



USAMRDC Good News Story



U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command

Town Hall, Patch Ceremony Mark USAMRMC Redesignation to USAMRDC

- Army leaders redesignated the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command as the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command on May 31.
- USAMRDC will align under the new Army Futures Command, which was inaugurated in late 2018 as part of an effort to spread modernization across the force.
- USAMRDC and Fort Detrick Commanding General Major General Barbara R. Holcomb made clear the mission of the command will remain the same despite the name change.
- Notable achievements during the 60-year history of USAMRMC include the development of Tafenoquine (the first FDA-approved prophylactic drug for malaria in more than two decades), the discovery of the first human antibodies that work against all Ebola viruses and the continued refinement of a freeze dried plasma product.
- As a result of the redesignation, the command's website has been updated and relaunched, and can now be found at: <https://mrdc.amedd.army.mil/>



Clockwise from top: 1) USAMRDC Command Sergeant Major Timothy J. Sprunger applies a new AFC patch to a Soldier during the redesignation ceremony on May 31 (courtesy USAMRDC Public Affairs) 2) USAMRDC logo 3) USAMRDC and Fort Detrick Commanding General Major General Barbara R. Holcomb addresses ceremony attendees on May 31 (courtesy USAMRDC Public Affairs)

OUTCOME: The redesignation of the USAMRMC to the USAMRDC will aid the Army in its effort to both spread and spur modernization efforts across the entire force.