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## Koenig assumes command of WRAIR



*Brig. Gen. Anthony McQueen, commanding general, U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick, Maryland, and Col. Chad Koenig, incoming commander Walter Reed Army Institute of Research render salutes during an assumption of command ceremony, August 31, 2021, Silver Spring, Maryland. Photo By Mike Walters*

**By Gabriela Okhuysen, WRAIR**

Col. Chad Koenig assumed responsibility as the 48th commander of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research during an assumption of command ceremony here at the Sen. Daniel Inouye Building Aug. 31.

Koenig replaces Brig. Gen. Clint Murray who relinquished responsibility of WRAIR July 8 after his nomination to brigadier general was approved by the United States Senate June 24. Murray has since assumed command of Brooke Army Medical Center August 2.

The ceremony was presided by Brig. Gen. Anthony McQueen, Commanding General of the United States Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick, who recognized WRAIR's long history of enhancing medical readiness for United States forces and saving millions of lives

around the world.

"As you can gather, WRAIR requires a commander with lots of energy and experience – and I can't think of anyone better to assume this role than Col. Chad Koenig," McQueen said.

McQueen also highlighted Koenig's qualifications from his previous assignment as the Deputy Commander for Patient Services for Brooke Army Medical Center, which is "one of the most complex medical treatment facilities in the Military Health System, and its missions provide a substantial degree of battlefield-oriented readiness."

McQueen also praised Koenig's involvement in the COVID-19 response during his time at BAMC, as the unit he assumes command of has been critical in supporting the nation's response to the pandemic.

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"Under his command, the team at Fort Jackson proactively developed and implemented a medical response to the pandemic which ensured that the Army's largest training base did not need to pause recruit training," McQueen said.

In his opening remarks, McQueen commended Koenig for his enthusiasm, patience, precision and sense of care, which are all traits that will "serve him well as he takes command of WRAIR."

Assumption of command ceremonies are a military tradition that represent a transfer of authority and responsibilities to a new commanding officer when the previous commander has already relinquished command. These ceremonies also recognize the history, lineage and accomplishments of a unit and its commanders, which are represented in the colors of the unit's flag.

McQueen handed the WRAIR colors to Koenig, symbolizing a continuation of trust and ensuring the unit always has official leadership.

In his remarks, Koenig thanked everyone for attending despite the ongoing pandemic and high operational tempo.

"Of course it is environments just like the one we are living through that make organizations like WRAIR so essential," Koenig said.

Koenig also thanked his family and friends for their ongoing support, especially his parents who drove from Wisconsin to attend the ceremony in person.

"While I am sure they are convinced I brought them to town to help unpack, their attendance today brings me great joy and gives me a chance to tell them how much I appreciate everything they have done and all they sacrificed for myself and my siblings," Koenig said. "In the end, I hope I can make them half as proud of me as I am of them."

Koenig stressed the importance of the values the Army teaches to those who serve, and how these core values encouraged him to join.

"It is the integrity, loyalty, honor, self-sacrifice and belief that we are part of a much larger society and we are obligated to do our part to make it better," Koenig said. "Given that context, it should be no surprise I made the Army my career; as those are the very same values that my family instilled in me."

Koenig is now responsible for a distinguished medical research center that has served America's military for more than 128 years, leading efforts in military and public health research such as studying insect-borne diseases, behavioral health, ongoing COVID-19 clinical trials and other threats to medical readiness of Soldiers.

"Through research to counter infectious diseases and enable brain health, WRAIR does more to protect Service Members than any weapons system or protective armor ever could," Koenig said. "WRAIR truly does work to protect, preserve and enhance our Nation's top asset: U.S. Service Members."

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# ***JPM CBRN Medical Provides Relief and Recovery in the Age of a Global Pandemic***

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***By: Kathryn Williams, JPM CBRN Medical Strategic Communications***

What do global pandemic relief efforts, the U.S. Army, and a local Maryland economy have in common?

The answer is fearless innovation, the right people, in the right place, at the right time, and an Australian-based biotech and diagnostic solutions company named Ellume.

## ***The Art of Pandemic Possible***

The swift emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic set the mitigation stakes acutely high, demanding international collaboration like never before to successfully face global pandemic relief challenges. In times of crisis, fearless innovation and having “the right people, in the right place, at the right time” can make all the difference. As the pandemic became a dreadful reality, the expert team at the Joint Project Manager for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Medical pivoted to launch immediate and decisive pandemic relief action on behalf of the warfighter and the Nation.

The JPM CBRN Medical, a component of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense, is the Department of Defense’s premier program management office for the development and acquisition of safe, effective, and innovative medical solutions to combat chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats to service members. Its vision is to provide a full-layered medical countermeasure capability to enable a protected and unencumbered Joint Force to fight and win in any global CBRN battlespace.

The JPM CBRN Medical team spearheaded urgent efforts to protect and defend against the spread of COVID-19 through the organization’s ability to recognize CBRN threats and to adapt quickly to mitigate those threats.

As developing needs were identified during the escalating COVID crisis, the former White House Coronavirus Task Force and current COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, DOD, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and JPM CBRN Medical recognized a critical need for greater testing efforts. A shift from laboratory testing to point-of-care and at-home testing became a priority, as making access to testing easier would reduce the potential for exposure of individuals receiving testing from a clinic, doctor’s office, or laboratory.

In response to this emerging U.S. government priority, Ellume, an Australian-based biotech and diagnostic solutions company that manufactures at-home COVID-19 tests, competed for funds for this initiative.

In August 2020, Ellume received a \$30 million grant from the National Institutes of Health’s Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics initiative to support a U.S. Food and Drug Administration Emergency Use Authorization, scale production, and manufacture tests after previously receiving \$900K from RADx in May 2020 for test development and data collection to support their application. By December 2020, Ellume was the manufacturer of the first over-the-counter rapid COVID-19 self-test to receive EUA from the FDA. During this period, the DOD and HHS, including RADx, maintained constant coordination and alignment of efforts through intra-government relationships and synchronization.

The HHS’ Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health determined there was a need to promote the progression of the nation’s COVID-19 priorities with at-home testing, which led to engaging industry to find solutions. At the request of the OASH, the Joint Rapid

Acquisition Cell Defense Assisted Acquisition Screening & Diagnostics team and Army Contracting Command-Joint COVID-19 Response Division managed the effort in support of the White House initiative to invest in, expand domestic production of, and to procure Ellume’s at-home COVID-19 tests.

