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Army maintenance mission ensures readiness for prepositioned medical devices in Pacific

SAGAMI ARMY DEPOT, Japan – A 12-person team from U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command recently completed an eight-week mission in Japan and Korea, inspecting, repairing and validating nearly 2,600 critical medical devices to keep prepositioned equipment ready for rapid deployment across the Pacific theater.

The mission brought together biomedical technicians from all three of AMLC's Medical Maintenance Operations Depots, or MMODs, located in Pennsylvania, Utah and California. The maintenance teams worked alongside mission managers from the command's Force Projection Directorate, or FPD.

Together, they conducted annual technical inspections and equipment calibrations at Army Prepositioned Stocks sites in Japan and Korea, known as APS-4J and APS-4K. The serviced gear supports formations critical to the region, including 240-bed hospital centers, 120-bed minimal care detachments, medical brigade combat teams and operational project sets.

"What people don't often see is how labor-intensive these maintenance missions really are," said Robert Pringle, an equipment management specialist and mission lead for AMLC. "A lot of these devices weigh hundreds of pounds and require precise calibration and strict safety protocols. It takes a unified team to pull it off, and our people are dedicated to making sure the warfighter gets dependable equipment that saves lives."



Spc. Jae Ho Park, a biomedical equipment specialist with U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command, works on a portable oxygen generator unit Sept. 2, 2026, during a medical maintenance mission at an Army Prepositioned Stocks site in Korea, known as APS-4K. (U.S. Army photo by Anthony Luff)

On the floors of both sites, the teams serviced a wide array of vital systems, including intensive care life-support devices, such as ventilators, portable

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Technicians from U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command perform inspections, tests and maintenance checks on medical devices Sept. 11, 2026, during a medical maintenance mission at an Army Prepositioned Stocks site in Korea, known as APS-4K. (U.S. Army photo by Anthony Luff)

oxygen generators and automated infusion pumps.

Technicians also completed specialized maintenance and acceptance inspections on complex anesthesia workstations, surgical stabilizers, hematology analyzers and advanced imaging systems, including CT scanners and newly fielded mobile C-arms.

To manage the high volume of equipment, the team utilized streamlined assembly-line testing methods for high-density items, such as medical suction units, while maintaining a flexible workflow to process lower-quantity, specialized devices.

This highly coordinated, global collaboration is part of a deliberate effort by AMLC leadership to build a more agile and responsive medical maintenance enterprise.

"This mission illustrates the true power of an integrated enterprise," said Wes Ladlee, acting chief of the Maintenance Operations Center-Medical under AMLC's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate.

"By pulling specialized expertise from our depots, we are able to project medical maintenance capability directly to the point of need," he continued. "The AMLC's advanced technicians expertise allows our enterprise to accelerate maintenance timelines and reduce operational costs. These technicians are the foundational backbone of our mission, ensuring that every complex, life-critical asset in the APS-4 inventory remains fully mission-capable and combat-ready."

By combining technicians from across its MMODs under forward logistics leadership, AMLC ensures that when units draw prepositioned stocks during a contingency, every piece of equipment is ready to go at a moment's notice.

"Prepositioned stocks are foundational to operational readiness in the Pacific," said Kim Dankulich, deputy director of AMLC's FPD. "In a crisis or conflict, deployed forces must have immediate confidence that their equipment is mission ready. By integrating FPD's forward mission management with M3D's depot-level technical expertise, we ensure medical capabilities are ready to deliver life-saving care without delay."

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 enable Army and joint force readiness from the strategic support area to the tactical edge.

By C.J. Lovelace

USAMMC-E Soldier calls Army Best Squad Competition a 'once-in-a-lifetime' experience



Spc. Kwesi Cook, a biomedical equipment specialist at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, competes at the Army Best Squad Competition in September at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a member of the Army Materiel Command squad. (U.S. Army photos)

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Going toe to toe with his enlisted peers, Spc. Kwesi Cook called the opportunity to compete at the Army Best Squad Competition in September "a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Cook, a biomedical equipment specialist at the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Europe, reflected on the Sept. 11-19 event at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he competed for Army Materiel Command against 10 other squads from throughout the Army.

