

# Holidays a time for family, taking advantage of opportunities

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It's hard to believe it's been six months since we took command here at Carlisle Barracks. The time has truly flown by, as I'm sure it has for you and your families. As we take some time to celebrate the holidays over the next few weeks, I urge you to take advantage of some of the great opportunities in our community and take time to enjoy some of the uniquely Carlisle experiences.

The staff here at Carlisle Barracks are hard at work planning some great events for you and your family, all kicking off with the tree lighting ceremony Dec. 3, at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Chapel. The events continue over the next few weeks including Christkindlesmarkt on 5 Dec. hosted at the PA National Guard Armory, brunches with Santa at the Letort View Community Center, holiday services at the Chapel and many New Year's Eve events as well.

All of these wouldn't be possible without the hard work of the dedicated staff here at Carlisle Barracks. I heard about the outstanding reputation of this installation, but seeing it up close has really been an eye-opening experience. From the clerks in the ID Card section to the engineers in DPW, every person I've met has been professional in every sense of the word and taken great pride in their jobs. From the guards protecting us at the gates, the child care professionals taking care of our children at the CDC and Youth Services, to the Public Works engineers keeping the heat and lights on in the dead of winter, our Carlisle employees always place the mission first and never let us down.

YOU are what makes Carlisle Barracks such a great community to live and work in. YOU are why we are the community so many of us decide to call our home after retirement. YOU are why we feel comfortable leaving our families for deployments around the world. YOU are Carlisle Barracks.

On behalf of our families, thank you for all you do. Happy Holidays.