

***UNITED STATES ARMY
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE***



***Change of Responsibility Ceremony
10 October 2024
1000 hours***

Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

Heartbeat of the Chesapeake....Excellence in Health!

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

MISSION

We are dedicated to providing ready medical forces that enable health service support and force health protection across the Fort Meade MEDDAC AOR to sustain the readiness of the Joint Force and our beneficiaries.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

WELCOME

ARRIVAL OF
OFFICIAL PARTY

INVOCATION
CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN)
SHANE A. PUCHER

NATIONAL
ANTHEM
SERGEANT
SAMUEL O. OMOJOLA

CHANGE OF
RESPONSIBILITY

HOST REMARKS
COLONEL
DARRYL M. METCALF

OUTGOING CSM
REMARKS
COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR
DAS'CHARA C. CHAMP

INCOMING CSM
REMARKS
COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR
KATHLEEN A. HEDGES

THE ARMY SONG

RECEIVING LINE

RECEPTION



COLONEL DARRYL M. METCALF

COMMANDER

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COL Darryl M. Metcalf volunteered for military service as an Armor Crewman in 1995, serving with the 2nd Infantry Division and The U.S. Army Armor School before being selected for a Green to Gold Scholarship in 1997.

COL Metcalf earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Missouri and commissioned as the Distinguished Military Graduate in 2000. He holds a Master of Science Degree from The University of Oklahoma and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

COL Metcalf's most recently served as the Patient Administration Consultant to the Army Surgeon General. Prior to that he served as the Medical Service Corps Branch Proponent Officer in the Office of the Chief of the Medical Service Corps, Ft Sam Houston, TX; Chief of Patient Administration, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, G-3/5/7, Medical Research and Development Command, Ft Detrick, MD; Commander, United States Army Center for Environmental Health Research, Ft Detrick, MD; Chief, Managed Care and Patient Administration, Regional Health Command Europe, Sembach, Germany; Research Fellow with the RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA; Director, Patient Administration, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Ft Belvoir, VA; and Executive Officer of the Performance Triad Task Force at the Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, VA. COL Metcalf's formative assignments include: Combat Developer, Directorate of Combat and Doctrine Development, Fort Sam Houston, TX; Chief, Clinical Operations, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany; Chief, Operations, 212th Combat Support Hospital, Miesau, Germany; Chief, Patient Administration, Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Clinic, Fort Meade, MD; Company Commander, USA MEDDAC, Wurzburg, Germany; Medical Regulating Officer, 67th Combat Support Hospital, Wurzburg Germany; Executive Officer, C Company, 526th Forward Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, Ft Campbell, KY; and Medical Platoon Leader, 2/502nd Infantry Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, FT Campbell, KY.

His combat and operational assignments include Operation New Dawn as the Theater Medical Regulating Officer for Task Force 47 MED; Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Chief, Patient Administration, 28th Combat Support Hospital; and Operation Joint Guard (KFOR) as the Medical Platoon Leader with 2/502nd Infantry Battalion.

COL Metcalf's professional military education includes the AMEDD Officer Basic Course, AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, the Joint Medical Planners Course, the Command and General Staff College (ILE), the Medical Strategic Leaders Program and the U.S. Army War College.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NATO Kosovo Medal and the Overseas Service Ribbon. He has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Air Assault Badge and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

He is married to the former Caitlin Potratz of Austin, Texas, and he has two children, Kieran and Kaia.

CSM DAS'CHARA C. CHAMP
OUTGOING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY



CSM Das'Chara Champ is a native from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, raised in South Carolina. She began her career in the U.S. Army on 24 February 1999 as Healthcare Administration. She completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Her assignments include Patient Administration Specialist, at Geibelstadt Army Health Clinic, Geibelstadt Germany. Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, sustaining different duties within the Patient Administration Division. 45th Sustainment Brigade, Schofield Barracks, HI as Medical Regulating NCO. 45th Sustainment Brigade, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom FOB Q-West, as Medical

Regulating NCO. Warrior Transition Battalion A Co, Squad Leader. WTB, C Co, Platoon Sergeant. Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI as Equal Opportunity Advisor. Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI as NCOIC, Medical Records Branch. 62nd Medical BDE, JBLM, Washington, Medical Regulating NCOIC. 62nd MED BDE, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Kabul, Afghanistan as CJOC SGM, & AEROMEDICAL OPS NCO. USA Joint Health Services Agency, HQDA Office of the Surgeon General Falls Church, VA as Patient Administration Staff NCO. Alpha Company, Troop Command, Fort Belvoir, VA as the Alpha Company First Sergeant. Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, VA, MEDCOM G-3/5/7 SGM, with a follow-on assignment as the USARPAC ACSMED Command Surgeon SGM, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Current assignment, Command Sergeant Major of Fort Meade MEDDAC, and Senior Enlisted Leader of Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, with a follow-on assignment as the MRC, West G-3/5/7 Sergeant Major.

