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USAMMA cases colors, passes baton to AMLC to continue legacy of warfighter support

FORT DETRICK, Md. – After more than eight decades of tirelessly supplying, supporting and sustaining the joint warfighter, the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency officially discontinued operations and cased its colors during a formal ceremony July 31 at Fort Detrick.

The historical event marked the culmination of a storied legacy of worldwide operational medical logistics support.

Presided over by Col. Deon Maxwell, commander of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, the ceremony formalized the transition of USAMMA's remaining functions and personnel under AMLC, signifying a streamlined future for Army medical sustainment.

During the traditional casing of the colors, USAMMA Commander Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim and Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki, assisted by Staff Sgt. Tereso Hernandez as the color bearer, furlled and cased the unit's flag. The solemn act symbolized the official discontinuation of the AMLC direct reporting unit and Lim's relinquishment of command.

"Today is not a funeral. It's a graduation. It is a celebration of a legacy that began in the crucible



Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim, left, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, inspects the unit colors during a USAMMA discontinuation ceremony July 31, 2026, at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Also pictured are Staff Sgt. Tereso Hernandez and Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace)

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Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency, cases the unit colors during a USAMMA discontinuation ceremony July 31, 2026, at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Assisting Lim are Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki, left, and Staff Sgt. Tereso Hernandez.

of World War II," Maxwell said, acknowledging USAMMA's legacy but also the vast differences in the world compared to 80-plus years ago.

"You reorganize it because the world has changed, the mission has evolved and the Army needs its absolute best medical logisticians to step into a new, broader era of sustainment," he said.

Maxwell praised Lim's leadership in steering the organization through the complex transition without degrading global support, telling Lim, "You didn't just 'keep the lights on' during this transition; you kept the flame burning."

Addressing the workforce directly, Maxwell reminded them that their mission and impact remain vital.

"You didn't just push boxes; you

delivered hope," he said. "The DNA of USAMMA is now the foundation of AMLC. The expertise sitting in these chairs is what will carry the Army into the future force of 2030 and beyond."

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- Col. Deon Maxwell, AMLC commander

The roots of USAMMA trace back to the early days of World War II when the Army Surgeon General recognized a critical need to manage medical materiel for rapidly expanding mobilization forces. The agency went

through several iterations in New York and Pennsylvania before officially being named USAMMA on April 15, 1965.

Relocating to Fort Detrick in 1974, the highly respected unit became the backbone of Army medical logistics. Its mission grew to encompass the centralized management of readiness-enabling contingency programs and the delivery of life-saving medical supplies to every corner of the globe.

USAMMA's reach was truly global, comprising more than 300 military, civilian, local national and contractor personnel. In addition to its Fort Detrick headquarters, the agency managed operational maintenance and storage locations across the United States and at strategic international hubs, including sites in Korea, Japan,

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Past and present members of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency joined together for a group photo prior to the USAMMA discontinuation ceremony July 31, 2026, at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The unit was deactivated and its remaining functions absorbed into U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command as part of wider Army transformation efforts.

Belgium, Germany, Poland and Kuwait.

Addressing the crowd of distinguished guests, family members and USAMMA alumni, Lim delivered emotional remarks, reflecting on his two years in command and the agency's 83-year history.

He invited the audience to take a collective deep breath – mirroring the exercise he used when he first took command.

"What you just heard is not the sound of an organization ending," Lim said. "It is the sound of the legacy continuing. Organizations do not breathe. People do. Buildings do not make history. People do. Colors do not create legacy. People do."

Lim emphasized that USAMMA's true impact was measured not by the tonnage of equipment moved and positioned, but by the lives quietly saved on the battlefield.

"For more than eight decades, USAMMA quietly protected something far more important than materiel and equipment – the lives of America's sons and daughters," he said. "Before a

medic treated the wounded... before a surgeon entered an operating room... before hope arrived... someone at USAMMA had already answered the call."

The discontinuation ceremony also served as a moment to honor the families who have served alongside the unit's leadership. Special presentations were made to the spouses of Lim and Brenecki, as well as their children, acknowledging the vital foundation of support they provided to the Soldiers and the broader USAMMA family.

Lim offered a poignant tribute to his children and his wife, Cher, saying "the Army may know my rank, but you know my heart." He also praised Brenecki for his steadfast leadership and guidance, thanking him for "reminding me that leadership is never about standing above people – it is always about standing beside them."

