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COMMANDER'S CORNER WITH COL. LEWIS



Team,

It feels like just yesterday I was taking command, and yet as we close out 2025, I'm filled with an immense sense of gratitude and excitement. These past six months have flown by, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together. This is a community that values hard work, integrity, and professionalism, and it's clear that those values are the bedrock of Letterkenny Army Depot. From local events to simple, everyday interactions, my family and I have been welcomed with open arms. We are so grateful to be members of Team Letterkenny.

That sense of pride is magnified when I walk through our facilities. The technical skill of our artisans is second to none, illustrating why this depot is the Army's Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for Air and Missile Defense and Precision Fires. You all are the ones who ensure our air and missile defense systems, like the PATRIOT and AVENGER, to name a few, are ready to defend this nation, and those of our allies – day or night – around the globe.

Your individual dedication is the engine that drives our support to the Warfighter, and your collective reputation for excellence is known throughout the Department of War. Looking ahead to 2026, I am filled with incredible optimism. The Army is in the midst of its largest modernization effort since the 1940s, and Letterkenny is at the forefront of these transformations. We are uniquely positioned to support the delivery of Ready Combat Air and Missile Defense formations while welcoming new opportunities to best support Army and joint force initiatives.

But we are not just maintaining equipment; we are building the future of Army readiness. The opportunities ahead of us are immense, and I have no doubt that the skill and dedication of this workforce will meet every challenge and exceed every expectation.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to our mission. It is an honor to serve with you. Here's to a successful 2026 and all that we will accomplish together.



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



On the Line: Your Sergeant Major's Mission

It is the highest honor to serve as your Depot and Installation Sergeant Major. While the commander is focused on the overall mission, my fundamental role is centered on the heart of this depot: you. I serve as your senior enlisted advisor, responsible for the health, welfare, discipline, and professional development of every Soldier and civilian in our command.

My primary mission is to be the commander's eyes and ears, to be out of the office and walking the floors with you. This allows me to understand your challenges, witness your incredible skill, and assess the morale and readiness

of our force. With the continual onslaught of emails and spot fires that frequently pop up, this is a challenge, but one I will not allow to derail me. I find profound joy in these opportunities to meet you individually, especially during length of service anniversaries, award ceremonies, and commander's coin presentations. These special moments allow the commander and I to personally recognize the hard work, longevity, and dedication you have committed to LEAD and to our nation's warfighters.

I am here to provide unfiltered feedback to the command and to be your staunchest advocate. My place is at the point of friction, where I can best assist during critical events and help remove barriers so you can focus on the mission.

The success of Letterkenny Army Depot hinges on its high-performing teams, and my job is to ensure you have the resources, training, and support to thrive. I am committed to upholding the standards of our profession and fostering a culture of dignity and respect.

My door is always open. I encourage you to share your insights, ideas, and concerns. Your perspective is vital as we

continuously transform and strengthen our profession. Thank you for your tireless dedication to our warfighters. You are the engine of this depot, and it is a privilege to serve alongside you.

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AMC and AMCOM LEADERSHIP VISIT LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT

Story by **Todd Wivell** - LEAD Public Affairs

Highlighting Letterkenny Army Depot's capabilities and modernization efforts, LEAD leadership welcomed the Army Materiel Command and Army Aviation and Missile Command senior leaders to the depot for a tour on August 12.

Lt. Gen. Chris Mohan, AMC deputy commanding general and AMC acting commander, and Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson, AMCOM commanding general, visited LEAD and participated in tours of LEAD's primary production facilities. Additionally, the general officers received organizational and depot modernization plan updates.

Before the tours and briefings started, Mohan recognized four outstanding LEAD employees for their continued efforts and contributions.

The tours, led by Kate Williams, LEAD Directorate of Strategic Management director, and Dale McClanahan, LEAD Future Systems Integration Office chief, included discussions on continuous transformation, flexible production space, support to regional sustainment framework, joint workload, and the depot's strategy to partner artisans' experience with technology.

Discussions on the tour also included reverse engineering, the Army Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Program, the use of the Army Personnel Force Innovation Program, digital engineering, and augmented and virtual reality.

"The Army is changing at a very fast rate," said Mohan. "You should be very proud of the work you accomplish here at the depot and how you are adapting to this continuous transformation."

The AMC acting commander stated that with this change, all Organic Industrial Bases need to be able to reform, reshape, and reimagine their capabilities. As one example, he discussed the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning as technological advances that will change how OIB's conduct business.

In further discussions on continuous transformation, Mohan encouraged depot leadership to go after more production work for the unused production space on the depot.

