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USAMMC-E Soldier earns spot on AMC's Best Squad
 Another AMLC Soldier named as alternate

Spc. Kwesi Cook, a biomedical equipment specialist assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, tackles the 500-meter swim assessment during Day Four of the AMC Best Squad Competition at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Over the grueling five-day event, competitors were pushed to their limits across multiple domains to test their physical and mental endurance. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Aaron Troutman)

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – As a biomedical equipment specialist, Spc. Kwesi Cook spends his days ensuring highly technical, life-saving medical devices are calibrated and ready to support the fight.

But in the sweltering Alabama heat in May, Cook traded his diagnostic tools for a rifle, a ruck and ultimately earned a spot on U.S. Army Materiel

Command's 2026 Best Squad.

Cook, assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, represented U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command and its higher headquarters, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, during the grueling five-day competition.

He is joined by another AMLC

Soldier, Pfc. Erick Baptista, as the team prepares for the Army-wide competition later this year. A medical logistics specialist at AMLC's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Baptista was one of three alternates selected to the AMC squad.

Together, they showcased the physical toughness, tactical

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proficiency and mental agility needed to succeed at the highest levels, proving that AMLC's technical experts are warfighters first.

"We are incredibly proud of Spc. Cook and Pfc. Baptista," AMLC Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Wright said. "They exemplify what it means to be a Soldier and represented AMLC and CECOM well. They are not just world-class technical experts; they are warfighters first. Seeing them compete at the AMC level shows that our logisticians can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the best of the Army's enlisted corps."

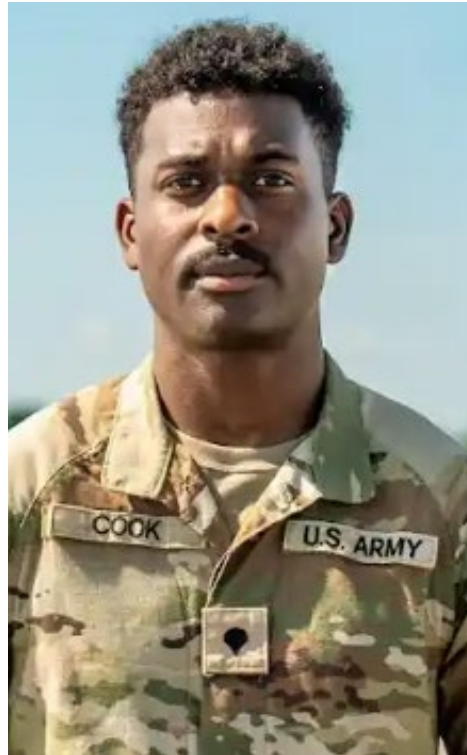
For Cook, 23, the competition at Fort Rucker offered a welcomed change of pace from his daily duties as a 68A.

"As a 68A, we don't really get to go into the field that often, so for me it was a little extra of a challenge to compete to the best of my ability," Cook said. "It gives you a perspective of the Army that I didn't really have. Seeing the workings of our Army, how platoons move together, how everything works in a real-world scenario ... it was very fun, very exciting, and I'm excited to do it again."

The competition tested Soldiers on a wide range of warrior tasks and battle drills, including marksmanship, land navigation, physical fitness and combat casualty care. The cadre, or NCOs observing and coaching the competitors, initially withheld the schedule of events, forcing competitors to adapt on the fly.

Cook noted the 12-mile ruck march through the rolling hills of the 63,000-acre installation in 85-degree heat as the most physically taxing event, but the ultimate test was purely mental, appearing before a board of five command sergeants major who tested their knowledge and composure with very limited preparation time.

He credited his success to a true team effort back at his home station. According to USAMMC-E Sgt. Maj. DeShawn Hamilton, the unit's leadership deliberately recognized Cook's potential and recommended



Spc. Kwesi Cook, a biomedical equipment specialist assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, participates in Expert Soldier Badge (E3B) lanes during Day Four of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) Best Warrior Competition at Fort Rucker, Alabama, May 14, 2026. Cook was selected to be a member AMC's five-man squad to advance and compete at the Army-wide competition later this year. (U.S. Army photo by Jose Rolando Garcia)

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Spc. Kwesi Cook, a biomedical equipment specialist assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, shakes hands with Command Sgt. Maj. Jacinto Garza, senior enlisted leader of U.S. Army Materiel Command, at the conclusion of AMC's Best Warrior Competition awards ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, Fort Rucker, Alabama, May 15, 2026. The five-day competition evaluated Soldiers on tactical proficiency, physical endurance and warrior tasks to determine which competitors will represent AMC at the U.S. Army Best Squad Competition later this year. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jose Rolando Garcia)

him for the competition.

From there, it was “all hands on deck.”

Officers, NCOs and fellow Soldiers stepped up to implement a rigorous, month-long training regimen, running him through weapons familiarization and land navigation courses to ensure he was ready.

“This focused preparation provided Spc. Cook with the critical knowledge and hands-on repetitions necessary to excel,” Hamilton said. “For a junior Soldier to embrace such a demanding challenge – and to perform exceptionally well throughout

the competition – demonstrates outstanding initiative, resilience and a strong commitment to military excellence.”