CSM Champ's military education includes 71G Patient Administration Specialists, Warrior Leader Course (WLC), Advanced Leader Course (ALC), Senior Leader Course (SLC), Cadre Training, Army Basic Instructor Course (ABIC), Small Group Instructor Trainer Course, Equal Opportunity Leader Course, Unit Prevention Leader Course, Master Resilience Course, SHARP Certification Course, 1SG/Commander Course, Basic Healthcare Administration Course, Knowledge Management Course, the United States Sergeants Majors Academy Course (USASMA) class 46 Non-Resident, Division Surgeon Course, 70H Course, BN Pre-Command/CMD SGM course and the CSM Development Program Course. CSM Champ's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a core in Human Resource Management, and a Masters Degree in Strategic Leadership (Cum Laude) from Trident University International.

CSM Champ's awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal (w/6 OLC); Army Commendation Medal (w/ 3 OLC); Army Achievement Medal (w/ 2 OLC); Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award); National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal (w/1 star); Iraq Campaign Medal (w/ 2 star); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWTSM); Armed Forces Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5th numeral); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (Num 3); NATO Ribbon, and a receipt of the Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3).

CSM Champ is married to Retired SSG Michael K. Champ II and together they have six children, Wysdom 23, Trynadi 21, Destyni 21, Kaeden 21, Lidiyah 14, and Zoey 7.

CSM KATHLEEN A. HEDGES
INCOMING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY



CSM Kathleen A. Hedges was raised in Rochester, Massachusetts and entered the military in September 2001 as a 68W combat medic. Completing basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and advanced initial training to be a certified combat medic at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Her assignments include Line Combat Medic and Company Medic, 511th Military Police at Fort Drum, NY under the 18th ABN Corps. She deployed multiple times with this unit from the rank of Private First Class to Sergeant; Operations NCOIC, Headquarters & Headquarters Company for the 1st Brigade Support Troop Battalion at Camp Hovey ROC; OBGYN Clinic NCOIC, MEDDAC at Fort Drum, NY; Small Group Leader, NCO Academy at Fort Drum, NY; Airborne Instructor, 1/507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Moore, GA; G33 NCOIC, MEDCOM at Falls Church, VA; Observer Controller, 291st Brigade Support Battalion at Fort McCoy, WI; Chief of Operations, Keller Army Community Hospital at West Point, NY; Most recent assignment, Executive Officer to the MEDCOM CSM, Office of the Surgeon General, Falls Church, VA.

CSM Hedges has completed the following military training 68W Combat Medic Advanced Individual Training; National Registry Emergency Medical Technician; Combat Lifesaver Certified Instructor; Basic Instructors Course; Small Group Instructors Course; Health Services Operators Course (70H); Air Assault; Airborne; Jumpmaster; Pathfinder Basic Leaders Course; Advanced Leaders Course; Senior Leaders Course; Sergeants Majors Academy; Battalion Pre-Command Course; and BN CSM Pre-Command Development Program. CSM Hedges civilian education includes Bachelor of Science in Organizational Communication from Empire State College, and a Bachelor of Science in Leadership Development from CGSC is a lifelong learner. She is currently pursuing her master's in organizational development and change from Penn State University.

CSM Hedges has received the following awards: Legion of Merit, Meritorious (1OLC); Service Medals; Army Commendation Medals (8 OLC); Army Achievement Medals (6OLC); Army Good Conduct Medals (6th Award); Nation Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (1 Bronze Star); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5th Numeral); Armed Forces Service Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Numeral).

CSM Hedges, holds her family dear to heart to include Cassie, her Goldendoodle dog and Gracie her Siamese cat. She enjoys the outdoors, and believes every day is an opportunity.

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

HISTORY

The United States Army Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC), Fort George G. Meade, has a rich and proud history.

Our roots extend back to Camp Meade Hospital, which organized in July 1917 as part of the original post. Consisting of temporary wooden buildings and tents, Camp Meade Hospital was located along what is now Rock Avenue, approximately one-half mile south of the present-day Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center.

In 1930, Camp Meade Hospital moved to building 4411 on Llewellyn Avenue, presently occupied by the U.S. Army Claims Service Public Health Command-North. The building accommodated 80 patients and the outpatient services required by the Camp's personnel and their dependents.