Though USAMMA as an agency has reached its final chapter, Lim reminded those in attendance that the mission's impact is permanent.

"Today marks the end of USAMMA,

but not the end of its influence," Lim said. "Years from now, a Soldier will survive because of work that began here. A medic will save a life because of equipment you sustained. ... They may never know your name, but America will benefit because you answered yours. That is legacy."

As the "Army Song" echoed through Fort Detrick's Building 1520 auditorium to conclude the event, attendees – including many past commanders and officers, command sergeants major, senior civilians and USAMMA alumni – reflected on the end of an era.

While the colors are now cased, the spirit of USAMMA will live on through AMLC.

"The colors may be cased, but character cannot be cased," Lim concluded. "Buildings may close, but service never does. We are sending its legacy into AMLC and every formation represented here."

By C.J. Lovelace 

AMLC flyaway teams provide pre-deployment readiness, training to medical maintainers



Matthew Hernandez, left, and Harland Wells, electronics technicians with U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command's Medical Maintenance Operations Depot in Utah, perform maintenance medical equipment during a two-week pre-deployment maintenance mission in support of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, in July. (U.S. Army photos courtesy Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Schmaljohann)

FORT RILEY, Kan. — Inside a temporary workspace filled with portable ventilators, infusion pumps and patient monitors, Matthew Hernandez picked up an equipment manual and walked a young noncommissioned officer through the maintenance procedures of a medical device that could potentially save the life of a fellow Soldier on the battlefield.

It was invaluable side-by-side training for Sgt. Cristian Nunez, the lone biomedical equipment specialist, or 68A, for his unit under the 1st Infantry Division and his first duty assignment outside of a clinical hospital setting.

This hands-on mentorship is exactly what it looks like when U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command pushes its technical expertise directly to the tactical edge.

Over two weeks in July, a two-man flyaway team from AMLC's Medical Maintenance Operations Depot in Utah, or MMOD-UT, deployed to Fort Riley to support Charlie Company, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, as the unit prepares for an upcoming deployment rotation.

Hernandez and fellow technician Harland Wells touched a total of 129

individual pieces of medical equipment, performing tests, calibrations and repairs on everything from portable ventilators and surgical suction units to IV pumps and blood-fluid warmers.

"It boils down to readiness, so they can actually do their job when they go out there," Wells said of the pre-deployment support mission.

By pushing technical experts directly to the field, AMLC's flyaway capability can all but eliminate the time-consuming process of units boxing up their equipment and shipping it back to a depot for routine testing and repairs.

"Having this direct, on-site support

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from MMOD maintainers is highly effective as we prepare for upcoming rotations,” said Maj. Eric Coate, the company’s commander. “Completing quality control checks and repairs locally eliminates the downtime of shipping gear back and forth. It ensures our equipment is fully functional and ready to provide continuous patient care to the same high standard as a permanent medical facility.”

MMOD-UT is one of three stateside MMODs under AMLC, also including sites in California and Pennsylvania. These facilities provide sustainment-level maintenance support and serve as technical centers of excellence for different types of medical equipment, supporting specific geographic regions both in the continental U.S. and abroad.

While AMLC’s Forward Repair Activity-Medical, or FRA-M, program provides fixed-base operations at several major installations, the flyaway capability allows seasoned MMOD techs to take their expertise directly to units in the field outside the FRA-M footprint.

The mission at Fort Riley was a synchronized effort across the logistics enterprise. Before the MMOD-UT team arrived, a representative from the U.S. Communications-Electronics Command’s Integrated Logistics Support Center conducted an advanced assessment, allowing the team to pre-order necessary repair parts.

“It’s really a force multiplier,” Hernandez said. “It eliminates the shipping times, gives faster results and gives them the experience to fix it in-house so they don’t have to ship it the next time.”

But the MMOD-UT team didn’t just fix equipment – they built future readiness through the form of hands-on training.

While on the ground at Fort Riley, Hernandez dedicated time during the maintenance mission to help Nunez get acclimated to his maintenance role with a field unit.