"All OIB's need to have concrete actions in place to move them into the future," said Mohan.

To this point, Williams discussed three key objectives tied to LEAD's strategic plan.

"We recognize we need to ensure warfighter readiness today, preserve Army buying power and critical competencies, and prepare organic capabilities for future signature modernization efforts," said Williams.

During the briefing, the general officers received an update on the financial state of the depot for the current and future fiscal years.

"I am very impressed by how well you manage your finances here at Letterkenny," said Mohan. "You have done a great job on controlling your costs, managing your direct and indirect personnel, and staying on top of this ever-changing fiscal environment."

Speaking to the importance of the Letterkenny Army Depot, Mohan finished the day's discussions emphasizing the importance of the installation to the local communities.

"What's good for the depot is good for the community," said Mohan. "I encourage you to stay active and continue to be the good partners that you are."





Top row - Zachary Rodgers (left), Letterkenny Army Depot Chassis Test and Reconditioning Branch chief, briefs Lt. Gen. Chris Mohan (front center), Army Materiel Command deputy commanding general and AMC acting commander, and Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson (front right), Army Aviation and Missile Command commanding general, during a visit to the depot on August 12.

2nd row left photo - Lt. Gen. Chris Mohan (left), Army Materiel Command deputy commanding general and AMC acting commander, and Maj. Gen. Lori Robinson (right), Army Aviation and Missile Command commanding general, along with Dale McClanahan, Letterkenny Army Depot Future Systems Integration Office chief, discuss depot capabilities during a tour of the depot on August 12.

2nd row right photo - Lt. Gen. Chris Mohan (center), Army Materiel Command deputy commanding general and AMC acting commander, receives an update on the new robotic weld arm from Kate Williams (right), Letterkenny Army Depot Directorate of Strategic Management director, during a tour of the depot on August 12.

The tours included discussions on continuous transformation, flexible production space, support to regional sustainment framework, joint workload, and LEAD's strategy to partner artisans' experience with technology.

(U.S. Army photos/Pam Goodhart)

First Army-owned UAS Distribution Center opens at Letterkenny Army Depot

Story by **Todd Wivell** - LEAD Public Affairs

For the first time in U.S. Army history, the first Army-owned supply, storage, and distribution operations center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems opened on an organic industrial base during a launch ceremony conducted at Letterkenny Army Depot on Aug. 20, 2025.

“Today, I am excited to share how the strategic partnership between the UAS Project Office and LEAD is revolutionizing the way we support our warfighters,” said Mike Pollut, UAS Logistics Division chief. “This partnership aligns perfectly with the Secretary of Defense’s guidance on unleashing U.S. military drone dominance and positions us to lead the charge in ensuring our warfighters are equipped to fight and win decisively.”

The purpose of the UAS fulfillment center at LEAD is to leverage standard Army systems, eliminate unsecured third-party software, and use modern technology to provide full visibility and comprehensive freight management.

The strategic outcome focuses on providing warfighters with a fast and reliable supply chain while giving leadership 100% auditable accountability.

Col. Caleb Lewis, LEAD commander, spoke to the years’ worth of work that went into making this center a reality.

“As we usher in this new distribution operations center, we, in addition, will build upon our strategic partnerships with UAS,” said Lewis. “We will work together to afford the customer, our warfighters, holistic control of their UAS logistical requirements by truncating the supply chain to deliver reliable, relevant and real-time material from the strategic support area to the tactical forward edge.”

Pollut spoke of the key benefits of the partnership.

“These benefits include standard Army supply chain integration, efficient supply chain distribution, and enhanced security and cost savings,” said Pollut. “This partnership also integrates seamlessly with the UAS marketplace, our strategy to scale the industrial base and accelerate production deliveries, while empowering warfighters with freedom of choice to meet mission needs.”

Pollut explained the three benefits further in depth.

He stated that the standard Army supply chain integration will help gain full visibility and audibility of inventory at the enterprise and tactical levels.

The efficient supply chain distribution will allow for quick and reliable freight shipping, ensuring warfighters receive what they need, even at the last tactical minute.

Finally, the enhanced security and cost savings include leveraging LEAD’s capabilities to create a sustainable and secure supply chain.

“This new center is a bold step forward, and I am confident that it will deliver lasting benefits for our U.S. Army and our warfighters,” said Pollut. “Together, we are shaping the future of UAS logistics and ensuring that our warfighters always have the advantage.”



WHAT IS HARASSMENT, AND HOW IT CAN BE ADDRESSED & PREVENTED

By **Mindy Wright** - LEAD EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission defines harassment as behavior that is unwelcome or offensive to a reasonable person.

