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# AMLC hosts summit for Healthcare Technology Management Week



Army and Navy medical maintainers participate in a team-building event during a Healthcare Technology Management Week summit, hosted by U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command May 21-22 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. (U.S. Army photo by Katie Ellis-Warfield/Released)

FORT DETRICK, Md. – Behind the scenes, healthcare technology management professionals are a small, yet mighty force and represent the glue that binds the medical continuum of care together throughout the Department of Defense. In the Army alone, almost 700 active-duty enlisted Soldiers and warrant officers are responsible for maintaining nearly 90,000 medical (Continued)

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Attendees of a Healthcare Technology Management Week summit at Fort Detrick, Maryland, pose for a group photo May 22. The two-day summit, hosted by U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, brought together HTM leaders from the Army, Navy, Air Force and DOD agencies to recognize the workforce and discuss the future of the career field. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace/Released)

devices in support of the operational force, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright, who recalled the significance of medical maintainers during a deployment to Afghanistan.

"If it wasn't for the ingenuity of our 68As [Biomedical Equipment Specialists] ... without those maintainers, we would not have been able to provide care to the warfighter and we would surely have lost more lives," Wright said.

U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command hosted a two-day summit in May at Fort Detrick in recognition of Healthcare Technology Management Week, bringing together dozens of HTM subject-matter experts across the Army, Navy, Air Force and other DOD-level agencies.

The event included reports from the services and distinguished guest

speakers, as well as team-building events, equipment demonstrations and career field and project updates.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Schmaljohann, who serves as AMLC's senior warrant officer advisor and top medical maintenance expert, said he was happy the event was able to bring together so many stakeholder voices and build synergy across the DOD HTM community.

"For as small of a field as we are, I was really pleased not just with the support from within the building, but also the external commanders and organizations across all services," Schmaljohann said. "It just goes to show that we are all in this fight together and the HTM community is a tight-knit group, willing to lead the way as we navigate transition and improve joint operational support." The themes of transition and transformation have been common talking points throughout the DOD in recent months. HTM leaders are embracing this change as necessary steps to adapt to future battlefield conditions and evolving technology, such as AI and additive manufacturing, while becoming a leaner and more agile fighting force.

"Be comfortable with the change," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Deanna Hughes, senior warrant officer adviser to the Army surgeon general and command chief warrant officer for U.S. Army Medical Command.

In planning for large-scale combat operations across multiple domains, Hughes cautioned that the military would endure "the greatest number of casualties that we have ever seen," spread out over wider areas as



Sgt. 1st Class Yun Sung, left, and Master Sgt. William Harbeson try out augmented reality technology that could be an option for use in the military sustainment community during a Healthcare Technology Management Week summit, hosted by U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command May 21-22 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace/Released)

technologies and mobility increases.

"We will be overwhelmed in casualties," she said. "That means that we have to rethink how we do business. We need to get medical devices as far forward as possible, and BMETs have to be there as well.

"This is serious business," Hughes added. "You're not just fixing equipment. You're enabling the fight."

The summit's second day was capped off by a senior leader questionand-answer session, followed by the presentation of the 2025 Dean Ohlsen HTM Awards of Excellence, which are presented annually to one warrant officer, one enlisted Soldier and one Army Civilian.

The winners this year were:

• Chief Warrant Officer 3 Richard Hendricks, director of Home Station Medical Maintenance Support, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, Fort Detrick, Maryland

• Staff Sgt. Yazmin Sheridan, chief of Healthcare Technology Management, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, Texas

• Wendell Johnson, logistics management specialist, Aviation, MEDLOG and Electronics, G4, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Now in its fifth year, the award is named after the late retired Sgt. Maj. Dean R. Ohlsen, who is known as a pioneer in the HTM community. Ohlsen gave over 60 years of combined service as a Soldier and Army civilian, dedicating most of his life to the advancement of the Army's medical maintenance career field over his decades of governmental service.

Hendricks said he was one of several in the room who personally worked with and knew the late Ohlsen's passion for the profession, "so it's really cool to receive this kind of award."

Sheridan and Johnson could not attend the event but accepted their awards virtually.

Reflecting on HTM Week, Wright reiterated that HTM professionals ensure readiness and serve as a force multiplier to keep service members, their families and DOD beneficiaries safe and healthy.