Matthew Hernandez, an electronics technician with U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, shows Sgt. Cristian Nunez, a biomedical equipment specialist (68A) for Charlie Company, 299th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armor Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, how to perform maintenance on a ventilator during one-on-one training at Fort Riley, Kansas. Hernandez and another flyaway team member from AMLC’s Medical Maintenance Operations Depot in Utah performed pre-deployment maintenance on nearly 130 medical devices during the visit over two weeks in July.

“As a 68A from a hospital background, working side-by-side with AMLC technicians was an invaluable experience,” Nunez said. “I observed firsthand as experts in the field performed inspections, preventive maintenance and calibrations, as well as repairs on field equipment with which I had no prior experience.”

Hernandez walked Nunez through instruction and maintenance procedures on several complex systems, such as newly fielded ventilators and patient monitors.

“It gave him hands-on, on-the-job training so he could actually walk through the equipment and test it, rather than just reading the manual,” Hernandez said. “You have to actually walk through the steps, which is way more beneficial. He’s a smart young Soldier, he took good notes, and he was eager to learn.”

Beyond the technical skills, the flyaway team provided the junior 68A with a vital lifeline. Hernandez and Wells shared contact information to establish a direct line for communication back to

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enterprise experts at AMLC for any future troubleshooting needs.

"Having reliable back-end support and keeping open lines of communication with AMLC will be critical during this upcoming deployment," Coate said.

For Nunez, knowing he has a direct line to enterprise experts, coupled with the wealth of information provided by MMOD technicians during the maintenance mission, translates directly to operational confidence.

"This opportunity has greatly improved my confidence to tackle future technical issues," Nunez said.

"The AMLC technicians reinforced that having a thorough, practical understanding of the equipment is the key to effective problem-solving. I am now much better equipped to work independently and resolve issues as they arise."

MMOD-UT Director Jose Vasquez summarized the impact of the mission, saying these collaborative efforts highlight AMLC's critical role in the wider Army deployment cycle.

"By dispatching technical experts to the tactical edge, AMLC not only ensures that life-saving devices are ready for the fight today, but that the

Soldiers responsible for them are trained and confident for the fights of tomorrow," he said.

AMLC, a major subordinate command to CECOM, serves as the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command, delivering integrated medical logistics that enables Army and Joint Force readiness from the strategic support area to the tactical edge.

By C.J. Lovelace 

AMLC delivers critical medical device training to the tactical edge

FORT DETRICK, Md. — U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command is bridging the gap between fielding new medical technology and sustaining it by delivering critical, hands-on training directly to military maintainers across the force.

Whether it is a portable life-support system on the East Coast or a specialized deployable X-ray shelter on the West Coast, AMLC is deploying its technical experts to ensure that when lives are on the line, the Army's medical equipment is fully operational.

Recently, AMLC leveraged its enterprise footprint — including Medical Maintenance Operations Depots, or MMODs, and newly established Forward Repair Activity-Medical, or FRA-M, sites — to facilitate two training events at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington.

'ICU in a box'

Operating under AMLC's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate, or M3D, the FRA-M



Biomedical equipment specialists from 51st Medical Logistics Company, 16th Hospital Center, participate in a training event at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for the newly fielded MOVES SLC, a portable, micro-integrated life support system, combining an oxygen concentrator, ventilator, suction system and vital signs monitor into one single, rugged battery-operated unit. (Photos courtesy Anthony Cruz)

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program provides direct medical maintenance support and training to tactical units. The Fort Bragg FRA-M site recently demonstrated this capability by facilitating a three-day manufacturer certification training for the newly fielded MOVES SLC system.

The MOVES SLC is a highly portable, micro-integrated life support system, combining an oxygen concentrator, ventilator, suction system, and vital signs monitor into one single, rugged battery-operated unit.

Biomedical equipment specialists, or 68As, from the 51st Medical Logistics Company, 16th Hospital Center, trained alongside FRA-M contractors and civilian logistics assistance representatives, known as LARs, to master the maintenance and repair of the system.

Fielded in 2023, the MOVES SLC functions essentially like an intensive care unit in a box, providing immediate life-support functions right on the battlefield. Most notably, the units can generate oxygen from the surrounding air rather than relying on pressurized tanks, making them ideal for medics operating in remote environments where resupply can be difficult.

Recognizing the need for formalized training following the system's fielding, leadership from the 44th Medical Brigade coordinated with M3D's Fort Bragg FRA-M site team to bring the specialized training directly to the installation's medical maintainers.

