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## Army poised to expand medical maintenance support program



*Soldiers from the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, out of Fort Drum, N.Y., drop off medical equipment for maintenance services by the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., on June 10, 2025. (U.S. Army photos by Justin Kucharski/Released)*

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT, Pa. – The Army is continuing its transformation effort to bring medical maintenance support closer to operational units without organic maintainers within their ranks.

Under an initiative called Medical Logistics in Campaigning, or MiC, the

Home-Station Medical Maintenance Support, or HMMS, program was launched last year at Fort Bragg to begin closing a crucial readiness gap for the warfighter.

Work is ongoing to bring a planned second wave of locations online in the near future, including Fort Benning,

Georgia, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania.

"Borne out of MiC, the HMMS program is helping us align medical maintenance with existing sustainment

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*A Blackhawk helicopter from the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, out of Fort Drum, N.Y., departs Tobyhanna Army Depot on June 10, 2025, after dropping off about 30 medical devices for maintenance services by the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Medical Maintenance Operations Division there at the Pennsylvania installation.*

processes of other Army commodities, saving time and money, and ensuring readiness in the process," said Alfred Zamora, an equipment specialist at USAMMA and acting deputy director for HMMS.

In the Northeast region, units like the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, out of Fort Drum, New York, are already utilizing a future HMMS site at MMOD-PA, receiving utilizing Tobyhanna's helipad to drop off over 30 pieces of equipment.

Staff Sgt. Michael Silbart, flight paramedic for the 10th Mountain "DUSTOFF" unit, said the capability to drop off dozens of pieces of equipment at once for recalibration, repair and return to service within a month is "invaluable" to continued operations.

"Being the most deployed unit in the Army requires us to have top-tier maintenance, and that is what USAMMA provides us with," Silbart

said. "Flying directly to USAMMA makes the process seamless and controlled. The lack of a middleman always gives us more control over our equipment and prevents things from getting lost."

DUSTOFF is used as a callsign by Army air ambulance units, including helicopters dedicated to medical evacuation.

Silbart emphasized the importance of USAMMA's support, saying it's the only way to ensure service for their specialized equipment.

"The current facilities here at Fort Drum are not equipped to handle our specific equipment," he said. "Without USAMMA, we would not be capable of completing our mission here."

Minimizing downtime and increasing overall readiness are two primary drivers of the planned HMMS program expansion, and the ability to utilize Tobyhanna's helipad adds more logistical benefits for customers and

the team at MMOD-PA alike.

"We're able to accelerate delivery timelines, reduce ground transport requirements and strengthen relationships with our customer base," MMOD-PA Director William Wall said. "At the same time, aviation units utilize this resource as part of their training flight hours, making it a mutually beneficial arrangement."

MMOD-PA technicians successfully completed maintenance and calibration on 18 medical devices, including infusion pumps, ventilators, defibrillators, and more, which were exchanged during a coordinated helicopter drop-off for 20 newly arrived devices requiring service.

"This seamless transition, occurring approximately two weeks later, ensured uninterrupted operational readiness and mission support," Wall said, adding that he expects more use of the Tobyhanna helipad with the future HMMS expansion plans.

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Seeking to close critical maintenance gaps that affect readiness, HMMS was developed under MiC, which aims to integrate medical logistics into the Army Sustainment Enterprise as part of the Army's Campaign Plan 2023-2030.

The first site was established at Fort Bragg during MiC's proof-of-concept phase in 2024. The North Carolina installation now supports

over 100 units, including active-duty and National Guard, throughout the state.

After wave two's planned rollout later this year, additional proposed sites include Fort Carson, Colorado, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and USAMMA's other two MMODs in Utah and California.

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

the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command that has been tapped by Army Materiel Command to lead the MiC effort.

