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247<sup>th</sup>

## ARMY BIRTHDAY

### Defending America 24/7

By Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs

Fort Detrick celebrated the United States Army's 247th birthday June 14, in the installation headquarters, building 810. Hosted by Col. Victor Suarez, commander of the 6th Medical Logistics Management Center, the event began with a stellar performance by Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Coombs of the U.S. Army Field Band who sang the national anthem.

This year the guest speaker was Deputy 1st Class Brian Stocks of the Frederick County Sheriff's Department who spoke about his service in the Maryland National Guard, brotherhood, service and the Army Core Values which he lives by today.

"The teamwork, camaraderie, life skills, weapons training, first aid, physical fitness tests, sense of honor, duty and commitment to country I experienced in the Army made me a better Deputy today. I've taken those important

lessons and applied them not only to my professional career but in my family and personal life as well. As a leader in my home, I use those same principles I learned from the Army to help me be a better father, husband and grandfather today," said Stocks.

The event closed with the ceremonial cake cutting with the oldest and youngest Soldier at Fort Detrick. This year Col. Fernando Guerena, age 64 and Spc. Katherine Belovarac, age 20, both of the US Army Medical Research and Development Command were identified for those categories.

The Army is one of the oldest institutions in our country. Born on June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress established it, the Army is a year older than the Declaration of Independence and 13 years older than the Constitution.

The numerals that make up this year's

birthday – 2, 4 and 7 – are significant for two reasons. First, because the Army has existed for 247 years. And second, because the Army is there to defend our nation 24/7. In fact, "Defending America 24/7" is the theme of this year's birthday celebration.

For 247 years the U.S. Army has answered the call to defend and support America against both foreign and domestic challenges, and will continue to do so in the future. Any day, at any time, anywhere and anyhow, the U.S. Army is always on call to defend America, 24/7.

Thank you U.S. Army for answering the call to serve America since 1775.

Happy 247th!

**The 6th Medical Logistics Management Center Commander Lt. Col. Victor Suarez joins the youngest Soldier assigned to Fort Detrick, Spc. Katherine Belovarac (right), and the oldest Soldier, Col. Fernando Guerena, as they cut the Army's birthday cake, June 14. This year the Army turns 247 years old.**

(Photo by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs)



# Twin Army majors reflect on growing up, serving together

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

For the majority of their lives, you'd be hard-pressed to find one without the other.

Identical twin brothers U.S. Army Majs. Christopher and Michael Baisa did everything together growing up, starting at birth in Heidelberg, Germany, where their father was stationed in 1987.

Roommates for over 20 years, they attended the same schools, took the same classes, played the same sports and sometimes even wore the same clothes.

The latter they still do today, serving as Medical Service Corps officers for the past 12 years.

"I often times reminisce about my childhood and there is not a single memory that doesn't include my twin brother," Michael Baisa said. "You can ask anyone that knows us and they will tell you we were always together, no matter where we were."

When it came to their future careers, the Filipino-American brothers – who sometimes go by just their nicknames, "Ace" (Chris) and "Joker" (Michael) – knew from a young age that they wanted to serve, just like their father, a retired 23-year noncommissioned officer.

The names Ace and Joker were given by their father, Amante Baisa, who was an avid poker player during his military career. At the same time, their mother, Angeles Baisa, wanted to name the boys after Christian saints, hence Christopher and Michael.

The Baisa family traces its roots back to the Philippines, where the families of their parents both lived before they met after relocating to Hawaii.

After serving in Germany, Amante Baisa's next assignment moved the family to Fort Rucker, Alabama, the home of Army aviation.

The family eventually settled in nearby Daleville, Alabama, where the then-young twin brothers grew up.

With a population of about 5,000 people, Daleville is a small, close-knit community comprised primarily of military families, according to Christopher Baisa, who most recently has served at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency in Fort Detrick, an installation where both brothers have worked over the years.

"I had maybe one or two friends who weren't military brats,"

he said. "Growing up in a small town neighboring a military installation provided us with opportunities to surround ourselves with people with similar aspirations to serve.

"Military is all I ever knew, all that my brother ever knew," Christopher Baisa added. "We could not think of anything else we could be doing that wasn't related to the military.

We knew that we would join the military and follow in our dad's footsteps. We just didn't know how we were going to do that."



