



USAMRMC STRATEGIC INFORMATION PAPER

US ARMY MEDICAL MATERIEL CENTER-KOREA (USAMMC-K)

MISSION

Provide Medical Logistics Sustainment to our Customers, Contribute to a Responsive Health Care System and Prepare to Fight Tonight.

VISION

The Joint Medical Logistics Provider of Choice.

BACKGROUND

USAMMC-K's mission is to provide medical logistics sustainment to our customers ensuring that they have the right support, at the right place, at the right time, and in the right quantity. USAMMC-K contributes to a responsive healthcare system that includes support to both a garrison healthcare mission, for example military hospitals and clinics, and to a field healthcare system, for example the 2nd Infantry Division field operations. Both healthcare systems provide world-class healthcare, but in different environments. Finally, as all units that support US Forces Korea (USFK), USAMMC-K stands ready to "Fight Tonight," if necessary, alongside our Korean allies to defeat aggression on the Korean peninsula. USAMMC-K's vision is to provide medical logistics to all Joint forces which includes Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines and exceed our customers' expectations so that we remain the Joint logistics provider of choice. Of note, we also provide medical logistic sustainment in support of several US Department of State embassies including the embassy in Seoul, Thailand, Japan and Mongolia. USAMMC-K is primarily located at Camp Carroll in Waegwan, South Korea. In addition, USAMMC-K has a medical maintenance capability at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul, i.e. a small group of 14–17 Soldiers that provide medical maintenance support. USAMMC-K's workforce of Korean National (KN) employees, Department of the Army (DA) Civilians, U.S. Soldiers, Korean Service Corps (KSC) employees and borrowed military manpower from the 65th Medical Brigade (including the 563rd Medical Logistics Company) contributes to medical readiness of U.S. forces on the Korean peninsula.

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USAMMC-K serves as USFK’s Theater Lead Agent for Medical Materiel (TLAMM), and as such, it provides medical materiel support to theater medical forces, ensures tactical units are integrated into the medical supply chain and assist the Combatant Commander, in our case the USFK Commander, in health logistics support planning. This mission is specified in Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 5101.15, Department of Defense Medical Materiel Executive Agent Implementation Guidance. As specified by our Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, we support the USFK Commander on behalf of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). DLA is the Department of Defense’s largest logistics combat support agency, providing worldwide logistics support in both peacetime and wartime to the military services as well as several civilian agencies and foreign countries. DLA serves as the Executive Agent (EA) for medical materiel, and USAMMC-K manages DLA’s Defense Working Capital Fund in support of USFK. USAMMC-K’s core competencies are: acquisition, storage and distribution of medical materiel; medical maintenance; optical fabrication; and information management/information technology (IM/IT) systems and administration including customer support functions. USAMMC-K manages two centrally-funded programs, i.e. medical chemical defense materiel (MCDM) and pandemic influenza (PI) stocks. USAMMC-K contributes to Eighth Army’s medical readiness by managing and fielding countermeasures used in the protection and treatment of Soldiers in the event of a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear attack. These counter measures include: pretreatment, treatment, antidotes skin decontamination and Potency and Dated (P&D) items for the Medical Equipment Set, Chemical Agent Patient Treatment. To ensure immediate availability, the MCDM is positioned at USAMMC-K’s strategic location. PI stocks managed by USAMMC-K are centrally funded assets by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and are intended to respond to a pandemic or other public health emergency, if needed.

KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

USAMMC-K serves as United States Forces Korea (USFK) Theater Lead Agent for Medical Materiel (TLAMM) and executes Eighth Army’s Single Integrated Medical Logistics Manager (SIMLM) mission.

USAMMC-K safety standards and practices have shown to be above and beyond what is required resulting in the recognition as a VPP Start Status Site.

USAMMC-K business quality management and occupational health and safety management practices have been certified according to ISO 9001 and 18001 standards.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q *Where can I find out more information on USAMMC-K?*

A *<http://usammc-k.amedd.army.mil>*



Q *What is the VPP Star Status and how did USAMMC-K accomplish this significant achievement?*

A Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) is a DOD program designed to reduce accidents by building a safety-conscious culture in the workplace through the good implementation of safety practices and procedures. Achieving Star Status requires three stages of assessments. Each stage having 81 criteria's (total of 243) to be met focusing on management leadership and employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control, and safety and health training.

The path to achieve the Star Status was filled with many obstacles including unit renovations that could easily have complicated or distracted the staff from earning the safety status, and the language barrier. Training was translated into Hangul, in order for the Korean Nationals to fully understand VPP and safety.

Thirty-six months is the standard duration to complete the three-stage assessment to achieve a Star Status but with hard work and due diligence, USAMMC-K was able to complete it in 17 months. USAMMC-K is the first MEDCOM organization to receive the Start Status within Asia.

Q *What is ISO 9001 certification?*

A The ISO is the world's largest developer and publisher of international standards and is a network of the national standards institutes of 158 countries. ISO certification programs are developed for thousands of business practices and represent a consensus on those practices. ISO 9001 and 18001 are generic standards that can be applied to all types of businesses for quality management and occupational health and safety management, respectively. USAMMC-K is certified 9001 and 18001. These certifications indicate that an independent external body has reviewed USAMMCK's management practices and verified that the practices meet the requirements in the standards.