Army Medical Logistics Command emphasizes vigilance against sexual harassment, assault

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command is challenging its teams worldwide to stamp out all forms of sexual harassment and assault.

"It has no placed in our armed forces," AMLC Commander Brig. Gen. Michael Lalor said during a kickoff event April 2 for AMLC's month-long observance for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, or SAAPM.

Fostering interaction from units all across the U.S. and overseas, the AMLC team organized numerous activities to raise awareness, including Teal Tuesdays, where employees are encouraged to wear teal in support for victims of sexual assault.

Other fun activities included a scavenger hunt, trivia challenge and Denim Day scheduled for April 28. The goal is to take education a step beyond standard online or face-to-face training.

"Treating people with dignity and respect so that people have a good work environment to which to operate and be their best selves is crucial," Lalor said. "To me, this is what it is all about. We were all raised to treat people the way we want to be treated and that is what it should be for

everyone every day."

A national observance in April, SAAPM underscores the Army's commitment to SHARP, an acronym for Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention.

This year's theme is "Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission" as the Army continues working toward its ultimate goal of eliminating sexual assault throughout its ranks.

Staff Sgt. Ella Greene, SHARP victim advocate for AMLC and Fort Detrick, said SAAPM was created to "shed light on an epidemic that has been going on for way too long."

"We have made great leaps and strides to combat sexual harassment and sexual assault, but we are far from being done," Greene said, adding that the effort emphasizes the Army's "zero tolerance" policy against such conduct.

In addition to raising awareness, Greene said the program also aims to encourage others to recognize and intervene to stop inappropriate behavior.

"With SAAPM being recognized nationally this month, everyone is more aware that it is still happening and prevalent, but don't just put your focus solely on this month," she said. "The prevention of sexual harassment and assault is important every single day."

SHARP victim advocate Candace Harriday said education and awareness on the subject enhances the Army's readiness to combat and prevent sexual harassment and assault, as well as building comprehensive response capabilities.

"A voice ignored in our Army is a mission defeated," Harriday said. "SAAPM provides 30 days in April where we have focused voices and opportunities to truly emphasize the corrosive effect sexual assault has on Soldiers, mission readiness, team unity and trust."



Col. Clayton Carr and others leaders at U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command sign a banner during a kickoff event April 2 to mark AMLC's month-long observance of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

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Sanchez Takes Reigns at Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment

By Ramin A. Khalili, USAMRDC Public Affairs Office

Members of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment office participated in a Change of Responsibility Ceremony at Fort Detrick, Maryland, on April 6. As per tradition, incoming Detachment Sergeant Sfc. Evan Sanchez officially took control of the post from outgoing Detachment Sergeant Sfc. Daniel Cruz.

"He's led the team through two-and-a-half years of constant change," said HHD Commander Capt. James Hunt during opening remarks, commenting directly on Cruz's 30-month stint as Detachment Sergeant. "Each of these [changes] come with their own problem sets, but he's remained strong and steadfast throughout."

An integral part of the Command structure, the HHD office is tasked with managing day-to-day Soldier health and well-being, and is charged with producing and arranging a number of Command-wide events and activities.

During his own personal statement to the assembled USAMRDC staffers and members of leadership gathered inside the Fort Detrick Auditorium, Cruz thanked his family – his wife and three children, all of whom were in attendance – while noting his term in the position helped him realize his passion of helping Soldiers accomplish their respective goals while shepherding them through various life and professional challenges.

"I learned more from you than you learned from me," said Cruz in a specific nod to the non-commissioned officers he worked with over the past several years. "It wasn't always pretty, but we always got the job done."

Sanchez delivered similar remarks to the crowd, focusing mainly on his desire to build upon Cruz's success in the position while additionally delivering his own brand of energy, creativity, and drive. Sanchez was joined by his wife and children.

"I will strive to maintain excellence and continuity in this position," said Sanchez. "I look forward to growing and learning from each and every one of you."



Sfc. Evan Sanchez (far left) joins Sfc. Daniel Cruz (far right) during the USAMRDC Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment office Change of Responsibility Ceremony at Fort Detrick Auditorium on April 6, 2021.

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DETRICK KIDS' CORNER

Highlighting the amazing programs and kids at Fort Detrick



Fort Detrick bids farewell to Don Vierra

Fort Detrick leadership and Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation employees congratulate Don Vierra on his retirement, April 13, 2021.

During his time here, Vierra was a staple at the Jennifer Odom

Fitness Center, responsible for the intramural sports program at Fort

Detrick, among many other things. Vierra is retiring after 46 years of combined service. Vierra looks forward to enjoying his retirement by spending more time with his family.

"Thank you, Fort Detrick, for making it fun. You all taught me how to better perform at my job, and I will really miss everyone," said Vierra.

Don, job well done. Enjoy your much-deserved retirement.

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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT APRIL





The month of the **Military Child was** celebrated the entire month of April. A Super **Hero Walk and Fitness** Fair was held April 2, 2021, which included a dance and step aerobics class, face painting, arts and crafts, and a 1.5-mile walk. The Fort Detrick Step Sis-Stars shared a brief performance as entertainment during lunch. Overall about 70 individuals, including children, staff, and parents, participated.