**Christopher Baisa, left, pins his twin brother, Michael, at the completion of U.S. Army Air Assault Course at Fort Hood, Texas, in 2013. The twins are currently majors serving in their 12th year of active duty service as Medical Service Corps officers. (U.S. Army photo courtesy of Maj. Christopher Baisa)**

## Serving together

Following high school, the Baisas earned four-year Army ROTC scholarships at the University of Alabama, where they continued on the ROTC track in nursing with the goal of earning commission as an Army officer.

"The first three years, my brother and I were literally in all the same classes, the same day, to the hour," Christopher Baisa said. "Like, literally."

As they entered their third year, the brothers earned an opportunity to attend Airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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"We wanted to have opportunities to lead Soldiers and serve in a much different capacity," Christopher Baisa said. "And we didn't think you could do that as a nurse, being solely focused on patient care."

So they switched majors and finished their degrees in Health Sciences, graduating in 2010 and commissioning as second lieutenants. The brothers served and lived together for a few more years, attending the Basic Officers Leaders Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in the same platoon and reporting to Fort Hood, Texas, to serve as brigade medical supply officers in the same division.

Despite being in neighboring brigades at Fort Hood, both deployed to Iraq at the same time in support of Operation New Dawn before returning to Fort Hood.

Then, about four years into active duty service, the long-time roommates finally went off on their own as they were sent to new assignments. Christopher went to West Point, N.Y., to serve as chief of operations and readiness at the U.S. Army Military Academy, while Michael went to Korea.

Michael said he knew it was time to go their own ways when Chris got married. The adjustment was difficult, but it was a chance for both to grow individually.

At the same time, some things have never changed.

"Whether or not we realized it back then, we were the best support system anyone could ever ask for," Michael Baisa said. "We still act the same way when we are together; it's like a switch. To this day, we always cheer each other on and motivate one another on a daily basis."

Later on, they reconnected as students in the former Medical Logistics Management Internship Program, or MLMIP, at Fort Detrick. And part of Christopher Baisa's current role at Fort Detrick was the oversight of the current program, which was recently rebranded the Strategic Medical Logistics Fellows Program.

### **So far, yet so close**

Today, Christopher Baisa is finishing up his time working for USAMMA, a direct reporting unit to Army Medical Logistics Command, where he has served as an intern, operations officer and currently in USAMMA's Force Projection Directorate as chief of centralized contingency programs.

He will next head "home" with his family – his wife and two sons – to serve in his next assignment at the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory at Fort Rucker, a short distance from his parents.

Michael Baisa, on the other hand, is thousands of miles

away, serving in Kenya as chief of logistics for the U.S. Army Medical Research Directorate-Africa.

The value of family, both said, is something that was instilled in them early on in their lives. They have their parents to thank, especially their father.

"Although we were very competitive growing up, we both always shared very similar goals in life," Christopher Baisa said. "I love connecting with my brother because he inculcates the importance of family and the value of our friendships we have developed throughout our experiences thus far."

Always competitive in nature, the Baisas said they argued and butted heads a good bit in their younger years, but have learned – mostly since they split up as adults – just how important it is to support and encourage one another every day, both personally and professionally.

It's something they find themselves doing more and more as the years go by.

"The older we became, the more we realized how important it was to take care of each other and what our family was trying to teach us all this time," Michael Baisa said, "... (and) no matter how far we go, we always find our way back to each other."



**Then U.S. Army captains, Christopher Baisa, left, and his brother, Michael Baisa, pose together for a photo. The identical twin brothers are currently majors in their 12<sup>th</sup> year of active duty service as Medical Service Corps officers. (U.S. Army photo courtesy of Maj. Christopher Baisa)**





# PCS PEAK MOVING SEASON

INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND

A Soldier does not have to PCS alone; the Army is here to help.

- ◆ Soldiers should use the chain of command for assistance with levy packets.
- ◆ Transportation offices, Military OneSource, and the live chat function on the My Army PCS app are great resources for information and support.
- ◆ The **My Army PCS** app provides information for planning a move and has a live chat feature. The **Digital Garrison** app lets users explore up-to-date facility information and other quality-of-life services at almost 70 installations. The **PCS My POV** app lets users locate their vehicle and contact the destination Vehicle Processing Center for information and appointments.
- ◆ The following call centers are available: Army Personal Property Call Center (1-800-521-9959) and US-TRANSCOM Call Center (1-833-MIL-MOVE/645-6683).