The FRA-M program provides a training platform to reinforce medical equipment maintenance skills, theory and field-level service knowledge for 68As. By providing medical equipment services and training, FRA-M site operations provide continuity for medical readiness and medical equipment training.

"Creating a more autonomous BMET culture regarding troubleshooting and skills sets has benefited the relationships and notoriety of the FRA-M operation," said Anthony Cruz, site lead for the Fort Bragg FRA-M.

The certification course provided about a dozen trainees with a



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comprehensive understanding of the complex device, starting with a theory of operations course, progressing to an in-depth mechanical breakdown and concluding with extensive hands-on troubleshooting.

"This training ensures these maintainers can effectively service and sustain the equipment, which is critical for enabling Forward Resuscitative Surgical Detachments to provide medevac and prolonged field care in austere, deployable environments," said Dominique Taylor, a LAR with the U.S. Army Communications-

Electronics Command's Integrated Logistics Support Center, Medical Systems Directorate.

Deploying diagnostics

While the Fort Bragg team focused on portable life support, AMLC personnel on the West Coast partnered with the 147th Field Hospital at JBLM to help Soldiers set up and operate the Army's newest deployable computed tomography, or CT, X-ray system.

When battlefield injuries require immediate diagnostics, minutes

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Soldiers from the 147th Field Hospital at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, practice troubleshooting the Army's newest deployable computed tomography (CT) X-ray system during a training event hosted by medical maintenance experts from U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command this past May.

matter. The training gave biomedical equipment specialists hands-on experience with the CT system, which is housed inside a specialized ISO shelter – a highly durable, relocatable facility built to the exact dimensions of a standard shipping container.

Experts from AMLC's MMOD in Tracy, California, known as MMOD-CA, supported the event. Fernando Gonzalez, a biomedical equipment technician and member of MMOD-CA's "flyaway team," served as the primary instructor, backed by technical teams from Utah and Pennsylvania via the new FRA-M site currently being established at JBLM.

"This is a highly sophisticated piece of medical equipment, and it only works if the crew knows how to keep it up and running," Gonzalez said. "Our goal was to make sure these Soldiers can troubleshoot and maintain this scanner themselves, so they have

complete confidence in the system when lives are on the line."

Soldiers learned how to safely transport, level and expand the shelter. This is a critical step because the CT scanner will not operate unless its internal sensors detect a perfectly level surface. The shelter's lead-lined walls, required for radiation safety, add significant weight and complexity to the setup process.

Power support was maintained by Soldiers from the 147th Field Hospital, who operated generators to sustain the shelter and environmental controls during the training period. Ultimately, the CT system successfully passed its calibration verification certification, confirming it is ready for use.

"This fielding was a true team effort across the entire medical maintenance enterprise," MMOD-CA Director Isaac Newman said. "While our flyaway team led the hands-on instruction, having the

technical backing of our sister depots in Utah and Pennsylvania ensured the 147th Field Hospital received world-class support from start to finish."

Sustaining the force

Whether establishing a deployable CT scanner or certifying maintainers on portable ventilators, AMLC's involvement highlights the command's role as the Army's premier sustainer for medical readiness.

"Properly trained Soldiers in the field directly equate to high equipment readiness, ensuring that life-saving systems are fully operational and ready to support the warfighter at a moment's notice," said Alfred Zamora, deputy director of M3D's FRA-M program.

By C.J. Lovelace 

USAMMC-E welcomes new commander



Col. Qui Nguy, incoming commander of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, passes the unit colors back to Sgt. Maj. Deshawn Hamilton, USAMMC-E's senior enlisted leader, during a change of command ceremony July 8, 2026, at Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Nguy assumed command from Col. Chad Vermillion. (U.S. Army photos by Katie Ellis-Warfield)

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany

– The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe welcomed its new commander, Col. Qui Nguy, during a change of command ceremony July 8.

Nguy assumed command of USAMMC-E from Col. Chad Vermillion, who successfully led the strategic medical logistics hub through historic and unprecedented changes in the global landscape over the past two years.

As a direct reporting unit to U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, the Army's Class VIII medical materiel command, USAMMC-E is responsible for the procurement, storage, distribution and maintenance of medical equipment and supply for the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, as well as providing support to U.S. Central Command and Department of State activities in the

region.