Celebrating the Month of the Military Child





Fort Detrick Volunteers honored at recognition ceremony





The commanders and command sergeants major of the US Army Medical Research and Development Command and US Army Garrison Fort Detrick joined Army Community Services here in honoring the volunteers of our Fort Detrick and Forest Glen communities during a ceremony, April 16.

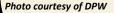
Brig. Gen. Mike Talley, commander, MRDC, provided opening remarks and reminded those in attendance and watching via live stream on the Internet of the important role volunteers play in supporting our Service Members, families, and communities. He was then joined by Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Laragoine, MRDC; Col. Dexter Nunnally, USAG Fort Detrick; and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Gusman, USAG Fort Detrick, in presenting the Volunteer of the Year award to the late Mary Lee Schumeyer. Her husband, Jerry, was present to accept the award.

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Thank you DPW for your outstanding effort

Employees from the Fort Detrick Directorate of Public Works, Operations and Maintenance branch are recognized by Army Medical Research and Development Command and Fort Detrick Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Michael J. Talley Wed. April 14, 2021, for their continued outstanding performance.

Individuals from Roads and Grounds, Pipe shop, Millwright did an outstanding job during the winter. In one season, they responded to seven snow and ice events and cleared over 3.7M square yards of surface area. This team also executed an emergency complex water main repair at Forest Glen under extreme weather conditions, with temperatures dipping as low as 27 degrees Fahrenheit. Together they ensured operations seamlessly carried on in these critical specialty trade shops despite COVID-19.





ARMY HAS 'BIG BOOTS TO FILL' FOLLOWING RETIREMENT OF LONGTIME MEDICAL MAINTENANCE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

Throughout his U.S. Army career, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jesus C. Tulud earned a reputation of being a quick study and a problem solver.

He's also one of the Army's strongest supporters of the medical logistics and maintenance communities, always looking for ways to improve processes and readiness to benefit Soldiers.

Quickly learning of logistical challenges in his early enlisted days in the 1990s, Tulud made it his mission over his 33-year career to find ways to make it easier to provide and receive top-quality health care.

"That medical provider cannot do their job without us," he said. "MEDLOG is the lifeline to the medical field. They can't do it without the supplies and equipment."

On April 15, Tulud's colleagues from past and present honored

the longtime pillar of the medical maintenance community during a retirement ceremony at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Fort Detrick is the last of many duty stations for Tulud, who most recently has served as command chief warrant officer at Army Medical Logistics Command and director of AMLC's Medical Maintenance Policies and Analysis directorate, or M2PA, since the command's formation in 2019.

Tulud took time to recognize the people who helped him along the way, but AMLC Commander Brig. Gen. Michael Lalor emphasized the "huge and lasting" impact Tulud had on medical logistics and the Army as a whole.

"This is a tough day for our Army here," Lalor said. "While it's a celebration, today we return a Soldier who has supported this Army for nearly 33 years. That's a whole lot of experience, wisdom and he's one of my closest advisers in this job."

'A military-grown family'

Born in the Philippines the youngest of 10 children, Tulud and his family came to the U.S. in 1977. He lived in Salinas, California, before joining the Army 11 years later – with the blessing of his mother – just before his 18th birthday in 1988.

The decision to serve was an easy one, both to follow in the footsteps of family members before him and to further his education.

"I come from a military background," he said. "My grandfather was a POW. I've got two uncles; one was in the Navy, the other in the Army. My brother was in the Army 20-plus years. ... We're

a military-grown family."

After completing his initial training in medical maintenance, Tulud began his college coursework and ran track. Shortly thereafter, however, Operation Desert Storm kicked off and he felt compelled to join the fight in the early 1990s.

"I was here running track ... and I was like, 'I can't do this,'" he recalled, especially knowing his brother was overseas on active duty. "How can you go to college when your country is at war?"

In 1991, Tulud joined the active-duty ranks, starting a journey that included assignments all across the country and abroad, including three tours in Korea and deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Especially during those deployments, Tulud learned about the challenges Soldiers face in the medical logistics field, and it drove him to want to improve the system.



Brig. Gen. Michael Lalor, left, commander of Army Medical Logistics Command, presents Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jesus C. Tulud with his certificate of retirement from the U.S. Army during a ceremony April 15 at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

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It also called for him to learn other disciplines, such as medical supply, which was complex and often handled differently than other commodities. Tulud made it his mission to improve those processes.

"The way I gear the way we do business today is I remember how we did it there," he said. "... You would do all you can to get medical supply to you. I never want to see that again."

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A subject-matter expert

In 2002, Tulud joined the ranks of Army warrant officers, highly specialized subject-matter experts. Upon graduation, he served as the S-4/unit maintenance officer for the 31st Combat Support Hospital out of Fort Bliss, Texas.

He credits his wife, Chae, and one of his former warrant officers for convincing him to take the initiative to apply.

"At the time, I didn't think I was warrant officer material," Tulud said. "And here I am now ... 19 years later."

Tulud looked back on his class of warrants that were commissioned that year, with several rising to the top rank for a warrant officer just like him. One of them, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Wendell Johnson, joined Tulud at his retirement ceremony.

