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COMMANDER'S CORNER WITH COL. GREGORY GIBBONS

Team,

As I reach the end of my journey here at Letterkenny, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my time in command. You have all aided in my growth as a leader and increased my knowledge of the importance of Letterkenny Army Depot on the Army's organic industrial base.

We all saw this importance firsthand when we combatted the challenges thrown our way by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our mission was deemed necessary, and you all stepped up to ensure the warfighter had their supplies and guaranteed the health and safety of your teammates simultaneously.

One of my priorities as commander was to provide you with a vision and strategy for Letterkenny. Within that strategy, I placed a heavy emphasis on modernization to meet our mission. I have watched this team develop innovative solutions to save the depot time, materials and money. Although change isn't always easy, you have all embraced our strategy, and I have full faith that you will continue to implement in order to shape our future depot.

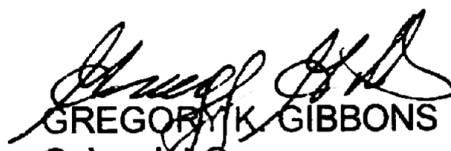
My time working on the line with you enabled me to gain a better understanding of the complexities of our mission. Thank you for welcoming me into your spaces and allowing me the opportunity to better understand our business and how we can better support our Soldiers in the field.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you.

See you on the line!

LEAD, follow or get out of the way!

Respectfully,


GREGORY K. GIBBONS
Colonel, LG
Commanding



FROM THE DESK OF THE SERGEANT MAJOR

SGT. MAJ. EKONDUA AMOKE

Team Letterkenny,

In my initial message to the workforce, I said family is the number one priority. This is still true today even as we navigate the difficult times brought by the pandemic and associated life changes. We should not forget the need to care for our Letterkenny family and friends on and off depot. Their support, and the support we get from each other, is vital to continuing in the footsteps that those who paved the way for us. The legacy of Letterkenny Army Depot will always continue if we do not let a family/team member fall by the wayside.

Also, let us continue to keep SAFETY at the forefront of everything we do. Plan ahead to mitigate any potential safety hazards before an injury occurs. We are well into the summer season with increasing heat, longer days and the urge to accomplish multiple tasks in a short timeframe. Pace yourself, ask for help when needed and don't overexert yourself, thereby creating an unsafe act in the process. Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated. Practice good fire safety when grilling, wear safety equipment when operating machinery and stay healthy by practicing good hygiene.

As we bid farewell to our commander in the coming weeks, we should also remember the initiatives he implemented at LEAD to increase workload, modernize the depot for future work and improve the quality of our products and life. He continues to prioritize our safety and puts our welfare first in everything he does. Let us continue to be loyal to our mission to provide the best quality products to the warfighters globally, maintain excellence and be proud of all we do, adapt to the changing environment we find ourselves in, and take disciplined and prudent actions to ensure LEAD continues to be the Department of Defense Depot for Air, Missiles, Precision Fires, and Space systems.

"They also serve who only stand and wait." - John Milton



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. C. Amoke".

SGM E. C. Amoke
Depot SGM

GO-LEAN-SIX-PEER-GROUP VISITS LETTERKENNY (VIRTUALLY)

BY GINA WOODS, OFFICE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

April 16, Letterkenny Army Depot's Office of Continuous Improvement hosted a virtual Go-Lean-Six Peer-Group. The peer group is comprised of companies located in southcentral Pennsylvania that are focused on continuous improvement in manufacturing, healthcare and services. There are monthly, half-day meetings at participant companies with training, best practice discussions and facility tours. Participation is limited in each group for effective communication and a quality experience. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, meetings have been virtual.

The meeting began with a training session led by Ms. Alice Conner Malyszek entitled "Creating a Culture of Change". One of the questions Malyszek asked the group was, "What does a company culture strive to be versus what it is?" She reviewed Dr. John Kotter's 8-Step Process for Leading Change and recommended two books to the group.

The next agenda item was the round table where the group discussed themes from the last Peer Group and topics related to culture change.

Four members of the LEAD team briefed the Go-Lean-Six Peer-Group on how LEAD is creating a culture of change. The team highlighted the importance of how LEAD must remain flexible, ready and relevant even as the workload continues to be ever-changing. The team shared examples of how LEAD repetitively demonstrates adaptability and embraces change to meet the warfighters' needs. Not only does LEAD exemplify the flexibility required to adapt to the constantly changing demands of workload, but proves it is able to meet those needs at reduced cost, with superior quality and on schedule.

After introductions, Mr. Jonathan Lococo, strategic planning assistant, gave an overview of the LEAD approach to strategy.

Ms. Kathleen Williams, director of the Office of Strategic Management, provided a detailed explanation of the depot's innovation plan. "The plan converts the energy of employee's ideas into new practices, processes or services," she said.

Williams provided some examples of how the depot is promoting and managing innovation with the use of an innovation board. "Innovation exploits good ideas to the advantage of the customer, which results in time gains, reduced risk or greater return on investment," she said.

She also stressed that innovation will happen at all levels within the organization, and that it's imperative for the entire workforce to embrace innovation to achieve forward momentum. "Innovation will be encouraged, recognized and rewarded," she stated. "Our strategy will accept failures but never indolence."

Mr. William Tarman, Office of Continuous Improvement, provided an example of employee-driven innovation. Employees working in the weld area developed the idea to utilize a weld positioner to reduce the repair time and improve quality of work on a trailer.

The project took approximately six months to complete due to relocating the tailstock and



designing and fabricating new adapter fixtures. "This improvement provides better ergonomics and weld positioning for our employees," Tarman shared.

Ms. Kristi Fahnestock, Business Development Office, explained how innovation can benefit the customer. "Innovators are able to see market changes coming from a distance so they can provide solutions for customers' problems before they even know they need them," she said.

Fahnestock discussed the current environment, constantly changing customer needs and how companies must be innovative to achieve success in the future. "The product or service that a company offers may be exactly what a customer needs today but tomorrow they may need something else," she shared.

The goal of the Go-Lean-Six Peer Group meetings is to provide training on topics, sharing round table discussions and featuring continuous improvement journeys and lessons learned. Over 29 people registered for the meeting and walked away with an understanding of how LEAD is implementing innovation at every opportunity. "What is innovation," Fahnestock asked the group. "Innovation is change. Innovation is growth. Innovation is creativity. It is the development and application of ideas that improve the way things are done."

