



Brig. Gen. Michael J. Talley, Commanding General of the USAMRDC and Fort Detrick, speaks at Hood College during a ceremony in May 2021. (Courtesy photo by Hood College Public Affairs)

## Talley, eager for next challenge, thanks Detrick team

By Ramin A. Khalili, USAMRDC Public Affairs Office

Sitting at the head of the table in the conference room just outside his office, Brig. Gen. Michael Talley reflects on his two-year assignment as Commanding General of both the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick with the same brand of outsized optimism which has become, in many ways, his trademark of sorts. Not only has his stint at USAMRDC allowed him to take

another step in growing and defining his own leadership skills, but it has also proven to be yet another example – only the latest example, of course – of the power and impact of military medicine.

“If you don’t pace yourself,” he says with a grin, “you’ll be out of breath during the first week doing this stuff.”

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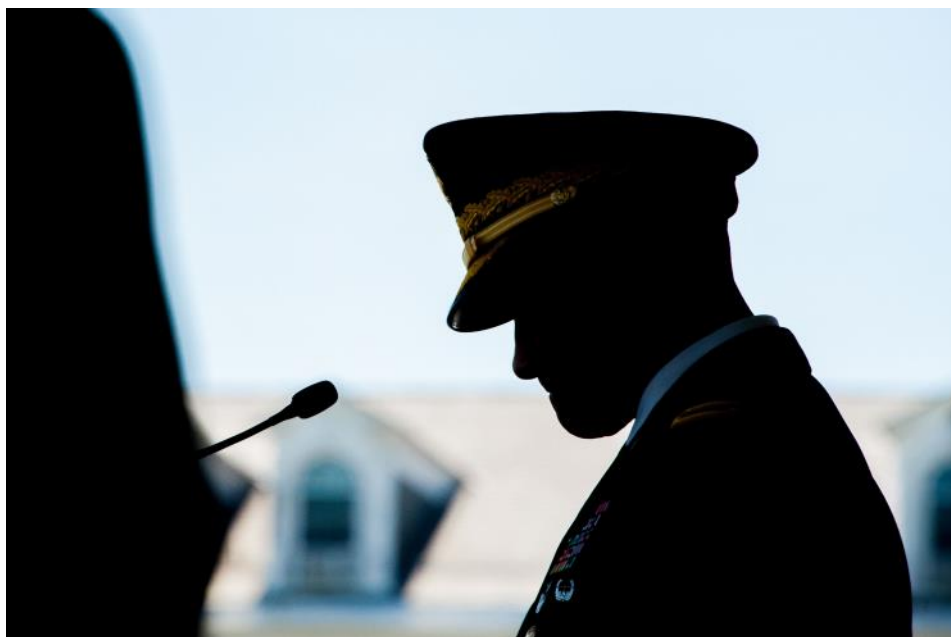
While that comment is certainly meant to apply to the entire term at USAMRDC, it could just as fairly be applied almost exclusively to the Command's efforts in fighting the novel coronavirus pandemic over the past 15 months – a massive mobilization that, while remaining only a small part of USAMRDC's overall efforts, has likely come to define Talley's time at the top of the Command. Specifically, it is his overarching desire to apply a type of simple, effective order to almost all challenges in his path that has become a key component – if not the defining component – of his leadership style.

Says Talley, "Grasping and gaining an understanding of what challenges there were, what problems there were right up front and then being able to organize in a way that addressed the problems – or attack the problems, if you will – was probably the best way to manage everything that had to be done."

Indeed, Talley admits that upon assuming control of USAMRDC in the spring of 2019, his first order of business was to address key infrastructure issues such as facilities maintenance and challenges with regulatory compliance. His response was to – in his own words – "make life predictable" for the Command; an effort that involved developing a campaign plan, installing clear lines of effort, then using effective communication to accomplish key goals. That may sound simple enough, but that early commitment to efficiency truly paid off when the novel coronavirus pandemic blossomed globally in the early spring of 2020 – a development which, in turn, saw USAMRDC thrust near the front of



**Brig. Gen. Michael J. Talley greets members of the Frederick, Maryland, city council during an event in 2019.** (Photo by Ramin A. Khalili, USAMRDC Public Affairs)



**Brig. Gen. Michael J. Talley, speaks during a ceremony in May 2021.** (Courtesy photo by Hood College Public Affairs)

the U.S. military's response as requested by the federal government. Once the demand for mobilization came down – mobilization across all levels of USAMRDC, no less – the Command's people, facilities and capabilities were in large part already up-to-speed.

"Any time you can lay out a predictable plan – as much as you can, you don't know everything – that's what I think allowed us a semblance of balance," says Talley. "I'm an old Soldier, I've been downrange in combat operations [before] – so it's really the same approach – it's taking the sum total of your experiences and applying them to a different kind of adversary."

The application of that philosophy yielded a substantial amount of success both for the Command and on behalf of the national pandemic response. In short order, the team at USAMRDC's U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases developed the first animal model testing efforts for COVID-19 products while also – later – establishing a cutting-edge bio-surveillance program. Further, the early days of the pandemic saw USAMRDC's U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity – through their Warfighter Deployed Medical Systems team – facilitate delivery of key materials to ensure deploying units had the equipment

required to combat COVID-19. Months later, USAMRDC's Walter Reed Army Institute of Research would begin testing their own vaccine platform. Even now, contributions from all corners of the Command continue in the name of COVID-19 research.

And yet pandemic response served as only a fraction of the overall work performed by USAMRDC over the past year-plus – and indeed, over the course of Talley's tenure. Among the many notable achievements during Talley's time at USAMRDC include: federal approval of the first preventive vaccine for the Ebola virus; the launch of the National Emergency Telecritical Care Network; the establishment of a next-generation human performance lab at USAMRDC's Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center; the brokering of an international partnership to improve Warfighter brain health, and a substantial investment in virtual reality systems designed to improve medical training.

"He was definitely the right leader at the right time to take over MRDC," says Command Sergeant Major Timothy Sprunger of the U.S. Army Regional Health Command Central, a friend who previously served alongside Talley in the same position at USAMRDC. "It speaks to his leadership and his vision that he was able to see through and

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identify a clear way ahead and get the team all routed in one direction."

If anyone knows Talley well it most assuredly Sprunger, as both additionally served together years ago at the U.S. Army Forces Command and indeed remain close to this day. As such, he provides a unique, more off-the-clock perspective of the outgoing general. For instance, says Sprunger, in their spare time, both men engage in a friendly barbeque competition, with each cooking a chosen cut of meat and then – when possible – sharing with the other for the sake of bragging rights. It is the kind of good-natured rivalry that will no doubt continue as Talley makes the transition to his next assignment as Deputy Commanding General (Operations) of the U.S. Army Medical Command, in Falls Church, Virginia.

