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## ONE OF ARMY'S FEW FEMALE TOMB GUARDS REFLECTS ON ACCOMPLISHMENT

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

His uniform was impeccable. His buttons, badges and boots glistened under the auditorium lights. His movements were methodical and perfectly executed.

Then a young Private First Class, Danyell Walters vividly remembers the first time she witnessed the spectacle of what it took to be a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Walters, the first African-American woman to serve as a tomb guard, also remembered that the Soldier performing the routine looked nothing like her. But that was hardly an impediment for what she knew she could achieve.

"What I admire most of my younger self was that when I saw the tomb guard presentation, I looked past that it was a man standing out there doing that," Walters said. "I immediately put myself there ... that is what led me to see it through."

During Women's History Month, Walters, now a sergeant major serving as the senior enlisted advisor for U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command at Fort Detrick, reflected on her time as a tomb guard nearly 25 years ago.

At age 22, then-Sgt. Wilson became one of just four women to ever serve as a tomb guard with the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard." She followed Sgt. Heather (Johnson) Wagner, who was the first woman to earn her tomb guard badge in 1996 after the Army opened the assignment to women a few years earlier.

Breaking down barriers was the last thing on Walters' mind when she took her first daylight watch over the tomb in 1997. She said it wasn't until afterward – when she was asked if she knew the significance of what she had just done – that she realized.

"That was so not my focus," Walters recalled, as she stayed focused on accomplishing the solemn, "no-fail mission" of a tomb guard. "... When it came to the Old Guard, the Army was changing when it comes to being diverse in gender, and we were a part of that change."

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, located at Arlington National

Cemetery, honors the remains of unidentified American Soldiers and is guarded 24 hours a day. The hourly changing of the guard at the tomb is a solemn event that's attracted crowds in the nation's capital since it was first opened to the public in 1932.

Between ceremonies, a lone sentinel marches 21 steps along a black mat behind the tomb. They turn and face east for 21 seconds, then north for 21 seconds, and then retrace their 21 steps back. The 21 steps and 21-second pauses symbolize the military's highest honor – the 21-gun salute.

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*Then-Sgt. Danyell (Wilson) Walters marches at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in 1997. Walters, now a sergeant major and senior enlisted advisor for U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, was the first African-American woman and one of just four women to ever serve as a tomb guard. Photo courtesy Sgt. Maj. Danyell Walters*

Looking back on the experience, Walters recalled the strict training regimen that went into the assignment, but as a military police officer with high standards of appearance and a desire for perfection in all she did, it was something that came naturally to her.

She said she was proud to be able to set an example and be an inspiration to future female Soldiers to know that, despite traditional societal norms and hurdles, whatever they wanted to achieve was possible.

"I think it's easy when you have someone who looks like you doing something that hasn't been done before to get inspired," she said. "Because now you know your potential is limitless. Even if there's barriers there, you're more motivated to penetrate through them."

Walters' drive to succeed began as a teenager growing up just outside Montgomery, Alabama. The oldest of four siblings to a single mother, she attended an all-black school where teachers shared a passion to celebrate their heritage and never let it be a barrier to future success.

As she graduated high school, Walters, who latched onto the former slogan "Be All You Can Be," saw the Army as an opportunity.

It turned out to be a lifetime of opportunity for Walters, who reenlisted in 1998 as a medical logistician. In February, she marked 28 years of active-duty service.

Since joining AMLC, Walters has served as a leading voice for Soldiers throughout the organization, as well as its Project Inclusion campaign to work toward the Army's goal of promoting diversity, equity and inclusivity and building a more cohesive workforce.

"I never thought I would have a story to be told," Walters said, looking back on her time as a tomb guard. "But I'm thankful that I do ... hopefully, our stories can inspire others to look past barriers and reach their full potential."



*Sgt. Maj. Danyell Walters*



*Sgt. Maj. Danyell (Wilson) Walters looks back on photos during her service as a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Walters currently serves as the senior enlisted adviser for Army Medical Logistics Command.*

*U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace, Released*



# New CYS director brings passion, vision to position

*By Erickson Barnes, USAG Public Affairs*

Kimberly Moore-Johnson became the new coordinator for Fort Detrick's Children and Youth Services on Jan. 21, but she has been part of the children and youth programs at Fort Detrick and Forest Glen Annex for more than a decade.

Beginning her career in Germany when she was just 20 years old, she also worked with CYS programs in Texas before relocating to the D.C. metro area and beginning her service to the Fort Detrick community.

"Ultimately, I love these children and want to make a positive impact on their lives," said Moore-Johnson. "The end goal is always the successful development of the children."

Serving a military community that stretches from Frederick to Wheaton and all the way to the Pentagon; however, presents a unique challenge.

"It starts with readiness," said Moore-Johnson. "Parents can't focus on their military mission if their most important duty isn't taken care of. Knowing that their child is in a healthy, safe learning environment while they go off to work allows them to focus on that mission."

"In every different area, whether it be in sports and fitness, or the youth center, or either of the CDCs, our management and staff really are passionate about what they do in their capacity," she added. "We are proud to support those who are serving our Nation."

Understanding that every parent has their own individual expectation for their child, Moore-Johnson simply asks that they allow her team the opportunity to show what they do so well and how they get results.

"Trust our experts to help your child achieve," she said. "We can give parents the details of our curriculum, we can show them statistics, and we always keep an open door to hear any concerns from parents, but ultimately we just hope they will give us the time and opportunity to show them results in their children."

"On the other hand, we're not just a daycare for the little ones or just an after school program for our school-age children," she added. "We truly are a child development center at all levels. We're engaging them and continuing to encourage them to be their best."

Considering the role CYS plays in the community, Moore-Johnson said that an area of particular importance for her team is enhancing the youth and teen programs. She noted that the participation numbers are a little low, and while Covid-19 had an impact on that, the numbers were lower than they would have liked before the pandemic hit.

"We are going to be working hard to improve our programming and opportunities for that group, and we hope to create a place where those members of our community want to be," she said. "We hope parents will encourage their older children and teens to take advantage of a great resource here."

Passionate about the mission, and possessing a clear vision for the future of CYS, Moore-Johnson remains humble in her role.

"This is probably not a role that I would have sought out on my own, but I received such great encouragement and support from my peers, the community and members of the command team," she said. "I was truly inspired to step into the role and take on the challenge."



*Kimberly Moore-Johnson, the coordinator for Fort Detrick's Children and Youth Services at Fort Detrick, interacts with children at the Child Development Center, March 18, 2021.*

*Photo by Erick Barnes, USAG Public Affairs*

# ARMY MEDICAL LOGISTICS COMMAND RECOGNIZES CONTRIBUTIONS OF FEMALE LEADERS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY EVENT

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

The influential and barrier-breaking women throughout history have laid the groundwork for today's female leaders to continue pushing toward equality in all facets of society.

Leaders at the U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command recognized some of those trail-blazing women during a Women's History Month commemoration event March 26 at Fort Detrick.

"Today, we recognize the incredible achievements of women throughout history," said Lt. Col. Tyra Fruge, AMLC's G-1/4/6. "... Never forget that we were there. We are here. And we will be here in the future."

Speakers highlighted contributions by women in the military dating back to the Revolutionary War, serving in roles such as nurses, cooks, seamstresses and even spies.

Today, the military's entire range of occupational specialties are open to women, including infantry and other ground combat units.

"Not everybody is going to be in the military, but everyone should have the same opportunity," said Sgt. Maj. Monnet Bushner of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, a direct reporting unit to AMLC.

Other sectors of society highlighted included women in sports, COVID-19 and other pandemic response efforts, American social movements and politics.

Fruge served as the keynote speaker for the event, which was live-streamed on [AMLC's Facebook page](#).

Her charismatic speech acknowledged the many women who smashed glass ceilings and raised the bar for women today, but also those who will take the next steps through opportunity and service in the future.