That preparation paid off, particularly when facing the intimidation factor of competing against military police and combat arms Soldiers.

“I knew I was competing against Soldiers who constantly do this ... and the intimidation factor was very much in play,” Cook said. “But once I got on ground and we started familiarizing ourselves, I realized we’re all just human at the end of the day. Everybody has the same opportunity

that you have, so don’t be scared to take that opportunity and go for it.”

The son of two retired Army officers who started off their careers in the enlisted ranks, Cook said the drive to succeed was deeply personal. He wanted to carry on their tradition and make them proud, while also representing USAMMC-E, AMLC and CECOM.

“I truly try to portray, day in and day out, how much it matters to me to put your best foot forward,” he said. “I wanted to show that we can compete on that level. You give us some time, a chance to train and learn, and we can

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survive in those types of environments. The fact I got to represent them successfully, it meant a lot to me.”

Cook's command is just as proud of him as his family is. Hamilton noted that Cook's success highlights the dual-nature of AMLC Soldiers, who must balance specialized support roles with baseline Soldier lethality.

“The entire USAMMC-E organization is immensely proud of Spc. Cook,” Hamilton said. “His ability to represent both USAMMC-E and the broader AMLC enterprise at the upcoming HQDA competition is a significant honor.”

Cook and the rest of AMC's Best Squad will meet at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for a month-long train-up in August, before traveling to compete in the Army competition at Fort Benning, Georgia, in September.

Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Maryland, AMLC is the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command. USAMMC-E, one of three AMLC direct reporting units, is the primary medical logistics organization and theater lead agent for medical materiel supporting units operating across Europe, Africa and the Middle East, as well as U.S. Department of State activities in the region.

By C.J. Lovelace



Spc. Kwesi Cook, a biomedical equipment specialist assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, participates in a stress shoot and ruck march during Day Two of the AMC Best Warrior Competition at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Cook's performance under physical stress earned him a spot on the 2026 AMC Best Squad, set to compete at the Army-wide competition later this year. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jose Rolando Garcia)



Army medical maintenance leaders meet to sharpen processes, support for Soldiers



Jorge Magana, director of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate, opens M3D's semi-annual management review meeting April 29 at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. M3D holds the twice-yearly meetings to review operations and consider ways to continue improving in support of the operational force. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace)

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah – Medical maintenance leaders from U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command gathered April 29-30 in Utah to review their operations and find new ways to improve how they support the operational force.

The twice-yearly management review, hosted by the AMLC's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate, or M3D, brought together experts from its Medical Maintenance Operations Divisions, or MMODs, and other programs in Pennsylvania, California and Utah.

Every six months, M3D team members meet to discuss their quality management processes and yearly audits to ensure high levels

of customer satisfaction and that the medical devices used by Soldiers on the battlefield are ready when and where they are needed.

M3D Director Jorge Magana emphasized to the team that despite budget challenges, the mission remains focused on people and modernization. He noted that the high pace of military operations makes quality management more important than ever.

A major focus of the meeting was the group's commitment to ISO 9001. For the general public, ISO 9001 is an international "gold standard" for quality. It provides a strict framework that organizations follow to ensure their products and services are consistent,

reliable and always improving.

By following this standard, the Army ensures that when a medic reaches for a piece of life-saving equipment, it works exactly as it should.

During the session, quality managers presented results from recent "check-ups," or audits, of their facilities.

In Pennsylvania, the team was recognized for its excellent digital tracking system. In California, leaders discussed ways to speed up the process of repairing and returning equipment to units. In Utah, the team identified small areas for improvement, such as updating specific shop instructions.

Even minor issues – like a piece
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Richard Burlison, forward site manager for the Medical Maintenance Readiness Program at Sierra Army Depot, California, makes a comment during a semi-annual management review meeting April 29 hosted by U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. M3D holds the twice-yearly meetings to review operations and consider ways to continue improving in support of the operational force.

of equipment being issued without the correct batteries – were discussed to ensure they don't become larger trends. This "no-stone-unturned" approach is part of the directorate's commitment to constant improvement. "You're showing a vision to continuous improvement," said Isaac Newman, director of MMOD-CA in Tracy, California. "That's what we're all about."

The leaders also planned for external challenges, such as potential government shutdowns or lapses in personnel or appropriations. To ensure that medical support doesn't skip a beat, the team discussed the idea of maintaining a 60-day backup supply of high-demand repair parts and reviewing its exempt list for mission-essential personnel to continue

putting the mission first regardless of the situation.

Another suggestion was to add QR codes to medical devices, allowing Soldiers in the field to quickly scan the equipment and provide direct feedback or access help from sustainment-level maintenance experts.

"Adding a QR code to every medical device leaving our facilities gives our customers instant access to AMLC medical maintenance resources while also strengthening awareness of our capabilities," said William Wall, director of MMOD-PA. "It's a simple, proactive step that ensures maintainers know exactly where to find the tools they need and reinforces our commitment to continuous improvement."

As the meeting concluded, Magana challenged his team to not be afraid

of change if it leads to a better way of doing business for the Army.

