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COMMANDER'S CORNER WITH COL. SANTILLO

Team,

It's hard to believe that the end of winter is within our sights. It seems like just yesterday that I took command of LEAD because of all of the great things that have taken place across the installation, some of which are highlighted in this edition of the Kenny Letter.

One current initiative underway at LEAD is ongoing sensing sessions happening across the installation with our Equal Employment Office and Sexual Harassment/Assault Prevention Coordinator. These sessions are one way that we are actively ensuring that the entire installation is a place of diversity, equality, inclusion, accessibility and is free from sexual harassment, sexual assault and associated retaliatory behaviors. These sessions provide the command team with a perspective to directly address any issues, but also provide employees with channels to elevate their concerns. One of my primary goals as LEAD's commander is to ensure everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

Over the past few months, I've had multiple opportunities to engage with the Franklin County community through a variety of events. I cherish these outreach events and look forward to continuing to build and strengthen relationships with the community.

As we move forward into 2024, we are continuing to grow our community engagement efforts. Over the past year, we've been hard at work experimenting with small scale events at the depot. I'm happy to announce that we will be hosting an Armed Forces Day community event this year, and am excited to share more details as we finalize planning efforts.

Thank you for what you and your team continue to do to ensure our warfighters are ready to execute their missions globally.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald C. Santillo".

DONALD C. SANTILLO
COL, LG
Commanding

FROM THE DESK OF THE SERGEANT MAJOR WITH SGT. MAJ. AMOKE

Team Letterkenny,

Thank you for all you have done in the first quarter of FY24, supporting missions across the globe with quality and timely products that keep the Army Rolling Along. As we showcase our capabilities, we still remember what is essential in our mission: employees' safety!

We reduced accidents/incidents by almost 70% and injuries by over 50%, respectively, based on the report from our safety office. This reduction is a testament to meeting our customers' requirements and ensuring that we do it safely across the board. We continue to underwrite the readiness of our warfighters by providing quality, at cost, and timely equipment that guarantees a ready combat force globally. Thank you.

Coming back home, I want to remind you that we have over 1,400 unique employees with 1,400 different personalities. These differences are not and should not be a weakness but a strength. Because of these differences, we have over 1,400 ideas, inputs, innovative minds, and perspectives contributed daily to a workplace that welcomes everyone despite our differences. We owe it to each other to pull together for the good of the depot. We are not made alike, but together, we are stronger. For instance, a single toothpick is vulnerable and more easily broken than a couple of them bonded together. We must bond together to strengthen our organization.

I also see LEAD as a large puzzle that is comprised of over 1,400 individual pieces. Regardless of the size and shape of each piece, we need all pieces to complete the puzzle. Please do not sell yourself short or allow our teammates to be undervalued. We are all pieces of a giant puzzle that must come together to provide our ADA community with the best sustainment support needed to defend this great country and our way of life.

Treat one another with dignity and respect. As much as individual achievement is encouraged, do not strive to climb the mountain while leaving teammates to the left and right of your foxhole behind. We are stronger together if the success of the depot's mission to continue to underwrite the readiness of our warfighters and safety remains our top priority.

The puzzle is complete once all the pieces come together. I am honored to be on this team.

Lead, follow or get out of the way!



SGM E. C. Amoke
Depot SGM



ARMY DEPOT LEADS WAY IN TRANSITIONING TO SAFER FIREFIGHTING FOAM

Story by **Dorie E. Heyer**
LEAD Public Affairs

Letterkenny Army Depot made considerable strides in supporting the Army's three-pronged approach to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as PFAS.

In line with the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020, which prohibits the use of fluorinated aqueous film-forming foam, or AFFF, at any military installation after Oct. 1, 2024, LEAD Fire and Emergency Services transitioned all three of their engines to the updated military specifications for land and maritime firefighting agent, fluorine-free foam, known as FFF.

Under the direction of Fire Chief Dave McGlynn and the supervision of Fire Capt. Scott McGonigal, the LEAD Fire and Emergency Services team successfully transitioned Engine 13-1 with a 50-gallon capacity, and Engines 13-2 and 13-3 with 30-gallon capacities each, Dec. 12 – 13, 2023.