AMLC Commander Col. Deon Maxwell presided over the ceremony and facilitated the traditional passing of the unit's colors, symbolizing the transfer of authority and responsibility.

During his remarks, Maxwell praised Vermillion's steadfast leadership and the command's vast impact under his tenure. USAMMC-E serves as the theater lead agent for medical materiel, or TLAMM, providing critical medical logistics support across multiple continents.

"Chad, during your time in command, the theater has faced historic and unprecedented changes," Maxwell said. "Under your leadership, USAMMC-E successfully navigated complex supply chain disruptions, pushed billions of dollars in medical materiel, managed critical blood operations and provided world-class

medical maintenance and optical fabrication support."

Maxwell highlighted Vermillion's success in leading a diverse, multinational workforce of military, Army Civilians and local national employees through numerous real-world operations, including operations in Eastern Europe and Operation United Assistance.

Reflecting on his time in command, Vermillion expressed deep gratitude to his family, AMLC leadership and the dedicated USAMMC-E workforce. He underscored the sheer magnitude of the center's mission.

"Fifty percent of the landmass of this globe is supported by a team of just under 300 people," Vermillion said, addressing the formation. "I don't care what your job is, I don't care what you do, you have to acknowledge that is a phenomenal and amazing mission.

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The smartest thing that I ever did in this command was to get out of your way."

Vermillion leaves behind a legacy of excellence, transitioning the command to Nguy, whom Maxwell described as bringing the "exact right blend of operational experience and strategic insight required to lead this great organization."

Nguy arrives at USAMMC-E with a highly decorated career in military medical logistics. He most recently served as the deputy commander for the 6th Medical Logistics Management Center at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Commissioned as a Medical Service Corps officer in 2003 through the Army's Green to Gold program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Nguy has served in various critical tactical, operational and strategic roles for over more than two decades.

Addressing his new command for the first time, Nguy thanked his predecessors and outlined his mission-focused vision for the future of USAMMC-E.

"The strategic environment is as dynamic as ever, and the demands placed upon USAMMC-E will only continue to grow as we adapt to future operational requirements and strengthen our alliances across the theater," Nguy said. "My commitment is clear: we will remain mission-focused, disciplined in the fundamentals, precise in execution and agile enough to meet emerging requirements. We will take care of our people."

Activated in December 1951 as the Rhine Medical Depot in Einsiedlerhof, Germany, USAMMC-E has a long history of evolving to meet the needs of the warfighter. Today, its core mission remains synchronizing and providing medical logistics support to the joint warfighter.

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By Katie Ellis-Warfield



Col. Qui Nguy speaks after taking command of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe during a ceremony July 8, 2026, at Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany.



Col. Deon Maxwell, commander of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, presents Col. Chad Vermillion with an award prior to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe's change of command ceremony July 8, 2026, at Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany. During the ceremony, Vermillion passed leadership of USAMMC-E to Col. Qui Nguy.

USAMMC-K transitions leadership with focus on continuity, advancing medical readiness

CAMP CARROLL, Republic of Korea – The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea welcomed new leadership on July 1, as Lt. Col. Ashley M. Fair assumed command from Lt. Col. Nathan T. Wagner at Camp Carroll.

Col. Deon Maxwell, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, presided over the event, which featured the traditional passing of the unit colors to signify the transfer of authority and responsibility, ensuring the unit is never without senior leadership.

“The passing of the unit colors is a physical representation of the continuity of command,” Maxwell said, also praising USAMMC-K’s critical mission as the “linchpin of medical logistics on the peninsula.”

As a direct reporting unit to AMLC, the Army’s Class VIII medical materiel command, USAMMC-K is responsible for the procurement, storage, distribution and maintenance of medical equipment and supply for all U.S. Forces Korea components.

During the change of command ceremony, Maxwell recognized Wagner’s efforts to modernize the unit’s supply chain systems and navigate global logistics challenges during his tenure. Wagner is slated to transition to AMLC headquarters, where he will serve as the next chief of staff.

“It has truly been my honor to lead and be a part of this organization,” Wagner said in his farewell address. “This is a special place, mission and community that I will miss.”

In welcoming Fair, Maxwell noted her reputation and deep expertise in medical logistics as vital assets for leading the forward-deployed unit.