The JPM CBRN Medical recognized the urgency in accelerated production and delivery of the kits, and utilized DOD’s acquisition process to enter into an agreement with Ellume for the development of rapid, large scale domestic manufacturing capabilities of its at-home COVID-19 tests. White House Senior Advisor for the Pandemic Response, Andy Slavett, announced the \$230 million agreement during the third White House COVID-19 Response briefing on February 1, 2021.

## ***An Unexpected Silver Lining***

In the wake of the pandemic, many local economies were crippled by shuttering businesses and record high unemployment. One community, however, is celebrating the announcement of a new manufacturing facility and the promise of employment opportunities for local workers.



***Photo courtesy of Ellume***

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Ellume announced in early May that it is establishing its U.S. manufacturing facility in Frederick County, Maryland; a move that Ellume projects will provide approximately 1,500 new jobs by 2022. The JPM CBRN Medical was not involved with Ellume's decision to establish its flagship facility in Frederick, Maryland, but was thrilled that the initiative would lead to a manufacturing base just a few miles down the road. If there's a proverbial silver lining to a global pandemic, it's the happy concurrence of stopping the



*Ellume manufacturing facility, Frederick County, MD  
Photo courtesy of Ellume*

spread of COVID-19 while boosting job creation and the Nation's economy. Col. Ryan Eckmeier, Joint Project Manager for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Medical, said: "We are proud to support the warfighter and the Nation through our efforts to combat this pandemic. The fact that an industry partner decided independently to open a manufacturing facility in the community where we serve is an unexpected bonus that will have a significant impact on the local economy. Our team does great work and it's encouraging to see this expanded testing capability become a reality - it is a win we're happy to be a part of."

"Our team at Fort Detrick is doing great things for the Nation, and now the expansion of these efforts will happen in our own backyard", echoes Lt. Col. John Nuckols, a Joint Product Manager for the JPM CBRN Medical as well as Screening and Diagnostics Product Lead for the Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell within the Office of the Secretary of Defense's COVID-19 Task Force.

### ***The Path Forward***

The JPM CBRN Medical team, is dedicated to mission, warfighter, and Nation. Their work has been instrumental in bringing novel testing capability to the U.S., delivering critical at-home technology necessary to combat the global COVID-19 pandemic. In spearheading the mission of supporting the warfighter, the team indirectly boosted the local economy and remain ready for the next threat, whether intentional or naturally-occurring.

"We are committed to protecting our warfighters against all threats", said Col. Eckmeier. "We cannot succeed without partnering with industry, academia, the interagency, and other DOD partners. No one can do this alone. The combined dedication of the JPM CBRN Medical team and our partners helps to mitigate threats to our warfighters and our national security."

If the pandemic has a silver lining, surely it is the result of Army ingenuity, industry innovation, and the hardworking people in a local community coming together for a stronger, healthier, more prosperous Nation.

An advertisement for the Digital Garrison (DG) app. On the left, a smartphone displays the app's home screen with a 'DG' logo at the top and a grid of icons for Services, Mailbox, Details, Military Status, Events, Installation, Recreation, Dining, and Near Time Messages. To the right of the phone, the text reads: 'CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY Get your installation services and post information on the NEW Digital Garrison app on your smartphone or tablet.' At the bottom right, it says 'DIGITAL GARRISON POWERED BY' followed by logos for Exchange and MWR. Below the phone are 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google play' buttons. At the bottom right is a 'MAKE THE CONNECTION' button with a play icon.

## Twana Burrow recognized for 25-years of service



***Fort Detrick U.S. Army Garrison Commander, Col. Danford Bryant II (left) and USAG Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Gusman (right) present a 25-years of service certificate and a silver lapel pin to Twana Burrow (center) recognizing and thanking her for her 25-years of government service. Thank you Ms. Burrows for your dedication to Fort Detrick and the Nation.***

***Photo by Erickson Barnes, USAG Public Affairs***

## Fort Detrick Conducts Emergency Preparedness Exercise



***First responders from Fort Detrick and Montgomery County conduct a table top exercise at Forest Glen Annex on Aug. 23, 2021. The downed aircraft and mass casualty scenario enables participants to identify any gaps in order to improve as well as recognize current processes to sustain.***

***Exercises such as this are critical in the preparation and response to any incident.***

***Photo by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs***

# Honoring Gold Star Mothers and Families

By Brittany Nelson, U.S. Army Installation Management Command

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO- FORT SAM HOUSTON (Sept. 22, 2021)-On Sept. 26, 2021, the nation observes the 58th Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day where America honors surviving mothers and families of fallen Service Members.

A Gold Star family member is someone whose loved one passed away while serving the nation. On June 23, 1936, the 74th United States Congress designated the last Sunday of September as Gold Star Mother's Day. The day has since been updated to Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day.

The Army is dedicated to paying tribute to fallen service members in recognition of the loved ones they left behind.

"We honor Gold Star mothers and families for the sacrifices they made to protect the freedom and liberty we hold so dear," said Lt. Gen. Douglas Gabram, Commanding General of Installation Management Command. "We understand that freedom isn't free."

The Army offers the Survivors Outreach Services program to Gold Star family members. SOS provides help, programs, and a community to help those who have lost their Service Member.

The Army is committed to providing quality care, support and services to surviving family members with SOS programs at garrisons across the world.

Many SOS groups participate in various community outreach projects. Survivors often give back to the Army in a tradition of selfless service, with friendships, loving care for hospitalized veterans and comfort to other survivors.

Gold Star mothers and families are the resilient legacies of their Service Member's sacrifice.

For more information on the Gold Star community, visit: <https://www.army.mil/goldstar/>



Mary and David Todd honor their late son with mementos in their home. Their son, Sgt. 1st Class David Todd Jr., passed away while serving in Afghanistan in 2008.

Photo by Brittany Nelson, IMCOM Public Affairs



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## Scrapbooking Event Held to Honor Gold Star Family Members

Family members of fallen hero Sgt. William Jeffrey Scott attend a Gold Star scrapbooking event hosted by Army Community Services at Fort Detrick Sept. 27, 2021. These annual events are important and allow families and others from the Fort Detrick community to gather in solidarity to show support and to assure those families who lost loved ones that they will not be forgotten.

“Our fallen warriors have paid the ultimate sacrifice and we have a commitment to the families of the fallen to not let that sacrifice go without recognition,” said Liz Dague, relocation readiness program manager.

For more information on the Gold Star program and Survivor Outreach Services at Fort Detrick, contact the program manager at (301) 619-6364, or visit: [Army Community Service \(ACS\) \(armymwr.com\)](https://armymwr.com) and [www.army.mil/goldstar/](https://www.army.mil/goldstar/).

Pictured from left to right: Alex Scott, Charity Scott, Ace Scott.