By C.J. Lovelace



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

FORT DETRICK, Md. – 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 –



*U.S. Army medical logistics leaders gathered July 9 for a cake-cutting ceremony to recognize the 107th birthday of the Army Warrant Officer Corps. Pictured, from left, preparing to cut the cake are Chief Warrant Officer 3 Garron Johnson, medical equipment readiness officer, Army Medical Logistics Command; Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim, commander, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency; and Wilmer Tapia, retired chief warrant officer two and current Army Civilian in USAMMA's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace/Released)*

with each rank signifying increasing levels of expertise and responsibility. Warrant officers serve as technical experts, combat leaders, trainers and

advisors, supporting a wide range of Army missions. They are highly skilled and experienced individuals who have risen through the ranks to become

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*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, Md.*

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."



*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).*

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# AMLC hosts detachment change of command ceremony

FORT DETRICK, Md. – U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command 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



*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, Md. The ceremony also served to recognize outgoing commander, Maj. Shirly Rivera. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace/Released)*



*Maj. Shirly Rivera, outgoing U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command detachment commander, speaks after passing command to Capt. Justine Juan during a change of command ceremony July 18 at Fort Detrick, Md.*

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*Capt. Justine Juan, right, shakes hands with Capt. Andrew Whittenbarger following a change of command ceremony July 18 at Fort Detrick, Md. In the ceremony, Juan assumed command of the U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment. Whittenbarger is a former detachment commander for the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, an AMLC direct reporting unit.*

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 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."

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# MMOD-PA biomedical equipment technician earns CBET certification

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – 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 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."



*Dean Edwards, a biomedical equipment technician at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., 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)*

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# DOD medication distribution leader inducted into O2M3



*Liz Serra reacts to receiving her medallion signifying membership in the Order of Military Medical Merit. Serra, deputy director of the Distribution Operations Center at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency for nearly a decade, was inducted into O2M3 during a quarterly USAMMA town hall July 10 at Fort Detrick, Md. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace/Released)*

FORT DETRICK, Md. – 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.

She joined the DOC as an Army

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Civilian in 2016, following several contract roles after she concluded 15 combined years in the Army Reserve and active duty ranks as a medical supply specialist in 2001.

Lt. Col. Raquel Guinta, director of the DOC and USAMMA's acting chief of staff, said she was advised to "find Liz" when she first arrived at USAMMA.

"I feel like that's a common theme," said Guinta, crediting Serra for leading her team in their efforts during the COVID-19 vaccine distribution operations and other challenges in recent years.

"Her actions certainly speak volumes when it comes to her expertise, and she's certainly well deserving of this," she added.

The O2M3 was founded in 1982 by the commanding general of the U.S. Army Health Services Command. It serves to recognize excellence and promote fellowship and esprit de corps among Army Medical Department personnel.

According to the U.S. Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage, O2M3 membership is granted to individuals who have clearly demonstrated the highest standards of integrity and moral character. They also must have displayed an outstanding degree of professional competence, served in the AMEDD for at least 15 years with selflessness, and have made a sustained contribution to the betterment of Army Medicine.



*Liz Serra stands with fellow members of the Order of Military Medical Merit, following her induction into the prestigious group July 10 at Fort Detrick, Md. They include Ron Shoemaker, Jorge Magana, Lt. Cols. Joshua Singleton and Rueben Doornink, Linda Foltz, Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim and Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki.*

After being presented with her medallion by USAMMA Commander Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim, Serra, who is known by many as a "talker," was admittedly at a loss for words out of surprise.

As a veteran herself, Serra said the mission always keeps her going, but she also thanked her leaders and mentors over the years for their trust and empowerment as the DOC continues to support service members

around the world.

"I'm a logistician at heart, so when it comes to taking care of the warfighter, I will do what I need to do to take care of that warfighter," she said.

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## Army MEDLOG leader recognized with O2M3 induction

FORT DETRICK, Md. – 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

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*Kim Dankulich, deputy director of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Force Projection Directorate, shakes hands with USAMMA Commander Joselito "Joe" Lim following her induction into the Order of Military Medical Merit on July 17 at Fort Detrick, Md. Also pictured is USAMMA Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace/Released)*

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.

