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Fort Detrick community comes together



Fort Detrick's Garrison Commander Col. Ned Marsh (right) and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Dills (below) joined members of the post's workforce and community at the chapel to give thanks and enjoy some fellowship, Nov. 17. Both Marsh and Dills served food and celebrated the holiday season with attendees. (Photos by Erickson Barnes, USAG Public Affairs)



MRDC Names its Best Medic of 2022

By Ramin A. Khalili, MRDC Public Affairs

Capt. Logan Hunt was named the winner of the annual U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command's Best Medic Competition during an award ceremony at the Fort Detrick Auditorium on November 10. The grueling three-day event, which was split between sites at Fort Detrick and Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, featured a series of high-intensity tests designed to gauge participants' physical fitness and medical care capacity in a variety of severe and austere environments.

"It's a shock," said Hunt, who serves as the aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Tony McQueen, Commanding General of USAMRDC and Fort Detrick, following the award ceremony. "It was a heavy lift for sure, but I signed up for this event to help prepare me for what I want to do in the future – I wanted to put myself in that mindset."

The event serves as a way to build Soldier readiness, resilience and skill in battlefield situations. Beginning with a staging of the Army Combat Fitness Test in the pre-dawn hours of November 7, Soldiers then participated in the Army's Combat Water Survival Test before departing to FIG for a 72-hour gauntlet of medical lanes, weapons qualification events and land navigation courses, among several other efforts.

An Ohio native nearing his fifth full year of Army service, Hunt stated that while he excelled in the physical aspects of the event – notably the lengthy ruck marches and the vaunted obstacle course – he admitted he needs to improve in the study and application of his medical skills to achieve his professional goals.

"The medical lanes were probably my worst event, to be honest," said Hunt, offering a sober assessment of his performance.



MRDC Command Sgt. Maj. Kyle Brunell (left) shakes the hand of Best Medic Competition participant Lt. Col. Cara Reiter. (Photo by Ramin A. Khalili, MRDC Public Affairs)



From left: Col. Andrew Kim, MRDC Deputy Commander and Senior Research and Technology Advisor; Capt. Logan Hunt, winner of this year's Best Medic Competition; Spc. Juan Garcia; and MRDC Command Sgt. Major Kyle Brunell pictured during the award ceremony following the annual Best Medic Competition, Nov. 10. (Photo by Ramin A. Khalili, MRDC Public Affairs)

"To get ready for the next step, I really need to start from the bottom and get better."

Hunt was joined in the winner's circle by Spc. Juan Garcia, a combat medic specialist from MRDC's U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, who scored second place in the event. Both men are scheduled to compete against Soldiers from the larger Army in the 2023 CSM Jack L. Clark, Jr. U.S. Army Best Medic Competition, which is scheduled to be held at Fort Polk, Louisiana in January of next year. If Garcia cannot secure his Expert Field Medical Badge prior to the event – a requirement to participate – Hunt will instead be joined at the Army-wide event by third place winner Staff Sgt. Charles Garcia, a respiratory specialist based out of MRDC's Army Institute of Surgical Research.

"We're all medics when it matters," said MRDC Command Sgt. Maj. Kyle Brunell, who served as the host for the award ceremony, prior to naming the winners. "That's what this competition was about. In order to provide your medical skills, you have to be competent in your skills on the battlefield."

For overall winner Hunt, the event was not only a chance to test his own aptitude, it was an opportunity to judge his professional growth against those in the rest of the command.

"Everyone has their different specialties, but the team still meshes together despite the fact we're all competing against each other," said Hunt. "It really shows what you can do when you're confronted with situations you're not used to."

Garrison Leaders Sign Pledge to IMCOM Employees

By USAG Public Affairs

U.S. Army Garrison leadership for Fort Detrick and Forest Glen Annex signed a pledge to employees, and to those they serve as IMCOM professionals, during an event in the Fort Detrick Auditorium, Nov. 1.

The pledge states leadership will provide an environment that:

- embraces diversity and inclusion;
- ensures all IMCOM professionals have connected and caring leaders;
- ensures IMCOM professionals feel valued and respected for the jobs they perform;
- ensures professionals can take pride in and possess a sense of belonging and loyalty to our organization;
- and, where IMCOM professionals convey this positive attitude in their interaction with Soldiers, their families, and their colleagues.

