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Army Medical Logistics Command holds change of command ceremony

FORT DETRICK, Md. – U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command held a change of command ceremony Aug. 15, recognizing its outgoing leader, Col. Marc Welde, and welcoming his successor, Col. Deon Maxwell.

Maj. Gen. James D. Turinetti IV, commanding general of AMLC's higher headquarters, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, presided over the ceremony inside Fort Detrick's auditorium.

Turinetti joined Welde and Maxwell for the traditional passing of the unit colors, signifying the transfer of command and the senior commander's confidence in AMLC's new leader.

Turinetti recognized not just Welde's leadership, but also the command teams at AMLC's subordinate units – the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe and U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea – for ensuring the vital MEDLOG mission happens to enable a ready fighting force.

"This small, mighty MEDLOG team is the exact reason why AMLC is so successful," Turinetti said. "You understand the purpose and remain laser-focused on the why – our



Col. Deon Maxwell, center, passes the U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command colors to senior enlisted adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright, during a change of command ceremony Aug. 15 at Fort Detrick, Md. During the ceremony, Maxwell assumed command from outgoing commander, Col. Marc Welde. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace/Released)

warfighter."

With a workforce of about 800

people spanning three continents and over a dozen locations, AMLC serves

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as the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command.

In addition to its three direct reporting units, AMLC is responsible for managing medical materiel readiness across the total force, including contingency programs, medical maintenance and medical materiel maintained at Army Prepositioned Stocks sites.

Welde, a seasoned medical logistician who has completed numerous assignments around the world over his 25-year career, previously served in leadership roles at two AMLC DRUs – as deputy commander for operations at USAMMC-E and commander of USAMMC-K –before taking command of AMLC in 2023.

Born in Spain, growing up in Germany and now calling Utah home, Welde first enlisted in the Utah National Guard in 1998. He later earned commission through the Army ROTC program at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

"I am extremely proud of you, my teammates, in all that we have accomplished," he said looking back on the past two years, calling it "the most challenging assignment" he has had as the command continues to navigate ongoing Army transformation efforts.

"Remain focused on enabling warfighting, challenge the status quo and continue the modernization efforts," he said. "Please know that I am still on the team, but just in a new role."

Welde next heads to the Office of the Army Surgeon General and U.S. Army Medical Command, where he will serve as director of Logistics/G-4. He pledged to continue being an advocate for AMLC and what it enables for the warfighter and joint force.

"I know how much [AMLC] matters," Welde said.

With 35 years of service, including the past 24 as a Medical Service Corps officer, Maxwell is no stranger to the AMLC enterprise, having held



Col. Marc Welde speaks after passing command of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command to Col. Deon Maxwell during a change of command ceremony Aug. 15 at Fort Detrick, Md.



Col. Deon Maxwell speaks after taking command of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command during a change of command ceremony Aug. 15 at Fort Detrick, Md.

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several positions at AMLC, USAMMA and USAMMC-E over the years.

As the organization's fifth commander since its activation in 2019, he rejoins the AMLC team after spending the past year as director of the U.S. Army Medical Test and Evaluation Activity at Fort Sam Houston in his native Texas.

Previously, Maxwell served two years as commander of USAMMC-E in Kaiserslautern, Germany, a role that followed a previous stint at Fort Detrick when he served as assistant chief of staff for support at AMLC headquarters.

Speaking to the workforce, Maxwell pledged to work in lockstep with AMLC's senior enlisted adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright, to foster a command climate "where everyone feels valued, supported and prepared to enhance Army readiness."

"I want to emphasize that we achieve mission success not through equipment readiness or procedures alone, but through the dedication of our workforce," Maxwell said. "I want to understand your challenges, support your wellbeing and let you know that I trust your judgement."

Turinetti, too, credited the AMLC

team for its continued commitment and steadfast support under Welde's leadership, adding that Maxwell has his full confidence to take up that mantle to continue leading and build on past successes.

"I have no doubt that this tightknit team of incredible professionals will continue to excel and show the Army – and the world – how essential the medical logistics mission is to the overall readiness of our warfighters," Turinetti said.

By C.J. Lovelace



AMLC supports reserve training, interoperability during Operation Patriot Press

SAGAMI ARMY DEPOT, Japan – U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command continues to grow its relationships through training with reserve component Soldiers who are an integral part of ensuring medical readiness in support of the warfighter. The latest example of that played out during Army Materiel Command's Operation Patriot Press, where reserve Soldiers from the 308th Medical Logistics Company trained alongside Army Civilians and contractors at the Army Prepositioned Stocks site in Japan, known as APS-4J.