"We've got to be deliberate about it," he said. "The reality is we're going through significant changes, and staying stuck on the same things may not be the right approach."

AMLC, the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command, is a major subordinate command under U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

By C.J. Lovelace 

AMLC prioritizes people, readiness through interactive summer safety training

FORT DETRICK, Md. – With the “deadliest days of summer” fast approaching, U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command is taking a proactive, hands-on approach to ensure its workforce stays safe during the high-risk 100-day period between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

AMLC held a comprehensive safety stand-down May 7 at Fort Detrick, moving away from traditional classroom briefings to focus on interactive training and mission readiness.

The event highlighted the command’s ongoing transition to the Army Safety and Occupational Health Management System, or ASOHMS, which emphasizes that safety is a shared responsibility across the entire team.

“Our command continues to mature or evolve into ASOHMS by providing training on Job Hazard Analysis, heat injury prevention and impaired driving,” said Wally Edwards, AMLC’s safety and occupational health manager. “Leadership involvement and teammate participation is the foundation for success in ASOHMS implementation.”

For AMLC leadership, safety directly translates to protecting the workforce so they can execute the mission.

“The mission matters, but our people are the most important,” said Col. Joselito “Joe” Lim, AMLC interim deputy commander and commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, an AMLC direct reporting unit. “You all matter and you all have a role in our organization.”

To reinforce this culture of accountability, personnel participated in practical exercises rather than just standard lectures.

During a session on the Job Hazard Analysis process, attendees worked together to break down tasks, identify specific risks and develop a



Chris Borrell, right, and Staff Sgt. Clarissa Quinn-Turner practice applying cold sheets to a Soldier experiencing heat-related illness during U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command’s safety stand-down event May 7 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The event focused on summertime health and safety hazards. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace)

hierarchy of controls to prevent injury and property damage.

The interactive approach continued with a heat-related illness station led by Master Sgt. William Harbeson. Personnel practiced applying ice sheets to coworkers exhibiting mock heat stroke symptoms, providing

Soldiers and civilians with life-saving skills critical for maintaining readiness during high-temperature training and operations.

Edwards emphasized that this proactive posture extends far beyond Fort Detrick. The command is currently conducting similar safety

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Safety and Occupational Health Manager Wally Edwards opens U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's safety stand-down event May 7 at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The event focused on summer safety topics.

stand-down days across its global enterprise, including direct reporting units, medical maintenance divisions and Army Prepositioned Stocks sites. Road safety and impaired driving was another primary focus of the day, led by guest speaker Cliff Jacobs from the Maryland Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office.

Jacobs briefed the team on state enforcement efforts like the State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort, or "SPIDRE" team, and the vital role of drug recognition experts in spotting drivers under the influence of substances like fentanyl and oxycodone.

The event also addressed hearing conservation, noting that noise remains the top workplace hazard in maintenance shops and ranges. Edwards reminded the workforce that

while hearing loss is painless and progressive, it is entirely preventable through the consistent use of personal protective equipment and various control measures.

The command's culture of proactive safety was further exemplified by the recognition of team members Aaron Sears and Kellie Pugh. The two were commended for developing a tracking system within the Theater Enterprise-Wide Logistics System, or TEWLS, that improves accountability for controlled substances, effectively reducing loss and the potential for harm.

Col. Nikki Davis, AMLC chief of staff, concluded the stand-down by urging the workforce to remain vigilant on the roads and during summer activities. Sharing a personal account of a commute delayed by multiple accidents, she reminded the team to

slow down, avoid impaired driving and take responsibility for their own safety and that of their teammates.

"Take care of yourself," Davis said. "Tomorrow is not promised. In everything we do, be safe. You are our family."

AMLC, a major subordinate command to U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, serves as the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command, delivering integrated medical logistics that enables Army and Joint Forces readiness from the strategic support area to the tactical edge.

By C.J. Lovelace 

Army medical maintainers embrace AI to boost efficiency and readiness



Attendees of an AI-assisted auditor training session discuss practical exercises during the two-day event, held April 28-29 at U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace)

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah – As the Department of War continues its push toward integrating artificial intelligence into everyday operations, U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate, or M3D, is continuing to take proactive steps to ensure its workforce is ready for the digital future.

During an April 28-29 training event held at AMLC's Medical Maintenance Operations Division in

Utah, known as MMOD-UT, leaders and key quality management staff focused on harnessing the power of AI to streamline and elevate ISO 9001 auditing and quality management processes.

Attendees included representatives from all three of M3D's medical maintenance teams in California, Pennsylvania and Utah, as well as the Medical Maintenance Readiness Program at Sierra Army Depot, California.

For an organization that has maintained its ISO certification since the early 2000s, continuous improvement is baked into the culture. The introduction of AI tools represents the next logical step in delivering optimal support to the enterprise and, ultimately, the warfighter.

"This is the new industrial revolution. It's not going anywhere," M3D Director Jorge Magana said. "We have to realize how to use it in our field. AI is in all of our lanes now."

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Building a 'persona'

Led by an industry expert in quality management systems, the two-day event focused heavily on the mechanics of prompt engineering – specifically how to give AI the appropriate constraints, or “guardrails,” to prevent it from drifting off-topic or “hallucinating” incorrect information.