"HTM Week allows us to recognize the great work of this community and the importance it holds for medical readiness throughout our DOD," he said. "You can't do the patient care without providing maintenance to those pieces of equipment, so I want to thank all of you."

By C.J. Lovelace



# AMLC safety stand-down reminds workforce about summertime hazards

FORT DETRICK, Md. – With summer quickly approaching, more people are planning to get into the outdoors or out on the water to enjoy the warm weather with friends and family.

U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command headquarters held a safety stand-down on May 14 to remind its workforce about hazards and increased risks associated with summertime activities, as well as some best practices to stay safe.

Heat-related illnesses, drowning and motor vehicle accidents all tend to spike during the warm summer months, making awareness and precaution common themes during the event.

"It's really all about awareness," said Wally Edwards, AMLC's safety and occupational health manager. "We need the workforce to know about the dangers out there, so they can take precautions and that ensure they stay safe in whatever they do.

"Because the most important thing is that they return to work ready to go as we continue to support the warfighter readiness," he said.

Following opening remarks from AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde, Edwards provided an overview of the Army Safety and Occupational Health Management System, or ASOHMS, including the plans and procedures that are used to evaluate safety at different unit levels.

From there, AMLC team members broke into groups and moved through stations that covered various topics, such as heat-related injuries, boating and water recreation safety, vehicle and motorcyclist safety, and CPR and AED training.

Presenters during the event included safety representatives from the Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Coast



Maylis Burns, a basic life support instructor and pharmacy tech at Barquist Army Health Clinic, shows how to do CPR chest compressions and operate an AED during AMLC's safety stand-down May 14 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace/Released)

Guard Auxiliary and Fort Detrick's Barquist Army Medical Clinic.

"These safety stand-downs are so important because it gives us time to slow down from our busy day-to-day activities and focus on something that we never want to take for granted," Welde said. "The safety of our team, both on and off duty, is our number one priority."

Jacqueline Loeffler, who serves as AMLC's equipment publications

control officer, said she enjoys gardening and getting outdoors with her dogs in the summertime, so the session on heat-related illnesses was particularly interesting to her.

"I was unaware of the different levels of heat-related illness. I figured it was just heat stroke that we had to worry about," she said. "It was a good reminder about the warning signs and how to plan ahead to stay cool and hydrated."

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AMLC Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright also emphasized that safety is a vital component of mission success for both AMLC and the Army as a whole.

"It's a mindset," Wright said. "Every Soldier, every civilian here is responsible for protecting themselves and those around them. Without you, our mission – to enable those who provide the best possible care to the warfighter – simply would not happen. So let's stay vigilant, stay prepared and always look out for one another."

By C.J. Lovelace



Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary discuss boating and water recreation safety during AMLC's safety stand-down May 14 at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

# Army MEDLOG honors fallen at Woodsboro Memorial Day parade

WOODSBORO, Md. – For the past 150 years, the people of the small town of Woodsboro and the surrounding areas have gathered each year to remember our nation's fallen heroes.

Families with young children lined the streets next to older generations in veteran ballcaps, all watching the annual Memorial Day parade go rolling by – and event organized by the Woodsboro American Legion Post 282.

This year's parade and ceremony, held on May 25, included the U.S. Marines' 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion Support, Scout Troop 1011 and several local fire departments, along with the Frederick chapter of the Woodsboro Historical Society, the Walkersville Marching Lions and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

This is the first time the Army Medical Logistics Command, headquartered at Fort Detrick just 20 minutes south of Woodsboro, has participated in the event.

"We gather not just as a community, but as a nation united in remembrance and gratitude," Commander Col. Marc R. Welde during keynote said remarks at a ceremony held at the American Legion after the parade. "Memorial Day is a solemn tribute to the brave men and women - and their families -who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Their sacrifice reminds us that liberty is not given — it is earned. defended and cherished."

This year also marks the 250th anniversary of the Army. Welde reflected upon the anniversary, citing the importance of



Amy Medical Logistics Command Commander Col. Marc Welde provides keynote remarks during a Memorial Day ceremony in Woodsboro, Maryland on May 25. (Photos by Ric Dugan/Used with permission from Frederick News Post)

remembering that the first patriots who died for what would become our nation were not actually trained Soldiers.