Photo by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs



## Quarterly resident town halls held at Fort Detrick

*By Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs*

Fort Detrick held quarterly resident town halls in September. Housing is a key area that has become a priority throughout the Army and here at Fort Detrick that is no different. U.S. Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick Senior Commander of Fort Detrick, Brig. Gen. Anthony McQueen, Fort Detrick Garrison Commander, Col. Danford Bryant II and representatives across the garrison and Balfour Beatty Communities met with residents to provide installation updates and listen to their concerns.

At Fort Detrick the majority of comments circled around the potential closing of Old Farm Gate and the impacts to residents and the community. After hearing resident concerns and working with mission partners to find a solution to keep the gate open, leadership announced that Old Farm Gate will continue to operate at current hours.

At Forest Glen the issue at large remained focused on the lack of maintenance personnel and the lack of communication between BBC and residents. BBC is actively hiring for positions and acknowledges that communication with residents can improve.



**USAMRDC and Fort Detrick Commander, Brig. Gen. Anthony McQueen, Garrison Commander, Col. Danford Bryant II and representatives from across the garrison and Balfour Beatty Communities met with residents in September to provide installation updates and listen to their concerns.**

*Photo by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs*

# 9/11 – Twenty Years Later

*By Jenni Benson, USAG Public Affairs*

“It’s hard to believe twenty years have come and gone since the attacks of 9/11.”

“I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing that morning.”

“My spouse was supposed to be at the Pentagon that day.”

“Inspiring patriotism was seen in the days and months after the attacks of 9/11.”

Those phrases were just snippets of conversations heard before the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony began on September 10, 2021, at the Baker Park Bandshell in Frederick, MD, as several gathered to honor the heroism and the sacrifice of those lost on September 11, 2001.

In a joint ceremony, Frederick County, the City of Frederick, and Fort Detrick came together to honor first responders, police officers, firefighters, Service Members, and their families who paid the ultimate price in service to the Nation.

U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Tony McQueen spoke about that day and its impact on him as a Soldier and a father.

“The attacks reinvigorated my commitment to protect my country, to make our homeland secure for my daughter and her generation. After 9/11, we knew we were going to deploy; it was only a matter of where -- and when. Our training was now being put into action. Life as we knew it was never going to be the same -- but one thing that didn’t change was our commitment to securing our homeland and our freedom.”

Other dignitaries and local leaders echoed similar sentiments and issued challenges for all people to come together as a Nation, never forgetting our strength and resolve when we work together as neighbors, friends, and Americans.



*U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Tony McQueen speaks at the 9/11 joint remembrance ceremony at the Baker Park Bandshell in Frederick, MD, Sept. 10, 2021. Photo by Gloriann Schaefer, USAMRDC Public Affairs*



*Fort Detrick, together with Frederick County and the City of Frederick, host a joint 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Baker Park Bandshell in Frederick, MD, Sept. 10, 2021. Pictured above, the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services and the Fort Detrick Fire and Emergency Services division raise the American Flag. Photo by Jenni Benson, USAG Public Affairs*



# USAMRDC Stakes Key Role in Suicide Prevention, Awareness Efforts

BY: Ramin A. Khalili, USAMRDC Public Affairs

In a military where personal health is seen as a key pathway to both individual and organizational success, the topic of suicide prevention continues to receive an increasing amount of attention from U.S. Department of Defense leadership. With the month of September serving as National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command's Military Operational Medicine Research Program continues their substantial efforts in identifying and developing the types of research required to improve health and well-being at the Service Member level and beyond.

"There is a clear emphasis on this in the DOD," says MOMRP Director Cmdr. Christopher Steele. "And so having a consistent message that we do want additional assistance towards how we approach the problem is important."

Indeed, the MOMRP team serves as the collective touchpoint within the command for myriad suicide prevention and awareness issues; the program most recently tasked with developing the DOD Suicide Prevention Research Strategy document – billed as a tool for identifying funding and investment strategies specific to the study of military suicide – in September 2020. With the launch of a coordinated funding effort this past February designed to identify and prevent high-risk behaviors (including suicide) before they manifest in a more aggressive capacity, MOMRP supports tackling the difficult issue from a public health perspective with a focus on research supporting evidence-based and multi-pronged – or, in internal parlance, "bundled" – approaches.

"Focusing on prevention research from the aspect of 'lethal means safety' is currently a high priority for prevention research," says Dr. Sarah Maggio, Deputy Manager for MOMRP's Psychological Health and Resilience Portfolio. For the sake of perspective, 'lethal means safety' includes such concepts as counseling,

safe storage training, and the providing of different options for the safe storage of firearms (i.e. gun locks, the act of storing firearms and ammunition separately, temporary storage locations), as well as lethal means restriction approaches for non-firearm means.

While such safety measures are part of a larger focus area, a multifaceted multi-level upstream approach is necessary. While the intent is to always provide help and support at the Service Member level in a proactive manner, the MOMRP team has received several responses from prospective research partners eager to also engage the immediate people and communities surrounding a given Service Member in order to help buttress key messages.

"It's not just the individual, we want to recruit their family and their social networks and leadership and their unit and the military community as a whole," says Maggio. "We want to recruit that support system as part of a comprehensive, multi-level approach to addressing suicide precipitant factors."

After years of study of the issue – that is, both of suicide as an act and the various external factors surrounding it – have provided benefit in that, according to Steele, more and more researchers and scientists have entered the DOD workforce who both understand the issue and who are intent on dedicating substantial resources to delivering relief. The end result is the construction of newer academic frameworks that expressly address the DOD's concerns and desires to improve outcomes.

"There's two aspects of that kind of effort," says Steele. "One is increased visibility and awareness of research and development opportunities, and the other piece is to build the visibility for actually translating those bright ideas into the actual

workforce."

In other words, there is still ground to be gained when it comes to successfully delivering the message to individual Service Members. In this capacity, MOMRP not only relies on its aforementioned "cross-cutting" funding initiative, but also on key partnerships with DOD and Service prevention stakeholders, as well as groups like the Military Suicide Research Consortium, the latter a research program dedicated to expanding the knowledge base on topics such as risk assessment, treatment, and prevention as they pertain to suicidal behavior within the military. The goal is to boost saturation of those key messages.

Such efforts are indeed positive contributions in the effort to reach a singular goal, yet they still remain just the initial steps in a lengthy journey. It is the enduring hope of the MOMRP team – and certainly the larger DOD – that continued headway in this research area will lead to tangible and real-world results.