“You’re inventing an assistant that really knows their stuff,” the trainer told participants, warning that large language models are “built to please” and can be unruly without proper structure. “Vague instructions produce vague results.”

Through 10 hands-on exercises, the group practiced building prompts using persona blocks, task blocks and strict operational constraints. They learned that investing time on the front end of a prompt significantly reduces the amount of editing required on the back end.

For many attendees, the training was an eye-opening experience that demystified a complex technology.

“This was fantastic,” said John Jeske, inventory manager for MMOD-UT. “This training helped me find out what I truly didn’t know about AI.”

Hannah Tarasona, production controller for MMOD-CA, found that the best way to describe AI was to relate it to raising her 9-year-old child. “I see AI as my child. It is a fascinating process of continuous growth,” Tarasona said. “You’re basically building it, guiding its actions and carefully putting guardrails in place to ensure it stays on the right path to get the product that you want. AI is a really good tool.”

Elevating the audit process

ISO 9001 is a voluntary standard for quality management systems that require organizations to consistently meet customer and stakeholder needs.



Isaac Newman, director of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command’s Medical Maintenance Operations Division in Tracy, California, joins the conversation during a training event focused on AI-assisted auditing for quality management, held April 28-29 at AMLC’s medical maintenance facility at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The event centered around the ISO 9001 quality management standards within AMLC’s Medical Maintenance Management Directorate.

As MMOD-UT Quality Manager Christine Ruiz summarized: “It all boils down to ‘say what you do, do it, prove it and improve it.’”

Ruiz, a former biomedical equipment specialist who is self-admittedly “old school” when it comes to advanced technologies, said she was initially cautious about AI. However, the training demonstrated how the technology could make her work significantly more efficient.

“Who would have thought I could have told AI to do stuff and give it the rules like I do with my own kids? So on the back end of the product, I don’t spend so much time,” Ruiz said. “That

was just like, why didn’t I think of that? It’s kind of crazy.”

Ruiz noted that AI acts as an invaluable tool for gaining a fresh perspective, helping auditors see “the forest through the trees.” For example, measuring customer satisfaction is a critical ISO requirement, but it can be challenging for M3D because they are often the sole source for Army medical maintenance. Standard surveys don’t always yield reliable data.

By utilizing AI, Ruiz said it enables them to find new ways to analyze data and define metrics for customer satisfaction beyond traditional surveys, such as analyzing the

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frequency of direct customer feedback or equipment return rates.

“It offered me other ideas on ways we can measure customer satisfaction,” she explained, adding that the AI-generated audits offer additional depth and thoroughness than manual reporting alone.

Continuous improvement for the warfighter

At its core, the integration of AI into M3D's quality management system is about continuous improvement. This aligns directly with the broader readiness goals of AMLC, the Army's

Class VIII medical materiel command, and its higher headquarters, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

By refining its internal processes, identifying gaps faster and writing deeper, more actionable audit reports, M3D is working to ensure that the medical equipment it maintains returns to the field in peak condition to the benefit of the operational force.

Through hands-on training and a willingness to adapt, AMLC and its medical maintenance personnel are working to stay at the forefront of medical logistics, leveraging every tool available to provide unmatched

support to the warfighter.

“AI has limits, and we have to know how to harness it for our enterprise,” Magana said, emphasizing that deliberate engagement with the technology is critical. “If we don't embrace AI, we will get left behind. We need to continuously learn and improve.”

By C.J. Lovelace 

AMLC promotes medical maintenance careers through outreach efforts in NEPA

TOBYHANNA, Pa. – U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command is reinforcing its commitment to developing the future medical maintenance workforce, recently completing two outreach engagements in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Spearheaded by AMLC's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot, known as MMOD-PA, these efforts successfully boosted awareness among local high school students and solidified ties with a premier regional biomedical equipment technology, or BMET, training program.

The outreach initiative kicked off April 14 at a two-day career exploration event hosted by Junior Achievement of Northeastern Pennsylvania, held at Mohegan Pennsylvania near Wilkes-Barre. MMOD-PA technicians Ann Thomas, Hannah Acevedo and Dean Edwards represented AMLC, engaging with nearly 3,800 students from 35-plus school districts.

