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21st Signal Brigade Hosts Ceremony Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

By Nick Minecci, USAG Public Affairs

The Fort Detrick Auditorium was near capacity as hundreds gathered to commemorate the life, legacy and message of one of the giants in African-American civil rights history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jan. 23.

The celebration's theme this year was, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off!" and was hosted by the Soldiers and civilians of the 21st Signal Brigade.

The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick Commanding General Maj. Gen. Barbara R. Holcomb welcomed the crowd.

Speaking about King, Holcomb said his example of pushing for equality for all is as important today as it was in 1963.

March will mark the 55th anniversary of King's "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the 1963 March on Washington. The keynote speaker for the observation, chaplain (Maj.) Shane J. Henderson, 21st Signal Brigade, spoke about the moment in time and the importance of King's speech.

"His influence is apparent as we see that all over the country people honor the memory, legacy, and work of Dr. King in different ways. MLK scholarship banquets promote education, parades in his honor fill

the streets, food banks distribute food, churches facilitate programs, children recite his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech, volunteers are helping families in need, helping the homeless, helping impoverished school-aged children get what they need to be successful in school.

"There are different methods and means whereby people emphasize love, peace, respect, equality, and hope. But for everything that he represented, there is a person, a group of people, and/or entire organizations fighting against them, working against love, living at odds with peace, trying to downgrade respect, aiming to disrupt equality, and hoping to greedily dispense freedom as they see fit. This is why it's a day on and not a day off," Henderson said.



21st Signal Brigade Chaplain (Maj.) Shane J. Henderson, speaks about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the MLK Day observance, Jan. 23, 2019 at the Fort Detrick Auditorium. March marks the 55th anniversary of King's "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the 1963 March on Washington.

Photo by Sgt. Raul Pacheco, 21st Signal Brigade Public Affairs

Henderson continued, speaking about King's tirelessness and constant work to help others.

"I think the theme encourages us to simply be aware of and appreciate each other; to not take a day off from showing kindness, gratitude, and love, and to not take a break from recognizing the injustices and the inequalities that exist right where we are, wherever we are. This is why we remember MLK, because this is what he did.

"We don't celebrate the moments he slept, we

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Army Family Action Plan Virtual Town Hall



The Fort Detrick Army Family Action Plan Virtual Town Hall will take place on Feb. 21 from 2-4 p.m.

Issues are now being collected online, via email, and through drop boxes located at the Community Support Center (Building 1520, Room 125) and Barquist Army Health Center (Building 1434). On Forest Glen Annex drop boxes are located at the Commissary and in the lobby of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR).

To submit online please visit https://detrick.armymwr.com/download_file/view/21939 (please use Mozilla Firefox) or email at usarmy.detrack.imcom-fmwrc.mbx.afap@mail.mil.

The AFAP town hall is a tool that provides the maximum opportunity for the community to participate and provide issues and concerns that are important to them through our AFAP Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/DetrackAFAP>

The virtual town hall process is as follows:

Beginning at 2 p.m. on Feb. 21, the community is encouraged to post questions to the AFAP Facebook page regarding quality of life programs such as military

personnel, housing, facilities and infrastructure, law enforcement and family programs as well as various other services offered through the Fort Detrick Garrison.

We will have subject matter experts from various organizations on post including but not limited to Child and Youth Services, Barquist Army Health Clinic, the Directorate of Human Resources, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and Balfour Beatty Housing, who will be available to address your questions and offer valid solutions.

To avoid duplication, please review all previously-asked questions before posting your question and once posted, allow the SMEs time to answer. Some answers may be posted right away, while others may take time to research. However, we will get back to you with an answer within four business days.

Our goal is to answer as many issues or concerns in real time on Facebook during the AFAP Virtual Town Hall. Once we close the event we will continue to take questions and provide timely answers. Again, if we cannot answer right away, we will research and respond to your issue within four business days.

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commemorate the sleepless nights that kept him awake with ideas of how to confront injustice. We are not celebrating the times he took a breather, but the time he took to breathe life into some of the most profound activities of the civil rights movement. We're not celebrating the man as he took a knee, but we do honor him as he knelt in the posture of prayer, asking God for strength to endure, wisdom to engage, and the power to encourage. We didn't gather in this auditorium to lift up his downtime, we assembled because he lifted up those who were down time and time and time again," said Henderson.

Henderson finished his address by asking the assembled Soldiers and civilians to continue with King's work.

"Don't become weary in doing the good that blesses your sisters and brothers in this human race. Be empowered knowing that other people of good will are striving with you to overcome, to overpower, and to overwhelm the ill will of those who will ultimately fail because through us love, peace, justice, equality, and freedom are not taking a day off," he concluded.

*Our lives begin to
end the day we
become silent
about things
that matter.*

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Chaplain Arrives to Serve “Close-Knit” Fort Detrick Community

By Leticia Hopkins, USAMRMC Public Affairs

If you’ve recently stopped by the chapel you may have noticed a new friendly face among the chapel staff.

Jan. 14, Lt. Col. Gregory “Scott” Jackson, U.S. Army Garrison chaplain, signed into Fort Detrick as the new post chapel leader after serving as a chaplain for more than 17 years.

“Garrison chaplain—first time ever,” said Jackson about his new position after being promoted in October at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, his former duty station.

Jackson added that until coming here he worked mainly in the “operational world” serving as a battalion and brigade chaplain in stateside and deployed locations. In this position, Jackson will have the opportunity to see another side of his job since he’ll be engaging more with civilians and dealing with issues such as financial matters.

According to Jackson though, most importantly, it allows him to serve God and serve people. What he does as a chaplain is more than a job - it’s his calling and being an Army chaplain has allowed him to serve both.

“Encouraging people is important ... that’s what people look for a chaplain to do,” said Jackson. “I definitely want to honor that by doing what I’m supposed to do as a chaplain—taking care of people and families.”

While there are some things that the new garrison chaplain wants to accomplish while he’s here, Jackson is in no rush to make major changes. Instead, he plans to learn more about the chapel’s current ministries and programs.

“If things are going well there’s no point in making drastic changes. Now you can tweak things to fit you, your personality, but it doesn’t mean that you have to

completely revamp a system that’s going well,” said Jackson.

One of the programs that he definitely wants to keep going is a program geared toward single Soldiers. Outreach and community programs are areas of interest for the new chaplain as well.

“Everybody [that] I’ve talked to has said this is a great community, very close-knit,” said Jackson, who is looking forward to getting back to and serving a smaller community.

As the new chaplain settles in, the chapel staff is looking forward to working with him and thinks the chapel and its programs will be in good hands.

“I just want him to keep a positive mindset ... sometimes things can get frustrating and overwhelming but as long as we keep our number one priority in mind and heart, providing religious support and taking care of Service Members and their families, then there really is no room to fail,” said Sgt. Shelby Criswell, non-commissioned officer in charge of the garrison chapel.

“Chaplain Jackson is a very humble, understanding, and patient chaplain ... I can leave here knowing that he will take care of this community as if they were his very own family,” added Criswell.



Lt. Col. Gregory “Scott” Jackson, U.S. Army Garrison chaplain, signs into Fort Detrick as the new post chaplain Jan. 14, 2019.

Photo by Jenni Benson, USAG Public Affairs

In addition to community and outreach, while Jackson is here, he would also like to visit the historical sites and museums with his family.

LEAD Brings Fort Detrick Police Officers, Community Together



By Nick Minecci, USAG Public Affairs

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was recognized on Wednesday, Jan. 9, and members of the Fort Detrick community took the time to say thank you to the officers who protect them.