"Ultimately, in all these moments in time, women were there. Women are here. And women will be there in the future, because of why we serve," Fruge said. "We serve to make a difference. We serve to be the difference. We serve because we are the difference."

AMLC Commander Brig. Gen. Michael Lalor reflected on the ceremony in his opening remarks, saying it was "an absolute joy and honor" to serve alongside the strong and influential women all across the command.

"Our women are as dynamic and talented as any women I know," he said. "And as we honor Women's History here today, we celebrate advancements, breaking of ceilings and we look forward to the expanded opportunities and change that is ahead – not just for women, but for all."



*Lt. Col. Tyra Fruge speaks during a Women's History Month commemoration event on March 26, 2021 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The event was sponsored by U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace)*



*Master Sgt. Lakesha Edmond speaks during a Women's History Month commemoration event March 26, 2021 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The event was sponsored by U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace)*



*Brig. Gen. Michael Lalor, commander of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, and AMLC Sgt. Maj. Danyell Walters recognize Lt. Col. Tyra Fruge for serving as the guest speaker at AMLC's Women's History Month commemoration event March 26, 2021 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace)*



# Extremism, Discrimination Hurt Our Entire Army Team

By Jenni Benson, USAG Public Affairs

Secretary of Defense Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III signed a memorandum directing a stand-down to address extremism in the ranks, Feb. 5. The stand-down is the first initiative in a deliberate campaign to identify and eliminate the corrosive effects of extremist behavior in the workforce.

The Army holds all personnel to high standards of conduct, where mutual respect, trust, and teamwork form the foundation to a strong and resilient force. Extremism can take many forms, and behaviors such as discrimination and sexual harassment corrode and tear at the Army's very fabric.

Extremist organizations and activities are ones that advocate intolerance based on race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or other discriminatory factors. They often use violence, intimidation. Or other unlawful means to deprive individuals of their constitutional and legal rights.

Leaders and commanders are directed to lead the charge to hold stand-down events Army-wide for Soldiers and civilians, addressing extremism and its impacts on the Army. The overarching goal is to foster a workplace free of discrimination, hate, and harassment.

Locally at Fort Detrick, commanders have been tasked with holding stand-down activities within their units to dig deeper into extremism and find ways to eradicate it. The stand-down's purpose is also to open up communication lines to create a more cohesive team, educate personnel to recognize and report extremism indicators, and identify when to take further action.

"Each of us takes an oath when we enlist, commission, or accept a civilian position in the United States Army. The

oath begins with every Soldier and civilian swearing to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic," said U.S. Army Garrison Fort Detrick Commander Col. Dexter Nunnally. "The identification and removal of racism and extremism from our ranks starts with every Soldier and civilian being brave enough to look inward, being bold enough to speak up when you see something isn't right, and making it a priority to listen and respect our fellow Soldiers and civilians at all levels; to cultivate positive change.

"Racism and extremism are detrimental to unit readiness, morale, our Army, and our nation," continued Nunnally. "Neither of these behaviors are congruent with our Army values, our oaths of office, or the documents the United States was founded on and each of us holds sacrosanct."

The Army team consists of Soldiers and civilians from every race, creed, cultural background and walk of life. As stated in the Secretary of Defense's memo:

"Service in the DoD is a privilege that comes with added responsibilities and obligations. We will not tolerate actions that go against the fundamental principles of the oath we share, including actions associated with extremist or dissident ideologies. Service members, DoD civilian employees, and all those who support our mission deserve an environment free of discrimination, hate, and harassment."

To view Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's message addressing extremism in the military, click the link below:

<https://www.defense.gov/Watch/Video/videoId/784150/dvpcc/false/#DVIDSVideoPlayer581>

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# Army Emergency Relief Delivers Hope and Peace of Mind

By Jenni Benson, USAG Public Affairs

The Army Emergency Relief Campaign recently kicked off for 2021 and the theme is "A Hand-Up for Soldiers, It's What We Do." The campaign runs from March 1 through May 15.

AER, the U.S. Army's official nonprofit, has been helping Soldiers since 1942 by providing emergency financial assistance when Soldiers and their families need it most.

Since its inception, the AER has supported four million Soldiers and distributed \$2 billion in financial assistance, including \$1 billion since 9/11 through zero-interest loans, grants, and educational scholarships. When a Soldier faces a difficult financial situation, the AER allows them the freedom to focus on their mission, not only delivering assistance but peace of mind.

Assistance requests are unique and considered on an individual basis and range from mortgage assistance to family medical expenses.

Soldiers can utilize the AER's most powerful program, the "Quick Assist Program," by talking to their chain of command. Last year 8,000 Soldiers received over \$10 million in financial assistance from their chain of command. Company Commanders and First Sergeants can approve financial aid up to \$2,000. Talk to your leadership; they are there to help.

"Army Emergency Relief is an invaluable resource in our

priority to take care of our people while ensuring we will always be prepared to 'Fight to Win Our Nation's Wars.' Army Emergency Relief plays a critical role in helping Army team members facing financial difficulties, natural disasters, pandemics, and many more unexpected challenges. AER provides our Soldiers a helping hand when they need it most, allowing each of you to remain focused on your vital mission. Your voluntary contribution will become part of our proud legacy of 'Soldiers helping Soldiers,'" said General James C. McConville, US Army Chief of Staff, in a 2021 Army Emergency Relief Campaign letter signed by McConville and the Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston.

Last year Fort Detrick raised \$44,472. This year the goal is to match or exceed last year's amount. Active Duty Soldiers accounted for only 14 percent of the money donated. Increasing Active Duty donations is a 2021 campaign focus. If you are on Active Duty, consider donating. It's not about the amount, even giving up one \$5 coffee each week will make a difference and help a fellow Soldier in need.

AER's annual campaign goals are to educate every Soldier on the benefits and programs AER provides and to offer Soldiers the opportunity to participate voluntarily in the campaign through their donation. Soldiers should make AER their first choice when seeking financial assistance for valid needs.

How can you help Fort Detrick not only meet but exceed the AER 2021 goal? Donate today!

Anyone can give. For more information, contact your unit representative or make a one-time or monthly recurring donation with credit, PayPal, or EFT online by visiting <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/donate/>. Make sure to select "Fort Detrick" when completing the "please apply my donation in support of the following section."

For eligibility requirements and ways to apply for assistance, visit the AER website at <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/assistance/>.





# NHTSA and Fort Detrick Police Remind Drivers: *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.*

By Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs

Fort Detrick police will join law enforcement agencies nationwide for the month of April, 2021, to remind drivers about the dangers and consequences of texting and distracted driving. This annual campaign is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's national *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.* high-visibility enforcement effort.

According to NHTSA, between 2012 and 2019, 26,004 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver. While fatalities from motor-vehicle crashes decreased slightly from 2018, distraction-related fatalities increased by 10%. NHTSA also reported that the number of deaths linked to driver distraction was 3,142 nationwide, or almost 9% of all fatalities in 2019. This represents a 10% increase over the year 2018, or 284 more fatalities. The distraction figure was the largest increase in causes of traffic deaths reported for 2019.

Millennials and Gen Z are the most distracted drivers, often using their cell phones to talk, text, and scroll through social media while behind the wheel. According to NHTSA research from 2017, young drivers 16 to 24 years old have been observed using handheld electronic devices while driving at higher rates than older drivers have since 2007. In 2019, 9% of people killed in teen (15-19) driving crashes died when the teen drivers were distracted at the time of the crash.

"We aren't out here for the fun of it," said Brian Brotherton, Fort Detrick Police traffic accident investigator. "Texting, messaging, and other forms of distracted driving are increasing habits that put everyone at risk, even those of us in law enforcement. We want drivers to focus on the most important task: hands on the wheel and eyes on the road."

