

## Meet Your Garrison: Vinette brings unique experience to position

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The Installation Antiterrorism Officer brings a special understanding of the Carlisle community to his position, having spent time here as both a family member and active duty military police Soldier.

“My family moved into the Carlisle area in 1977 and attended St Patrick Elementary school when it was on Pomfret Street in downtown Carlisle,” said Tom Vinette. After graduating high school he joined the Army and was assigned as an MP here multiple times. After retiring, he started in the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security as a physical security specialist in 2003. He has been the installation ATO since 2006.

“Carlisle Barracks is my home, it’s where I started and where I would like to end my career,” he said.

Vinette was also recently recognized as the Carlisle Barracks Civilian Employee of the Year for Fiscal Year 2017. He was singled out for his performance as the exercise director for the full-scale exercise held in July 2017. He developed the exercise plan, briefed participants, and coordinated a training workshop featuring an external instructor.

His family was also an active part of the Carlisle Barracks community. His mother, M. Jane Vinette was an avid supporter of the thrift shop and his father, retired Col. William Vinette, could often be seen on the golf course.

He said one of the best things about Carlisle is its location.

“Carlisle is located in and around where some of the most historic events of the Civil War took place,” he said. There are plenty of attractions in the area and Carlisle is not far from the larger cities such as Philadelphia, New York, or Washington DC. Traveling and visiting these places would not take very long.”

As the anti-terrorism officer, Vinette is responsible for a variety of programs, most notably the “See Something, Say Something” program and the local iWatch program.

“With the changing environment, locally or, nationally and globally, a secure atmosphere is not always guaranteed and vigilance should always be a talking point, a training event, or household discussion for any activity,” he said. “See Something and Say Something are good areas to begin these discussions. Participate in the events that the community has to offer but, don't let your guard down.

For more information on See Something, Say Something or the iWatch program visit <http://carlislebarracks.carlisle.army.mil/iWatch/index.cfm>