“This achievement not only underscores the Army’s commitment to environmental stewardship and public health but also positions Letterkenny Army Depot and its Fire and Emergency Services team as a benchmark in military environmental initiatives,” McGlynn said. “Our success in transitioning to PFAS-free firefighting solutions exemplifies the Army’s role as a leader in sustainable and health-conscious practices.”

As LEAD embarks on supporting the Army’s Organic Industrial Base 15-year Modernization Implementation Plan, environmental and operational initiatives such as the fluorine-free foam transition postures LEAD Fire and Emergency Services to support modernization efforts.

“This transition will ensure that LEAD Fire and Emergency Services is properly equipped to offer safer protection to the depot during the modernization and construction phase,” McGlynn remarked. “In addition, this will help us



Firefighter Brandon Staley, Letterkenny Army Depot, points out the foam-level indicator on one of the three engines transitioned to the updated military specifications for land and maritime firefighting agent, fluorine-free foam at Letterkenny Army Depot Dec. 19, 2023.

(U.S. Army photo by Josh Shinn)

continue to offer our service to the depot and surrounding community in a safer way.”

Letterkenny’s Fire and Emergency Services department services the entire installation and supports the Franklin County community through mutual aid agreements.

“The fact that this foam is PFAS-free ensures that we can deliver safer foam in our emergency response,” McGlynn stated. “Through Franklin County Fire Chief’s Association meetings, I’ve learned that Franklin County is also in the process of transitioning the foam on apparatuses throughout the county.”



Fire Capt. Scott McGonigal, Letterkenny Army Depot, and Firefighter Brandon Staley, LEAD, pose next to one of the three engines transitioned to the updated military specifications for land and maritime firefighting agent, fluorine-free foam at Letterkenny Army Depot Dec. 19, 2023.

(U.S. Army photo by Josh Shinn)

The LEAD Fire and Emergency Services team worked in close coordination with the Directorate of Public Works and the Environmental Division to safely transfer and dispose of the old fluorinated aqueous film-forming foam.

“This transition was successfully accomplished through the mutual partnership and support from the entire Letterkenny team,” McGlynn said. “As in everything, communication is the key to success. This particular effort was a success because of the relationships and good communication between LEAD, Army Materiel Command and Aviation and Missile Command.”

LEAD and the Army are collaborating on a comprehensive assessment of areas where PFAS-containing chemicals were used and stored on-post. The results of this assessment and information gathered from groundwater sampling, performed in cooperation with local residents, will be used to develop an effective strategy to remediate the effects of past discharges.

“Removing all the fluorinated aqueous film-forming foam from Letterkenny ensures that a potential source of

PFAS is eliminated,” stated Amy Renshaw, a physical scientist and installation restoration program manager and BRAC environmental coordinator for LEAD. “This transition greatly supports our assessment and helps ensure the success of the PFAS removal efforts.”

Limited sampling conducted during an onsite assessment at Letterkenny in 2021 found that locations related to past fire training with potential releases showed elevated PFOA/PFOS concentrations. The assessment led Letterkenny to seek to test off-post drinking water wells that could potentially be affected due to depot operations.

In July 2022, the U.S. Army conducted testing of 20 drinking water wells on private properties, including two community wells serving multiple residences, near the depot and found zero wells with concentrations that exceed 70 parts per trillion, the Environmental Protection Agency’s former lifetime health advisory level.

In a continued effort to determine potentially affected areas, Letterkenny is preparing to expand the evaluation area later this year. The Army will be contacting owners

of properties adjacent to the depot to seek permission to test the quality of drinking water in wells. These tests will help assess if past industrial operations have potentially impacted the wells’ water.

The Army prohibits the use of AFFF for maintenance, testing and training on its installations and only uses AFFF for emergency responses. Now that the transition has occurred, LEAD will no longer utilize AFFF for emergency response.

“Firefighting is already an inherently dangerous job, and we felt it was vitally important to expedite this process once given the opportunity. The hope is to start a trend to get the rest of fire and emergency services to remove and replace theirs sooner than later,” McGlynn shared. “The successful replacement of PFAS-containing AFFF at Letterkenny Army Depot represents a significant stride toward a safer, more environmentally responsible military. It sets a precedent for other installations and services, highlighting the feasibility and urgency of transitioning to PFAS-free alternatives for a healthier and safer future.”