"Prevention is hard to measure directly, because it is very difficult to measure something that doesn't happen," says Maggio in summation. "But within the research settings, we do see significant results from these various [cross-cutting] approaches and that's promising; and we hope that translates into larger implementation of prevention programming."



U.S. Army Soldiers attending the Basic Leadership Course participate in a suicide prevention course in Grafenwoehr, Germany, July 17, 2020. Photo Credit: Spc. Zachary Stahlberg

# Army medical maintenance teams pilot 'telemaintenance' to expand support

*By C.J. Lovelace/AMLC Public Affairs*

FORT DETRICK, Md. — When Chief Warrant Officer 2 Fernando Diaz's unit had a medical maintenance problem, he knew just who to call.

Experts at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Medical Maintenance Operations Divisions, or MMODs, have been piloting a new "telemaintenance" program, where depot-level maintainers connect with field-level Soldiers through virtual channels to assist in troubleshooting issues and training to maintain complex medical devices.

The telemaintenance pilot program will test systems currently available to communicate using video teleconferencing systems, like Microsoft A365 and Department of Defense Global Video Services.

"Now, we have that depot-level support right there at our desk, at our workbench," said Diaz, with the 51<sup>st</sup> Medical Logistics Company based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The 51<sup>st</sup> MLC provides medical maintenance support to all U.S. Forces Command units stationed at Fort Bragg. The unit has 21 medical maintainers, ranging from entry-level to experienced Soldiers.

The new line of support from USAMMA, a direct reporting unit of Army Medical Logistics Command, is an invaluable new tool for the unit, especially with new technologies and medical devices being fielded to the force, Diaz said.

"We no longer have to guess or wonder if what I'm doing is right. I'm hearing it straight from the technicians at USAMMA," he said. "They're providing me with their knowledge and their experience, and I can get this all the way to the front lines."

The telemaintenance program aims to boost readiness and ensure the medical needs of the warfighter can always be met, even in austere environments.

Through USAMMA's three MMODs, subject-matter experts can help diagnose problems with devices and facilitate repair efforts, sometimes eliminating the time-consuming need to ship malfunctioning devices back to the depot for repairs.

"This is going to be a very valuable asset," said Jorge Magana, director of USAMMA's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate (M3D), which oversees the MMODs. "It's a very value-added process that is going to benefit the warfighter."

The concept was realized last year during the COVID-19 pandemic response effort when members of USAMMA's Forward Repair Activity-Medical (FRA-M) team were unable to deploy and assist in troubleshooting issues with devices at a field hospital set up in New York.

Although still in the early stages of development, the telemaintenance program will offer another line of support for Soldiers when a traditional deployment by the FRA-M team is impractical or impossible. Additionally, a telemaintenance consultation could reduce the need to transport equipment back to the MMODs for service, saving time and increasing readiness.

The M3D team has been building up the program since April, taking its first initial pilot test work orders this past June. Magana said the goal is to pair virtual communication channels with artificial intelligence and image recognition technology to help depot technicians "see" what a unit maintainer sees and quickly communicate next steps to remedy the problem.

Once approved by the Army and fully funded, the program will become operational and available to the force at large.

Isaac Newman, chief of USAMMA's MMOD-Tracy in California, which specializes in maintenance and calibration for medical imaging equipment, said the technology could "revolutionize how we provide maintenance support in the future."

"This technology will allow us to increase our capabilities, maximize uptime and save lives," he said.

As the program matures through the years, telemaintenance will also allow Soldiers to directly connect with medical maintenance experts who can provide valuable training and skill development opportunities.

"I think it's a great learning tool," Diaz said. "What better way to learn than from the guys who do this every day."



*William Wall, left, shop supervisor at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, assists in providing telemaintenance support to members of the 51st Medical Logistics Company in July. Also pictured are biomedical equipment technicians Frank Cali, middle, and Vito Rizzo. (U.S. Army photo by Rachel Mummau)*



# WRAIR Commemorates 9/11 with Remembrance Miles Event

**By London Mackall, WRAIR**

Members from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research hosted a 9/11 Remembrance Miles 24-Hour Walk/Run at Forest Glen Annex, Sept. 10-11, 2021.

The event was held to remember the 2,977 lives lost 20 years ago during the terrorist attacks by walking 2,977 miles in their honor. Soldiers, civilians and community members took part in the event, which consisted of participants walking, running or rucking in a loop around WRAIR.

"Our goal is to really keep our promise that we made 20 years ago that we would never forget," said Capt. Shanee Allen, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander. "It's a time for us to honor the 2,977 lives that were lost and remember them individually and to celebrate the lives."

Participants were given a square, blue and white sticker, with the name of one person for each mile they walked, ran or rucked to keep track of the miles traveled. The 2,977 names were also printed on white boards and displayed in front of the Daniel K. Inouye Building, where event staff checked off names for completed travel.

"As we tally the miles we will also read off the names across this board so that we can see collectively as a community how we've achieved our goal," Allen said.

Col. Robert O'Connell, WRAIR deputy commander, provided remarks during an opening ceremony where he honored the dedication and courage of first responders and remembered the lives lost.

"On 9/11, there were heroic people who lost their lives charging towards collapsing buildings, buildings on fire, and we need to honor their memory," O'Connell said. "Many of you volunteered, and tens of thousands of people went to mostly Southwest Asia and parts around the country to prosecute our war against terrorism."

He also spoke about the event symbolism while noting the cost to Service Members and the importance of recognizing the heroic efforts that continue to be an inspiration for the generations of today and tomorrow.

"That caused family separation, injury, and death, and that's a part of the story of 9/11 that we must never forget," O'Connell said. "Those heroic sacrifices are part of what we are commemorating over the next 24 hours."

The in-person walk/run began at 9:11 a.m. on a 1.5-mile course lined with American flags, which started and finished at the Inouye Building. Service Members, families, and friends passed the commissary, fitness center, and basketball courts on their

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Members from Walter Reed Army Institute of Research continue walk and ruck along the course during the 9/11 Remembrance Miles event at Forest Glen Annex, Sept. 10, 2021. Soldiers, civilians, and community members took part in the event to honor the 2,977 lives lost 20 years ago by walking 2,977 miles in 24-hours. Virtual participants could submit their miles through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using #WRAIRMiles or through the event email, [WRAIR24HRRemembrancemiles@gmail.com](mailto:WRAIR24HRRemembrancemiles@gmail.com). (U.S. Army photo by Arlen Caplan)

journey. They also walked past the National Museum of Health and Medicine, where a memorial to Lt. Col. Karen J. Wagner stood. Wagner served as a medical personnel officer in the Office of the Army Surgeon General and Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel when she was one of the 125 people killed at the Pentagon that day.