The Service Culture Campaign (SCC) is not just a program. It is a people-first philosophy that should positively inform and influence every interaction IMCOM professionals have every day.

IMCOM originally embarked on the SCC in 2017 in an effort to



Senior leaders for U.S. Army Garrison Fort Detrick and Forest Glen Annex signed a pledge to employees, and to those they serve as IMCOM professionals, during an event in the Fort Detrick Auditorium, Nov. 1. (Photo by USAG Public Affairs)

build a culture of service excellence in all facets of IMCOM operations, and it remains just as relevant in 2022. The SCC is built upon the fundamental premise that service excellence is a byproduct of how we treat our IMCOM professionals.

Fort Detrick's Run Series Continues Success with Turkey Trot



Fort Detrick's senior leaders, including Brig. Gen. Anthony McQueen and Col. Ned Marsh, join in a post-race group photo. (Photo courtesy of FMWR)



Turkey raffle winner Jacki Weddle makes a statement with her shirt and her effort during Fort Detrick's annual Turkey Trot 5K, Nov. 19. (Photo courtesy of FMWR)

Medical defeats Signal in return of Fort Detrick Turkey Bowl

USAG photos by Patrick McKinney



A Soldier's View: Reflections, Gratitude, Advice

By Erickson Barnes, USAG PAO

Staff Sgt. Derrick Hodges does not lack clarity.

He recalls the exact moment he knew he was destined to be a Soldier, and he has not lost focus on his goals since. Hailing from a family with a long and proud tradition of service, he took a moment to reflect on his own experience and to offer some advice to the next generation of Soldiers.

Q: Why did you join the Army?

A: As a young man about to graduate high school, I knew that I wasn't mature enough to attend college and focus on my classes, so I started looking at alternatives to make a living. I was offered a manager position at the Little Caesars where I had worked during high school. That was the point when I knew I was joining the U.S. Army, because I wanted better for myself.

Q: How long have you been in the Army, and what are some of the highlights of your career so far?

A: I have 12 years of active service time, and a total of 15 years of military service. A highlight of my career so far has been the combat deployments, which helped me to understand that there is a much bigger picture to what we do; bigger than what the average person may see from the outside looking in on the military. Also, the people I've met from all walks of life along the



Staff Sgt. Derrick Hodges' wife, Sgt. 1st Class Angela Hodges, pins on his new rank during a promotion ceremony with the help of their son, Dreveon. (Courtesy photo)

way, some who I now consider family.

Q: What are some positive things the Army has provided you, personally and professionally?

A: Personally, the Army has allowed me to take care of my family and provide for them without a worry. It has also shown me the benefits of applying the Army values in my day-to-day life. Professionally, it has allowed me to attend college now that I've grown and understand the importance of furthering my education. With Army schools, I've also been awarded certifications that will help me transition to the civilian sector once my career is complete here.

Q: What does the military mean to your family, and is there a tradition of service in your family?

A: The military – to my family – is one of the most important decisions we have ever made in our lives. I come from a military background with my father, uncles, cousins, sibling, spouse and father-in-law all either serving or having served. My family have all shown me what it means to serve your country, and I wouldn't want it any other way.

Q: If you could go back in time, what would you tell a younger you about joining the Army and serving your country, and what advice would you have for any young person today considering joining?

A: I would tell myself to stick with it, as I have, and take advantage of college earlier on in your career. Also, always accept the hard task. They may be challenging, but it pays off tremendously in the end.



Staff Sgt. Derrick Hodges with his sister (left), Master Sgt. Erica Hodges, son Dreveon, and wife, Sgt. 1st Class Angela Hodges. The three — all currently serving in the Army — are the latest in a long line of family members who have served. (Courtesy photo)

Army civilians provide continuity, play key support role for MEDLOG Soldiers

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

Department of the Army Civilians and contractors provide a crucial support mechanism to medical logistics forces when they deploy, assisting Soldiers wherever the fight may take them.

The mission often requires civilian members of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command to embark on temporary duty, or TDY, assignments throughout the country and abroad. Missions range from preparation and planning, training support prior to a unit's deployment, medical maintenance to sustain vital pieces of equipment and more.

