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## AMLC integrates MEDLOG into DEFENDER 25 exercise

FORT DETRICK, Md. – 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



*Army Medical Logistics Command supported 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 photos/Released)*

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

“The team’s agility in troubleshooting refrigeration systems, securing alternate resources, and



*Vladimir Sequera, left, a logistics assistance representative with U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, supports members 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.*

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

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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."

By C.J. Lovelace



*Sgt. 1st Class Tie Wu, right, a medical logistics NCO with the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, conducts inventory during retrograde operations alongside USAMMA contractors and members of the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Greece over the closing days of the DEFENDER 2025 exercises in Europe.*



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# Army MEDLOG enables readiness during rapid deployment exercise in Kuwait

FORT DETRICK, Md. – When the order comes, U.S. Army units have to be ready to go.

Army Medical Logistics Command did its part to answer the call during a recent emergency deployment readiness exercise, or EDRE, conducted by U.S. Army Central Command.

An EDRE is a no-notice, rapid deployment exercise to assess a unit's ability to quickly mobilize personnel and equipment for potential real-world contingencies.

AMLC and personnel from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, one of its three direct reporting units, moved quickly to issue sets from the Army Prepositioned Stocks site in Southwest Asia, known as APS-5, in support of a deploying forward resuscitative surgical detachment to sustain EDRE medical operations from May 24 to June 30 in Kuwait.

"The AMLC staff and USAMMA personnel reacted swiftly and professionally within the first 24 hours of receiving the request to issue a FRSD from APS without any prior notification," said Lt. Col. Ibrahim Kabbah, AMLC's assistant chief of staff for Support Operations, or SPO.

The exercise was a true test of AMLC's readiness as well. Kabbah said the command was not tracking the EDRE in advance and did not forecast the equipment requirement.

"This EDRE truly exercised AMLC's capability and readiness to support the warfighter, as well as our USAMMA personnel who manages the APS at the Force Projection Directorate," Kabbah added. "These MEDLOG professionals executed this hasty handoff without a hitch and the EDRE was able to have a FRSD to exercise during this realistic training and readiness exercise."

Maj. Ian Dunn, chief of future operations for USAMMA, took it one



*Staff members at the Army Prepositioned Stocks site at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, known as APS-5, load blood freezers onto a 3rd Medical Command (Forward) truck in preparation for a training exercise in June. (Courtesy photos/released)*

step further, noting that the agency was simultaneously supporting other ongoing operations when the notice came down.

"During this timeframe, we had DEFENDER 25 Europe retrograde and issue operations, as well as an APS-3 vessel download occurring," he said. "We had to rapidly reprioritize

support and synchronize efforts across an additional COCOM. We were able to prove that USAMMA is able to rapidly issue its materiel at a moment's notice, projecting readiness and capabilities to our Soldiers and units."

By C.J. Lovelace 

# USAMMA team members highlighted in CECOM Spotlight

Two production control leaders at U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Medical Maintenance Operations Divisions have been recognized in the CECOM Spotlight for the month of May.

They include Marina Montes, supervisory production controller at MMOD-CA in Tracy, California, and William J. Smith, supervisorial production control manager at MMOD-UT at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

In their nominations, Amy Polifko wrote that Montes and Smith are "mission-focused and results-driven" employees who each are "a valued asset to the organization and integral part of" U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command.

Polifko serves as production controller at USAMMA's third stateside MMOD at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania.

USAMMA is one of three direct reporting units to AMLC.

Polifko also noted each honoree's problem-solving skills in the use of Global Combat Support System-Army, or GCSS-Army, as well as their efforts to assist other team members and lean into additional duties in production control at their respective facilities.

Montes and Smith were among dozens of employees recognized through the Spotlight program, which highlights top talent around the Army Communications-Electronics Command footprint.

AMLC is a direct report to CECOM. The CECOM Spotlight, a monthly recognition program through the CECOM G-1, provides a platform for team members to acknowledge the efforts and accomplishments of their colleagues.



## NEW MIC VIDEO

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## AMLC promotes chief of staff to rank of colonel

U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command leaders hosted a ceremony June 13 at Fort Detrick, Maryland, to recognize Lt. Col. Nikki Davis on her promotion to colonel.

Davis, a 23-year Army Medical Service Corps officer, has served as AMLC's chief of staff since August 2024.

AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde presided over the ceremony and administered the traditional oath of office, which followed the pinning of her new rank insignia by several of Davis' family members.

Davis' career began in 1998 when she served in the Army Reserve for four years as a transportation specialist. In 2002, she commissioned through the ROTC program at East Carolina University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in social work.

