



Fort Detrick The Standard

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Volunteers Shine at Fort Detrick Recognition Ceremony

By Jenni Benson, USAG Public Affairs

On April 29 Fort Detrick recognized volunteers for their contributions at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held at the Fort Detrick Community Activities Center.

Thanks to 115 Fort Detrick volunteers, the Army saved over \$335,000 and volunteers donated over 13,000 hours of service last year.

Encouraging those in attendance, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick Maj. Gen. Barbara R. Holcomb said, "The beauty of volunteering is that it's ageless, and it doesn't require an entry exam or a routine physical, you just need a giving heart."

Volunteering has been the heartbeat of our Nation for decades. From planting trees, working in soup kitchens, caring for the sick, building homes and working in animal shelters, thousands of people volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of their communities.

"Today our Army and our Nation are faced with many challenges that threaten our safety, security, and peace-of-mind. Perhaps now, more than ever, we must share our skills, resources, and talents in order to shape our country for the generations to come," Holcomb continued.

Volunteers make a difference in their communities and in the lives of those they serve. According to the Mayo Clinic there are even several health benefits to volunteering. Benefits like a decreased risk of depression, having a sense of purpose and learning valuable skills. Volunteering also helps people stay physically and mentally active, reduces stress levels, and helps them meet others with similar values and develop new relationships.

Here at Fort Detrick, volunteers are the essential connection between the community and the military installation they support.

Visit <https://www.usa.gov/volunteer> to look for opportunities in your area to get involved.



Volunteers recognized for their hard work and contributions to the Fort Detrick community enjoy ice-breakers, awards, food and fun at the Fort Detrick Volunteer Recognition ceremony at the Community Activities Center April 29, 2019.

Photos by FMWR and Leticia Hopkins, USAMRMC Public Affairs

Fort Detrick Celebrates Amazing Military Kids



In support of Child Abuse Prevention month and Month of the Military Child, Fort Detrick hosts the 17th annual Amazing Military Kids Festival April 29 at the Detrick Homes Neighborhood Center. The event honors military children, educates families on the prevention, detection and reporting of child abuse and provides resources on kids health and safety. An evening of pony rides, games, information booths, food and fun was enjoyed by many.

Photos courtesy of FMWR

21st Signal Brigade 2019 Best Warrior Competition

By Sgt. Raul Pacheco, 55th Combat Camera

Seven Soldiers from the 21st Signal Brigade competed in the 2019 Best Warrior Competition held March 25 – 28 at Fort Detrick, Maryland and Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania.

Three noncommissioned officers and four junior enlisted Soldiers fought for top honors in the four-day, multi-event competition designed to put their physical and mental endurance to the test.

The Soldiers represented various units from across the 21st Signal Brigade, including Sgt. Quince Lanford and Pfc. Brendan Nunez, representing 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera), Fort Meade; Staff Sgt. Tzega Buluze, representing U.S. Army Support Activity, 302nd Signal Battalion, Fort Meade; Spc. Jose Jimenez, representing USASA, 302nd Signal Battalion, Fort Detrick; Sgt. Tyler DeSchryver, and Spc. Eric Nguyen, representing Headquar-

ters and Headquarters Detachment, 114th Signal Battalion, Fort Detrick; and Spc. Sergo Dzamashvili, representing Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 21st Signal Brigade, Fort Detrick.

All of the Soldiers had won lower-level competitions before earning a spot to compete in the 21st Signal Brigade 2019 Best Warrior Competition.

“The competition gave the Soldiers the experience and knowledge needed to become better leaders,” said the 21st Signal Brigade S-3 Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. James Middleton, who was in charge of the Best Warrior Competition. “Everybody wants to be the best and this competition gives them that opportunity,” said Middleton.

The events included the new Army Combat Fitness Test, soon to be implemented Army-wide, the current Army

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Sgt. Quince Lanford, assigned to the 55th Signal Company Combat Camera, conducts the 12-mile ruck march during the 21st Signal Brigade 2019 Best Warrior Competition March 28, at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. The competition promotes esprit de corps and recognizes noncommissioned officers and Soldiers who demonstrate commitment to the Army values, embody the warrior ethos, and represent the force of the future.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Raul Pacheco, 21st Signal Brigade Public Affairs

Physical Fitness Test, weapons qualification, land navigation, Army knowledge written test, and a 12-mile ruck march. Competitors also had to appear before a knowledge leadership evaluation board.

For one Soldier, the best but most difficult part of the competition was racing against time and enduring the terrain of the ruck march.

"The most difficult part was probably the ruck march at the end, because of all the heavy physical activities endured during the first two days," said Dzamashvili. "As well as this being my first timed ruck march I have ever done." In addition to the steep terrain, all competitors had to carry a 35-pound load and complete the 12-mile ruck march in under 4 hours.

