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*Spc. Dennis Swanson, an x-ray technician with the Dunham Army Health Clinic, Spc. Peter Heikkinen, Chaplain Assistant, and Staff Sgt. Staff Sgt. Mary Atienza, a Patient Administration NCO at Dunham, report for the Carlisle Barracks and Army War College NCO and Soldier of the Year board Oct.*

*21 in the Upton Hall Conference Room.*

Oct. 21, 2015 -- Carlisle Barracks and the Army War College held their annual Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year board Oct. 21, 2015 to identify the best Soldier and NCO for 2015. Spc. Dennis Swanson, an x-ray technician with the Dunham Army Health Clinic, and Staff Sgt. Mary Atienza, a Patient Administration NCO also with Dunham, were the winners of the Soldier and NCO of the Year honors.

The competition consisted of a board that chaired by Garrison Command Sergeant Major Nelson Maldonado; president of the board, and Sgt 1<sup>st</sup>Class Jeffrey Hudson, Sgt 1<sup>st</sup>Class Mia Gillens, Sgt 1<sup>st</sup>Class Eric Towns, and Sgt 1<sup>st</sup>Class Lawrence Romero. Each board member had four subject areas ranging from military leadership and counseling to Army History.

Each Soldier and NCO candidate demonstrated their confidence, military understanding and bearing while being tested on their ability to articulate their knowledge, and respond to a set of questions from the board members. The participants were each selected from amongst their peers after winning their own unit's competition and the Garrison level Soldier and NCO of the Quarter boards.

*Atienza, the Carlisle Barracks NCO of the Year, answers question during the board.*



*Swanson, the Carlisle Barracks Soldier of the Year, reports to the board.*

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