"Most folks didn't know we were actual brothers," joked Johnson, who currently serves as 670A consultant for the Army Office of the Surgeon General.

Johnson said Tulud taught him what it means to be professional, specifically in avoiding disagreement with colleagues in public and getting your point across in private.

"Most folks don't realize what we're losing in (Tulud)," he said. "Many called him a grumpy old man ... but he had their best interests at heart. ... Many of us are successful because of him."

Along the way to his promotion to chief warrant officer 5 in 2018, Tulud gained extensive knowledge across the Army medical logistics, supply, equipment management and maintenance fields that set him up for success in his most recent roles at Fort Detrick.

His advice to other young enlisted Soldiers considering warrant school? Start early, seek leadership roles and educational opportunities, and don't be afraid of constructive criticism.

"Go talk to a warrant officer. Find a mentor," he said. "It can't be your best friend."

'Big boots to fill'

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joshua Barto, chief of publications for M2PA, said Tulud leaves "big boots to fill" for the command, as well as the Army-wide medical maintenance enterprise.

"Without his leadership, I believe that there would not have been as much focus and attention placed on medical device sustainment," Barto said.

Tulud's leadership has moved the needle in AMLC's establishment of Life Cycle Management Command and Integrated Logistics Support Center roles, enabling the command and M2PA teams to "identify, communicate and get after many of the issues that have plagued medical materiel throughout the Army," Barto added.

"Mr. Tulud, for as long as I and many others have known him,



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jesus C. Tulud reacts to a speaker during his retirement ceremony April 15 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Tulud devoted the majority of his 33-year career to improving the Army's medical logistics enterprise.

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has always been an advocate for improving operational efficacy of medical maintenance within the Army," he said. "His plans and actions were always in support of improving the way we do medical maintenance and medical logistical business, bringing attention to or closing medical maintenance gaps."

Not only did Tulud bring substantial knowledge, expertise and leadership to the medical maintenance enterprise, but he led the way in training and mentoring future leaders, Lalor said.

"It's not just with your job or any actions on the battlefield, but you trained the next generation of leaders, of Soldiers," he said. "You stepped up and taught Soldiers how to wear their uniform properly, how to hit the target, how to train, how to never quit."

While he will be missed, Tulud said the feeling is mutual, thanking all his mentors, battle buddies and team members along the way.

"You don't really miss things until you're without it," he said. "I will miss all the great friends I'm in contact with every day at work. I don't tell anyone they work for me. I work with them. I try to keep that."

While Tulud considers his colleagues to be extended family, he said he looks forward to spending more time with his immediate family in retirement, as well his favorite past time – golf.

"There's not much I would change," he said. "I love what I do."

Fort Detrick conducts Bataan Memorial Death March

On April 17, 2021 Fort Detrick held its first Bataan Death March to honor the heroic service of thousands of Filipino and U.S. Soldiers that died 79 years ago on the Bataan Peninsula while defending the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health, and, in many cases, their lives.

Approximately 10,000 men died. The survivors faced the hardships of prisoner of war camps.

Participants completed a full 26.2-mile marathon or an honorary 14.2-mile march throughout Fort Detrick.

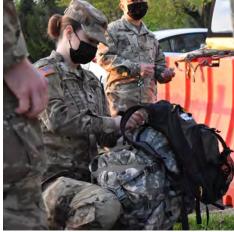
More information about the history of the Bataan Death March: https://bataanmarch.com/about-bataan/

Photos by Staff Sgt. Brenden Sherman, USAMRIID











Army finds success in 'hybrid' approach for TEWLS training during COVID-19 restrictions

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

The use of a "hybrid" training model has enabled the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency to continue a high level of support for Soldiers using a vital medical logistics information system despite operational changes as a result of COVID-19.

Trainers with USAMMA's Business Support Office reacted quickly to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions by augmenting its in-person training program for Theater Enterprise Wide Logistics Systems, or TEWLS, with virtual learning capabilities.

"There is just no substitute for in-person instruction when working through a complex deployment where multiple roles are to be fulfilled," said Margaret Garguilo, TEWLS education team lead for USAMMA's BSO.

TEWLS is an information system within the Defense Medical Logistics-Enterprise Solution portfolio that integrates multiple business processes, such as inventory management, warehouse management, kitting and financial management, across the enterprise or organized business activities into a single master database.

Before the pandemic, the team typically scheduled on-site and in-person sessions with a deploying unit. Travel restrictions and physical distancing requirements forced trainers to reexamine their training approach, initially going all virtual through the use of Microsoft Teams.

Later, the team was able to establish its "hybrid" formula that balanced precautionary measures with hands-on learning. Rather than the entire four-person team traveling, one or two would deploy to the unit while the other trainers participated virtually.

Garguilo said trainers work closely with unit commanders to ensure all COVID-19 safety measures are taken into account when personnel work on site with Soldiers, which allows the team to monitor participants, coordinate classroom logistics, work with IT support and establish rapport with the unit.

"It has been a very successful shift in our training approach," she said.