"I have been lucky to be one of his trusted agents and witnessed a confident professional who truly cares about the success of his people and the Army mission," says current USAMRDC Command Sergeant Major Victor Laragione about his time with Talley. "I know I will miss his leadership, our battlefield circulation, finding opportunities to recognize our great people and our mentorship sessions.

He always provided [a] clear vision and allowed leaders to operate with a wide lane while providing honest feedback in an affable way."

Those remarks about the 'wide lane' Talley offers staffers and subordinates is perhaps – when it's all said-and-done – the most integral part of his leadership strategy; allowing the people who work for the Command – the true experts in their given field – the latitude required to make key decisions and proceed at a pace that makes the most sense for a given objective at any given time. Lkening USAMRDC staff to "racehorses, chomping at the bit" to tackle their daily objectives – both inside and outside of a pandemic – Talley marvels even now, at the end of his time at USAMRDC, at the Command's collective energy and passion. It is a passion that – in so many ways – mirrors his own patented approach.

"I just couldn't have asked for a better team," says Talley in a parting statement of praise to the Command's Soldiers, employees and staffers at all levels. "I can't thank them enough for their professionalism, their work ethic, their commitment to everything they do. They all recognize their purpose for what they do is far greater than each and every one of us. Their willingness to get the job done at all costs was – and is – nothing short of spectacular."

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# **Army implements full Tenant Bill of Rights**

## **By U.S. Army Public Affairs**

The U.S. Army has fully implemented all 18 elements of the Tenant Bill of Rights at 36 out of 44 Army installations that have privatized family housing. Furthermore, the Army expects to add an additional installation to the list by the end of the week. The remaining installations have implemented at least 15 of the rights, with the last three elements (universal lease, dispute resolution and rent segregation) expected to be implemented by the end of July 2021.

In the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress required the Secretary of Defense, in concert with the secretaries of the military departments, to create a Tenant Bill of Rights and ensure its implementation by the private housing companies that own and manage homes on military installations.

"The Army obtained agreement on implementing all of the Tenant Bill of Rights at 82% of our installations so



far, and will continue to work toward implementing the remaining tenant rights at the other installations," said J.E. 'Jack' Surash, acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment. "People are our No. 1 priority, and enacting these rights will improve the quality of life of our Soldiers and their families."

In addition to the tenant rights, a plain

language brief is given to every new tenant at lease signing, and again at the 30-day mark, by their Army housing offices to clearly explain the tenants' rights. This program is in place at all installations.

"Our Soldiers and families deserve safe, high-quality housing," said Surash. "We will continue to encourage our residents to provide feedback through online tenant satisfaction surveys and town hall meetings, and to report housing issues through the Army Housing Online User Services app, our 24/7 telephone hotline and through their local housing offices."

For more information, please contact your housing or community managers.





## Flag Lowering Marks End of the 2021 School Year

Soldiers from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and Alpha Company 53rd lower the U.S. Flag as part of the annual Flag Lowering event at Whittier Elementary on June 17. Fort Detrick participates in this virtual event every year that signifies an end to the school year. (Photos by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs)

## Online ordering at commissary begins July 13



Commissary CLICK2GO, the Defense Commissary Agency's new online ordering/curbside delivery service, is coming to the Fort Detrick Commissary July 13, 2021, according to Daniel W. Catalano, the store director.

"This service really speaks to the needs of our customers who can now plan, order and pay for their purchases online and then just drive to the store to get them without having to get out of their vehicle," said Mr. Catalano.

Here's a brief rundown of Commissary CLICK2GO's features:

- Easy-to-use navigation and search functions to help customers plan healthy meals and take care of their family's needs
- Enhanced product information
- Robust recipe features
- Featured sales and promotions
- Upgraded mobile-friendly experience

Information on how the service works is found on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) with dedicated sections such as "How CLICK2GO Works." First-time customers will need to create an account.

In step with grocery shopping trends, DeCA is working to bring on-line ordering, payment and pick-up options to all commissary-eligible patrons. In early June the agency announced plans to expand Commissary CLICK2GO to all 236 commissaries worldwide, and the rollout status can be found on the agency's web site.

"I encourage all our shoppers to access the CLICK2GO page on [commissaries.com](http://commissaries.com) to learn more about it," said Mr. Catalano.

Customers use a computer or mobile device to make their orders online where they select from commissary products offered based on the store's stock assortment. After products are selected, the shopper selects a pickup time and pays for their order. At their appointed time they park in designated parking spaces where commissary workers bring their groceries. The Fort Detrick Commissary CLICK2GO will begin accepting internet orders on July 13. CLICK2GO orders will be available Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



# Fort Detrick celebrates Army's 246th birthday

By USAG Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Michael J. Talley, commanding general for USAMRDC and Fort Detrick, joined teammates on the Blue and Gray Field and spoke about the strength of the Army and its ability to overcome all adversaries, from enemy combatants to COVID-19, during Fort Detrick's celebration of the Army's 246th birthday, June 14.

Retired Army Col. Fred Schumacher also spoke and discussed the Army's great history. Schumacher is a member of the Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council, and active member in the Frederick community. He retired from active duty after completing 35 years of commissioned service.



**Brig. Gen. Mike Talley (center) cuts a ceremonial cake with the assistance of Fort Detrick's youngest and oldest Soldier.** (Photo by Jenni Benson, USAG Public Affairs)



## Soldiers, Boy Scouts retire flag

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Gusman participates in a Flag Retirement Ceremony with local Boy Scout Troop 1998 on June 14, 2021 at the Elks Lodge in Frederick, Maryland. According to the U.S. Flag Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." (Courtesy photo)





## Forest Glen Child Development Center Graduation

Forest Glen CDC held a graduation for their class of 2021 on June 4, 2021. Ten children who are enrolled in the Strong Beginnings Program were celebrated for their accomplishment of completing the program and moving on to kindergarten. Congratulations to all. (Courtesy photo)

## Army making it easier to certify medical maintainers

By C.J. Lovelace/AMLC Public Affairs

**FORT DETRICK, Md.** – The U.S. Army is making it easier for medical maintainers to train and affirm their abilities as subject-matter experts in their field.

As of April 1, Soldiers working as biomedical equipment specialists, known by the military occupational specialty code 68A, can now enroll in several types of job-related training with no out-of-pocket expense.