Among other contributions noted in her nomination, Dankulich expertly assisted multiple combatant commands through APS expansions, including expanding APS-2 from Germany to two additional locations in Belgium and Poland. She also assisted in the outfitting and transition of a new APS-5 warehouse in Kuwait in early 2024.

Dankulich said she was very surprised by the honor but was quick to thank her teammates for making it all possible.

"This is not for me; this is for my team," she said. "You guys make it happen every single day. I truly appreciate it and it's because of the work of our team, not just me."

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# MMOD-PA production controller recognized in CECOM Spotlight

The CECOM Spotlight continued to shine brightly on the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency for the month of June.

Amy Polifko, production controller and primary billing official at USAMMA's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., earned some well-deserved praise as a "highly motivated and dedicated employee" who is vital to MMOD-PA's mission, according to coworker Desaree Seroka.

"Her technical expertise and attention to detail not only enhance efficiency, but also strengthen the administrative function of the organization," Seroka wrote in her nomination of Polifko. "As a Global Combat Support System-Army subject-matter expert, she has been instrumental in streamlining logistical operations, improving data accuracy and ensuring seamless coordination across departments."

Polifko follows production controllers at USAMMA's other MMODs in Utah and California who were recognized in the Spotlight last month.

In Seroka's nomination, she detailed Polifko's willingness to take on additional duties following the retirement of another MMOD-PA supervisor, showcasing her leadership, resilience and dedication to mission continuity in the process.

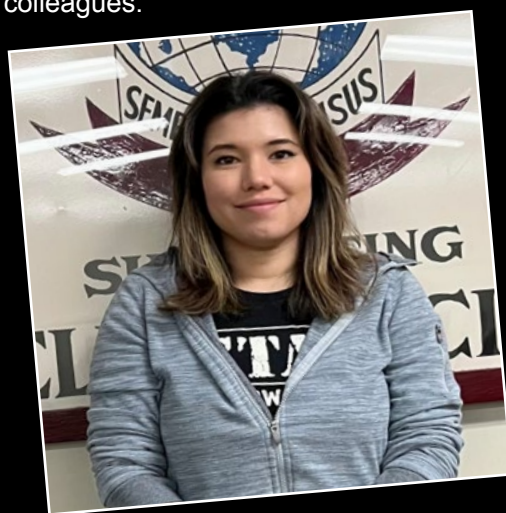
"She consistently delivers high-quality work, ensuring accuracy and compliance in every task she undertakes," Seroka wrote. "Her ability to identify areas for improvement and implement effective solutions has had a significant

positive impact on team productivity. As a result, she has become a trusted resource and a critical contributor to the overall success of AMLC, USAMMA and MMOD-PA."

Polifko, who started with USAMMA in 2019 and has over 18 years total federal service, was 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 AND USAMMA ORGANIZATIONAL DAY



AMLC and USAMMA held their annual Organizational Day for headquarters staff members July 25 near Nallin Farm Pond at Fort Detrick, Md. The team braved the hot temperatures and a quickly passing rain shower for some spirited competition as AMLC battled USAMMA for the Commander's Cup, with AMLC coming out victorious. Events included kickball, volleyball, a golf chip challenge and the day's final event – the always entertaining tug-of-war (at least until the rope snapped)! With many dressed in their 90's best, in accordance with this year's theme, the day also featured time for fellowship over a catered/potluck lunch, kids' activities and music by the Maryland National Guard rock band. The highlight of the afternoon may have been the AMLC/USAMMA staff leaders, including Commander Col. Welde, Command Sgt. Maj. Wright and others, taking a turn in the dunk tank!



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# 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.

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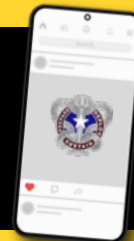
# AMLC CELEBRATES JULY BIRTHDAYS



AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde and Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright took time out around headquarters to recognize several Soldiers and civilians who celebrated birthdays in July, including CSM! Also pictured are Master Sgt. Kary LeBlanc, Ellen Crown, Eric Ross and Devall Wilson. Not pictured but also celebrating birthdays this past month were Jordan Simpson, Luis Rivas Morales and James Kerner. Happy birthday, all!