Harassment can occur through electronic communications, including social media, and other forms of communication, and in person. Harassment may include offensive jokes, epithets, ridicule or mockery, insults or put-downs, displays of offensive objects or imagery, stereotyping, intimidating acts, veiled threats of violence, threatening or provoking remarks, racial or other slurs, derogatory remarks about a person's accents, or displays of racially offensive symbols. Petty slights, annoyances, and isolated incidents (unless extremely serious), while not condoned, will not rise to the level of illegality; however, if the conduct continues, it may rise to the level of harassment. To be unlawful, conduct must create a work environment that would be intimidating, hostile, or offensive to reasonable people.

On May 15, 2002, Congress enacted the “Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002,” which is now known as the No FEAR Act. One purpose of the Act is to “require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws.” In support of this purpose, Congress found that “agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination.”

An EEOC Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment in the Workplace identified five core principles that have generally proven effective in preventing and addressing harassment:

1. Committed and engaged leadership
2. Consistent and demonstrated accountability
3. Strong and comprehensive anti-harassment policies
4. Trusted and accessible complaint procedures
5. Regular, interactive training tailored to the audience and the organization

Employees are encouraged to inform the harasser directly that the conduct is unwelcome and must stop. Employees should also report harassment to management at an early stage to prevent its escalation. If the conduct continues, or if they are uncomfortable confronting the responsible person(s) about the conduct, they should immediately report the matter to their supervisor, the supervisor of the harasser, or any other management official in the chain of command. They may also report the matter to other officials, including the Inspector General (IG); the servicing EEO office; the servicing Civilian Human Resources Service Center Labor and Management-Employee Relations (CHRSC L/MER) office; or union officials (if they are a bargaining unit employee).

Prevention is the best tool to eliminate harassment in the workplace. LEAD does clearly communicate to employees that unwelcome harassing conduct will not be tolerated. This is stated in the Commander's Policy No 1-13, Command Unlawful Harassment Prevention and Response Policy, establishing an effective complaint or grievance process, providing anti-harassment training for managers and employees, and taking immediate and appropriate action when an employee raises a complaint. LEAD strives to create an environment in which employees feel free to raise concerns and are confident that those concerns will be addressed.

It is the LEAD's Equal Employment Opportunity Office's Mission to deliver comprehensive and results oriented services related to preventing discrimination and harassment within the workplace and create an environment where ALL LEAD employees are valued, respected, and free to develop and perform to their fullest potential.

For more information, contact the LEAD EEO office at 717-267-5427.

Information from this article pulled from: <https://www.eeoc.gov/federal-sector/reports/promising-practices-preventing-harassment-federal-sector>

Cultivating the Future Workforce - LEAD Interns Present Continuous Transformation Projects

Story by **Todd Wivell** - LEAD Public Affairs

Showcasing innovation, advanced technology, and continuous transformation, six Letterkenny Army Depot interns and one co-op student presented their new project ideas to depot leadership on Aug. 7.

The project ideas included:

- Building 350 low bay fall protection courses of action
- Use of DocuWare - document management software and workflow automation
- Appropriate use of Artificial Intelligence using ChatGPT
- Daily revenue report dashboard
- Building 350 floor space layout
- Programming programmable logic controls for use in dip tank operations.

“This year’s project presentations exceeded expectations,” said Kirstin Raith, LEAD Directorate of Strategic Management training officer. “The feedback we received is that the interns and co-op represented all their directorates extremely well and had innovative aspects to their projects.”

For their projects, the students received a template that aligns with LEAD’s overall project management efforts. The template required the students to lay out the scope of their project, current and future states, any barriers that would prevent project success, a list of influential/interested stakeholders, how they intended to communicate with their stakeholders, and what resources they had or still needed to accomplish the effort.

“Several of our projects this year aligned with the notion of continuous transformation, and those that didn’t were focused on continuous improvement so that we remain competitive and flexible while we focus on future opportunities,” said Jennifer Coccagna, LEAD DSM strategic integrator.

Coccagna highlighted two specific projects that fell within the notion of continuous transformation. Zack Manning, a LEAD Directorate of Resource Management intern, created the daily revenue report dashboard using Power BI.

“This project provides an excellent visualization of a concept that has always been held in spreadsheet format only and is incredibly complex and difficult to understand,” said Coccagna. “Zack focused on creating a product that was easy to navigate and understand so that revenue information is transparent and accessible to everyone.”

Jakob Stropas, a LEAD DSM co-op, challenged the status quo of the programmable logic controls to support dip tank operations.

