

USAG Carlisle Barracks recognizes 50-years of service

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Lt. Col. Courtney Short, Carlisle Barracks Garrison Commander, presents Dwight Wimer, Carlisle Barracks Management and Program Analyst, with a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin during a ceremony in Upton Hall, July 30, 2019.

Carlisle Barracks, Pa. (July 30, 2019) – Carlisle Barracks personnel gathered in Upton Hall, July 30, to honor one of their own and pay tribute to his 50 years of service to the county.

Lt. Col. Courtney Short, Carlisle Barracks Garrison Commander, and Command Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. Jamie Lethiecq, recognized Dwight Wimer, Carlisle Barracks Management and Program Analyst, for his years of service and presented him with a 50-year service pin, a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin and a Civilian Service Commendation Medal.

"Service is what he has done and committed his life to here," said Short.

"We are so grateful for everything you have contributed," she said. "In my short time here, I have seen the tremendous impact he has had on the

Garrison and operations."

"Fifty years is no small commitment," she said. "All of that has been done with a high level of excellence. We are extremely proud of you, and we're very honored to have you contribute to our team. You should be very proud of everything you have done over these years."

"I joined the Air Force in 1969," said Wimer. "I got married, had three children, eleven grandchildren, seven boys and four girls, and all of a sudden -- it's 50 years later."

After graduating basic training and technical school, Wimer served for eight years as a Fuel Specialist. He was assigned to Dover Air Force Base, Johnston Atoll in the Pacific during Vietnam, Holloman Air Force Base, and he served a five-month deployment at Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in April of 1977.

"Oh yeah, a lot of stuff happened," he said reflecting back. "The world changed, technology advanced and I got older, but the bottom line is the mission to serve our country needs people willing to serve. I was, I am, and I hope to continue to provide effective service to our country."

"His desire to serve was so strong that in April of 1977 he was out of the Air Force, but in May of 1977 he was already working at New Cumberland Army Depot in Public Works," said Short.

He later transferred to Carlisle Barracks in September of 1981 and was initially assigned to the Commercial Activities Office, which later merged into the Resource Management Office in 1986.

"He is very humble and always, always, willing to help someone out anytime," said Thomas Easterly, Director of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office. Wimer was assigned to the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office in February of 2005 where he has served ever since.