DEI&A: WHAT'S THE MEANING OF ACCESSIBILITY?

Story by **Mindy Wright**
Equal Employment Opportunity Office

On June 25, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order 14035 titled Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workplace. The Executive Order is monumental for the Disability Community and the Federal Government. The White House Fact Sheet lays out two critical components. First, the order “directs the government to become a model employer for Individuals with Disabilities.” Second, it includes language to ensure that the Federal Government is fully accessible and that employees know their rights to request reasonable accommodations. This new Executive Order provides a broader scope of accessibility.

Accessibility, the “A” in DEIA, is a foundation for the federal workforce to build diversity, equity, and inclusion for all employees, specifically those with disabilities. Without accessibility, we cannot truly achieve the others. The term “accessibility” means the design, construction, development, and maintenance of facilities, information communication technology, programs, and services so that all people, including people with disabilities, can fully and independently use them. Accessibility includes:

- The provision of accommodations and modifications to ensure equal access to employment and participation in activities for people with disabilities.
- The reduction or elimination of physical and attitudinal barriers to equitable opportunities.
- A commitment to ensuring that people with disabilities can independently access every outward-facing and internal activity or electronic space.
- The pursuit of best practices such as universal design.

Accessibility is traditionally associated with physical access, such as ramps, accessible parking, and auto-door openers. However, many do not realize that under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, information and communications technology, or ICT, must also be accessible to people with disabilities. Broadly, this means that the federal government must procure, create, use, and maintain ICT that is accessible to people with disabilities, regardless of whether they work for the federal government. An



employee should not have to ask for accommodation to ensure everything electronically is accessible and usable because the law requires that all ICT be always Section 508 compliant.

While we all celebrate that government leaders are taking steps to provide a more accessible world, we must follow their lead and do our part. This means ensuring documents, videos, or meetings you produce are accessible. How can you successfully take part in this work? Here are some resources on how to ensure you are doing your part in ensuring LEAD is fully accessible to everyone:

- Job Accommodation Network (JAN)
- GSA Government-wide IT Accessibility Program
- Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP)

Together, we can ensure that Letterkenny is fully accessible to all employees. Like firefighter Andrea M. Hall reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language during the 59th presidential inauguration, we can all do our part to make the workplace and the world more accessible.

REUTILIZATION REWARDS

Story by **John P. Ardans**

Program Manager, Avenger/Sentinel/GMV/TACOM

The Maneuver Short-Range Air Defense vehicle is based on an 8×8 Stryker A1 armored vehicle, which is fitted with a reconfigurable integrated-weapons platform turret armed with a launcher pod with four Stinger missiles, two Longbow Hellfire missiles, one 30mm automatic cannon, and one M240 7.62mm machine gun. The vehicle can detect, identify and track air threats with onboard sensors providing 360-degree aerial surveillance. The M-SHORAD system is primarily intended to defend maneuver forces against air threats. It can engage a range of ground targets.

So why is this so important to Letterkenny Army Depot? As stated above, the M-SHORAD is “armed with a launcher pod with four Stinger missiles.” It just so happens those launcher pods are part of the Demil program at LEAD. These launcher assemblies are U.S. Army-owned and are no longer supportable due to some obsolescence and supply chain unavailability. A modified Launcher Structure Assembly will be used in support of M-SHORAD Increment 1 requirements. The Avenger Standard Vehicle Mounted Launcher, SVMML, was selected and taken from the current Avenger turret Demil program at LEAD. The Launcher Structure Assemblies shall require refurbishment before being released to the vendor for further engineering.

LEAD will modify and replace all components or parts that are missing, damaged, or otherwise unserviceable. The artisans at LEAD will also ensure

the Launcher Structure Assemblies will have no evidence of corrosion, wear, or loose fasteners. They will clean, service, paint, and repair each Launcher Structure Assembly as needed.

Once the process is complete, the Launcher Structure Assembly will be sent to an industry partner for further population of new components and testing. This is a classic case of the original design being effective, so let’s keep it! The cost savings have yet to be determined; however, the Avenger Program Management Team believes the process is far less expensive than new and more likely quicker.