COUNTERING TERRORISM BY THE ANTITERRORISM DIVISION

You are important in many ways in the public safety realm. You assist in accidents, call in fires and assist with someone lying on the ground. Did you know you can help with **Antiterrorism**?

When you travel to work, you see much of the same things every day. The same goes for the commute home. You know every car in your housing development. Bob, arriving home from work at the same time as you, Jill and her boyfriend sitting watching the birds at their feeder. It looks like a normal day in your neighborhood. Wait, you never saw that van around the neighborhood before today. What are those two guys doing just sitting at the cul-de-sac? What are they doing?

You decide to contact the authorities about the suspicious van. The police arrive and locate the van. They question the occupants about their activities. As you watch from the living room window, you see the cops pull their weapons and arrest the occupants from the van. You just helped arrest two known terrorists.

Witnessing and notifying someone of a suspicious activity is an early intervention. You may be reluctant to report behaviors indicative of terrorism

for a variety of reasons, but early intervention has the potential to save lives.

You may not recognize how important your observations are. During the Boston Marathon bombing, if it was not for all the tips and leads, the perpetrators would not have been caught. It was a Watertown resident, who discovered a suspect hiding in a boat in his backyard. He saw something and said something.

Don't depend on someone else.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

**IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING.**

AMCOM SOLDIERS SHOW GRIT AT RUCKER COMPETITION

BY KERENSA CRUM, AMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After a hiatus in 2020 due to the pandemic, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Soldiers vied for top spots in the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Best Warrior Competition at Fort Rucker, Alabama, May 10-14.

Two specialists and a staff sergeant were among the 11 competitors in the typically annual event: Staff Sgt. Daron Ashcraft from AMCOM's Aviation Center Logistics Command at Fort Rucker, Spc. Christian Kerkado-Colon from Corpus Christi Army Depot and Spc. Jaycob Vellon-Colon from Letterkenny Army Depot.

There were also two noncommissioned officers competing for the 2021 Drill Sergeant of the Year Competition, for a total of 13 Soldiers going through rigorous paces.

Ashcraft was dubbed the AMCOM NCO of the Year and Kerkado bested Vellon to earn the AMCOM Soldier of the Year title. Both will represent AMCOM at the U.S. Army Materiel Command level later this year.

"This is my favorite event of the year because I get to see and interact with Soldiers as they compete at the highest levels," said AMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Dove. He said he was really proud of the heart, intestinal fortitude and grit all the Soldiers showed.

A TEAM OF RIVALS – TWO MPS AND A HELICOPTER REPAIRER

Though the three AMCOM Soldiers are all putting their best boots forward with the goal of getting top honors, they are all representing the same headquarters. In the May 11 land navigation event, the trio finished in second, third and fourth place.



SPC. JAYCOB VELLON-COLON

Ashcraft is a UH-60 helicopter repairer who is originally from Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

ACLC Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Burney said this particular NCO was selected based on his attitude, willingness to better himself and his ability to transition from his maintenance background and adapt to the mission of ACLC.

"This command is unique in that we don't actually turn wrenches but we oversee a contract," Burney said. "He has adapted to the new position and continues to get better."

"It's actually good to be able to get outside of work and actually come out and compete against other Soldiers," said Ashcraft, who's been in the Army for 11 years. "It's been rough in that this isn't something Soldiers typically do – in a competitive environment every day, three o'clock [a.m.] show, MREs, hitting it hard, doing night land nav, day land nav, rigor events and ranges all in one day – that's not something most people do. So being able to go out here and do it, it's pretty fun – it's exciting."

Ashcraft said it was great to know his sergeant major had the trust and confidence to select him to represent ACLC and AMCOM.

Kerkado is a military policeman from Puerto Rico who's been in the Army for four years. He joined the Army for "a greater calling" and to follow in his father's footsteps.

"It's challenging," he said. "[This is] not something we get to do every day. So, while we get to do it, we try to practice our skills and apply them in the field."

"Good mentorship is something you definitely need for this competition," Kerkado said, adding that his mentor, Sgt. 1st Class Joshua McKee, was great at filling that role.

McKee, CCAD Security Division MP NCO in charge, described Kerkado as a very positive and motivated Soldier and personable individual who volunteered for this challenge. "Now, keep in mind, he's also going through Auxiliary (Security) Force training at the same time with the Navy," McKee said.

ASF personnel provide augmentation to base security during contingencies, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, civil disturbances, exercises and special events that require heightened levels of security.

Despite the busy schedule and physical demands begin placed on him by the competition and ASF prep, Kerkado said he's honored to have been selected. "As an MP, we don't really get to participate in this type of environment – we usually just do law enforcement."

Kerkado called it an honor to represent CCAD at the five-day event; that he is now AMCOM's top Soldier is just icing on the proverbial cake.

"I'm so proud of that kid," McKee said with a toothy grin.

Vellon is an MP with the Puerto Rico Army National Guard who came to LEAD as part of the Personnel

Force Innovation program. PFI is an initiative by the undersecretary of defense (comptroller) that places National Guard and Reserve service members on one- to three-year tours with active-duty units.

"Spc. Vellon came to LEAD as an MP and he volunteered to do this," said LEAD Sgt. Maj. Ekondua Amoke, who sponsored Vellon and called him a great Soldier.

"For me, it's been challenging because it takes you out of your comfort zone," Vellon said. "I've done better than I thought I would do; I'm overachieving what I thought I was going to conquer."

Vellon said he is proud to be the face of LEAD, to serve as its representative for that depot and has met his goal to be a high achiever for the depot and for himself.

"This is an opportunity for him to have fun while learning and getting experience," Amoke said. "Win or lose, he is the winner for LEAD. He is a hard worker who never gives up. I'm proud of him."

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AMCOM SOLDIERS CONT.

A TEAM EFFORT

"Two years ago when we [held the competition], it was just AMCOM – it was just an AMCOM competition," Dove said. "We used almost every NCO that we had at ACLC to make it happen, which took away from the ACLC daily mission."

This time, AMCOM partnered with Fort Rucker and USAACE and, while some NCOs were still pulled from ACLC, it's not nearly as many.

"I was doing some basic math and I think it's probably close to 20 Soldiers supporting each (competing) Soldier when you look at the grand scheme of things," Dove said. "How many people did it take from the NCO Academy to run the ACFT? How many people does it take to run the [Engagement Skills Trainer]?"

