

# Budget shortfall triggers contracts review

*PA staff report*

## **Garrison services shortfall expected to affect maintenance, custodial services**

The Carlisle Barracks garrison is assessing the impact of a projected \$7 million shortfall in the \$20 million base operating budget for services such as public works.

All Army garrisons across the globe, part of the Installation Management Command, will operate at reduced funding levels, according to January guidance.

IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch has established the priority to maintain required support to life, health and safety programs, Army Family programs and those services that prepare Soldiers for deployment. The budget change is not impacting Army Family housing, Family programs, Child and Youth Services and Sports. The command will fully support police, security guard and fire support.

Budget changes will reduce other installation services. At Carlisle Barracks, those services include contracts for custodial and waste management contracts, public works like snow removal and grass-cutting, and office building maintenance.

Across IMCOM, contractual services will be reviewed and are subject to change based on guidance provided by the region and local affordability. Garrison commander Lt. Col. Holliday has requested an IMCOM 'tiger team' to review garrison services and budget.

"Under this shortfall, the garrison will have a hard time providing the level of services required by the Army War College," she noted.

Currently, the garrison is under a hiring freeze, and travel is minimized to mission critical requirements, legally required certification training, or as directed by IMCOM headquarters.