Officers started the day by raising the flag during Reveille and ending the day by lowering the flag during Retreat. During the day the community showed appreciation to the Fort Detrick police officers by wearing blue clothes, holding a community breakfast at the Balfour Beatty community center and recognizing the men and women for their service and sacrifices.

“Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is a day where community members and leadership have the opportunity to thank the many brave men and women who selflessly serve their community in an effort to keep them safe,” said Fort Detrick police Chief Nelson S. Oliveira.

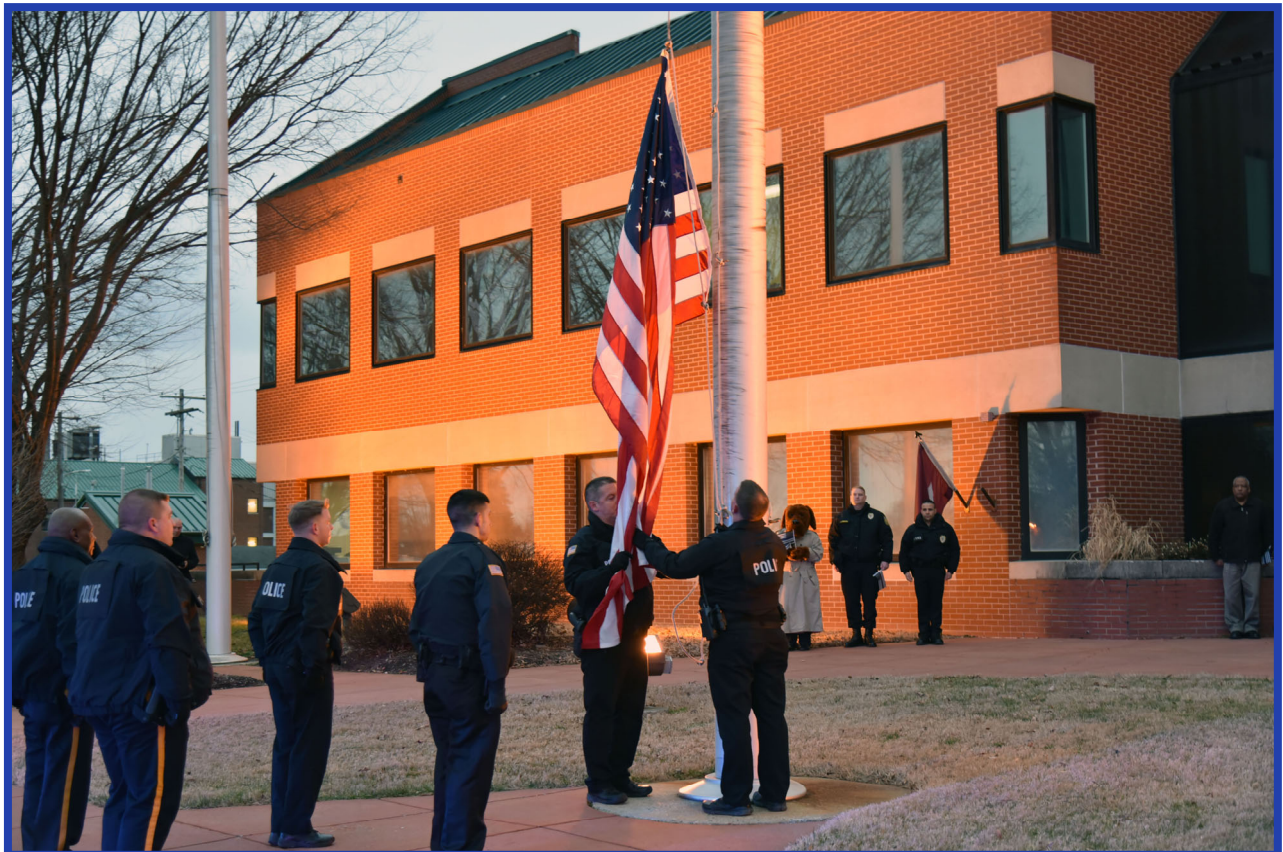
“From the amazing breakfast hosted by Balfour Beatty, to the support from our kids at our Child and Youth Services

and Child Development Center to our many community members who wore a blue item of clothing to show their support for their police officers, it was all appreciated,” Oliveira said.

LEAD was founded in 2015 to thank officers across the country for the daily sacrifices they make for their communities. Since then, organizations from across the Nation have joined forces to support LEAD to spread encouragement and respect to the men and women of law enforcement.

Oliveira said that LEAD is a chance for his officers to meet with the public, talk and answer questions.

“Our officers also wanted to reaffirm their commitment to our country and community, while equally expressing their gratitude to all the officers and Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice by conducting Reveille and Retreat [in their honor]. The officers of Fort Detrick truly appreciate the outpouring of support and we look forward to continuing to serve this great community,” he said.



Officers from the Fort Detrick Police Department lower the flag in front of Building 810 during the daily Retreat ceremony, Jan. 9, 2019 for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Photo by Leticia Hopkins, USAMRMC Public Affairs

The Road to Becoming Chief

By Jenni Benson, USAG Public Affairs

Growing up in Newark, New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Fort Detrick Police Chief Nelson Oliveira dreamed of being a Soldier when he was little. The road to becoming chief of police wasn't in his initial life plan, but it has been worth every risk and sacrifice.

"The thing that I am most passionate about is helping people. Col. Halter [Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Detrick] always talks about having a selfless servant leadership style, doing something because it's the right thing to do, doing it because you're helping others. That's what I plan on continuing to do," said Oliveira, "helping people."

When Oliveira first joined the Army he was enlisted as infantry but because of a good "sell" by his recruiter, he decided to take the Military Police route.

After five years at two primary duty stations, one in Korea and the other here at Fort Detrick, Oliveira and his wife decided to stay at Fort Detrick once he left the Army. "At first, I'm not going to lie, I hated being a civilian," Oliveira said through a smile. "...I continued to stay at Fort Detrick because I felt like I had opportunities here to grow in my career. I always envisioned myself as a Soldier and I still wanted to be a part of the military community. Even though I'm in law enforcement as a civilian I still feel like I'm helping the Army meet its mission."

Since 2005 Oliveira has been a part of the Fort Detrick Police Department. In the military Oliveira spent most of his time on the Special Reaction Team, which is the military's version of the SWAT team. Because of that experience, within a few years Oliveira was promoted to SRT Team Lead. Over the following years he moved up the ranks from sergeant to lieutenant to captain and on Dec. 23, 2018 was sworn in as the Fort Detrick Chief of Police.

"I remember telling my wife, when we were just dating, 'one of these days I'm going to run a police department'" said Oliveira. "I always tell my guys when you go on that grind of hard work, commitment and dedication you can achieve whatever you want. I was committed to the job and I was willing to take on harder tasks of the organization."

Oliveira acknowledges that his success is not because of



himself alone but also due to the amazing people around him. They have helped, taught, mentored, and prepared him for this next challenge.

"I have a great team, from my battle buddy Capt. [Phillip] Stokes who is an amazing guy and incredibly smart to some of my lieutenants and officers coming up through the ranks. I have an unbelievable team of people who help pull the load instead of weighing it down. I rely and count on my team," said Oliveira.

In speaking of his top priorities and goals as chief, Oliveira stressed the importance of professional development. He believes that the next police chief is already within the organization and he must ensure that he or she is ready to take over his position when he moves on. "I want my officers to be technically and tactically proficient to ensure the community is always safe and that they are proficient in carrying out their duties," said Oliveira. "It's my job to improve the organization, mentor my people, and develop them into their next position."