James C. Kimbrough
(1887-1956)

With the outbreak of WWII, construction began immediately on a cantonment hospital with 545 beds on the northern portion of Fort Meade, where Meade High School is currently located, and the Fort Meade Station Hospital services moved to their new temporary structures in April 1942. During the war, building 4411 became an induction station and after the war an outpatient services annex for the Fort Meade Hospital until 1972.

The U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Meade organized on 6 July 1950 as a subordinate to Second U.S. Army.

On 29 July 1961, the U.S. Kimbrough Army Hospital constructed as a 145-bed acute care Community Hospital was dedicated in honor of Colonel James C. Kimbrough, the "Father of U.S. Army Urology" and a veteran of both world wars. The cantonment hospital closed except for five buildings used as warehouses for the installation's medical supplies and administrative areas and classrooms for other installation activities.

On 1 April 1968, the U.S. Kimbrough Army Hospital transferred to First U.S. Army. During that same year, on 1 September, the U.S. Army Dispensary and Dental Clinic, Fort Detrick, was organized and assigned to the U.S. Kimbrough Army Hospital.

On 5 November 1969, the U.S. Kimbrough Army Hospital redesignated and reorganized as the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity (USA MEDDAC), Fort George G. Meade.

In 1971, a 9-bed Intensive Care and Coronary Care Unit was added and in 1972, a 44,000-square foot clinical area was added, replacing the old hospital annex in building 4411.

On 1 July 1973, the MEDDAC transferred to the U.S. Army Health Services Command, which was redesignated as the U.S. Army Medical Command in 1994.

On 13 August 1978, the MEDDAC reorganized, and its strength increased from 550 to 982. That same year, the MEDDAC acquired several U.S. Army Health Clinics (USAHCs): Kirk USAHC (formerly U.S. Army MEDDAC, Aberdeen Proving Ground), Dunham USAHC (formerly U.S. Army MEDDAC, Carlisle Barracks), Fort Ritchie USAHC, Fort Indiantown Gap USAHC, Letterkenny USAHC, New Cumberland USAHC, and Tobyhanna USAHC.

Because of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) Act, several major changes occurred within the MEDDAC's structure: First, the U.S. Kimbrough Army Hospital was downgraded to an outpatient facility. As a result, Kimbrough closed its emergency room on 30 June and unofficially became Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center (KACC) on 1 July. The U.S. Kimbrough Army Hospital officially discontinued as an organization on 1 October 1996 and KACC was officially established. Secondly, Fort Ritchie USAHC closed and ceased operations on 31 August 1998 and the clinic's staff transferred to Fort Detrick. Fort Ritchie USAHC inactivated on 1 October 1998, along with the rest of the installation activities.

On 18 February 2000, as it transitioned into its newly constructed facility, Fort Detrick USAHC became Barquist USAHC. Later that same year, Tobyhanna USAHC transferred to West Point USA MEDDAC.

On 5 September 2007, the Warrior Transition Unit, Alpha Company, KACC, was established.

Because of the 2005 BRAC decision, in October 2010, the MEDDAC acquired Andrew Rader and Fort McNair USAHCs located at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Fort Myer, VA. In addition, in September 2011, the MEDDAC assumed command and control of the U.S. Army Centralized Allergen Extract Laboratory and became responsible for the operating expenses associated with the Northern Regional Medical Command's (NRMC) Tele-Health Activity, when Walter Reed Army Medical Center closed.

Today, the Fort Meade MEDDAC is subordinate to the Medical Readiness Command, East (MRC, East) and is a partner in the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) Health Care System and National Capital Region Multi-Service Network. The MEDDAC is responsible for providing medical and environmental services for active duty and retired military personnel and their families, as well as occupational health services to civilian employees within the MEDDAC's extensive area of responsibility throughout Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

CREED OF THE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER

No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as “The Backbone of the Army”. I am proud of the Corps of noncommissioned officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind—accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!



The Army Song

March Along, Sing Our Song,
With The Army Of The Free
Count The Brave, Count The True,
Who Have Fought To Victory
We're The Army And Proud Of Our Name
We're The Army And Proudly Proclaim

First To Fight For The Right,
And To Build The Nation's Might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud Of All We Have Done,
Fighting Till The Battle's Won,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then It's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's On Its Way.
Count Off The Cadence Loud And Strong
(Two! Three!)
For Where E'er We Go,
You Will Always Know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

The Army Song