## Find more PCS resources at:

<https://www.army.mil/qualityoflife/pcsmoves.html>

<https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/ArmyPCS>



#ArmyPCS

**"As we approach PCS peak moving season, it's not just a Soldier, or a Soldier and their Family, doing it on their own. The whole Army is committed to making the PCS moving process better for Soldiers and their Families. It's one of the Quality of Life priorities for Army senior leaders and it's worked its way up and down and across the Army. The Army is here to help Soldiers PCS; you don't have to do it alone."** - MG Omar Jones, IMCOM Deputy Commanding General

We anticipate challenges but are working to provide options, resources and flexibility to alleviate moving stress as much as possible.

- ◆ We are managing more than 60,000 moves this summer. Given industry-wide labor and equipment shortages across the nation, we anticipate more challenges than normal.
- ◆ Soldiers should schedule their moves immediately upon receipt of orders.
- ◆ MILPER 22-045 -- Unit leaders, S1s and installation MPDs can work together to adjust a Soldiers report date. Local commanders (O-6+) may approve requests for Soldiers to have report dates to their new duty station adjusted up to 30 days early/late than the published report date.
- ◆ Personally procured moves reimbursement increased to 100% of what it would have cost the government to use a DOD moving company.
- ◆ SmartVoucher simplifies the process of completing and submitting PCS vouchers and reduces travel payment reimbursement wait times to less than two days.

# Rabies: Know What to Look For and What to Do

Spring has sprung and wildlife is abundant. Fort Detrick is the home to abundant wildlife. While they are beautiful to observe it is recommended to know the signs of Rabies and report any exposure both of humans and animals to a possible rabid animal. The information below is from the Frederick County Health Department website at: <https://health.frederickcountymd.gov/258/Rabies>

## Rabies Overview

Rabies is a virus that can affect both domesticated (dogs and cats) and non-domesticated animals (groundhogs, skunks, cows, bats, opossums, etc.). Fish, snakes, lizards, and birds cannot carry or get the Rabies virus. The virus is transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal. You cannot get rabies from blood, skunk spray, urine, feces, or from petting an infected animal. But, do not pet infected animals.

## Who to Contact

Animal Control: to report bites and collect specimens

During regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.): call (301) 600-1544

After hours, weekends, and holidays: call (301) 600-1603

Environmental Health: for general rabies questions

During regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.): call 301-600-1717

After hours, weekends, and holidays (The Frederick County Communications Center will contact the on-call Environmental Health supervisor regarding the emergency): call (301) 600-0312

Community Health Services: for questions about human exposure/bites

During regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.): call 301-600-1733

After hours, weekends, and holidays: call (301) 600-0312



As wildlife begins to appear on Fort Detrick, such as this healthy, young fox, its important to recognize the signs of Rabies and know what to do if exposed.

## Rabies Signs in Animals

Symptoms of Rabid Animals (may exhibit multiple symptoms or have only 1):

- o Paralysis
- o Foaming at the mouth
- o Staggering movements
- o Overfriendliness
- o Aggressiveness
- o Daytime activity in nocturnal animals (e.g. raccoon attacking a dog during the day)
- o Drooling
- o Seizures
- o Death
- o Additional Signs to Look For In a Pet:

Ataxia (loss of muscle control and coordination)

- o Disinterest in food or water
- o Difficulty waking up

Signs of depression or self-mutilation

## Protect Your Pet

The only way to fully protect your pets

is to ensure that they are currently vaccinated. The Health Department offers rabies vaccination clinics for cats, dogs, and ferrets 3 months of age and older.

The dates for the rabies vaccination clinics for 2022 are:  
Sept. 15, 2022 at the Thurmont Community Park

All clinics are from 5 to 8 p.m. and are held rain or shine. The cost is \$10 and can be paid by cash or check (no credit or debit cards). Please call (301) 600-1717 with any questions.

For Animal Control clinics, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/fcac](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/fcac) or call (301) 600-1546.

For Humane Society clinics, spay/neuter programs, pet food bank and micro-chipping information, visit <http://www.fchs.org>, call (301) 694-8300, or look at their Facebook page.

For Animal Welfare League clinics, spay/neuter information and pet food bank information, visit <http://www.awlfc.org/> or call (301) 663-5855.



Exposure Instructions What to do if you think you or your pet has had a possible exposure:

### **Human Exposure**

#### **Bites & Scratches**

The rabies virus is transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal and can be spread through a bite or scratch. You cannot get rabies from blood, skunk spray, urine, feces, or from petting an infected animal.