One of the many reasons Oliveira has stayed at Fort Detrick is the community itself and how supportive the people are of the police department. "Things like

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supporting Law Enforcement Day which was held Jan. 9, or stopping by one of the gates and telling the guards ‘hey thank you and here’s a cup of coffee because it’s cold out,’ doesn’t go unnoticed,” said Oliveira about how the community continues to show their support.

“I see the amount of effort and the caring attitude of the community and it motivates me. And when I see the ICE comment cards about how professional the officers are, and how they care, all of that inspires and motivates me to be the best I can,” said Oliveira.

Oliveira explained how professional development of the officers and serving the community go hand-in-hand. “I want to continue to give the community the best trained officers possible so that in an emergency situation they can count on their police force to help. I want them to have that faith and trust in us.”

With tight budgets and staffing sometimes stretched thin Oliveira knows that he will face some challenges in this new role. “With change comes challenges. I think it’s all about how you deliver those challenges and the message being delivered to the team,” he said.

“I think that most are willing to endure through the challenges especially if their leader is willing to endure it with them. I hope that through my example, they can see that I care and that they are taken care of. That’s my goal,” he continued.

Oliveira is both realistic and optimistic when it comes to potential constraints. “...There are resources out there such as community partnerships with local law enforcement that we can take advantage of. Things like free trainings with other organizations not only increase partnerships with the local community but establishes a better response force because we are able to shoot, move and communicate together because we train together, we know each other.”

Oliveira plans on leveraging what resources are available for his team to help them grow and improve but also using the resources he has right here at Fort Detrick. “I have some of the best guys out there. Many of them are former combat veterans with multiple tours overseas. I look to those guys to help lead and train their subordinates by tapping into those resources from past experiences. Our team is so diverse in our own backgrounds that when we all come together we make up a really dynamic group of people.”

“It’s humbling,” Oliveira answered when asked what it is like being called “Chief.” “Obviously I’m proud of my accomplishments, because I did put a lot of hard work into my career, but I’m humbled at the fact that I was trusted with this opportunity.”

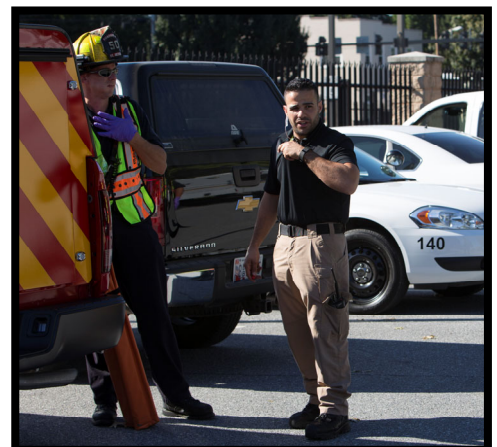
A loyal Eagles fan, Oliveira finished with a football reference, “I’m a die-hard football fan and although I’m not a fan of the guy...look at Tom Brady... a sixth round draft pick, he steps on field the first day and tells Coach Belichick ‘I’m the best decision you’ve ever made.’ I don’t know what Belichick was thinking when Brady said that but I’m sure, looking at it now, five Super Bowls later and about to compete for the sixth, I’m sure he’s thinking he IS the best decision he’s ever made.”

“I hope to show the community, the leadership team and my team of officers that I was a good decision... bottom line, I want them to know that I care and I’m willing to work,” concluded Oliveira.



Police Chief Nelson Oliveira, (then Police Capt. Oliveira) trains civilians, Service Members and first responders during a full scale exercise at Fort Detrick in 2015.

Photos by Sig Bruner, Directorate of Operations



Child Youth Services Sets Day Aside for Training

By Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs

Providers at Fort Detrick Child and Youth Services recently completed an extensive one day training that would have otherwise required many evenings and after hours to complete. All Army employees are familiar with the often extensive annual training requirements, and sometimes it can be challenging to complete. For our CYS professionals the required training to remain compliant with licensure and accreditation is more arduous.

“Getting out of a classroom to attend trainings is a challenge for CYS professionals. Meeting teacher-to-child ratio requirements makes it difficult to get staff out of the classroom for trainings during duty hours and have staff coverage at the same time so we can meet the program requirements. Therefore, closing the CYS facilities to provide a full day focused on annual trainings is a huge benefit for our staff. It allows our staff to remain in compliance with requirements as well as being in the know of the latest best practices in childcare,” said Patrice Harper of CYS.

Annual fee guidance allows CYS to close two days a year for training and additional days as directed by the Garrison Commander. At Fort Detrick most training is done after hours during a once a month staff meeting with time built in for training.

“Bringing all staff together to receive training from outside presenters is optimal. This recent training is on top of annual Army required training and annual overarching CYS training,” said Harper.

“Keeping the staff trained on the latest child care and youth trends plays an important role in maintaining accreditation and the success of the next visit from our accrediting governing agency,” continued Harper. The Child Development Center is accredited by The National Association of Education for Young Children, and the School Age Center is accredited by the Youth Council of Accreditation. Federal law requires that CYS programs are accredited and the centers at Fort Detrick have maintained their accreditation for many years.

The training day this year included an organization called Kids Included Together which focused on special needs children and children with challenging behaviors.

“The training taught our staff a variety of strategies on how better serve children with special needs,” said CYS Coordinator Kathleen Brennan.

Other topics included obesity prevention, Equal Employment Opportunity and Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention.



Fort Detrick CYS staff set aside a designated day for annual Army training and to learn new child care best practices Jan. 18, 2019. The training enables providers to complete required training in one day instead of holding multiple evening staff meetings.

Photo by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs.

Free Income Tax Assistance for Military Personnel and Families

By Brett C. Conyers, Legal Assistance Attorney

The Fort Detrick Tax Center opened in Building 521 on Jan. 28 and will remain open until April 15 to assist active and retired members of the armed forces, including mobilized reservists and their families, with filing both federal and state income tax returns.

The Tax Center is an IRS-designated Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site that is managed by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate with the support of commanders as a personal readiness and quality-of-life program. Commanders have detailed six Soldiers to the OSJA to staff the Tax Center on a full-time basis. They will be joined by an experienced civilian volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (301) 619-3171.

Eligible taxpayers must bring a completed IRS-required questionnaire ([IRS Form 13614-C, In-take/Interview Sheet](#)), a military identification card for the sponsor and spouse, and a social security card (or photocopy) for each person named on the return to receive assistance. To download the IRS Form 13614-C, In-take/Interview Sheet and to view other helpful information designed to make your visit a one-stop success, visit our webpage at <http://www.detrick.army.mil/taxassistance/>.

If you have not visited a military tax center before, there are many reasons to do so. First, services are free. We estimate we saved the average Tax Center client more than \$250 in commercial fees last season. Second, your refund from an electronically filed return is deposited in 21 days or less after the IRS accepts the return. Third, you receive quality assistance.

Upon visiting the center, you will encounter preparers certified by the IRS to assist with the most commonly encountered tax issues in our military community. The IRS limits the scope of services provided in the Tax Center. However, assistance with a subject that exceeds the training and certification level of preparers in the Tax Center may be given by appointment from an attorney in the Fort Detrick Legal Assistance Office.

There are “bright-line” limitations that, if any apply, means your assistance exceeds the scope of both the VITA program and the Army's Legal Assistance Program.