Violating Maryland's distracted-driving laws can be costly. For a first violation, offenders are fined \$83 and court costs. For a second violation, offenders are fined \$140 and court costs. For a third or subsequent violation, offenders are fined up to \$160 and court costs.

Many drivers are guilty of a "double standard" when it comes to distracted driving. In its 2018 Traffic Safety Culture Index, the AAA Foundation reported that while nearly 96 percent of drivers believed it was very or extremely dangerous to read a text or email while driving, 4 out of 10 drivers admitted to doing so within the previous 30 days.

## ***Drive Safe Every Trip***

Fort Detrick police and NHTSA urge drivers to put their phones away when behind the wheel. If you need to text, pull over and

do not drive while doing so. If you are the driver, follow these steps for a safe driving experience:

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text.
- Ask your passenger to be your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.
- Cell phone use is habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Activate your phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature, or put your phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

Texting while driving is dangerous and illegal. No text or post is worth ruining someone's day — or taking a life. Remember: *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.*

For more information, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/distracted-driving](https://www.nhtsa.gov/campaign/distracted-driving).



# Army planning to update military personnel, pay system

*By ARNG & USAR, IPPS-A News, Release 3, Talent Management*

The Army's current personnel, pay, talent and data systems must be upgraded to align with future organizational needs.

There are about 200 human resources and pay systems and over 650 interface and data exchanges between internal and external systems. The manual, paper-driven transactional processes are not fully auditable, cyber or information assurance compliant, nor do they allow easy tracking of the knowledge, skills and behaviors of Soldiers in the total force.

The Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army is an online solution that supports a 21st century system that fills the capability gap in personnel, pay, talent and data; improves the lives of Soldiers and families as part of the Army People Strategy; enhances total Army readiness. HR processes and systems must modernize and change to provide enhanced capabilities and readiness, influencing the Army's ability to meet new challenges. IPPS-A will streamline more than 30 personnel and pay systems, eliminate over 300 interfaces, and provide essential capabilities to the Army including total force visibility, managing talent and data and auditability. IPPS-A increases efficiency with Soldier self-service capabilities and HR initiating processes triggering pay actions, and it decreases the dependency on the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and numerous systems.

IPPS-A functionality is being deployed in multiple releases to enable testing and training, with Release 2 (fiscal 2019-20) to the National Guard and Release 3 (Personnel and Demographic Driven Data Services) to Active, National Guard and Reserve components; and Release 4 (Military Pay) to all components; and sustained improvements.

## What is IPPS-A?

IPPS-A is an online human resources system that will enable personnel transactions to automatically trigger pay and provide a comprehensive HR record for all Soldiers in each component. In addition, Soldiers will have access to their own personal information 24 hours a day and mobile self-service capabilities. IPPS-A's ability to combine personnel and pay functions (such as a promotion or call

to active duty) will address current inefficiencies caused by complex interfaces among more than 30 "stovepiped" HR systems. As a result, IPPS-A will leave fewer opportunities for error and will become the authoritative and comprehensive source of Army personnel and pay information.

## Who will use IPPS-A?

IPPS-A will be used by all Soldiers, leaders and HR professionals within the active Army, National Guard and Reserve to conduct personnel and pay activities throughout their career. Every Soldier's personnel and pay information will be managed within IPPS-A. IPPS-A will not contain personnel information on Army civilians and will not automatically allow Army civilian access. Authorized military staff will have the ability to assign Army civilians as "persons of interest" and grant them access to IPPS-A.

## How will the Army Organization Structure impact human resources professionals, Soldiers and commanders in the future?

AOS presents a new way of managing force structure. IPPS-A's database will provide the ability to actively manage force structure on a daily basis. The talent management marketplace will be the culminating fruit of IPPS-A. The Army can move beyond a mere "faces-to-spaces" manning model that is used to simply fill a vacancy with whomever is available and start examining the salient human dimensions of the talent pool to assign, develop and manage Soldiers. HR managers who are savvy with both force structure and HR objectives can predict how, when, why and in what developmental duty assignments a Soldier needs to gain experience in as they develop professionally and personally throughout their continuum of service.





# USAMMA recognizes HHS as crucial partner in support of COVID-19 response

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

PERRY POINT, Md. – As COVID-19 infections ramped up last spring, the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency worked to reconfigure and issue medical supply assets to support deploying medical forces to combat the spread.

Partners at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' supply service center in Perry Point played a big part in the success of the mission, including the on-time delivery of unit deployment packages, or UDPs, for hospital centers deployed to New York and Washington to support the coronavirus response.

"Like many organizations, the COVID-19 response stressed the systems in place," said Maj. Bryan Pamintuan, director of the Force Projection Directorate at USAMMA. "... Their performance in delivering the two 84-bed UDPs within 72 hours under COVID-19 risk proved their dedication USAMMA's mission."

USAMMA leaders on Feb. 8 visited HHS-Perry Point to recognize the hard work of the employees and review the center's capabilities as it continues to adapt and serve USAMMA and other governmental customers through the pandemic.

USAMMA, a direct reporting unit to Army Medical Logistics Command, serves as the Army's leading strategic medical logistics enabler, supported by an innovative workforce that is globally responsive, ready and resilient.

Among the products supported by HHS-Perry Point, UDPs are assembled to outfit different military units, such as hospitals or ground ambulance units. They consist of potency and dated materiel, including pharmaceuticals and medical surgical items, to support deploying medical forces on the ground.

During the visit, Mark Burchess, logistics manager for HHS-Perry Point, provided an overview of the center's services and a tour of the warehouse facility that supports pharmaceutical and medical supply needs to numerous governmental customers.

Pamintuan said the center has processed over 60,000 orders since the start of the COVID-19 response, including supporting two 240-bed hospitals, two replacement UDPs to support the new 32-bed field hospital configuration and two packages tailored to the pandemic response.

"On top of COVID-19, they provide the receiving, processing and configuring of medical materiel into 40 UDPs that support multiple operational plans across the globe," Pamintuan said.

While on the warehouse tour, the USAMMA team recognized two HHS employees, UDP program managers Ross Patterson and Tina Tyler, for going above and beyond in their work to ensure troops stay ready and responsive.

"HHS-Perry Point is a steadfast teammate whose commitment is second to none," Pamintuan said. "The visit showcased their sense of ownership and drive to deliver for USAMMA and to its customers in any condition."

**Col. John "Ryan" Bailey, left, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, and Sgt. Maj. Monnet Bushner listen to Mark Burchess, director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' supply service center in Perry Point, Maryland, during a Feb. 8 visit to the facility. USAMMA relies on HHS-Perry Point for medical materiel supply needs.**

**U.S. Army photo by Maj. Bryan Pamintuan/  
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# Fort Detrick Welcomes Home 6th MLMC's Team 20

**By Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs**

Fort Detrick welcomed home members of the 6th Medical Logistics Management Center during a redeployment ceremony March 2, 2021, at the Fort Detrick Auditorium.

Team 20 returned from their deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield, providing theater medical logistics at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-South West Asia. Led by Lt. Col. William Tudor, the team was recognized for their “phenomenal performance” operating in the U.S. Central Command’s area of responsibility during a global pandemic.

“Last January 2020, which seems like a long time ago, Team 20 assembled to set out on a 12-month mission, set to deploy to Qatar. In March, COVID hit, and all eyes fell on USAMMC-SWA to provide medical logistics support to combat this new threat. Global shortages of medical supplies coupled with transportation challenges made the problem set particularly challenging. This was the ultimate and defining test. Team 20 took the challenge in stride and performed it in the highest level of confidence and professionalism,” said Tudor.

Following Tudor, U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick’s Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Mike Talley, reemphasized their significance in the operation as he spoke directly to family members.