And so on – from transporting the Soldiers to each location, ranges and all the events included in the five-day effort; it was a team effort.

The AMCOM senior enlisted leader reiterated that the figure is just his rough estimate – it's not an accurate number. "The point is, to make this thing happen, it takes a lot of effort," Dove said. "And the ability for us to consolidate those resources makes it a lot better."

Dove expressed his gratitude to Command Sgt. Maj. James Wilson, USAACE Aviation Branch, and Fort Rucker for adjusting their schedules and accommodating AMCOM, resulting in a better competition.

"It's been a challenging feat for the Soldiers and the NCOs," said Sgt. Maj. Morgan Evans, USAACE G-3 sergeant major. "We've seen them build confidence and push themselves harder than what we thought they were going to be able to do, but it's also been a team-building effort for them."

This was Evans's first year being part of the competitions but he said he is looking forward to doing it again next year.



Spc. Jaycob Vellon-Colon from Letterkenny Army Depot (left) and Staff Sgt. Daron Ashcraft from the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Aviation Center Logistics Command finish the land navigation strong May 11. The Soldiers took part in the 2021 U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Best Warrior Competition at Fort Rucker, Ala., May 10-14. Ashcraft earned the title of AMCOM Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

(U.S. Army photo by Katherine Belcher)

CIOT (CLICK IT OR TICKET)

BY THE DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

CIOT MOBILIZATION

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has been working with the states to conduct the national Click It or Ticket mobilization since 2003. Evaluations conducted over these years suggest that CIOT has helped increase awareness and safety belt usage through enhanced enforcement, far-reaching paid media messages and localized media efforts. The national campaigns typically last several weeks and begin with media generated at the national, state and local levels. Paid media at national levels and local levels follow a week or so later, followed by high-visibility enforcement lasting for two weeks.

The CIOT law enforcement mobilization is a proven and effective way to save lives across the United States. Something powerful happens when law enforcement nationwide joins together to crack down on tough highway safety issues: we save lives. Those lives aren't just numbers on a spreadsheet. They aren't just statistics. They are someone's mother, brother, child or grandparent.

FACE THE FACTS

- The national seat belt use rate in 2019 was 90.7% — which is good — but we can do better. The other 9.3% still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives.
- Among young adults 18 to 34 killed while riding in passenger vehicles in 2019, more than half (57%) were completely unrestrained — one of the highest percentages for all age groups.
- Men make up the majority of those killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2019, 65% of the 22,215 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed were men. Men also wear their seat belts at a lower rate than women do — 51% of men killed in crashes were unrestrained, compared to 40% of women killed in crashes.

BUST THE MYTHS

- **Vehicle Type:** There seems to be a misconception among those who drive and ride in pickup trucks that their larger vehicles will protect them better than other vehicle types would in a crash. The numbers say otherwise: 58% of pickup truck occupants who were killed in 2019 were not buckled. That's compared to 43% of passenger car occupants who were not wearing seat belts when they were killed. Regardless of vehicle type, seat belt use is the single most effective way to stay alive in a crash.
- **Seating Position:** Too many people wrongly believe they are safe in the back seat unrestrained. Forty-five percent of all front-seat passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2019 were unrestrained, but 58% of those killed in back seats were unrestrained.
- **Rural vs Urban Locations:** People who live in rural areas might believe their crash exposure is lower, but in 2019, there were 11,971 passenger vehicle fatalities in rural locations, compared to 10,187 fatalities in urban locations. Out of those fatalities, 48% of those killed in the rural locations were not wearing their seat belts, compared to 45% in urban locations.

CLICK IT OR TICKET - DAY & NIGHT

- High-visibility seat belt enforcement is important 24 hours a day, but nighttime is especially deadly for unbuckled occupants. In 2019, 55% of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m.–5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts.
- Click It or Ticket isn't about citations; it's about saving lives. In 2019, there were 9,466 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. To help prevent crash fatalities, we need to step up seat belt enforcement, day and night.

Learn more about the Click It or Ticket mobilization at www.nhtsa.gov/ciot.

RFID AT DS&T

BY JESSICA KOERTH, DIRECTORATE OF SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION

Over two years ago, discussions were beginning to take place within the Directorate of Supply and Transportation and the Directorate of Information Management on how a streamlined service could be integrated at Letterkenny Army Depot. Representatives from DOIM attended Defense Property Accountability System training at Anniston Army Depot, Alabama, and they saw an opportunity to enhance the way business is done at the depot. The technology in question is radio-frequency identification, or RFID.

The concept behind the technology is that RFID allows assets and property to be scanned and barcoded with the click of a remote, handheld device. Using RFID allows the hand receipt holders to scan everything within a two to six foot range and upload the information to the DPAS system.

Tina Diaz, property book officer within DS&T, described the benefit of using RFID technology at Letterkenny. "Right now, 98% of hand receipt holders are using a paper copy of their hand receipt to conduct their annual inventories. RFID/Barcode scanning through DPAS allows the hand receipt holder to scan their barcode/RFID to inventory their hand receipt quickly and move to the next task."

By utilizing the RFID, hand receipt holders would see a reduction in time spent manually entering information.

However, such technology did not come without some drawbacks. With any new system or updates, there will most likely be questions regarding the implementation at Letterkenny.

Technology does not always equate to seamlessness.

"When you deal with Army based IT, it makes it even more challenging," said Mike Rhodes, DOIM division chief. "The Army requires a lot of security settings, and rightfully so, however there are times when software does not run or function as it needs to."

Although implementation posed a challenge, it was teamwork that ultimately solved the problem.

Getting the RFID program off the ground took endless hours of meetings, testing and training between DS&T and DOIM. Through a trial and error testing phase, both directorates have been able to bring a single vision forward.

While the program is not fully operational as of yet, the program is one step closer to being used depot wide.

Kim Gilman of DOIM was one of the first team members to get the project off the ground, and several years later she is seeing it come to life. "I'm proud of my team members for the work they've put into it. Their dedication was phenomenal!"

By coming together to take on the challenge, the employees of both directorates have been able to turn a vision into reality.