Clients who are otherwise eligible must seek assistance from a paid preparer if:

- You have a home business (other than a child care provider enrolled under the Child and Youth Services Program) and your gross income exceeds \$5,000; you intend to deduct expenses for the business use of your home; your costs exceed \$5,000; or you are disqualified from using Schedule C-EZ for any other reason.
- You have more than two rental properties or just one rental property that was purchased for the purpose of earning income.
- You have more than 10 stock trades.
- You qualify for the foreign earned income exclusion.

The Tax Center has relocated to the main SJA Office, 521 Fraim Street, Fort Detrick, Maryland. To receive assistance call (301) 619-1040 and make an appointment. The Tax Center is open from 9 –12 a.m. and 1– 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1-4 p.m. on Thursdays.

Appointments allow NCOIC to assign a preparer who has the experience and certification level necessary to assist you. If you have any questions, you may also contact the Legal Assistance Office at (301) 619-2221.

History Impacting the Future

By Erin Bolling, CDMRP Public Affairs

On January 7, 2018, the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs' peer review contractor hosted a Military Burn Research Program peer review meeting in Reston, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together experts in military burn — combining scientists, physicians, clinicians, consumers, veterans and Service Members — to equally review the scientific merit and potential impact of research applications submitted to the program. However, this particular peer review meeting was different.

This meeting brought together two individuals from different walks of life that might not have met otherwise, but had already shared a part of their past together.

Traditionally, all CDMRP review meetings begin with a moment of silence, which is led by one of the meeting participants. The moment of silence provides reflection on the mission at hand and offers respect to those individuals (past and present) that the research could have and/or will truly affect.

For this meeting, Jason Savell attended as a consumer advocate, after being nominated by the Waco, Texas Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans. For the CDMRP, consumers are made up of patients, survivors, family members and advocates.

Savell is a Wounded Warrior who participates in the review process alongside the scientists and physicians to bring a perspective provided only by someone living with the firsthand experience of military burn.

Savell shared his story in preparation for the moment of silence, accompanied with photographs of himself and comrades. Some stories are best left to the voice of the storyteller; Savell's story is certainly one of those stories:

"On March 23, 1994, I was proudly serving this country as an Army paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division [in Fort Bragg, North Carolina]. We were preparing for what should have been a routine parachute jump. I was sitting on my rucksack behind one of the C-141 planes that we would be jumping from. I decided to run to the restroom before putting

on my chute. I stood up and took a few steps before Soldiers around me started yelling and running. I turned to see what was happening. An F-16 and C-130 had collided in the air above us. I couldn't see the C-130, but I did see the F-16 coming right at us at 450 mph. The plane hit the ground about 300 yards from us and slid across the tarmac, slamming into the C-141 [that] we were preparing to board. I turned to run, just as I felt the explosion.

The force of the blast threw me about 50 feet, while shrapnel from the plane simultaneously took off my left leg. I hit the ground and rolled over a few times before coming to rest on my stomach. I just remember the intense heat. I pulled my head up from the ground and looked around to see other Soldiers running around on fire, as other Soldiers tackled them and tried to beat the flames out. I tried to get up to help but my body wouldn't respond. I turned to see what the problem was and I could see that my legs were badly mangled. Another Soldier was lying motionless beside me and his back was on fire. I pulled myself over to him and started beating on his back. My hands caught fire as the burning jet fuel covered them. At that same time, our chaplain came running up to me and started beating on my back and hands. I had been unaware that I was also on fire. Two Soldiers placed me on a makeshift stretcher and carried me over to a two and a half-ton truck. I was awake well after they got me to the hospital. While on the truck, Staff Sgt. Jenny Earnst saved my life by applying the tourniquet.

I was placed in an induced coma and sent on a medical flight to Brooke Army Medical Center that night. Three weeks later, I was brought out of my coma as my doctor, mother and chaplain stood by my bed. They asked me what all I remembered, and I told them everything. I asked about the guys in my unit and they wouldn't tell me anything. The chaplain brought in a TV and VCR and sat with me as we watched the memorial service for the men who died. I cried as the names were read, and I think I must have cried for three days straight.

My good friend, Martin Lumbert, was in the room next to me. He was burned over 88 percent of his body and had [a] serious infection that would lead to [the]

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amputation of both of his legs, above the knees, and the fingers on both of his hands. We communicated through our liaisons, and I tried to encourage him. I only saw him one time after the crash.

Several months later I was discharged from the burn unit and sent to an orthopedic ward. As I was leaving the burn ward, I was allowed to go see him. I put on the special protective gear required and entered his room. I took one look at him, and my heart sank. He couldn't have weighed more than 65 pounds. He had no ears, no nose, and I could see his rib cage. He had a trachea tube, so it made it difficult for him to talk. I had a mask on, so I am not sure if he could see me crying. I just leaned over my crutches and sobbed. I promised him I would return to see him. I never got the chance. After ten months in the hospital and all of that suffering, Marty died from pneumonia."

Dr. David Harrington, professor of surgery at Brown University, was attending the same MBRP peer review meeting to provide a scientific review. Harrington was travelling from Rhode Island to the meeting in Virginia, and, after making it through a lengthy Transportation Security Administration pre-check, he was turned away from boarding his plane at his gate with only 15 minutes left until takeoff. He ran down the terminal to find an alternate flight so he could get to the meeting just in time for the opening remarks.

While in the meeting room, Harrington sat and listened to Savell's story. He saw the photos, and the hairs on the back of his neck stood straight up.

"I recognized the photos because you just don't ever forget something like that," said Harrington. "Not only was I there, but his friend Marty, was my patient."

As you can imagine, Harrington had difficulty containing himself; however, the meeting continued into the next session. He took out a piece of paper, wrote a note, and passed it down four chairs to Savell. On the paper was simply written, "He was my patient."

During this accident in 1994, Harrington was a captain in the Army and a junior staff surgeon with the burns and critical care unit at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was a part of the medical flight crew that reported to Fort Bragg just 24



Jason Savell (left) and Dr. David Harrington, peer reviewers at the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs' Military Burn Research Program peer review meeting, reuniting after 24 years.

Courtesy Photo

hours after the event and brought 22 patients back to the Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Stunned by this unexpected turn of events, Savell called his late friend's fiancé, whom he'd kept in contact with all these years. He asked her if she remembered the attending physician that treated his friend. Without hesitation she replied, "Dr. Harrington."

During the next break, the two were able to sit down together and talk.

Dr. Akua Roach, MBRP program manager, was in attendance at the meeting. She explained how Savell, (having worked with him on other peer review panels), always seemed quiet and reserved but had a clear passion for the CDMRP mission. Harrington was invited to join the review panel, after becoming a prominent figure in the burn care community due to his work with burn patients.

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Roach quickly realized the power of this fateful reunion.

“[Savell’s] story was gripping and real,” said Roach. “He ended by saying that he believes that his friend would be alive today had he received the care that is now standard practice in today’s military treatment facilities—care that has been developed and validated by research funded by programs such as the MBRP.

“For some researchers in the audience who may never have met a burn-injured veteran,” she continued, “Mr. Savell’s account reiterated the ‘why’ for the MBRP’s existence.”

Everything had to fall in place and click, like a well-crafted watch: Savell finding the courage to get up and share his story in a room full of people he didn’t know. Harrington’s quick decision at the airport, allowing him to make the meeting just in time for the opening remarks. The effective management of peer review, bringing together dedicated and experienced individuals committed to the

advancement of research that develops better treatments for military burn injuries.