On Oct. 25, 2023, Duane Baugher, chief, IFPC/M-SHORAD Acquisition Logistics Division, and Dominique Fails, chief, Sustainment Division, PM SHIELD Logistic, traveled to LEAD to present Certificates of Appreciation to the artisans of the Avenger Program in recognition of their hard work and dedication. The certificate reads:

For demonstrated outstanding support to the Maneuver Short Range Air Defense (M-SHORAD) Product Office, Stinger Based System Program from 1 October 2022 to 31 July 2023.

The Logistics and Avenger Teams greatly appreciated your hard work and dedication to the program. Your efforts reflect great credit upon yourself, the Short and Intermediate Effectors for Layered Defense (SHIELD Project Office, the US Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM), and the



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After the ceremony, Avenger team members gave a brief tour of the facility and explained LEAD's sustainment process to both Baugher and Fails.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

United States Army. The document was signed on 26 July 2023 by Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Sunderman, (M-SHORAD Product Manager, SHIELD, Project Office).

This is a testament to this team’s ability to perform under extreme pressure. The entire Avenger Team undoubtedly deserved the accolades given during the ceremony and another feather in their cap. Job well done, Team Avenger!

LEAD ANNUAL HUNTING EVENT BENEFITS VETERAN COMMUNITY

Story by **Dorie E. Heyer**
LEAD Public Affairs

Letterkenny Army Depot's Natural Resources Office collaborated with the Letterkenny Munitions Center to host the annual Hunt of a Lifetime event and Wounded Warrior Hunt Nov. 30- Dec. 1.

This year's hunt marked the 17th annual event for the depot. LEAD holds these events to provide wounded, severely injured and ill veterans, as well as children under 21 with life-threatening illnesses or disabilities, the opportunity to hunt on the depot.

"LEAD continues to support these programs because these deserving individuals may not have the opportunity or the ability to hunt on their own. It also builds camaraderie between the hunters, especially with the veterans," said Matt Miller, LEAD natural resources manager. "These hunts can contribute to their physical and emotional healing while also honoring their service and sacrifice."

Two children, Rhyleigh, 15, and Hunter, 14, participated in this year's Hunt of a Lifetime event.

Rhyleigh was eager to sight deer and begin the hunt.

"I am excited to make new memories and experience the peacefulness of the hunt," she said.

Many children who hunt in this annual event are local to the community or live within a day's drive to LEAD.

"We used to do the Wounded Warrior and Hunt of a Lifetime hunts separately, but we've found that joining the two together has been successful, and the children and Soldiers enjoy the experience together," Miller said.



Col. Donald Santillo, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, and hunt participants gather for a group photo prior to the annual Wounded Warrior Hunt and Hunt of a Lifetime event Nov. 30.

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Josh Kerns of Ararat, Virginia, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, traveled to LEAD to participate in the Wounded Warrior Hunt. Serving four years on active duty as a combat engineer, Kerns deployed to Afghanistan three times and shared how these hunts help to build connections in the veteran community.



Col. Donald Santillo, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, greets hunter Josh Kerns prior to the annual Wounded Warrior Hunt and Hunt of a Lifetime event Nov. 30.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

“Getting to hunt with other guys who served in similar situations helps out with camaraderie that you don’t get back home as much,” he shared. “I feel hunting with like-minded individuals with similar experiences can relate and connect with [my experiences] better than most civilians.”

While interested in harvesting a deer, Kerns was most looking forward to spending time in nature.

“The best part is just sitting in a stand and enjoying nature. I like watching more than anything,” he said. “Getting a deer is a benefit, but if not, I don’t consider it a waste of time. I just like being out there.”

Shawn Prickett is a retired U.S. Army colonel and one of the coordinators for the Wounded Warrior hunt.

“This event is a blessing to our staff and the guys who come out to hunt,” he remarked. “It’s great to get these heroes out here and connected to their community.”

Each participant had the opportunity to take at least one animal. In total, four antlered deer and five antlerless deer were harvested.

In addition, the hunting program at LEAD is used as a management tool to maintain a sustainable white-tailed deer population and decrease the chance of wildlife-related vehicle collisions on the installation.