Operation Patriot Press, or OPP, is a large-scale, multi-component logistics exercise that spans several months. It integrates U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard and active-duty forces to strengthen sustainment capabilities.

Over a six-week period from mid-June through July, three rotations of 10 Soldiers from the 308th MLC, a Utah-based unit under the 807th Medical Command (Deployment Support), worked to inventory and reset military hospital sets stored in APS for future use.

It was the second straight year the unit has participated in OPP at APS-4J.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Preston Cook, a medical logistics specialist, Sgt. Marvin Wyler, a biomedical equipment specialist assigned to the 308th Medical Logistics Company, 145th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, 2nd Medical Brigade, and Mr. Ivan Cutler, a Logistics Specialist discuss inventory procedures at Sagami Supply Depot in Sagamihara, Japan July 14, 2025. Operation Patriot Press is a large-scale, multi-component logistics exercise that provides realistic training opportunities for the US Army Reserve, National Guard, and active-duty components to enhance their logistical acumen and readiness. (U.S. Army photos by Staff Sgt. Ian Valley/Released)

"Last year, when we left, the contractors still had quite a bit of work

left to do," said Sgt. 1st Class Juan Zapata, a medical logistician with the

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308th. "This year, because we're there for a month and a half, I think they were able to plan a little better to be able to accomplish the entire inventory and restore."

The exercise provided a platform to train in a real-world environment and practice their skills in medical inventory management, supply accountability and joint operations.

"The Soldiers who participate in these kinds of missions gain valuable training in working with both local nationals as well as civilian contractors in a real-world environment," said Capt. Connor Cattolica, commander of the 308th MLC. "The volume of medical supply alone dwarfs what most of these soldiers will work with unless in a deployed environment."

Lt. Col. Kristopher Hagman, AMLC's reserve liaison officer, reiterated OPP's importance as a training platform for reserve MLCs, especially when it comes to Role 3

equipment for field hospitals positioned in forward locations.

Role 3 facilities provide the most comprehensive medical care and are typically located at the division level or higher. Role 1 is initial trauma care and resuscitation at the unit level, while Role 2 offers more advanced trauma management and emergency surgery capabilities.

"Most reserve MLCs only handle Roll 1 and 2 facilities, with most of their experience with Role 3 Class VIII medical materiel coming through regional training sites," Hagman said. "But with exercises like OPP, our reserve units can conduct their training in a real-world mission setting, while augmenting our APS workforce. I hope to see us continue growing this interoperability as we move toward a more agile, adaptable force."

Civilian employees and contractors with the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, a direct reporting unit

to AMLC, provide staffing and management oversight for medical assets maintained at APS sites.

Hagman also emphasized the interoperability between active-duty and reserve components that these exercises promote, laying the foundation for a seamless transition during future contingency requirements.

"Not only does this training build a ready reserve force, but it builds those relationships which are so crucial to a smooth handoff and mission success," he said.

The growing relationship with the 308th Soldiers was evident, according to Zapata, who said the APS-4J staff "kind of let off the reins a little bit and let us take over" a little more responsibility in the inventory process this time around.

The work included pulling items from storage, verifying service records of equipment, replenishing stock and repackaging everything for long-term storage.

"The benefit for these guys is being able to see medical logistics put into place, put into action and seeing the grand scheme of things," Zapata explained. "We get to see what a field hospital looks like, and this is where MEDLOG really plays a part into enabling all of those providers, nurses, medics, whomever to do their jobs."

The opportunity to engage in a meaningful mission had a tangible impact on the reserve unit as well, with Zapata calling it a "game changer" that has energized the team with a renewed sense of purpose and resulted in multiple reenlistments.

"Sometimes, it can feel like we're just checking a box when completing our annual training, but with this, we know the impact we're having because we can see it and learn from the experts," Zapata said. "For that specialist or that private, they can really see how our work supports USAMMA and AMLC, and together we're enabling medical readiness."



U.S. Army Spc. Jas Bhangu, a medical logistics specialist assigned to the 308th Medical Logistics Company, 145th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, 2nd Medical Brigade, inventories medical supplies at Sagami Supply Depot in Sagamihara, Japan, July 14, 2025. Operation Patriot Press is a large-scale, multi-component logistics exercise that provides realistic training opportunities for the US Army Reserve, National Guard, and active-duty components to enhance their logistical acumen and readiness.

By C.J. Lovelace



Former USAMMC-E chief of staff remembered for dedication to mission, people

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Brian Swiss only served seven of his 33-year civilian career at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, but his work has left a lasting legacy that will live on within the organization for many years to come.

