USAMRDC Passes the Flag During Symbolic Change of Command Ceremony







From left to right: MG Holcomb, GEN Murray and BG Talley salute the Command Units.

On a hot, sunny July morning, another very symbolic milestone for the USAMRDC took place. MG Barbara Holcomb officially handed over the organizational reins to BG Michael J. Talley at 0900, during the MRDC Change of Command. This long-standing, traditional ceremony took place outdoors on the picturesque Blue & Gray Parade Field, in front of Bldg. 810 with Troops in formation.

Having commanded Fort Detrick / USAMRDC since July 2016, MG Holcomb left behind an impressive legacy! Not only was she the installation's first female commander, but some of her previous assignments include Commanding General – Regional Health Command – Central (Provisional), Fort Sam Houston, TX, and Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Medical Command, as well as deployment to Desert Shield / Desert Storm! MG Holcomb has proudly and dutifully guided the USAMRDC to become the organization we know and love today, and helped seamlessly navigate the Command through some rough seas during all the transitions over the last two years. Team TATRC was honored to have operated under her leadership these past few years and wish her a happy & well-deserved retirement!

Team TATRC would also like to extend a hearty welcome to BG Michael J. Talley! Coming to the MRDC from his appointment as the Deputy Commanding General, Regional Health Command Atlantic, BG Talley has been serving our great Nation for 36 years!
His latest appointment as Commanding General leads an impressive list of career accomplishments!

BG Talley is no stranger to MRDC or Fort Detrick as he served as the Commander of the 6th MLMC.

Volunteering for military service in 1983, BG Talley has assembled quite an impressive list of career achievements, including the United States Army Forces Command Surgeon and, most recently, the Deputy Commanding General, Regional Health Command – Atlantic, as well as awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star, among many others! Additionally, BG Talley served Operation Iraqi Freedom combat tours as the Executive Officer of 261st Medical Battalion (ABN) and S3, 507th Corps Support Group (ABN), as well as a deployment to Saudi Arabia as the Assistant Program Manager for Health Affairs, Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard (OPM-SANG) Modernization Program.

His latest appointment as CG of Fort Detrick / USAMRDC is a fitting step forward, placing an organization that's proven to do great work under the guidance and direction of a proven leader!

Team TATRC is proud and excited to welcome BG Talley to Fort Detrick, and we look forward to the future!