While competing amongst themselves and in unfavorable environmental elements, every Soldiers' goal is to win the coveted title, and Jimenez was no exception. "I wanted to win because I wanted to prove to myself that I could, and I wanted to see how far I could push myself," he said. "I dedicate my performance to my second family at USASA – Detrick, and especially those who helped me train day after day for the events."

Competitors are assigned sponsors who help them prepare for the individual events. Sponsors are usually NCOs with competition experience, and who are ready to assist competitors with any issues they might encounter during the competition. Those same sponsors assist them by ad-

ministrating mock boards and fitness tests in preparation for the competition.

Lanford explained why he was eager to compete in the Best Warrior competition and the desire to overcome the inability to participate in last year's competition due to a last minute mission requirement that took him to the Republic of Korea for six months.

"My primary motivation came from the fact that I couldn't participate in 2018," said Lanford. "So I certainly made sure that I'd be ready to compete this year if everything lined up in my favor. Internal motivation also played a huge part. I'm competitive at heart and I like challenging myself in each and every way I can, and this competition allowed me to fulfill that yearn," said Lanford.

This year's winners were announced at an award ceremony at the end of the final day. Lanford and Jimenez earned top honors and were named the 21st Signal Brigade Non-commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year, respectively. They both will go on to compete in the U.S. Army 7th Signal Command (Theater) Best Warrior Competition at Fort Gordon, Georgia. If successful there, the Soldiers will continue on to compete for a chance at being named the Army NCO of the Year and the Army Soldier of the Year.

DeSchryver and Dzamashvili were named NCO and Soldier runner-ups.



U.S. Army Spc. Jose Jimenez assigned to U.S. Army Support Activity Fort Detrick, 302nd Signal Battalion, prepares his paper target for the M16 Rifle qualification as part of the 21st Signal Brigade 2019 Best Warrior Competition March 26 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. The competition promotes esprit de corps and recognizes noncommissioned officers and Soldiers who demonstrate commitment to the Army values, embody the warrior ethos, and represent the force of the future.

U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Raul Pacheco



ARMY EARTH DAY MESSAGE

April 22, 2019

SUSTAIN THE ENVIRONMENT TO SECURE THE MISSION

On April 22, the United States Army will join the Nation in celebrating Earth Day. Earth Day is an opportunity to emphasize our commitment to stewardship of the lands and environmental resources entrusted to us; the lands where our Soldiers, Families and Civilians train, live, and work. The Army's participation in Earth Day aims to inspire awareness and appreciation of the environment and how sustaining the environment secures the military mission. The success of the Army's warfighting readiness mission is inseparable from the environmental resources that are essential to accomplishing that mission.

Readiness and modernization require access to realistic natural landscapes and environmental conditions that Soldiers experience during combat. The Army sustains our environment by maintaining and enhancing natural and cultural resources, and making certain our air and water is clean and safe. In sustaining the environment, the Army secures the mission by ensuring installation lands have the capabilities to support readiness and modernization.

This Earth Day, and every day, we all have an opportunity to make a difference. By making the right choices today, our Army will remain the world's premier military force into the future. Please take the time to find out what the Army is doing for Earth Day 2019 (<https://aec.army.mil/index.php/earth-day>). I encourage you to participate in Army Earth Day events. Do your part to help sustain the environment - the mission of the Army depends on it!

Alex Beehler
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Installations, Energy & Environment)

Fire Prevention Begins with You

As grilling season kicks off with cook-outs, outdoor parties and grill masters excited to show off their skills, the Fort Detrick Fire Department would like to remind the community to stay fire safe by following a few grilling safety tips.

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- ❗ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ❗ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ❗ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ❗ Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ❗ Never leave your grill unattended.
- ❗ Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- ❗ There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- ❗ If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- ❗ Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ❗ There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- ❗ When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony at the Fort Detrick Commissary



The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick Soldiers attend a Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony held at the Fort Detrick Commissary March 29, 2019. After being signed into law two years ago, National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed March 29, which is also the same day in 1973 that the last group of troops left Vietnam.

Photos by Leticia Hopkins, USAMRMC Public Affairs

McCaffery Visits Fort Detrick



The Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center's Nathan Fisher, right, speaks to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Tom McCaffery, during his visit to Fort Detrick April 22, 2019. Fisher showed McCaffery how some of TATRC's advanced medical technologies are able to benefit Warfighters. Fisher is the Medical Robotics and Autonomous Systems project manager and works in TATRC's Medical Intelligent Systems Lab.

Photo by Leticia Hopkins, USAMRMC Public Affairs

ARMY HOUSING RESOURCES

As part of an ongoing effort to evaluate and resolve unsatisfactory conditions in our family housing, Fort Detrick Leadership wants to reemphasize the housing work order process and explain how to, if necessary, escalate your concerns.