Swiss, 56, who passed away in June, expertly oversaw USAMMC-E's relocation from Pirmasens to Kaiserslautern in 2020, right as operations kicked up in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic shined a light on USAMMC-E's role as a critical storage and distribution hub for the European theater of operations, ensuring vital medical supplies, medication and vaccines got to the people and places that needed them most in the years that followed.

Other notable missions for USAMMC-E under Swiss included a measles outbreak during the 2021 evacuation from Afghanistan and the humanitarian response to the devastating 2023 earthquake in Turkey.

He was a respected leader, known by many colleagues as simply "the best."

"Brian Swiss was a valued member of the USAMMC-E team, and he will surely be missed," said Col. Deon Maxwell, former USAMMC-E commander who will take command in August. "I share my condolences with the Swiss family during this very difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you."

USAMMC-E is a direct reporting unit to AMLC, the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command.

Many current members of the USAMMC-E team gathered at a July 28 memorial, held at the Daenner Kaserne Chapel in Kaiserslautern, to honor and remember Swiss.

Current USAMMC-E Commander

Col. Chad Vermillion spoke during the event, alongside Swiss' wife who shared stories about his love for his children and his caring nature toward others.

Vermillion said Swiss lived with "a deep-rooted devotion" to USAMMC-E's mission, but he most believed in what the organization enabled – military medicine.

"Military medicine stands as the foundation of bravery for all those in uniform," Vermillion said. "... When a Soldier is asked to stand in harm's way, the nation's best will ensure every resource will be standing ready should they fall. Mr. Swiss helped keep that promise.

"Brian will always be part of that legacy," he continued. "... The Army and the joint services forever stand stronger for having him as a member of our ranks."

Born in Chicago, Swiss graduated from Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf, Iowa, then earned a bachelor's degree from St. Ambrose University in nearby Davenport. He went on to earn a Master of Business Accounting from Syracuse University in New York.

Swiss, then a young 23-year-old, began his career as an auditor at the Army Audit Agency. In 2001, he moved to the Pentagon and then to the Installation Management Agency, which later became known as Installation Management Command, where he held positions of increasing responsibility.

Other assignments led him to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, before serving as the head of the Host Nation Field Liaison Office in Sembach, Germany.



Swiss returned to Rock Island Arsenal to serve as deputy G-1 for Army Sustainment Command, but ultimately made the trip back across the Atlantic Ocean to Germany when he joined USAMMC-E as its chief of staff in 2018.

USAMMC-E serves as theater lead agent for medical materiel for U.S. European Command, U.S. African Command and Department of State activities in the region.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Swiss was known for his quick wit, often accompanied by a dry sense of humor, and his enthusiastic love of music and concerts, particularly heavy metal.

Above all, he cherished his family and found joy in spending time with those he loved. Swiss is survived by his wife of 26 years, Kate, and their two children, 18-year-old Lillianna and 17-year-old Andrew, of whom he was immensely proud, according to his obituary.

"Brian was a great boss, detail-oriented but not a micromanager. He was also my personal friend outside work," said Eric Cramer, former

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USAMMC-E public affairs officer. “He’s a great loss to the Army logistics community and to all of us who knew him at a personal level.”

Vermillion recalled Swiss’ dedication and commitment to his team, standing up for what’s right and always working to empower and advocate for the workforce.

Candace Harriday, AMLC’s labor management employee relations representative, described a time when she worked alongside Swiss in addressing a command workplace concern. She thanked him for “believing in me and trusting the honesty of my work,” while showcasing what it means to be a great leader.

“He listened carefully, triple-checked the facts and took action – not for recognition, but because he believed in doing what’s right,”

Harriday said. “When things got uncomfortable and avoiding the issue would’ve been simpler, he chose honesty. By simply doing his job with integrity, he reminded me what real leadership looks like. I will never forget that.”

Vermillion said Swiss’ commitment “ran deeper than policy or paperwork,” but literally into his blood, his being. He had a tattoo of the USAMMC-E bull, which embodies the unit’s spirit and symbolizes its connection with the host nation, as a constant mark of pride and permanent reminder of how much the organization – and its people – meant to him.

“That wasn’t just ink; that was Brian, through and through – loyal, intense, passionate and driven by a sense of purpose,” the commander said. “Mr. Swiss was a dedicated Department

of the Army Civilian that cared tremendously for the USAMMC-E mission and our people.

“His efforts will not be forgotten and the impact he made will endure for many years to come.”

