## **Dunham Refill Pharmacy officially opens at Carlisle Barracks Exchange**

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Dunham U.S. Army Health Clinic's PX Pharmacy Refill Site officially opened at the Carlisle Barracks Exchange during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

Before the Exchange's remodeling project, the average number of pharmacy users was 2,869 patients per month in 2020. In 2021 Dunham's Main Pharmacy averaged 4,276 patients per month. The majority of those prescriptions Dunham delivered via their curbside pickup.

"We're excited about what this refill pharmacy means in contributing to that idea of Carlisle Experience and Institution of Choice," said Maj. Gen. David Hill, Army War College Commandant. "You know, facilities and equipment, they offer potential, but it's people that turn that equipment or facility into a capability. So first, I want to thank Linda Nelson and the team here. Over the last two years, certainly, during my experience working at the College,

PFC Juan Guajardo stands ready to provide medication refills to eligible Tricare beneficiaries of the greater Carlisle Barracks Community at the newly opened PX Pharmacy Refill Site at the Carlisle Barracks Exchange.

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they have demonstrated perseverance. They've innovated to the maximum extent you could to continue to strive toward that Carlisle Experience we seek."

The Dunham refill site provides medication refills for eligible Tricare beneficiaries of the greater Carlisle Barracks Community. The pharmacy at the Exchange is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and it is closed every third Thursday of the month for mandatory training.

"What is the difference between Army medicine and civilian medicine," said Brig. Gen. Mary Krueger, Commanding General, Regional Health Command - Atlantic. "It comes down to that we are not the end state. You all are the end state. Here the students are the end state, the families. And so, in supporting that readiness and being able to give access to pharmaceuticals, which is a huge part of the benefit, that is what we're all about."

Maj. Gen. David Hill, Army War College Commandant, Brig. Gen. Mary Krueger, Commanding General, Regional Health Command - Atlantic, Col. Tracy Michael, Fort George G. Meade Medical Department Activity Commander, Lt. Col. Shannon Merkle, Dunham U.S. Army Health Clinic Commander, Drew Turinski, Carlisle Barracks Deputy to the Garrison Commander, and Linda Nelson, The Dunham Chief of Pharmacy, officially cut the ribbon to mark the occasion.

"Nothing happens without the team," said Merkle. "I am so proud of our pharmacy team for pulling this together, keeping the doors open during the pandemic, and constantly adapting in order to meet the mission and make sure we can serve our beneficiaries."

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Linda, the most experienced pharmacy team member, and PFC Juan Guajardo, the newest member of the pharmacy team, cut a cake for all those present to mark the occasion.

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