Over the past year, the TEWLS training team at USAMMA, a direct reporting unit to Army Medical Logistics Command, has completed 10 training events to support three deploying units, totaling 187 participants in Texas, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Through the use of the new method, trainers are able to save on travel, increase safety amid the ongoing pandemic and maximize the Soldiers' learning experience.

"The interaction with multiple instructors that are geographically dispersed introduces an interesting dynamic for the learner,"



Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, participate in Theater Enterprise Wide Logistics System (TEWLS) training, one of three phases of training provided the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Business Support Office.

(U.S. Army photo by Enoc Santos)

Garguilo said. "As well, working side by side with the commanders and Soldiers gives our team insight into readiness, areas of concern and firsthand feedback so we can adjust as needed."

And speaking of feedback, Garguilo said it has been "tremendous" and beneficial as trainers continue looking at ways to improve and shape the training curriculum to better serve Soldiers.

A typical training cycle includes three different phases – introductory training, advanced training and a refresher site visit. Many deploying Soldiers are required to fulfill multiple roles, Garguilo said, making the training even more vital to ensure readiness to support each mission.

"Unfortunately, we have learned the hard way that we must never skimp on training our Soldiers," she said. "Mistakes are made when training is inadequate and poorly timed. This is one reason we have implemented our three-phase approach, which journeys through time with the unit, captures late arriving personnel and maximizes readiness. Phase three enables us to support the unit just before deployment."

Todd Bishop, director of USAMMA's BSO, credited Garguilo and the TEWLS training team for their flexibility and versatility throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Peg has brilliantly led her team to adapt to the new limitations that COVID has placed on the Department of Defense," Bishop said. "She and her team of trainers' ability to quickly adapt ensured that medical logistics operations support for the deployed warfighter did not skip a beat."

After 17 Years, the Cicadas Are Coming

By Luis Pons, US Department of Agriculture

After a 17-year wait, billions of large, noisy, winged, red-eyed insects known as periodical cicadas (Magicicada spp.) will soon emerge from the ground, occupying large swaths of the eastern United States. They'll overrun many yards, pelt windows, fly into people, clog storm drains and basically wreak buggy havoc.

But entomologist Michael Schauff of the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) Systematic Entomology Laboratory in Beltsville, Md., has a message: Remain calm. Although cicadas may give many people the creeps, the bugs won't sting or bite, and they rarely damage plants.

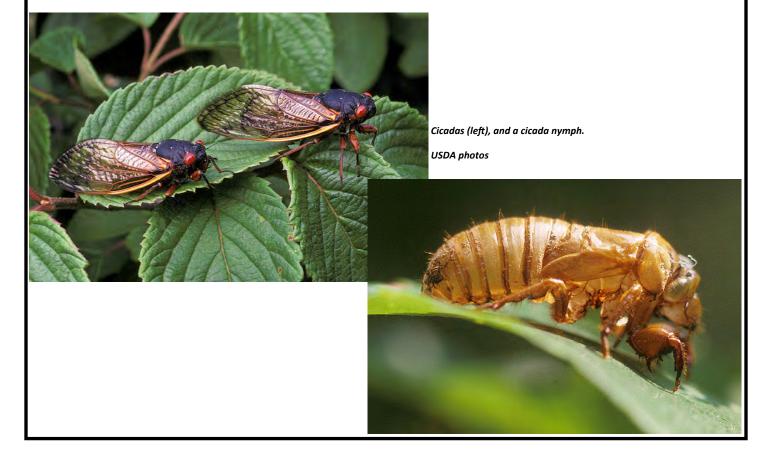
According to Schauff, the cicada explosion will start in early-to-mid May in parts of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, western North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and southern Michigan. Other states may see them as well. This activity will peak between mid-May and mid-June, and the insects will die off about four weeks after first emerging.

Schauff has good agricultural news as well: The cicadas pose little threat to crops, although small or newly planted hardwood or fruit trees and grape vines may need protection. That's because cicadas make small incisions near the tips of tree branches, where they lay eggs. The branch beyond the incisions often dies.

The 17-year cicada is known as Brood X (10), or the Big Brood. Other broods have different cycles, and are not as intensely populated.

According to Schauff, the first sign of the cicada emergence will be little mounds or mud turrets that look like miniature volcanoes around the bases of trees. The insects emerge soon after.

Six to 10 weeks after eggs have been laid, nymphs will emerge, fall to the ground, crawl into the soil and stay out of sight as they slowly develop in cells attached to plant roots, subsisting on tree sap over the next 17 years.



Toure, Carrington Score Top Marks, Awards

By Ramin A. Khalili, USAMRDC Public Affairs Office

Officials from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command announced Pfc. Ibrahim Toure and Sgt. 1st Class Dalton Carrington as winners of the 2021 "USAMRDC Soldier of the Year" and 2021 "USAMRDC NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) of the Year" awards, respectively, during a ceremony at Fort Detrick on March 26.

For both men, the honor serves as a highlight of a year otherwise defined by the Command's overall response and continued commitment to the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic.

"This is a great honor," said Toure, who credits his family with teaching him the work ethic required to compete for the award. "My parents taught me to always be at the very top of everything I do."