"I got to compete against the best of the best while also learning and gaining technical knowledge on weapons systems and tactical movements," Cook said. "It was easily one of the best and most difficult experiences in my Army career."

Cook qualified for the Army-wide contest via AMC's competition this past May. Winners of the competition, including Soldier of the Year, NCO of the Year and the Army's Best Squad, will be announced at the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in October.

Cook said it was an honor to represent AMLC and its higher headquarters, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, as the five-member squad worked together in tactical, technical and physical assessments.

The multi-day event featured a variety of fitness and combat-related scenarios designed to evaluate the squads on their collective ability to operate as a disciplined and cohesive team. Competitors navigated physical fitness assessments, weapons lanes, a foot march, individual warrior tasks and squad battle drills, in addition to a board interview testing their military knowledge and professionalism.

To prepare for the demanding schedule, Cook and his teammates underwent intensive preparatory training, focusing on Expert Soldier Badge lanes, day and night land navigation, and military operation order execution.

Cook emphasized that the primary benefit of the competition is the technical and tactical knowledge he can now share with his home station in Germany.

"After many drills and repetitions of E3B lanes, land navigation and executing OPORDs, I can use what I learned to sharpen the already

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productive Soldiers around me, creating a more lethal force on the big Army level," Cook said.

By focusing on the post-competition transition, the unit stands to gain a direct return on investment in its overall readiness. Cook noted that the knowledge gained during the train-up and the event itself is highly transferable to Soldiers of any rank.

"I can teach what I learned to the service members at my unit and strengthen the overall readiness and capabilities of USAMMC-E," Cook said. "The opportunity and overall experience from this event will stay with me for life, and I would highly recommend other Soldiers strive to compete at the same level when given the chance."

USAMMC-E serves as a theater lead agent for medical materiel, providing medical logistics to the warfighter and their families for U.S. European and African commands, as well as in support of U.S. Central Command and the Department of State activities.

By C.J. Lovelace

AMLC spotlights safety excellence with homegrown 3D-printed awards



Mark Creger



Brett Mower

FORT DETRICK, Md. – Six safety-minded professionals across the U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command footprint earned special command recognition in September as recipients of the inaugural Army Safety and Occupational Health Management System, or ASOHMS, awards.

The awards recognize military and civilian personnel who go well beyond standard duty requirements to embed proactive hazard prevention, regulatory compliance and risk reduction into daily operations.

Adding a distinctive mark of command craftsmanship, each physical award presented to honorees was designed and manufactured on a personal 3D printer owned by John Jeske, inventory manager and unit safety officer at AMLC's Medical Maintenance Operations Depot at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Wally Edwards, manager of AMLC's Safety and Occupational Health, or SOH, program, thanked Jeske for his work in producing the custom trophies during his personal time, creating a purpose-built token of appreciation rather than a generic off-the-shelf plaque.

"Having an award designed and built by our depot workforce makes this recognition all the more meaningful," Edwards said. "John's initiative reflects the exact spirit of ASOHMS. It shows how taking personal ownership of our mission makes a tangible difference across the command."

The initial group of honorees span multiple directorates and geographic locations across the AMLC footprint, reflecting achievements such as digital safety communications, regional facility modernization and grassroots depot safety initiatives.

FY26 recipients include:

• Katie Ellis-Warfield, PAO, AMLC HQ: Designed the command near-miss and hazard reporting infographic with a CECOM-provided QR code, streamlining reporting across the enterprise. She also coordinated translations into host nation languages and broad dissemination across digital displays, social media and the MEDLOG Monthly newsletter.

• Mark Creger, Medical Materiel Readiness Program: As an MMRP unit safety officer, Creger proactively embeds hazard identification, routine safety training and workspace evaluations into daily operations to safeguard personnel, maintain regulatory compliance and bolster mission readiness.

• April Saunders, S-1, AMLC HQ: Provided vital subject-matter expertise in drafting the human resources components of the command SOH standard operating procedure, ensuring internal policies aligned with higher headquarters regulations while advising leadership on workforce safety standards.