“Not only are the hunters helping fill their freezers at home, but also helping to keep the depot’s deer population in check. The Natural Resources Office is continually monitoring the deer population to prevent overpopulation that will negatively impact the ecosystem and also the depot’s mission,” Miller said. “Our volunteers do a great job adjusting to the needs of the hunters, and they understand that some need more assistance through the hunting process. It is very rewarding to see these hunters harvest a deer, especially for the individuals that would not be able to hunt on their own.”

Since 2007, LEAD has held 39 hunts for 109 Soldiers, harvesting 126 deer, two coyotes and one bear.



Three deer stand in a field at Letterkenny Army Depot Nov. 30

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

*'T WAS THE
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LETTERKENNY...*

Throughout early December, employees from the Program Management Office decorated their cubicles with festive artwork and ornaments in time for the holidays. Through both creative layout design and craftsmanship, the employees were able to show their holiday spirits in full display!



LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT AWARDS ARTISAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Story by **Dorie E. Heyer**
LEAD Public Affairs

Letterkenny Army Depot recognized several outstanding employees at a town hall held at the depot headquarters Nov. 7.

Justin Ile, acting chief of test equipment maintenance, received the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal in recognition of being named Aviation and Missile Command's Most Valuable Player for Aug. 2023. Col. Donald Santillo, commander, LEAD, presented Ile with the award, highlighting his contributions to improving the operational readiness of LEAD's test equipment, specifically the integrated family of test equipment systems.

Santillo presented Chad Hoffman, the crane operator lead in the Directorate of Supply and Transportation, with the

Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal in recognition of being named LEAD's Wage Grade employee of the quarter for the fourth quarter.

With over five years of service to LEAD, Hoffman consistently demonstrates innovative transport solutions that directly impact workload opportunities. He prioritizes mentorship and teamwork to ensure assets are shipped in a timely manner.

"It means a lot to know that hard work doesn't go unnoticed," Hoffman said. "It's important for me to show up every day and be accountable for the work that we do to support all of the men and women in uniform."



Col. Donald Santillo, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, presents Justin Ile with the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal during a town hall held at the depot headquarters Nov. 7.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)



Col. Donald Santillo, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, presents Chad Hoffman with the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal during a town hall held at the depot headquarters Nov. 7.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)



Col. Donald Santillo, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, presents Andrew Paul with the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal during a town hall held at the depot headquarters Nov. 7.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)



Col. Donald Santillo, commander, Letterkenny Army Depot, and the command team gathers with recipients of the Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement presented during a town hall held at the depot headquarters Nov. 7.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

Santillo also presented Andrew Paul, a quality assurance specialist in the Directorate of Product Assurance, with the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal in honor of his selection as the General Schedule employee of the quarter for the fourth quarter.

Paul has worked at LEAD for over nine years and has drastically increased inspection data accessibility amongst the depot’s stakeholders. He consistently ensures that the Missile Support Branch can support production flow and maintain quality standards.

”Being selected as the employee of the quarter shows me that hard work pays off and motivates me to continue to be an important part of producing the best possible equipment for our warfighters,” Paul said. “I attribute this accomplishment to hard work, initiative and the blessing of working with great employees who greatly respect the sacrifice of the warfighters that use the equipment we produce.”

In addition to the employees of the quarter, Santillo also awarded several additional employees for exceptional performance.

Civilian Service Commendation Medal

- Robert Povlich

Civilian Service Achievement Medal

- Brian Myers
- James Gress
- Bryan Zeger
- Robert Ritchey
- Eric Moats
- Alexander Quynn
- Tyler Green
- Timothy Bowers
- Jason White
- Thomas Andrejak
- Anissa Glunt
- Trevin Shank

Certificate of Achievement

- Capt. Robyn Peterson
- Jeremy Crouse
- Michael Sullivan
- Anthony Zollo
- Ryan Desmond

- Gerson Duran
- Pamela Goodhart
- Jeremy Gordon
- Darren Holtry
- Vernon Lowe
- Scott McGonigal
- Kylie Scott
- Trenten Shields
- Chris Steinbacher
- Andrew Newman
- Lisa Cowan
- Tyler Wyatt
- John Briggs
- Christopher Fisher
- Christopher Papoutsis
- Shane Kauffman
- Mark Jaymes
- Shane Carroll
- Daniel Fahrney
- Steven Piper
- Keith Mickey
- Joseph Mooney
- Todd Booher
- Tracy Clever
- Camron Day
- Cody Rickabaugh
- Shawn Cummings
- Nancy Garns
- Carla Barnett
- Dianna Fryzlewicz
- Todd Ramsey
- Paul Hance

ARMY LAUNCHES 15-YEAR MODERNIZATION PLAN

Story by **Megan Gully**

AMC Public Affairs

After more than two years of strategic planning, the Army's Organic Industrial Base finds itself at the forefront of modernization as it begins execution of its 15-year Modernization Implementation Plan.