“A year ago, we talked about the importance of their mission, the strategic significance, the impact they made,” said Talley. “Back then, it was 180,000 soldiers deployed downrange. Today, it’s 170,000. That was the 20th rotation where they went in to provide all the medical logistics that they needed in theatre. Well, they’re back here. They are safe and sound.”

Included in the recognition ceremony was the presentation of deployment awards to Team 20 members and certificates of appreciation to Team 20 spouses.



**U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick’s Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Michael Talley welcomes home Team 20 during a redeployment ceremony at the Fort Detrick Auditorium March 2, 2021. Pictured from left, are Lt. Col. William Tudor, Sgt. 1st Class Oscar Goosby, Master Sgt. Kevin Cook, Sgt. 1st Class Jose Moralesabreu, Maj. Fernando Negronlopez, Staff Sgt. Aradelis Gray, Maj. Sigrid Harrison, Spc. Byron Pascua, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jessie Moore. (Talley in front)**

*Photo by Lt. Col. Autumn Leveridge, 6MLMC Support Operations Officer*



# Army Medical Logistics Command puts People First

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

U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command leaders are putting people first.

During a two-day workshop on March 4-5, organizational heads revised the AMLC's campaign plan, including a new line of effort focused on expanding and enhancing organizational diversity, equity and inclusion, or DEI, as well as workforce training and development.

"Diversity is essential to our strength as a nation and a military. People are the key to winning," AMLC Commander Brig. Gen. Michael Lalor said. "We must cultivate a diverse, equitable and inclusive workforce that embraces the experiences, culture, characteristics and background that each Soldier, civilian and contractor brings to the team."

Sessions included staff from AMLC headquarters, as well as leaders from direct reporting units at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center – Europe, and the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea.

"We must create an environment where people can be their best selves and have an opportunity to grow and be

successful," he said. "We are stronger when we work together."

AMLC leaders discuss progress in developing a strategic plan for Project Inclusion, the Army's initiative to drive DEI across the force and help build cohesive teams.

"It takes buy in from everyone," AMLC Sgt. Maj. Danyell Walters said. "We have to be the face of all things diversity, culture and inclusion."

As the Life Cycle Management Command for medical materiel, AMLC leaders also discussed other key command priorities, including Class VIII medical materiel distribution integration, modernization of forward-positioned stocks, medical maintenance reform, centralized materiel management and integration of medical logistics into Army information systems.

AMLC leaders reviewed customer feedback to understand their gaps, better define roles and increase communication in support of the warfighter.

"We deliver effects on the battlefield. Never forget that," Lalor emphasized. "That is what we are here to do. If we get called tonight, we're going."



*Lt. Col. Dan O'Neill, second from left, deputy commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, talks with USAMMA leaders during an Army Medical Logistics Command workshop on March 4 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. USAMMA is one of three direct reporting units to AMLC. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace)*

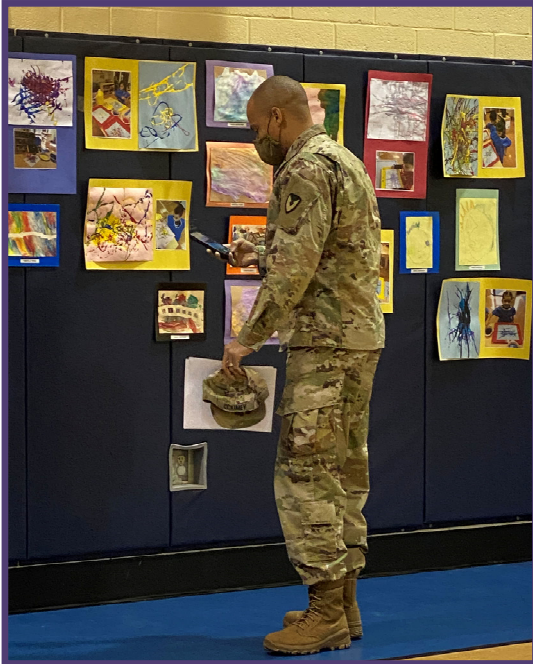
# DETRICK KIDS' CORNER

Highlighting the amazing programs and kids at Fort Detrick

## EXPLORING DANCE AND ART

### *Kids Art on Display For Parents*

*In partnership with CYS Sports, the Fort Detrick Child Development Center hosted parents the first week of March in the 949A gym. Artwork from all the children in the center was displayed, and lead teachers from each age group were available to talk with parents about developmental progress. Patrons were screened at entry, and spaces were limited in line with current COVID19 protocols. CYS Sports Coaches were available to discuss the CDC.*



### *New Gymnastics and Ballet Classes Available at Fort Detrick*

*On February 1, 2021, a new ballet and gymnastics program started at the Fort Detrick Child Development Center and School Age Center. Classes are designed to instruct youth on ballet fundamentals and gymnastics skills, tricks, and flexibility. Multiple dance and gymnastics lessons are currently available and open for registration. Sessions run monthly, and enrollment is through Army WEBTRAC. Below are the age requirements for each class.*

*Lil Ballerinas CDC: ages 2.5-5*

*Ballet/Jazz SAC: ages 6-12*

*Gymnastics SAC: ages 6-12*

*Military families may contact the CYS sports office for more details and information. (301) 619-2538*



*Mia Daye works on increasing her flexibility on the bar before starting her new ballet class offered at the Fort Detrick School Age Center. Classes are open for registration now through WEBTRAC.*



*Mia Daye, Shaniah Swanson, and Jaily Suazo work on bridges during a recent gymnastics class at Fort Detrick. Classes are open for registration through WEBTRAC.*

*Photos compliments of Fort Detrick Child Development Center and School Age Center*



# Cowboy Code Keeps Lawson Primed for Biorisk Success

By Ramin A. Khalili, USAMRDC Public Affairs Office

*This article represents the latest in a series of personal interest stories designed to spotlight notable people, stories and achievements across the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command. If you would like to recommend a specific Soldier or civilian employee for this series, please contact Ramin A. Khalili, USAMRDC Public Affairs Office Writer, at [ramin.a.khalili.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:ramin.a.khalili.ctr@mail.mil).*

When Dr. Cristine Lawson is having a tough day – when she’s digging for answers to any number of complex questions inside the U.S. Department of Defense Biological Select Agents and Toxins Biorisk Program Office at Fort Detrick – she finds herself reaching for one source of inspiration more than any other; a book that provides the motivation required to operate in one of the busiest, most risky, and most technologically-dense fields around.

The name of that book? *Cowboy Ethics: What Wall Street Can Learn From the Code of the West*.

“You need to have courage to do the work that we do – you have to take pride in it,” says Lawson, the Deputy Director for Biosecurity of the BBPO, noting that the seemingly disparate worlds of modern biosafety and biosecurity (biorisk) and the so-called “Old American West” have more in common than one might think. “Believe it or not, all of the concepts discussed in that book are so applicable to what we do and how we should be as professionals.”

It’s hard to argue with her assessment, especially given the results. After serving as the Associate Biological Safety Officer at the National Institutes of Health National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Integrated Research Facility for several years, Lawson arrived at Fort Detrick in 2017 to help the BBPO accomplish its vision of bolstering biological defense measures by addressing key biological threats and minimizing their potential impact. The BBPO supports the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command chiefly as a byproduct of the Command’s key “executive agent” responsibility over all biosafety and biosecurity programs across the entire DOD. It was during her time as a postdoctoral fellow with the National Biosafety and Biocontainment Training Program at the NIH that Lawson, while attending a professional development class with world-renowned biosafety expert Bob Ellis at Colorado State University, was gifted *Cowboy Ethics* in the first place – a text that has, with its mix of simple, homespun advice, guided her general professional outlook in large part.

“I am a strong believer that if you take a job, you ride for that brand,” says Lawson, paraphrasing lesson number seven from the book – a nod to the specific trademark or logo of a given



Professional photograph of Dr. Cristine Lawson from 2019.