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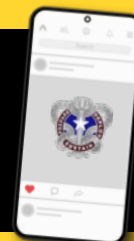
A hazard could lead to a mishap but hasn't resulted in a near-miss. A near-miss is something that did occur but no harm was caused.



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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



AMLC PRISE graduates

Army Medical Logistics Command's Joanne Woodward Stello and Katie Ellis-Warfield graduated on Aug. 6 from Communication-Electronics Command's Practical Introduction to Supervising Employees, or PRISE cohort 6. PRISE consists of seven multi-day sessions at Aberdeen Proving Ground held over a period of eight months.



Farewell PT with Welde

Col. Marc Welde and Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright along with command teams from U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea command teams and other Army Medical Logistics Command teammates bid farewell to Welde with a final morning PT hike at Gambrill State Park, Aug. 13.

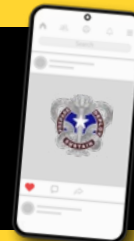


Planking in the park

Army Medical Logistics Command's command team Col. Marc Welde and Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright along with additional AMLC leadership got in their morning PT, Aug. 8, in Baker Park Frederick, Md.



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MMOD-PA org day

U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency Medical Maintenance Operation Division - Pennsylvania held their organizational day on Aug. 14 at the Tobyhanna State Park.

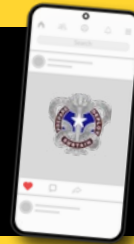


MMOD-UT reenlistments

Congrats to U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency Medical Maintenance Operation Division -Utah's Sgts. Charles Roberts and Jean Pascal Medigni on their recent reenlistment!



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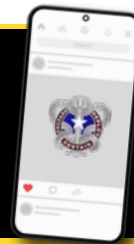


USAMMC-E org day

U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center - Europe recently held its annual organization day, welcoming Soldiers, civilians, and their families for a day of fun, food, and fellowship.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Farewell ceremony at USAMMC-K

On Aug. 20 U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center - Korea held a heartfelt farewell awards ceremony for Capt. Jourdin Stewart and Pfc. (P) Alacia Eccleston to honor their outstanding service and dedication.



What do you do?

My job title is administrative officer. In this role I serve as the primary executive assistant for the office of the commander and command team providing all facets of daily administrative support, planning and protocol.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

My favorite part of my job is working closely with the command team to make sure they are equipped with the resources needed to focus on their core responsibilities. It's very rewarding to work collaboratively with my teammates that so actively contribute to the success of the mission.

How long have you worked here?

I joined AMLC in December, 2023, so close to 2 years.



GERI MORROW

Executive assistant,
AMLC HQ



What's your favorite quote?

"If you don't like the road your walking, start paving another one."
- Dolly Parton

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you."
- Walt Whitman

What do you do outside of work?

I love to read, travel and shop! Watching lacrosse (Lax Mom of two NCAA college lacrosse players) and football (Go Ravens!!). Taking fall hikes and bike rides, and spending time with my family.

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What do you do?

I'm an administrative assistant for inventory management, and I process and inventory new equipment.

What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy going to concerts and spending time with my dogs.

How long have you worked here?

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



LLASMIN MARTINEZ

**Administrative assistant,
USAMMA MMOD-CA**



What's your favorite quote?

"Be happy with what you have while working for what you want."

This quote has helped me to be grateful for the things that I currently have.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the people I work with, as well as the environment.

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What do you do?

I make sure that every hazardous material is packed and certified according to regulation.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

What I enjoy most is the sense of purpose knowing that everything we do directly supports the health and readiness of service members worldwide. I live and breath hazmat.

What's your favorite quote?

"If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything." Mark Twain

Why it is important to always be honest with everything.



JUTTA GRANT

**Supply Technician / Hazmat
Certifier, USAMMC-E**



What do you do outside of work?

Swimming, reading, hanging out.

How long have you worked here?

I have worked here 19 years.

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What do you do?

I am a senior biomedical equipment specialist, and I supervise and perform advanced diagnostics, troubleshooting, calibration and repair medical equipment for 563rd Medical Logistics Company and USAMMC-K organic and external units.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the technical aspect. There is always something new to learn because there is always new equipment being procured.

How long have you worked here?

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



STAFF SGT. AGUSTIN D. ALVA

**Biomedical equipment specialist,
563rd MLC/USAMMC-K**



What's your favorite quote?

"Fear is the path to the dark side, fear leads to anger, anger leads to hate, hate leads to suffering." – Yoda.

It's my favorite quote because it speaks a deep truth about the human condition.

What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy reading comic books and leisure night drives.

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