"All the preparation paid off, and I was just very happy," said Carrington, a medical lab technician by trade who's currently stationed at the USAMRDC Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. "Everybody at the Institute, every time I walk by, they always say congratulations."

The small, in-person ceremony served as a capstone to the grueling competition and review process, which consisted of the completion of the Army Combat Fitness Test, a twelve-mile ruck march, a combat testing lane, and a written exam, among other efforts.

For Toure, the award represents another significant accomplishment – among many – since enlisting in the Army in



Photograph of PFC Ibrahim Toure. (Photo Credit: USAMRIID Public Affairs)

2019 following his emigration to the U.S. from the Ivory Coast. He is currently posted at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, where he works in the Division of Medicine, Training, and Education. Just a few months after arriving at USAMRIID in May of 2020, he won the USAMRIID "Soldier of the Year" award, which put him in the running for the overall Command award.

"Coming to this country changed my life," said Toure following the receipt of his initial award in October, "so joining the Army [was] a way for me to pay back this country."

As for Carrington, he was kept in the dark about his "USAMRDC NCO of the Year" victory until he actually arrived at USAMRDC headquarters. Prior to the ceremony, WRAIR Command Sergeant Major Rodmond Churchill told Carrington that USAMRDC leadership wanted both the award winner and the second-place entrant to appear at the event together, with the winner to be announced on-site. The truth behind the goodnatured setup was revealed once he arrived on post, however.

"I didn't know if I'd won or if I was runner up – and then when I got there it was just me and Pfc. Toure," said Carrington, a nine-year Army veteran who currently serves as the Veterinary Services Program NCOIC (Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge) at WRAIR. "I was just extremely happy to win it."

Both men are scheduled to participate in the Army Futures Command "Best Warrior Competition" at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, in late April.



SFC Dalton Carrington (left) appears with SFC Zachary Phillips (right) during the 2021 "USAMRDC Soldier of the Year" and 2021 "USAMRDC NCO of the Year" award ceremony at Fort Detrick on March 26. (Photo Courtesy: SFC Dalton Carrington)

JPEO-CBRND, JPM CBRN Medical Leads DOD Ebola Outbreak Response Efforts

By Melissa Myers, JPM CBRN Medical Strategic Communications

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The year 2020 will undoubtedly be remembered as the year of the pandemic; the year the world was turned upside down by COVID-19. However, lurking in the shadows and out of the limelight, another viral outbreak plagued the western Équateur Province in Africa's Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with its own potential for global devastation if given the opportunity to cross international borders. An old and recurrent viral monster, the Ebola virus (EBOV) made both its 10th and 11th appearances on record in the DRC from 2018 to 2020, and the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense (JPEO-CBRND) was at the forefront of the Department of Defense's (DOD) response efforts to combat it.

The EBOV has proven itself to be one of the most deadly viruses known to mankind. Touting an exceptionally high mortality rate, between 70-90 percent, books and movies fill our shelves, dedicated to telling its terrifying story. As the origin of EBOV is still yet to be found, the virus remains a recurring danger, and each reemergence seems to bring with it its own unique set of challenges. Yet, merely six months after the most recent 2020 EBOV outbreak was identified, it was officially declared over by the Minister of Health of the DRC. Successful rapid response to this latest outbreak did not happen by chance. Control over this outbreak was only possible thanks to the groundwork laid by an intricate network of organizations, through years of coordination of efforts.

"Novelists and screenwriters would have a difficult time coming up with something more horrifying than the filovirus, Ebola," said Charles Paschal, Assistant Program Manager for the JPEO-CBRND's Joint Project Manager for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Medical (JPM CBRN Medical). "I don't think people realize the terrible monster that barely made it out of its cave."

The DOD has a long-standing history of developing medical countermeasures to combat deadly biological threats, and the JPM CBRN Medical's fingerprints can be found all over its Ebola response efforts. The JPM CBRN Medical organization is dedicated to developing and delivering medical countermeasure solutions to diagnose, treat, and protect our nation's warfighters from CBRN threats, to include weaponized biological or naturally occurring agents like EBOV. Through a three-pronged, full-spectrum program approach, the approach is to attack threats at every angle: through diagnostic program efforts dedicated to delivering early identification solutions (see it), therapeutic

program efforts dedicated to delivering treatment solutions (*treat it*), and vaccine program efforts dedicated to delivering solutions to prevent infection (*prevent it*).

When dealing with any CBRN threat, you must first be able to see it.

The world has known about these filoviruses since the 1970's, but according to Paschal, the 1989 'Ebola Reston' incident is what really "changed the game." The events of the 1989 EBOV outbreak in Reston, Virginia - which inspired the 1994 best-selling nonfiction novel "The Hot Zone" and subsequently led to the creation of the 1995 movie blockbuster "Outbreak" - undoubtedly captured the world's attention; and although exaggerated and "creatively adapted," as all Hollywood movies are, both the novel and movie did manage to inspire an awareness and fear of the all-too-real virus. The later 2014-2016 West Africa Ebola outbreak, the first and largest epidemic of its kind, was yet another wake-up call that made clear the danger EBOV disease (EVD) posed to not just U.S. national security interests abroad, but to the U.S. domestic population in the event of a pandemic. The worlds eyes were opened to just how important proactive preparation would be to mitigating future occurrences; reinforcing the dire need for both an efficacious vaccine against highly-pathogenic filoviruses like EBOV, and diagnostic capabilities to identify it.