"They were farmers, shopkeepers, teachers and blacksmiths," said Welde, looking out to the crowds gathered in rural Woodsboro. "They didn't have proper equipment, rations, ammunition, training or uniforms."

Welde continued, "What they did have were Warrior Ethos, courage and willingness to give up their lives for a better future for their children, and their children's children."

After the ceremony, Welde and AMLC Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright laid a memorial wreath with Kendyl Bauer, who served the role of young "Miss Poppy."

"Let us strive to be worthy of their sacrifice," Welde concluded. "Let us honor our fallen warfighters -- not just today, but every day. May we always remember, and may we never forget."



Army Medical Logistics Command's Command Sgt. Major Gabriel Wright, left, and Commander Col. Marc Welde, right, salute after laying a Memorial Day wreath during a ceremony with "Miss Poppy" May 25, in Woodsboro, Maryland.

By Ellen Crown



(CONDITION)

HAZARD

(ACT)



#### NEAR MISS

An unplanned event that has the potential to cause harm but did not result in a mishap.



An unplanned event that results in death, injury, or illness of personnel; or property damage.



A condition or activity with the potential to cause injury, illness, or death of personnel; damage to or loss of equipment or property; or mission degradation.

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

A hazard could lead to a mishap but hasn't resulted in a near-miss. A near-miss is something that did occur but no harm was caused.

# AMLC supports reserve training mission through CECOM DET 7 program



Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Aisha Harper, center, briefs Leigh Anne Alexander, left, director of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Integrated Logistics Support Center, on her work completed at AMLC as part of U.S. Army Communications-Electronic Command's Detachment 7 program. DET 7, as it's commonly known, supports CECOM units with reserve Soldiers who can complete their annual training requirements in functional commands, such as AMLC. Also pictured is Capt. Vanessa Vasquez, another DET 7 Soldier. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace/Released)

FORT DETRICK, Md. – U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command is continuing its partnership with the Army Reserve to provide training opportunities for reserve Soldiers in an active-duty setting.

Utilizing a program through its higher headquarters, AMLC hosted several reserve Soldiers from Army Reserve Sustainment Command's Detachment 7 program in May.

"DET 7, as it's commonly called, supports U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command units with reserve Soldiers who can complete their annual training requirements in functional commands, including us here at AMLC," said Lt. Col. Ibrahim Kabbah, AMLC's Reserve liaison officer. "At the same time, we can benefit from the supplemental manpower."

AMLC, headquartered at Fort Detrick, is a direct report to CECOM.

Under the DET 7 program, each Soldier spends about two weeks training at their selected command. At AMLC, two Soldiers worked alongside sustainment experts in the command's Integrated Logistics Support Center and another within the logistics and supply cell.

"It was very interesting to see how the headquarters environment functions and how strategic planning enables the units on the ground," said Capt. Jonathan Tamayo, one of the reserve Soldiers who participated in this year's training rotation.

Tamayo and Staff Sgt. Aisha Harper, who both have a clinical background in nursing, worked within the ILSC's Logistics and Technical Support Directorate to help establish processes and support the improvement of medical supply chain and maintenance operations in accordance with Army regulations and goals.

"AMLC was in need of clinicians to assist with this project, where we

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identified line items and reviewed stock lists to validate different types of medical materiel and how it could be used to support the force," Harper said.

Traditionally, military treatment facilities and the different services have ordered medical equipment and supplies on their own to suit their individual needs. AMLC's ILSC has been working to consolidate and streamline the medical supply catalog to improve overall asset visibility, increase readiness and reduce costs where possible.

"Essentially, we provided some of that clinical expertise to say, well, you have on this on hand and this serves the same function as this, so can it be used for that?" Harper explained. "Medical logisticians rely heavily on clinical personnel to determine if a product is interchangeable and suitable to meet the needs of the customer, avoid redundancy and unnecessary excess in stocked items and across the master medical catalog."

In another area of AMLC, Capt. Vanessa Vasquez supported logistics and supply staff in developing compliance checklists and operating procedures in support of supply management programs and maintenance operations.

Vasquez said it was interesting to work at the headquarters level and see how the strategic level operates.