• Bret Mower, S-9, AMLC HQ: Embedded rigorous SOH standards into facility modernization projects across the AMLC footprint from design to execution, while overseeing equipment acquisitions to ensure all new assets meet strict safety benchmarks.

• Chris Borrell, S-9, AMLC HQ: Proactively manages safety coordination across 11 tenant organizations as Fort Detrick facility manager, collaborating with the Directorate of Public Works on swift hazard remediation and upholding

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strict safety requirements during facility modernization.

• Sgt. Jean Pascal Medigni, MMOD-UT: Enforced strict safety benchmarks and prevented workplace mishaps as unit safety officer, while coordinating logistics and guest speakers for high-impact installation safety stand-down days. The award was presented on site at MMOD-UT by Jeske.



Chris Borrell, April Saunders and Katie Ellis-Warfield

The AMLC Safety Office plans to conduct additional award presentations across subordinate units over the coming weeks as implementation of the ASOHMS program expands.

AMLC team members interested in submitting safety hazard reports or learning more about program standards are encouraged to scan local command safety QR codes or contact the safety office directly.

By C.J. Lovelace

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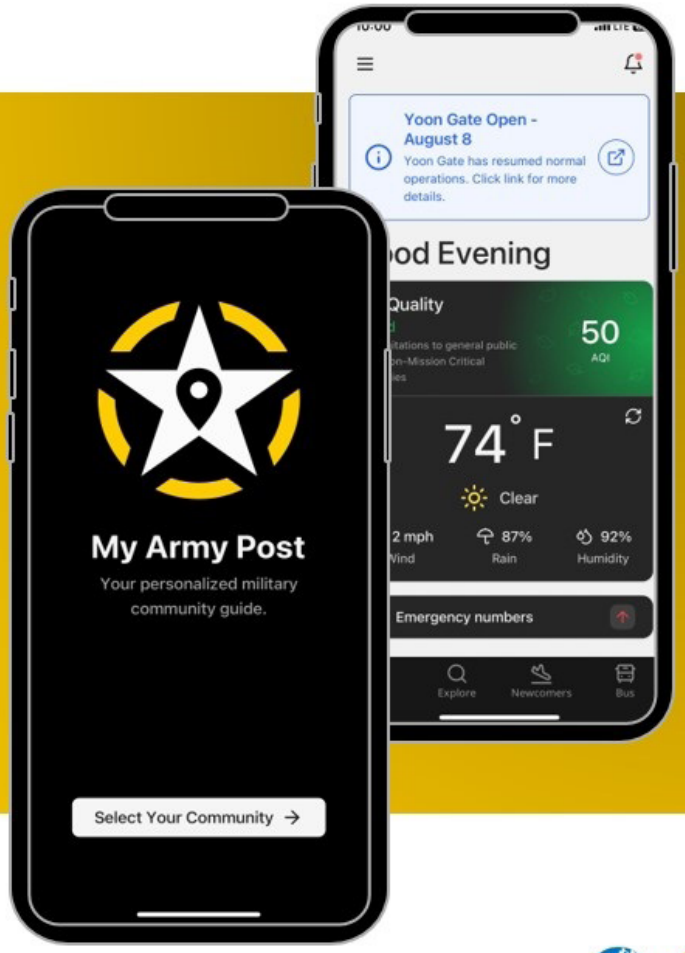

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August and September birthdays at AMLC

AMLC leadership recognized dozens of recent birthdays for headquarters staff during a recent walkabout at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Those celebrating August birthdays included Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jerry Schmaljohann, Maj. Tameka Tutt, Capt. Paul Abucher and Sgts. 1st Class Brandi Brown, Cenisha Glass and Huntley Spencer. Not pictured but also with a birthday in August were Col. Kristofer Hagman, Lt. Col. Joshua Singleton, Staff Sgts. Anthony Reed and Chantele Kemp, as well as Army Civilians Cheryl Alligood and Charles Marshall. Personnel celebrating September birthdays included Col. Joselito “Joe” Lim, Lt. Col. Nathan Wagner, Maj. Douglas Roth and Capt. Justine Juan, along with Army Civilians Denise Lane, Jose Negron, Matt Tyler, Keeyonia Washington and Alfred Zamora. Other military personnel with September birthdays but not pictured were Maj. Jermaine Adams, Sgt. 1st Class Matagisila Lefiti and Staff Sgt. Demarcus Heath, as well as Army Civilian Vanessa Kennedy. (U.S. Army photos by C.J. Lovelace)