“For many years, Soldiers had to request training through their unit and see if the unit would pay for it,” Master Sgt. Wesley Ladlee said. “Now, Soldiers can just go in, click a few buttons and they’re funded for their test.”

Seeing an opportunity to improve the training process, Sgt.

1st Class Jaime Sanchez worked with the Army’s training partner – the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation, or AAMI – to secure an agreement to become a recognized vendor through the new ArmyIgnitED credentialing program.

“Proficiency in our jobs translates to a quick turnaround time for scheduled services and repairs, and keeps all the medical equipment fully functional so we can provide the best casualty care on the battlefield,” said Sanchez, medical equipment branch non-commissioned officer in charge at Reynolds Army Health Clinic in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The effort was a success and now roughly 1,100 active-

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-duty, reserve and National Guard Soldiers can access up to \$4,000 worth of training and certification programs each year through AAMI.

Ladlee, the Army's 68A senior enlisted adviser, said the certifications, which are based on industry best practices, make Soldiers more competitive in an ever-changing field where technology grows by leaps and bounds in a short amount of time.

"These exams cover so much more between technical competence, management, acquisitions, budgeting," he said. "It really expands the military BIOMED's capabilities and breadth of knowledge."

Ladlee said the training agreement is for military only and does not cover the expense for civilian technicians.

Available courses include certified biomedical equipment technician (CBET), certified radiology equipment specialist (CRES) and certified healthcare technology manager (CHTM).

The duration of training depends on the course, but each generally includes a week of instruction and scheduled exam windows throughout the year, Ladlee said. Certifications are good for one year beyond the initial training year, then recertification is required every three years after that.

In addition to the 68As, warrant officers specialized as a health services maintenance technician, known as 670As, also can enroll in training through AAMI.

"It's really important because as new technologies come about, we need to hone our craft and remain professionally relevant to future emerging technology," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Deanna Hughes, 670A consultant to the Army Sur-



**Soldiers assigned in support of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea perform maintenance on a medical device.** (U.S. Army photo)

geon General.

Hughes, the first female 670A to earn the Army's highest warrant officer rank, credited Sanchez, Ladlee and other proponents of the program for helping to make it all happen.

"It really leaves a legacy for years for students and HTM professionals in the military to get their certifications and remain relevant," she said. "It's really just a great service to the U.S. military."

For 670As who use the program, a new certification does require an additional service requirement of two years. Recertification, however, does not carry any further service time obligations.

To enroll in training, log into ArmyIgnitED and click on "Add Credential." From there, select 68A as your MOS, and specify if this is for a new credential or re-certification.

## Self defense and combatives seminar held at Fort Detrick

**By Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs**

6 MLMC welcomed two high-level Brazilian Jiu Jitsu black-belts to Fort Detrick, June 17, sponsoring two seminars—beginners and intermediate skill levels—on self-defense and combatives at Odom Fitness Center.

The first session focused on people who have no formal or previous self-defense, combatives or martial arts training. The second was for people who have prior experience in self-defense, combatives or martial arts.

Dependents and spouses were invited to participate and attend the first session.

Instructors included John Ouano, who is a 5th Degree Black Belt and has trained with the best UFC fighters in the world over the past 28 years.

CMSGT (ret) Dave Kaidaisch, also a black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, is a retired Air Force special operator. Together they travel and offer free seminars to U.S. military and police departments as part of giving back to those who serve.



**Air Force CMSGT (ret) Dave Kaidaisch, a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu black belt, demonstrates a technique to a Soldier assigned to Fort Detrick.** (Photo by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs)



# Familiar face returns to Fort Detrick's New Parent Support Program

By Erickson Barnes, USAG Public Affairs

Fort Detrick announces the return of Kathy Sullivan, RN, to the Fort Detrick New Parent Support Program. The Fort Detrick NPSP is a team of professional nurses and social workers who provide support and education for military families who are planning to have children, are expecting a child or have children in the home under the age of 4. Kathy, a mother of 5, retired spouse dependent, former Navy nurse and a former labor & delivery nurse is a reliable source for answers to all of the questions a military family may have when preparing for parenthood and/or traveling through the first few years of parenthood. Kathy's goal is to reinvigorate the program by bringing back weekly play-groups, pregnancy physical training, and baby bundles. She is also looking forward to bringing new activities to the community such as story-time, an annual baby shower, and Daddy Bootcamp. The preferred method for individual family service delivery is home visitation but in this new world of COVID Kathy is looking forward to helping Families through virtual means as well.

The New Parent Support Program falls under Family Advocacy within Army Community Service. ACS offers many programs and services that are designed to equip Service Members, DoD Civilians and families with the skills, knowledge and support they need to face the challenges of military life. From relocation readiness to managing deployments, financial hardships and spouse employment, or simply just needing some pointers on how to adapt to a new life situation, ACS has a program to help our military Families.

"The NPSP position has been vacant for the past several months. We are ecstatic about Kathy's return, her spunky



**Kathy Sullivan, RN, oversees the New Parent Support Program at Fort Detrick.** (Photo by Erickson Barnes, USAG Public Affairs)

personality, and passion for military families. We know she will be able to get the word back out there of this fantastic program. She will resume providing essential education and throw in some fun to support all the military families in the community," says Lisa Long, Family Advocacy Program manager.

## Acquisition of diagnostic equipment, testing assays for COVID-19 lays groundwork for success

By Erik Heine, JPM CBRN Medical Strategic Communications

In early 2020, the world as we knew it began to change. Lockdowns, mask mandates, and travel bans became the new normal as the world fought to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Priorities began to shift, and the development of safe and efficacious vaccines and therapeutics for COVID-19, along with the diagnostic capability needed to identify it, moved to the number one position on the Department of Defense's (DOD) priority list. The Joint

Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense's (JPEO-CBRND) Joint Project Manager for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Medical (JPM CBRN Medical) has a long-standing history of developing medical countermeasures to combat deadly biological threats. Moreover, in 2020, this elite team of scientists, medical specialists, acquisition professionals, and military experts struck significant blows against this deadly and rampant virus.

During the pandemic, in addition to medical and military subject matter ex-

perts, acquisition professionals rose to the forefront. DOD medical acquisition is not typically the stuff of myth or legend, and in the movies, you aren't likely to see acquisition professionals wearing superhero-style hazardous materials suits, researching deadly biological agents, or running clinical trials. They aren't on the front lines administering their miracle vaccines to patients, and in fact, there are many people who may not even fully understand what "acquisition" in this context means. Medical acquisition professionals, through their efforts to ensure that eve-

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Everything necessary is available when needed, save lives too.