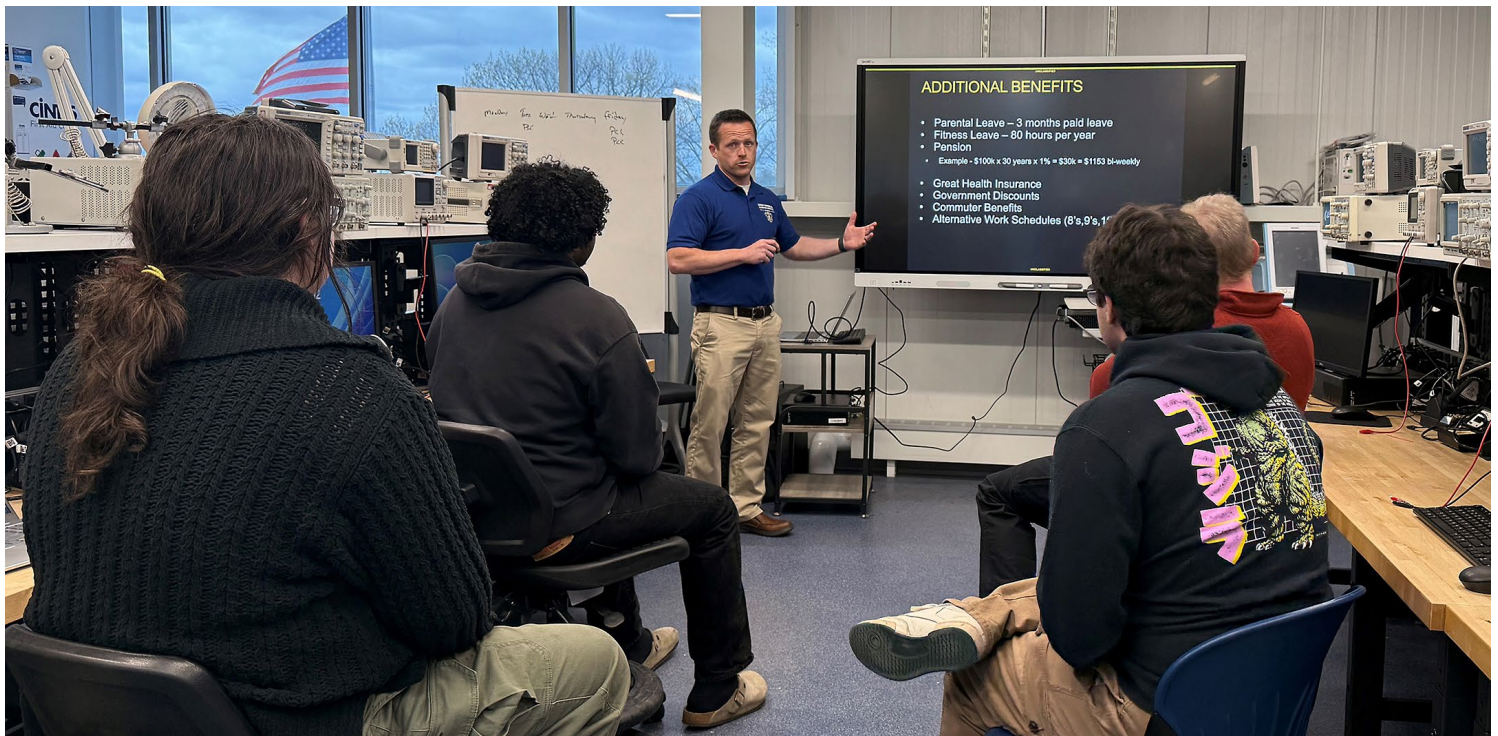
Standing alongside over 80 regional employers, the MMOD-PA exhibit introduced students to the critical, yet often unfamiliar, BMET career



Hannah Acevedo, left, an electronics technician with U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, talks with high school students during a career exploration event, hosted by Junior Achievement of Northeastern Pennsylvania over April 14-15 at Mohegan Pennsylvania near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. (Courtesy photos)

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William Wall, director of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Medical Maintenance Operations Division at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania, talks about medical maintenance careers during a visit to Johnson College in Scranton on April 20. Wall, a Johnson College alum, engaged with students in the college's biomedical equipment technician, or BMET, program, while highlighting AMLC's mission and the diverse range of civilian BMET pathways available within the Army medical maintenance enterprise.

field. The team utilized an interactive display, featuring a portable ventilator, infusion pump and a patient monitor with defibrillator paired with a training dummy, to highlight the essential role of medical maintenance in supporting overall Army readiness.

"The simulation allowed students to understand how a defibrillator delivers controlled electrical shock to a patient's heart," said George Takacs, MMOD-PA's chief of operations. "The team's display emphasized patient safety procedures and the critical role of biomedical equipment technicians in field environments and patient transport."

Feedback from the visit was positive, as event staff praised the group for its displays and overall interest. Students echoed the sentiment, expressing newfound interest in specialized technical roles and potential opportunities at Tobyhanna.

Following the success of that event, MMOD-PA Director William Wall visited Johnson College in Scranton on April 20. Engaging directly with students enrolled in the college's BMET program, Wall discussed AMLC's mission and the diverse range of civilian BMET career pathways available within the Army medical maintenance enterprise.

With only a small number of accredited two-year BMET programs nationwide, educational pathways in the U.S. remain limited despite growing industry demand. This scarcity makes partnerships with specialized institutions like Johnson College vital for MMOD-PA's long-term success, Wall said.

"Many of the organization's current BMETs are Johnson College graduates," he said. "Maintaining this strong relationship not only increases student awareness of federal service opportunities but also ensures a

reliable, skilled talent pipeline to sustain long-term workforce readiness across the medical maintenance community."

Wall said the two engagements underscore AMLC's ongoing strategy to expand awareness of the BMET profession, support regional workforce development and build a robust bench of future medical maintenance professionals.