Under state regulations, all human and pet bites must be reported to Animal Control. If you or your pet has been bitten by a domesticated pet or a wild animal, please contact Animal Control.

During regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.): call (301) 600-1544

After hours, weekends, and holidays: call (301) 600-1603

### **Bites From Domesticated Animals**

Wash bite with soap and water

Contact Animal Control to report the bite.

If the biting animal's owner is onsite, it is important to exchange contact information so that the animal's vaccination records can be verified. If it does not have a current vaccination, it will be required to get one.

If no owner is onsite, restrain animal if possible and safe to do so for collection by Animal Control, who will attempt to track down the owner to verify vaccination status.

If no owner is onsite and animal is unable to be restrained, note its size, color, breed, collar color, and any other markings that may help Animal Control track it down.

NOTE: All domesticated animals will be put under a 10-day observation quarantine which takes place at the owner's residence. **Animal Control will not take the pet away.**

### **Bites from Wild Animals**

Wash bite with soap and water.

Restrain or trap the animal if able and safe to do so; this allows it to be sent for testing. Avoid injuring the head area if possible to ensure proper lab results.

Contact Animal Control to report the bite and pick up the animal.

Contact your physician, the Frederick Health Hospital's Emergency Department (240-566-3500), or the Health Department's Community Health Services Division (301-600-3342).

### **Special Note About Bats**

Due to the small size of the puncture wound, most people are unaware when they have been bitten by a bat; therefore it is important to know what to do if you discover a bat at your home even if there is no evidence of a bite.

### **Rabies Test Results**

Any potentially rabid animal that has been in contact with a human or pet will be collected by Animal Control and submitted to the Rabies State Testing Lab. Domesticated animals will be put under a 10-day observation quarantine and will not be submitted for testing (unless there are extenuating circumstances).

Once the Health Department receives the positive or negative test results from the State Lab, the bite victim will be contacted with these results:

If the animal tests negative for the rabies virus, no further action is needed.

If the animal tests positive for the rabies virus, a Health Department sanitarian will complete a phone investigation to determine what actions should be taken. In cases of human exposure, the victim will be directed to the appropriate medical contact person for further direction.

### **Pet Exposure**

Under state regulations, all human and pet bites must be reported to Animal Control. If you or your pet has been bitten by a domesticated pet or a wild animal, please contact Animal Control.

During regular business hours (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.): call (301) 600-1544

After hours, weekends, and holidays: call (301) 600-1603

If your pet is bitten or attacked by a wild animal that is still present onsite, contact Animal Control to report the bite and pick up the animal. If your pet is bitten or attacked by an animal that is unable to be collected, contact Animal Control to report the bite.

Contact the Health Department at (301) 600-1717 for advice on further actions.

### **Rabies Test Results**

Any potentially rabid animal that has been in contact with a human or pet will be collected by Animal Control and submitted to the Rabies State Testing Lab.

**Note:** Domesticated animals will be put under a 10-day observation quarantine and will not be submitted for testing.

Once the Health Department receives the positive or negative test results from the State Lab, the bite victim and the pet owner (if applicable) will be contacted with these results.

If the biting animal tests negative for rabies and your pet is vaccinated, no further action is needed.

If the biting animal tests negative for rabies and your pet is not currently vaccinated, it must be vaccinated.

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If the biting animal tests positive for rabies, each case will be individually evaluated to determine what actions are needed; general guidelines, however, are as follows:

If your pet has a current or lapsed rabies vaccination, it will need a booster shot and will undergo a 45-day quarantine. This means your pet must have limited exposure to members outside your immediate family and must be kept in a private yard or restrained on a leash if in public.

**Note:** Proof of rabies vaccination must be submitted.

If your pet is not vaccinated, it will need to get a rabies vaccination shot immediately and undergo a 4-month double barrier quarantine that is overseen by the Health Department and Animal Control.

If your pet is required to have shots, proof of the shots must be submitted to the Health Department by mail, in person, or by fax at 301-600-3180.