EEO SPOTLIGHT – COMMUNICATIONS

BY JEREMY GORDON AND GINA LOOSE, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Now that the COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted, we are coming back to the office and getting back to the way things were before the pandemic occurred. After being out of the office either because of teleworking or due to recovery/down time and communicating with each other mainly through email and telephonic means, it can be difficult to create or re-establish working relationships with your coworkers. As we continue to return to normal, please keep the following in mind:

1. Treat every employee with respect and dignity. Understand that everyone comes from a different background with different experiences that shaped their perception.
2. Always conduct yourself in a professional manner when you interact with others, especially your coworkers. Your actions and words that may be appropriate for off duty time are not always appropriate while in the work environment.
3. Think about how your actions and words impact other employees. Never say or do anything you believe is inappropriate or which may be considered inappropriate by someone else.

Unlawful harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome conduct, offensive comments

or jokes, physical conduct based on a protected class, or reprisal when an employee's acceptance or rejection of such conduct explicitly or implicitly forms the basis for a tangible employment action affecting the employee, or the conduct is sufficiently severe or pervasive as to alter the terms, conditions, or privileges of the employee's employment or otherwise create a hostile or abusive work environment. (Appendix D, AR 690-12).

An employee who believes another person has subjected them to unwelcome harassing conduct should inform that employee that it is unwelcomed and offensive and request that it stop. If the conduct continues, or if the employee is uncomfortable confronting the responsible person(s) about the conduct, he or she should immediately report the matter to their immediate supervisor, the supervisor of the harasser or any other management official in the chain of command. The employee may also report the matter to other officials, including the IG, EEO, CPAC LMER personnel, union officials, or chaplains. If using these alternative options to report harassing conduct, the employee should give the official permission to notify the employee's supervisory or management chain. (Appendix D, AR 690-12).

UPCOMING SPECIAL PROGRAM DATES

26 AUGUST - WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

11 SEPTEMBER – NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

15 SEPTEMBER THROUGH 15 OCTOBER – NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

1-30 OCTOBER – NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

LETTERKENNY'S 50TH COMMANDER: A TRACK RECORD OF EXCELLENCE

BY DORIE E. HEYER, LEAD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**"NEVER TELL PEOPLE HOW TO DO THINGS.
TELL THEM WHAT TO DO AND THEY WILL
SURPRISE YOU WITH THEIR **INGENUITY**,"**

... spoken by General George S. Patton, U.S. Army, embodies the essence of effective leadership. Leading effectively is a combination of the personality traits possessed by a leader and the application of those traits in a constructive manner.

Col. Gregory K. Gibbons began his path of effective leadership at Letterkenny Army Depot Aug. 15, 2019, when he succeeded Col. Stephen Ledbetter as the 50th commander of LEAD. Upon assumption of command, Gibbons alluded to Patton's aforementioned quote, noting the importance of two-way communication between leadership and staff.

"My goal is to listen and learn as much as I can from you – the experts, and to build upon the depot's 77-year legacy of maintaining Army readiness and supporting the warfighter," Gibbons remarked as he accepted the Letterkenny flag and the responsibility of command.

Gibbons quickly implemented measures to achieve his goal of listening and learning from the LEAD team. He established the 'Ask the Commander' forum on the depot's intranet portal, allowing any member of the workforce to ask a question or address an issue with him directly and anonymously. The forum has addressed issues ranging from safety,

to human resources questions, to leadership.

"I am always working to make myself a better leader," Gibbons wrote in a recent forum response. "It is a work in progress and I am learning every day. I promise I will continue to work hard to gain your respect."

In addition to creating an environment of active listening, Gibbons also enacted a means of learning from the workforce. On a regular basis, Gibbons spends the better portion of a day working on the line with employees in various departments across the depot.

Throughout his tenure, Gibbons has spent time learning about the depot's breadth of work through this hands-on approach. By working alongside employees, he is also able to gain perspective and address site-specific issues. Since the inception of this initiative, Gibbons has spent time working with employees in Ground Equipment Maintenance; Patriot Launcher New Build; Route Clearance Vehicles; High Mobility Artillery Rocket System; Public Works; the police department; Force Provider, Patriot Shelters; Theater Readiness Monitoring Directorate; manufacturing & fabrication; production engineering; upholstery; product assurance; supply and transportation; Avenger and Sentinel programs.



Spending time with the individual areas that are responsible for the execution of Letterkenny's mission gave Gibbons a holistic view of the depot as he developed the overarching strategy for LEAD.

"As commander, I have multiple missions; to ensure the LEAD team has the tools they need to deliver exceptional systems to the warfighter today and posturing the depot to meet future requirements," Gibbons said. "For today's mission, we want to deliver to our Performance to Promise metrics."

Under Gibbon's leadership, the workforce consistently delivered on P2P metrics. "We will deliver the best quality systems on time and at cost," Gibbons stated. Since he took command, the average P2P for the depot was 94%.

Gibbons leadership style could be described as capitalizing on the dualities between current mission focus and preparation for future missions. Not wanting the depot's focus to become stagnant, Gibbons prioritized the development of a strategic plan to target the depot's goals for the future.

"Letterkenny leadership has established a strategic modernization plan that examines six key areas of our business and how we can leverage those areas to modernize and improve conditions, efficiencies and effectiveness across the depot."

This drive toward modernization and innovation wasn't hindered by the COVID-19 pandemic, the onset of which occurred merely six months into Gibbons' command.

Rather than allowing the depot to become sidelined

by COVID-19, Gibbons led his team to meet productivity goals and mitigate the impact of the pandemic simultaneously.

In addition to executing its daily mission, the LEAD upholstery shop pivoted to produce personal protective equipment for a local health system. WellSpan Health officials reached out when they learned Letterkenny's upholstery shop was making masks for the depot workforce, March 2020. It didn't take long for the depot to configure its diverse capabilities and adapt procedures for the project that created over 70,000 isolation gowns for the healthcare organization through a Public-Private Partnership.

"As part of the Army's Organic Industrial Base, Letterkenny is prepared to respond when the nation calls," Gibbons said in regard to the partnership. "Part of that response is flexibility – and we're proud to provide a solution for our local community."



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A close-up photograph of a robotic welding arm in a dark industrial setting. The arm is positioned over a metal plate, and a bright, intense blue and white welding arc is visible, creating a spray of sparks. The background is dark, with some faint blue light reflecting off the metal surfaces.