MMOD-PA is one of three stateside medical maintenance divisions under AMLC, the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command. Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Maryland, AMLC is a major subordinate command to U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

By C.J. Lovelace 

AMLC highlights medical maintenance, global readiness during HTM Week

FORT DETRICK, Md. – U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Medical Maintenance Management Division, or M3D, took center stage at a Healthcare Technology Management Week event, hosted May 19-21 by the Medical Systems Directorate of U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command's Integrated Logistics Support Center.

Wes Ladlee, chief of M3D's Maintenance Support Office, briefed attendees on the critical mission of the division, emphasizing its role in ensuring readiness of the Army's medical devices worldwide.

M3D's vision is to serve as the Army's premier source of medical maintenance experts, delivering rapid, global and sustainment-level support to the warfighter. By centralizing the Army's sustainment maintenance strategy, AMLC works to extend equipment lifecycles, reduce costs, and, most importantly, improve the operational readiness of medical equipment for forces deployed around the world.

To achieve this, M3D provides full-spectrum maintenance support through its three Medical Maintenance Operations Divisions, or MMODs, and its Forward Repair Activity-Medical, or FRA-M, sites.

Ladlee explained that the FRA-M acts as a critical forward-deployed force multiplier. By bringing unit-level support for preventative maintenance and repair capabilities to the tactical edge, FRA-M maximizes equipment uptime in operational environments.

Backing up that forward presence, the MMODs serve as specialized centers of technical excellence. Focused on critical technologies, such as medical imaging, pulmonary devices and laboratory equipment, expert maintainers remote technical assistance and "fly-away" team capabilities. These efforts are coordinated through M3D's Maintenance Operations Center-



Wes Ladlee, chief of the Maintenance Support Office under U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate, or M3D, provides an overview of Army medical maintenance support during a Healthcare Technology Week event on May 17, 2026, at Fort Detrick, Maryland. (U.S. Army photo by C.J. Lovelace)

Medical and supported by the Maintenance Procurement Office for rapid parts acquisition.

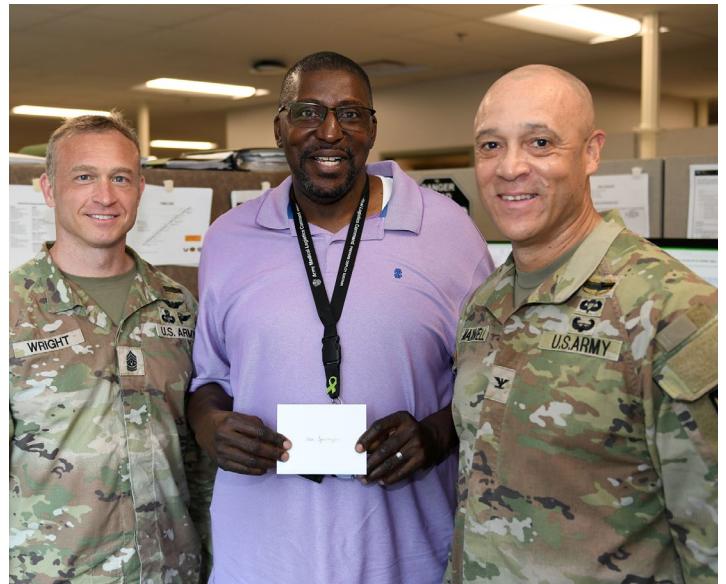
Looking to the future, Ladlee utilized the collaborative environment of CECOM ILSC's HTM Week to highlight strategic initiatives designed to modernize M3D's global support footprint. Key efforts include the integration of Global Combat Support System-Army, the expansion of telemaintenance capabilities to assist remote technicians and a continuous focus on medical maintenance optimization.

"Through the combination of forward-positioned FRA-M assets, modernized MMODs and modernized data systems, AMLC is building a highly resilient, proactive sustainment network," Ladlee said. "This ensures the sustainment framework for medical devices remains adaptive and globally responsive to wherever the warfighter is deployed."

AMLC, the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command, is a major subordinate command to CECOM.

By Sgt. 1st Class David Troxler 

AMLC CELEBRATES MAY BIRTHDAYS



The AMLC command team stopped by to visit with several headquarters staff members in recognition of their birthdays this past month. Those with birthdays in May included Lt. Col. T. Ray Harris, Maj. Arturo Diaz, Capt. Maggie Potter, Lawrence Springs and Richard Brown. Not pictured but also celebrating his birthday in May was C.J. Lovelace. Happy birthday to everyone!

USAMMA AWARDS CEREMONY



U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency leaders held an awards ceremony May 27 at Fort Detrick, recognizing both military and Army Civilian members of its Force Projection Directorate. The event recognized these dedicated individuals for their exceptional service, technical proficiency and unwavering commitment to the USAMMA mission. Leadership presented various service medals and the commander's coin of excellence to highlight the awardees' vital roles in delivering medical materiel readiness and supporting global health care operations.