As the race to defeat COVID-19 with safe and effective vaccines and therapeutics continued at breakneck speeds, another critical piece of the equation was proving to be equally important: diagnostic equipment and assays for testing. The JPM CBRN Medical is led by Col. Ryan Eckmeier. He is in charge of the organization that is leading the U.S. government's vaccine, diagnostics, therapeutics, and chemical defense pharmaceutical efforts for CBRN defense. Early on in the pandemic, Col. Eckmeier noted the special importance of diagnostic equipment, assays, and acquisition: "Without accurate diagnostic equipment and approved assays, being able to differentiate between those who have COVID-19 and those who don't isn't possible. The key ability to ultimately overcome the virus is accurate diagnostics to 'bridge the gap' until targeted therapeutics and vaccines are on board."

Col. Eckmeier leaned on his acquisition crew; Dr. Jason Opdyke, JPM CBRN Medical's Joint Product Lead for Diagnostics, was already following the news closely. Dr. Opdyke reached out to other members of his team, including Deputy Joint Product Lead Joel Selzer, Assistant Program Manager Christopher Joyal, and Test and Evaluation Lead Royce Bruce. Over the next 12 months, Dr. Opdyke and his team of acquisition professionals placed highly sought after diagnostic devices into the hands of medical professionals at both DOD and civilian institutions and treatment facilities. They employed creative and unconventional acquisition methods to accelerate delivery of critical diagnostic and assay capabilities, which allowed patients to know their COVID-19 status, ultimately helping to slow the spread and "flatten the curve."

Thanks to existing industry partnerships, the team was able to rapidly develop and distribute brand new diagnostic equipment and assays that could specifically detect SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19), in record time. Partnering with other U.S. government agencies made these diagnostic capabilities available for civilian testing, contributing greatly to the country's pandemic response, with the ultimate goal of securing and improving overall American public health. As COL Eckmeier so often reminds his team, "No one in this space does this alone."

The team, working with the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), leveraged an existing Other Transaction Authority (OTA) with Cepheid, Inc. and developed a rapid COVID-19 diagnostic capability. Through this collaboration, Cepheid completed test optimization/validation activities for their GeneXpert® assays, and on March 20, 2020, almost two months to the day of the first confirmed U.S. coronavirus case, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officially granted an Emergency Use

Authorization (EUA) for its use in the COVID-19 outbreak; typically, this process can take years to complete. This capability allowed for timely testing by National Guard Bureau personnel who were postured to assist with COVID-19 testing in the most stressed areas of the U.S. The team purchased sixteen Cepheid systems for the NGB, for use in multiple states, to directly support the civilian population. "We had to utilize every possibility within our reach" said Dr. Opdyke; "OTAs, working with previously unused suppliers and vendors, networking with folks who just might be able to help... we knew we had to pull out all the stops to get ahead of this virus."

Just three days later, on March 23, 2020, the JPM CBRN Medical's existing industry partner BioFire Defense, LLC, with the assistance of DOD funding, was also granted an EUA from the FDA for the use of their COVID-19 assay, using their FilmArray® diagnostic system. This commercial analyzer (the BioFire FilmArray 2.0, also known as the Next Generation Diagnostics System 1 within the DOD), uses assay panels along with polymerase chain reaction technology to identify biological pathogens in clinical samples.

In total, over a nine month time period, the team developed and procured more than one million tests for the DOD's COVID-19 response, and purchased nearly 300 additional diagnostic systems to augment existing capabilities. In addition, when the demand for the test and system access began to greatly outweigh the testing capacity, the team explored pooled testing possibilities that streamlined the testing process, and saved thousands of tests as well as hours of system time. These tests, systems, and pooling protocols slowed the virus' spread, preserved readiness and strengthened national security.

As the pandemic accelerated, the team continued to award and execute numerous procurement contract actions within days of receiving direction from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, as well as the Services, to deliver these tests along with medical diagnostic systems to DOD medical facilities and deployed military medical units worldwide. "Due to the speed at which this virus was spreading, we had to innovate, allocate, integrate and create" said Joyal; "we had to be ready to respond to whatever was thrown at us."

Hopefully soon, we can all breathe a little more easily, literally, and the diagnostics professionals can focus their efforts on once again providing U.S. military forces and the nation with safe, effective, and innovative medical solutions to counter chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats. Until then, the JPM CBRN Medical team continues to hustle, "nevertheless" delivering what is needed to get this virus (and its variants) under control. Without the efforts of COL Eckmeier, Dr. Opdyke, and this incredible group of acquisition professionals, the light at the end of the tunnel would certainly be much dimmer and more distant.

# JPM CBRN Medical's RAIDR RF innovates DoD medical acquisition, wins BRONZE at 2021 Edison Awards

By Erik Heine, JPM CBRN Medical Strategic Communications

The annual Edison Awards competition is dedicated to honoring excellence and showcasing game-changing innovations that are rapidly reshaping the evolving world around us. An Edison Award recognition is one of the highest accolades an organization can receive, and the Joint Project Manager for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Medical (JPM CBRN Medical) proudly brought home a 2021 Edison Award BRONZE win in the category of "Innovative Services, Prescription Drug Access Platforms" with its Rapid Acquisition and Investigation of Drugs for Repurposing (RAIDR) Repurposing Framework (RF).

The JPM CBRN Medical organization is committed to providing U.S. military forces and the nation with safe, effective, and innovative medical solutions to counter chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) threats. It also facilitates the advanced development and acquisition of medical countermeasures (MCMs) and systems to enhance the nation's biodefense response capability. To this end, the RAIDR RF was born, a comprehensive process that facilitates the rapid delivery of an existing MCM to both the warfighter and the general population like never before. Conceived and created by a group of regulatory, quality, logistics, strategic, scientific, and legal subject matter experts, the RAIDR RF is an innovative way of assessing existing medical technology for expanded benefit. The RAIDR RF process utilizes several tools – to include a Repurposing Scorecard and a Repurposing Report - that, when effectively used together, have proven capable of successfully identifying

the likelihood that an MCM will make a promising repurposing candidate.

In the world of drug development, traditional processes in the United States can easily take over a decade, and cost billions of dollars to travel from a laboratory to your medicine cabinet. But in the face of, say, a pandemic like COVID-19, people do not have that kind of time; and the value of the JPM CBRN Medical's RAIDR RF has proven itself under fire. During the current pandemic, over 33 compounds have already been reviewed using this process; this has resulted in 11 successful "deliveries" to end users (defined as products in the hands of the people that need them) and 12 National Stock Numbers (NSN) assignments. The RAIDR RF process has made it possible to provide key medical interventions much more quickly than standard development and acquisition, without compromising safety, efficacy, or quality; and all at a fraction of the cost. Repurposed drugs are also more sustainable, as they are already in production, with existing manufacturing infrastructures and supply chains.