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Partnerships are essential for Letterkenny to support Army readiness. Under Gibbons' guidance, programs from all corners of the depot have embraced partnerships as an innovative tool to further the depot's modernization strategy.

One example is the partnership between LEAD and the metrology lab from the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command in support of the Extended Range Canon Artillery program. Letterkenny is currently executing modification work in support of the ERCA program for the U.S. Army DEVCOM Armaments Center at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey.

The DEVCOM metrology lab is providing LEAD engineers with structured blue light scanning technology to evaluate the surface geometry of the M109 Paladin turrets in order to design and modify them to accept the new breach and barrel designed for the ERCA.

"The partnership with DEVCOM to utilize the scanner allows our artisans to engage in a more efficient workflow as they execute the welding and machining for the ERCA project," Gibbons said.

This partnership with DEVCOM aligns with the depot's strategic modernization plan which focuses on facility upgrades, innovation that drives readiness and supporting personal growth within the workforce.

"The strategy that we developed is a 10 to 15 year strategy for the depot," Gibbons said.

The strategy consists of six focus areas: talent management, readiness enhancement, sales and sustainment, integrated infrastructure, strategic communications and innovation, developed to achieve the overarching strategy. Letterkenny's strategy and underlying focus areas prioritize the concepts of people, modernization and readiness in order to support U.S. Army top initiatives and priorities.

Gibbons also stressed the importance of predicting

the transformation from current programs to future systems as the depot progresses from current day to year 2035.

U.S. Army Futures Command has stood up six Cross Functional Teams, one being Air and Missile Defense another Precision Fires.

"Letterkenny's mission and vision directly align with the programs contained within those CFTs," Gibbons said. "Understanding the priorities of [U.S. Army] Futures Command will enable us to posture Letterkenny for those programs and support the readiness of our future warfighter."

In addition to posturing the depot to accept new workload, Gibbons also placed a priority on modernizing the depot's facilities to accept future programs.

Key projects have been identified within the Integrated Infrastructure plan to upgrade and modernize the depot's facilities to support Army readiness. Some of the upgrades include the construction of a new fire station, a new access control point, construction of a new supply and distribution center, upgrades to existing production facilities and the construction of new industrial operations buildings.

"In order to house the artisans and equipment to support the future programs outlined by Army Futures Command, we must take steps now to prepare our facilities," Gibbons said.

Some of these facility upgrades will impact the local community. Building partnerships with community organizations has also been a top priority under Gibbons' leadership.

Letterkenny leadership hosted the Franklin County Government Affairs Committee for a meeting and tour of the depot May 5. The Franklin County Government Affairs Committee is comprised of the heads of the five chambers of commerce in Franklin

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County and other community members. During the tour, participants learned about LEAD operations, modernization strategies and the economic impact that the depot has on the local economy.



May 6, leadership also hosted Team Letterkenny for an update on the depot and tour of the depot's facilities.

Team Letterkenny was established in 2009 by the Franklin County Area Development Corporation as the local community defense group with the goal to advocate in support of programs and initiatives designed to expand the mission and workload at Letterkenny Army Depot and Letterkenny Munitions Center.

Team Letterkenny is an ad-hoc committee of the FCADC and is comprised of senior leadership from LEAD and LEMC, federal elected officials, state elected officials, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Green and Letterkenny Township supervisors, superintendent of the Chambersburg Area School District, senior management of WellSpan Health System, Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce, director of the Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission, director of southcentral region of the Governor's office, director of Shippensburg University's Center

for Land Use and Sustainability and representation from the FCADC.

"Letterkenny has a longstanding relationship with the Franklin County community in which we reside," Gibbons said. "It's necessary for us to engage in frequent, transparent communication with our community partners to foster trust and continue to build those relationships."

One of the highlights of these tours was the multitude of innovations happening across the depot at all levels. Another key leg of the modernization strategy, the Innovation plan has created an avenue for employees to advocate for modifications to processes and programs that lead to increases in safety, efficiency and effectiveness.



Led by the Office of Continuous Improvement and Office of Strategic Management, Innovation Snapshot projects are sourced from employees and add financial and methodical value to the depot's operations.

Since its inception in fiscal 2021, over 20 projects have been submitted for review. The projects have ranged from automating heavy-duty wheel alignment processes, to ergonomic improvements in welding processes to the implementation of 3D printing technology.

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ENHANCING LETTERKENNY'S READINESS
AND ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF OUR
MISSION," **GIBBONS SAID.****

Patton's quote speaks to the Army principle of leaders developing their subordinates and themselves.

Part of this is done by creating a positive environment where ideas can be shared to develop creative and innovative approaches to supporting the mission.

During his time in command, Gibbons prioritized creating a culture of innovation, safety, the depot's mission and, above all else, the people of **Letterkenny.**

LEAD, FOLLOW, OR GET OUT OF THE WAY!

INNOVATION SNAPSHOTS

EMPLOYEE LEADING IMPROVEMENTS FOR HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE ALIGNMENT - OPTIMIZING PRODUCTIVITY

BY TERRIE DOOM, OFFICE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Letterkenny Army Depot is driving innovation and modernization at all levels. The intent is to capture, develop and execute ideas that will improve customer equipment processes throughout the depot. Daniel Snyder, medium tactical vehicle branch chief in the Directorate of Industrial Operations, brings expertise from previous work experiences and uses that knowledge to benefit customers and improve productivity.

LEAD previously used a manual procedure to verify and correct the alignment of re-installed suspension components on the PATRIOT reset Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles and Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck vehicles as one of the final steps in completing production requirements. The manual alignment procedure frequently exceeded one workday to complete a single vehicle with two mechanics working together.

Snyder recognized an opportunity to reduce the manual vehicle alignment process time and initiated a review of automated heavy-duty wheel aligners.

Snyder led a team that included Anthony Cunningham from the production engineering division of the Office of Strategic Management; Robert Shipp from the industrial cybersecurity division of the Directorate of Information Management; and Charla McKee from the applications division of DOIM. The alignment review team represented all of the key resources to ensure that LEAD acquired an automated wheel aligner that supports LEAD specific heavy-duty vehicles. The team ensured that cybersecurity policies, as well as Federal Acquisition Regulations, were adhered to

throughout the selection and procurement project.

The new mobile heavy-duty vehicle aligner allows for the detection and correction of suspension and steering geometry, measurements and angles.