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



## AMLC participates in panel session

AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde and ILSC Director Leigh Anne Alexander participated in a panel session titled, "Creating a Clinically Driven Health Supply Chain" in Reston, Va. on July 14.



## AMLC hosts town hall

AMLC Commander Col. Marc Welde and Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright held a quarterly town hall July 23 at Fort Detrick, Md. Topics discussed included ongoing transformation and innovation initiatives, HQ building updates upcoming events and other happenings around post.

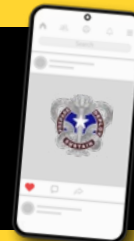


## AMLC hosts retirement ceremony

AMLC hosted a retirement ceremony on July 14 in honor of Chief Warrant Officer 3 David Turner, who retired after 20 years of dedicated service. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Schmaljohann, AMLC's senior warrant officer adviser, served as the host for the ceremony at Fort Detrick.



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



## Retirement at USAMMA's MMRP

Capt. Antonio Acevedo presented to Celia Anderson both her retirement award and retirement certificate for 39 years of service on behalf of USAMMA command team at the Sierra Army Depot, Herlong, Calif., June 24.



## USAMMA NCOs participate in CECOM event

USAMMA non-commissioned officers participated in the Communications-Electronic Command's NCO professional development event at Gettysburg, Pa., to deepen their understanding of the NCO leadership role in Civil War history and to strengthen esprit de corps.

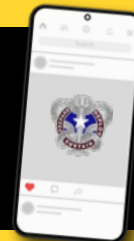


## Visit to APS-4

Col. Joe Lim and Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki conducted a battlefield circulation at APS-4, the organization's forward site in Korea, June 29-July 3.



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## USAMMA holds town hall

U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency leaders held a quarterly town hall July 10 at Fort Detrick, where they recognized numerous employees at headquarters and USAMMA's medical maintenance operations divisions.

Andrew Grout and Liz Serra received awards for their efforts in retooling and relaunching USAMMA's medical materiel quality control messages system, which ensures the force is aware of recalls and other equipment issues that could impact readiness.

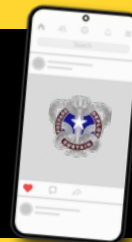
Length of service awards went to: Justin Soltis, Erik Thomas (5 yrs); Michael Dodge (10 yrs); Cynthia Landin, April Saunders (15 yrs); Jesconstantine Javier, Hyun Kim, Christine Ruiz, Robert Williams (25 yrs); and Kellie Pugh (30 yrs).

Also recognized were all the nominees for the Employee of the Quarter program for the first and second quarter. Winners were John Mrus (MMOD-PA) in 1Q and April Saunders (USAMMA HQ) in 2Q.

Other nominees included: Matthew Hernandez, Mark Kisel, Dominick Leonard (1Q); and Peter Bertulatitis, Joby Cwikla, Christopher Jones, Christopher Karel, Irving Tate, Jamie White (2Q).



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



## Promotion at USAMMC-E

USAMMC-E had the distinct honor of promoting Maj. Robert Hjuler to the rank of lieutenant colonel, June 18.



