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As his first act of HHC Commander Capt. Shavayey K. Cato stands tall as he sings the Army song during the Change of Commander ceremony on the historic parade field at Wheelock Bandstand, Carlisle Barracks, May 26.

The new headquarters detachment commander said he hopes to pass along the lessons he has learned during his time in the Army and “pay it forward” to help develop their leadership skills.

Capt. Shavayey K. Cato accepted command of the detachment from outgoing commander Capt. Joseph P. Wiseman in a formal change-of-command ceremony at the Wheelock Bandstand on the historic parade field May 26.

“They are absolutely amazing and talented in their own way,” said Cato of the Soldiers and NCOs at Carlisle Barracks. “I look forward to serving the Soldiers of this installation, having those one on one conversations with the Soldiers and learning what their strengths and weaknesses are gives me the ability to bring new ideas to the organization to improve the overall quality of life for them. “

Cato credits his family and leaders for providing the inspiration and leadership that he credits for his success.

“During my teenager years, I was inspired by many relatives who served in the Armed Forces at one point in time,” he said. “One proud memory that I will always carry in my rucksack is the mentorship that I received from my JROTC instructors. I would like to thank 1stSgt. Villarreal, 1stSgt. Hill, Maj.

Organ, Command Sgt. Maj. Cunningham, and Sgt. Maj. Williamson for their continued mentorship in my life.”

He hopes to pass those lessons onto the Soldiers and integrate their families into the community.

“My focus while here will be to integrate family members into the HHC family through company fun runs, organizational days, and family life programs designed to strengthen bonds and improve the overall readiness of this great organization,” he said.

Cato is a native of Tampa, Florida and enlisted in the Army in May, 2000. While serving of active duty he attended Touro University in Cypress, Calif. earning a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice then a masters degree in early childhood education, graduating Cum Laude.

He was commissioned as a Quartermaster Officer in 2010 from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. After attending the Quartermaster Basic Officer Course, he reported to Ft. Lee and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn – assigned to the “First Team” as the Maintenance Platoon Leader, Echo Forward Support Company, 1stBrigade Combat team, 1stCavalry Division. Cato has also served in positions at Camp Edwards Korea and Ft. Lee, Va.