These factors are imperative in the operation of a safe and properly performing heavy-duty vehicle.

The aligner consists of alignment targets that are mounted on the shop floor, wheel clamps, corresponding measuring heads and the alignment system. The shop area used to perform vehicle alignments remains fully available for other tasks when there is not an alignment in process.

The LEAD FMTV DIO production implementation team, Daniel Snyder, Jon Roberts, and James Garland, have successfully reduced the wheel alignment process by 78%. The final goal is to reduce the FMTV wheel alignment process time even further and share the improved process across all LEAD truck programs.

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Daniel Snyder being recognized by Col. Gibbons at the LEAN Awards, May 4.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL TEAM
MEMBERS AND
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR DEDICATION
TO CONTINUOUS
PROCESS
IMPROVEMENT.**

REMINDERS FROM DOIM

Whether you have been an employee at Letterkenny for 3 months or 30 years, it is important to follow computer usage, expectations and security protocols while using Government Furnished Equipment (GFE). More information and a few of the rules to adhere to listed below:

- Immediately report all network security violations, spillages, or breaches of PII (Personally Identifiable Information) to Cyber Security at 267-5800. Unsure if it is a violation, spillage or breach? Call Cyber Security and explain the situation and they will be happy to help.
- Do not plug any USB thumb drives, phones, memory cards, external hard drives, cameras, wireless mouse or keyboards, or other device into any LEAD PC, notebook, printer, tablet, or other device without getting approval from DOIM or Cyber Security.
- Without the approval of the hand-receipt holder and DOIM, do not move any IT equipment.

- DOIM approval is needed to plug anything in to a network port or to connect to the wireless network.
- Do not leave your Common Access Card (CAC) unattended. In addition, to protect the information on your CAC, you should never tell anyone your PIN or write it down. Your PIN should be kept secure at all times.

Following security procedures and knowing the proper usage of GFE is essential in maintaining a secure work environment. If you are unsure of the proper, procedures... ask. **Better to be secure than sorry.** In the next edition of the Kenny Letter, we will cover a few more rules and expectations that you should be aware of and follow as an employee at Letterkenny Army Depot.

Call *5800 for Cybersecurity

LEAD STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP WITH JADOC

BY JOHN ARDANS, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

At Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., resides the Joint Air Defense Operations Center. Critical to monitoring and safeguarding the skies, JADOC's command and control centers operate 24/7, relaying information about airspace and air defense around the nation's capital.



The Joint Air Defense Operations Center at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. (courtesy photo)

Inside the facility, the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army staff identify and track every aircraft entering Washington, D.C.

JADOC is part of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. The rapid capture and exchange of critical information extends beyond that of the nation's capital. This vital defense data is communicated from JADOC through the country to determine applicable tactical air defense execution.

JADOC contacted Letterkenny Army Depot to execute miscellaneous activities in support of their mission. John Ardans, a business development specialist for the depot, responded to their request and asked if they would also like a tour of Letterkenny where their systems were overhauled and repaired.

April 14, Col. Patrick K. Thompson, commander, Air Missile Defense Task Force, and members from

Task Force Anaconda, 164th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Florida Army National Guard, came to Letterkenny and shared their astonishment over the quality of work that was being done.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for hosting staff members from Task Force Anaconda, 164th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Florida Army National Guard, for a site visit to Letterkenny Army Depot," Chief Warrant Officer 5 Derrick B. Fritts commented. "We greatly appreciate all your support that you have provided for the National Capital Region-Integrated Air Defense System mission, in support of Operation Noble Eagle, over the last decade plus."



Col. Patrick K. Thompson, commander, Air Missile Defense Task Force (center), and members from Task Force Anaconda, 164th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Florida Army National Guard gather in front of an Avenger system during a tour of Letterkenny Army Depot, April 14. (U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

Fritts continued to say, "The outstanding dedication, professionalism and superior work ethic of the

entire Letterkenny staff is a direct reflection on our warfighter's ability to perform the most significant air missile defense mission in the world, in what is arguably the most targeted airspace of our nation's enemies. Your direct support to our mission and our equipment is a significant combat multiplier. Without it, our Homeland Defense mission would be impeded. Thank you again for your hospitality, and we look forward to hosting you and your staff here at the JADOC, as soon as you are able to attend."

Col. Gregory K. Gibbons, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, decided to take Fritts up on his offer. May 4, Gibbons, Dale McClanahan, chief of the Business Development Office, LEAD, and Ardans traveled to the National Capital Region for a tour of the JADOC facility and their Avenger, Sentinel and National Advance Surface to Air Missile System weapon and radar sites.

There was an extremely proud moment when the team from LEAD walked out to view systems that Letterkenny had worked on at one point in time. An Avenger and Sentinel Radar stood in full operation. This is some of Letterkenny's core workload as the depot overhauls and resets Avenger and Sentinel radar systems. The Avenger system is also an integral part of the National Capital Region Integrated Air Defense System mission. Avenger equipped Army National Guard units rotate to the NCR to participate in the mission. The Avenger is used for day and night protection using its Forward Looking Infrared and Laser Ranger Finder to target and destroy manned and unmanned Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance aerial systems. Avenger plays a part in protecting and securing the U.S. Government.

"This trip was highly beneficial to both Letterkenny Army Depot and Joint Air Defense Operations Center," Ardans commented. "It gave everyone a clear understanding of the National Capital Region mission and the importance of fully mission capable equipment."

As the conversations continued, all three members of Letterkenny Army Depot reassured the staff of JADOC that if they called in need of help,

Letterkenny would come running and ready to repair their systems.

At the end of the day, Col. Thompson presented Col. Gibbons, McClanahan and Ardans with Commander's Distinction of Excellence Coins and thanked the team for Letterkenny's contributions to the security of our nation.



John Ardans, business development specialist, Letterkenny Army Depot, explains work that is executed on the Avenger and Sentinel systems at LEAD to Col. Patrick K. Thompson, commander, Air Missile Defense Task Force, and members from Task Force Anaconda, 164th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Florida Army National Guard during a tour of the depot, April 14.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

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- CW5 DERRICK B. FRITTS

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

BY FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION

Annually, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) says that there are approximately 10,600 home fires a year linked to outdoor grilling. Roughly half of the injuries reported involving grills are due to thermal burns. The Letterkenny Army Depot Fire and Emergency Services Division would like to share the following grill fire safety information as provided by NFPA and finish up by providing some additional summertime fire safety tasks that will help make your summer fire safe.

