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6TH MEDICAL LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT CENTER (6TH MLMC)

MISSION

Deploy, establish, integrate and synchronize medical logistics operations in support of Army or joint forces specified missions.

BACKGROUND

The 6th Medical Logistics Management Center is a FORSCOM unit ADCON to the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. The 6th MLMC is the only medical logistics management center in the U.S. Army, and is expected to support operations within any of the six Combatant Commands. The 6th MLMC has its headquarters in the Defense Medical Logistics Center at Fort Detrick, Maryland. The 6th MLMC provides operational-level management of critical Class VIII materiel, patient movement items, optical fabrication, contracting and medical equipment maintenance support.

The 6th MLMC teams are allocated one per Combatant Command, and when deployed, attach to the senior medical command in theater, collocating with the Distribution Management Center of the Theater Sustainment Command/Expeditionary Sustainment Command, as well as the joint deployment distribution operations center, if established. The teams are tailorable, depending on the mission requirements, and serve as a link between strategic partners and theater-level MEDLOG requirements. In this role, the 6th MLMC supports units as they deploy, while they are deployed in theater and when they return to home station.

The 6th MLMC offers the ability for the Army Service Component Command to coordinate all elements of the supply chain, synchronize theater medical logistics and integrate service-specific processes in order to achieve higher levels of overall performance and reduce cost. The 6th MLMC supports MEDLOG units of all services and recommends cross leveling of workload or resources to achieve compatibility and maximum efficiency. While the 6th MLMC's mission is to provide synchronized medical logistics operations in support of any Army or joint force

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specified mission, the 6th MLMC is typically utilized at various organizations within the Combatant Command where Class VIII planning is conducted. The 6th MLMC is engaged with these organizations through all phases of planning, pre-deployment, deployment and post deployment. Currently, a forward team is deployed to support enduring missions in U.S. Central Command. Additionally, teams are assisting U.S. Northern Command/Joint Task Force-Civil Support and U.S. Southern Command/JTF-Bravo.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q *How is the 6th MLMC organized to achieve its core competencies?*

A The 6th MLMC is organized into four directorates: (1) Operations, Communication and Intelligence Directorate; (2) MEDLOG Enterprise Integration Directorate; (3) Equipment and Technology Management Directorate; and (4) Global Support Directorate. The OCID is responsible for the internal operation and support of the unit and consists of the primary staff. The MEID is responsible for synchronizing FORSCOM medical logistic elements with the Medical Logistics Enterprise to de-conflict business process issues and IT application concerns among the customers. The MEID provides training in several IT platforms and provides a link between the operational force and the MEDLOG enterprise to streamline the supply chain through consultation, staff assistance visits, research and analysis, to produce more efficient performance and service. The MEID, in conjunction with the ETMD, provides the capability to deploy on order and establish a theater medical material management center. The ETMD delivers centralized theater-level management and technical direction for operational medical maintenance management programs, as well as providing enterprise level support to FORSCOM through analysis, evaluation and assistance to unit medical maintenance management programs. The GSD has four deployable teams aligned with specific COCOMs and their unique missions.

KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

The 6th MLMC is the link between the Operational Force and the MEDLOG Enterprise:

- The 6th MLMC coordinates all elements of the medical supply chain to achieve a higher level of overall performance and reduce cost.
- The 6th MLMC synchronizes Theater Medical Logistics through coordination with the Medical Logistics Enterprise, application integration, and de-conflicting Service specific processes.
- The 6th MLMC increases the readiness of deploying forces by ensuring flexibility is maintained within a lean system of delivery.

The 6th MLMC's Core Competencies are:

- Supply Chain Planning and Theater Policy Development
- Medical Maintenance Planning and Theater Policy Development
- Systems integration
- Supply chain and maintenance data analysis



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Q *How does the 6th MLMC engage with supported COCOMs?*

A The 6th MLMC provides support to the COCOMs and ASCCs by integrating a team from GSD with the surgeons' staffs, the TSC/ESCs or MC (DS). The team attends exercises, plans assistance visits, provides systems training and facilitates routine communications between planning cells. In the event a forward team is required to deploy, the team is attached to the appointed SIMLM within a given COCOM and collocates with the Distribution Management Center of the Theater Sustainment Command/Expeditionary Sustainment Command, as well as the Joint Deployment Distribution Operations Center, if established. The forward support team serves as a link between national-level support and theater-level distribution.

Q *How has the 6th MLMC provided assistance during global contingency operations?*

A The 6th MLMC was instrumental in the establishment of the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Center – Southwest Asia (USAMMC – SWA) in 2002. Prior to the USAMMC – SWA, there was no Class VIII materiel management capability in USCENTCOM AOR other than tactical units in temporary shelters. The 6th MLMC (who was already war-traced to support USCENTCOM) was deployed to stand up an in theater materiel management center which resulted in the establishment of the USAMMC – SWA (P). The 6th MLMC has provided personnel in leadership roles at the USAMMC – SWA since 2002 and continues to support at the USAMMC – SWA and at USCENTCOM. During Operation Unified Assistance in 2014, the 6th MLMC GSD AFRICOM team deployed medical logistics experts to the USAFRICOM, while the 6th MLMC MEID and ETMD provided a coordinating element for Ebola response efforts from CONUS.

Q *Where can one find more information about the 6th MLMC?*

A The 6th MLMC has a public website accessible through the Fort Detrick and USAMRMC websites. The direct 6th MLMC website is <http://6mlmc.detrick.army.mil/>. The website provides additional details about the organization and its capabilities.