“His programming standardizes the human machine interface screens associated with dip tank operations, which creates an easier user experience and ensures safer operations,” explained Coccagna. “Jakob has written the code in an organized manner so that artisans can quickly complete future changes to the program or the dip tanks.

“By acquiring these skills and making this effort in-house, instead of hiring a vendor to perform the work, LEAD was able to save roughly \$40,000.”

LEAD leadership in attendance during the roundtable presentation judged the interns and co-op on their presentations.

“All of our students are deserving of recognition for their hard work and dedication to these project ideas,” said Raith. “We are so grateful for their investment in the continuous transformation and improvement efforts of Letterkenny Army Depot.”

LEAD COMPLETES JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE TESTING

Story by **Todd Wivell** - LEAD Public Affairs

Marking the start of the organic repair capability for the Army regarding the Joint Air-to-Ground missile, Letterkenny Army Depot artisans successfully and recently completed the first test of a JAGM in a non-Original Equipment Manufacturer production facility.

“This was a joint effort between LEAD, Redstone Test Center, and the Tactical Aviation and Ground Munitions project office,” said Erin Shoemaker, LEAD Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness supervisory equipment specialist. “This completed test is significant as JAGM’s were never tested outside of the original manufacturer since the production start in 2018.”

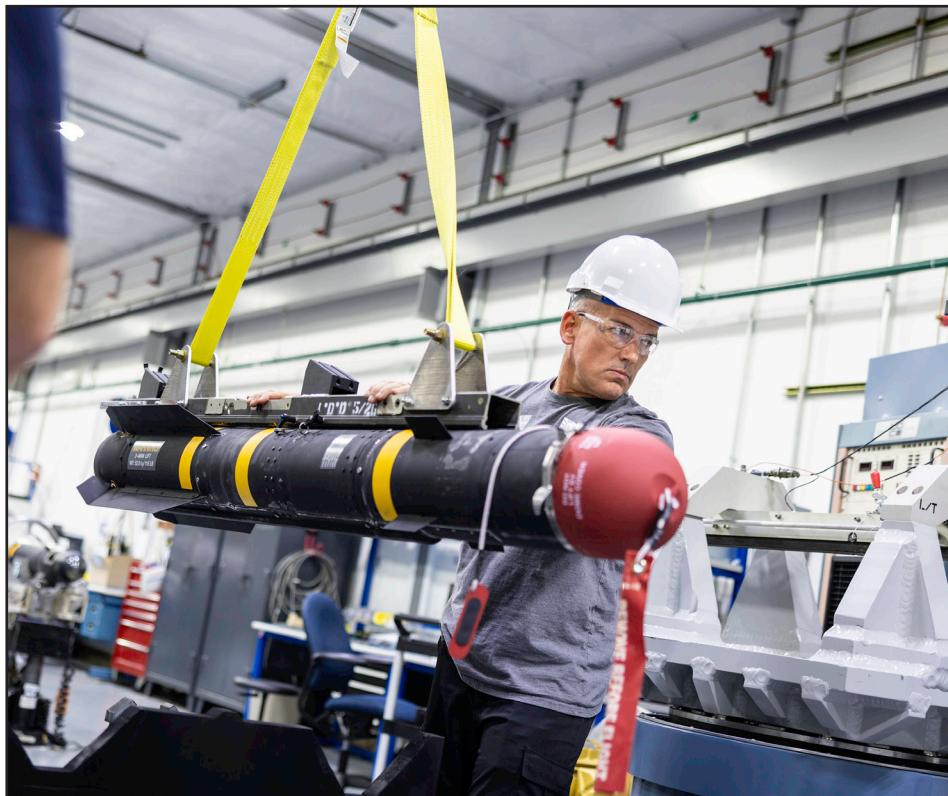
Shoemaker commented that the July 25 validation of LEAD’s JAGM Capable - Modernized Hellfire Universal Test Set enabled the depot to test and repair the JAGM. “The JAGM testing capability affords a level of troubleshooting to certain sub-assemblies in an effort to

repair each missile organically while sustaining Army readiness to the warfighter,” said Shoemaker.

She further commented that when users in the field identify failures and return those assets, LEAD artisans can now identify those fail points, make recommendations and repairs, and monitor the trends in those tests to provide information back to our customers.

With the ability to test JAGM, LEAD expands its portfolio in missile testing. Since the start of the Hellfire repair processing at LEAD in March 2024, artisans have completed more than 100 Hellfire missile repairs.