LEVEL 1

Submit your work order by phone, online or in-person to Detrick Homes:

Fort Detrick residents:

Call the 24-Hour Emergency Maintenance Line at: (240) 379-6518.

Go to the Detrick Homes website at: <https://detrickhomes.securecafe.com>.

Glen Haven Apartments residents:

Call the 24-Hour Emergency Maintenance Line at: (301) 649-9700.

Go to the Glen Haven Apartments website at: <https://glenhavenapartments.securecafe.com>.

LEVEL 2

Speak with Detrick Housing Community Director, Kimberly Howell, Management Office, at: (240) 379-6410.

Speak with the Glen Haven Apartments Community Manager Jaime Gonzalez at: (301) 649-9700.

Contact your Chain of Command.

LEVEL 3

Call the Garrison Commander's Housing Hotline at: (301) 619-7114.

Submit your concerns to the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system:

http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=438&dep=DoD.

Contact the Fort Detrick Inspector General at: usarmy.detrick.medcom-usamrmc.other.mrmc-ig@mail.mil.

For residents who believe they're having health issues regarding mold or other environmental concerns related to housing conditions, see your health care provider.



Who to Contact To Report Home Repairs

<u>Detrick Homes Residents</u> During business hours: Call the Maintenance team at (240) 379-6410. 24-Hour Emergency Maintenance Line: Call the Maintenance team at (240) 379-6518.	<u>Glen Haven Apartments Residents</u> During business hours: Call the Maintenance team at (301) 649-9700. 24-Hour Emergency Maintenance Line: Call the Maintenance team at (301) 649-9700.
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<https://detrickhomes.securecafe.com>

Barracks Residents
Directorate of Public Works (DPW)
301-619-HELP (4357)

Your Building Manager

Your Unit Commander/ Senior Enlisted Leader

To submit concerns or issues with home repair timeliness or satisfaction of completed repair work please use the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) by visiting the ICE link found on our home page www.detrick.army.mil and click on the red box titled "Housing/Barracks Hotline. The Installation Hotline Number is (301) 619-7114



Army Medical Logistics Business Lingo is Surprisingly Sporty

By Ellen Crown, USAMMA Public Affairs

Rugby players have a head start if they're working for the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Business Support Office.

That's because the vocabulary the BSO team members use – while supporting the development of technological solutions for the Army's most complex medical logistics requirements – is originally based on the sport.

Take the word "scrum" as an example. In rugby, scrum refers to a maneuver where all the players work together to get the ball from one end of the field to the other. In the BSO, the word scrum refers to how their team works together to manage continuous change.

"The kind of people who play rugby tend to be pretty passionate and dedicated, and we're like that too," said BSO Director Todd Bishop.

This isn't a language USAMMA or the BSO invented. In fact, it is based off a framework made popular in the mid-1990s by a small group of tech developers (and rugby enthusiasts) who wanted to overcome one of the biggest pitfalls in their growing industry – the time between when a need is identified and when a solution is implemented.

Often, private sector and public organizations faced significant lag years - or even decades - between when they identified a requirement and when they could implement a final solution. It was called the "waterfall approach" because developers would wait until they had finished all phases to push forward a solution. Unfortunately, many times they would find that the solution they had worked so hard to deliver was obsolete by the time it was ready. So instead of slow-building large scale changes, the scrum process focuses on continuous delivery of updates through short projects called "sprints."

"That is the process used to support business change management within the Theater Enterprise-Wide Logistics System, known as TEWLS, which consolidates numerous military logistics functions into a single application and database," explained Bishop. "Our core principle is that business drives the development of IT. IT development does not drive the business."

TEWLS began as the "USAMMA Revolution in Logistics" and was one of the first successful SAP implementations in the Department of Defense. TEWLS has become the system of record for USAMMA, as well our Medical Materiel Centers in Korea, Qatar and

Europe.

Today, TEWLS support is just one part of the USAMMA BSO mission, and it isn't theirs alone. In fact, they work as part of an integrated team with the Joint Medical Logistics Functional Development Center and the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe BSO. Together, these three organizations make up the TEWLS Customer Center of Excellence.

"Our team has to understand our users' business processes as well as TEWLS processes, and 'marry' the two," said Bishop.

Curtis Dalton, a supply systems analyst, has been with USAMMA for more than 30 years. Proudly, he claims the title of, "Oldest Founding Member of the USAMMA BSO." Over the past three decades, he has seen dramatic changes and technology advancements throughout the agency – and he says one more is just around the corner.