The importance of diagnostic capabilities cannot be overstated when it comes to infectious disease response efforts, and the DOD-funded Warrior Panel diagnostic test was the JPM CBRN Medical's first blow against EBOV. The JPM CBRN Medical's established partnership with BioFire Defense, LLC, resulted in development of the Next Generation Diagnostics System 1 (NGDS 1), known commercially as the BioFire® FilmArray®, a diagnostic tool used in hospitals and clinical settings around the world, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Laboratory Response Network. From that initial collaborative effort came the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved Warrior Panel, used in conjunction with the BioFire® FilmArray®, for the diagnosis of anthrax, tularemia, plague, Q fever, and hemorrhagic fevers caused by Ebola and Marburg viruses.

Once you are able to see the threat, you must have the capabilities in place to *treat it*.

Following the 2014 EBOV outbreak, there was also advocacy for the capability to execute clinical trials in an outbreak setting, which led to the JPEO-CBRND's establishment of the Joint Mobile Emerging Disease Intervention Clinical Capability (JMEDICC) facility at Fort Portal Regional Referral

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Hospital in Western Uganda. The JMEDICC project had a primary objective of establishing the technical capability to execute Phase II clinical trials during outbreaks of high-consequence pathogens, like EBOV. Establishment of the JMEDICC facility in 2016 enabled and trained partners to have the capability to rapidly diagnose, isolate, and treat individuals with EVD, as close as possible to the outbreak, with medical countermeasures in clinical research settings; under appropriate Institutional Review Board approvals and all applicable law and regulatory requirements. Thanks to the JMEDICC facility - which utilized the latest JPM CBRN Medical's NGDS technology, to include the newly-developed Ebola panels - responders were able to better track the spread of EBOV outbreaks, which was a key component of outbreak response in the area. The facility met the DOD's intent for foreign humanitarian assistance, supporting Uganda while also providing a unique opportunity to conduct research during outbreak response.

Once you see and understand the threat, you can finally develop and deliver solutions to *prevent it*.

Fast forward to December 20, 2019, the FDA announced the approval of the first FDA-approved vaccine for the prevention of EVD: Merck & Co.'s Ervebo®. The FDA's approval of Ervebo® was the result of nearly two decades of efforts by a host of teams across both the public and private sectors. The approval was a major leap forward in protecting both the warfighter and civilian populations from EVD, as well as advancing U.S. government (USG) preparedness efforts.

"I really don't think anyone realizes that we just defeated the most deadly virus known to man in all of human history," said Paschal. "Ebola is a monster the likes of which has never been seen before. But now, in 2021, we have an FDA-approved vaccine against it. That's pretty remarkable."

Ervebo® had been in development since the 2014-2016 EBOV outbreak in West Africa, and the JPM CBRN Medical's filovirus vaccine program played a key role in its development, providing funding and technical expertise for non-clinical studies and the immunological assays used for testing in clinical trials. The filovirus vaccine program provided access and substantial support to the DOD-led Filovirus Animal Non-Clinical Group (FANG) Zaire Ebolavirus (EBOV) Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) (Master File 16537), which was used extensively in multiple clinical trials examining Ervebo® safety and efficacy. Data from these clinical trials was critical to ultimate approval of Ervebo® by both the FDA and the European Commission.

The JPM CBRN Medical's ability to respond quickly to support the USG's response to the 2014-2016 outbreak, as well as ongoing collaborative efforts that supported both European Union and U.S. FDA approval of Ervebo®, highlight the value of critical partnerships within the CBRN defense enterprise. This strong community of collaboration also supported development of Gilead Sciences, Inc.'s, antiviral therapeutic remdesivir (Veklury®), which received FDA approval for the treatment of

hospitalized COVID-19 patients in October 2020. Furthermore, in December 2020, FDA approval of Ebanga® (formerly mAb114) was announced for the treatment of EBOV; whose original mAb114 antibody was made possible through collaborative funding between the JPEO-CBRND and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and manufactured for DOD personnel at the JPEO-CBRND's Advanced Development and Manufacturing Facility.

Without a doubt, interagency partnership from the beginning has been vital to both vaccine development efforts and EBOV outbreak response as a whole. Most recent swift triumph over the late 2020 EBOV outbreak showcased that, together, we can overcome any health challenge; as overcoming one of the world's most dangerous pathogens in remote and hard-to-access communities demonstrates just what is possible when science and solidarity come together.

"No one organization working within the CBRN space can possibly do it alone," said Col. Ryan Eckmeier, Joint Project Manager for CBRN Medical. "It is critical that we leverage the expertise and resources of our like-minded partners to address not only biological and chemical threats faced by our service members, but also emerging infectious diseases like EVD. Working alongside our partners to continue the fight against the EBOV is a necessary action to reduce the spread of the disease, and the rapid coordination of efforts over the last decade highlights the value of the CBRN defense enterprise and is a testament to the work that we can accomplish together."

