, speaks during the ceremony.

I can't think of a better command team to lead the Garrison."

Both Ank and Command Sgt. Maj. Nelson Maldonado, reflected on their two years of command at Carlisle Barracks after passing the Garrison colors to Hannan and Lethiecq.



Ank thanked the employees, including Brutus the post K-9, for their support, hard work and installation integration experience during his time as Garrison Commander.

He shared the story of his first week of command that included a post-wide power outage, a micro-burst storm that downed more than 20, 60-year-old trees, a higher headquarters inspection of the child care centers and a task to plan and develop a future academic facility.

“This was our introduction to Garrison Command – this was Sergeant Major’s and my adventure,” he said. But ask every one of the garrison professionals that sit before you today – this adventure and the challenges that occur each day are a normal part of leading and managing a small city like Carlisle Barracks.”

He then reminded the new team that they won’t do any of this alone.

“The team made up of human resource, morale and recreation, plans, training and security, emergency services, public works, legal, public affairs, religious support, equal employment opportunity, safety, environmental, budget and resource management professionals will be there every day to help you solve immediate and unforecasted challenges, and more importantly, to prevent even larger ones.”

Ank also thanked Maldonado for his support during their time in command.

“Your guidance, advice and counsel have saved me on multiple occasions, more than I count or remember, but without you, I know I would not be here today. There is no one the Army could have chosen to make sure I didn’t screw all this up better than Nelson Maldonado, I was a lucky Soldier.

Battle buddy, I’d go to war with you any day, anywhere.”



Command Sgt. Maj. Nelson Maldonado, outgoing CSM, speaks to the Soldiers, employees and families.

He closed by thanking his family, including his wife, Holly, and their three children. Ank will retire to the Pittsburgh area after a formal retirement ceremony later this month at the Military District of Washington.

Maldonado also took time to thank the garrison staff for their support and expertise, including the police and fire fighters who keep the post and Carlisle community safe, not to mention issuing him a parking ticket his first day on the installation.

“Our fire department not only assures the safety of this historic post, but the greater Carlisle community,” he said.

The fire department here has standing mutual aid agreements with the Carlisle Borough, North Middleton Township, Middlesex Township and the Mt. Holly Borough. In the last two years they have responded to more than 600 calls on and off the installation.

He also recognized the security guards who screen more than 2,500 visitors on a monthly basis and ensure that the security program is constantly evolving to meet new threats.

Maldonado closed with a piece of advice for the new command team.

“We are proud of your selection for this assignment and even more proud of the team we are leaving in your capable hands,” he said. “Please remember that we are in the business of taking care of people because people are our business.

Maldonado will retire to the Chambersburg, Pa area later this month.

Both Hannan and Lethiecq thanked their families for attending and expressed excitement for the challenges of command.

“It is truly a blessing to be trusted to care for this amazing installation,” said Hannan. “The expertise of the Garrison team is evident in every foot that you have walked out here today – from flawless grounds, expert catering and setup to seamless security – are just a few of our services. It is obvious that I have been given a team of committed professionals. I look forward to the opportunity of serving with you.”

Hannan comes to Carlisle from Fort Leonard Wood, MO, where she served as the Deputy Commanding Officer for the 1st Engineer Brigade. She previously served as the Engineer Doctrine Chief, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Deputy District Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, Hawaii and Project Manager for a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS). Hannan commanded the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Signal Brigade in Mannheim, Germany, followed by command of the 18th Engineer Brigade Rear Detachment during their deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Following command, Hannan served as the U.S. Army Engineer School, Operations Officer followed by service as the Battalion Executive Officer of the 35th Engineer Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Hannan holds a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from the United States Military Academy, West Point , an M.S. in Environmental Engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology, and graduated from the Engineer basic and advanced courses and the Command and General Staff College.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jamie Lethiecq speaks.



Lethiecq's duty assignments include 3rd Military Intelligence (Aerial Exploitation) Battalion, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea; the 344th Military Intelligence Battalion, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas; the Regimental Special Troops Battalion (RSTB), 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia; and the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colorado.



Lethiecq's civilian education includes a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas El Paso, a Master's in Management with a concentration in Organizational Leadership from American Public University, a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science from Angelo State University, and five Associate's degrees. Sergeant Major Lethiecq is also a Project Management Professional (PMP) through the Project Management Institute as well as a Certified Manager (CM) through the Institute of Certified Professional Managers.

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