“This is a significant milestone for our ability to test all variants of the Hellfire missile including JAGM,” said Col. Caleb Lewis, LEAD commander. “I am extremely proud of the collaboration between the depot, RTC, and TAGM to bring this capability to fruition.”



Bryan Zeger, Letterkenny Army Depot Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness electronics technician, starts the process to test a Joint Air-to-Ground missile on Sept. 3 at the DMAR facility. Marking the start of the organic repair capability for the Army regarding the JAGM, LEAD artisans successfully and recently completed the first test of a JAGM in a non-Original Equipment Manufacturer production facility.

(U.S. Army photo/Joshua Shinn)

CO-OP STUDENT WORK SAVES LEAD \$40,000+ PER YEAR

Story by **Todd Wivell** - LEAD Public Affairs

Providing a significant return on investment, with an estimated savings of \$40,000 or more per year, Jakob Stropas, A Letterkenny Army Depot co-op student, recently completed reprogramming of the Programmable Logic Controllers governing the thirteen dip tanks at the depot.

The LEAD PLC's, in a severely degraded operational state, exhibited numerous software defects and lacked user-friendliness for maintenance technicians and dip tank operators.

Stropas, a Franklin County Career and Technology Center graduate under the Mechatronics program, agreed to take on the challenge of fixing the PLC's after supervision witnessed his potential in other PLC work.

“With Jakob’s expertise in the PLC controls from his work at the depot and what he acquired from FCCTC, we selected him for this project,” said Justin Ile, LEAD Directorate of Strategic Management Test Equipment Maintenance Branch chief. “He took this challenge head on with a never say ‘no’ attitude.”

“I wanted to work on a project where I could apply my knowledge to troubleshoot and problem solve issues,” said Stropas.

“Reprogramming the PLC’s sounded like a chance to challenge myself and fix an ongoing issue for the depot.”

Through his work and efforts, Stropas expertly learned the programming for the PLC’s and then successfully reprogrammed them.

According to Ile, the depot is already reaping the benefits of Stropas’ work, which include:

* **Elimination of Contractor Costs:** The depot has avoided the expense of contracting a software engineer to rewrite the PLC controls.

* **Increased Customization:** The depot now possesses the in-house capability to tailor PLC code to specifically meet the depot’s current and future needs. This allows for customized solutions tailored to the evolving needs of LEAD, ensuring optimal performance and adaptability.

* **Enhanced Operational Readiness:** A more reliable and adaptable control system contributes to the overall operational readiness of the depot.

* **Improved User Experience:** The reprogrammed controls are more user-friendly for maintenance technicians and dip tank operators, likely leading to reduced errors and

increased efficiency.

* **Cost Avoidance:** A preliminary estimate suggests cost avoidance exceeding \$40,000. Estimates show these savings will greatly increase over the next few years.

“Beyond the successful reprogramming of the PLC controllers, Jacob is concurrently managing a variety of other tasks with notable skill and efficiency,” said Ile. “This level of performance is exceptional, particularly for a student recently graduated from high school.

“I am confident that Jakob has a bright future ahead of him, and his potential for continued growth and success is significant.”

Stropas stated he hopes to stay in the test equipment maintenance branch and continue to learn more about the systems that run the depot.

“I really like how I work on so many different things from circuit cards or cables to PLC’s and test consoles,” said Stropas. “I never get bored as I am always switching between different projects which have me dealing with all sorts of unique problems.”

LEAD WELLNESS CORNER

By **Alexandra DeCarlo** - LEAD Employee Assistance Coordinator

Greetings, Team Letterkenny,

Welcome to the first edition of the Wellness Corner, a new feature in the Kenny Letter dedicated to supporting the health, readiness, and overall well-being of our workforce. This column will shine a light on our installation's Wellness Program, the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) — all working together to promote a stronger, healthier, and more resilient Letterkenny community.

My name is Alexandra DeCarlo, and I have the privilege of serving as your Army Substance Abuse Program Manager and Employee Assistance Program Coordinator. I've been part of the Department of the Army team since 2006, and Letterkenny Team since 2020 and I'm passionate about helping employees and leaders alike build a culture that values wellness, integrity, and connection. Our mission is to empower every member of the Letterkenny family with the tools and resources they need to thrive — both personally and professionally.

I'm proud to introduce Jose Jimenez Torres, who serves as both our Drug Testing Coordinator and Prevention Coordinator. Jose plays a critical role in sustaining the Army's commitment to a safe and ready workforce by managing testing operations and assisting with wellness and outreach initiatives. His approachable style and

dedication make him an invaluable part of the team. Beyond our core programs, our office provides confidential support for a wide range of employee needs — from navigating workplace stress and improving communication, to helping with complex life and career transitions. Whether it's understanding military or civilian retirement options, buyback procedures, or simply finding the right resources to address life's challenges, we are here to help.