## Promotion at USAMMC-E

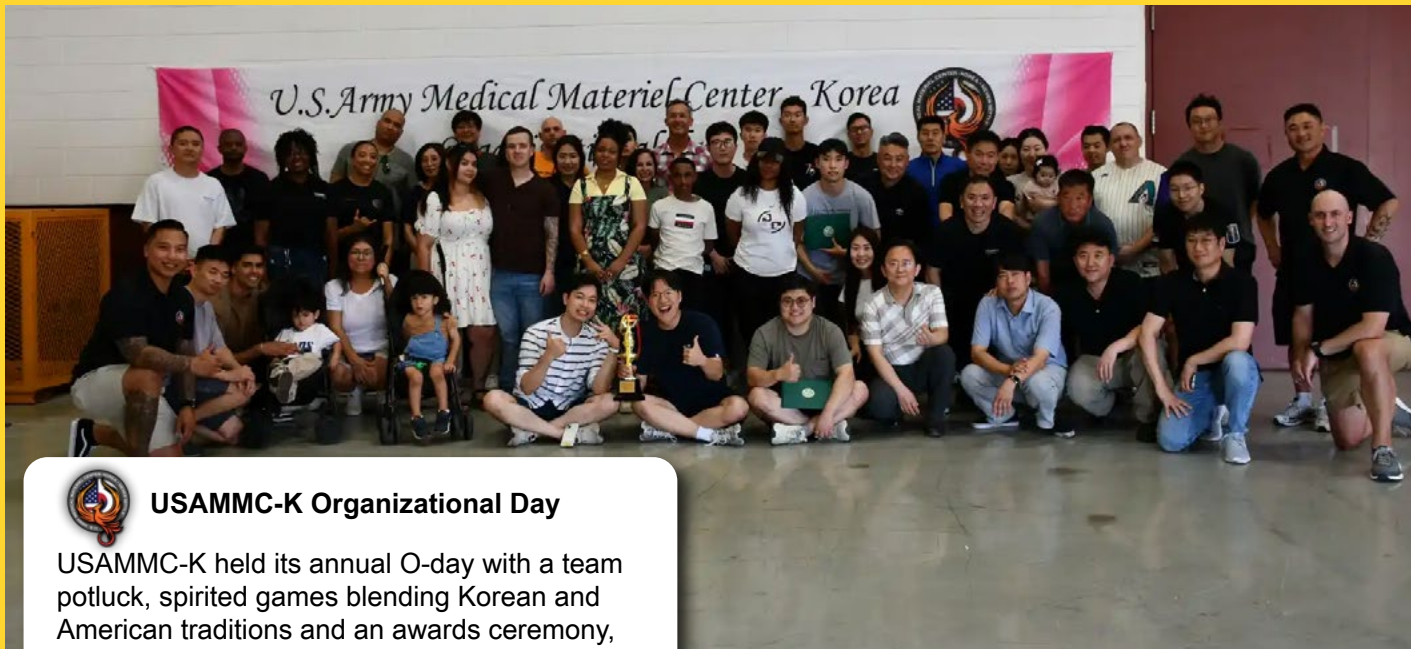
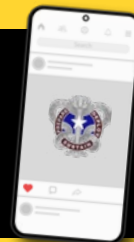
USAMMC-E had the distinct honor of promoting Sgt. 1st Class Richard Albertson to the rank of master sergeant, July 2.



## Reenlistment at USAMMC-E

USAMMC-E had the privilege of witnessing Sgt. Oswald Beltran reaffirm their commitment to serve by reenlisting in the U.S. Army, June 30.

# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



## USAMMC-K Organizational Day

USAMMC-K held its annual O-day with a team potluck, spirited games blending Korean and American traditions and an awards ceremony, July 11. The event celebrated camaraderie and recognized the contributions that drive mission accomplishment.



## USAMMC-K farewell

USAMMC-K honored Warrant Officer James Butler with a farewell luncheon and award presentation, July 1.



## USAMMC-K participates in range training

USAMMC-K service members completed range training to sharpen combat readiness, July 14. These sessions strengthened marksmanship, tactical decision-making and overall mission preparedness.



### What do you do?

I'm a supervisory order analyst and researcher under AMLC's Integrated Logistics Support Center, Readiness and Sustainment Directorate, Medical Research and Analysis Division. My team and I analyze MEDLOG in Campaigning (MiC) order data to identify trends. Those trends note possible issues that can be resolved. Though MiC is still somewhat new, in the end our efforts stand to improve the health and availability of products that our warfighters need.

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

The best part of my job is working with our team. I am blessed to have a boss (Mr. Evan Alligood) who is always willing to share his technical expertise and advice, and to work with a resilient team that has undergone several changes over the last year – but they have remained professional, poised and ready to support the warfighter.

### How long have you worked here?

About one and a half years.