For those suffering from military burn or other types of conditions, disease, or illness, the CDMRP works to ensure these types of improbable scenarios may result in effective collaborations towards transforming healthcare. By bringing together various experts and consumers at all levels of the review process, the human element provides perspective and is a central component in identifying the most innovative and impactful research.

“This ‘chance encounter,’ 24 years in the making, which reunited a clinician and veteran who once shared a traumatic experience, provides a perfect example of why the CDMRP continues to charge forward towards its mission,” said Roach. “Individuals like Mr. Savell and Dr. Harrington — who are passionate about improving the treatment, care and survival rates of those affected by a condition, disease or injury — make it all possible.”

USAMMDA Team Spotlight: Combat Trauma and Acute Rehabilitation Project Management Office

By Jeffrey Soares and Ashley Force, USAMMDA Public Affairs

The mission of the Combat Trauma and Acute Rehabilitation Project Management Office of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity is to field U.S. Food and Drug Administration-cleared or -approved medical devices, drugs and biologics to help support and sustain our Nation’s Warfighters. Comprised of defense acquisition workforce professionals certified in fields that include program management, production quality and manufacturing, science and technology management, and testing and evaluation, the CTAR team brings to the organization a wide range of subject-matter expertise. The team leverages this knowledge to advance product development in areas such as hemorrhage detection and control, organ support, soft- and hard-tissue treatment and repair, and sensory organ damage.



The CTAR PMO team leverages a wide range of subject-matter expertise to advance product development in areas such as hemorrhage detection and control, organ support, soft- and hard-tissue treatment and repair, and sensory organ damage. Photo courtesy of USAMMDA Public Affairs

In our continuing spotlight series, USAMMDA’s public affairs team recently sat down with CTAR PMO project manager Christine Parker, who offered a candid look into the critical work of this engaging team. Parker’s insightful perspective sheds much light on the types of cutting-edge medical products and devices that help support the USAMMDA mission of developing and delivering important medical capabilities to protect, treat and sustain the health of Service Members throughout the world.

PAO: Please describe the type of work managed by the CTAR PMO.

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CP: When a Warfighter is wounded, the injuries tend to be very complex, and commercial solutions may not address the severity of the injury, or be available in the austere location where the injury occurred. The CTAR PMO is responsible for delivering new medical solutions based on Warfighter-identified areas of need. Some of the gap areas include prolonged care, hemorrhage detection and control, wound care management to include burns, extremity injury repair of vascular, muscle and nerve. Currently, the team has two sensory acquisition programs: one is for hearing loss prevention, and the other for ocular stabilization and repair. The CTAR PMO looks at solutions related to rehabilitative and restorative treatment typically used in a fixed medical facility stateside. Overall, it is our responsibility to develop medical solutions throughout the entire continuum of care.

PAO: The CTAR PMO is one of the newest PMOs within USAMMDA, correct?

CP: “Combat Trauma and Acute Rehabilitation” may be a new name, but the work was previously performed by two PMOs that were merged. The “Medical Devices – Advanced Development” from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, and USAMMDA’s “Tissue Injury and Regenerative Medicine” PMOs were combined in an effort to align resources and streamline efforts.

PAO: What is the most exciting part of your job?

CP: What’s *not* exciting? The mission, people, the projects are all exciting, as well as the ultimate goal of helping the wounded Service Member. Being able to provide medical solutions that are not currently available, and get these FDA-cleared, is life-changing. If we can save even one life, to me, that is the best mission in the world. Our Service Members dedicate their lives to making sure that we are safe here at home. I am honored to have a mission that helps develop medical solutions to increase the function of the wounded Warfighter, reduce injury, and prevent death.

PAO: Can you please provide a bit more detail regarding the CTAR PMO’s scope of work?

CP: Our focus is to deliver solutions that are not commercially available to users in the field. We need to be sure that we are developing solutions that address validated user needs and operational threats. In austere environments with limited resources, triaging the injured is not the same as going to the local hospital or clinic, which will have all of the proper clinical support and supplies. Depending on where the injury occurs, immediate evaluation, treatment and/or evacuation is not always possible. Traditional care

that we are accustomed to in the U.S. becomes unavailable, and the scenario can quickly turn catastrophic. The DOD’s enduring medical requirements must be FDA cleared/approved; as such, our team must be cognizant of the solution’s approved indication for use, so that the right solution is fielded to the right user in the right place. A product for use by a combat medic verses a surgeon may not be the same due to user skill and/or user environment. The combination of supply availability, clinical ability and sustainability is all part of our acquisition strategy when taking on new projects.

An example of one of our identified gaps is hemorrhage; 90.9 percent of potentially survivable deaths that occur pre-medical treatment facility are associated with noncompressible hemorrhage. We must be able to both detect and control this severe bleeding as soon as possible. Usually, the medic is at the first line of defense. Depending on the injury, the bleeding may not be visible to the provider, increasing the potential of the patient going into shock and dying. The Hemorrhage Detection Program is focused on a diagnostic tool that will identify internal bleeding to allow for earlier treatment and possible prevention of shock altogether. Not only will this solution save lives, but it will enable providers to prioritize supplies and aid in evacuation decisions. The Noncompressible Hemorrhage Control Program seeks to find solutions that will control severe bleeding in places where a tourniquet cannot. In this instance, it will take a family of products to address this gap at all levels of care. The program is evaluating devices and biologics that can stabilize a patient until they can reach definitive surgical care.

PAO: Does the CTAR PMO have any new products on the horizon?

CP: Yes! This past year, we had a product called the CirQPOD™, which was FDA-cleared and will be coming up on a Milestone C review in fiscal year 2020. This particular device is one that is used on ventilated patients to help with the body’s process of delivering blood to a capillary bed in its biological tissue. When a person is ventilated, having proper blood flow to all of the extremities is very important, and this device helps this happen.

Another success this past year is the Sprint Peripheral Nerve Stimulation system.

It was developed through a Congressional special interest-funded effort, through the Joint Warfighter Medical Research Program, and recently received FDA 501(k) clearance. The 501(k) is a submission to show that our new device is as safe and effective, or

“substantially equivalent,” to another FDA-approved device already on the market. The Sprint system is an alternative therapy for pain management, versus the typical pain medications that are usually offered. This is a drug-free, minimally invasive therapy that aims to minimize the need for opioids.

Along with these new products, another recent success is a steam sterilizer, developed through an industry partner, which the Army is now fielding in its sets. We also have the Burn Resuscitation Decision Support Small-Mobile device, or Burn Navigator. This device helps inform the provider how much fluid the patient should receive. Over-resuscitation of burn patients can lead to abdominal compartment syndrome, compartment syndrome of the limbs, and pulmonary edema, leading to tracheostomy that might not otherwise be necessary. These are just two of the successes fielded by the team.

PAO: What are your thoughts on the CTAR PMO, and the work you and your team are doing?

CP: For me, personally, I never thought in a million years this is the work that I would be doing. I’m proud to be doing this work and humbled to know that we play a role in making sure that our Service Members have exactly what they need. If anything does happen to them as a result of their service to our country, we ensure that they have the best possible care to lead a fulfilling life. We really have the best team — and it’s a very unique team — from biologists to doctors, to biomedical engineers and program managers. This special team of people is really what keeps me going. They work very hard and are very dedicated, and they take the acquisition process very seriously. They make sure that our partnering companies are fulfilling the needs of what we’ve asked them to do. Ultimately, they make sure that we have safe and effective products that not only can be fielded to those who need it, but that these solutions are ruggedized and suitable for the austere environment. And that is a huge part of the acquisition process — it’s one thing to build something and have it become a new item in a Warfighter’s pack, but it’s another thing for the person to be able to use it properly, maintain it, and keep it working.

