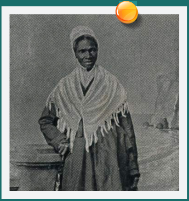




2024 Fort Detrick Women's History Month Observance
26 March 2024

1000-1120 Fort Detrick Auditorium, 1520 Freedman Drive
Hosted by US Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA)

WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS



Host:
Ms. Thea R. Maddox
Hofgesang Director/Senior
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Army Medical Research
Acquisition Activity
(USAMRAA)



Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Karl Friedl,
Chief Physiologist of
the Army USARIEM US Army
Futures Command



Guest Speaker:
Dr. Gayle's Vaday,
Civilian Deputy
Director, CDMRP, U.S.
Army Medical Research
and Development
Command (MRDC)



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



NARRATOR GREETING

Mr. Michael Blount

INVOCATION

LTC Linda Lesane

NATIONAL ANTHEM

SGT(P) Lauren Pechev

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF HOST

Mr. Michael Blount

HOST OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Thea Hofgesang, USAMRAA Director

MUSICAL SELECTION

Army Downrange Band

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Michael Blount

SPECIAL TOPIC GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Gayle Vaday

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ARMY SONG

SGT(P) Lauren Pechev & Army Downrange Band

CONCLUSION OF CEREMONY



HOST

MS. THEA R. MADDOX HOFGESANG

Ms. Hofgesang is currently the Director and Senior Contracting Official (SCO) of the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA), Fort Detrick, Maryland; a position to which she was promoted in August 2020. As the Director of USAMRAA, Ms. Hofgesang's responsibilities include planning and directing the day-to-day operations of the Activity, establishing and implementing contracting, assistance, and other transaction agreement procedures, programs, and activities necessary to accomplish the acquisition mission; maintaining internal management control for the acquisition process, providing acquisition and business solutions and services in support of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command's (USAMRDC) extramural research and development programs, and all other customer organizations. As the SCO, Ms. Hofgesang is responsible for issuing Command Policy regarding Procurement and Contracting (Acquisition), presenting the Command's procurement issues to the Head of the Contracting Activity at the Defense Health Agency (DHA).



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. KARL EDWARD FRIEDL BIO:

Karl Friedl, PhD, is the chief physiologist of the Army, mentoring and leading research on limits of human performance. Previously, he served for thirty years as a uniformed physiologist, conducting, leading, and funding research in military operational medicine and innovative medical technologies. Recently, he completed editing a collection of articles on biomedical considerations in Arctic operations and a special supplement on Gender Integration in Recruit Training. He currently co-chairs NATO groups on cold weather operations and on fatigue monitoring and interventions, and is involved in studies to modernize body composition and physical readiness standards, clinical issues and the physiology of postpartum return to duty, and physiological monitoring and predictive models of the human for Army materiel developers and mission planners.



SPECIAL TOPIC GUEST SPEAKER

DR. GAYLE VADAY BIO:

Dr. Gayle Vaday is the Civilian Deputy Director of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP), U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC), Fort Detrick, MD.

Dr. Vaday provides senior-level leadership for medical research programs totaling \$1.5 billion in Congressional appropriations each year. She supports the Director in overseeing all aspects of CDMRP research administration and business execution. She leads strategic initiatives and processes to further the mission of CDMRP and USAMRDC. Dr. Vaday engages with DoD and external stakeholders, including federal, academic, non-profit, and consumer advocacy organizations, to facilitate collaborations, ensure transparency, and communicate CDMRP's accomplishments. She has represented CDMRP as a speaker for diverse forums including the National Academy of Medicine and White House initiatives for Cancer Moonshot and Women's Health Research. Dr. Vaday served as a federal liaison on several interagency committees, and she is currently a steering committee member of the Innovation Equity Forum, a global collaboration focused on women's health R&D. Dr. Vaday graduated with a B.A. in Biology from Whittier College. She received her Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, where she received distinguished awards for research and teaching. Dr. Vaday is married to a teacher in the Baltimore City public school system. She has three children, who inspire her to support military service, disabilities and special needs, and women's health.

THE ARMY SONG

VERSE:

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

CHORUS:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And the Army goes rolling along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along.

REFRAIN:

Then it's hi! hi! hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where'er we go,
You will always know
That the Army goes rolling along.



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