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Jan. 28, 2015 -- Carlisle Barracks has a new chief of police and while he is new to the area, he brings with him more than 20 years of law enforcement experience both in the military and civilian worlds.

Paul Heinlein, originally from Manchester, New Hampshire, assumed duties as the chief of police late last year. He brings with him more than 26 years of policing experience from around the United States and overseas, including experience with anti-terrorism operations and critical asset security.

"All I ever wanted to be in life was a Police Officer and a Soldier," he said.

After graduating from high school in 1986, and working full time, he was accepted into the Criminal Justice Program at Saint Anselm College in N.H. While there, he joined the Army National Guard and also started Army ROTC through the University of New Hampshire. Shortly after that, he was hired for a Part Time Police Officer position with the Manchester, N.H. Police Department.

After graduation, he came on active duty as a MP Officer and was stationed at Sierra Army Depot, Ca. He also served at Fort McClellan AL, Mannheim Germany, Fort Bragg N.C., Kaiserslautern Germany, Wiesbaden Germany, Fort Stewart, Ga., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. during his military career. His final duty position in the Army was as the Director of Proponency, Initiatives and Integration for the US Army Military Police School. While stationed in Missouri, he obtained his State of Missouri Police Officer Certification and became a reserve Police Officer with the city of Rolla, Mo. Police Department. In late 2014, he retired from the Army.

What attracted him to Carlisle Barracks was the small town feel of the post and proximity to his extended family.

“I was looking for a Chief of Police position in a small to medium Police Department, about 25-75 officers, so that in addition to being involved in the administration, I would still be afforded, not restricted by time, the ability to get out and interact with the community and the Police Officers on a regular basis.”

What also attracted him is the sterling reputation of the Carlisle Barrack security team.

“The Police Officers here are dedicated professionals who take great pride in ensuring Carlisle Barracks is a safe and secure place for our Service members, Families, Civilian Employees, and organizations to prosper,” he said when asked about the police force here.

Heinlein and his wife, Lorie, live in the area and have three daughters; Emily, Abigail (Abby), and Heidi.

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