In July 2019, the TEWLS Customer Center of Excellence is expecting to push live a new web-based capability for building and fielding medical sets. Historically, USAMMA's set building and fielding teams have used databases that do not communicate directly to TEWLS. That means that when they field medical equipment to a unit, there is often a delay in updating the system of record – and that update had to be done manually. The new capability will connect directly into TEWLS and allow real-time medical materiel visibility.

"The set fielding system improvement will greatly improve the accountability, accuracy, flexibility, and serviceability of sets, kits and outfits, and equipment data maintained by USAMMA for fielding units," said Deputy Chief of USAMMA's Forward Sustainment Directorate Greg Gehler. "The system improvement will electronically update the USAMMA medical equipment records of units during a fielding, reducing processing times, man hours, and data errors."

As with most system improvements, the new set building and fielding capability is designed to work best when connected to the Internet. However, anyone who has been with the Army as long as Dalton knows that austere environments and secure fielding locations may limit Internet access.

"No WiFi, no problem," Dalton said. "The teams can use the tool even when it is disconnected from the Internet. As soon as they get connectivity, the tool will then automatically populate into TEWLS."

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Additionally, the improvement provides greater information security over previous processes.

"IT security requirements are only going to increase, and this improvement allows us to keep up with our responsibilities to protect our data," Dalton said.

Training is also a key function of the BSO. As teams develop new capabilities, the TEWLS Training Team, an integral part of the USAMMA BSO, participates to identify, analyze and document potential TEWLS training changes or additions that impact the end user. This coordination is a vital link to ensuring that all on line TEWLS training modules are up to date with all changes that are implemented during the monthly sprints. This team strives daily to equip the user with an updated "playbook" of sorts, designing and developing interactive simulations, printable step-by-step lessons and job aids, and interactive online courseware.

The TEWLS Training Team delivers onsite training for all Army Reserve medical logistics companies who deploy to Southwest Asia in support of medical lo-

gistic activities in theater. Additionally, they deliver training to all active duty Army medical logistics companies as the Army medical logistics community transitions to Corps Focused Medical Logistics.

Beyond TEWLS and training, the BSO team is charged with the responsibility for cataloguing all new medical and non-standard medical National Stock Numbers. As with TEWLS, this is not a mission they complete alone. To manage the catalogue, they work closely with the Defense Logistics Agency to submit requests for new NSNs and ensure item descriptions and illustrations are correct.

One of the BSO's next big priorities will be to optimize their strategic sourcing tools to allow for real time updates on mass changes to prices or part numbers, instead of having to make changes one at a time. Bishop said, "While this may seem like a small change, it is a huge improvement for USAMMA and the Army."

"I am very proud of the BSO and the work we do," added Bishop. "I couldn't ask for a better team."



The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Business Support Office Director Todd Bishop (left) discusses a Theater Enterprise-Wide Logistics System update with supply systems analyst Curtis Dalton.

Photo by Ellen Crown, USAMMA released.

Fort Detrick Tax Center Closes Out Another Successful Tax Season



Fort Detrick U.S. Army Garrison Commander Col. Scott M. Halter (front row left) takes a group photo with volunteers from the Fort Detrick Tax Center recognizing them for their hard work at the Tax Center closing ceremony April 16, 2019. The six Soldiers and one civilian volunteer team prepared 400 federal and 416 state 2018 income tax returns between Jan. 28 and April 15, 2019 assisting the Fort Detrick community saving them nearly \$200,000 in commercial fees.

Photo by Leticia Hopkins, USAMRMC Public Affairs

National Anthem Auditions

Date: May 6
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Blue and Gray Field



Many National Anthem requests come in to the Public Affairs Office each year. We are hoping to expand our database of singers and instrumentalists to include the very best at Fort Detrick. This audition is open to the entire Fort Detrick community. Let's hear you belt it out! Come prepared to sing or play the National Anthem.

Keep in mind, your talents will be used to perform at ceremonies and events during the work day and occasional weekend events if selected.

Vocalists please be prepared to sing a 'Capella. A microphone and amplification will be provided from the Blue and Gray Field system. Auditions are open to soloists or groups. For questions call the Public Affairs Office at (301) 619-2018 or email usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil.

USAMMDA Honors Order of Military Medical Merit Inductees

By USAMMDA Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity honored its two new inductees of the Army Medical Department's Order of Military Medical Merit organization during its quarterly Town Hall meeting at the Fort Detrick Auditorium, April 18. Col. Ryan Bailey, USAMMDA commander, presented O2M3 certificates to Lt. Col. Tyra D. Fruge, USAMMDA deputy commander, and Lt. Col. Kara E. Schmid, former project manager for USAMMDA's Neurotrauma and Psychological Health Project Management Office. Schmid is currently transitioning to a new assignment as Joint Product Manager for Chemical Defense Pharmaceuticals.