"The RAIDR RF holds great promise for outbreak and pandemic applications, and even broader application for future CBRN threats", said U.S. Army Col. Ryan Eckmeier, Joint Project Manager for CBRN Medical. "We are proud to receive the BRONZE Edison Award for 'Innovative Services, Prescription Drug Access Platforms,' and look forward to providing additional benefit to our service members and the nation through accelerated delivery of safe and effective medical countermeasures, using this framework."





# Mark Seymour retires after four decades of service

By Jeffrey Soares, USAMMDA Public Affairs

After 41 years of combined military, industry and federal civilian service, Mark Seymour has announced his upcoming retirement from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity, Fort Detrick, Maryland. Since August 2012, Seymour has served as the Chief Program Analyst for USAMMDA's Warfighter Protection and Acute Care Project Management Office. In this role, he is responsible for the advanced development of pharmaceutical items related to infectious diseases, blood products and pain management.

Seymour entered the U.S. Army in July 1980, upon graduation from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, earning a bachelor's degree in animal science (pre-veterinary medicine) on his way to fulfilling a childhood dream of becoming a veterinarian. Actually, his military career began during his freshman year in college, when a dorm mate spoke to him about the Army's Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. Seymour chose to enter the program, which led to a 20-year career as an Army Officer.

"I found that I enjoyed the camaraderie [of ROTC]," he said, "and knowing the difficulty of being accepted into veterinary school, coming out of New England at that time, I decided to stay with the program. I was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Medical Service Corps when I entered active duty."

Speaking of New England, Seymour said he grew up in Uxbridge, a small picturesque town in Massachusetts, and graduated from Uxbridge High School. While he spent much of his free time reading and playing chess, he also enjoyed photography — developing and printing his own black and white photos in his basement darkroom.

Seymour's younger days in New England were spent with friends and family. During those years, he did not venture any farther than New York State and the Eastern Canadian Provinces for vacations. His later years in the military would certainly provide Seymour with a different type of experience, as he took on numerous assignments across the globe on his way to retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.



**After 41 years of combined military, industry and federal civilian service, Mark Seymour has announced his upcoming retirement from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity, Fort Detrick, Maryland. (Photo courtesy of Mark Seymour)**

"After completing the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, I was assigned as an ambulance platoon leader with the 429th Medical Company, 44th Medical Brigade at Fort Bragg, North Carolina," he explained. "During this assignment, I was deployed to the Sinai, Egypt, to serve as the administrative officer, South Base Camp Medical Clinic, Logistical Support Unit, Multinational Force and Observers, established as part of the Camp David Accords."

After this tour, Seymour returned to Fort Bragg, where he held additional assignments as the commander's aide, 1st Corps Support Command, and adjutant and assistant administrator, Specialty Care Support Branch, Womack Army Community Hospital. After completion of the Army Medical

Department Officer Advanced Course and the Medical Logistics Management Course at Fort Sam Houston, he was assigned as Commander, C Company, 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

"Following my company command, I was assigned as the chief of Property Management at the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany," he continued. "During this assignment, the unit received the Army Superior Unit Award as one of the tertiary care hospitals supporting Operation Desert Storm."

In 1991, Seymour was assigned to Fort Detrick to serve as chief of Resource Manage-

ment for the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, and for the past three decades he has called the Frederick area his home. After serving as chief of Facilities and Services for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command's deputy chief of staff for Logistics, he served as a medical technology staff officer in the Liaison's Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) at the Pentagon. His final assignment was on the Army Staff, serving as a congressional liaison officer in the Army Budget Office working with the Defense and Military Construction Appropriation Subcommittees.

"After my retirement from active duty in September 2000, I accepted a position with Battelle Memorial Institute, which is a nonprofit charitable trust organization," said Seymour. "And in 2010, I joined the WPAC PMO as part of the Inter-governmental Personnel Act Mobility Program, serving as a

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# U.S. Army Maj. Dana Love retires from active duty

By Jeffrey Soares, USAMMDA Public Affairs

In May, Army Maj. Dana B. Love, Jr. will retire from active duty after nearly 27 years of service to our nation and its citizens. Most recently, Love served as a product manager within the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity's Warfighter Deployed Medical Systems Project Management Office, in charge of the modernization of products including various computerized tomography devices, the C-Arm, which is a mobile, self-contained X-ray machine, and the Oxygen Generator Field Portable device used to provide oxygen to treat sick and wounded Warfighters in the field.

Recently, Love oversaw a Customer Test at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to evaluate a new Field Oxygen Generator Resource device for use in the military. Along with his modernization duties, he also has served as lead for the WDMS PMO's Life Cycle Sustainment Plan.

Love's military career is a storied one, which began during high school in his hometown of Slidell, Louisiana. In his junior year, Love enlisted in the Army, and began his service upon graduation. When asked why he decided to join

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program and financial analyst. In 2012, I began my civil service career."

During both his military and civilian careers, Seymour has received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Department of the Army Civilian Service Commendation Medal, and other commendations, including the Army Staff Badge. He is Acquisition Level II-certified in Business and Finance, and is a graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School.

A career such as this may only be achieved through discipline and focus, and Seymour readily agrees. He credits much of his success to the life lessons offered to him by his parents, and from what he learned early in his military career while working for a true war hero.

"My parents — who raised me, got me through college and out into the world in one piece — have always been my heroes, my role models and my inspiration, and I have always looked up to them," said Seymour. "The hero who was not a part of my family, but who had a huge impact on my life and career, was (Army) Col. William J. Richardson, Jr. I served as his administrative assistant when I was a young first lieutenant at Fort Bragg. He was enlisted during the Korean War and spent 34 months in prisoner-of-war camps. After he was released, he went to Army Officer Candidate School and had earned the rank of Colonel by the time I first met him. The leadership, management, and personal skills I learned from him have followed me throughout my career, and I can honestly say that assignment served as the foundation for my success."

Looking ahead towards his retirement, Seymour jokes that he will probably have a busier daily schedule than he had while working. His first task will be finding a home to buy in New Hampshire, so he can move back to be closer to his family. He looks forward to cycling and hiking in the White Mountains, and says there are many places to ride and over 2,000 miles of trails in the mountains to hike. His other hobbies include restoring a 1969 Volkswagen Beetle, wood working, reading, genealogy and gardening.