Over the past decade, there has been a noticeable increase in infectious disease outbreaks worldwide. Global health officials agree that it is vital to stop disease outbreaks at their source, and in the midst of the current global COVID-19 pandemic, the world now knows the true threat infectious disease outbreaks pose to our daily lives. 2020 showed just how debilitating a pandemic can be when dealing with a virus touting a mere two percent mortality rate; imagine the damage a virus with Ebola's 70-90 percent mortality rate could do. The fight is far from over, but as biology continues to evolve, so too does the JPM CBRN Medical and the race to develop protection against that evolution.



April is National Financial Capability Month

By Garth Phoebus, Emergency Manager and Federal Emergency Management Agency

Do you have what is known as an Emergency Financial First Aid Kit? The EFFAK is a flexible tool designed to help individuals and families at all income levels collect and secure the documentation they would need to get on the road to recovery without unnecessary delays. What I have learned is that those who allow themselves to be part of the Public Family discuss financial literacy; quite often focusing on paying down debt, saving a little bit here and there for items they want, and so on. But, we haven't quite discussed how to protect our important documents when an emergency or disaster strikes. I am not here to talk about the various disasters or emergencies you may experience, but if that is something you are interested in, send me an email. However, I walk to talk about financial planning, savings, insurance, and securing your documents.

Financial planning takes some time and effort. Emergencies are not planned, however, we can plan for emergencies. One way we no issue after the fact, but having them on-hand will probably can gain control over our money is knowing how we spend it. Knowing how we spend our money is the first step to creating a budget; helping us eliminate debt, pay bills, etc,. Granted, the hyperlinks to key words are free resources, you can find some mobile applications that would assist as well. Use what works best for you.

Emergency planning is not on the forefront of everyone's mind. Saving money is a struggle for some because of daily living paycheck to paycheck. So, where will the money come from in order to recover from a disaster or emergency?! When creating a cards, banking) and explain your situation so that they may work budget, allow for emergency funds to be stored away. Some financial experts would say the safest amount to have saved away is approximately three to six months' worth of salary, with more being the better option. What some of these experts say, you can save money for emergencies, but the one thing left out is burden and prepare yourselves and your family for the worst. always maintain a small amount of cash on hand in case there is a power outage affecting your ability to access an ATM.

Insurance planning is time consuming, but necessary. Knowing the types of insurance you need and where to find the best options for you at the lowest cost. The first thing to understand is knowing whether or not you live in a flood plain zone, tornado and/or earthquake prone area. If you live in an area susceptible to flooding, you may need to purchase flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program. Standard home insurance policies do not typically cover damage incurred from land movement or landslides. You can purchase insurance to recover from an earthquake. If you reside on an installation, please contact your housing representative to understand how that works for your coverage.

Protecting important documentation is imperative, especially financial documentation. Here is a short list of some of the financial documents you want to ensure you have protected; housing payments, utility bills, credit card, receipts from child support payments, financial accounts (Checking/Savings), insurance policies, sources of income, tax statements, and estate planning. Obtaining these documents could probably be save some time when trying to recover and get back on your feet. If you are affected by a disaster or emergency, chances are the same institutions are affected as well. I recommend having a redundant systems in place by investing in a cloud service to store important documentation.

If an emergency or disaster occurs, you are STILL responsible for paying your mortgage regardless of the condition of your house. You are also responsible for paying credit card bills. If you are unable to do so, notify your respective agencies (utilities, credit with you on a strategy moving forward. All disasters are local and for a period of time after an emergency or disaster we may feel alone and overwhelmed. There are many resources out there to assist in recovery, but please do your part to ease that

Army also has information readily available by viewing Ready Army.

Fort Detrick Chapel Provides Meals to Soldiers



Volunteers from the Fort Detrick Chapel prepared and handed out over 60 meals to single soldiers living in the barracks on April 12, 2021, at the Warrior Zone.

A "thank you" to the Chapel volunteers for their hard work and care.

Photos by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs





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Around Fort Detrick

A message from Fort Detrick Emergency Management:

Ensure you are registered in Alert! Mass Warning and Notification System and that your profile is updated. https://alert.csd.disa.mil.

Ensure you are registered in ADPAAS and that your profile is updated.

https://adpaas.army.mil

Sultan Drive, between Ditto Avenue and Doughten Drive, will be closed on April 30, 2021 from 4 - 7 p.m. Plan to use alternate routes and be aware of increased foot traffic during the Amazing Military Kids Festival being held in this location.

Fort Detrick Commissary Military Appreciation Month Sidewalk Sale

May 20-23

Thursday/Friday/Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Barquist Clinic and Pharmacy Upcoming Closures

May 21: Reduced Hours (Training) - Close at 11:30 a.m.

May 28: Military Training Holiday (DONSA/Reduced Hours) -

Close at 11:30 a.m.

