

5 Questions with Cody Baker

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A new Carlisle Barracks web series will highlight the hard working men and women who work here, supporting the Army, servicemembers, employees, retirees and their families.

Cody Baker, Security Guard

What brought you into the Army family?

I've worked for the Federal Government for over eight years but I originally took a job as a security officer at Carlisle Barracks in June of 2017, so I'm a fresh face within the Army family.

What drew you to Carlisle Barracks?

I heard great things about the people and culture of the Barracks from my original workstation at DLA Distribution Susquehanna and thought I'd take a leap. I haven't been disappointed with the decision!

What are your duties/responsibilities here?

As a security guard my primary duty is the first word of the title. Securing access to the students, faculty, residents, contractors, employees, and visitors through tedious vetting is really the foundation of my work. In layman's terms, letting the good folks in and the bad folks out.

On top of the above is the need to balance force protection with customer service, providing optimum service on a defensive front as well as a caring ear and helpful hand-- as Theodore Roosevelt put it, to "walk softly and carry a big stick." I find this unique service to the base highly rewarding. As direct access control to the installation, the security officers serve as the first impression of Carlisle Barracks and the United States Army War College. Accordingly, one has the opportunity to personally impact every Soldier's and civilian's visit upon initial contact at the installation gate.

What's the most rewarding part of your service over the years?

Within the duties of this unique line of work I've witnessed sunsets behind Delaney Field Clubhouse, sunrises by Letort Stream, every rank of Soldier, Marine, Airman, and Sailor, and International Fellows from varied nations and cultures.

What's your favorite thing to do here?

My newest and now favorite hobby is running around the Golf Course and AHEC trail. I've run half marathons, Tough Mudders, and Super Spartan Races in years past and I'm trying to build up my endurance before and/or after work to get back on the saddle.