In the Wellness Corner, you can look forward to tips for managing stress, updates on local health initiatives, highlights from upcoming EAP and ASAP events, and success stories from our workforce. Together, we'll explore topics that strengthen resilience, promote balance, and enhance quality of life across our community.

Thank you for all that you do to make Letterkenny a place where people and mission thrive together. We look forward to sharing this space with you each quarter — and we welcome your ideas for future topics and features!

We're located in building 645 and can be reached at 717-267-8412.

Stay well, stay strong, and take care of yourself and one another.



LEAD Hosts McCormick and Joyce for a Tour at the Depot

Story by **Joshua Shinn**/Photo by **Pam Goodhart** - LEAD Public Affairs

On Dec. 6, Letterkenny Army Depot leadership hosted Sen. Dave McCormick, Rep. John Joyce and staff members for a mission brief and capabilities tour of one of the maintenance facilities at the installation.

Col. Caleb Lewis, depot commander, and Kate Williams, Directorate of Strategic Management director, led the tour, highlighting various efforts depot personnel are executing to support critical U.S. Army priorities.

“We are dedicated, as we have been since 1942, in ensuring combat readiness around the world,” Lewis said.

Throughout the congressmen’s visit, Lewis and Williams emphasized the importance of the depot’s core mission — sustaining air and missile and precision fire systems to support service members stationed at home and overseas. The depot’s portfolio of assets includes Patriot, High Mobility Artillery Rocket System and Hellfire, to name a few.

LEAD personnel described the role of the Army’s Organic Industrial Base in national security. The OIB is crucial to repairing and delivering military equipment back to warfighters in an expedited timeline at reduced costs for the federal government, Williams noted.

Fulfilling the mission requires various competencies, Lewis and Williams explained during the tour. Notably, advancements in the depot’s forward-deployment capabilities have bolstered the workforce’s ability to support Soldiers in austere environments. Newly adopted technologies, such as mobile additive manufacturing, have addressed certain issues across the Army, including environmentally induced corrosion.

Depot personnel also discussed the significance of collaboration with local, state and national academia. They explained that partnerships with local schools have strengthened LEAD’s capability to find and employ new talent.

Lewis and Williams noted the importance of interservice

work agreements between the depot and other branches of the U.S. military. Efforts, such as the work done with the Navy sponsor, help LEAD maintain critical skills and competencies while supporting warfighters outside of the Army.

After the tour of the production facility, Jesse Tressler, installation manager, provided an update on military construction projects throughout the installation, highlighting their value to depot operations and the local community.

“What we saw here today was the tip of the spear in supporting our warfighters,” Joyce remarked. “The traditions with the Patriot system having been here since the 1980s, and the future being right here — the possibilities of those artisans that support our defense systems throughout the United States, we look forward to seeing that development, we know how important that is.”

Closing his visit to Letterkenny, McCormick emphasized the importance of defense reindustrialization in Pennsylvania and its role in national security.

“I am blown away by the magnitude, the diversity of the air and missile mission that you are supporting for the Army,” McCormick stated. “I think your mission is becoming more important, not less, because the world is a more dangerous place, and what’s happening here is just critical to the future of our country.”



DOIM TIPS - Safe for Retirement

Submitted by **Jason Furnish** - Directorate of Information Mgmt.

If you're a federal employee or service member, you might be contributing to your retirement through the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Beyond saving, you also want to make sure your funds are secure.

The TSP manages nearly a trillion dollars in retirement savings for over seven million federal employees and service members. Although mobile and online access is convenient, it heightens your vulnerability to cybercrime. Fraudsters are actively targeting TSP accounts for substantial financial profit

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Report Suspicious Activity: Contact the ThriftLine immediately at 1-877-968-3778 (PIN required) if you suspect any unauthorized activity.

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LEAD Partners with Army Heritage Center to Restore Humvee

Story by **Jeff Barnhart** - LEAD Process Support Division Chief

In September 2025, artisans at Letterkenny Army Depot completed the refurbishment of an M1025 Humvee for the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, marking the eighth successful installment in an ongoing partnership between the two organizations.

LEAD's workforce mechanically restored and meticulously painted the M1025, a light tactical vehicle once fielded widely across the Army, demonstrating the depot's technical expertise and its commitment to preserving Army history.