The Order of Military Medical Merit is a unique, private organization founded by the Commanding General of U.S. Army Health Services Command in April 1982 to recognize excellence and to promote fellowship and esprit de corps among Army Medical Department personnel. Membership in the Order recognizes those individuals who have clearly demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character, displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence, served in the Army Medical Department (for a minimum of 10 years) with selflessness, and have made a sustained contribution to the betterment of Army Medicine.

At the beginning of her military career, Fruge's first assignment was at the 32nd Medical Logistics Battalion, where she immediately deployed in support of NATO Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo and Macedonia as the detach-

ment commander of a medical logistics detachment that served as the single integrated medical manager for the 75th Combat Support Hospital. Her past assignments include serving as the Executive Office and Department of the Army Systems coordinator within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Medical Systems Office, and serving as chief, Fort Hood Health Contracting Cell, where she provided contract support for over 415,000 beneficiaries in the Army Health System across 199 counties.

Over the past 15 years, Schmid has become a key leader in the research and development of scientific and medical materiel solutions for the Warfighter. As a research psychologist, she is recognized as a subject matter expert both in diagnostic testing of traumatic brain injury and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulatory approval process.

She began her career at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases, developing diagnostic assays to detect bio-warfare agents. Her past assignments include serving as deputy director of U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command's Combat Casualty Care Research Program, and technical product manager for Traumatic Brain Injury acquisition products at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Over the past decade, Schmid has been closely involved with the Laboratory Assay for TBI program, which recently was awarded FDA approval for the first-ever blood test used to evaluate instances of mild TBI.



The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity honored two of its officers who were recently inducted into the Army Medical Department's Order of Military Medical Merit. Col. Ryan Bailey, USAMMDA commander, presented O2M3 certificates to Lt. Col. Tyra D. Fruge (center) and Lt. Col. Kara E. Schmid during a ceremony held at the Fort Detrick Auditorium April 18, 2019.

Photo by Ashley Force, USAMMDA Public Affairs

Army to Conduct Survey Gauging Resident Satisfaction with Privatized Housing

By Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management

The Army will conduct a Residential Communities Initiative resident satisfaction survey April 23 through May 24 to gather feedback about life in privatized housing.

An online survey link will be emailed April 23 to more than 80,000 residents living in privatized family and unaccompanied housing at 49 locations. Completing the survey takes about 10 minutes. Residents have 30 days to complete the survey.

Army Family and unaccompanied housing residents can rate their satisfaction with services, property and the overall housing experience through the online survey. Feedback plays an important role in helping the Army maintain a high quality of life for Soldiers and families.

Privatized housing locations include Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Camp Parks, California; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Detrick, Maryland; Fort Drum, New York; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia; Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Greely, Alaska; Fort Hamilton, New York; U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; Fort Irwin, California; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Lee, Virginia; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; Fort Meade, Maryland; Moffett Federal Field, Camp Parks, Presidio of Monterey and Naval Postgraduate School, California; Picatinny Arsenal, Maryland; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Rucker, Alabama; Joint Base San Antonio-Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Stewart, Georgia; Joint Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Virginia; Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Walter Reed National Medical Center, Maryland; West Point, New York; White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico; and Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

Army housing officials expect to announce survey results by July. Survey results will guide the decisions the Army makes today about future housing and will effect generations of Soldiers and families.

"We are committed to improving your housing experience," said Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham, the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management. "Feedback concerning your experience is very important to us. The information residents provide annually continues to guide the Army and RCI companies in future improvements to our privatized housing facilities and services, thus providing a better quality of life for all residents and families."

The Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, the sponsor of the survey, provides program oversight and expertise for services and installation infrastructure to enable Total Army readiness.

Privatized housing residents who do not receive the survey notice email should contact their local housing offices. CEL & Associates is the company conducting the resident satisfaction survey for privatized residential communities across Army installations.

Using the Congressional Military Housing Privatization Initiatives Authorities of 1996, the Residential Communities Initiative was established as the Army's public-private venture to privatize housing on Army installations. Privatized housing comprises 98 percent of the Army's family housing inventory in the United States.

Fort Carson was the first installation to convert to privatized housing in November 1999.

USAMMDA Welcomes New Project Management Office – Deployed Medical Systems

By Ashley Force, USAMMDA Public Affairs

The U.S. Army remains strong and unwavering because its principals have never changed. Even through its latest restructuring plan, the stand-up of the Army Futures Command and Army Medical Logistics Command, Soldier readiness and safety continue to be top priorities. To better support Army priorities, all research, development, and acquisition efforts are being consolidated in preparation for the move to Army Futures Command.

Prior to March 2019, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command's acquisition mission was shared by two of its subcommands – the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity and the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency. As part of the recent transition, the acquisition and program management teams at USAMMA were moved to USAMMDA.

