



# USAMRIID Demonstrates Advanced Biosurveillance Capabilities at African Lion 2025

By Paul Lagasse, DHA R&D-MRDC Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases recently demonstrated its ability to rapidly deploy a comprehensive biosurveillance capability overseas as part of African Lion 2025, U.S. Africa Command's largest annual joint exercise. USAMRIID's participation highlighted the innovative biosurveillance capabilities in its arsenal for providing actionable data to combatant commanders to assist in force-health protection measures to combat endemic and emerging biothreats.

Capt. C. Ian Davis, deputy chief of the Applied Diagnostics Branch in USAMRIID's Diagnostic Systems Division, worked with a team of biosurveillance specialists from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and WRAIR-Africa to collect environmental and biological samples for analysis using advanced rapid genetic sequencing technologies, including polymerase chain reaction enhanced by molecular inversion probes, an innovative technique pioneered at USAMRIID.

"African Lion was a great exercise and a team effort from USAMRIID," says Davis. "Ensuring the exercise went smoothly was huge lift by all those involved."

USAMRIID and WRAIR participated in African Lion at the invitation of the DOD's Global Emerging Infections Surveillance program, which operates a global network of laboratories focused on mitigating threats to Service Members posed by novel and highly infectious diseases. USAMRIID and WRAIR both provide reachback capability to GEIS as part of their global biosurveillance missions. Prior to the start of African Lion, GEIS set up a laboratory space for the surveillance team in the coastal city of Agadir in Morocco; during the exercise, Davis arrived with USAMRIID's testing equipment and chemical reagents packed safely in padded and insulated protective cases. The only items



Capt. C. Ian Davis, third from left, deputy chief of the Applied Diagnostics Branch at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, poses for a group photo during Exercise African Lion 2025 with Dr. Stephanie Cinkovich, fourth from left, the Defense Health Agency's military health surveillance activities integrator, and members of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research biosurveillance team Spc. Jorge Campos, left, Maj. Luis Pow Sang, Maj. John Eads, and Staff Sgt. Brenda Hawkins. USAMRIID and WRAIR teamed up to perform biosurveillance during the multinational exercise. (Photo by USAMRIID Public Affairs)

missing were a refrigerator and a freezer – which local personnel were able to quickly procure for the team.

The biosurveillance team's participation in African Lion 2025 represented the largest field sequencing activity conducted by USAMRIID at an exercise in many years. For nearly two weeks, the team was busy analyzing entomological samples collected

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# Chapel gets 'Stellar' in July for Vacation Bible School

By Chaplain Lt. Col. Jonathan Lee

Twenty-five children from the Fort Detrick community participated in the Fort Detrick Chapel's Vacation Bible School this summer, held July 14-18.

The theme for this year's VBS was "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." At Stellar, children explored how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world, and how we can do the same. The week was filled with faith discoveries, music, epic adventures, and activities that help children grow with the teachings of Jesus.

An ice cream social was held on the last day so the children, parents, grandparents, and friends could celebrate the week of fellowship, fun, and learning. The children also received special



gifts designed to remind them of all they discovered at VBS and to encourage family conversations about Jesus and his teachings.

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from the environment for signs of infectious diseases. The lab was collocated with the exercise's first-aid facility, which made it easy for the team to procure samples from Service Members reporting for sick call, to ensure they had not been exposed to infectious diseases during the exercise.

This was USAMRIID's first time participating in African Lion, in which over 10,000 troops from more than 40 nations engaged in military and humanitarian exercises in Tunisia, Morocco, Ghana, and Senegal.

Dr. Christopher Stefan, chief of USAMRIID's Developmental Diagnostics Branch, who prepared the master mix of biosurveillance probes that the team used as well as the DNA sequencing protocols that they followed, said that all of the equipment survived the flight to Morocco and performed as intended, and that the exercise was "extremely successful."

"There were many moving parts to this mission and a lot of planning involved," says Stefan. "We went with the intent of measuring several hundred samples, so the pack-out was quite large. We ended up over-preparing, which, as it turned out, was a good thing. The largest benefit of this exercise was that we successfully demonstrated that we could ship all the necessary equipment, get it set up quickly, process large numbers of samples, and use targeted sequencing to screen a lot of different targets quickly and efficient-

ly. From my perspective, everything worked extremely well."

Lt. Col. M. Kelly Hourihan, director of USAMRIID's Special Pathogens Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory, says that the knowledge gained at African Lion will also be used to inform planning for future exercises by helping planners identify prevalent pathogens in the region so that they can take appropriate preventive measures prior to departing for the exercise.