May 31: Memorial Day (Federal Holiday) – Closed All Day

Fort Detrick Blood Drive

Monday, May 24 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Building 1520, Auditorium For appointment visit <u>www.militarydonor.com</u> using Sponsor Code FTDETRICK By appointment only

Spring Clean Up - May 3-7

Unit Representatives will meet with Garrison CSM and DPW lead to discuss their areas of responsibility during IPR's. IPR's held after the Installation Operation Planning Group (OPG) on Thursdays. The next IPR is April 15 at 10:30 a.m. Questions please contact DPW by calling (301) 619-2798.

Fort Detrick Single Soldier's Meal: FREE

May 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Warrior Zone

Menu: Baked Ham, Green Beans, Potato Salad and Salad

To say thank you for all you do for our country!

Prepared by the Fort Detrick Chapel





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













INSTALLATION SAFETY BULLETIN SB 21-04-01

April: Distracted Driving Awareness Month - Myths Vs. Realities

MYTH #1: Drivers can multitask

Reality: The human brain cannot do two things at the same

time – like watch TV and hold a phone conversation.

The same is true when driving and talking on your phone.

The brain switches between the two tasks which slows

reaction time. BOTH TAKE CONCENTRATION



MYTH #2 : Talking on a cell phone is just like speaking to a passenger

Reality: Adult passengers are also copilots. They can alert drivers to traffic problems and help avoid crashes. People on the other end of phones can't see what's going on!



MYTH #3: Hands-free phone calls are safe while driving

Reality: Drivers talking on cell phones can miss seeing up to 50% of their driving environments, including pedestrians and red lights.

MYTH #4: I only use my phone at stoplights so it's OK Reality: Even at stoplights, it is important to remain an attentive driver. For example, a AAA study shows that people are **distracted up to 27 Seconds after** they send a voice text.



MYTH 5: Voice-to-text is safe while driving

Reality: **Voice-to-text is even more distracting than holding your phone.** You're mentally distracted by composing the message and visually distracted by common autocorrect errors.

Be Safe ... Make your car a No Phone Zone

Sources: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, University of Utah, The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, National Safety Council.





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\$1499

4.5" Spathiphyllum

\$799 EA

4.5" Begonia

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2134	6" Calla Lily	Long Blooms-Slender Green Foliage
2001	4.5" Spathiphyllum in Pot Cover Peace Lily	Large White Blooms-Dark Green Foliage
1497	4.5" Begonia in Pot Cover	Pastel Blooms-Assorted Colors Per Case
2733	6" Lavender in Pot Cover	Fragrant Purple Plume Blooms
2602	4.5" Money Tree	Five Leaf Foliage Plant
1114	4" Violet in Pot Cover	Velvety Textured Blooms
2773	6" Citrosa in Pot Cover w/Tag	Mosquito Plant-Fragrant light Green Foliage
5321	4" Hens & Chicks	Assorted Succulents
3712	6" Jade Plant	Jade Colored Round Leaves-Succulent Family
2414	4" Herb Assorted	Assorted Growers Mix-Fresh Herbs
2721	4" Basil Herb	Culinary Favorite-Large Leaf Basil
2452	6" Assorted Foliage Hanging Baskets	Foliage Hanging Baskets
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19 April 2021 17 May 2021 21 June 2021





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QT 3: 11-13 MAY 2021

QT 4: 7-9 SEPT 2021

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Fort Detrick Commissary Sidewalk Sale

MAY 20, 21, 22 AND 23

Thur/Fri/Sat 1000-1800hrs - Sunday 1000-1700hr





What is TRICARE Online Patient Portal (TOL PP) Appointments?

TOL PP Appointments allows you to make, change, and cancel military hospital or clinic primary care and select self-referral appointments. You can view an appointment referral status, view and print future and past appointments, elect to receive up to 3 email and/or text message reminders, and receive earlier appointment notifications.

What types of appointments can I make on TOL PP?

Primary care, select self referral and patient education classes can be scheduled using TOL PP Appointments. If you cannot find an appointment, contact your military hospital/clinic directly through the appointment line.

Can I access appointments on behalf of my family members?

Yes, you can access TOL Patient Portal appointments on behalf of:

- Yourself,
- Other adult family members (who have granted access),
- Minor children (under 18 years of age).

Can I set up appointment reminders to alert me of my military hospital or clinic appointment(s)?

Yes, you have the ability to define up to three email addresses and/or mobile phone numbers, including international numbers, for receiving email and text reminders for military hospital or clinic appointments. Set the reminder when prompted as you make an appointment or within your "Profile" on the TOL PP home page.

How do I make a military hospital or clinic appointment using TOL PP?













- 1. Go to www.tricareonline.com
- Log in with your DoD CAC, DS Logon Premium, or DFAS myPay credentials. If you do not have DS Logon credentials and would like to, click "Need An Account."
- 3. Click "**Appointments**" on the TOL PP home page.
- Select (1) who the appointment is for, (2) what type of appointment you need, and (3) enter a "Reason" for the appointment. Review the Clinic Instructions and select a date range. Click "Search for Appointments."
- Select the desired appointment from the list. Refer to calendar on right side.
- 6. Review Appointment. Confirm appointment information is correct. Click "Book this Appointment."
- Confirm appointment was successfully scheduled. View your new appointment in future appointments list at bottom of page, highlighted.

To set up email and text message appointment reminders, please enter requested information in your TOL PP "Profile."

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