By the end of February, three PMOs within USAMMA were combined and realigned to USAMMDA as the new Project Management Office for Deployed Medical Systems. PMO DMS will consist of two Product Management Offices: the Product Management Office for Medical Device Assemblage Management and the Product Management Office for Medical Modernization. These changes were made to improve delivery of medical equipment and to more closely align to the structure of other Army PMOs.

"I understand that we are bringing on an excellent group of professionals that are great at their craft," said Col. Ryan Bailey, USAMMDA commander. "It's going to be a great environment here at USAMMDA. We promote teamwork and collaborations, so we really want to make them feel welcome and part of the team."

Nearly one year ago, USAMMDA completed the restructuring and realignment of several USAMMA and USAMMDA PMOs, making product development more efficient. Bailey said the last transition went very well, but this time USAMMDA leadership took the lessons learned and created a working group to plan the move effectively.

"We were very methodical about making sure the changes happened smoothly and effectively, while making sure that the incoming personnel had everything they needed to feel welcome here at USAMMDA," said Bailey.

The purpose of the initial realignment was to clarify mission space, and to streamline funding and personnel. The benefit of the latest transition is not only to support Army priorities, but to allow the affected commands to focus on their specializations.

"I think the biggest benefit of the consolidation will be that we'll be sitting right next to our development partners," said Dr. Tyler Bennett, deputy for acquisition for USAMMDA. "Anything that is coming through the development process can seamlessly move into production, procurement, and fielding to get things to the Warfighter quicker."

Of the teams that recently transitioned to USAMMDA, the MDAM team works on the day-to-day activities of existing fielded equipment. They coordinate moving it, transferring it between units, procuring, and the fielding to Army units at the right time at the right place. MDAM's management of medical products supports patient care, and ensures that the Warfighter has the necessary equipment to meet their missions.

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The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity welcomes team members who were recently transitioned from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency with a luncheon and teambuilding exercise led by USAMMDA commander Army Col. Ryan Bailey.

Photo taken and modified by Carey Phillips, USAMMDA Public Affairs

The MOD team's mission focuses on replacing and modernizing fielded equipment and systems. Bennett said, "for the 206 different types of equipment that we field, about 30 of them are obsolete, need a new contract, and need to be replaced."

The Role of Care 3 team also falls under MOD. This group is modernizing the Combat Support Hospital to the new field hospital of the future.

In 2018, the ROC-3 team was chartered by USAMRMC to synchronize and manage the cost, schedule, and performance for Class VIII and certain Class VII products, equipping conversion from the Combat Support Hospital to the Hospital Center configuration, and changing the Forward Surgical Team to the Forward Resuscitation and Surgical Team configuration.

In today's changing Department of Defense and Army, USAMMDA remains committed to executing its mission to develop and deliver quality medical capabilities to protect, treat and sustain the health of our Service Members. The team is committed to the medical readiness of U.S. Warfighters and promoting lethality — which will help enable our Nation's Soldiers to win wars and come home safe.

Previous realignment: https://www.usammda.army.mil/index.cfm/public_affairs/articles/2018/forging_ahead_in_medical_product_development

Local Scouts Join Soldiers During Retreat



Soldiers from Fort Detrick work with Scouts from Troop 217 out of Middletown, Maryland during Retreat April 23, 2019 showing them the proper way to lower, fold and pay respect to our Nation's Colors.

Photos by Tom Yocklin, USAG Directorate of Operations



Cardin Visits Fort Detrick



Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), speaks with Capt. Sarah Sanjakdar, assistant product manager, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity, during his visit to the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command on April 29, 2019 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. After a command briefing by USAMRMC leadership, Cardin learned more about the extensive competencies of the command through the demonstration of various science and technology efforts and advanced development products.

Photo by Carey Phillips, USAMMDA Public Affairs

Solar Sprint Competition Encourages Innovation



Fort Detrick Soldiers and students from West Frederick Middle School participate in the Junior Solar Sprint competition on post April 26, 2019. This was Fort Detrick's first time hosting the event. Students were challenged to build solar cars using kits provided by the Army Education Outreach Program. Daniel Orellana, who was mentored by the 6th Medical Logistics Management Center's Staff Sgt. Aloimer Urdanivia during the competition, won the competition and will move on to the next phase competition in Washington, D.C., in June.

Photos by Leticia Hopkins, USAMRMC Public Affairs

**Pre-register by May 10 for
Free T-shirt* and Bike Raffles!**
**FREE FOOD, BEVERAGES and
GIVEAWAYS at all locations.**

Team Detrick will meet in the AAFES
Express parking lot at 6:15 a.m.
Enter Fort Detrick as your employer. For
those located at Fort Detrick's main post
select "Frederick, MD" as your pit stop.
For those at Forest Glen select "Discovery
Place" as your pit stop.
Call Patrick McKinney at (301) 619-3154
for more information.



