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Summer is here and our post has never looked better. We are grateful to our talented and diligent Public Works, Balfour Beatty, Recreation, and International Hotel Group grounds crews for continuing to maintain the beauty of Carlisle Barracks for residents, employee professionals, students and visitors. With the fast approaching change in seasons, there are additional changes on the horizon.

On June 14th, CSM Maldonado and I will transition through a combined change of command and change of responsibility ceremony with LTC Sally Hannan and CSM Jamie Lethiecq. The ceremony is at 10 a.m. at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course, and all are invited.

It has been our honor and privilege to be the temporary custodians of the garrison over the last two years. With our small, but dedicated and talented team of Installation Management professionals, we have accomplished so much. We have increased the readiness of our installation through significant infrastructure improvements that include renovated water towers, upgraded electrical infrastructure that support future growth and redundancy, reduced energy output through efficient interior and exterior lighting solutions, replaced miles of old carpeting and revitalized older buildings that are still vital to supporting the mission of the Army War College. We also managed to set forth favorable future plans for modernizing academic facilities, building a new golf clubhouse, and revising plans for a more efficient fire station, all critical to ensuring Carlisle Barracks maintains the capacity and fulfills the requirements for the U.S. Army War College.

Over the last couple years, we have endured some significant budget reductions that have impacted personnel and services. While these reductions have forced us to relook at how we deliver quality services to all of our customers, I am proud to admit that this team has always prioritized critical services at the top and continued to adapt and adjust to ensure we still support everyone fairly, while delivering exceptional customer service. Just as resources become more scarce, it is even more important to ensure that we are safety-minded and maintain the

highest levels of vigilance and security. Our emergency services are second to none, and we will continue to invest in improvements that assure the safety and security of Carlisle Barracks.

I want to thank everyone who continues to use and support our Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and activities, our Exchange and Commissary, our Balfour Beatty and International Hotel Group partners, and the myriad of valuable activities and opportunities provided by Carlisle Barracks businesses, partners and military tenants every day. Your support of these programs directly strengthens our installation and helps promote the readiness of everyone in the Army.

As we say farewell, the Maldonado and Ank families want to thank you for your outstanding support, professionalism and dedication. Carlisle Barracks is a special place – a magical place to work, live and visit. CSM and I are better leaders, managers and citizens for this assignment, and we wish you all the best for the future.

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