**ALTONIA CHATMAN**

**Supervisory order analyst/  
researcher (ILSC), AMLC HQ**



### What's your favorite quote?

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" – Proverbs 18:21.  
We speak into others' lives daily whether we are aware or not. I never forget that what we say and do can cause some to make a life-altering – or even a life-ending—decision. Please, be good to others. You never know what someone is battling internally, and the words you speak to them may prove to be their undoing.

### What do you do outside of work?

I love woodworking, reading and writing in my spare time. I unapologetically love woodworking tools and spend way too much time and money on them.

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### What do you do?

I manage Class VIII medical materiel for APS sites 1, 3 and 5. I am responsible for managing and tracking the flow of supplies to ensure the highest rate of readiness and communicate with vendors for our orders. I also assist the sites with any data input into TEWLS. I provide site specific analysis when needed.

### What do you do outside of work?

Listening to all genres of music, hiking, hanging with my family.

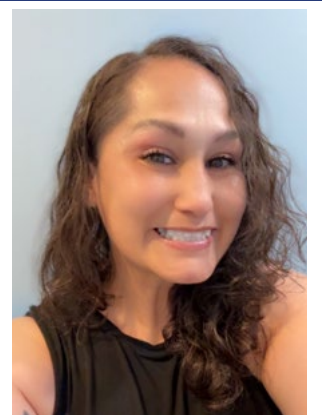
### How long have you worked here?

I've been with USAMMA in the Force Projection Directorate for about four years -- two as a contractor and the last two as an Army Civilian.



**CYNTHIA LANDIN**

Inventory management specialist,  
USAMMA



### What's your favorite quote?

"You can be surrounded by poop and never step in it." — Maria Diaz  
It is a quote from my mom! I grew up in Compton, California. It was pretty rough and that was her reminder to her kids that you don't have to be a product of your environment.

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

Still being able to support the war fighter!

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### What do you do?

I am the supervisor of the receiving section at USAMMC-E. I oversee the daily operations of incoming medical shipments, ensuring all supplies are properly inspected, documented and processed into our system. I coordinate with warehouse personnel, quality assurance and logistics teams to make sure everything flows efficiently and meets compliance standards. My role is critical in supporting medical readiness across the force.

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

The sense of purpose knowing that everything we do directly supports the health and readiness of service members worldwide. I also enjoy the team that we have and finding ways to improve our workflow and training.

### What's your favorite quote?

*"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet." – Bobby Unser*

*This quote reminds me that hard work and discipline pay off. In the military and in life, you must be ready for your moment and preparation makes all the difference.*



**SGT LAURA J. RODRIGUEZ**

**Receiving supervisor,  
USAMMC-E**



### What do you do outside of work?

*Outside of work, I enjoy weightlifting, traveling and exploring Europe. I also like photography and spending quality time with my family.*

### How long have you worked here?

*About two years.*

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### What do you do?

In my current role as a budget technician for Resource Management, I manage travel authorizations and vouchers using the Defense Travel System, maintain attendance and leave records in the Korean Time and Attendance Management system and process supply orders. This position requires strong attention to detail and organizational skills, as I support the smooth operation of daily administrative and logistical functions.

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

I appreciate the small, everyday moments, such as having casual conversations with my coworkers and building close relationships with them. I also find great joy in the gradual process of learning new things. Every step forward is meaningful and rewarding.

### How long have you worked here?

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



**KIM, CHAE-YONG**

**Budget technician,  
USAMMC-K**



### What's your favorite quote?

One of my favorite quotes is by President Abraham Lincoln: "If I only had an hour to chop down a tree, I would spend the first 45 minutes sharpening my axe." This quote resonates with me because it highlights the importance of preparation and careful planning rather than hastily jumping into action. I believe that dedicating time and effort to the process results in more meaningful and dependable outcomes. It serves as a reminder that the quality of our results often hinges on how well we prepare.

### What do you do outside of work?

One of my favorite activities is copying my favorite lines from the books I read. I enjoy the act of handwriting itself, and writing things out helps me remember them more deeply. It's a calming and fulfilling habit for me.

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