Propane and charcoal barbeque grills should only be used outdoors. The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area. Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill. Never leave your grill unattended. Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

If you are using a propane grill you should check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles if there is a leak. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the

gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least five minutes before re-lighting it.

There are a few other fire safety related items to complete in preparation for the summer. Remember to change all smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries every time you adjust your clocks in the spring and fall. Ensure your recreational fire pit is placed in a safe area away from thick brush and all structures, have a bucket or garden hose nearby, avoid throwing leaves, cardboard, and paper on the fire, and never leave children unattended around the fire. Let's rake up all the leaves that have fallen. Do not burn the leaves to dispose of them. Don't forget to check under your deck and the basement window wells for leaves. Get your lawn maintenance equipment and generators serviced. Ensure your fuel cans are proper for the fuel being stored and that they are in good condition. NFPA recommends that you clean out your dryer hose and vent annually because the extremely flammable lint will build up, block your dryer vent, and cause your dryer to overheat, eventually causing a fire to occur. Never leave your house with the dryer running.

If you follow these simple fire safety tips you can sit back and enjoy your summer. Questions on home or workplace fire safety can be answered by contacting your local fire department or the **LEAD Fire Prevention Branch at 717-267-9101**. The point of contact for this article is Fire Inspector Dave Myers of the Letterkenny Army Depot Fire and Emergency Services Division, Fire Prevention Branch.

LETTERKENNY TEAM DEPLOYS, PROVIDES FORWARD MISSILE SUPPORT

BY DORIE HEYER, LEAD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Two Letterkenny Army Depot employees from the Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness deployed to the U.S. Central Command region. Mike Rogers, an equipment specialist in DMAR, and Todd Santiago, an electronics technician in DMAR, deployed to re-pin a U.S. Patriot missile that was unlocked and had shifted out of position in its canister June 14 – 19.

Earlier this year, certified missile technicians in DMAR validated the field re-pinning process for missiles in the field utilizing fly-away kits designed for field operations.

Taking the lessons learned from the validation training, Rogers and Santiago deployed with short notice to successfully complete the mission.

"It was a rewarding mission in many different ways," Rogers said.

He noted the support and willingness to learn what the DMAR team encountered from the soldiers assigned to the unit.

"They were like sponges soaking up information regarding the mechanics of the missile launch canister and the missile round loaded within the canister," Rogers commented. "We used the opportunity to provide them with insight on the theory of mechanical operation of the launch canister to help them better understand how their operations impact the missile and launch canister." Once on site, Rogers and Santiago executed the assessment and re-pin of the missile quickly and efficiently. The DMAR team also used the deployment to improve processes and refine operations.

"With the proper training, I've learned that we are able to be mission ready within a short timeframe," Santiago said. "I also feel prepared to provide recommendations for future missions to ease



Mike Rogers (left), an equipment specialist in the Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness at Letterkenny Army Depot, and Todd Santiago, an electronics technician in DMAR at LEAD, are part of the DMAR team capable of providing forward support to execute the validated Patriot missile re-pinning process in a field environment. Rogers and Santiago deployed to the U.S. Central Command region in support of a U.S. Patriot missile that was unlocked and shifted out of position in its canister June 14 – 19.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

physical and financial burdens associated with traveling with the required equipment." "With the proper training, I've learned that we are able to be mission ready within a short timeframe," Santiago said. "I also feel prepared to provide recommendations for future missions to ease physical and financial burdens associated with traveling with the required equipment."

The team learned that de-pinned missiles can shift and cause severe damage without ever puncturing the canister cover – a new revelation since the training and process validation earlier in the year..

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LETTERKENNY TEAM DEPLOYS CONT.

The deployment also provided Rogers and Santiago with the opportunity to make improvements to the fly-away kits for future missions.

"This was a valuable trip, and the lessons learned by the team were extremely beneficial because

an actual shifted missile in the field could not be replicated in a training environment," said Michael Craul, branch chief in DMAR. "They are now able to take what was assessed in a field environment and revamp the tooling kit."

OPSEC VAULT

5 STEPS TO PROTECT:

OUR PEOPLE, INFORMATION AND MISSION

1. ANALYZE THREAT

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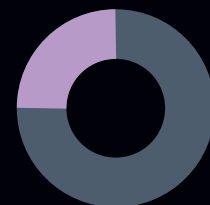
- Who wants your critical information?
- Is there more than one adversary?
- Why does the adversary want your critical information and what is their objective?
- Do they have the capability to get your critical information?
- What methods or techniques can they use to get your critical information?



2. IDENTIFY CRITICAL INFORMATION

THINK:

- What information do you need to protect?
- Why do you want to protect it?
- What information is of value to an adversary?



PROTECT:

- Current and future operations
- Travel itineraries
- Operations planning information
- User names and passwords
- Addresses and phone lists
- Budget information
- Building plans
- VIP/distinguished visitor schedules

3. ANALYZE VULNERABILITIES

THINK:

- How can the adversary get your information?
- How is it protected or not protected?

PROTECT:

- Lack of training and awareness
- Predictable patterns and procedures
- Non-secure communications
- Critical information posted on the internet or discarded in the trash



4. ASSESS RISK

THINK:

- Is the risk great enough to do something about the threat?
- How will the loss of critical information affect your operations?
- What is the cost of losing critical information?



5. APPLY COUNTERMEASURES

THINK:

- How can you stop the adversary from getting your critical information?
- Can you use the same countermeasure(s) for many operations or do you need to develop unique countermeasures?



PROTECT:

- Training and awareness
- Cross shred sensitive documents
- Encrypt email
- Limit web page access
- Use caution when having conversations in public areas
- Install software patches and updates

LETTERKENNY CELEBRATES 246TH ARMY BIRTHDAY

BY DORIE E. HEYER, LEAD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Col. Gregory K. Gibbons, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, presided over a traditional cake cutting ceremony in honor of the 246th Army Birthday June 14.

Gibbons highlighted the Army's theme for the 246th celebration, "Honoring the Courage of the American Soldier". "As we celebrate our Army's Birthday, we remember that whatever challenges we face as a nation, our Army will always be there to answer the call to serve and support," he said.