"But most of all, I'm looking forward to spending time with family," he said. "I have a daughter and a son, one brother and one sister, and I am fortunate to have both of my parents, who are still living among my extended family in Massachusetts."

Yes, family is certainly important for Seymour, who shared a special story of his wife, Kathy.

"I was married to the late Katherine E. Sills of Atlanta, Georgia, and we met while we both were serving on active duty at Fort Bragg," he said. "She passed away unexpectedly almost five years ago, and we had a wonderful 32 years of marriage together."

"Dating my wife, while we were both on active duty, is probably the most memorable story of my career," he continued. "At the time, I was a young captain and she was a private first class. Although frowned upon, officers and enlisted dating in the early 1980's was 'allowed' as long as it was not blatantly public. We spent our time together with close friends, or going on dates to Raleigh, so as not to get caught. This was one of the best decisions of my life, even though it could have been career-ending at the time. Kathy was honorably discharged just before we got married."

As he acknowledged those who helped him reach the end of such a wonderful career, it comes as no surprise that Kathy tops the list.

"Even though she is no longer here, my wife Kathy was the rock that was my support and foundation for over 32 years. Without her, I would not have been able to have the success that I have had," said Seymour. "There are too many others to list individually, but no one can be successful without the support of their superiors, subordinates and peers. I could not have done this without all of the fantastic soldiers, civilians and coworkers I have worked with over the past 41 years."

By the same token, it seems safe to say that they could not have done it without you as well.





**After nearly three decades of military service, Army Maj. Dana B. Love, Jr. (second from right) receives his Certificate of Retirement from Army Col. Gina E. Adam, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity, during a ceremony at the Fort Detrick Auditorium, May 10. Love's wife, two sons and family friend (pictured) were present to share in the event, which included a small gathering of military and civilian team members, family and friends. (Photo by Jeffrey Soares, USAMMDA public affairs)**

at a young age, he said he felt it was his duty as an American citizen.

"I entered the Army on June 15, 1994, enlisting as an Avionics Mechanic, and my first duty assignments were with the 227th Aviation Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas; Echo Company 503rd, Aviano, Italy; and 6th Aviation Company, Vicenza, Italy," said Love. "I re-enlisted as a Biomedical Maintenance Repairman in February 2000, serving at the 226th Medical Battalion and the 6th Medical Logistics Management Center, when I was selected for appointment as a Health Service Warrant Officer."

As a Warrant Officer, Love was assigned to Keller Army Community Hospital at West Point, where he submitted for a direct appointment to Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of OCS in January 2007, Love was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, Vicenza, Italy, deploying as an Evacuation Team Lead in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon redeployment, he worked as the Brigade Medical Operations Officer and Rear Detachment Commander. After this tour, Love was reassigned to U.S. Army Medical Materiel Command—Europe, where he served as both Transportation officer and HHD Commander/Operations Officer.

His assignment in Italy proved to be very serendipitous, as that is where he met his wife — and his deep affection for

her and their family is very clear and truly heartwarming. Together, they have two boys, or rather, two young men, who are bright, intelligent and respectful.

"My wife and her family are from Vicenza, Italy, and she is a crazy, funny, and routine person," he says with a smile. "She is everything to me, and I wake up every morning looking forward to seeing her beautiful face — when I have the coffee made. And we have been blessed with two great boys who make us very proud."

Thinking of his sons, Love begins to think back on his days as a teenager, living in Louisiana and Mississippi during his younger years. He remembers working quite a bit back then, but if he was not working, he was "the guy in the football stands with the girls." Even back then, he says, he always "wanted to do something that contributed to the success of the United States." Love was a patriot, and he knew in his heart that serving his country was the right thing to do.

So, this brings us back to his military service once again. Interestingly, during his lengthy career, Love has been a Noncommissioned Officer, a Warrant Officer and a Commissioned Officer, which includes being named Distinguished Military Graduate of the Army's Officer Candidate School.

While serving at USAMMCE, Love was selected for Long-Term Health Education and Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he completed theater logistics from the Army Logistics University, as well as his master's degree from the Florida Institute of Technology. Love was then assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command, Fort Detrick, Maryland, serving as Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, where he worked as both the Equipment Management Chief and the Logistics Readiness Officer. During this time, Love again applied for LTHET, for program management training, and he completed this course in June 2019. He then moved on to his current and final assignment, with USAMMDA's WDMS PMO, to serve as both the Military Deputy for Medical Assemblage Device Management and product manager for Medical Modernization.

When asked to name some major influences during his life and career, Love's choices are very eclectic, ranging from Martin Luther King, Jr., to Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, to John Wayne, because his characters "did not take [lip] from anyone." However, he holds a special place for two individuals: his father, and a role model from his childhood years.

"My dad, Dana Love, Sr., will always be my beacon of fatherhood," he said. "He is funny, open, and just an all-around nice guy. He is always looking to help people, and is always available for a quick 'Hi.' He rejoices in the blessing of every day, and he always makes good use of it."

# With retirement near, Jacksons reflect on service, family

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After nearly two decades in the military, Lt. Col. Kyndra Jackson is finally taking a break. Sitting in her living room, perched behind her laptop on the other end of a ZOOM call, she talks frankly about her service career, her upcoming retirement, and where exactly she'll go from here. The entire time, a picture of her family hangs over her left shoulder, acting as an audience of sorts – quietly watching, listening. It's a reminder that no matter what the Jacksons are doing, they are always doing it together.

"We come as a package deal," says Jackson, who currently serves as both the Deputy Division Chief and Chief Nurse, Division of Medicine, with USAMRDC'S U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. "We are 'Team Jackson' – and that is how we've had to operate from day one."

Like all good teams, Team Jackson presents a united front at all times. So it's no coincidence then that Kyndra and her husband, Lt. Col. Dalmar Jackson – the latter of whom also serves at Fort Detrick as the Secretary of the General Staff for USAMRDC – are tackling one final military milestone together. After a combined 40 years of service between them, they will both be retiring from active duty in the coming months. That makes the tail end of 2021 an extended swan song of sorts for both; which in turn means it's time for a good bit of reflection on a life's journey so far.

## THE BEGINNING

"I don't remember why exactly I knocked on her door," says Dalmar Jackson when he's asked how he met his wife, "but I knocked on her door to ask a question about the uniform."