“I am deeply humbled and honored to stand before you as your commander,” Fair said. “This transition is not about me; it is about the continuity of our mission and the excellence you deliver



Col. Deon Maxwell, commander of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, passes the colors to Lt. Col. Ashley Fair during a U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea change of command ceremony July 1 at Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea. Fair assumed command of the unit from Lt. Col. Nathan Wagner. (U.S. Army photo by Katie Ellis-Warfield)

every single day.”

Fair, a decorated officer whose awards include the Bronze Star Medal, most recently served as the chief of Army staff for Blanchfield Army Community Hospital at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. She holds a master’s

degree in transportation and logistics from American Military University, and her operational background includes a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

USAMMC-K’s lineage dates back to the activation of the 6th Medical

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Supply Depot in 1942, which deployed to the peninsula during the Korean War. Today, the unit continues that legacy by serving as the theater lead agent for medical materiel for USFK, providing direct medical materiel support, equipment maintenance and optical fabrication to sustain the joint and allied forces in the region.

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Lt. Col. Ashley M. Fair, incoming commander the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea, stands before her new unit at the conclusion of a change of command ceremony July 1 at Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea. (U.S. Army photo by Ayeong Jang)

HAZARD —VERSUS— NEAR MISS



(CONDITION)

HAZARD

(ACT)

A condition or activity with the potential to cause injury, illness, or death of personnel; damage to or loss of equipment or property; or mission degradation.



NEAR MISS

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



MISHAP

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

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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



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AMLC CELEBRATES JULY BIRTHDAYS



AMLC Commander Col. Deon Maxwell continued his monthly tradition of recognizing team members' birthdays in July, meeting with numerous headquarters staffers to extend personal well wishes this past month. Those with July birthdays included Victoria Burke, Luis Rivas Morales, Eric Ross, Irving Tate and David Villareal. Also celebrating birthdays but not pictured were Andrew Grout, Bradley Hubbel and Erik Thomas.

HAILS AND FAREWELLS AT AMLC



On July 29, AMLC hosted a packed house for a dual-purpose hail and farewell! We rolled out the welcome mat for our newest teammates, including a stellar group of interns from the Strategic Medical Logistics Fellows Program (SMLFP).

A huge AMLC welcome to Maj. Douglas Roth, Sgt. 1st Class Huntley Spencer, Sgt. 1st Class Courtney Johnson, Sgt. 1st Class Matagisila Lefti, Staff Sgt. Carlos Melendez-Garcia and Staff Sgt. Demarcus Heath, as well as a welcome back to Capt. Andrew Whittenbarger. The AMLC team is excited to have you on board and look forward to getting after the mission together.

At the same time, we tipped our hats to some incredible leaders who are departing the organization in the near future, including Kevin Culihan, Luis Rivas-Morales and Anna Cabacungan.

We also recognized the outstanding USAMMA command teams as the unit concluded its historic 83-year history at the end of July. A massive thank you and job well done to Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim, who will continue serving as AMLC's deputy commander, along with Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki and the HHD command team of Capt. Paul Abucher and Staff Sgt. Tereso Hernandez. Thank you for your dedication and service to the organization, our warfighters and also the country!

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AMLC bids farewell to Col. Davis

AMLC held a farewell luncheon – with a little bit of karaoke fun – for Col. Nikki Davis on July 16, recognizing her for her time leading the command in various roles, including most recently as AMLC chief of staff, and wishing her well in her next duty assignment. During the festivities, many AMLC teammates shared stories about Davis' impact, both personally and professionally. AMLC Commander Col. Deon Maxwell capped off the celebration by presenting Davis with an Army Meritorious Service Medal and her spouse, Dionne, with a Certificate of Appreciation.





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AMLC CCWO welcomes sons to Army service

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Schmaljohann, AMLC's command chief warrant officer, shared a recent family milestone and proud father moment, welcoming his two sons to Army service.

Having grown up as military dependents, both young men are now stepping into the ranks themselves to give back to the nation. Schmaljohann officially administered the oath of enlistment to his sons – Ethan, 22, and Justin, 20 – just prior to their departure for basic combat training earlier this year.

Ethan chose to follow directly in his father's medical logistics footsteps as a 68A Biomedical Equipment Specialist, seeking a long-term career of technical expertise.