The restored Humvee will join USAHEC's collection of historical vehicles, where it will be displayed for Soldiers, veterans, researchers, and the public.

Each installment in the program ensures that Army heritage is preserved with authenticity and craftsmanship, while also reinforcing LEAD's reputation for quality work.

The refurbished M1025 Humvee carries more than mechanical and cosmetic restoration — it tells a personal story.

Depot personnel painted the vehicle to replicate the command Humvee once used by Col. Tim Baer, USAHEC deputy director. In 2003, Baer commanded Apache

Troop, 3-17 Cavalry, 10th Mountain Division, during Operation Enduring Freedom. His command vehicle accompanied him to multiple locations in Afghanistan, providing mobility, protection, and a symbol of leadership for his Soldiers.

By honoring this history, the artisans at Letterkenny not only preserved a piece of Army equipment but also captured the lived experiences of those who led and served in combat. This Humvee now stands as a tribute to both individual leadership and collective sacrifice.

Since the partnership began, LEAD has completed seven

previous heritage vehicle projects for USAHEC, each requiring a blend of mechanical expertise, paint precision, and historical accuracy. The M1025 Humvee refurbishment adds to that legacy, underscoring the depot's ability to adapt its industrial skills to execute unique missions.

As the Army continues to modernize, projects like this ensure that past equipment and experiences are not forgotten. Through the combined efforts of LEAD and USAHEC, Soldiers' stories endure for the next generation.

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Letterkenny Army Depot personnel complete the refurbishment of an M1025 Humvee for the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Sept. 9.

(U.S. Army photo by Pam Goodhart)

LEAD BREAKS GROUND ON NEW ANECHOIC CHAMBER AND ACP

Story and photo by **Todd Wivell** - LEAD Public Affairs

A new chapter of innovation and security has begun at Letterkenny Army Depot as leaders from the depot, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the community gathered to break ground on two major modernization projects on Dec. 17.

These transformative projects, a one-of-a-kind anechoic chamber and a new access control point, are part of the Army's 15-year Organic Industrial Base Modernization Implementation Plan.

"Today, we are celebrating more than just new construction," said Col. Caleb Lewis, LEAD commander. "We are celebrating a powerful commitment to you – the talented and dedicated people who make our mission possible."

The new anechoic chamber is a groundbreaking addition, allowing depot artisans to perform near-field testing on critical warfighting equipment. This includes the Transportable Radar Surveillance Antenna Equipment Unit system, the Sentinel A4, and the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Sensor systems. This state-of-the-art facility will be the largest of its kind within the entire Army organic industrial base.

"This new facility will continue to support LEAD's capability to provide efficient maintenance and overhaul operations for mission-critical systems," said Lt. Col.

Mark Pollak, USACE Baltimore deputy commander.

"By consolidating near-field testing right here, we ensure effective maintenance operations that are essential for the Missile Defense Agency's recapitalization programs and, most importantly, for keeping our warfighters equipped and ready to defend the nation."

The second major project is a new access control point, a symbol of the depot's unwavering commitment to the safety and security of its personnel. This modern facility will feature new ID check booths, dedicated truck inspection lanes with canopies, a search shelter, a gatehouse, and a visitor control center.

This new access point will not only create a more secure environment but also improve traffic flow and efficiency. It will bring the depot into full compliance with the Army's anti-terrorism and force protection requirements, benefiting the depot and the surrounding community.

Those who helped Lewis and Pollak break ground on the two new projects included Sue Fahnestock, representing Rep. John Joyce; Sen. Doug Mastriano, Pennsylvania State Senator, 33rd District; Mike Ross, Franklin County Area Development Corporation president; and Bill Hunley, Grunley Project Development executive.

Both projects have an estimated completion date of October 2027.



(From left to right) Mike Ross, Franklin County Area Development Corporation president; Lt. Col. Mark Pollak, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore deputy commander; Col. Caleb Lewis, Letterkenny Army Depot commander; Bill Hunley, Grunley Project Development executive; Sue Fahnestock, representing Rep. John Joyce; and Sen. Doug Mastriano, Pennsylvania State Senator, 33rd District, break ground during a ceremony at LEAD on Dec. 17. The ceremony was for two new projects, including a one-of-a-kind anechoic chamber and a new access control point. Both projects have an estimated completion date of October 2027.

LEAD HISTORY CORNER

A Tradition of Celebration & Giving



With **Andrew Newman** - Letterkenny Historian

Letterkenny at Christmas: A Tradition of Celebration and Giving

Christmas during the WWII years could be described as quickly gobbling down your turkey during your shift while attempting to keep up with production. In 1944, Letterkenny employees worked 24/7 in the effort to support the troops during the Battle of the Bulge. So, when the war ended the first peace time Christmas in December 1945 was a party for sure as indicated from Kenny Letter photos.