Photo Credit: Dr. Cristine Lawson

ranch. “Cowboys always have to ride for their brand, they have to believe in what they do and they have to believe in that brand.”

With that in mind – and in typical rugged ranch-hand fashion – Lawson has made her mark of late by tackling a number of thorny tasks all at once, notably juggling a variety of pandemic-required changes to laboratory operations, regulations and day-to-day output. Those efforts rest on top of her ongoing work with the larger interagency community to help develop answers and relevant responses to the enduring threat of the novel coronavirus at both the community and national level. One such project involves efforts to develop methods by which to decontaminate personal protective equipment so that it can be re-used – and then standardize that process for use in hospitals and laboratories nationwide.

Interestingly enough, however, it is Dr. Lawson’s work with another notable text that has earned her considerable praise. Her efforts to help revise and update the recent (6<sup>th</sup>) edition of *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL)* – a massive text that’s long been considered a cornerstone document in the biosafety world as it sets, in essence, the standards for all biosafety practice in the U.S. – was viewed by

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coworkers as an accomplishment above and beyond even the highest expectations.

“[Dr. Lawson’s] recent accomplishment as part of the team that brought the BMBL to publication speaks directly to her knowledge and ability for effective communication,” says Mary Chizmar, the BBPO Emergency Management Specialist who works closely with Lawson. “She is requested across the community, in both Federal and private industry, to speak about a variety of subjects in biorisk. She has an amazing way of simplifying complex issues and challenges into manageable tasks.”

Chizmar further notes that Lawson is known office-wide for using her personal time to develop lesson plans designed to teach non-laboratory personnel about the nuances of BSAT requirements. It’s a selfless act – one of many – that speaks to both character and work ethic.

“She incorporates what she’s learned from others and uses that information to improve,” says Chizmar. “[To] improve our mission, to improve her understanding of roles and responsibilities of others, and how that all contributes to the betterment and collective understanding in the biorisk community.”

Says Lawson, “I believe in the very important work that the DOD does, especially when it comes to research with not just what we focus on – which is biological select agents and toxins – because that research has an impact on protecting our troops, and our nation.”

Indeed, that kind of dedication echoes cowboy rule number two (“Take Pride in Your Work”) but could also fit in nicely among the other tenets as well. It’s an impressive adaptation when you think about it: the self-described “city girl” who grew up in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (and who freely admits to never having seen an actual cow until she was in her twenties) relying on professional advice gleaned from the wide-open landscapes of the American southwest. Lucky then for the USAMRDC that Dr. Lawson holds cowboy rule number three (“Always Finish What You Start”) as one of her favorites, as – in a field of burgeoning interest, importance and possibility – her skills will no doubt play an integral role in the future of the Command’s contributions to the DOD and, by extension, the nation.

“It comes down to this – you have to be humble enough to know that you can learn from people in all walks of life,” says Lawson, offering her own personal take on both life and professionalism. “We always have to be ready to make sure the Mission is moving forward.”



*Dr. Cristine Lawson seen in an NIH laboratory in 2015. (Photo Credit: Dr. Cristine Lawson)*



# Fort Detrick's Emergency Family Assistance Center Conducts Readiness Exercise

*Fort Detrick's Emergency Family Assistance Center conducted a readiness exercise March 18, 2021. It was a joint effort between the EFAC and the American Red Cross, and members of each organization were present to plan for scenarios and respond to simulated situations coming into the exercise call center.*

*The EFAC's mission is to promote short- and long-term recovery and the return to a stable environment and mission ready status for DoD personnel and military families following a large-scale deployment or an "all-hazards" incident, according to Christopher A. Watson, director, Army Community Services.*

*The EFAC serves four main objectives:*

- *Serve as the central point for providing continuous, authoritative, and factual information to those being assisted;*
- *Serve as the focal point for government and non-government agencies to provide immediate crisis intervention, information and referral assistance;*
- *Provide a safe haven for potential victims' family members as necessary;*
- *Provide a central location to coordinate casualty and mortuary affairs efforts if necessary.*

*Contact the Army Community Services office for more information about the EFAC, or about other services they offer to Service Members and their families.*



## EXERCISE - EXERCISE - EXERCISE

On April 20, Fort Detrick will hold its annual emergency response exercise. Employees may see increased first responder activity on the installation. We ask you to please avoid those areas.

## EXERCISE - EXERCISE - EXERCISE

# Child Abuse Prevention Month 2021

## “All In To End Child Abuse”

*By Lisa Long, Fort Detrick Family Advocacy Program Manager*

In April, the Department of Defense and Military OneSource recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month. The 2021 campaign focuses on providing resources to help kids and families heal, and prevent future abuse in the military community.

Keeping our children safe is a military priority. The military community's strength and unity presents a unique opportunity for this campaign, which encourages adults to go “All in to End Child Abuse.” This April, remind yourself that our first duty is to our next generation and now, more than ever, our children need our help.

Reports suggest that the abrupt and significant disruption to daily lives and the stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic may have put families at a higher risk of family violence, including child abuse. Though the rates of reported child abuse incidents appear to have decreased, perhaps due to families sheltering in place and children having less contact with mandated reporters, public health organizations emphasize the increased risk for child abuse, especially in families that were abusive prior to the pandemic and families experiencing heightened stress and financial instability. Here at Fort Detrick and in the Frederick Community, we have seen a significant decrease in reporting of suspected abuse and neglect.

Not all reports of child abuse or neglect received are investigated and not all reports investigated are determined abusive or neglectful. Many of the parents who come to the attention of authorities are not intentionally being abusive or neglectful they just do not have the tools or know the resources available to assist them with healthy parenting. Call the Family Advocacy Program at 301-619-7453 for more information on healthy family life skills and other resources available to help parents.

It is important to know every reporter of child abuse is kept confidential from the family being reported. Additionally, you cannot be held liable or sued for making a false report as long as it was made in good faith and with the best interest of the child in mind. Children need to feel safe and supported; therefore, we adults need to put our hands all in to end child abuse.

To report suspected child abuse or neglect call:

Fort Detrick Police 301-619-7114

Forest Glen Annex 301-319-5501

Montgomery County Child Protective Services 240-777-4417

Frederick County Child Protective Services 301-600-2464

Washington County Child Protective Services 240-420-2222







# 5 Ways to Be All In to End Child Abuse

Every adult in the community can play a role in supporting and protecting military children. You don't need to be 100% sure that a child is being abused or neglected to talk with someone. Go all in to end child abuse. Share your concerns with Family Advocacy Program staff, and they can help you determine what to do next.

## 1. Know the signs

- Sudden changes in behavior or school performance
- Always preparing for something bad to happen
- Frequently lacking adult supervision
- Fading bruises or other marks after an absence from school
- Unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones or black eyes
- Being frightened of a parent or caregiver
- Abusing animals or pets

## 2. Be a trusted adult

**Let children know they can come to you with any concern and that you will:**

- Listen without judgment
- Believe them
- Help and support them

## 3. Make the call

**If you witness or suspect child abuse or neglect, do the right thing:**

- Call your [installation's Family Advocacy Program](#).
- Call your local Child Protective Services office.
- Call the [Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline](#) at 800-422-4453.
- Call 911 or military law enforcement if a child is in immediate danger.

## 4. Identify trusted adults

- Talk with your child about specific people they can trust.
- Discuss when your child should talk to a trusted adult.
- Let them know they can go to another trusted adult if the first one doesn't help.

## 5. Empower your child's voice

- Teach children early about healthy body boundaries
- Tell them to trust their feelings.
- Encourage them to say forcefully, "I don't like that," or "Stop touching me."
- Remind them to leave a situation that makes them uncomfortable.
- Ask them to tell a trusted adult right away if something makes them uncomfortable.
- Talk with them about how to listen to and help their peers.