"Our work is critical," said Chris Marshall, chief of the Army Prepositioned Stocks, or APS, and Unit Deployment Packages programs for the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, a direct reporting unit to AMLC. "We do whatever it takes," he said. "A lot of times you're just kind of out there by yourself and you find a way to make it work."

The civilian workforce at AMLC provides

not only strategic planning support, but also on-the-ground training for MEDLOG Soldiers and direct medical maintenance support, two major drivers that ensure a high level of readiness when unit's go into the field.

George Takacs, an experienced biomedical equipment technician working out of USAMMA's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, has gone TDY on many occasions over his 19 years of federal civil service, including to many sites outside the continental U.S., or OCONUS.

"I have been to nearly all USAMMA OCONUS sites to include Japan, Korea and Qatar," he said. "I have been TDY on average about 40% every year of my federal career. I'm always willing to support global medical readiness."

Medical maintainers, like Takacs and Amy Polifko, quickly and efficiently provide reliable calibration and maintenance support for medical devices used on patients in an operational environment.

"When a Soldier opens a piece of equip-

ment to use on a patient, it needs to work," said Polifko, an electronics technician also based out of MMOD-Tobyhanna. "Our entire workforce at Tobyhanna helps with readiness in so many ways. It doesn't matter if you're an equipment tech or supply tech – all of their work helps the mission."

Prior to a deployment, civilians also play a key role in planning and training Soldiers to prepare for "whatever lies ahead," from a large-scale training exercise or a real-world contingency.

Jeff Moyer, a program analyst for AMLC's G-5 (Planning), recently traveled to Romania to participate in a planning conference for next year's Defender-Europe 2023 training exercise, an annual Army-led, multinational joint exercise designed to build readiness and interoperability between U.S., NATO and partner militaries. Moyer said much of his involvement in planning revolves around tracking medical APS needs of different units and laying the groundwork for a smooth operation.

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Naval Medical Readiness Logistics Command has a new headquarters located in Virginia

By Julius L. Evans, NMRLC Public Affairs

Naval Medical Readiness Logistics Command (NMRLC), Detachment Fort Detrick, is now headquartered in Williamsburg, Va. Pictured here is the NMRLC TRIAD Executive Officer Cmdr. Christopher E. Barnes, MSC Commanding Officer Capt. Matthew P. Marcinkiewicz, and MSC and Command Master Chief HMCN (SS/DV/FMF) Brandon L. Lindbeck. The TRIAD paused a moment in front of the past leaders' board before an all-hands uniform inspection in recognition of the U.S. Navy's 247th birthday celebration. NMRLC is responsible for building and maintaining rapidly deployable medical systems to support contingency operations, humanitarian assistance, and real-world events and exercises around the globe. Comprised of Design, Operations, and Expeditionary Medical Logistics directorates, NMRLC's reach spans Liland, Norway, and Kaiserslautern, Germany, to Fort Detrick, Md. and Yorktown, Va., in addition to assets prepositioned in locations that facilitate rapid deployment.



“My goal is to make that process as seamless as possible, so that we can enable the warfighter to complete their training objectives,” he said.

Additionally, face-to-face interaction with planners from other Army commodities, such as food and munitions, goes a long way to benefit the overall medical enterprise. Moyer said he strives to ensure medical readiness is understood and valued as much as other types of supply.

“You can’t just sit idly by or you’ll get overlooked,” he said. “It’s about injecting yourself into that planning process, ensuring Class VIII (medical materiel) is understood – how to get it, how to replenish it. Those are all things that you don’t really think about until you need it.

“Somebody can be bleeding out and their life is in jeopardy,” Moyer emphasized. “It’s about making sure those U.S. Forces Command units and others understand that they can’t forget about medical. At the end of the day, it could be someone’s life, limb or eyesight on the line.”

Another major part of a ready force is making sure Soldiers are properly trained to carry out their mission. That’s where USAMMA’s Business Support Office, or BSO, comes into play.

The BSO provides training, including on-site, hands-on support, on the use of medical materiel supply systems to ensure active-duty, reserve and National Guard units know how to properly catalog, track and order medical equipment and supply when in the field.



A trainer with the Business Support Office at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency conducts on-site Defense Medical Logistics-Enterprise Solutions training with an Army medical logistics company preparing to deploy. (Courtesy photo)

“We work with every medical logistics company that is tapped to deploy, helping them navigate all the preparation wickets so they arrive on location confident, knowledgeable and ready to support their customers,” said Peg Garguilo, Defense Medical Logistics-Enterprise Solution, or DML-ES, SAP training lead for the BSO.