## Barquist Welcomes New Commander



Barquist Army Health Clinic welcomed Lt. Col. Christopher Richelderfer during a change of command ceremony June 14 in the Fort Detrick Auditorium, where he assumed command from Lt. Col. (promotable) Johnathan Evans. (Photo by Barquist Army Health Clinic)



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# Army Shines Light on Health, Care of Military Working Dogs

By Ramin A. Khalili, USAMRDC Public Affairs Office

Like most people at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command's U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, Lt. Col. Emilee Venn is laser-focused on one, single thing: the health and welfare of the Warfighter. However, as USAISR's Chief of Veterinary Clinical Operations, Venn is also concerned with the treatment and care of Military Working Dogs. Given the increased role such animals have assumed in recent years – most notably in deployed environments – their specific medical needs have become increasingly important as well.

"The best way to think about it is – wherever our people go, the dogs are right there with them," says Venn, noting that there are slightly more than 1,800 active-duty MWDs across the globe. "Or perhaps more simply, the dogs go where the people go."

Venn's recent speaking engagement at the American Academy of Emergency Medicine's 28th Annual Scientific Assembly in Baltimore, Maryland highlights the growing profile of military veterinary medicine within the larger U.S. medical community. Her presentation, "Canine Combat Casualty Care: Battlefield Medicine for MWDs", served as a platform to discuss both the impacts and benefits of military veterinary research and how those principles can be translated across both the Department of Defense and the civilian world, too.

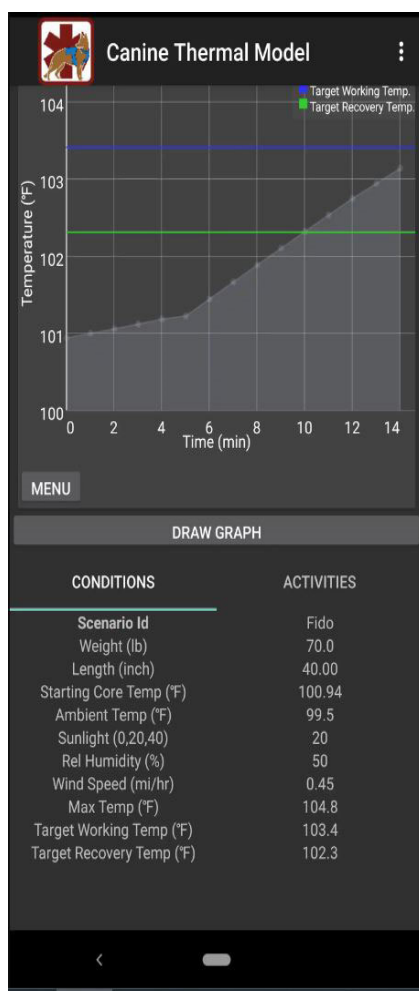
"It's a really exciting time right now for the canine aspect of combat casualty care," says Venn, a small animal emergency critical care specialist veterinarian by trade who's served in the Army for the past 15 years. "We're following medical research from the human side of things in that we're focused on data-driven, evidence-based operation – and we're also making sure dogs are also considered in these high-level approaches to minimizing preventable deaths on the battlefield."

Only recently has the military medical community begun the process of appraising data extracted from 20 years of animal-involved combat situations gathered from both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. According to the Defense Health Agency, more than four thousand MWDs suffered injuries in combat over the past two decades. That data sits at the crux of Venn's work – and is the basis for current efforts by Veterinary Services personnel to research and prepare for the proper treatment of canine combat casualties.

Recently, the Army has made substantial investments in medical infrastructure for MWDs. In January, DHA launched the Joint Trauma System Military Working Dog Trauma Registry, which is designed to serve as the kind of expansive central data repository that Venn and others have long hoped for.

The biological differences, of course, dictate the need for such a database – and also for varying approaches in protocol. For instance, while Venn notes that dogs are historically much easier to intubate than humans, dogs are far more resistant to opioids – so they in turn require a higher medication dosage, generally. Further, when it comes to MWD medical care, Soldiers must take care to properly restrain the animal before attempting an intervention – a simple yet occasionally overlooked step in the process ("We don't want someone responding to the injured animal to get injured themselves," says Venn.). Also notable when it comes to animal care: in cases of traumatic bleeding, a basic Combat Application Tourniquet will not fit a MWD due to structural differences in anatomy; therefore a more elastic, compressive tool (like a SWAT-T tourniquet, which is essentially a rubber dressing that can be wrapped tightly around a wound) may work better.