Award recipients included:

- *Army Commendation Medal – Staff Sgt. Eduardo Gomez-Sanchez*
- *Army Achievement Medal – Sgt. 1st Class Cenisha Glass, Gomez-Sanchez*
- *Meritorious Civilian Service Medal – Kim Dankulich*
- *Civilian Service Commendation Medal – Cheryl Alligood, Peter Bertuliat, Dankulich, John Foley, Bradley Hubbell, Cynthia Landin, Denise Lane, Robert Pringle, Kellie Pugh, Claudie Shelton*
- *Civilian Service Achievement Medal – Kevin Burch, Derick Collins, Charles Marshall*
- *Commander's Coin of Excellence – Staff Sgt. Clarissa Quinn-Turner, Sgt. 1st Class Vanessa Cruz, Glass, Maj. Jeremy Searles, Jason Provo, Maj. Daniel Miller, Capt. Andrew Whittenbarger, Bret Mower*
- *Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3) – Master Sgt. Ceasar Juan, Searles, Pugh*

USAMMA AWARDS CEREMONY



Congratulations!

Coming Soon: Keep an eye out for next month's issue, where we will feature a dedicated, in-depth story on Kellie Pugh, Master Sgt. Cesar Juan, and Maj. Jeremy Searles following their prestigious induction into O2M3!



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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.



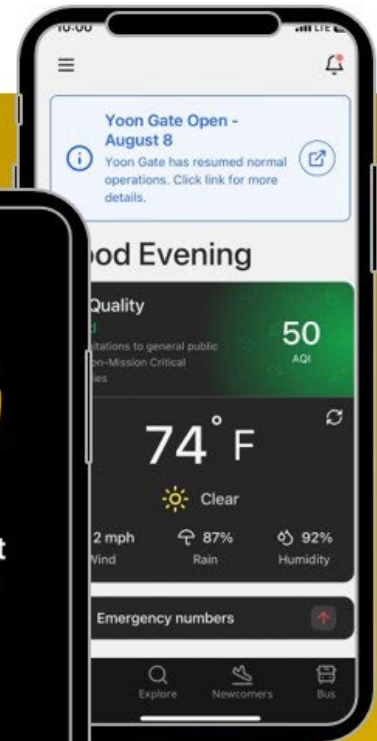
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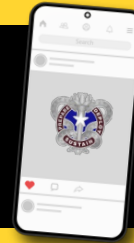


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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Safety stand-down at USAMMC-K

On May 13, USAMMC-K conducted a comprehensive summer safety stand-down. The training focused on seasonal risk mitigation and workplace safety to ensure every team member stays protected.

The health and safety of our team is our highest priority. By staying proactive, we ensure our force remains resilient and ready for the mission all summer long!

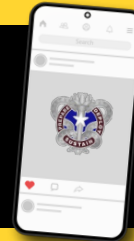


Promotion at USAMMC-K

On May 11, USAMMC-K proudly promoted Daniel J. Kim to the rank of captain. The event featured the reading of official orders, the pinning of his new bars and the administration of the oath of office. After the formal ceremony and heartfelt remarks from Capt. Kim, the team gathered for a reception to honor his achievement and dedication to the mission.



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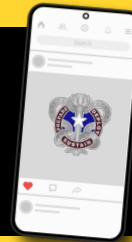
Promotion at USAMMC-E

USAMMC-E leaders are proud to recognize the recent promotion of Sgt. Oscar Sanchez. He has consistently proven himself to be a trusted mentor and a standard-bearer for his peers, demonstrating both exceptional leadership and technical proficiency in medical maintenance.

The unit was honored to welcome his spouse to share in the milestone. As a biomedical equipment specialist, Sanchez plays a critical role in ensuring our medical equipment is mission-ready across the theater.



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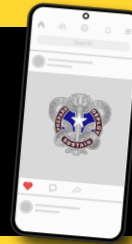


Visit at USAMMC-K

On April 20, USAMMC-K leaders welcomed Col. Chuck Bane and members of the DHA's Force Health Protection Division for a productive site visit. The engagement provided a unique opportunity to sync strategic OPMED operations with our on-the-ground mission here in Korea. After a full facility tour and command overview, the visit validated our accountability and reinforced USAMMC-K's vital role as a specialized forward storage site.



SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Readiness at USAMMC-K

On April 21, USAMMC-K Soldiers stepped away from the warehouse and onto the range to bolster unit-level readiness. The team successfully completed M-17/M-4 range qualifications and the semi-annual Army Fitness Test with flying colors.

Every Soldier qualified on their individual weapon system and passed the fitness assessment, ensuring that while we provide world-class medical logistics, we are first and always Soldiers ready to defend the "Fight Tonight" mission.

What do you do?

As HHD commander, I manage Soldier readiness, pay and leave to support our MEDLOG mission, while also supporting the overall morale and welfare of our Soldiers, civilians and contractors. Additionally, as XO, I coordinate key leader engagements for the AMLC command team. I'm very thankful to Sgt. 1st Class Brown and Ms. Morrow, who both help me immensely to execute this mission.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The thing I enjoy most about this job is the interactions I have with people. With the two hats I wear, I often find myself having to reach out to all of our staff sections. This gives me the opportunity to walk over to people and talk face to face; making jokes and sharing a laugh. I wish I could have more of these interactions.