Following the fiscal year 2024 kickoff, a biannual war game held Nov. 14-16 at Redstone Arsenal including leaders around the Army underlined the importance of execution across the OIB.

"The Army is driving the OIB Modernization plan," Army Materiel Command's top civilian Marion Whicker said about the OIB MIP which will modernize facilities, processes and the workforce to bring the OIB into the 21st century. "Success comes from honoring your commitments; we had this plan approved very quickly because the Army put forth a developed strategy and we honored our commitments."

The OIB is the backbone of the Army's sustainment capabilities, responsible for maintaining, repairing, and overhauling equipment critical to mission success. Some modernization projects started ahead of the planned FY24 start due to additional funding the Army received connected to ammunition production, including efforts to accelerate 155 mm production. With that money, the Army's artillery production doubled in the last year with the service currently producing 28,000 155-millimeter howitzer rounds a month.

"Last year we had requests asking what money do you need, and because we were ready to execute, we received that additional money," Whicker said. "That is because we had a plan. We were able to execute quickly, and the Army was able to tell Congress what output we were creating."

Throughout this year, the Army expanded production at these facilities including Scranton Army Ammunition Plant, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Radford Army Ammunition Plant and the Holston Army Ammunition Plant. By constructing new buildings, installing new equipment and improving automation, these upgrades helped double the Army's artillery production rate.



Marion Whicker, Army Materiel Command executive deputy to the commanding general, provides remarks during a bi-annual war game at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, Nov. 14-16, 2023. The war game included leaders around the Army and underlined the importance of execution across the Organic Industrial Base.

(U.S. Army photo by Megan Gully)

"It is important that we do this meeting twice a year so we don't lose focus and because the world changes that quickly," said Whicker who underlined that the sites are ready to execute when they receive funding. "AMC's OIB Modernization Task Force are the integrators of this plan. You – the LCMCs – are the executors, and there needs to be no daylight between the two."

The war game was the sixth hosted by AMC and the largest group to attend the discussion, said Stephanie Hoaglin, AMC OIB Modernization Task Force director.

"The visibility of what we are doing here continues to grow and we continue to find additional stakeholders that we need to involve in our planning process as well," Hoaglin said.

DON'T GET SMISHED

Story by **Jason Furnish**
Directorate of Information Management

Don't fall prey to Smishing. What is Smishing? Smishing stands for Short Message Service Phishing.

Smishing is like Phishing. Phishing is the practice of tricking Internet users through misleading email messages or websites into disclosing personal or private information. Smishing attempts are messages received via a smartphone as a Short Message Service, or SMS message/text. The message may include a link or request a reply with the goal of compromising the recipient's personal or financial accounts and committing fraud.

Examples of some common smishing texts you may receive:

- "Your USPS package cannot be delivered."
- "You're a grand prize winner!"
- "We are trying to contact you regarding a tax issue."

Smishing Protection Tips

(Tips courtesy of Cyber Field Office/U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division)

- Refrain from being so quick to click on links received in text messages or to reply to a text message if the sender is unknown or the message looks questionable.
- Avoid responding to phone numbers you do not recognize.
- If you receive a text from your financial institution, play it safe and call the financial institution on the phone number indicated on the financial institution's website. It is not uncommon for financial institutions and credit card companies to send legitimate text messages to inform their customers about fraudulent activity or to verify purchase requests.
- Do not send your credit card or financial information in a text or input in a website from a link provided in an SMS message to someone you do not know.
- Do not send your full name, date of birth, social security number, other personal information, or the information of your family members to someone you do not know or trust.
- Keep your smartphone operating system and the applications on the phone up to date.
- Avoid text messages offering quick and easy money, random coupon text messages, and text messages stating you are the next big prize winner.
- Most smartphones offer a way to block phone numbers. If you receive a scam message, block the number and delete the message.
- Report the scam number to your cell phone service provider.
- The IRS does not text taxpayers. The IRS contacts taxpayers through the U.S. Postal Service unless under special circumstances, which would result in a phone call.