Additionally, as part of the aforementioned Army investment, a Canine Tactical Combat Casualty Care card (or, "cTCCC" card) has been developed for the purposes of documenting injuries anywhere a canine is deployed in support of DOD operations. The cards can be filled out by the handler or provider who tends to the canine; then, following the resulting medical treatment, can be handed off to the nearest supporting veterinary unit to be uploaded into the larger system.



**Screenshot of the Canine Thermal Model (CTMM) smartphone application showing ideal rest and recovery intervals for a model MWD. (Image courtesy of JHU APL)**

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"The Veterinary Corps is a small part of the Army; we can't be everywhere," says Venn. "So to extend our reach we try to help train and get people comfortable with a scenario where if a dog does come into your station, you know a few key things to care for that animal until they can get to a veterinary asset."

Investments are underway across other parts of the command as well. At USAMRDC's Medical Materiel Development Agency, a technology designed to reduce heat injuries to MWDs in operational environments is currently in the acquisition pipeline. The Canine Thermal Model Planner is a smartphone application based on an algorithm originally developed at USAMRDC's Research Institute of Environmental Medicine. By entering an MWD's vital statistics – like body mass, core temperature, etc. – into the app, the CTMM can provide a handler with guidance on the appropriate work/rest cycles required to keep the MWD in top condition. According to Gail Wolcott, product manager at USAMMDA, the app – which is currently available to the military community – will likely soon be paired with an accompanying collar outfitted with sensors that will track movements in real-time, providing even greater feedback to the handler.

"This is a low-cost, fast-turn, noninvasive product that can be used to help mitigate injuries in MWDs," says Wolcott, who envisions the CTMM collar to be available for use in MWDs by late next year.

Venn points out the U.S. civilian sector is increasingly focused on the health and welfare of operational canines, notably due to their routine use in first responder situations; specifically in police and fire emergencies. The up-tick in civilian use of working animals is why she was tapped to make her presentation in Baltimore in the first place.

"There are certain things we've learned in dealing with cases of canine trauma on the battlefield – situations that

could potentially equate to what EMS personnel or a paramedic might see if they're responding to a scene and there's a law enforcement K-9 that's been injured," says Venn, noting the translation of military battlefield care to a civilian setting. "We want those people to know how to spot the things that are going to put that animal at risk within the first ten minutes."

Moving forward, Venn notes several other canine combat casualty care projects currently taking place throughout the Army. Just recently the Army and DHA approved funding for studying the development and application of potential canine plasma products, as well as a retrospective study on the causes of mortality in canine trauma; other, similar projects are taking place as well. For Venn, such efforts represent the best of both worlds: not only is the Army granting her even more and greater resources to do what she does best, but she's also advancing the knowledge required to save future generations of MWDs.

"There's been a lot of work done in the past few years to move these big rocks up the hill," she says, "but there's still a lot more to do."



**Image of an early model of the Canine Thermal Model (CTMM) Collar Monitor, which is currently being developed by USAMMDA and the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. (Image courtesy of JHU APL)**





# CYS SPORTS

## **Volunteer Coach**



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**301-619-2538**

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# USAMRDC, Republic of Korea Resume Historic Meeting after COVID Pause

*By Danae Johnson, USAMRDC Public Affairs Office*

The U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command and the Republic of Korea Armed Forces Medical Command held the 50th Technological Cooperation Sub Committee Medical Working Group Meeting at Fort Detrick, Maryland from June 1-2. This year's meeting was designed to discuss and review how both organizations worked together to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, which had been previously cancelled each of the past two years due to a COVID-related environment.

The TCSC meeting, an event designed to explore international medical research opportunities between the U.S. and the ROK, rotates locations annually between the two countries. For USAMRDC and ROK AFMC, the meeting attempts to synchronize joint efforts related to technological studies, research advancements and maintaining partnerships for potential future information exchange efforts.

"This year's meeting touched upon research and development efforts that are critical to the protection and care of our Service Members," said Brig. Gen. Tony McQueen, commanding general of USAMRDC and Fort Detrick. "From virus diagnostics and vaccines to trauma care and psychological health, our collaboration can help us stay ahead of developing threats."

Both USAMRDC and ROK AFMC contributed substantially to research efforts designed to prevent and treat COVID-19 over the past two years. The International Vaccine Institute and the Korea University Medical School Virus Lab, in collaboration with USAMRDC's Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, were a model of a successful partnership regarding COVID response and surveillance.

"The last two years highlighted just how vital our collaboration is for Soldier health and world health," said McQueen. "The importance of our relationship and this ongoing forum cannot be overstated."