"We're doing this for all the people that lost their lives on 9/11," Sgt. Ryan Francis, Logistics, property book NCO, said. "We're here together as a family and walking, rucking and running in their memory."

The event also encouraged virtual participation from anywhere in the world. Participants could submit their miles through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using #WRAIRMiles or through the event email, WRAIR24HRRemembrancemiles@gmail.com. In fact, in the 24 hours, event staff received submissions from local community members, participants in Honolulu, Hawaii, and even Bangkok Thailand, where WRAIR's expeditionary laboratory Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences resides.

As the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks drew near some reflected on 9/11 and why it is important that we continue to help young people learn about the attacks.

"Our lives in America changed forever that day, we realized that the United States was not necessarily invincible," Jennifer Adkins, Ft. Detrick-Forest Glen Annex, installation manager, said. "It's important to share that with our children that were born after 9/11, so that they understand the way it has affected us."

After 24 hours the team had accumulated 1,933 miles, but the event organizer leadership team pledged to continue tracking miles until the goal was achieved. As of Sept. 16 the total was at 2,307 miles and increasing every hour.

"I'm very thankful that everyone has come and joined in the remembrance of the lives that were lost," Master Sgt. Elizabeth Marroquin, Operations and Security NCOIC, said.

## Military Appreciation Night with the Frederick Keys

*Fort Detrick joined the Frederick Keys on Aug. 12, 2021, to host Military Appreciation Night at the Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick, Maryland. The annual event is a way to thank local military, retirees, and their families for their service. Starting the event, U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick Commanding General Brig. Gen. Anthony McQueen gave opening remarks and recognized veterans in the crowd. McQueen also threw out the first pitch (pictured below left). Sergeant First Class Daniel McGarrah gave a stirring rendition of the National Anthem (pictured below right) as the Fort Detrick Color Guard presented the Nations Colors (pictured center).*

*Photos by Patrick McKinney*





# WRAIR Hosts Carnival-Themed O-Day

By London Mackall, WRAIR

Organization Day (O-Day) kicked off on Aug. 20 at WRAIR's Daniel K. Inouye Building, after being relocated due to inclement weather.

"O-Day is one of the many traditions in the Army where units, companies, battalions, brigades get together and build on the esprit de corps and the morale for the unit," Staff Sgt. Jessica Prewitt, NCOIC, Blast Induced Neurotrauma, Brain Trauma Neuroprotection and Medical Readiness Systems Biology, said.

This year's event was open to Soldiers and civilians and featured a face painter, fortune telling booth, photo booth, individuals dressed in tiger and clown costumes and games, such as cards and checkers. There was also food galore, including, a barbecue lunch, popcorn and cotton candy and a Dessert War competition. Many took a break from the office and interacted with colleagues in a relaxed setting, which was something that O-Day planners had hoped for.

"It's just nice to get out and see people who you haven't seen in a while," said Capt. Jennifer Burns, military deputy, Pilot Bioproduction Facility. "Whether it's just having a chat and saying hi or engaging in some good old competition and trash talking, at the end of the day we're

doing it for the organization, for everyone to come together, enjoy each other and show appreciation for each and every one of the people that work at WRAIR."

WRAIR's last O-Day was downsized to a lunch in the auditorium due to the coronavirus pandemic and the 2019 O-Day was held at Fort Meade.

"It's the first O-Day since a lot of the major restrictions have been lifted," Capt. Shantee Allen, HHC Commander said. "I think just the fact that it's coming off the cusp of a time where a lot of people were isolated and not getting to spend time with other people is what makes this unique and very important, more so than any other O-Day ever."

No carnival would be complete without some sweet treats, which is where the Dessert War came into play. Capt. Richard Kevorkian, Deputy Chief of Wound Infection Research, Center for Military Infectious Disease Research, took the top prize with his "corona-cake," a dome-shaped chocolate walnut cake that featured a neon green fondant coat and Blow Pops arranged atop it to represent spike proteins.

In the past, O-Day has brought WRAIR soldiers and staff together like a family and this year's event seemed to live up to expectations.

"In my two years here at WRAIR, I've come to think of it as a family," Cpl. Brittany Kociuba, research technician, Center for Enabling Capabilities research technician, said. "I really think it's great to step out of our labs and interact with each other in a fun, positive way."

*The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research hosted a carnival to celebrate Organization Day. The day was filled with activities such as card games, board games, Jenga, fortune telling, face painting, arts and crafts, dessert competition and cornhole.*

*Photo by Arlen Caplan*



## Schoepp Receives Lifetime Achievement Award for U.S.-U.K. Collaborations

By Caree Vander Linden, USAMRIID Public Affairs

Randal J. Schoepp, Ph.D., a scientist at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease at Fort Detrick, Md., received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the U.S. Department of Defense and the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence in recognition of his outstanding contributions in developing detection and diagnostic tools for filoviruses.

Since 2003, Schoepp, who serves as chief of immunodiagnostics and biologics in USAMRIID's Diagnostic Systems Division, has collaborated with Steven Lonsdale, Ph.D., of the U.K.'s Defence Science and Technology Laboratory at Porton Down. Their work focused on developing and characterizing immunodiagnostic tests to identify filoviruses, including Ebola and Marburg.

The purpose of the effort, according to Schoepp, was to enhance the U.K.'s ability to identify Ebola virus species, while allowing the U.S. to harmonize and improve its own detection and identification capabilities. Working together, the two scientists prepared inactivated filoviruses for use in antibody generation and characterized them using live virus. Next, the team performed safety testing to ensure the quality of the material, then sent the inactivated viruses to DSTL. There, they were used to immunize mice to establish new cell lines, which generated an extensive panel of monoclonal antibodies.

While DSTL, an executive agency of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence, is the U.K. counterpart to USAMRIID, the collaboration between the two agencies developed prior to DSTL's commissioning of its own laboratory to work on pathogens requiring high biological containment. Thus, Lonsdale visited USAMRIID multiple times over the years to train for and conduct work in the Institute's Biosafety Level 4 suites—no small feat, as it required the U.K. scientist to be enrolled in USAMRIID's personnel reliability program and to be escorted and supervised in the laboratory.

"Randy demonstrated extraordinary tenacity in setting best practices for international collaborations during a challenging time," Lonsdale commented. "The long-standing collaborations between our laboratories have utilized each organization's strengths to improve both of our programs in detection and identification of Ebola virus infections."

The diagnostic reagents generated under this collaboration have been shared for use by both the U.S. and the U.K., according to Schoepp. The U.K. developed the reagents into Lateral Flow Immunoassays for environmental detection, which were performance assessed using live filoviruses at USAMRIID. The extensive strain collection available at the Institute ensured a high level of confidence in these assays.