PAO: Can you please describe the CTAR PMO’s role in product development?

CP: Our team of acquisition-certified program managers develop the contracts and agreements to ensure that all of the requirements are identified, and that the developmental effort will meet environmental and operational standards. Prior to placing a new item in our medical sets, we perform rigorous testing in the lab and in an operationally representative environment to ensure these FDA-cleared devices are not only effective but suitable for use in austere locations. Our team relies on our medical users, partners, and end-users to ensure new products will be reliably fielded, maintainable and supportable.

PAO: Do you have any final thoughts that you would like to share?

CP: There are many layers of expertise to accomplish what we do within the CTAR PMO, and our dedicated team helps us to field relevant medical solutions to protect, treat, and rehabilitate our Service Members. It’s our top priority. The team is honored and proud to support the medical needs of the military.

To view the USAMMDA PAO interview with Christine Parker, click on the following link: [CTAR Interview with Christine Parker](#)



Members of the Combat Trauma and Acute Rehabilitation Project Management Office are gathered outside of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity headquarters, Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Photo by Ashley Force, USAMMDA Public Affairs

Army Adds Medical Materiel to European Prepositioned Stocks

By Ellen Crown, USAMMA Public Affairs

Army prepositioned stocks (APS) 2 in Europe – the Army's newest APS site – is now equipped with life-saving medical equipment and supplies in support of theater readiness.

A medical logistics support team from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, augmented by Soldiers from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, completed a fielding mission Nov. 20, 2018. The team stocked and completed an inventory of more than 280 medical sets designed to support a wide range of operational medicine capabilities, from forward resuscitative surgical teams to field hospitals.

"USAMMA's execution of the medical materiel portion of the APS program plays an essential role in the delivery of healthcare on the battlefield," said USAMMA Commander Col. Timothy Walsh. "Through this mission, we help enable the medical speed of response for our combatant commanders in support of operations around the globe."

USAMMA manages the medical components of APS on behalf of the Department of the Army. Strategically located stocks provide

deploying units with essential materiel support until logistical lines of communication are opened.

To ensure readiness of medical assets stored as part of APS-2, USAMMA will staff an on-site team of biomedical equipment specialists to calibrate and repair APS-2 medical devices, such as vital signs monitors and defibrillators, in compliance with vendor warranty requirements and U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations. Medical logisticians will also maintain accountability of all stored equipment and supplies, executing inventory management and replenishment.

All other APS-2 stocks are managed by the 405th Army Field Support Brigade, which is assigned to Army Sustainment Command and under the operational control of U.S. Army Europe. Medical materiel, however, is not "separate" from the rest of the materiel stored in APS-2, emphasized Kimberly Dankulich, USAMMA's chief of APS.

"A ground ambulance vehicle can't support the mission without its medical set, and the ground ambulance medical set doesn't do any good unless it's mobile," said Dankulich. "We need them and they need us. Together, we enable readiness."



Soldiers from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command complete an inventory of medical equipment and supplies being stocked at Army Prepositioned Stock 2 (APS-2) Nov. 20, 2018 in support of European theater readiness. APS-2 includes more than 280 medical sets to support a wide range of operational medicine capabilities, from forward resuscitative surgical teams to field hospitals.

Photos by Ellen Crown, USAMMA Public Affairs

Army's "Green to Gold" Program Gives USAMRIID Officer a Chance to Shine

By Caree Vander Linden, USAMRIID Public Affairs

Capt. Jason "Jay" Cross, chief of operations at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, started his Army career as an enlisted Soldier in 2003 and became an officer through the Green to Gold program. GTG provides eligible, active duty enlisted Soldiers an opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree or two-year graduate degree and earn a commission as an Army officer.

Cross, a Cleveland native, went to college but ended up with a considerable amount of student loan debt, which led him to enlist. By committing to four years of service, he was only responsible for the interest and the Army paid off the rest. From 2005-2007, he was stationed at USAMRIID, working his way up from specialist to sergeant and earning the title of USAMRIID Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for 2006.

"I initially served at USAMRIID as a combat medic," Cross recalled. "I was thinking about getting out of the Army when my tour was up. Col. [George] Korch, who was the commander then, encouraged me to consider some of the degree programs that the Army offered. When I started looking into it, and realized they were going to send me back to school for two years and I wouldn't have to work at the same time, I jumped at the chance."

Cross filled out the paperwork, chose a university and met with the professor of military science at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio (the Reserve Officers' Training Corps component of his education was held at Bowling Green University). He received his acceptance about three months later.

From 2007-2009, Cross completed the program and moved on to the basic officer leaders course and medical leaders course. He was stationed at Fort Bliss for six years, and deployed to Iraq for two separate one-year assignments during that time. In August 2016, he was offered the chance to come back to USAMRIID as an officer.



"Fort Detrick is a great place to do this program, because they really encourage you to further your education here," he commented. "At first, I had a difficult time transitioning from Green to Gold. It was hard to go from being an NCO to taking orders from people with less experience than I had. But it's a unique program and each individual will take different things from it."

Here are some words of advice that Cross said he could have used at the beginning:

1) Humble yourself.

"I went from Sgt. Cross to Cadet Cross. My first day at ROTC, I saw some people who were teaching young cadets bad habits. The NCO in me went berserk and wanted to correct every little thing. I had to understand that many of the cadets did not have the background of basic training, Advanced Individual Training, leadership courses, and other schooling. It was incumbent on me to teach, rather than correct. It took a while, but eventually I got it."

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2) Seek out others with prior service and make friends.

"You can commiserate about how things are going. Find a sympathetic ear to talk about past experiences and it will help you get through ROTC much more smoothly."

3) Understand that you will not be judged the same as those with non-prior service.

"You will likely be expected to know more and be a better leader from day one. Mistakes will be amplified for you that are relatively minor for new cadets. Whether it is fair or not, you will be held to a much higher standard."

4) Focus on GPA above every other aspect of ROTC.

"When assessing, your ROTC career is broken down into three large chunks: 45 percent is GPA, 15 percent is your junior year Leadership Development and Assessment Course/Army Physical Fitness Test, and 40 percent is ROTC/LDAC grades. Getting a 4.0 GPA starts you off with 45 of 100 points for assessing. Getting a 300 APFT plus a 4.0 GPA starts you off at 60/100. Even if you are middle-of-the-road in ROTC and LDAC, the GPA will set you so far ahead of your peers that you should easily get your branch of choice."

5) Be strategic about branch choice.

"They will ask for your top three, and the Army views it as a success if you get one of your top three branch choices. Pick the ones you really want as number one and number two, and then one other that you would still be happy with that isn't too popular. Certain ones fill up very

quickly, but others, like Administration or Signal, are not as highly requested. I would definitely put one of the lesser branches that I would be okay with as number three, to avoid getting a selection that's solely based on the needs of the Army. "

6) Don't be afraid of ADSOs.

"ROTC dangles Additional Duty Service Options as carrots for cadets to get the branch/duty station that they want. If you plan on making it a career, an ADSO is no big deal. If you are planning 'one and done' with the contract, then ADSO's aren't for you. But if you are borderline on the Order of Merit List for branch or duty station, an ADSO can put you over the top. Plus, if you apply for an ADSO and don't need it, then it does not go into effect."

Cross has one final word of advice for prospective GTG applicants: Have fun!

