

2025 BEST MEDIC COMPETITION

U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Texas



**BEST
MEDIC**



CHALLENGE

1-4 DECEMBER 2025



Sequence of Events

Welcome

Invocation*

CH (LTC) GERALD WOODFORD

National Anthem*

SUNG BY SFC CORDEL FOSTER

Opening Remarks

MG ANTHONY MCQUEEN

Competition Video

Presentation of Awards

Remarks

CSM JESUS GONZALEZ

The Army Song*

*Please Stand

Thank you to the following units and organizations for making this week possible:

502d Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office
Headquarters Support Company
59th Medical Operations Squadron, Lackland AFB
Battalions of the 32d Medical Brigade: 232d, 264th, 188th, 187th
Medical Noncommissioned Officer Academy
Fort Sam Houston Training Support Center
Fort Cavazos Training Support Center
Range Control and Army Support Activity, JBSA-Camp Bullis
Medical Education and Training Campus
Combat Medic Specialist Training Course (CMSTC)
Directorate of Communication
MEDVID TV
Soldier Medic Training Site (SMTS)

MG Anthony McQueen

**Commanding General
U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence
Senior Army Element Commander,
Joint Base San Antonio**



Major General Anthony L. McQueen is a native of Texas and a graduate of Sam Houston State University where he was commissioned as an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate in 1991.

Major General McQueen most recently served as the Commanding General, Medical Research & Development Command and Fort Detrick, Maryland. He has commanded at every level from company through brigade. He has served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army Medical Command and was detailed to Operation Warp Speed from May 2020 - May 2021. He also commanded Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, United States Army Medical Activity, Fort Campbell, Kentucky from June 2017 to June 2019 and the 402d Army Field Support Brigade, Fort Shafter, Hawaii from August 2015 to June 2017.

He served two Operation Iraqi Freedom combat tours and two tours in the Republic of Korea. He has served with the 2nd Infantry Division, the 25th Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, and the 1st Cavalry Division. He has also held key leadership positions at both the Medical Brigade and Brigade Combat Team levels, Division Staff, U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence, and the Office of the Surgeon General.

Major General McQueen is a graduate of the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course; he has also completed the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and the National War College. He holds a Master of Science in National Security Strategy, and a Master of Arts in Health Services Management.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; and the Overseas Ribbon. He also wears the Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.



CSM Jesus H. Gonzalez

**Command Sergeant Major
U.S. Army Medical Center of Excellence
Senior Army Element Enlisted Leader
Joint Base San Antonio**

Command Sgt. Maj. Jesus Gonzalez is a native of Bakersfield, CA. He enlisted in the Active Army in November 1995, graduated Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, KY, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX, as a 68W, Combat Medic. His previous assignments

include: CSM, Medical Readiness Command, Europe (Sembach, Germany); CSM, 62nd Medical Brigade (Joint Base Lewis-McCord, WA); CSM, 421st Multi-functional Medical Battalion, (Baumholder, Germany); Chief Medical NCO, 1st Area Medical Laboratory (Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD); Basic Leader Course Manager, NCO Leadership Center of Excellence, (Fort Bliss, TX); First Sergeant, C Co., 173rd Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), (Vicenza, Italy); Operations NCO, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd BSB, (Afghanistan); First Sergeant (31st Combat Support Hospital, Fort Bliss.); Senior Leaders Course Senior Small Group Leader, (Fort Sam Houston); Observer Controller (Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA); Platoon Sergeant, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment (1-6 IN), (Iraq); Aid Station NCOIC, 1-6 IN, (Baumholder, Germany); Evacuation NCO, 1-11 Armored Cavalry Regiment, (Fort Irwin, CA); Battery Medic, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, (Fort Bragg, NC). CSM Gonzalez's Combat and Operational deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF I, May 2003-July 2004); Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF X, December 2009-December 2010); and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF XII, June 2012-March 2013). His military education includes: Nominative Leader Course; AMEDD Pre-Command Course; CSM Development Program; BN and BDE Pre-Command Courses; Sergeant Major Course (Class 68); Master Resiliency Trainer Course; Faculty Development Phases 1-3; Army Jumpmaster Course; First Sergeant Course; Battle Staff NCO Course; Observer Controller Academy (JRTC); Army Combatives Level I and II; Master Leader Course; Senior Leader Course; Advanced Leader Course; Basic Leader Course; Small Group Instructor Course; Total Army Instructor Training Course. CSM Gonzalez's civilian education includes a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Texas at El Paso and a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from Excelsior College. He is also a member of the SGT Morales Club and a recipient of the Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3). His awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit (one oak leaf cluster); Bronze Star Medal (one oak leaf cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (one silver oak leaf cluster); Army Commendation Medal (one silver, two bronze oak leaf clusters); Army Achievement Medal (two oak leaf clusters); Presidential Unit Citation; Meritorious Unit Citation (one oak leaf cluster); Army Superior Unit Award (one oak leaf cluster); Army Good Conduct Medal (9th Award); National Defense Service Medal (one bronze service star); Afghanistan Campaign Medal (two bronze service stars); Iraq Campaign Medal (three bronze service stars); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal (bronze star device); NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 5); Army Service Ribbon; Army Overseas Ribbon (Numeral 6); NATO Medal; Master Combat Medical Badge (MCMB), Combat Medical Badge (CMB); Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB); Combat Action Badge (CAB); Senior Parachutist Badge; Drivers Badge (Wheel).

Competition Tasks

- ♦ *Physical Fitness Assessment*
- ♦ *Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills*
- ♦ *Medical Tasks*
- ♦ *Rifle Qualifications*
- ♦ *Water Survival Test*
- ♦ *Stress Shoot*
- ♦ *Day and Night Land Navigation*
- ♦ *Combat Runs*
- ♦ *Litter Obstacle Course*
- ♦ *Mystery Event*

Best Medic Teams



TEAM 1

SSG Stephen Cox
SSG Brandon Sollock

264 Medical Battalion

TEAM 2

SSG Michael Koenitzer
SSG Christopher Tweeddale

232 Medical Battalion



TEAM 3

SFC Lukas Riddar
SSG Jeoungho Park

232 Medical Battalion





TEAM 4

CPT Thomas Garcia
SFC Gregory Gilbert

187 Medical Battalion

TEAM 5

SFC Jack Dunn
SSG Michael Haynes

264 Medical Battalion



TEAM 6

SFC Mike Griffin
SSG Devin Lindberg

188 Medical Battalion



Army Song

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:

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.

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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