Justin, a four-year JROTC veteran, was ultimately convinced by his father to bring his talents to the Army over the Air Force, keeping him in the broader U.S. Communications-Electronics Command family as a 25H Network Communication Systems Specialist.

"Both boys wanted potential warrant officer paths, and both of these jobs allow them that opportunity," Schmaljohann said. "I am very proud and excited for them both to join the Army family."

The brothers shipped out just one month apart, and Schmaljohann will be proudly attending both graduations—beginning with Justin's graduation at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on Aug. 6, followed by Ethan's graduation at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in September.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



USAMMA command team receives Legion of Merit

USAMMA's outgoing command team, Commander Col. Joselito "Joe" Lim and Sgt. Maj. Todd Brenecki, both received the Legion of Merit during an awards ceremony prior to the USAMMA's discontinuation ceremony July 31 at Fort Detrick.

Presented by Col. Deon Maxwell, commander of U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, the Legion of Merit recognizes each for exceptionally meritorious conduct and outstanding service while serving as USAMMA's leadership team over its final two years of operation.

Along with recognitions for the families of Lim and Brenecki, Brig. Gen. Tracy Michael, director of Policy and Force Integration for the Army Surgeon General, also presented a letter of recognition on behalf of the OTSG to the command team.





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Giunta receives meritorious service medal

Col. Deon Maxwell presents the Army Meritorious Service Medal to Lt. Col. Raquel Giunta during the Army Medical Logistics Command hail and farewell ceremony at Fort Detrick, Md., July 29. Giunta received the award in recognition of her leadership while serving at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency.



Rivas receives commendation medal

Col. Kristofer Hagman, AMLC chief of staff, presented Luis Rivas with the Civilian Service Commendation Medal during a brief impromptu award ceremony Aug. 4 at Fort Detrick. Rivas, who is departing the organization for another assignment, worked in AMLC's S-8 shop, serving as the lone manpower workforce management analyst during his tenure with the organization. Hagman recognized Rivas for leading the way for AMLC and its direct reporting units as the command recently underwent significant transformation efforts.



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Employees recognized at USAMMC-E

Army Medical Logistics Command Commander Col. Deon Maxwell presents command coins to Holger Koelsch and Sgt. 1st Class Maksym N. Moskalenko, below, prior to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe change of command ceremony at Kleber Kaserne in Kaiserslautern, Germany, July 8, 2026.





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AMLC commander visits APS-4K

Army Medical Logistics Command Commander Col. Deon Maxwell presents a command coin to Sangchung Pak, Min Pae, Hyonsok Yi, Chaeil No and Chaehong Kim, during a visit to the Army Prepositioned Stocks-4 site at Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea, July 1, 2026.





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AMLC commander recognizes USAMMC-K workforce

Army Medical Logistics Command Commander Col. Deon Maxwell presents command coins to Ayeong Jang, Maj. Kyle P. McClure and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Daniel L. Meade, below, after the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea change of command ceremony at Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea, July 1, 2026



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USAMMA former commanders at MEDLOG meetup

Former commanders of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency (from left) Col. Joe Lim and retired Cols. Tim Lamb, Dave Gibson, Alejandro Lopez-Duke, Ryan Bailey, Leon Holland, Jeffrey Unger, Tim Walsh, James Canella and Dave Williams gather during the medical logistics social meetup on Friday, July 31, in Frederick, Md. The gathering took place following the official discontinuation ceremony for USAMMA held earlier in the day at Fort Detrick.

What do you do?

As director of Force Projection, I lead a team to help ensure our Army can deliver life-saving medical support worldwide. My team plans, manages and oversees Class VIII medical contingency supplies ensuring Soldiers are ready when called to deploy.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Executing a global mission that directly impacting Soldier readiness, I am privileged to serve alongside an exceptional team of world class professionals—Military, Civilian, Contractor, and Local National—whose expertise and dedication make our mission possible.

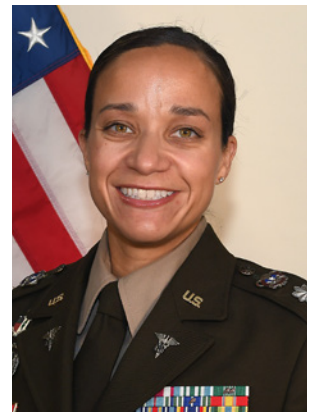
How long have you worked here?