BIKE TO WORK DAY 2019 FRIDAY MAY 17

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Visit biketoworkmetrodc.org for pit stop locations & times.
*T-Shirts available at pit stops to first 20,000 who register.
Over 100 pit stops throughout D.C., Maryland, and Virginia!



Drinking Water Quality Report

Fort Detrick's 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report is available for community review. The report summarizes water quality information collected by water suppliers to comply with drinking water regulations. In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act, which added a provision requiring all community water systems to deliver to their customers a brief annual water quality report.

You can find the 2018 Fort Detrick Drinking Water Quality Report at the following locations:

- The Environmental Management Division, 201 Beasley Drive, Suite 204A.
- Electronic copies provided to the family housing units.
- Hard and electronic copies provided to Garrison organizations and mission partners.

For more information, call Mark Lewis, Fort Detrick Environmental Management Division, at (301) 619-3136.



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All U.S. Army personnel are required by regulation to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when riding as the operator or a passenger on a motorcycle. This applies to all Soldiers and Army civilians in a duty status, on or off a DOD installation, and all persons at any time on an Army installation.



BE SEEN AND PROTECTED

Clothing designed for riding a motorcycle generally offers both protection and visibility. If black is chosen, a conspicuous enhancement should be worn. Reflective quality and location on the rider is more important than the amount of reflective material.

Local requirements may differ slightly.
Riders should check with their installation safety office for details.

*NHTSA Traffic Safety Facts DOT HS 810 887W

Helmets

Must meet DOT standards and be properly fastened under the chin. Full face helmets offer the best protection. NHTSA estimates that helmets reduce the likelihood of a crash fatality by 37% and brain injury by 67%.*

Eye protection

A windshield alone is not proper eye protection. Impact or shatter resistant face shield, goggles, or wraparound glasses that meet ANSI Standard Z87.1 are required. Tinted lenses may be worn during the day, but clear lenses should be used at night.

Clothing

Dress for the SLIDE not the ride! Garments made from leather or abrasion resistant fabric provide a high level of protection. AR 385-10 requires the use of full fingered gloves or mittens designed for riding a motorcycle.

Sturdy footwear

Sturdy footwear, leather boots or over the ankle shoes must be worn. Motorcycle footwear with low heels and oil resistant soles provide a good grip on the pavement.



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SHARP Team Hosts Events During Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

By Leticia Hopkins, USAMRMC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and the Fort Detrick Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Office observed Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month by hosting multiple out-of-the-classroom educational opportunities on Fort Detrick during the month of April.

The SHARP Office held informational booths at the Commissary and Post Exchange Monday through Thursday on alternating days for two weeks in April. It also hosted its SHARP challenge April 16 and a walk/run April 25 where SHARP staff also provided SAAP information to participants.

Mark Minter, SHARP program manager, said that the objective was “to bring awareness to the issue of sexual assault and harassment in our military.”

Minter added that in addition to increasing awareness they wanted learning to be fun. For example, the SHARP challenge allowed participants to get SAAP information outside of the classroom while incorporating some physical fitness in an environment that welcomed camaraderie.

Six teams of six vied for first place in the SHARP Challenge. The teams competed in six games: bullseye, corn hole toss, nuts and bolt, “SHARP Shooter,” soccer goal and beer-goggle relay. The competing teams represented the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment USAMRMC, 302nd Signal Brigade, 6th Medical Logistics Management Center, 53rd Signal Company A, Navy Medical Logistics Command and U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, which had two teams.

With a winning team completion time of 15 minutes and 55 seconds, the HHD USAMRMC and 302nd Signal Brigade team took

home first place along with the SHARP trophy and champion belt.

The HHD USAMRMC and 302nd SIG BN team members included:

Spc. David Aidoo, HHD
Staff Sgt. Dion Bratcher, HHD
Maj. Karmon Dyches, HHD
Spc. Jose Jimenez, 302nd SIG BN
Spc. Kyle Johnson, 302nd SIG BN
Sgt. Michael Rutland, 302nd SIG BN

For several participants, Minter accomplished his goal, which was for participants to leave more aware and have fun while they completed the training. And for some, not only did the event increase their SAAP knowledge, it also increased their interest in finding other events on post to participate in.

Jimenez, who was recruited by Johnson, said being able to meet and interact with the SHARP team, building esprit de corps with others Soldiers and breaking up the monotony of classroom training were all positives of participating in the SHARP Challenge.

Johnson agreed with Jimenez and added that the challenge also helped him to learn new information and strengthen his current SHARP knowledge.