## Resources and information

### Teach your kids healthy body boundaries

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/family-relationships/family-life/preventing-abuse-neglect/teach-your-kids-healthy-boundaries/>

### Find your installation's Family Advocacy Program

<https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/?looking-for-a=program/program-service=32/focus=program>

### Review information on child abuse and neglect

<https://www.childhelp.org/hotline/>

### Support military kids

<https://militarykidsconnect.health.mil/Caring-for-Our-Youth>

<https://militarykidsconnect.health.mil/Feelings/How-to-Talk-to-an-Adult>

## Start Prevention Tips Early

*While all adults can make a positive impact in a child's life by following these tips, parents and guardians play an important role in protecting children. Parents and guardians, talk with your children about tips 4 and 5 early and often.*

# Maj. General Timothy McGuire visits Fort Detrick



*Grace Schaefer of USAG Resource Management elbow bumps Deputy Commanding General, US Army Installation Command, Maj. Gen. Timothy McGuire during a coin presentation ceremony March 24, 2021, recognizing Garrison employees for their hard work and dedication.*

*During his time at Fort Detrick, Maj. Gen. McGuire sat down with leadership to discuss ongoing construction projects and toured the Installation visiting various locations such as housing and the barracks.*

*At the end of the day he recognized the one-of-a-kind work done here and thanked everyone for going above and beyond to complete the mission despite the current COVID-19 environment.*

*Photo by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs*

# Fort Detrick Honors Stokes for 40 Years of Federal Service



*Phillip L. Stokes (center) receives an award recognizing his 40 years of federal service, including military and civilian service, during a ceremony at the Directorate of Operations building March 18, 2021. Fort Detrick's Garrison Commander Col. Dexter Nunnally (right) and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Gusman (left) presented Stokes with the award on behalf of the Installation Management Command.*

*"It is my privilege to congratulate you for 40 years of selfless service to our Army and our Nation. Your professionalism and dedication have brought you to this amazing milestone in your career," wrote Davis D. Tindoll, Jr., director of IMCOM's sustainment directorate.*

*Photo by Erick Barnes, USAG Public Affairs*



# Housing Town Hall Held to Provide Updates, Address Resident Questions

*By Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs*

Fort Detrick's garrison commander held his quarterly housing town hall at the Balfour Beatty Community Center, March 30.

As efforts progress to improve the quality of military housing, Fort Detrick continues to press forward with open lines of communication between leadership and tenants.

"Our goal is to make Fort Detrick housing the number one choice for everyone who comes to this installation," said Garrison Commander Col. Dexter Nunnally. "Since my time here, we have made great strides, but there is still work to do."

Nunnally and his panel members discussed progress made since the last town hall at both Fort Detrick and Glen Haven Apartments and Townhomes in Silver Spring, Maryland. The event was held on Facebook Live and enabled viewers to ask questions to Garrison leadership and Balfour Beatty representatives.

Fort Detrick updates since the last town hall include:

- Water filters installed on West Fagan Lane in March, which should reduce reports of brown water.
- Roof replacements throughout the community.
- Sidewalk repairs throughout the community.
- Valve replacement checks in the Catoctin View neighborhood.

Several questions were submitted regarding pets, traffic and maintenance. Some of the key points included:

- Pet nuisances – Per the Resident Guide, a nuisance is defined as "any action of a pet that endangers life or health, gives offense to the senses, violates laws of decency, or obstructs reasonable or comfortable use of property." Please check your Resident Guide, available to view at any time on the Resident Portal under the Community Info tab, for more information about our Pet Policy.
- Trampolines – Trampolines are prohibited in our community.
- Swimming and wading pools – The use of swimming pools is prohibited. Small wading pools up to six feet in diameter and one foot in depth are permitted in the backyards only. When wading pools are in use by children, adult supervision is required. When wading pools are not in use, they must be emptied and stored.
- Traffic safety – Bicycles and toys shall not be left unattended in public areas, streets, or on sidewalks where they may become a hazard or nuisance. When not in use, these items may not be stored in the driveway.
- Porches and patios – Bikes, toys, patio furniture, and lawn equipment, when not in use, should be moved to the backyard or garage. Patio furniture, if used daily and kept properly maintained, may remain on the patio/balcony or in the yard area when not in use.

At Glen Haven, some of the most recent improvements and items coming down the pike include:

- Installation of fencing surrounding trash corrals.
- Power washing of apartment breezeways to begin in the spring of 2021.
- Electrical transformer replacement was completed in the fall of 2020.
- Apartment stairwell and step improvements began in the fall of 2020 and will resume this spring and into the summer.

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Resident concerns addressed included:

- Improved pest control service administration and communication; requests for service are now being processed by site team.
- Improved trash corral maintenance and security.
- Breezeways should be clear from all personal items such as bikes, shoes, etc. Only welcome mats are permitted.
- Per the Resident Guide, only properly maintained patio furniture is permitted on the patios and balconies. No storage is permitted.
- Per the Resident Guide, residents may authorize the management office to accept mail/UPS/Fed Ex, etc. packages. Packages must be picked up within 48 hours.
- The basketball courts are secured due to COVID-19. It is a corporate decision, and the possibility of opening the courts to residents will be discussed at the next housing board meeting.

Topics discussed applicable at both locations included the Maintenance Program, opening of community offices, and use of the Resident Portal for work orders and finding more information. Specifics included:

- 2021 will continue the enhanced Preventive Maintenance program launched in 2020:
  - ◊ Four inspection visits annually.
  - ◊ Licensed specialty HVAC contractor for all annual HVAC system inspections and servicing.
- Community offices reopened in March. The BBC team will be taking the following precautions to provide the safest experience for visitors:
  - ◊ Team members are completing daily health checks to confirm fitness to report to work and they've completed mandatory training on COVID-19 safety protocols.
  - ◊ Maintaining social distance, keeping at least six feet apart from others.
  - ◊ Wearing face masks/coverings while in public spaces or performing work in your homes.
  - ◊ Implemented enhanced cleaning protocols, including regularly disinfecting high-touch surfaces.
  - ◊ Limit of six residents or visitors in the community building at any time.
  - ◊ In addition to receiving the Resident Guide at move-in, you can find the guide on the Resident Portal.
  - ◊ If a resident wants touch up paint, contact the rental office.



# USAMRIID Announces Soldier, NCO of Quarter Winners



***Congratulations to SPC Christopher J. Zaccone (pictured above) and SGT Joshua R. Lorber (pictured below) for winning Soldier of the Quarter and NCO of the Quarter at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. USAMRIID announced the honors at a virtual awards ceremony March 4, 2021.***

***--Photos by SSG Brenden A. Sherman, USAMRIID***



# Past

# Present

# Future

*New Home for USAMRAA in Progress*



A three story, 54,000 square foot building is under construction on Fort Detrick. This new facility will be the future home of the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity. This new facility will provide a modern and efficient work environment that will support the administrative requirements associated with USAMRAA. The new facility is expected to open in 2022.





**DID  
YOU  
KNOW  
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# Maryland has a procedure to designate a beneficiary of a vehicle title

*By Brett Conyers, Fort Detrick Legal Office*

For Maryland residents, did you know that at death, you as a vehicle owner can designate a beneficiary to receive ownership of a Maryland titled vehicle upon your death? Since the designation is made prior to the owner's death, the vehicle will not be considered part of the estate; therefore, Letters of Administration will not be required for the transfer.