Since then, she has served in a multitude of leadership positions at increasing levels of responsibility, including several assignments overseas and a 15-month deployment to Iraq as the brigade medical supply officer with Charlie Company, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Prior to joining AMLC, Davis served as deputy commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency. Before returning to Detrick, she worked as chief of Logistics and Acquisitions/senior administrator for the White House Medical Unit.

Davis also holds a Master of Arts in human services from Liberty University and a Doctor of Education in leadership and professional practice from Trevecca Nazarene University.



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# AMLC CELEBRATES JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Ten team members around AMLC headquarters celebrated birthdays in June. The command team caught up with them to present a birthday card and learn how they like to spend their special day each year. Pictured with Commander Col. Marc Welde and Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright are Staff Sgt. Julia Sanders, Phyllisa Burrus, Jonathan Hallenberg, Tim Johnson, Oyeyemi Akinrefon, Katie Ellis-Warfield and Keith Griffith. Not pictured but also celebrating June birthdays were Sgt. 1st Class Adrian Doll, Joseph Indomenico and Fernando Garcia. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace/Released)





# AMLC CELEBRATES JUNE BIRTHDAYS



## HAZARD — VERSUS — NEAR MISS



(CONDITION)

### HAZARD

(ACT)

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.



### NEAR MISS

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



### MISHAP

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

## 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.

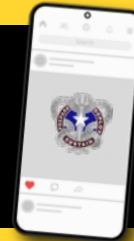


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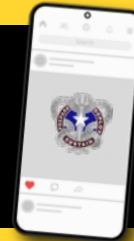
## Visit to APS-2

AMLC and U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency leadership, along with CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Jay High, visited APS-2 June 2, in Dulmen, Germany.





# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT



## LPD on ILSC's Logistics Assistance Program

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Garron Johnson led a Leadership Professional Development session June 18 at Fort Detrick, overviewing AMLC's Logistics Assistance Program. The LAP serves as a strategic line of support to operational medical units, providing expert technical support, readiness monitoring, data-based solutions and constant communication to Army Field Support Brigade and Battalion (AFSB/AFSBn) commanders across COMPO 1, 2, 3 and APS.



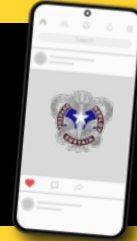
## AMLC G-3/5/7 farewell

AMLC leaders bid farewell to Lt. Col. Janessa Moyer, Sgt. 1st Class Dominique Williams and Alan Hanks during an off-site celebration May 28. During the event, Lt. Col. Moyer was presented with the Order of Military Medical Merit. The O2M3 is open to active duty, reserve components, civilian and retired members for their high integrity, professional competence, selflessness and 15 years or more dedicated contributions to Army Medicine.





# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT



## AMLC bids farewell to SPO leader

AMLC team members got together June 24 in Frederick for a farewell luncheon in honor of LTC Ibrahim Kabbah, who served as assistant chief of staff for Support Operations (SPO), as well as AMLC's Army Reserve liaison officer. We wish Abe the best of luck in his next position!



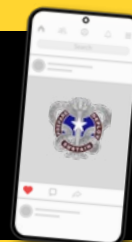
## Team PT session in Germany

The AMLC command team, Col. Marc Welde and Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright; CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Jay High; and USAMMA command team, Col. Joe Lim and Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki, enjoyed a motivating hike with USAMMC-E Soldiers to the ruins of Burguine Beilstein on June 3.





# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT



## USAMMC-E change of responsibility

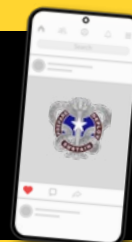
USAMMC-E held a change of responsibility ceremony June 5, honoring the distinguished service of Sgt. Maj. Andrew Colburn and welcoming Sgt. Maj. Deshawn Hamilton as the organization's new senior enlisted leader.

We thank Sgt. Maj. Colburn for his unwavering dedication, leadership and commitment to the mission and Soldiers of USAMMC-E. His impact will be felt for years to come. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Sgt. Maj. Hamilton as he steps into this vital leadership role. We look forward to his vision and continued excellence in support of our mission in the European theater.





# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT



## USAMMC-K Soldiers stay sharp

On June 27, USAMMC-K service members sharpened their edge during Army Warrior Tasks (AWT) training – focused on “shoot, move and communicate” tactics. Our team ran weapons drills, practiced tactical movement under pressure and fine-tuned radio communication skills, building confidence, cohesion and combat readiness. Proud to stay ready!