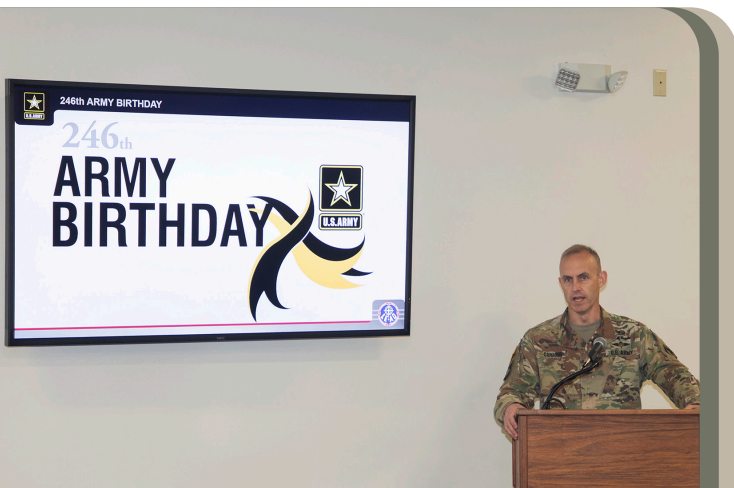
As the celebration offered an opportunity to reflect on the history of the Army and of Letterkenny Army Depot, Gibbons shared the significance of the date – June 14, 1775 – as the day that the Army recognizes its establishment. Gibbons reminded the workforce that as Army Civilians, the work they do exemplifies the Army Values of courage and selfless service and contributes to the positive impact that LEAD makes to the Army and the nation.



"Today and always, we celebrate, recognize and honor Soldiers and their families, Army Civilians, veterans and retirees," Gibbons said. "Army Soldiers and Civilians embody our core Army Values of loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity and personal courage. Happy birthday U.S. Army!"

Gibbons was joined by Sgt. Maj. Ekondua Amoke, depot sergeant major, representing the oldest Soldier, and Spc. Jaycob Vellon-Colon, representing the youngest Soldier, for the cutting of the cake. The cutting of the cake by the youngest and oldest Soldiers represents the passing of tradition from one generation to the next.

The event was held virtually due to COVID-19 mitigation efforts, but all employees were invited to join the command team for a piece of cake to celebrate the 246th Army Birthday.



**"...OUR ARMY WILL ALWAYS BE THERE TO ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE AND SUPPORT."
- COL. GIBBONS**

LETTERKENNY ENGINEER'S WORK ON GENERATORS POWERS CRITICAL SYSTEMS FOR WARFIGHTERS

BY ANTWAUN PARRISH, AMCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Kraig Wickard, a Letterkenny Army Depot electronics engineer, recently had the opportunity to work with The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

Wickard was selected for a CECOM feasibility study due to his primary focus on power generators. The study led to Letterkenny developing a program to rebuild 65 Farymann engines for CECOM.

"During a production meeting with CECOM, they mentioned they were looking for a one-stop shop for generator repair," said Wickard. "They asked if Letterkenny would be interested in rebuilding engines and AC alternators. I elevated this request through the Business Development Office here at Letterkenny."

Due to 2kW to 200kW generators no longer being serviced or produced, CECOM provided a list of engine priorities at LEAD's request, which was based on the number of serviceable engines and monthly demand. The projections for engines helped Wickard's team determine which engine would become priority.

Wickard explained that the power generators are completely disassembled and the parts are sandblasted, repainted and reassembled. All components are inspected and replaced, as necessary, to provide a level of serviceable life span. In many cases the engine is replaced with a rebuilt engine, based on the number of hours on the engine.

"A few of the engines are not available," said Wickard. "The engine used in the MEP-952 generator is one that is not available. This generator uses a Farymann engine that was built in Germany. CECOM was in dire need of this engine. This is the first engine that Letterkenny started to rebuild."

According to Wickard, the engineering team



supporting CECOM and the CECOM liaisons based at LEAD helped him to source the parts needed for the MEP-952 engine. In order to meet their production schedule, they had to work with the Directorate of Public Works and the Directorate of Industrial Operations.

"DPW provided cost estimates and timelines to make the modifications to the buildings," said Wickard. "DIO supports the production schedule and execute the production needs."

Wickard went on to state that this work benefits the warfighter by providing power for critical systems they need. Whether it is a weapons system, a mapping system or a field hospital, if there is no power, Soldiers cannot perform their mission or get the medical services they need.

"Starting this program was a team effort and, without the help and support of the team, it would not have been possible," said Wickard. "The team at Letterkenny and the team at CECOM and those supporting CECOM have done a terrific job putting this together."

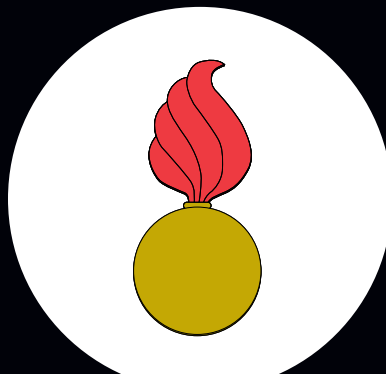
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BY ANDREW NEWMAN, LEAD ARCHIVIST



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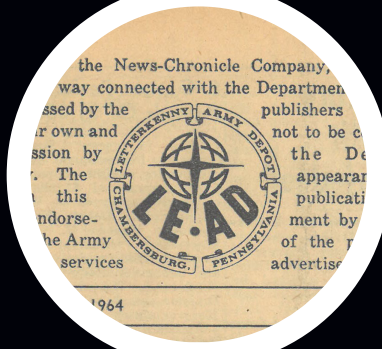
The U.S. Army ordnance logo was adopted as the logo of Letterkenny during World War II as it appeared on most everything shipped to support the war effort. The logo was used on memos, announcements, broadsides and in the Kenny Letter.

... the current LEAD logo that we are familiar with dates back to 1964? From 1942 to 1964, Letterkenny's logo was the Ordnance logo of a bomb with a flame.



1945

1964



The logo, as we now know it, first appeared in the October 1964 Kenny Letter. Around the same time, Letterkenny experienced years of immense growth, evolving with a broader logistics mission to serve national and global inventory control points.

This evolution may have inspired the current logo—capturing the global mission LEAD supported. Letterkenny's new mission eclipsed the original idea of a base for storage of munitions and equipment. The logo we see today reflects that broader mission and vision.



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