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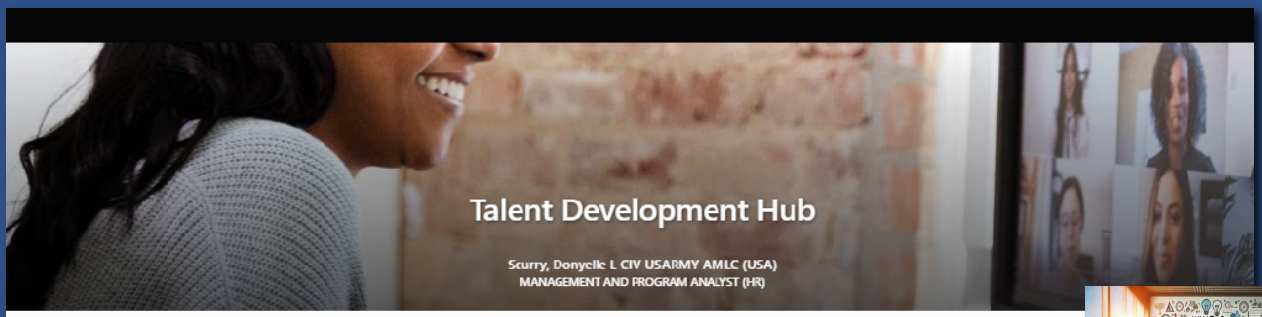

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The Talent Development Hub strengthens the AMLC workforce by delivering accessible, high-quality learning resources that build capability, enhance readiness, and support continuous professional growth. This Hub serves employees, supervisors, and leaders by providing tools that improve performance, accelerate development, and reinforce AMLC's commitment to cultivating a modern, skilled, and mission-ready workforce.











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AMLC leadership serves Spiritual Readiness Dinner

U.S. Army Medical Logistics Command leadership - Col. Deon Maxwell, Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew DeCola, Maj. Doug Roth, Capt. Justine Juan and Sgt 1st Class Brandi Brown serve dinner to single Soldiers during the Fort Detrick Garrison Spiritual Readiness Dinner, Sept. 28, 2026. Led by garrison chaplains in partnership with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, the recurring dinner strengthens spiritual readiness, builds community connection and fosters holistic resilience.



AMLC Soldiers support Expert Field Medical Badge training

In September 2026, AMLC delivered critical support to The Old Guard and the Medical Readiness Brigade–National Capital Region's Expert Field Medical Badge training by providing more than 5,000 pieces of Class VIII medical materiel. Additionally, AMLC sent three Soldiers to take part in the demanding multi week EFMB training and evaluation event, conducted from Sept. 18 to Oct. 2. The EFMB course rigorously assesses physical fitness, mental resilience, and tactical medical proficiency as candidates strive to earn one of the Army's most respected and challenging skill badges.