"It's very new to me and I'm grateful for this opportunity and experience to work with the management specialists here at AMLC," she said. "There was a big learning curve here, not working with any medical personnel or field units directly, but it was interesting to understand how AMLC's work affects the entire medical enterprise."

Comprised of six teams with different disciplines of expertise, the DET 7 program was developed to better align with modern defense strategies that focus on shaping the force and Army formations that are more integrated, agile and flexible.

Maj. Tanishia Greene, military deputy director for the ILSC, served as the primary planner and coordinator for the DET 7 Soldiers' mission at AMLC. She underscored the value that the collaboration provided to an important ongoing ILSC initiative. "Our Detachment 7 teammates have proven to be an invaluable asset to support not only our internal mission as the life cycle logistics manager for Class VIII, but also as we support the Army's Medical Logistics in Campaigning initiative to curate the master medical catalog," Greene said.

Kabbah credited Greene's work in making this round of training with DET 7 a great success for all parties, adding that the program also brings reserve Soldiers into the fold on MEDLOG operations as the Army prepares for future conflicts.

"These reserve Soldiers are so crucial to our enterprise when we go to war," he said. "Through this program, we're building our bench, and it can't be understated how important it is to have Soldiers who are trained and ready to fall in on our assets, such as our forward-positioned stock sites, and not miss a beat.

"This program is part of that puzzle to maintain high levels of medical readiness."

By C.J. Lovelace



# AMLC'S FIRST MASQUERADE







Army Medical Logistics Command and U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency Soldiers, civilians and their loved ones spent the night dining and dancing at AMLC's 1st masquerade ball, May 16, in Gettysburg, Pennslyvania.







# Why do you continue to serve?

I serve because the values of the Army provide a foundation to better serve my loved ones and those who I serve alongside. I see the same commitment and dedication from those I serve with, and I know we are all aspiring to make a better place for those who come after us.

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Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command



# What does Warrior Ethos mean to you?

To me, Warrior Ethos means never backing down from a challenge. Life hasn't always been easy, but I've learned that obstales are just stepping stones to becoming stronger.

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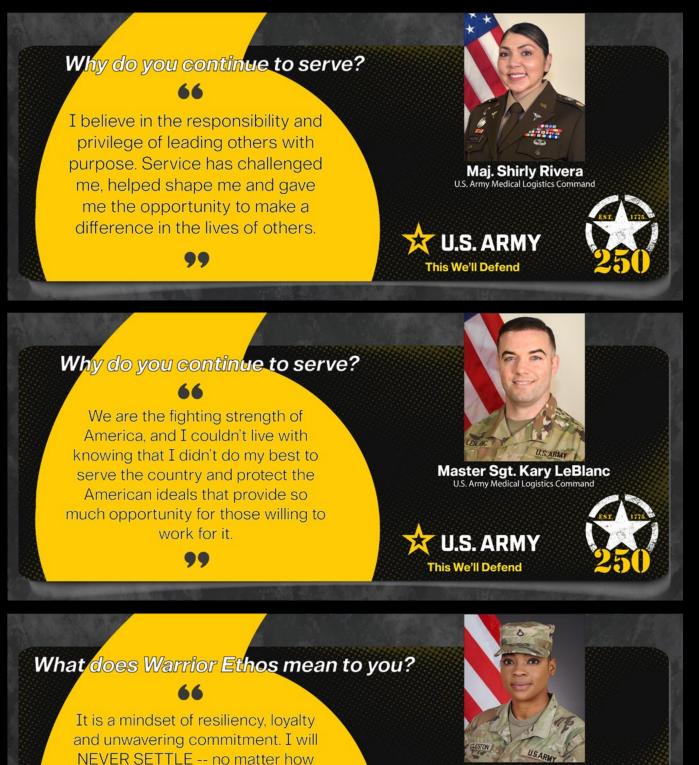
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Richard Hendricks U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency

## Why did you choose to serve?

I had a scholarship for college, but chose to serve instead. The Army presented great opportunities as a first-generation immigrant and the first in my family to serve.



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Pfc. Alacia Eccleston U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea

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This We'll Defend

tough the challenge may be, I will persevere and stand by my battle buddy until my final breath.