"Many people don't get this opportunity, so enjoy it," he says. "Live the college life. This is an opportunity to hit the reset button and be a college kid again for a couple of years on the Army's dime."

More information on the Army's Green to Gold program is available at the following link:

<https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/current-and-prior-service/advance-your-career/green-to-gold/green-to-gold-active-duty.html>

Non-Commissioned Officers Inducted

Congratulations to the newest Non-Commissioned Officers at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, who were inducted in a Nov. 16, 2018 ceremony at Fort Detrick.

Pictured (L-R) front row: Sgt. Mary Leyva, Sgt. Gregorio Arenas, and Sgt. Marielena Vikara; middle row: USAMRIID Sgt. Maj. Joanne Rollocks, Sgt. Robin Cornelius, Sgt. Erikka Johnson, Sgt. Joshua Pajak, Staff Sgt. James Smith, Staff Sgt. Briana Wilson, and the United States Medical Research and Materiel Command Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Sprunger; back row: Sgt. Clayton Keller, Sgt. Joshua Meyer, Staff Sgt. Mykola Usatenko, and Sgt. Zachary Vikara.

Photo by Spc. Samantha A. Reyna, USAMRIID



MC4 Provides Support to Medical Units on Border Mission

By Paul Clark, MC4 Strategic Communications

Staff from Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care recently traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border in support of the 44th Medical Brigade, 602nd Area Support Medical Company deployed there. After a request from the 602nd ASMC for assistance, a technical team from MC4's Fort Bragg eastern regional office arrived at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Sunglow City, near Tucson, Arizona on Nov. 16, 2018 to begin their border support mission.

Operations along the U.S.-Mexico border are part of the support mission ordered on Oct. 29 by President Donald Trump. In response to the order, more than 5,000 U.S. troops, along with approximately 2,000 troops already deployed to the area, were sent to assist law enforcement and border security personnel in order to "harden key points of entry," according to U.S. Northern Command Commander Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy.

MC4 Lead Functional Trainer Dan Fabricatore, along with System Administrator Clarissa Johnson were met by the Commander of the 602nd ASMC, Capt. Caleigh Weliver, along with Capt. Peter Nganga, an intensive care unit nurse, both of whom described their support and training needs to the MC4 team at the unit's troop medical clinic.

The first order of business for the MC4 technicians was to check any connectivity issues at the Role 2 TMC. Johnson ensured cables running from the very small aperture terminal to the MC4 systems were working properly.

VSAT is a satellite communications system designed to provide worldwide data and voice communications connectivity to U.S. military forces. It functions as a two-way ground station that transmits and receives data via satellite in both narrow and broadband data in real-time.

The 51st Medical Logistics Company, working in tandem with the 602nd ASMC, is responsible for ordering class VIII medical supplies through the Defense Medical Logistics Standard Support Customer Assistance Module. The DCAM level 1 was configured and verified, followed by a successful system test conducted on the connectivity between the two sister units.

DCAM is a medical logistics ordering tool that enables operational units to monitor medical supplies (class VIII) and replenish levels when required.

Johnson configured the unit's Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application-Theater servers and connected several AHLTA-T client systems. The team then performed system checks on the MC4 software that included creating user accounts, testing clinic information inputs and connectivity. Johnson also provided instruction to unit level administrators on basic server and client trouble shooting.

A post-configuration test conducted on the AHLTA-T server the next day was successful after providers were able to demonstrate the ability to transmit patient data without any problem.

After the MC4 systems and connectivity checks were successful, the MC4 team provided training to approximately 30 personnel including medics, doctors, nurses and patient administration staff. Doctors received additional AHLTA-T training on creating templates and order set creation.

Order set creation is where a health care provider can pre-select orders, e.g. laboratory and x-ray results or medications, then assign them to a recurring diagnosis, which allows the HCP to more efficiently document patient care.



MC4 Lead Trainer, Daniel Fabricatore, Capt. Peter Nganga, 2Lt. Russell, Pfc. Joseph and Pfc. Guiliane discuss MC4 system needs during the border support mission near Tucson, Arizona on Nov. 17, 2018.

Photo by Paul Clark, MC4

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The team also provided quick reference guides and instructions on how to access the [MC4 eUniversity for additional online training](#).

After all the MC4 systems were functioning and the support and training mission was complete, the team departed Sunglow City and returned to Fort Bragg on Nov. 17, 2018. Upon returning to Fort Bragg, Fabricatore provided a report to Capt. Nganga.

“Everything is working properly and the entire medical staff was very thankful and happy with the service provided,” he said. The MC4 team added that the medical staff seemed very satisfied and appreciative of the team arriving so quickly and providing support.



MC4 technicians provide guidance and training to U.S. Army medical personnel from the 44th Medical Brigade, 602nd Area Support Medical Company deployed during the border support mission near Tucson, Arizona, on Nov. 17, 2018.



MC4 System Administrator, Clarissa Johnson provides over-the-shoulder training to Spc. McConnell and Pfc. Gonzalez during the border support mission near Tucson, Arizona on Nov. 17, 2018.

Photos by Paul Clark, MC4

Swim to Your Destination

By Don Vierra, DFMWR

The Fort Detrick Aquatics Department offers an on-going “Swim to Your Destination” program. This program is held at the indoor pool located inside the Odom Fitness Center, Building 1507 Porter Street.

Swimmers are encouraged to swim laps to accumulate distance swam in relation to the length of the Appalachian Trail, which covers about 2,200 miles from Maine to Georgia. The exact length of the trail changes over time as parts are modified or rerouted.

Swimming 32 laps is the equivalent of one mile. “Swim to Your Destination” is a self-paced program. Your progress can be updated and followed on a map located inside the pool. A certificate will be presented to individuals for each 100 miles swam.

To date the top three swimmers by distance are Alan Holberg (pictured right) with over 19,200 laps or over 600 miles, Betty Neilson with over 17,600 laps or over 550 miles, and Capt. David Bacon with over 4,800 laps or 150 miles.



For more information, contact the Odom Fitness Center, 301-619-2498.

Battelle Selects New Director for National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center

By Brian Gaudet, NBACC Public Affairs

The Battelle National Biodefense Institute has selected Dr. George W. Korch, Jr. as the new lab director for the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center.

“We’re delighted that George will be joining the NBACC as lab director,” said Ron Townsend, Battelle’s executive vice president for Global Laboratory Operations and chair of the BNBI Board of Directors. “We did an extensive national search and I’m confident we found the best leader for the NBACC mission. Not only does he bring the experience of managing a nationally recognized biodefense lab and directing biosecurity programs, he has unparalleled scientific credentials as evidenced by his faculty affiliation with Johns Hopkins University.”