Dr. Keersten Ricks, chief of the Diagnostic Systems Division, says USAMRIID's unique operational mission to field diagnostic tools to far-forward operational units or other operational environments dovetails well with GEIS' mission of performing targeted biosurveillance worldwide through multinational exercises such as African Lion.

"Because of our work with GEIS, the word is getting out to the operational community and exercise planners that USAMRIID is developing tools that can be fielded in various operational environments," says Ricks. "I think as we showcase and field the technologies that we offer and the capabilities that we have, we have become more integrated with the operational community. The ultimate goal is to develop, validate, and field a diagnostic and biosurveillance toolbox that can be used in various operational environments to help protect the force and support medical readiness."

USAMRIID's participation in African Lion is an effective demonstration of USAMRIID's proficiency in executing medical logistics swiftly and efficiently to wherever in the world biosurveillance is needed on short notice. It also highlights the central importance of medical logistics in support of modern combat operations and training.

"It's a lesson in the ability to adapt and overcome," says Ricks. "Successful medical logistics requires flexibility, patience, and trust in your preparation and planning, and your ability to improvise solutions when you get there. African Lion was a great example of how well USAMRIID exemplifies those capabilities."

Maj. Luis Pow Sang, WRAIR-Africa's chief of microbiology, said that bringing together specialists from across the Defense Health Agency Research & Development-Medical Research and Development Command was valuable not only for the biosurveillance mission, but also for the team members.

"We here in WRAIR-Africa are mainly focused on surveillance, while USAMRIID is mainly focused on research and bringing new technologies to the field," says Pow Sang. "This exercise was an opportunity for them to gain a perspective on how their technologies are being utilized, which also helps them improve their technologies. Bringing together different teams from across this huge enterprise is very useful for the overall goal of biosurveillance."





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# Two USAMMA Leaders Recognized with O2M3 Induction

Stories and photos by C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs



**Liz Serra, deputy director of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Distribution Operations Center, speaks following her induction into the O2M3.**

Liz Serra's eyes widened as she heard her name called, a look of cheerful surprise washed over her face.

Serra, who serves as deputy director of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency Distribution Operations Center, was inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit, or O2M3, during the awards portion of USAMMA's quarterly town hall July 10.

Membership in the O2M3 denotes distinguished service that is recognized by Army Medical Department senior leadership, signified by a sterling silver medallion and maroon ribbon.

"I never would have ever thought I would earn this, so thank you everyone, but I didn't do it by myself," Serra said. "I do believe in the warfighter and taking care of the warfighter, and that's my passion."

USAMMA's Distribution Operations Center, or DOC, oversees DOD vaccine distribution for anthrax, smallpox, adenovirus and yearly influenza, as well as provides coordination and tracking for select temperature sensitive medical products and training to logistical and medical units in distribution and storage practices.

In his nomination of Serra, USAMMA Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki noted she has "significantly improved medical readiness, contributing to a combat-ready force."

Serra has overseen the distribution of millions of doses of vaccines, valued at \$78.1 million in fiscal year 2024 alone, Brenecki wrote.

Serra leads a team of three Army Civilians and seven contract personnel, who also coordinate with other DOD agencies and support the issuance of thousands of medical materiel quality control messages and recall notifications to ensure equipment and supplies are used safely and efficiently.

Over her years of civilian service, Serra has earned a reputation as a problem solver and subject-matter expert, according to USAMMA leaders and her colleagues.



**Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, places the silver medallion signifying membership in the O2M3 on Kim Dankulich.**

With over 20 years under her belt at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, Kim Dankulich has built a reputation as a subject-matter expert in her field.

In recognition of her leadership and strategic medical materiel expertise, USAMMA leaders inducted Dankulich into the Order of Military Medical Merit, or O2M3, during a ceremony July 17 at Fort Detrick.

"When you talk about Army Prepositioned Stocks medical anywhere in the world, I've always heard her name," USAMMA Commander Joselito "Joe" Lim said. "She was the glue, if you will, along with her great teammates to make USAMMA the mecca for MEDLOG enterprise."

Dankulich has served as deputy director of USAMMA's Force Projection Directorate since November 2020, "providing unwavering support" to global medical materiel programs, managing \$1.2 billion worth of materiel requirements across multiple portfolios and savings over \$500 million through various process improvements, according to her O2M3 nomination.