The meeting represents the latest iteration in a lengthy, enduring partnership between the two countries that began with the signing of the Mutual Defense Treaty in 1953. In recognition of that tradition, both USAMRDC and ROK AFMC signed a Memorandum of Agreement to renew their collaborative agreement.

"We are drawing and painting dreams between Korea and the U.S.," said Brig. Gen. Byung Seop Choi, commanding general, ROK AFMC. "The TCSC meeting with USAMRDC is procuring the future, making the bondage stronger between our two countries."

In addition to the traditional document signing, ROK AFMC delegates and USAMRDC attendees exchanged gifts as a means to symbolize their friendship. Next year, ROK AFMC will host the meeting and discuss topics and action items determined at this year's meeting to enhance solutions that support the futures of both forces.



**The ROK AFMC delegates tour the USAMRIID biosafety lab as a part of the 50th TCSC Medical Working Group meeting at Fort Detrick, June 1. (Photo by USAMRDC Public Affairs)**



## Special Events

**Hit Pitch Run**  
TBD  
Free

**Youth Fishing Rodeo**  
Saturday August 20, 2022  
10:00 AM- 2:00 PM  
\$5

**Punt Pass Kick**  
TBD  
Free

For more information, please contact CYS Youth Sports at 301-619-2538  
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# CYS YOUTH SPORTS



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## Youth Camps



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**Ages 7-16**

**Week 1 (June 20-24)**  
\$65  
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Includes: Archery, Soccer, Flag Football, Tennis, Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Kickball & more.

**Week 2 (July 11-15)**  
\$75  
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Learn styles of dance including Hip-Hop, Jazz & Modern. Learn basic fundamentals and choreographed routines for a performance on Friday. A t-shirt will be provided.

**Week 3 (July 25-29)**  
\$65  
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Includes: Archery, Obstacle Course, Hiking, Scavenger Hunt, Fishing, Fire Building, Golf, Baseball, Kickball & more.

**Week 4 (August 8-12)**  
\$65  
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Includes: Field Day Challenges, Archery, Golf, Paintball, Fishing, Hiking, Water Activities

## Mini Camps

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Ages 4-6**

**Week 1 (June 27-30)**  
\$50  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Includes: Scavenger Hunt, Soccer, Pickleball, Basketball, Obstacle Course, Putt Putt, & Magic Club

**Week 2 (July 18-21)**  
\$50  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Includes: Scavenger Hunt, Soccer, Whiffle Ball, Obstacle Course, Capture the Flag, Kick Ball & Magic Club

Monday-Thursday  
5:30 PM- 6:30 PM

**Ages 5-16**

**Volleyball (June 27-30)**  
\$30  
Monday-Thursday 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM  
**Flag Football (July 18-21)**  
\$30  
Monday-Thursday 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM  
**Soccer (August 1-4)**  
\$30  
Monday-Thursday 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM  
**Racket Sports (August 15-18)**  
\$30  
Monday-Thursday 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM

## Evening Sports Clinics



## 6MLMC holds Hail and Farewell

The 6th MLMC Hail and Farewell was held on June 10. They bid farewell to several teammates and their families, Spc. Esteven Herrera, Cpt. Kyle Fortner, Maj. Matthew Hopkins, Maj. Fernando Negron and Lt. Col. William Tudor. They also welcomed, 1Lt. Jordan Cornell and Lt. Col. Danny Garrett to the Vanguard team. The O2M3 was also presented to three Vanguards past and present: Lt. Col. Tudor, CW3 (Ret) Jessie Moore and Sgt. Maj. Stanley Jackson.

(Courtesy photo by 6MLMC)

# Around Fort Detrick

### Barquist Army Health Clinic closure notices for June and July 2022

July 1: Military Training Holiday (DONSA/Reduced Hours) – Close at 11:30 a.m.

July 4: Independence Day (Federal Holiday Observed) – Closed All Day

July 22: Reduced Hours (Training) – Close at 11:30 a.m.

### Glen Haven Housing Town Hall

Tues. July 19, 2022

6 pm.

Glen Haven Community Center, Wheaton, MD 20902

### Fort Detrick Housing Town Hall

Wed. July 20, 2022

6 pm.

Balfour Beatty Community Center,

### Frederick's 4th: An Independence Day Celebration

July 4, 2022

Baker Park

Noon to 10 pm.