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https://armyeitaas.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/CECOM-AMLC/SitePages/G6.aspx

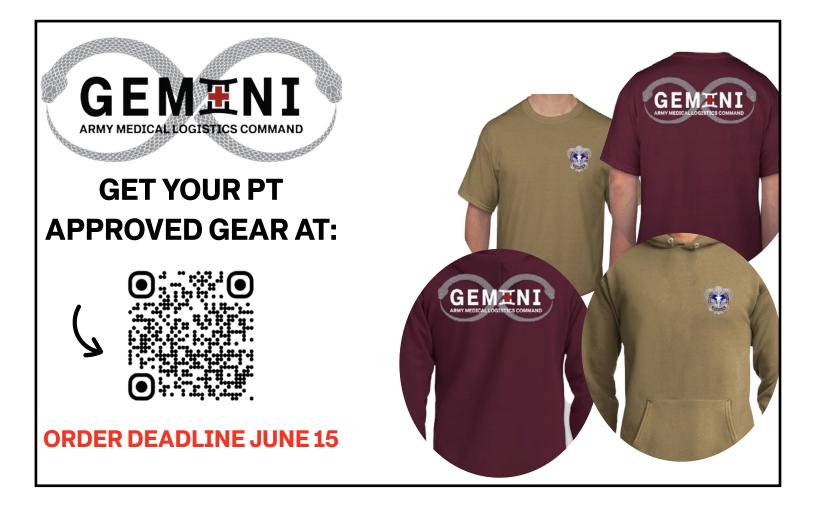
# AMLC CELEBRATES APRIL AND MAY BIRTHDAYS



AMLC leaders recognized HQ team members with birthdays in April and May during a recent awards ceremony.

Our April birthdays included Frank Karafa, Jason Gatti, Matt Shaw, Matthew Diggs, Jennifer Ridenour, Donyelle Scurry and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Garron Johnson.

May birthdays included C.J. Lovelace, Susan Owens, Maj. Arturo Diaz, Richard Fulmer, Carmine Izzo and Billy Defalco.



# AMLC RECOGNIZES SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS













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Several AMLC Soldiers and civilians were recognized during an awards ceremony at HQ. May 12. Those recognized were:

- Two-star notes were given to: C.J. Lovelace, Abbie Chipps and Capt. Tyler Sprunger
- Coins were presented to: Luis Mezquia, Shawn Hardiek, and Keeyonia Washington
- Length of Service Awards: Joanne Stello (15 years), Phyllisa Burrus (15 years), Natalie Ingram (20 years) and Wally Edwards (30 years)
- Civilian Service Achievement Medals went to: Katie Ellis-Warfield, Chris Borrell, Shawn Whyles and Luis Mezquia
- Civilian Service Commendation Medal was given to Bret Mower
- Meritorious Service Medals were awarded to: Capt. Tyler Sprunger, Maj. Chris Wright and Lt. Col. Abe Kabbah
- Commander Col. Marc Welde received the Master Combat Medical Badge, and the Master Combat Infantryman Badges were awarded to Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright, Maj. Dan Miller and Maj. Matt Smith.

# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT





Taking PT to the country roads

AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde, Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright and U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Jorge Magana along with some other MEDLOG colleagues got in their morning PT off post during a 20mile bike ride through Frederick.



# Keeping our outside spaces beautiful

U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's HHD Capt. Paul Abucher and Staff Sgt. Tereso Hernandez recently teamed up with 6th Medical Logistics Management Center to conduct this year's spring cleanup around Building 693 at Fort Detrick, Maryland.



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT





USAMMC-E conducts safety stand-down

Apr. 30, the USAMMC-E team came together for an annual safety stand-down with handson activities, demonstrations and discussions on learned practical ways to stay safe and keep others safe.







# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT





#### Honoring heroes with the Murph Challenge

In observance of Memorial Day, USAMMC-K took on the Murph Challenge to honor the bravery and sacrifice of Lt. Michael P. Murphy, a Navy SEAL and Medal of Honor recipient for his actions during the War in Afghanistan, and all those who have served.



#### USAMMC-K hikes Hill 303

Soldiers at USAMMC-K participated in an early morning hike at Hill 303, May 8.



## What do you enjoy most about your job?

Every day brings something new. There's never a dull moment in the ILSC. Most importantly, the impact of our work is significant and strategic, as we support and ensure medical readiness for our warfighters.