Both Jimenez and Johnson said that after being stumped by a question pertaining to reporting channels for civilians versus military members during the challenge, they now know the difference. They also agreed that they are looking forward to competing next year to defend their title and encourage people to come out next year because it’s “definitely fun.”



The 6th Medical Logistics and Management Center's Capt. Michael Baisa, left, and Pfc. Byron Pascua, right compete in the beer goggle relay during the SHARP Challenge at Fort Detrick, Maryland April 16, 2019. In addition to the SHARP Challenge, the SHARP Office also held informational booths at the Commissary and Post Exchange Monday through Thursday on alternating days for two weeks in April and a walk/run April 25, 2019 in order to increase Soldiers SAAP knowledge.

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The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and 302nd Signal Brigade team poses with the SHARP trophy and champion belt for a photo after winning the SHARP Challenge at Fort Detrick, Maryland, April 16, 2019. In addition to the SHARP Challenge, the SHARP Office also held informational booths at the Commissary and Post Exchange Monday through Thursday on alternating days for two weeks in April and a walk/run April 25 in order to increase Soldiers SAAP knowledge.

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In and Around Fort Detrick

USAG Fort Detrick on Social Media

You can follow USAG Fort Detrick on social media for daily updates and information. On Facebook go to: www.facebook.com/DetrickUSAG and "Like" us or follow us on Twitter: @DetrickUSAG.

As a reminder, all social media sites must be registered with Army. For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office.

The Fort Detrick Weeklies can now be found on the Fort Detrick homepage <https://home.army.mil/detrick/> under "Weeklies" and "Announcements." For a complete list of upcoming FMWR events, visit the Fort Detrick FMWR website: <http://detrick.armymwr.com/us/detrick/>.

ACE Civilian Suicide Prevention Training (registration not required)

July 17, 10-11 a.m.

Building 1520 – Classroom 6

For those who believe attending suicide prevention training will be offensive or emotionally stressful, they are encouraged to contact their supervisor to discuss an alternative to the training (AR 600-63) and contact 301-619-2120 with any questions.

Upcoming 2019 Personal Readiness Trainings

IAW AR350-1 meets the one hour Personal Readiness Requirement, formally ASAP and ACE Suicide Prevention. POC is the Army Substance Abuse Program (301) 619-1751.

June 12/July 11/August 21/September 10
1520 Building, Classroom 6
10-11 a.m.

Space may be limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spring Research Festival

May 1-2, 2019, various locations

To learn more about the Spring Research Festival, please visit:

<https://springresearchfestival.amedd.army.mil/Events>

Fort Detrick Commissary Spring Sidewalk Sale

May 9-11

Doors open Thursday at 10 a.m.

While supplies last.

The sidewalk sale will feature money saving bulk items.

Quarterly Retirement Ceremony

May 9

10 a.m.

Fort Detrick Auditorium, Building 1520

Fort Detrick will host its quarterly Retirement Ceremony. Those retiring and interested in participating should contact the USAG Directorate of Operations by emailing them directly at usar-my.detrick.usag.mbx.dptms-operations@mail.mil

Fort Detrick Newcomers Orientation

May 15

Building 1529 the CAC.

Sign in begins at 8:45 a.m., session begins at 9 a.m.

Come meet Fort Detrick Leadership, take a tour of Fort Detrick and the Frederick Community. Visit information tables and download important contact information. To register or for more information, call 301-619-6364.

Bike to Work Day 2019 – May 17

Fort Detrick is partnering with the City of Frederick and other local Frederick businesses in support of this annual event, which encourages us to do something healthy for our bodies and smart for our environment.

Participants may register on the Washington, DC "Bike to Work Day 2019" website at: <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org>. Team Fort Detrick (Main Post) participants are encouraged to enter "Fort Detrick" as their employer and select "Frederick, MD"

as your pit stop. For those at Forest Glen select "Discovery Place" as your pit stop. Team Fort Detrick (Main Post) will meet in the Fort Detrick AAFES Express parking lot, located at the intersection of Porter Street and Veterans Drive with bikes ready to ride at 6:15 a.m.

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May 22 at 11 a.m.

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302d Signal Battalion Memorial Day Ride

ROLLING THUNDER XXXII

Rolling Thunder's FINAL running after 32 years.

Sunday, May 26 at 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

KSU (Kick Stands UP) from PX parking lot

For more information contact Tom

Downey (301) 619-8282 or thomas.a.downey2.civ@mail.mil

Take Your Child to Work Day at NCI Frederick

Take Your Child to Work Day at NCI Frederick is Wednesday, June 26. They are hoping to get Army participation this year by units hosting either a hub activity or sponsoring a 45 minute interactive activity. Registration is open until May 6. Anyone interested please visit: <https://ncifrederick.cancer.gov/Events/ChildrensDay/Register/Default.aspx>.