Three years.



LT. COL. RAQUEL GIUNTA

Director, Force Projection
Directorate, AMLC HQ



What's your favorite quote?

"The day Soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. At that point, they either believe you do not care or cannot help." – Colin Powell

This quote helps keep me grounded and reinforces the "why" in what I do; service is about problem solving and meeting people where they are.

What do you do outside of work?

Spending time with family.

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What do you do?

As a part of AMLC Plans, my primary focus has been MEDLOG in Campaigning. I work on a lot of technical aspects to include data and IT systems, developing visibility for the enterprise and collaborating with AMC SCMD, DLA-TS, ILSC-MSD and units on data-driven initiatives to help improve overall medical supply chain performance.

What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy going on hikes with my family, reading and playing video games.

How long have you worked here?

I have been working at AMLC since January 2026.



SCOTT NIEBOER

Management analyst (MiC),
AMLC HQ



What's your favorite quote?

*"It's not the mountain we conquer,
but ourselves."
– Sir Edmund Hillary*

*Every challenge we encounter is
an opportunity for self-growth, and
the growth we experience through
the journey is often as valuable as
the destination.*

What do you enjoy most about your job?

While people often think of data visibility in terms of identifying issues and areas of low performance (and it's certainly good at that), I enjoy leveraging it as a tool that helps to show the organization the impact of their work. Especially at the strategic level, it can be hard to see how improvement or impact over time, but data visibility helps depict how changes and initiatives are improving the overall enterprise. In short: data can be used to raise morale.

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What do you do?

As USAMMC-E's support operations officer (SPO), my role is unique. Instead of managing internal resources, like a typical SPO, I work "up and out" with key stakeholders. My primary focus is analyzing data, refining messaging and communicating risk to improve theater access to Class VIIIA medical supplies so that we are postured to support requirements during a potential transition to hostilities. It is a strategic, externally-focused role centered on guaranteeing medical readiness across the theater.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

This role is unlike any I have had. I enjoy how this job uniquely blends my interests in planning and medical logistics at an operational and sometimes strategic level. I thrive on the constant challenges and the continuous learning the position demands. Beyond the job itself, I genuinely look forward to coming to work. I'm surrounded by amazing colleagues, I love the German culture, and our mission is so expansive.

What's your favorite quote?

This is one of the quotes that my parents repeated to me as a child. Although it still guides me today, there are certain elements I am actively trying to unlearn.

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." – Tim Notke

Constant hard work blinded me from what was important. I became a workaholic. I allowed my work to define me and my image. This created an imbalance in my life, and I prioritized work over things that were more important, like my family.



MAJ. MARJORIE A. LUTZ

Support operations officer (SPO),
USAMMC-E



What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy traveling, staying physically active, learning, cooking, eating, finances, photography (amateur), volunteering, new experiences and music (like picking at my guitar).

How long have you worked here?

Two years.

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What do you do?

In my role, I oversee planning and operational activities ensuring synchronization across the organization. I develop and coordinate contingency plans, operational orders, exercises and strategic initiatives that enable our organization to respond effectively during routine operations and emergencies. I also work closely with internal and external stakeholders to improve processes, enhance readiness and ensure our team remains prepared to support the warfighter.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

What I enjoy most is working side by side with our Korean workforce. Their work ethic, professionalism, attention to detail and personal ownership of the mission is commendable.

How long have you worked here?

I've been with USAMMC-K for over five and a half years as an Army Civilian, along with just over a year in uniform.



ANTHONY "AC" E. CLARKE

Chief, Plans and Operations,
USAMMC-K



What's your favorite quote?

My favorite quote is "Never Settle," from my former Battle Buddy, Col. Marc Welde. He taught me to never accept the first "no," as it rarely comes from the final authority, a principle so effective he never received the three "no's" he set as his limit to concede. In 2018, we adopted "Never Settle" as the official motto for USAMMC-K. The phrase resonates deeply with me; its simple, direct nature is a constant reminder to pursue excellence and continuously seek ways to improve myself and the people around me.

What do you do outside of work?

Outside of work, when I'm not traveling or spending quality time with my family, you can usually find me behind a drone controller. I have a passion for capturing and editing striking aerial cinematography. I also enjoy collecting unique bottles of alcohol from different countries, which has become a fun way to appreciate different cultures during my travels.

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