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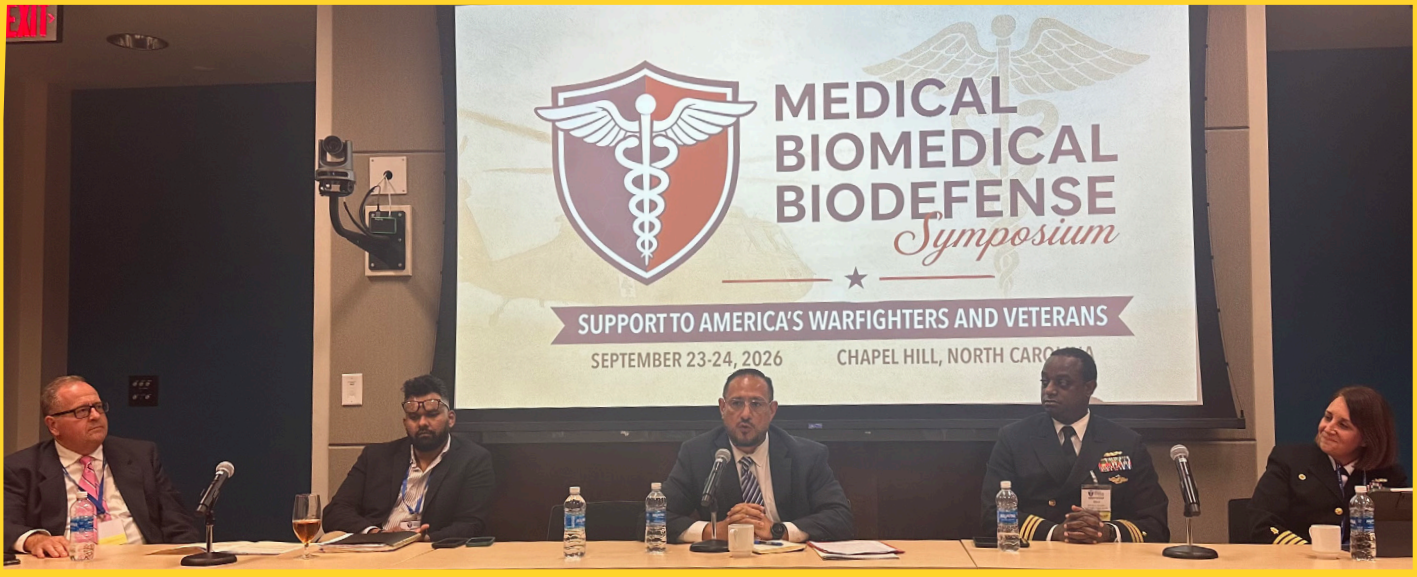
AMLC at the Medical Biomedical Biodefense Symposium

AMLC Commander Col. Deon Maxwell and Jorge Magana, former director of AMLC's Medical Maintenance Management Directorate, speak as a panelists at this year's Medical Biomedical Biodefense Symposium, Sept. 24, 2026 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The panel focused on aligning commercial medical innovation with operational realities in contested environments, with Maxwell highlighting the critical shift to large-scale combat operations and urging industry partners to develop ruggedized, open-architecture and field-maintainable medical solutions for the tactical edge.



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MMOD-PA outing

Personnel from AMLC's Medical Maintenance Operations Depot Pennsylvania, attended a minor league Hudson Valley Renegades (New York Yankees High-A affiliate) baseball game on Sept. 16, 2026. The outing was organized to promote unit morale, foster team cohesion, and strengthen professional relationships among military and civilian staff outside the traditional office environment.



USAMMC-K remember 9/11

Members from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea participate in the U.S. Army Garrison-Daegu 9/11 Remembrance Run on Sept. 11, 2026. The annual memorial run and ceremony were held to honor the nearly 3,000 victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and recognize the sacrifices of more than 16,000 veterans of the Global War on Terrorism.



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AMLC civilians earn achievement medals

Four headquarters staffers received Army Civilian Service Achievement Medals during an AMLC quarterly town hall on Sept. 18 at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Presented by AMLC Commander Col. Deon Maxwell and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew DeCola, the awardees included:

- Jonathan Hallenberg, S-6
- C.J. Lovelace, PAO
- Eric Ross, S-6
- Richard Brown, S-6 (not pictured)

(U.S. Army photos by Maj. Daniel Miller)





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USAMMC-K validates Wartime Host Nation Support capabilities

Leaders from U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea and members of the Korean Service Corps conduct a joint site walk-through at Dongbu Elementary School on Sept. 22, 2026. The bilateral team assessed the school's facilities and held a question-and-answer session to validate Wartime Host Nation Support capabilities, ensuring seamless contingency support and emergency preparedness cooperation between U.S. forces and Republic of Korea partners.