She also developed the care of supplies in storage, or COSIS, plan for two 240-bed Army hospitals and other health care detachments, along with numerous other contributions achievements during her tenure in support of global exercises and operations.

"Mrs. Dankulich's unwavering commitment to the medical logistics enterprise directly enhances readiness and ensures that our warfighters receive the medical materiel support they need—anytime, anywhere," USAMMA Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki said. "Her leadership and vision have strengthened global supply chains, enabled strategic sustainment and advanced the Army's ability to project and deliver life-saving capabilities across all domains."

"Her efforts continue to shape a more agile, responsive, and resilient MEDLOG force — one that honors the Army's legacy of care while preparing for the demands of tomorrow," Brenecki added.



# AMLC Hosts Detachment Change of Command Ceremony

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command at Fort Detrick hosted a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment change of command ceremony July 18, recognizing Maj. Shirly Rivera for her service as detachment commander and welcoming her successor, Capt. Justine Juan.

AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde presided over the ceremony, which featured the traditional passing of the unit guidon to symbolize the transition and the senior leader's trust in the new detachment commander.

Change of command ceremonies are more than just a time to recognize the incoming and outgoing officers, Welde said.

"It's for your unit," he said. "This tradition goes back centuries. They do this to reinforce the sense of history and shared experience within the unit. These ceremonies give us the opportunity to publicly display the transition of authority and responsibility ... ensuring continuity for the Soldiers and the unit."

For Army units, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachments, or HHDs, are a crucial command support element, overseeing training programs, personnel and administrative tasks, and other support functions. They also are responsible for the overall health and welfare of the unit's Soldiers and their families.

Welde recognized Rivera's contributions during her 11 months in detachment command, simultaneously serving as the commander's executive officer, or XO.

Focused on building a team atmosphere and creating a climate in which Soldiers could thrive, Rivera strengthened communication and transparency with monthly newsletters, timely training and event reminders, medical readiness forecasting updates and a key metrics slide added to the chief of staff's weekly synchronization brief, Welde said.

"You deeply cared for everyone in this headquarters," he said. "You enhanced morale and created connections across



**Capt. Justine Juan, left, incoming detachment commander for U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, receives the unit's guidon from AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde during a change of command ceremony July 18 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The ceremony also served to recognize outgoing commander, Maj. Shirly Rivera. (Photo by C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs)**

the organization ensuring Soldiers felt seen, supported and part of something greater than themselves."

Rivera won't be going far for her next assignment, transitioning to serve as a military deputy director of AMLC's Integrated Logistics Support Center.

A native of El Salvador who moved to California at age 12, Rivera said her time in command was challenging, but her view of the organization as HHD commander and XO gave her a deeper appreciation of the AMLC team and its mission.

"What we do matters, and it matters more than most people realize," she said. "It's not just logistics. It's life support. It's readiness. It's the heartbeat behind the mission."

As the fourth HHD commander since the unit's creation in 2021, Juan takes responsibility for the administrative management of day-to-day activities and providing direct support to the commander and command staff.

Welde commented that it's likely to be "the most demanding job you've ever had," but the AMLC commander said he knows Juan is up to the challenge.

"I'm excited to see where you will take this role, building on the tremendous legacy of Maj. Rivera's work and she surely left a legacy," Welde said.

Born in California and raised in Texas, Juan commissioned into the Medical Service Corps in 2020 through the ROTC program at the University of Texas, San Antonio.

He most recently served as an operations officer at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, one of three AMLC direct reporting units.

Juan thanked his family and colleagues at USAMMA, while pledging to give his all in his new role at AMLC headquarters.

"It's obvious the immense impact that you have had on the organization," Juan said of Rivera. "... You paved the way and set the standard. I'll take the baton from here."



## Fort Detrick, Community Leaders Celebrate 4th of July

Maj. Gen. Paula Lodi and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Dills joined residents of The City of Frederick in celebrating Independence Day at Baker Park. During the celebration's opening ceremony, Maj. Gen. Lodi thanked the city's residents for their steadfast support of Fort Detrick and recounted the legend of Barbara Fritchie, the patriotic heroine of John Greenleaf Whittier's 1863 poem.

Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor presented Staff Sgt. Sandra Ramirez of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) with the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Award.