While a record snow of 16 inches fell during the Christmas of 1951, nothing could damper the peacetime mission that began in the 1950s: charitable

giving. Letterkenny employees have been giving to charity and helping the unfortunate in the community for over 70 years. The first recorded Christmas time charity by Letterkennians was in 1954 when the depot raised enough money to provide gifts and a playroom for orphans at Mt. Alto.

In 1962, Letterkenny's U.S. Army Major Item Supply Management Agency employees all collected food supplies and toys for the community's unfortunate. Letterkenny even had a "Mrs. Claus" in the 1960s and 70s, Mrs. Margaret King. Every year at Christmas time, Mrs. King collected hundreds of dolls and gave to orphan and needy children. The Letterkenny Ladies Club each year held a "Bazaar"

which raised money for community projects to support needy families and veterans.

Letterkenny has a strong tradition of giving today whether it is the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), Salvation Army Santa Gifts, or even helping out at a homeless shelter.

Employees have been contributing to the CFC for over 50 years. In 1972, Letterkennians gave \$53,702 (in 2025 this would equate: \$392,848). Even in 2007, Letterkenny found a way to transport to the needy...in style in a HMMWV!

Will you carry on the Letterkenny tradition of giving throughout 2026?

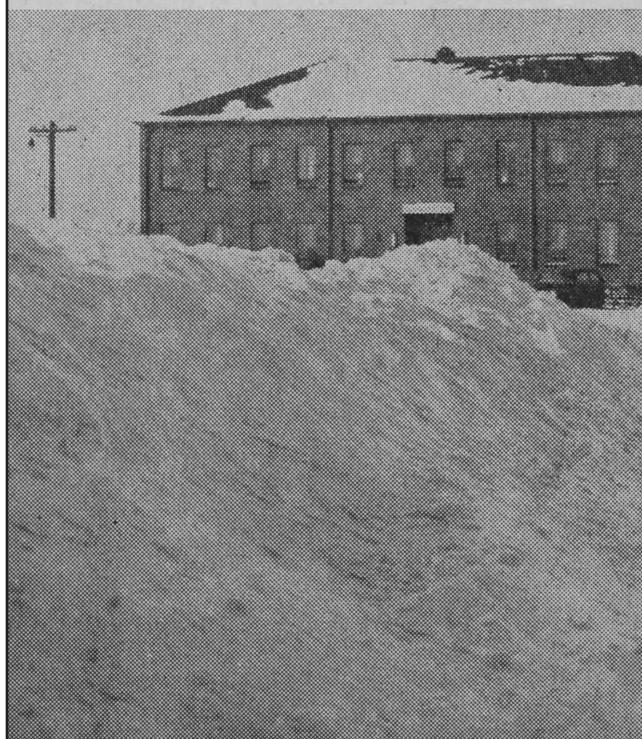


READY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR CFC — Chester S. McKenzie, center, chairman of the 1973 Chambersburg Area Combined Federal Campaign, ties the ribbon on a Christmas package to be sent to the CFC, symbolically containing \$53,702.23, the amount of money contributed in the recently conducted drive. Helping to prepare the package were four of the six deputies assisting McKenzie in conducting the campaign. Left to right, are Lester C. Kiehl, Robert J. Lundy, Wallace P. Shoop, and Smithy Mahon, Warren E. Tomlinson and Clarence G. Walter, the other two deputies, were not present when this photo was taken.



Cindy Stoner in a HMMWV full of gifts

As Record Snowfall Hit Letterkenny



Your Contributions Made This Happy Scene Possible



If any further proof was needed to show that the close to \$900 contribution that Letterkenny employees gave toward a happy Christmas and a Letterkenny Playroom to 25 needy, unfortunate children at Mt. Alto State Sanatorium was appreciated, it can surely be found in the faces of the happy youngsters pictured above.

As was reported in the last issue of the Kenny Letter, approximately \$375 of the total contribution went towards Christmas gifts for the tots, some of which the children are playing with, while the remaining money was placed in a fund for a playroom for the youngsters to be called the Letterkenny Playroom.

preserve for posterity a picture of the recent record 16-inch snowfall and to show our readers how much snow did fall during the period the above photograph of a snowbank with the Headquarters Building in the background was snapped. This record depth was accumulated as the result of two different 8-inch snowfalls and represents one of the deepest snowfalls to cover LKY.

Mrs. Santa Claus





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