Use wisdom. Be vigilant. Be aware. Don't become a smishing victim.

LEAD HISTORY CORNER | *THE JAMES FINLEY HOUSE, PART II*



with **Andrew Newman**, Letterkenny Historian

The stately James Finley House, known today as the Commander's Quarters, remained in the Finley family until 1841, when Joseph Bollinger purchased the estate and the surrounding 400 acres of land. There is evidence found in the house basement indicating that it once operated as an inn or a tavern in the early 19th century. Remnants of old barrel storage and a distillery – containing two stills – were left on-site, and the estate was close to a heavy traffic corridor.

Bollinger expanded on the property in 1848 by adding a brick house addition and bank barn, the latter of which still stands today. After surviving the Civil War and the rest of the 1800s, the Finley House remained with the Bollinger family until Frederick Kell purchased the estate and 114 acres in 1923.

The Great Depression was a difficult time in American history, especially for farmers. The price of wheat collapsed, and since there were no safety nets for farmers, many, including Kell, had lost their farms. As a result, the house was foreclosed and was listed on a “sheriff’s sale” in 1935.

Dr. John Kinter, a native of Millerstown, Pa, and a veteran of the Spanish-American War serving in the 8th Regiment, Pennsylvania Calvary, moved to Chambersburg, Pa in 1917 to practice medicine. During World War I, Kinter served as the examining physician for the Franklin County Draft Board. He would later retire due to ill health in 1932 but would seek out a country estate. On April 27, 1935, Kinter purchased the foreclosed Finley House for \$6,450 – now \$149,124 considering inflation – and would reside at the estate until 1942.



A portrait of Dr. John Kinter, a Spanish-American war veteran and an examining physician for the Franklin County Draft Board. He would own the Finley House from 1935 to 1942.

That same year, the U.S. government purchased 22,000 acres of land in Chambersburg and named it Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, which would later change to Letterkenny Army Depot. The government paid Kinter \$28,233.50 – now around \$548,576.90 considering inflation – for the estate and land to support the war effort. They constructed housing, barns, schools and other facilities for munitions storage until permanent fixtures were built. The Finley House, the most impressive residence of the new installation, was then selected to be the Commander's Quarters.



A portrait of Col. John Coffey, a brevet brigadier general and chief ordnance officer of the North Africa/Italy theater during WWII. Coffey would reside at the Finley House from 1945 to 1947, leading the Army demobilization effort at Letterkenny during his tenure after the war.

Col. John Clement was the first to stay at the residence, occupying the quarters from July 17, 1942, to Jan. 21, 1943. During World War II, a commander's tour at Letterkenny ranged from two months to a year. In fact, there were a total of six commanders stationed at Letterkenny from 1942 to 1945. The first long-term commander was Col. John Coffey (Aug. 1, 1945, to April 30, 1947).

Coffey, a brevet brigadier general and chief ordnance officer of the North Africa/Italy theater during WWII, was selected to command Letterkenny during the demobilization of the U.S. Army after the war. His administration established Letterkenny's post-war footing in maintenance, packaging, storage, disposal and destruction of various items in the Army's inventory. After his tenure at Letterkenny, Coffey was appointed professor of ordnance at the U.S. Military Academy West Point, where he served from 1947 to 1951. Unfortunately, on March 3, 1951, Coffey perished in a plane crash while on a special assignment in the German Alps.

In the Kenny Letter issue released on March 26, 1951, a quarter-page memorial dedicated to Coffey. Letterkenny representative attended funeral services at West Point, and employees contributed money to the late colonel's sponsored projects. Coffey's wife was touched by their kindness and said:

"The warm words of appreciation of Coffey from you, his friends and former associates in so many organizations and activities of work and play at Letterkenny and Chambersburg would have pleased him. They have touched me deeply. Both of us have always held the pleasantest memories of our stay at Letterkenny and cherished the ties of friendship and acquaintance that we made in your community."

Later that year, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1951, the officials at Letterkenny named the street in front of the Commander's Quarters "Coffey Avenue."



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