“We focus on all aspects of medical logistics in the system to include ordering, receiving, shipping and storing Class VIII materiel.”

In October, members of the training team were on site with an active-duty unit out of Fort Carson, Colorado, to support its up-

coming deployment. For each training event, the BSO team prepares months in advance with unit leadership to gather requirements, craft a delivery plan and carry out support for what’s called a culminating training event as the Soldiers prepare to deploy, Garguilo said.

The event requires BSO trainers to arrive early to setup the training environment, provide refresher training and guide hands-on mock warehouse activities that have to be correlated within the DML-ES system.

Over the past two-plus years, the BSO team has embraced more virtual and hybrid training techniques, Garguilo said, but the value of in-person interaction during training scenarios is “irreplaceable.”

Properly trained Soldiers save time, money and, ultimately, lives in a deployed environment, she added.

In line with AMLC’s motto of “Prepare, Deploy, Sustain,” the dedicated team of civilians and contractors – many of them former military – stand behind Soldiers and provide valuable experience, expertise, and, in many cases most importantly, continuity of operations.

“Army civilians tend to stay and finish out their careers with the Army,” said William Wall, chief of operations at MMOD-Tobyhanna. “This ensures that their experiences and knowledge stay with the Army. This continuity almost always guarantees a smooth transition and directly impacts mission readiness.”



George Takacs, a biomedical equipment technician with the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, works on a field aspirator Nov. 2 while on a temporary duty, or TDY, assignment to Army Prepositioned Stocks-2, known as APS-2, in Germany. (Courtesy photo)

National STEM Day: BNBI, NBACC Reach Out to Schools

By Brian Gaudet, NBACC Public Affairs

National STEM Day, celebrated Nov. 8, provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the vital fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math that form the backbone of American innovation.

For the last 15 years, the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC), which is owned and operated by the Battelle National Biodefense Institute (BNBI) and located at Fort Detrick, has enriched the Frederick County, MD, public school system with STEM funding and programming. NBACC/BNBI has gifted over \$500,000 in grants and scholarships and the staff have committed thousands of hours to curricula development, classroom instruction and STEM activities outside the classroom. Maryland students from kindergarten to college-level have benefitted from NBACC/BNBI's efforts and even teachers have enjoyed the partnership with employment at the lab as summer interns.

Currently, NBACC/BNBI is making a difference through the Teacher Challenge Grant, which encourages county teachers to submit proposals for classroom STEM ideas with a budget of



\$5,000-\$15,000. Though this particular program has only been around for a few years, thousands of students have benefitted. Additionally, a group of ambitious student researchers at Mount St. Mary's University became BNBI Summer Scholars earlier this year.

Native American Military Service: Our Indigenous Heroes

By National Museum of the American Indian

Native Americans have served with distinction in every major American conflict since the American Revolution. American Indian and Alaska Native men and women serve at high rates in the military and have a long tradition of protecting their homelands and families.

Native Americans have a complicated history with the United States due to broken treaties, forced removals, and forced assimilation. As a result of wars with the United States, many Native Americans lost their lives and, primarily from the Indian Removal Act of 1830, almost thirty-three different tribes were forced off their lands. Additionally, in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, many Native children were forced to attend military boarding schools that were often far away from their families and homes and that led to enormous loss of culture and family cohesion.

Despite the problematic relationships and history of distrust between Native Americans and the United States, American Indians have served in the armed forces for more than 200 years. The reasons for service have varied over time and among individuals. A person's family history, a need for employment, or a strong desire to serve were—and are still today—important factors.

During World War I, especially, some Native people served to

achieve United States citizenship (many Native people were denied citizenship until 1924). In World War I and World War II, Native languages, once stifled by boarding schools, became a major asset to the U.S. military, to be used in coded messages. In World War II, Native American soldiers, including the Navajo, Comanche, and Meskwaki, developed codes that they used



actively on the battlefield as Code Talkers. Members of many other Native American nations did not develop codes but used their languages to convey battle messages. Native American soldiers' knowledge, skills, and languages protected the lives of the people in their homelands and throughout the United States.