During the 2013-2016 Ebola virus disease outbreak in Western Africa, Schoepp and Lonsdale joined forces once again to characterize the U.K.-developed lateral flow assay, which was intended for use in combating the outbreak in resource-limited areas. The collaboratively generated reagents were also used to



**Dr. Randal Schoepp works in a Biosafety Level 4 laboratory at USAMRIID. BSL-4, the highest level of biological containment, requires the use of positive-pressure encapsulating suits that provide filtered breathing air to the user. USAMRIID is the only laboratory in the Department of Defense with BSL-4 capability.**

*Photo courtesy of Randal J. Schoepp*

develop a prototype diagnostic test for Ebola, and were employed in laboratory safety experiments that had an impact on safe working practices among international organizations supporting the outbreak response.

In 2011, the close working relationship between Schoepp and Lonsdale led to another unique research and development effort: using sharks to produce antibodies for use in immunodiagnostic assays.

"Sharks and camelids produce a unique antibody molecule in response to infections, called single domain antibodies," explained Lonsdale. "These unique molecules have very desirable characteristics for use in diagnostics. They are relatively small compared to standard antibodies, they can be synthetically reproduced, and they are naturally stable in the presence of heat."

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In collaboration with the University of Maryland, three nurse sharks at the National Aquarium holding facility in Baltimore, Maryland were immunized with inactivated Ebola virus prepared by USAMRIID and DSTL. Blood from the sharks was processed to produce antibodies that reacted to the viral protein on most forms of Ebola virus. In addition, their substantial thermostability compared to other antibodies meant less reliance on refrigerated transport and storage.

"Randy and I were both fortunate to visit the sharks and witness the challenges of immunizing a relatively large shark," recalled Lonsdale. "We continued to be fully engaged with a successful project that resulted in a joint publication by all three parties."

The diagnostic reagents generated under this collaboration (both the monoclonal antibodies and the shark antibodies) have been evaluated within Schoepp's program for hemorrhagic fever diagnostics, and are also employed in antigen detection immunoassays for the protection of U.S. Service Members.

Schoepp's award recognizes him for "outstanding and sustained contributions over the last 15 years to the United States and the United Kingdom in developing filovirus detection and diagnostic tools" and additionally commends him for acting as a genuine role model for conducting international collaborative research.

"Randy once told me that he believed collaboration works when there is engagement at a personal level," recalled Lonsdale. "Whilst some collaborations are born and die in national

obligation, those that endure are based on hard work and commitment. Randy and many of his colleagues have certainly shown personal commitment and hard work in ensuring a successful and enduring collaboration."



*Drs. Randal Schoepp and Steven Lonsdale immunize a nurse shark with inactivated Ebola virus at the Baltimore Aquarium. In their study, blood from the sharks was processed to produce antibodies against the disease for use in diagnostic assay development.*

*Photo courtesy of Randal J. Schoepp*

## Couples Paint Night

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## Parents Night Out



In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month we have invited "Painting with Friends by Tammy" to come and support couples with bringing out their creative artistic sides, communication and working together as a team. As you pick up your paint brush you will be encouraged, believed in, motivated and inspired through each stroke to create your own masterpiece on canvas to take home with you. Child Care will be available for those enrolled at CYS for \$7.00/hr.

**15 Oct 2021  
Register by  
1 October 2021**

1830-2130 Parents Night Out  
at Child Development Center  
1776 Ditto Ave

1900-2100 Couples Paint Night  
at the Community Activities Center  
1529 Freedman Drive

301-619-7171  
For Couples Paint Night

301-619-7100  
For Parents Night Out

Limit of 20 couples

Couples do not need to have children in Parent's Night Out to participate in Couples Paint Night.

Parents who want to participate in Parents Night Out are not required to attend Couples Paint Night.



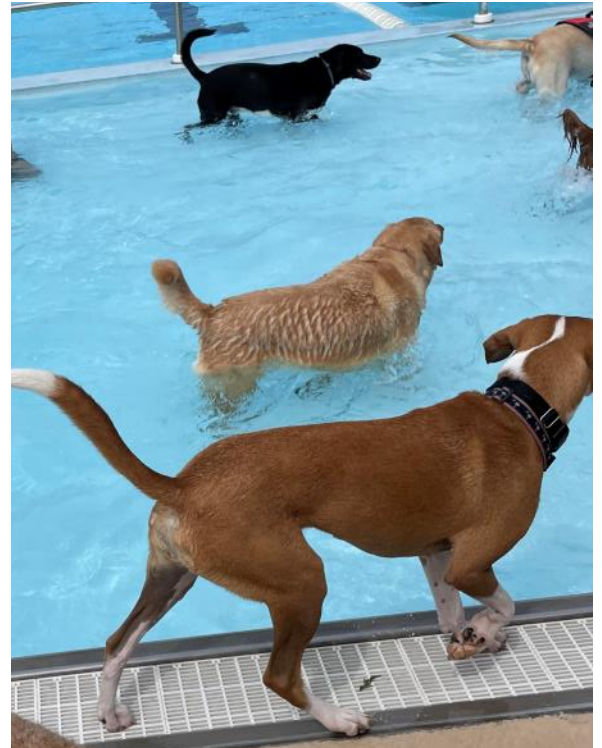


# 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Teams compete in the 3 on 3 Fort Detrick Basketball Tournament Sept. 4 at the Odom Fitness Center. Awards were presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams and tournament Most Valuable Player. Winners of the tournament, "Team Trippen", pose with their 1st place trophy (left), 2<sup>nd</sup> place team "Team A's" celebrate their 2nd place win (top right) and tournament MVP Jefferey Lensescar (bottom right photo, center) receives his award from USAG Command Sgt. Maj. Gusman (left) and FMWR Sports Staff Member Mike Daye (right).



# End of Summer Dog Swim



The annual Fort Detrick Dog Swim took place Sept. 11, 2021 at the outdoor pool to wrap up the summer season. The dogs were able to splash and play and were given doggy bags filled with treats as they left for home.

FMWR Courtesy Photos





# INSTALLATION SAFETY BULLETIN SB 21-09-01

2021

## National Preparedness Month Prepare to Protect



The 2021 theme is “**Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.**”

### Week 1: Make A Plan

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the Coronavirus.

### Week 2 : Build A Kit

Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

### Week 3 : Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness

Natural disasters don't wait for a convenient time. Preparing for them shouldn't wait either. Start today by signing up for [alerts](#), safe-guarding important documents, and taking other low cost and no cost preparedness actions to lessen the impact of disasters and emergencies for you and your family.