These are the requirements and instructions to add the beneficiary from the Maryland Moto Vehicle Website:

- The vehicle must be solely owned and currently titled in Maryland.
- Only one beneficiary can be named, which can be either an individual or a business entity.
- A beneficiary must be designated prior to the death of the vehicle owner.
- A beneficiary may be added, even if the vehicle is subject to a lien. When the vehicle is transferred to the beneficiary, all liens must be satisfied, or a letter of permission from the lienholder must be provided to change ownership to the beneficiary
- The designation of a beneficiary does not affect the ownership of the vehicle until the death of the vehicle owner.
- The owner of the vehicle may choose to delete or change the designation of a beneficiary or sell the vehicle at any time prior to their death without the consent of the beneficiary.
- Once a beneficiary is designated, a corrected title will be delivered to the vehicle owner. All previously issued titles will be voided.
- No inspection is required if the beneficiary is an immediate family member (spouse, child, or parent of the deceased)
- The vehicle registration may be transferred if the vehicle is transferred to a member of the immediate family. All other transfers will require the purchase of new registration plates.
- At the time the transaction is submitted for processing, a death certificate must accompany the title. If the MVA has received notification of the vehicle owner's death from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the death certificate would not be required.

There is a fee to add, delete or change a beneficiary to a vehicle title record.

No longer is there a form for making the designation. Instead, the designation is made on the title. To make this change to the title and designate a beneficiary, it is best to use the MVA Website at <https://mva.maryland.gov/> to make an appointment to visit your local MVA office.

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1 March 2021



**Report a crime to U.S. Army  
Criminal Investigation Command**

**Major Cybercrime Unit**

**27130 Telegraph Road  
Quantico, Virginia 22134**

**Email**

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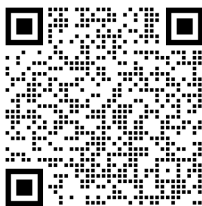
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"DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE"

## QR Code Fraud



Quick response codes, known as QR codes, were originally developed in the mid-1990s for manufacturing and inventory control. Not to be mistaken with the Universal Product Code, often referred to as a UPC code or barcode, found on most products in U.S. stores, QR codes can be seen in many places and used for many reasons.

Most often, a QR code looks like randomly placed small black squares arranged in a borderless square. QR Codes can, however, be quite customized with different colors and different backgrounds.



In these days of COVID-19, where touch-free interactions are encouraged, people are seeing QR codes used more frequently and in new ways, such as in restaurants. Where once a paper menu, wine list, or drinks menu was handed to a diner, now a QR code, printed on a single-use paper, is presented. Sometimes a QR code, printed on an adhesive label, is affixed directly to a stationary surface.

Regardless of how the QR code is deployed, the patron need only frame it in a smart phone camera to read it. Although there are QR specific applications for reading QR codes, the cameras on up-to-date smart phones read QR codes natively and open documents.

Easy, effective, fast, economical, and touch free. All of these are qualities wanted in the days of COVID-19.

But, like just about everything good in computers or on the internet, if it can be used for good, it can and will be used for bad. The same is true of QR codes. Someone with bad intentions can misuse QR codes. According to [ThreatPost](#), although not rampant, QR code frauds and thefts are on the rise and developing in numerous ways.

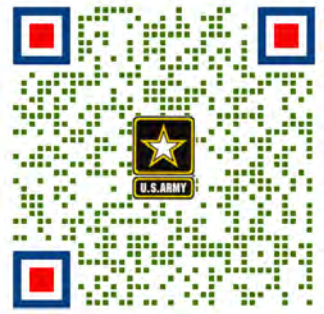


QR codes can:

- Add nefarious contacts to the contact list.
- Connect the device to a malicious network.
- Send text messages to one or all contacts in a user's address book.
- Complete a telephone call to a telephone number that imposes charges on the calling phone.
- Send a payment to a destination where it cannot be recovered.



A basic scam could be perpetrated by printing malicious QR codes on labels and sticking the labels to various publicly accessible surfaces. The curious passerby who scans the code is directed to a malicious website where damaging code is downloaded to their computer or smart phone.



In a more complex scam, QR codes can be used to make payments for goods and to execute money transfers. Scan the recipient's QR code. Enter the amount to transfer. Click execute. Done! Easy! Until the following day when the person making the payments discovers all of their financial accounts have been drained.

To protect yourself, many of the standard cautions apply:

- Be suspicious of unsolicited offers that seem too good to be true.
- Do not open emails from unknown senders.
- Ignore emails that ask you to provide identifying information (usernames, passwords, dates of birth, etc.).
- Do not access financial accounts by clicking links received in unexpected emails. Rather, use verified links from your bookmarks.

Specific to QR codes:

- Do not scan a randomly found QR code.
- Be suspicious if, after scanning a QR code, a password or login information is requested.
- Do not scan QR codes received in emails unless you know they are legitimate.
- Do not scan a QR code if it is printed on a label and applied atop another QR code. Ask a staff member to verify its legitimacy first. The business might simply have updated what was their original QR code.

## Resources

- [QR Code Security Threats](#) – Identity Theft Resource Center
- [QR Code Scam Can Clean Out Your Bank Account](#) – Malwarebytes
- [5 Digital Payment Frauds and How to Avoid Them](#) – The Economic Times
- [Reporting Internet Crimes](#) – Internet Crime Complaint Center
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# Financial Readiness Classes - 2021

Community Support Center  
1520 Freeman Drive  
Fort Detrick, MD  
301.619.3455

## April is FINANCIAL LITERACY month!!

*Attend one of our classes below or schedule a meeting with a financial counselor today!*

### **APRIL**

|                        |                                      |                           |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Developing Your Spending Plan</b> | <b>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Thrift Savings Plan 101</b>       | <b>9:00 am – 11:00 am</b> |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Getting Out of Debt</b>           | <b>9:00 am – 11:00 am</b> |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Investing 101</b>                 | <b>9:00 am – 11:00 am</b> |

To register, call 301-619-3455 or  
email [usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.acs-frp@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.acs-frp@mail.mil)  
Classes are held in Community Support Center, Building 1520.

Classes are subject to change and cancellation.

The eligible participants are: Active Duty and Retired Military and their ID card Family Members, Reservists and National Guard (while on active duty) and their ID card Family Members, Survivors, and DoD civilians.



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# INSTALLATION SAFETY BULLETIN SB 21-03-01

## March 2021 : National Ladder Safety Month

Ladder accidents can be prevented ... if you stick to the following **simple rules**.

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT LADDER:

- ✓ Select a ladder which is the correct length to reach the working height.
- ✓ Ensure that the ladder is of the correct weight rating. The combined weight of the user, their tools and materials should NEVER exceed the rating of the ladder.
- ✓ Most ladders are available with weight ratings of 200, 225, 250 and 300 lbs.

### CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE LADDER:

- ✓ Read the labels on the ladder then check for split or cracked side rails, missing or broken rungs, loose rungs or other weaknesses.
- ✓ Check for splinters and sharp edges.

### PLACE THE LADDER WITH SAFETY IN MIND:

- ✓ Make sure the ladder has firm footing and that it's feet are  $\frac{1}{4}$  the length of the ladder away from the upright surface to be climbed.
- ✓ Don't use a step ladder as a single ladder. Make sure it is fully open with the spreaders properly locked.

### CLIMB THE LADDER CAREFULLY.

- ✓ Wear shoes with good soles and that are free of grease or mud.
- ✓ Always face the ladder and use both hands when climbing up or down

- ✓ Don't carry your tools or materials: raise and lower them with a hand line: *don't have someone toss them up to you or just drop them when you are finished.*
- ✓ If you don't feel well, DON'T climb the ladder.
- ✓ Always climb and work from the center of the ladder. Don't climb up the "back" side of a step ladder and never stand on the top of it.

### NEVER OVERREACH! MOVE THE LADDER INSTEAD:

- ✓ Breaking this one simple rule causes more accidents than you can possibly imagine.

### TIE OFF THE LADDER:

- ✓ Once you have climbed to your working height, tie-off the ladder and use a safety belt.

