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Outgoing garrison commander Lt. Col. Sergio Dickerson, hands the unit colors to Russel Hall, director of the Northeast Region of the Installation Management Command, before they were passed to the new garrison commander, Lt. Col. Janet Holliday. Photo by Greg Welker.

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July 8, 2009 – Hundreds of Carlisle Barracks residents and staff welcomed Lt. Col. Janet Holliday, the incoming garrison

command as she received the unit colors from one of the Army's most historic posts on Wednesday, July 8.

"I am humbled and grateful to have this opportunity to command," said Holliday.

As the garrison commander, Holliday will live alongside Carlisle Barracks residents ensuring their quality of life and provide support to the mission activities of the Army War College and other post organizations.

"I am impressed with every member of the garrison staff and Carlisle family that I have met so far and am looking forward to a great adventure here as part of that team," said Holliday.

Holliday comes to Carlisle Barracks from the Joint Staff at the Pentagon as deputy special assistant for General/Flag Matters. Her previous assignments include the 2nd Infantry Division as Deputy G-1 in Korea and at the Army Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center as chief of fatal training accidents and executive officer to the director.

Holliday said she looked forward to working with the war college. Having served as a professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, she is familiar with the Army's academic institutions.

Maj. Gen. Robert Williams, USAWC commandant, said he was confident Holliday would find success at Carlisle Barracks.

"She has an outstanding record of service to our nation and we welcome her to our community."

The outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Sergio Dickerson, reflected on his time in command.

"Words cannot express what these three years has meant for Juli and me," said Dickerson about his wife. "I owe you all a debt of gratitude for allowing me the privilege to be your commander."

Dickerson has served as garrison commander for three years and will remain at Carlisle Barracks as a student in the Army War College class of 2010.

During his time in command, he led the largest installation-wide transformation process since the 1940's. The project created several new housing areas for students and faculty, as well as the Delaney Field Club House. Renovations, energy efficient upgrades, and green practices have been implemented as a part of the project.

Russell Hall, director of the Northeast Region of Installation Management Command, presided over the ceremony.

"This is a great day to be here. Every installation is unique and this garrison supports a very special community," said Hall. "They ensure the continued success of the Army War College. The support they give is critical."

Hall noted that the installation has gone through a period of change on a scale not seen since World War II.

"Here we have worked together to improve quality of life for Families, Soldiers and civilians and will continue to do so."

He charged Holliday with an important mission.

"We will work together to build on the successes of this great installation."

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