Ironically, the Native legacy of military service promoted a stereotype about American Indians: that they were "super warriors," whose combat skills derived from ancient tribal warrior traditions. Although some tribes celebrate time-honored warrior cultures, not all do, and most tribes maintain equally strong traditions of peace and diplomacy.

Native Americans have continued to rise above unparalleled challenges to defend the United States with pride and honor. Native American veterans continue to be greatly respected in their communities and by the nation they served. We encourage

you to include Native perspectives when teaching about American history and to honor legacies of Indigenous military service by sharing their diverse experiences serving our country.



Brunswick Veterans Day Parade

Col. Ned Marsh, USAG Fort Detrick commander, served as the emcee and an honorary parade marshal during the annual Veterans Day parade in Brunswick, Md., which is one of the oldest and longest running of its kind. Fort Detrick was also represented by its outstanding color guard, which posted and retired the colors for the opening ceremony. (Photos by Erickson Barnes, USAG Public Affairs)



Light it Up

The Fort Detrick community gathered to sing, meet Santa, and light up the post's Holiday Tree, Nov. 29. (Photos by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs)



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COVID-19

Masks and COVID-19 testing are not required to enter most facilities on Fort Detrick or Forest Glen Annex. Masks are still required inside the Barquist Army Health Clinic and the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic. Commanders/Directors may implement more rigorous workplace mandates to meet mission requirements.

For updates and materials on COVID-19 visit:

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

USAG Fort Detrick's Official Website is Down

USAG Fort Detrick's official website is currently down and has been for some time. IMCOM technicians are working on the issue, but there is no known solution or date for reestablishing service at this time. We are working diligently with IMCOM and will send out notification once the website is up and running. During this outage, please download and use the Digital Garrison app, which is available on all major mobile app platforms. It has important and current post information, including gate closures, inclement weather updates, important phone numbers, as well as ArMA to submit work orders.

Retirement Ceremonies

USAG Fort Detrick conducts Quarterly Retirement Ceremonies honoring retiring Service Members, and Civilian employees and their families. These ceremonies take place on the second Thursday of the second month of

each quarter in the auditorium, Building 1520 at 10 a.m.

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

Veterans Gate Hours have Changed

Incoming will remain open from 6 am- 2 pm. Outbound hours will be 6 a.m.- 6 p.m. This gate will remain closed on weekends and federal holidays. Be advised, all Fort Detrick personnel and residents must be aware of and adhere to speed limits in surrounding residential areas. Frederick officials expressed community concerns about the increased traffic in those neighborhoods, and the City plans to boost traffic enforcement efforts in the area. Please, be a good neighbor and drive responsibly both on and off post.



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Community Information Exchange

Please join us at 1PM in the Auditorium of Building 1520!
We have outside community agencies from Frederick joining our internal agencies to brief their programs and share upcoming events.
There will be information tables set up outside the auditorium for people to leave fliers, business cards, newsletters, community guides and much more.

2022

- Mon 19 September
- Mon 12 December

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- Tue 12 September
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For questions please contact the ACS Specialist at 301-619-6364

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NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Where: Building 1520, Auditorium
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- September 21, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- February 15, 2023
- April 19, 2023
- May 17, 2023
- June 21, 2023
- July 19, 2023
- August 16, 2023
- September 20, 2023
- November 15, 2023

A complimentary walking tour of downtown Frederick (hosted by the Frederick County Visitors Center) will be offered to the Fort Detrick Newcomers the 3rd. Saturday of each month. Visitors Center is located at 151 S. East Street, Frederick, Maryland, 21701. To ensure a tour guide is available, you must register with Army Community Service no later than one week prior to the scheduled tour. Thank you!

For more information or to register, call 301-619-6364 or visit
<https://installation.detrick.army.mil/newcomers/index.cfm>



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Time: 0800-1200

Place: 1520 Freedman Dr. , Classroom 5A

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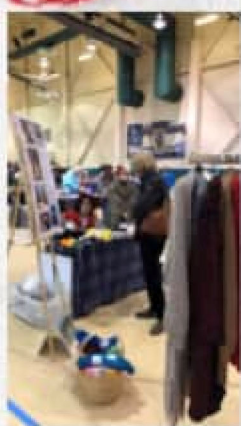
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