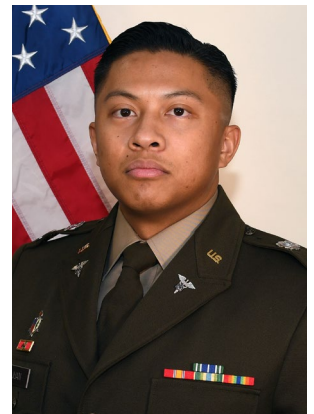
How long have you worked here?

I have been at AMLC HQ 10 months now. Previously, I was with USAMMA in the OPS cell.



CAPT. JUSTINE JUAN

HHD commander/XO,
AMLC HQ



What's your favorite quote?

"Yesterday was history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why they call it the present." – Master Oogway.

I grew up watching a lot of movies, but as a kid I really liked Kung Fu Panda. This quote sticks with me because I often find myself worried and anxious about the future or regretting something that happened in the past. Now that I'm a little older, I realize that life is too short to be concerned with anything but the present and enjoy the little things in life.

What do you do outside of work?

I like to work out only so I can eat food. I like food. I cook a lot of random things too. Mostly low calorie, high protein things so that I can eat more food. I am hungry right now.

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What do you do?

The job title is electronics technician (medical), but it can also be referred to as biomedical electronics technician. What I do is calibrate, maintain and repair critical medical equipment that is used for patient care

What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy working out, walking my dog and riding my motorcycle. Another hobby of mine is finding what place has the best chicken parm around.

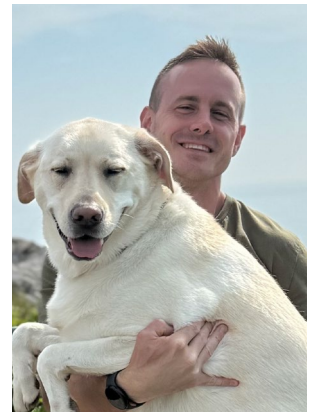
How long have you worked here?

I've been with this organization briefly as we had just transitioned to AMLC but under our previous organization USAMMA, I was an Army Civilian for a little over a year. Prior to my transition, I worked as a contractor for USAMMA for three years.



CHRISTOPHER ROGERS

Electronics technician,
AMLC (MMOD-PA)



What's your favorite quote?

"How did the dandelions get here?"
— Jesconstantine Javier
(MMOD-CA).

Why? Because nothing has caught me more off guard than getting hit with that question mid conversation.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy that there is always something new to learn. You could be well versed in a certain piece of equipment and find there is a better way to troubleshoot, repair or check a specific function. It keeps my mind engaged.

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What do you do?

As a state-certified engineer, I lead and operate the German TMDE lab for medical items as one of two worldwide. I support Navy hospitals in Italy and Spain with optical and audiology equipment once a year, as well as calibrate and repair TMDE and medical items to support the Army, Navy, Air Force and Department of State.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the technical challenges posed by the tasks at hand and working with colleagues and the companies we partner with, as well as maintaining contacts in the U.S. and Europe. As a member of the Local Works Council, I work with other members to address personnel and administrative issues to the extent permitted by the restricted NATO Status of Forces Agreement (NATO SOFA).

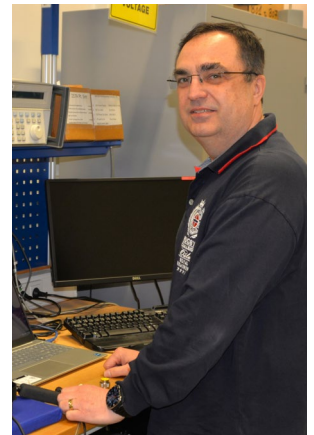
What's your favorite quote?

"There is strength in tranquility." (Jesaja30, 15)
We need to step back from the hustle and bustle of the world so that we can learn to appreciate the beauty of nature once again.



FRANZ VATH

**Electronic technician,
USAMMC-E**



What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy cycling on an e-bike and hiking in our beautiful Palatinate Forest, as well as traveling in general, including short trips and city breaks, visiting the most beautiful Christmas markets in Germany and meeting up with friends.

How long have you worked here?

I've been with the Clinical Engineering Division since March 2004.

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What do you do?

As noncommissioned officer in charge of the Optical Activities Division, I manage optical fabrication to ensure U.S. and NATO forces across INDOPACOM are medically ready to "Fight Tonight." I also serve as our organization's KATUSA liaison, a role dedicated to strengthening the vital strategic partnership between the U.S. Army and our Republic of Korea allies.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

What I've valued most during this assignment has been the exceptional caliber of my colleagues – Soldiers, KATUSAs and Korean local national personnel. They are a highly proficient and dedicated team, demonstrating remarkable resourcefulness by consistently achieving outsized results within strict budgetary constraints. Their relentless drive for professional growth and continuous improvement has made working alongside them a true privilege.

How long have you worked here?

I have been part of USAMMC-K for 23 months. This is my second time with AMLC.



**SGT. 1ST CLASS
JAYLAN C. BARRON**

**NCOIC/chief, Optical Activities
Division, USAMMC-K**



What's your favorite quote?

"Don't burn bridges – you might have to cross back."

It's something my grandma would say all the time, but treating everyone with respect and kindness is true strength.

What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy traveling the world, eating new dishes and watching movies with my family.

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