### Week 4 : Teach Youth About Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved. For more information go to [www.ready.gov.september](http://www.ready.gov.september).



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### Prevent Serious Eye Injuries...Protect Your Eyes

**3 out of 5 injuries** – the worker was not wearing eye protection at the time of accident.- *Bureau of Labor Statistics Survey*

**When is eye protection needed?** - Workplace eye protection is needed when the following potential eye hazards are present:

- **Projectiles** (dust, concrete, metal, wood and other particles).
- **Chemicals** (splashes and fumes).
- **Radiation** (especially visible light, ultraviolet radiation, heat or infrared radiation, and lasers).
- **Bloodborne pathogens** (hepatitis or HIV) from blood and body fluids.

**How can I protect my eyes?**

- **Nonprescription and prescription safety glasses.**
  - Lenses and frames are much stronger than regular eyeglasses.
  - Must meet standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Look for the Z87 mark on the lens or frame.
  - Safety glasses provide eye protection for general working conditions where there may be dust, chips or flying particles. Side shields and wraparound-style safety glasses can provide additional side protection.
- **Goggles** - provide protection from impact, dust and chemical splash.
  - Highly impact-resistant.
  - Goggles can be worn over prescription glasses and contact lenses.



- **Face shields and helmets.** Full face shields protect workers exposed to chemicals, heat or blood-borne pathogens. Helmets are used for welding or working with molten materials. They need to be used in conjunction with safety glasses or goggles, so the eyes are protected when the shield is lifted.

- **Special protection.** Helmets or goggles with special filters to protect the eyes from optical radiation exposure should be used for welding or working with lasers.



**Wear your Eye Protection...it works !**



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# **ALL GATES WILL REMAIN OPEN**

## **AT CURRENT OPERATING HOURS**

**NALLIN FARM GATE: OPEN 24/7  
(VISITOR CONTROL CENTER, ALL VETTING)**

**VETERAN'S GATE:  
M-F, 6 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

**OLD FARM GATE:  
M-F, 6 A.M. - 6 P.M. - WEEKENDS, 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.**

**THANKS TO OUR MISSION PARTNERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT**

Through hard work and ingenuity, Fort Detrick leadership and installation partners successfully worked together and Old Farm Gate will remain open.

We recognized the impact this closure would have been to residents and employees and we thank you for your comments, suggestions and patience as we determined the best way forward.

Despite the current economic environment, adjustments in staffing and sharing of resources made this opening possible. The garrison will continue to work with local officials and county schools to notify them of this change.

Again, thank you for your support during this time.

## **Frederick County Hazard Mitigation Planning**

Frederick County is working on updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan. An essential component of the planning is receiving input from the community to determine concerns and priorities of citizens and businesses. The Hazard Mitigation Plan helps guide the actions the county will take to reduce risk from disasters over the next five years and beyond. It is meant to integrate with new and existing plans, building and zoning regulations, and environmental projects. The Plan identifies projects to reduce injuries and damages, which allows the county to be better prepared for hazards and able to quickly resume normal operations after a disaster. If we can prevent the damage before it occurs, we can save lives and reduce recovery costs.

Frederick County has faced hurricanes, damaging winds, flooding, tornadoes, and many other hazards over the years. We want to make sure our community is prepared for whatever heads our way next. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will help the county receive grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reduce our community's vulnerability to disasters. This funding is very important in helping the county continue to grow and develop safely.

This year, the plan will also take a much closer look at how our future climate will impact the hazards across the county. Adapting to these potential changes can help make sure we responsibly plan actions and projects that will protect us now and for many years to come.

### **Web link for Survey:**

[www.frederickcountymd.gov/hmp](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/hmp)

# News, Events, Training

## Barquist Clinic & Pharmacy Closures and Reduced Hours Notice

8 October: Military Training Holiday (DONSA/Reduced Hours) – Closing at 11:30 a.m.

11 October: Columbus Day (Federal Holiday Observed) – Closed All Day

22 October: Reduced Hours (Training) – Closing at 11:30 a.m.

## COVID vaccines by appointment at Barquist Army Health Clinic

The Moderna COVID vaccine is available at the Barquist AHC on Thursday mornings by appointment only. Please call (301) 619-7175 to schedule your appointment. Alternatively, vaccines are available to all military beneficiaries at any TRICARE participating pharmacy free of charge. Check with your local pharmacy for additional information.

## Toys for Tots 2021

Co B, 4th LAR Battalion, 4th MARDIV at Fort Detrick is coordinating the efforts at Fort Detrick and in the local community for the 2021 Toys for Tots drive.

If you would like to volunteer to help with toy collections and distributions please contact

1st Sgt Neill A. Sevelius - [Neill.A.Sevelius@USMC.mil](mailto:Neill.A.Sevelius@USMC.mil).

To become a toy drop site (requesting boxes and posters),

[click here](#);

[Click here](#) for more information on how to donate

## FMWR News and Events

See what new and exciting Family and MWR events and programs are available to you in the Family & MWR News below, and visit our website at [www.detrick.armymwr.com](http://www.detrick.armymwr.com), Instagram us at #DetrickMWR, and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DetrickMWR](http://www.facebook.com/DetrickMWR).

## Security Training

It is not too late to complete your FY21 mandatory Security training. Please ensure your directorate reflects your training.

### Initial and Annual Security Training

- Initial and Annual Training
- Not required for contractors.
- On-line: <https://jkodirect.jten.mil/Atlas2/faces/page/login/Login.seam>
- Login in with CAC
- Click on Course Catalog Tab(top of screen) — in key word search- type "Security"
- For training pick: Annual Security Refresher Course, course

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### Antiterrorism Level 1

- Annual Training
- Required for military, civilian, and contractors IAW their contract.
- Online: <https://jkodirect.jten.mil/>

### OPSEC

- Annual Training
- Required to be taken by all civilian and contractor personnel.
- Link located on the Fort Detrick Extranet.

## Army Career Tracker Training Events

ACT101: Training targets anyone new to ACT, or needs a refresher course, to learn the basics and how to navigate the system to complete an IDP.

- Adding a first-line supervisor
- Goals Management
- Professional Development Model
- Creating/withdrawing/submitting an IDP

NEXT TRAINING DATES: Oct. 6 and Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. EST

ACT201: These training sessions target more advanced users, leaders/mentors, admins, and community owners.