## What do you do?

I'm currently the NCOIC for ILSC and the Logistics Assistance Program, or LAP. As the senior enlisted adviser, I oversee field-level medical maintenance operations, including technical and administrative tasks aligned with LAP. I'm also responsible for managing, coordinating and controlling maintenance activities; ensuring quality control to optimize medical equipment performance and support operational readiness; and developing and reviewing policies and procedures related to medical equipment maintenance.





# How long have you worked here?

Almost three years. My time here at AMLC has been split between several programs and roles. After completing the Strategic Medical Logistics Fellows Program, I became noncommissioned officer in charge for AMLC's Support Operations team. From there, I moved upstairs to serve as interim sergeant major at USAMMA, before returning to AMLC as NCOIC for the ILSC.



#### **MASTER SGT. PEUNG KIM**

NCOIC ILSC/LAP, AMLC HQ

# What's your favorite quote?

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

– Galatians 5:13

Whether as a father, Soldier or just a human being, I believe my purpose in life is to serve others. Whether supporting my family or serving the warfighter, I aim to lead with love and compassion. This verse reminds me that my role is to be a positive influence, uplifting those around me each day.



## What do you do outside of work?

Hunting and fishing. I have a cabin in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. I try to get to the cabin as often as I can.

# What do you do?

As inventory manager, I'm responsible for the maintenance of property book items, as well as creating maintenance plans for equipment listed on our property book and updating equipment status and service status in GCSS-Army. Additionally, as transportation officer, I estimate the funds needed to ship equipment. This includes stock transfer orders, which are new medical equipment shipped to the activeduty, National Guard and Army Reserve units. We also handle repair and returns, TMDE, MEPS and other shipments to support our mission at the Army Prepositioned Stock sites. We also just started a cold chain shipment process, sending frozen and/or refrigerated controls and reagents to the APS sites.

# How long have you worked here?

l've been at USAMMA's Medical Maintenance Operations Division in Tobyhanna for 13 years. MEDLOG

### **ROBERT CHARNICHKO**

Inventory manager/transportation officer, USAMMA (MMOD-PA)



### What's your favorite quote?

"Do everything you ask of those you command." – Gen. George S. Patton

A good leader wouldn't ask his troops to do something, if he himself isn't willing to do the same. What do you enjoy most about your job?

Supporting the warfighter.

# What do you enjoy most about your job?

l enjoy collaborating with employees and guiding them on various issues regarding personnel matters. Also, I appreciate working with my colleagues.

## What do you do?

As administrative support assistant at USAMMC-E, my job is to provide administrative guidance to the DCS team and the staff, contributing directly to the mission. I am responsible for reporting the PERSTAT and providing a comprehensive overview of the daily employee attendance. I assist in reviewing leave requests and sick day documentation to ensure timesheet accuracy.



### What's your favorite quote?

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." – Charles R. Swindoll

This quote changed the way I think about challenges because external factors are a part of life (the 10%), but the way I choose to respond to them impacts my overall well-being and happiness (the 90%).



# **MICHAELA KROCK**

Administrative support assistant, USAMMC-E

# What do you do outside of work?

I cherish baking different kinds of treats, such as cakes, cookies and cupcakes (fortunately, my coworkers like to eat them). Additionally, I like to travel, experience various cultures and meet new people. How long have you worked here?

I have been working at USAMMC-E for about six months.

## What do you enjoy most about your job?

Having conversations with people. I enjoy the process of sharing information and learning through conversations with team members and other section staff.

# What do you do?

As an operations specialist and adviser to the chief of operations, my role involves managing the operations calendar and conducting synchronization meetings. I'm also responsible for coordinating significant events, tracking operations orders and taskers, and ensuring actionable communication across the staff sections.

#### How long have you worked here?

I have been working at USAMMC-K for almost nine years.



### KIM, HYO-CHU



Operations specialist, USAMMC-K

## What's your favorite quote?

"The past is history, the future is a mystery, but today is a gift."

The present moment is a gift, and it is our responsibility to make the most of it. It's a time to live fully, appreciate the moment, and create positive experiences. What do you do outside of work?

I am currently learning how to ride a bike (Don't be surprised, not everyone can ride a bike.). Accomplishing something I couldn't do before gives me confidence and motivates me.