That first knock was all the way back in September 2001, when both Kyndra and Dalmar were in San Antonio, Texas, attending the Army's Officer Basic Course. As luck would have it, they were assigned dorm rooms directly across from one another; Dalmar a new graduate from Morehouse College at the time and Kyndra a newly-minted nursing graduate from Clemson University. It was there, in a sea of hundreds of people, that both made a connec-



**Lt. Cols. Dalmar Jackson and Kyndra Jackson pose together during a photograph in May.** (Courtesy photo by Chip Dizard Photography, May 2021)

tion that would eventually culminate in marriage – and, in time, the start of a shared personal and professional journey across the globe.

Yet as a dual-military family, there are – as the Jacksons can certainly attest – unique challenges that come with trying to grow your own family within the larger Army family.

"There's been many times where I've had to take a sick child with me in the office," says Kyndra, referring to their children Donovan and Kyndall (now 13 and 9 years old, respectively). "There have been plenty of meetings that have been called at five and six in the morning, and my kids are in their pajamas – and they're sitting in the conference room while we're making the sausage and doing the work."

To that end – and staying consistent with the Team Jackson ethos – Kyndra and Dalmar credit not only their extended family of loved ones and army colleagues picking up the slack during those difficult moments, but also their many and various supervisors over the years for recognizing those same challenges. That's why they're so keen on paying it forward as much as possible.

"Dalmar is the most supportive supervisor I have come across in my 14 years with the Army," says Brandy Ostanik-Thornton, who worked with both Jacksons during their assignment at the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity-Alaska at Fort Wainwright – where, notably, Kyndra served as Chief of Public Health during the initial months of the novel coronavirus pandemic. "His ability

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to truly see employees as people and take note of their goals, objectives, and challenges provided the opportunity for growth both individually and as an organization.”

In addition – and as she is keen to note in multiple emails on the matter – the Jacksons were extremely supportive at a time when Ostanik-Thornton was forced to both mourn the death of a family member and confront substantial health issues of her own. And yet right there, through it all, were Kyndra and Dalmar.

“There is a lot to be said for leaders who ask about an employee’s welfare before asking about a deadline,” says Ostanik-Thornton. “Their kindness is not something I will forget.”

To hear Kyndra tell it, those efforts are – like all things in the world of Team Jackson – by design.

“I really believe as a leader, you have to take care of your people,” she says. “We just hope we can make a small difference in that small time we’re with that individual in that particular organization.”

#### **A GROWING FAMILY**

Of course, there are times when reality – or, in this case, duty – collides with even the best-laid plans. After 17 years of marriage, the Jacksons have become accustomed to the juggling act that comes with trying to balance both family commitments and service commitments on a daily basis. Just as overseas deployments are certainly part of that equation – Dalmar himself was deployed to Iraq as a Medical Platoon Leader and Medical Planner from 2004-2005 – assignment driven separations are as well. While the Army offers a program to help dual-military couples stay together during assignments (i.e. the Married Army Couples Program), the program does not – and cannot – offer any guarantees. The Jacksons were faced with that reality in 2016, when Kyndra was assigned to a combat support hospital in Yongsan, South Korea, while Dalmar was working at Defense Health Headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia. Despite the distance – some seven thousand miles for the sake of perspective – the Jacksons took the news in stride, choosing to view the news as a way learn more about each other and, at the same time, their family as a whole.

“I think it was a growing opportunity for me to let go a little bit, and to have faith that the family is going to be okay while I’m away, and once the year is over we’ll be reunited,” says Kyndra, noting that her own assignment (in comparison to Dalmar’s de-



**‘Team Jackson’ smiles during a group photograph in May**  
**From left: Kyndall, Dalmar, Kyndra, Donovan.** (Courtesy photo by Chip Dizard Photography)

ployment) came at a starkly different time in both their lives – the birth of their children changing the circumstances on a far greater scale.

As such, the challenge fell to both to keep the family humming at top speed; each team member assuming a number of key roles. For Dalmar, that meant becoming the dominant force at home, along with taking over cooking, cleaning and homework-checking responsibilities. For Kyndra, that meant becoming an expert in technology, as she quickly figured out how to attend the kids’ events, games and even parent-teacher conferences via internet video link while overseas – a capability her father, who served in Vietnam, could have only dreamed of back in the early 1970s.

In the end, a little bit of modern convenience combined with a good chunk of old-fashioned determination made the year-long assignment less of an obstacle and more of a stepping-stone; and ultimately translated into a more united family overall.

“I think it reassured me, understanding and knowing that my husband can manage all the family and Army responsibilities,” says Kyndra, noting that so many other families across the wider U.S. military deal with the same challenges as well.

Says Dalmar of his wife’s role and importance to the family, “It gave me an appreciation of all the things she does behind the

scenes that maybe I don't see often."

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Oddly enough, despite such substantial and accomplished military careers, both Jacksons reveal just the slightest bit of nervous energy when talking about the next chapters in their respective lives. It is, one imagines, the result of a myriad of emotions; chief among them the impact of leaving behind familiar faces and places for something new and completely different. For Kyndra, that means taking a position as a public health nurse at Mary's Center in Washington, D.C., where she'll be working with area churches on a variety of public health issues, including – notably – COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy. Such work is, in her own words, very near and dear to her heart.

"I am passionate about communities," she says. "I love my military community – and I have a wealth of knowledge and experience in working within the communities we've been assigned over our twenty year career – but I also want to give back on the other side."

The next step for Dalmar, similarly, will likely involve a heavy dose of community involvement in areas as sprawling and diverse as public health and economic sustainability – in short, any place he can put his leadership and organizational development skills to use. Overall, and perhaps more than anything else, the Jacksons are focused on the opportunity to pick a single spot to settle down for the sake of their children and their own respective futures.

To hear their friends tell it, the Jacksons are the kind of leaders any community would be lucky to have.

"Kyndra and Dalmar are two of the very best [officers] I have had the good fortune to work with," says Deputy for Quality and Safety K. Lee Hardcastle, a 30-year Army civilian who worked with both Jacksons at Fort Wainwright. "I know they will excel where ever they go and in whatever they do."

"Kyndra's achievements and contributions in the realm of public health shaped policy and quality-of-life initiatives directly impacting the health and welfare of more than 30 [thousand] Soldiers and families in

Alaska," says Col. Constance Jenkins, the newly-minted Commander of USAMRIID who worked with both Jacksons at MED-DAC-AK. "[Kyndra and Dalmar] are talented professionals who have made a lasting impact on Soldiers and families – I look forward to seeing what they achieve next in leading, teaching and coaching our future generations."