It was a wonderful event that highlighted the strong partnership between Fort Detrick and the local community as they celebrated America's 249th Birthday. (Courtesy photo)



## AAFES Celebrates 130 Years of Service to U.S. Military



Left to right: Gwen Finley, Army Community Services; Jerry Shugart, Regional AAFES Director; USAG Command Sergeant Maj. Erick Detrich; Capt. Marcos Davilla, MRDC; and Prelyn Pavlovic, store manager, celebrate at the Fort Detrick Exchange. (Courtesy photo)

Since the United States Department of War's General Orders No. 46 issued directed commanders to establish a post exchange (PX) in 1895, the Exchange has constantly evolved to function as a force multiplier for the nation's ever-changing military mission.

"The hard-earned Exchange benefit is a brilliantly designed virtuous circle that delivers tangible value to our nation's military mission and the heroes who serve and have served with distinction," said Exchange Director/CEO Tom Shull. "As Team Exchange reflects on this incredible organization's many successes over the past 13 decades, we remain fully focused on instituting effective and efficient improvements to continue going where our troops go."

With 100 percent of earnings going back to the military community, shopping the Exchange makes life better for service members and families. In the last 10 years, the Exchange has provided more than \$15 billion in value to the military community. Take a look back [HERE](#).

## Fort Detrick Celebrates 250th Anniversary of U.S. Army Chaplain Corps

The Fort Detrick Religious Support Office hosted a fellowship luncheon at the Fort Detrick Chapel in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps on July 25. It was a meaningful opportunity where attendees shared personal reflections and expressed appreciation for the enduring impact of military chaplaincy throughout the years. As part of the ceremony, Fort Detrick's senior commander, Maj. Gen. Paula Lodi, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Dills, and the youngest Soldier at the event, Staff Sgt. Kadeem Benson, all joined in to cut the cake.

(Photo by Lanessa Hill, USAG Public Affairs)





# Army MEDLOG leaders mark 107th birthday of warrant officer corps

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

U.S. Army medical logistics leaders at Fort Detrick marked the 107th birthday of the Army Warrant Officer Corps with a cake-cutting ceremony July 9.

Col. Joselito “Joe” Lim, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, served as the event’s keynote speaker.

Lim, the son of a retired warrant officer, said he was humbled and honored to speak, noting they were not only celebrating a milestone but also honoring the legacy of the warrant officer corps – “forged through sweat, sharpened through combat, elevated through expertise, adaptability and commitment.”

The Army Warrant Officer Corps dates back to July 9, 1918, when the Army Mine Planter Service was created as part of the Coast Artillery Corps. In 1919, Army Medicine saw the need for specialized medical equipment experts and created what later became the health services maintenance officer (670A).

There are approximately 28,000 warrant officers in the Army, making up about 2% of the total personnel. This number includes those on active duty, as well as Army National Guard and Army Reserve.

The corps is comprised of five ranks – starting at warrant officer and up to chief warrant officer five – with each rank signifying increasing levels of expertise and responsibility. Warrant officers serve as technical experts, combat leaders, trainers and advi-



**A cake recognizing the Army Warrant Officer Corps’ 107th birthday. The Army Warrant Officer Corps dates back to July 9, 1918, when the Army Mine Planter Service was created as part of the Coast Artillery Corps. In 1919, Army Medicine saw the need for specialized medical equipment experts and created what later became the health services maintenance officer (670A). (Photo by C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs)**

sors, supporting a wide range of Army missions. They are highly skilled and experienced individuals who have risen through the ranks to become experts in their specific fields.

Lim described the corps as more than just the Army’s “quiet professionals” and subject-matter experts, saying they serve as the crucial link between enlisted expertise and officer leadership.

“Today, we face one of the most rapid and profound transformations in our Army,” he said. “And warrant officers have never been more essential.”

As the Army shifts toward a more agile, data-driven, lethal and resilient force, warrant officers are right in the middle of that transformation.

“They are the architects of the future force,” Lim said.

Also attended by leaders and members from U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command and the 6th Medical Logistics Management Center, the event was capped off with a ceremonial cake cutting that brought together the youngest and oldest current or former warrant officer in the room.

Joining Lim to do the honors was AMLC’s Chief Warrant Officer 3 Garron Johnson and Wilmer Tapia, retired chief warrant officer two and current Army Civilian in USAMMA’s Medical Maintenance Management Directorate.

“Happy birthday to the Army Warrant Officer Corps,” Lim said. “Here’s to your legacy, leadership, dedication, professionalism and your transformation role ahead.”



**Col. Joselito “Joe” Lim, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, speaks during a cake-cutting ceremony July 9 recognizing the 107th birthday of the Army Warrant Officer Corps at Fort Detrick. (Photo by C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs)**



# AMLC integrates MEDLOG into DEFENDER 25 exercise

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

Enabling critical warfighter readiness, Soldiers and civilians assigned to U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command provided logistics assistance, maintenance support and training at DEFENDER 25.