Team building at USAMMC-K

Personnel from the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center-Korea gathered for a unit potluck to celebrate Chuseok, the traditional Korean harvest festival, on Sept. 28, 2026. This event allowed all to experience Korean cultural traditions and strengthen professional bonds and also allowed the team hosted a baby shower to honor Ms. Jang, executive assistant for the USAMMC-K command group, ahead of her scheduled maternity leave.

What do you do?

I currently serve as the PACOM officer in charge, responsible for plans and operations related to APS activities across the PACOM AOR. I also support my teammates within FPD as needed, drawing on my previous experience as the USAMMA S-3 prior to its discontinuation. I'm always glad to support the people, the mission and our partners.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The people!

How long have you worked here?

I've been at AMLC just over a year. Prior to that, my family and I were in Korea.

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MAJ. JEREMY SEARLES

Force Projection Directorate, AMLC



What's your favorite quote?

"We fail ... tasks we don't have the guts to quit. Knowing when to quit is such a strategic advantage that every single person, before undertaking an endeavor should enumerate conditions under which they should quit."

– David Epstein, Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World

He argues that the challenges organizations and individuals avoid – whether from fear or overly narrow focus – often offer the most growth. Embracing risk and being willing to decide or quit something is central to how generalists succeed.

What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy reading, running, soccer and new adventures with my toddler!

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ANTHONY D. ZAPANTA

Inventory management specialist, AMLC/MMOD-CA



What do you do?

As an inventory management specialist, I manage the PM M2S stock record account, overseeing 1,611 medical assets valued at $34.6M for rapid worldwide fielding. I supervise shipping/receiving, manage hand receipts, and serve as the CMOS Administrator. Additionally, I coordinate tactical maintenance and manage transportation funding by generating and reconciling Army Funds Verification & Use Authorization (FVUA) requests.

What do you do outside of work?

Favorite thing to do outside work is fishing. Nothing quite compares to the excitement of hooking a big catch and hearing the reel "screaming."

How long have you worked here?

I started as a contractor back in November 2016 and was picked up as an Army Civilian in July 2017, so it's been about 10 years now with the organization.

What's your favorite quote?

"A bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work" – Unknown

Why? – It's not about the fish; it's about resetting the mind and soul. It brings more joy, peace and memories. Any fish caught is just a bonus.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

It is the team members. I enjoy working with them and can consider them as family.

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ALBERTO SOTO RIVERA

HR specialist/Deputy S-1, USAMMC-E

What do you do?

As deputy human resources specialist, I support HR operations by assisting with personnel actions, ensuring policy compliance and helping employees navigate HR processes. I work closely with staff and leadership to keep administrative and personnel matters running smoothly.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy being able to help employees solve problems and feel supported. Contributing to a positive workplace and making processes easier for others is the most rewarding part of my work.

What's your favorite quote?

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

— Robert Collier

This quote resonates with me because it highlights the importance of consistency. Progress doesn't always come from big leaps — often it's the daily commitment that leads to meaningful results.

What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy walking and participating in outdoor events. Anything that gets me outside and active is a favorite.

How long have you worked here?

I have been working for USAMMC-E since January 2025.

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CHAEHUN CHOE

SOH specialist, USAMMC-K



What do you do?

I am the safety officer at USAMMC-K. I manage the organization's safety program and work to provide a safe and healthy workplace for our employees. I do workplace inspections, risk management, safety training, accident prevention and maintain our safety system, ISO 45001.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy that my work helps keep people safe. It is rewarding to identify a hazard, find a practical solution and see that solution make the workplace safer.

How long have you worked here?

About 10 years at USAMMC-K.

What's your favorite quote?

"Mountains are mountains, and water is water." This saying is attributed to the Korean Buddhist monk Seongcheol. Although it has many interpretations, I understand it as a reminder to see things as they truly are, without prejudice or preconceptions. That is how I try to approach both my work and life. Of course, it's not always easy.

What do you do outside of work?

I enjoy cycling in my free time, especially long distance. I did Korean cross country last year. It is a great way for me to relax, exercise and explore new places.

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