### TAKE CARE OF YOUR LADDERS:

- ✓ When you are finished with your ladder, put it back where it belongs.
- ✓ Always keep them clean and free of excess material.
- ✓ Store them in a safe and dry place, out of direct exposure to the sun and the elements. Make sure your ladders are tied down during transit. Never paint a wooden ladder. You can however use clear wood preservatives.

Your ladder is one of your most important tools. It is also one of your most unforgiving if misused or mistreated; so use it safely and wisely.

## Falling Off a Ladder Can Kill You

INSTALLATION SAFETY OFFICE  
1520 FREEDMAN DRIVE SUITE 217  
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USARMY.DETRICK.USAG.LIST.ISMO@MAIL.MIL



**MOMC**

# Superhero

Walk/Health & Fitness Fair



**2 April 2021 • 9:00 am**

**Ages 3 - 18**

**School Age Center 955 Sultan Drive. Register by 2 April 2021**

Join us in our Super Hero Walk and Health & Fitness Fair as we kick off Month of the Military Child! Dress in your super hero costume and walk along our route that leads to a healthy lunch amongst our Health & Fitness Fair. Participate in fitness demos, obstacle course, arts and crafts, games and gain information on important health and fitness facts. This fair will cover mental, physical and emotional health. Mask are required. Screening and social distancing measures will be enforced.

All CDC/COVID 19 protocols are being followed to ensure everyone stays safe.

For information on any Child & Youth Services sports, call 301-619-2538.



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# Fort Detrick and Forest Glen Annex Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

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Friday April 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.  
**Facebook Live @FortDetrickACS**



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FORT DETRICK, MARYLAND

# NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

**21 April 2021 • 10:00 am**

Live On Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/DetrickMWR/>

To receive credit for attending virtually, please log on to Facebook with your name and rank and remain online for the duration of the orientation. 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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Francis Scott Key  
Post #11



# Fort Detrick

## Mobilization, Deployment and Stability Support Operations

Service members and military families can count on Military OneSource to connect them to personal assistance and tools to master deployment from shipping out to coming home - and beyond. From Plan My Deployment to non-medical counseling to 24/7/365 call center support, you can help connect our military community to answers and support. Please visit the links below for available resources or call Military OneSource at 800-342-9647.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/military-life-cycle/deployment>

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/leaders-service-providers/sp-l-deployment>

<https://www.armyfamilywebportal.com/content/mobilization-deployment-stability-support-operations>

## Soldier Family Readiness Group Trainings

Soldier Family Readiness Group (SFRG) is a unit commanders program formed in accordance with AR 600-20. The following online trainings and resources are available to review on your time.

- [https://www.armyfrg.org/online\\_training](https://www.armyfrg.org/online_training)
- <https://www.armyfrg.org/familymembers>
- <https://www.armyfamilywebportal.com/content/mobilization-deployment-stability-support-operations>



## Weekly Potted Plant Features

March 31st-April 5th, 2021



Show  
**Some-Bunny**  
They're Special



6" Oriental Lily

**\$9<sup>99</sup>**  
EA



6" Floral Mum

**\$9<sup>99</sup>**  
EA



Tree of  
Enchantment

**\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
EA



4.5" Begonia  
in Pot Cover

**\$4<sup>99</sup>**  
EA



6" Rose  
in Pot Cover

**\$9<sup>99</sup>**  
EA







## Order By Item Code!

|      |                                |  |
|------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1349 | 6" Easter Lilies in Pot Cover  | Five Bloom Easter Lily-White Trumpet Shaped Flowers-Easter Favorite! |
| 2204 | 6.5" Hydrangea in Pot Cover    | Tabletop Pom Pom Hydrangea's-Pink & Blue in Cover                    |
| 2205 | 6" Oriental Lily in Pot Cover  | Large Beautiful Fragrant Blooms-2 Bulbs Per Pot                      |
| 2516 | 6" Commercial Mum              | Large Pom Pom Mums-asst Colors per Case                              |
| 2624 | Tree of Enchantment            | Grafted Weeping Pussy Willow   |
| 2685 | 4" Spring Cactus in Pot Cover  | Spring Blooming Cactus-Easy to Care For & Grow                       |
| 2199 | 6" Rose in Pot Cover           | Colorful Blooms-Yellow-Pink - Red Per Case                           |
| 2522 | 4" Rose in Pot Cover           | Miniature Rose-Wonderful Gift!                                       |
| 2448 | 4.5" Gerber Daisy in Pot Cover | Large Daisy Blooms--Assorted Colors Per Case                         |
| 1066 | 6" Hyacinth in Pot Cover       | Fragrant Flowering Bulb Plant-Assorted Colors Per Case               |
| 2521 | 4.5" Mum in Pot Cover          | Daisy Blooms-Asst Colors Per Case                                    |
| 3445 | 6" Calandiva in Pot Cover      | Covered in Tiny Colorful Blooms                                      |
| 1497 | 4.5" Begonia in Pot Cover      | Pastel Blooms-Assorted Colors Per Case                               |
| 2414 | 4" Herb Assorted               | Assorted Growers Mix-Fresh Herbs                                     |
| 2721 | 4" Basil Herb                  | Culinary Favorite-Large Leaf Basil                                   |

# Around Fort Detrick

## AIE Upgrades

On or about April 5, 2021, the Installations AIE system will be upgraded. The scheduled upgrade will take approximately 21 days to complete. During that timeframe you will not be able to self-scan your IDs at the pedestal. Guards will revert back to visually inspecting IDs. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

## Indoor Pool Usage

Odom Fitness Center Indoor Pool, Bldg. 1507, (301) 619-2498

Effective March 15, the Odom Fitness Center Indoor Pool, Bldg. 1507 will only be available to military units performing unit wide group training i.e. drown-proof training. Military unit Commanders will need to submit a request in writing a minimum of 14 days in advance to the following:

[usarmy.detrick.imcom-fmwrc.mbx.recreation](mailto:usarmy.detrick.imcom-fmwrc.mbx.recreation)

Please contact the Odom Fitness Center with any questions.

All CDC/COVID-19 protocols are strictly adhered to and will be enforced during this program.

## Upcoming Blood Drive at Fort Detrick

When: April 21, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (by Appointment only)

Where: Building 1520, Auditorium

Who: All Civilian and Military Personnel (by Appointment only)

Visit: <https://www.militarydonor.com/>

Sponsor Code: FtDetrick

## Middle School/Teen (MST) Program

955 Sultan Drive, (301) 619-2901

The MST Program is back and better than ever! Offering a full range of activities to include:

Full Day Virtual Learning Support, rock climbing, drone building & flying, LEGO robotics, Bring Your Own Device E-Sports/Gaming, dance competition game, money matters, resiliency skills workshops, paint & sips (non-alcoholic beverages only), UPS road code, movie nights, cooking competitions, open gym, Nallin pond driving & archery range, get up and moving (walking trails) club, youth sponsorship organization, and many more!

For more information, please contact the School Age & Middle School/Teen Center

CDC/COVID-19 protocols are strictly adhered to and will be enforced during this program

## If you are a Veteran, the VA Clinic at Fort Detrick is now vaccinating all Veterans.

Any Veteran interested in receiving the vaccine should contact the Martinsburg VA Medical Center directly or The Washington DC VA Medical Center directly to determine eligibility and set up appointments. Below are links to the Martinsburg VA website as well as the current Public Law No: 117-4 (03/24/2021), Strengthening and Amplifying Vaccination Efforts to Locally Immunize All Veterans and Every Spouse Act or the SAVE LIVES Act  
COVID-19 Vaccines - Martinsburg VA Medical Center -<https://www.martinsburg.va.gov/services/covid-19-vaccines.asp>

H.R.1276 - 117th Congress (2021-2022): SAVE LIVES Act | [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1276) | Library of Congress <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1276>



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- WEATHER ALERTS
- ROAD CONDITIONS
- AND MUCH MORE...

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