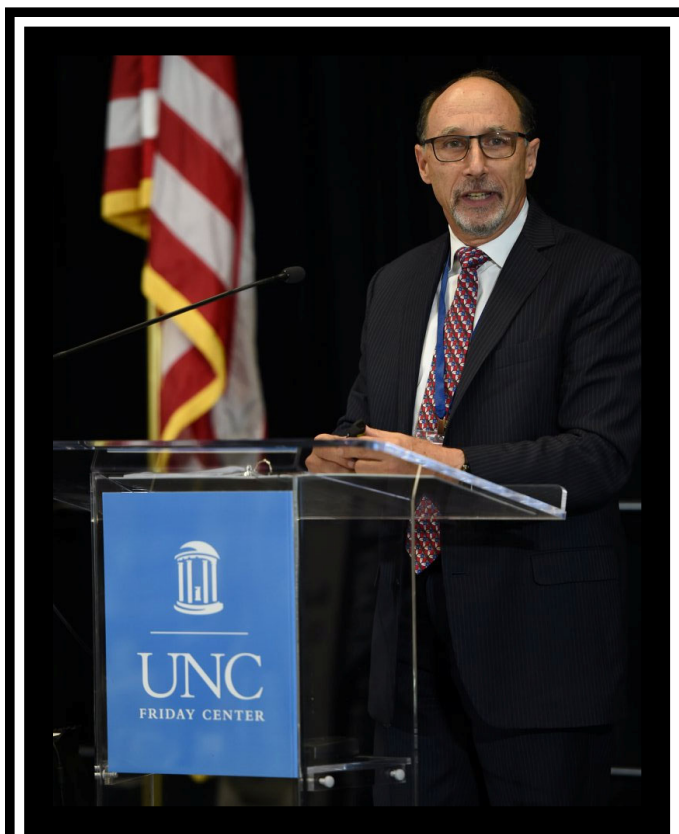
Returning to Fort Detrick will be a homecoming for Korch who served as the commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. He was also instrumental in the creation of NBACC after the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003.

“I’m thrilled to be returning to Fort Detrick and taking on the leadership of NBACC,” Korch said. “The NBACC’s twin missions of threat characterization and bioforensics are critical for our Nation’s long-term biosecurity and for the continuous, real-time needs of federal law enforcement.”

Prior to joining BNBI, Korch served for a number of years as the senior science advisor to the assistant secretary of preparedness and response for the Department of Health and Human Services. He served for a period as the acting ASPR during the recent transition of administrations. He retired from the U.S. Army Medical Department in 2008. He holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Hygiene and Public Health. He also has a visiting professor appointment in the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at this prestigious institution. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has a variety of scientific publications and is the recipient of numerous civilian and military awards and honors.

Korch replaces former NBACC director Patrick Fitch, who has accepted a position with Triad National Security, LLC as associate lab director for Chemical, Earth, and Life Sciences at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Since 2006 the Battelle National Biodefense Institute has operated and managed the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate as a Federally Funded Research and Development Center. BNBI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Battelle.



Former U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases Commander, Dr. George W. Korch, Jr., takes over as the new lab director for the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center, December 2018.

Courtesy Photo

And the Award Goes To...



Fort Detrick and the County of Frederick, Maryland, who partnered on a computer-aided dispatch system to create interoperability and system synchronization are presented the Army Community Partnership award by the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham and Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Mr. Jordan Gillis at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia, Dec. 4, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Leroy Council)

By USAG Fort Detrick and Frederick County Public Affairs

The Department of the Army has announced the winners of the 2018 Army Community Partnership Awards, which were presented at the Army Community Partnership Recognition Ceremony at 10:00 a.m., on Dec. 4, 2018, in the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

Fort Detrick, Maryland, is one of seven U.S. Army installations who partnered with a couple of their neighboring communities. Fort Detrick and the County of Frederick were selected for demonstrating a partnership that enhanced Army readiness, modernized Army processes and improved business reform, while building stronger community relationships.

"We are always looking for innovative ways to decrease costs and enhance the delivery of services on our installations," said Jordan Gillis, acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment). "These community partnerships are perfect collaborations that help accomplish that endeavor while building stronger community bonds."

Fort Detrick and the County of Frederick, Maryland, partnered on a computer-aided dispatch system to create interoperability and system synchronization. Fort Detrick also partnered with the county to integrate the Installation into the County Solid Waste Management Plan, enabling the Army to reduce installation emissions and landfill use requirements. As a result of these partnerships, Fort Detrick and the community created a cost avoidance of more than \$2 million to the Army and solved critical challenges in emergency response and waste management.

"As good stewards of our taxpayers' monies both at the county level and at the Army; we are always trying to find ways that we can do what we are doing now at less cost. These partnerships allow us both to save money and improve performance," said Col. Scott Halter, Fort Detrick garrison commander.

The Army Community Partnership Recognition Ceremony seeks to highlight examples of exceptional cooperation and diligence that will encourage continued collaboration to achieve the full potential of community partnerships. For example, Fort Detrick and Frederick County partnership in the computer-aided dispatch system called E911 which modernized Fort Detrick's outdated E911 system and encouraged interoperability between the Garrison and the County. In addition, the solid waste partnership with Frederick County addressed a challenge for landfill space and avoided millions of dollars in incinerator repairs. The awardees represent partnerships that have improved readiness, driven modernization and contributed to reform initiatives throughout the Army.

All seven awardees included partnerships signed in fiscal years 2016-2018 by garrisons, reserve centers and armories. Eligible partnerships included memorandums of understanding, memorandums of agreement, cooperative agreements, educational agreements, leases or licenses, mutual aid agreements or intergovernmental support agreements. Submissions were evaluated using the following criteria:

- improves or enhances readiness
- supports reform initiatives
- modernizes a service, system or process
- expands capability
- improves soldier/family life or community relations

In and Around Fort Detrick

USAG Fort Detrick on Social Media

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

As a reminder, all social media sites must be registered with Army. For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office. The Fort Detrick Weeklies can now be found on the Fort Detrick homepage www.detrick.army.mil under "Weeklies" and "Announcements."

Upcoming Holiday Gate Hours and Closures

All visitor centers and gates EXCEPT Nallin Farm Gate at Fort Detrick and Brookville Gate at Forest Glen will be closed on the following day/s:
February 18, 2019

The Tax Center is now Open

Located in the Office of Staff Judge Advocate, 521 Fraim Street

The Tax Assistance Office will be available to assist Soldiers and retirees with completing their 2018 Tax Forms, Jan. 28 - April 15, 2019.

Hours of Operation:

Mon. – Wed. and Fri. from 9-12 a.m., 1-4 p.m.

Thursday from 1-4 p.m.

Closed on federal holidays and days scheduled as a DONSA.

Deadline to file taxes is April 15.

Visit: <http://www.detrick.army.mil/taxAssistance/index.cfm> to download necessary intake forms and documents needed for tax assistance.

For additional information or to make an appointment call (301) 619-1040

Right Arm Night

Feb. 8
3-6 p.m.

CAC, Building 1529
Food, music and games!
For more information, call (301) 619-4079

Barquist Army Health Clinic Upcoming Closures:

Monday, Feb. 18 - President's Day
(Closed Entire Day)

Friday, Feb. 22 - Mandatory Training
(11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

ACE Civilian Suicide Prevention Training (registration not required)

*Feb. 21 2019, 10-11 a.m. (UPDATE: date change from Feb. 6 to Feb. 21)
April 24, 2019, 10-11 a.m.
July 17, 2019, 10-11 a.m.
Building 1520 – Classroom 6

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

Upcoming 2019 Personal Readiness Trainings

IAW AR350-1 this training meets the 1 hour Personal Readiness Requirement, formally ASAP and ACE Suicide Prevention. POC is the Army Substance Abuse Program (301) 619-1751.
Feb. 19/March 13/April 10/June 12/
July 11/August 21/September 10

1520 Building, Classroom 6

AFAP Virtual Town Hall Information

February 21

2-4 p.m.

Accessible at <https://www.facebook.com/DetrickAFAP>

For more information, call 301-619-2208

Black History Observance

Feb. 20

11 a.m.

Fort Detrick Auditorium

Newcomers Orientation

Feb. 20

8-11 a.m.

Community Activities Center, Building 1529. Contact (301) 619-6364 for additional information.