## USAMMC-K staff ride: Honoring History

On June 18-19, USAMMC-K service members visited the DMZ, Wolmido, Freedom Park and the Incheon Landing Memorial Hall, reflecting on military history, leadership and resilience. The ride – just before June 25, the anniversary of the start of the Korean War – served to honor and recognize the sacrifices made and the lessons learned.



## USAMMC-K safety stand-down

USAMMC-K personnel reinforced the importance of summer safety and responsible driving with a safety stand-down event June 2. Key topics included heat stress prevention, hydration, outdoor hazards and safe driving practices to ensure everyone stays protected on and off duty.



### What do you do?

As a logistics management specialist for AMLC's Integrated Logistics Support Center, my main job is to support warfighters by performing data analysis and identifying trends and risks for resolution or mitigation. Some of the initiatives that I perform include ASL and RCF coordination, obsolescence management, SLEP analysis and other special projects.

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy working on a variety of projects at different phases of the product life cycle. There is always something new to learn in this field, and many opportunities to use the knowledge gained for continuous improvement.

### How long have you worked here?

Two years in June.



**MANDY BURGOS**

Logistics management specialist, AMLC HQ



### What's your favorite quote?

A favorite quote is one that I coined last year:

*"Stay flexible and be positive."*

*I say it often to motivate people and remind them that a positive mindset can help one adapt, even in the most dynamic of environments.*

### What do you do outside of work?

Outside of work, I enjoy time with my family, watching movies (quoting them when and where I can!), and attending art shows.

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### What do you do?

I am an administrative assistant in Production Control, assisting as the directorate training coordinator and in-processing specialist. My tasks include updating training progress, keeping track of the attendance roster, creating logs for visitors and our fitness program, filing work orders, creating price requisitions, updating metric boards and creating meeting presentations and taking the minutes. Additionally, I assist with event planning and advertising, as well as helping new employees to get appropriate access and assisting the supply department.

### What do you do outside of work?

Spending time with my husband, visiting family, shopping, watching movies and TV shows, baking, exercise classes, theme parks and trying different restaurants.

### How long have you worked here?

I've been with USAMMA's Medical Maintenance Operations Division in Tracy, California, for about six months now.



**KAYLA SEGURA**

Administrative assistant,  
USAMMA (MMOD-CA)



### What's your favorite quote?

*"Be not afraid of greatness; some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them." – William Shakespeare*

*I like this quote because it shows that people are talented in different ways and work hard to achieve their goals. Regardless of their circumstances, they find a way to make things work out for the best for themselves and others.*

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

*I enjoy assisting the team in any area I am needed and learning about the operations.*

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### What do you do?

As a supply system analyst, my job is to serve as a department/division/plant supply systems analyst and trainer. I provide first-line support, on-the-job coaching/mentoring, and being the initial and sustainment training focal point for all department/plant users in the Army Medical Department Theater Enterprise-Wide Logistics System. I also serve as the department/plant quality management program representative. My role as a subject-matter expert is to assist the department/plant and the TEWLS Business Support Office in sustaining, enhancing and expanding the AMEDD Enterprise Resource Planning system.

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

Supporting the users and the constant knowledge transfer within my section and other sections which lead to improvements in the organization.

### What's your favorite quote?

"Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you."

It emphasizes the impact of decisions on our lives. It suggests that our choices shape our character and ultimately determine who we become.



**BENJAMIN CHRIST**

Supply system analyst,  
USAMMC-E



### What do you do outside of work?

I've been coaching a soccer team for the last 12 years.

### How long have you worked here?

I have been working at USAMMC-E for 25 years.

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### What do you do?

As a medical logistics specialist, I am responsible for planning, coordinating and executing logistical support for medical operations. My duties include managing the medical supply chain, maintaining accountability for equipment, tracking readiness metrics and ensuring that our units have the essential medical resources needed to accomplish missions, both domestically and abroad.

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

What I appreciate most about my role is knowing that my efforts directly contribute to Soldier readiness and ultimately help save lives.

### How long have you worked here?

I have proudly served in the United States Army for over a year, spending the last 10 months here at USAMMC-K. I arrived here in September 2024.



**PFC. ALACIA ECCLESTON**

**Medical logistics specialist,  
USAMMC-K**



### What's your favorite quote?

*"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill*

*This quote resonates with me because it highlights the importance of perseverance. It serves as a reminder that true growth comes from the determination to keep moving forward with purpose and resilience, regardless of success or failure.*

### What do you do outside of work?

In addition to my professional responsibilities, I enjoy fitness training and volunteering to support my local community.

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