DEFENDER is the Army's largest annual training exercise, involving about 12,000 U.S. service members and 13,000 troops from 29 allied and partner nations. Led by U.S. Army Europe and Africa, the exercise focuses on the strategic deployment of U.S.-based forces, the use of Army Prepositioned Stocks, or APS, and follow-on exercises that demonstrate lethality and interoperability with allies and partner nations.

"As the Army becomes more lethal, agile and efficient, we are always looking to improve our processes so we can better support for the warfighter," AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde said. "It's through large-scale exercises like DEFENDER where we can really see ourselves and demonstrate how AMLC enables readiness to the force."

Starting in April, teams from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency – a direct reporting unit to AMLC – assisted units drawing medical materiel from the APS-2 site in Dulmen, Germany.

USAMMA teams worked with Soldiers from the 7384th Medical Detachment Blood Support, a reserve unit out of Columbia, Missouri, and the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain), a National Guard unit based in Vermont, to prepare, issue and reset post-exercise medical materiel.

Capt. Justine Juan, an operations officer at USAMMA, said the goal was to reduce deployment time by validating, preparing and packing equipment for immediate use, "demonstrating the flexibility and mobility of our warfighter to be able to deploy rapidly anywhere in the world."

"This exercise helped greatly in validating our processes and procedures," Juan said. "It is important to participate in these large-scale global exercises the same way it is important for every Soldier to practice their individual and mission-essential tasks."

Support continued downrange in Lithuania, where personnel from the AMLC's Logistics Assistance Program, or LAP, assisted with equipment maintenance and troubleshooting during the hospital exercise, or HOSPEX, portion of DEFENDER, led by the 512th Field Hospital, based at Kaiserslautern, Germany, and part of the 519th Hospital Center.

Vladimir Sequera and Jessie Moore, logistics assistance representatives from the LAP, both deployed in support of their respective Army Field Support Brigade units participating in the HOSPEX.

Sequera said the LAP team's role was multifaceted, including evaluating shelter configurations, pinpointing refrigeration vulnerabilities and addressing dry ice supply chain issues restricted



**Jessy Moore, right, a logistics assistance representative with U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, supports a member of the 512th Field Hospital, based at Kaiserslautern, Germany, and part of the 519th Hospital Center, during the hospital exercise portion of DEFENDER 2025 in Lithuania. (Courtesy photo)**

by hazmat transport limitations in a forward-deployed medical setting.

"The team's agility in troubleshooting refrigeration systems, securing alternate resources, and planning future medical devices training speaks volumes of their adaptability under pressure," he said.

Parallel efforts with the 512th FH included extensive equipment checks and infrastructure assessments, quickly addressing and correcting minor issues found during setup to ensure continuity of care, Sequera said.

"Additionally, we were able to provide field training sessions on medical devices like the CT scanner and medical oxygen generator," he added, "ensuring field personnel are equipped with the knowledge to optimize equipment use and prevent future issues."

AMLC supports concluded with retrograde operations, which includes equipment turn-in and reset for future use, supporting the 86th IBCT at a forward equipment hand-off site in Greece and coordinating the equipment's return to APS-2 in Germany.

Sequera said the AMLC team not only met its mission objectives but also gained valuable insight for process improvements to further increase effectiveness and resilience for future retrograde efforts at forward sites.

"Medical logistics is more than just a support function – it's the backbone of readiness," he said. "... We don't just ship equipment. We ensure that life-saving devices are always there when and where they are needed, and they're going to work. I'm proud to have supported this mission and even prouder of the people I worked alongside."



# MMOD-PA biomedical equipment technician earns CBET certification

By C.J. Lovelace, AMLC Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency recently added another highly-credentialed biomedical equipment technician to its rosters of subject-matter experts.

Dean Edwards, a technician at USAMMA's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot, or MMOD-PA, learned he successfully passed his Certified Biomedical Equipment Technician, or CBET, certification exam in July.

"The wait between testing and results was one of the more challenging aspects of the process," Edwards said, noting he sat for his exam in May. "Receiving the passing notice was an incredibly rewarding moment, validating the time, effort and commitment invested in preparing for the certification."