In the end, perhaps leading the family to a place where everyone – mom, dad and children alike – can live out their respective dreams and accomplish their respective goals was the plan all along. If so, then Kyndra and Dalmar have placed Team Jackson on the kind of championship path that few others can even hope to replicate. For them, it seems that bringing out the best in each other is – truly and forever – the greatest achievement.

"There [are] mixed emotions when it comes to retiring," says Dalmar in closing. "There's the excitement, there's the anxiety – but I'm very confident in knowing that if we stay focused on being open to opportunities and keeping Team Jackson together like we have all these years, we'll be just fine in wherever our path takes us."

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"And Mr. Rod West," he continued, "is my inspiration for military service. He was a firm and stout person whom I admire beyond measure. I consider him as the role model that every young man should have growing up. He really meant a lot to me."

After nearly three decades of faithful service to his country, Love has a long list of people to thank for contributing to his wonderful career — and his words may truly hit home for many.

"Aside from God and family, I have so many people to thank," he said.

"Those that I have lost contact with,

and no longer remember their names or their faces. Those that put up with me and my desires to overcome all hardships and embrace the adversity as we pushed on during the cold nights, long deployments, and thankless holidays.

"I want to thank the people of America for entrusting me with their kids — making me lead from example and put their interest before my own. I would like to acknowledge those that believed in me enough to allow me to grow as a man and progress in so many ways that I could never say thank you enough. And finally, I'm grateful to those who've had a hand in

my career — they know who they are, and for this, they uphold the honor of selfless service."

Now, what is left to do after a career filled with so many wonderful colleagues, and so many special memories?

Love has a pretty good idea. Actually, he has a lot of ideas.

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"I'm looking forward to restoring my car, going fishing, taking a self-growth and motivation course, and going to some estate sales — where you buy things people refused to get rid of when they were alive, but then the family turns around and sells them," he joked.

"But I plan on working until I can pay off our mortgage and have a reasonable amount of money in our nest egg," he

adds. "And loving my wife until my final days on this earth."

Yes, that seems to be a pretty good retirement plan — and the USAMMDA team wishes Major Love all the best in the years ahead.

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# Fort Detrick News, Events, Announcements

## For updates and materials on COVID-19 visit:

<https://home.army.mil/detrick/index.php/covid-19-information>

The Trusted Traveler Program is suspended until further notice.

All visitors without Department of Defense ID or

Personal Identity Verification (PIV) cards are required to be vetted at Nallin Farm Gate.

This gate is open 24/7.

In observance of the Independence Day holiday all visitor centers and gates EXCEPT Nallin Farm

Gate at Fort Detrick and Brookville Gate at Forest Glen will be closed on:

**July 4 and 5, 2021**

**\*\*Vetting operations at Fort Detrick for all Holidays will occur at Nallin Gate.\*\***

**\*Nallin Farm Gate and Brookville Gate will be open 24/7.\***

## Veterans Gate Will Remain Open

Thanks to our mission partners, Veterans Gate will remain OPEN. Operating hours remain 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## US Army Garrison Fort Detrick Change of Command

July 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. @ Fort Detrick Auditorium

## 302d 100 Year Anniversary Ceremony (Virtual)

July 29 at 10 a.m. @ <https://www.facebook.com/302DSIGNALBN/>

## Fort Detrick Blood Drive (By appointment only)

Monday, July 26, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. @ Building 1520 (Auditorium)

To set up an appointment visit

[www.militarydonor.com](http://www.militarydonor.com) using Sponsor Code FTDETRICK

## Upcoming BARQUIST Clinic and Pharmacy Closure Notice

July 2: Military Training Holiday (DONSA/Reduced Hours) - Closing at 11:30 a.m.

July 5: Independence Day (Federal Holiday Observed Monday)- Closed All Day

July 16: Reduced Hours (Training) – Closing at 11:30 a.m.

## Commissary Click 2 Go Coming to Fort Detrick

Commissary CLICK2GO, the Defense Commissary Agency's new online ordering/curbside delivery service, is coming to the Fort Detrick Commissary July 13. Information on how the service works is found on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

As part of an introductory offer, the service will be free during the first 30 days of operation. Begin placing your online orders July 9.

## BARQUIST ARMY HEALTH CLINIC is now vaccinating patients in ALL PHASES who are age 18 and above.

Each Monday, new COVID vaccine appointment slots will open for Thursday/Friday bookings of that week.

VACCINATION CLINIC DAYS: Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Building 1520, 2nd Floor (DO NOT GO TO THE MAIN CLINIC)

VACCINE TYPE: Moderna (shot #2 will be scheduled for you in person at the vaccine clinic)

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING: via TRICARE-on-line (TOL) or call the appointment line (301)619-7175.

IMPORTANT: Children are not permitted at the COVID vaccine clinic, including the lobby.



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## Retirement Ceremonies

USAG Fort Detrick conducts Quarterly Retirement Ceremonies honoring retiring Service Members, and Civilian employees and their families. These ceremonies take place on the second Thursday of the second month of each quarter in the auditorium, Building 1520 at 10 a.m.

Any Military at Fort Detrick or in the local surrounding community or Civilian employees who wish to participate should contact Tom Yocklin with the Directorate of Operations by calling (301) 619-2503. The deadline for participants to be included is two weeks prior to the ceremony. Below are scheduled retirement ceremonies for the next 2 years.

August 12, 2021/ \*November 10, 2021

\* Due to a National Holiday, this ceremony is not on the second Thursday of the month.

## Mandatory DA Pre-retirement/SBP Briefing

THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL RETIRING ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS.

During the current COVID-19 environment, the briefings will be conducted via DCS.

To be added to the distribution list for the next Retirement briefing, please email Ms. Kira Fisher:

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Time: 8:30 – 10: 30 a.m.

FY21 Briefing Dates: August 3

## TRAININGS

### Local Hazards Training:

The Local Hazards Training will be conducted virtual on DCS.

Who Should Attend?: All newly assigned Fort Detrick civilian and military personnel.

Overview : Local Hazards Training meets the intent of DoDI standard 6055.04 and AR 385-10, Chapter 11, Section 7. The course fulfills requirement of the Army Traffic Safety Training Program (ATSTP) and is mandatory for all new civilian and military personnel.

This briefing orients all newcomers to the local driving hazards, laws, and regulations of the surrounding areas.

Where: On DCS Click the link below to join the meeting: <https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/9eb48wp0w5sigt9e597noiwox1440zxm>

Class Hours: 2-3:30 p.m.

Dates: 26 JUL, 31 AUG, 28 SEP, 26 OCT, 29 NOV, 21 DEC.