NEXT TRAINING DATE: Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. EST

For complete info, including how to join training session, please visit: <https://actnow.army.mil/communities/service/html/communityoverview?communityUuid=d0bc4173-423f-497c-a9e3-8f750a4c2234>

Workforce Development Specialist POC: Kelley T. Villers Email: [kelly.t.villers.civ@mail.mil](mailto:kelly.t.villers.civ@mail.mil) Phone: 301-619-4569 or find me on Teams!





## FORT DETRICK COVID-19 FACT SHEET

Edition 1, As of September 09, 2021



### HPCON Level – BRAVO

Community Transmission Level (Fort Detrick – **HIGH**, FGA – **Substantial**)

#### COVID-19 Points of Contact:

BAHC Testing: 301-619-7175

BAHC Contact Tracing: 301-619-9706/4904

**Army COVID-19 Hotline (1-800-984-8523)**

#### Masks / Changes / Updates:

- ❖ All personnel (vaccinated and unvaccinated) will wear a mask in all indoor facilities on Fort Detrick & Forest Glen. Personnel in vehicles with multiple occupants who are not from the same family must also wear masks. Exceptions include: (1) for brief periods of time when eating and drinking while maintaining social distancing; (2) when the mask is required to be lowered briefly for identification or security purposes; (3) when necessary to reasonably accommodate a civilian employee with a disability; (4) if fully vaccinated, personnel can remove masks in single occupancy offices with floor to ceiling walls and doors shut.
- ❖ Fully vaccinated personnel are not required to wear a mask outdoors. All vaccinated SMs must carry and show their CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (or digital photo) upon request. SMs should consult PCMs if they require a replacement card.
- ❖ Unvaccinated personnel must wear a mask in outdoor workplaces when social distancing is not possible (e.g. - Motorpool, Open Maintenance Bay, and PT formations).
- ❖ Masks are not required in personal living spaces (On post quarters and individual Barracks room).
- ❖ Until further notice, Combatives Training and other similar close contact training is suspended.
- ❖ All indoor dining (IAW limitations stated above), gyms, MWR facilities, worship, and retail facilities are authorized to operate at 100% capacity. However, if indoors, masks must be worn regardless of vaccination status.
- ❖ Masks are required AT ALL times, by all patrons, while inside a gym, regardless of vaccination status. Masks can be removed ONLY while showering or swimming. Saunas are closed until further notice.
- ❖ Indoor ceremonies are authorized 100% capacity -- with masks, regardless of vaccination status.

#### Isolation/Quarantine Guidance:

- ❖ Close Contact – Unvaccinated Individuals
    - Unvaccinated individuals who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
    - Stay home for 10 days after the last contact with a person who has COVID-19, Commanders may choose to enforce longer ROM/quarantine IAW DoD/CDC Guidance
  - ❖ Close Contact – Fully Vaccinated Individuals
    - Fully vaccinated individuals who have close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual are not required to stay home.
    - CDC recommends such individuals get tested 3-5 days after the exposure. If test results positive – stay home for 10 days.
  - ❖ Persons with COVID-19 (positive test)
    - Stay Home – regardless of whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, vaccinated or unvaccinated
    - Symptomatic may be able to return after – 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND, 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever reducing medications AND, Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (consult healthcare provider if needed).
    - Asymptomatic may return after 10 days since the positive test.
    - Service Members require medical clearance from their PCM prior to return to in-person duty.
- \*Close Contact defined as within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

#### Detrick Travel Procedures:

- ❖ O6 Commanders and above approve ETPs for travel/leave outside of the United States and its territories.
- ❖ Commanders approve domestic travel (U.S. & its territories) based on State/County COVID risk assessment; counsel accordingly. IAW AR 600-8-10, Commanders may limit leave for unvaccinated Soldiers based on mission/post travel ROM requirements.
- ❖ For the most up to date travel guidance and associated ROM requirements, click here [\[LINK\]](#).
- ❖ Vaccinated personnel arriving at Fort Detrick are not required to ROM or test unless symptomatic.

CDC Travel Guidance: Domestic Travel – [\[LINK\]](#), International Travel – [\[LINK\]](#).

DoD COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Installation Status Update: [\[LINK\]](#).

Report positive test results to BAHC, MRDC & USAG Ops:

[usarmy.detrack.medcom-bahc.mbx.operations@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detrack.medcom-bahc.mbx.operations@mail.mil)

[usarmy.detrack.medcom-usamrmc.list.op-ccir-exsum@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detrack.medcom-usamrmc.list.op-ccir-exsum@mail.mil)

[usarmy.detrack.usag.mbx.dptms-operations@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detrack.usag.mbx.dptms-operations@mail.mil)

Other Links to Follow for Further Information:

<https://home.army.mil/detrack/index.php>

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

Clean Team Technical Guidance, you can contact DPW at 301-619-2454 or Safety at 301-619-9502.

# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**1 October 2021, 1900-2200**

**Commissary Parking Lot**

**Call 301-619-3972 for more information**

**Detroit Hot Pizza 9.99**

**Hot Dogs 1.99**

**12 in Subs 7.99**

**Cotton Candy 2.59**

**NO SHOPPING INSIDE THE COMMISSARY SALES FLOOR**

The Commissary Parking lot will be used for a free movie night for the Fort Detrick Community. There will be exciting pre-movie activities for all. The Commissary Deli will also be open for soda, chips and candy.

# FREE POPCORN

## PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS WILL BE RAFFLED



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# The ABC's of Safe Sleep

## A

### Alone in Their Sleeping Space

Alone means removing all items from baby's crib:

- ⊘ Stuffed animals
- ⊘ Loose blankets (swaddling is ok until your baby can roll over)
- ⊘ Crib bumpers
- ⊘ Anything that could increase risk of strangulation

#### **Alone doesn't mean away.**

The risk of SIDS reduces by 50% for babies who sleep in the same room as their parent. Share your room with baby for at least their first six months.



### Placed on **Back**

## B

Always place baby on their back on a firm surface to sleep.

## C

### Asleep in **Crib**

Use a crib, bassinet, or portable crib that meets safety standards (See <https://www.cpsc.gov/SafeSleep>).

Never let baby sleep on a couch or sofa.

If baby falls asleep in their car seat, move them to their safe sleep spot at your destination.

## ARMY NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

New Parent Support services are available to all eligible Families with child(ren) **prenatal to 3 years old**, whether they live **on or off the installation**.

NPSP services are voluntary and **designed to empower parents**, build on the strengths and skills of parents, include both parents and promote positive parenting practices.

NPSP-Home Visitors are Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Registered Nurses who provide a **range of educational services and support** to parents.

Please contact your installation **New Parent Support Program** for more information about safe sleep and the Army New Parent Home Visiting Program.

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