The CBET certification exam, administered by the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation, or AAMI, is a rigorous three-hour test with 165 questions. It focuses on the elements of troubleshooting and practical evaluation across several domains, including medical equipment, anatomy and physiology, safety and risk management, and electrical and mechanical principles.

Edwards is the fifth technician on the MMOD-PA roster of 18 civilians and 10 contractors to earn CBET certification. He joins Director William Wall, Chief of Operations George Takacs and fellow technicians Mark Kisel and Chris Karel.

Preparing for nearly a year, Edwards said the certification will lead to opportunities for career growth but also enhance his impact on equipment readiness and compliance, and position him as a reliable resource in mission-driven environments.

"It also motivates me to keep learning and stay current with evolving technologies," he said.

Takacs echoed Edwards' comments that adding another CBET-certified technician to the team strengthens regulatory compliance, increases team efficiency, boosts technical reliability and enhances



**Dean Edwards, a biomedical equipment technician at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania, recently earned his Certified Biomedical Equipment Technician, or CBET, certification, a program that signifies a high level of expertise in the complex field of rapidly evolving medical equipment technology.** (Courtesy photo)

USAMMA's reputation and the Army as a whole.

"Dean voluntarily went out of his way to become certified in his field," Takacs said. "It validates his extensive knowledge, skills, dedication and professionalism. It also sets the bar for other technicians to strive for. His CBET accomplishment will naturally motivate people that work with him, and they may become interested in pursuing a professional certification."

Edwards started with USAMMA as a contractor in 2019, before earning an Army Civilian role in April 2021. Since then, he's played a key role in supporting multiple high-priority missions, including in Germany at Army Prepositioned Stocks sites and

directly supporting DEFENDER and presidential draw-down missions.

He also served as an equipment specialist in Kuwait for four months, overseeing critical functions in a demanding operational environment.

"These experiences have not only broadened my technical expertise but have also strengthened my capacity to operate effectively in dynamic, mission-focused settings," he said. "Earning my CBET certification during this time has been a meaningful milestone in an already rewarding professional journey."

USAMMA is a direct reporting unit to Army Medical Logistics Command.

# News - Events - Training

## Barquist Reduced Hours and Clinic Closures

22 AUG: Reduced Hours of Operation – Closed at noon

1 SEP: Federal Holiday - CLOSED

26 SEP: Reduced Hours of Operation – Closed at noon

## Road, walking path closures near Beasley, Davis

Beasley Drive, between Building 375 and Building 393 (including the perimeter walking path) and Davis St. is closed to traffic and pedestrians. The closure is necessary as part of the ongoing construction project in that area and more importantly to ensure the safety of everyone. The closure will continue through the entire length of the project, estimated into 2031. Fort Detrick Police and the Installation Safety Office ask that everyone on

post treat all areas with posted signs and temporary fencing as off-limit areas. DO NOT walk or drive around barriers or enter fenced areas.

## Upcoming Lane Closures at Nallin Farm Gate

Beginning mid-August, a barrier replacement project begins at Nallin Farm Gate. We ask all vehicle operators to please pay attention to significant traffic control changes in that area during this time. In the beginning phase, both lanes of the inbound side will be closed and redirected to a single lane normally designated as an outbound lane. Once inbound lane barriers are replaced, both outbound lanes will close, and vehicles will be redirected to a single lane normally designated as an inbound lane. We anticipate the lane closure until late Sept. Updates will be provided once they are available.



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**REPORT:** Report threats through designated channels



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# Fort Detrick Garrison Employee of the Quarter Nominee



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## Anthony Moxley U.S. Army Garrison Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor , DPW

Mr. Moxley has been the indispensable on-call expert for Fort Detrick's \$12.6 million sewer repair and \$13.5 million potable water line refurbishment projects for over two years, flexing his duty hours to minimize operational impacts on mission partners and housing residents. His deep knowledge of tenant schedules—such as the Child Development Center—guided contractor planning and enabled phased valve-loop operations that kept water flowing to occupied buildings throughout construction. When unexpected breaks occurred, he procured emergency parts, provided after-hours government oversight on-site, and managed inventory replacements to seamlessly integrate repairs into the garrison's systems. His respectful, solutions-focused interactions with residents, garrison coworkers, and contractors consistently delivered prompt, effective support. By living the Army Civilian Corps Creed's promise "I will always support the mission" and exemplifying Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, and Integrity, Mr. Moxley bridged planning teams and installation crews, rapidly restored service during main breaks, and ensured Fort Detrick's critical utility infrastructure remained fully operational—directly enhancing both mission readiness and quality of life on base.



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