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## LIFT Graduation Ceremony by CPAC



On November 18, 2009, fifteen depot supervisors were recognized for completing the Leader Investment for Tomorrow (LIFT) program at Letterkenny Army Depot.



LIFT graduates with Dr. John Gray, LEAD Deputy Commander (far left) and Mr. Ronnie Chronister (SES), Deputy to the Commanding General, AMCOM (far right)

LIFT class members briefed team projects before an audience of senior management officials. Mr. Ronnie Chronister, AMCOM Deputy to the Commanding General and Dr. John Gray, Deputy Commander, Letterkenny Army Depot presented the graduates with certificates and depot coins. AMCOM also recognized Letterkenny's Chief of Staff, Mark Sheffield and Director of Public Works, Mr. Rod Gettig for their leadership contributions at class sessions.



COL Lee DeRemer, Senior Air Force Representative to the Commandant, and Director of Strategic Leadership on the faculty of the U.S. Army War College presents a session on Ethical Leadership

initiatives and improve business applications for Letterkenny. This year's graduation marks the success of two consecutive depot LIFT programs. The 2010 LIFT program is planned for June 2010.

This year's graduates include: Karen Amerson, William Doyle Jr., Barbara Dunlap, Daniel Eichenlaub, Kevin Gephart, Kevin Griffin, Eugene Kane Jr., Michael Kirkpatrick, Dale McClanahan, Jacquelyn Meckley, Jason Nold, Gary Rodgers, Terry St. Clair, and Marcia Storts.

LIFT is a component of the AMCOM Leader Development Life Cycle (ALDLC) and supports the Army vision for civilian leader development. Selection for this competitive leadership development program began in April. Participants were recruited from a pool of talented supervisors at all pay band levels.

On June 9, 2009, COL Steven A. Shapiro kicked-off the 2009 LIFT program. During the six-month period depot leaders participated in monthly sessions that consisted of lectures, interactive workshops, leadership assessments, Redstone Arsenal and U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center staff rides, and preparation of team projects.

LIFT graduates will use their leadership skills to support change



Dr. John Gray speaks to the LIFT graduates



Dr. John Gray explains the sandbox replica of the Depot

## From The Commander's Desk



Happy holidays Letterkenny! I hope this finds you and yours doing well as we approach the end of 2009.

I think this is a great time of year to reflect on all the things we are thankful for. I am thankful for all of the Soldiers and civilians that are down range taking their turn in this fight for freedom. It makes my time at home in my own bed very special and precious. I am thankful for our work force here at LEAD and am happy we are keeping the work flowing and our people employed in light of our economy and the struggles I see other depots are enduring.

I am thankful for our health given the challenges we are faced with this flu season. Finally, I am thankful for the generosity I've witnessed from the LEAD family to our local communities and organizations in need as well as to our deployed personnel. We had a great event with the "Hunt of a Lifetime" and the "Wounded Warrior" programs. A total of 12 Warriors and kids were assisted by a load of volunteers in pursuit of making a dream come true. We had 4 angel trees that were emptied within moments of being established. We had carloads of donations for a variety of organizations like Toys for Tots and the homeless shelter.

We exceeded our fund raising goals for the Combined Federal Campaign.

All of this speaks volumes to the giving nature of our depot and is a true representation of what the holidays are truly about. I couldn't be prouder to be a part of this family.

My best wishes to everyone for a happy holiday and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

-COL Cheri A. Provancha



## Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff 2009 by PAO



The CFC Kickoff 2009 was held on October 13 in the Great Room. COL Provancha rallied the crowd for a great cause. The COL set out two goals for LEAD this year : 1) 100% of the workforce is contacted about the CFC to ensure everyone has been given the opportunity to donate. 2) To exceed last years contributions of \$71,000.



The CFC has been around for more than thirty years surviving solely on donations by YOU! One of the most important facts of the CFC is that it benefits charitable organizations and you can support a selected charity that deals with issues that you truly care about on a local, national and even global level. If you cant afford a dollar a month there are other things that you can donate.

Donate your time. The Letterkenny CFC committee is in need of Volunteers. You can contact Nadine Stoler Committee Chairperson or Angie Coons. CFC is your chance to give those in need a hand up, not a hand out. As of December 14th LEAD has collected \$86,493 in CFC donations. Go Team Letterkenny!



## LEAD Presented with Joint Depot Maintenance Award by PAO

LEAD was recently honored with the Joint Depot Maintenance Excellence Award. This award is presented for outstanding individual and team accomplishments and contributions within the Joint Depot Maintenance community. LEAD was bestowed with this prestigious award under the team category for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected/Medium Mine Protected Vehicle.

Mr. Mike Gossard, Deputy Director of Maintenance, was present to receive the award on October 27, 2009 during the DOD Maintenance Symposium in Phoenix, AZ.



Above: Matthew Danszyk of BAE presents Mike Gossard, Deputy Dir. of Maintenance with the Joint Depot Maintenance Award

## Waivers for Those Who Lose Their Clearances by DOIM

A R 25-2, para 4-14b(2) states, "Individuals assigned to IT-I, IT-II, or IT-III positions who lose their clearance, or have access to classified systems suspended pending the results of an investigation, will be barred access to the ISS until favorable adjudication of that investigation.

Waivers for continued access to unclassified sys-



tems will be justified in a written request, with the Commander's concurrence, to the DAA for approval. Access will be granted only upon DAA authorization. This request and approval will become part of the C&A package. Users designated in IT-I positions will be removed from these positions and this denial of access is non-waiverable.

Additionally these waivers are only valid for 6 months. An additional waiver can be granted, but the request must come from the first

GO/SES in the individuals chain of command submitted to the DAA. Letterkenny is getting the waiver process through the Unions prior to implementation.



**\*\*Original article written by Mr. Derek R. Cosby, USA IMCOM and NEC-Belvoir-IA Division**

## LEAD Shows Support at Veteran's Day Parade by PAO



**Left: COL Provancha addresses the crowd at the Veteran's Day Parade**

Crowds of people gathered on a chilly morning on November 11, 2009 to honor all of the veterans that have so faithfully served our

country. COL Cheri Provancha, LEAD's Depot Commander, spoke before the crowd in downtown Chambersburg. She referred to the service of the veterans as "selfless" and that "the veterans were all ordinary people and like many before them, they answered the call to proudly serve their country."



**Above: COL Provancha with a local boy scout**

COL Provancha also stated that "the nation owes a great debt to its veterans" and "whenever and wherever our nation has called, veterans have been there." Veterans are a very important asset to this community. Let a veteran know how much you appreciate them and their service.

**\*\* Info gathered from Public Opinion article**



*"Whenever and wherever our nation has called, veterans have been there."*

**- COL Cheri Provancha, Depot Commander**

**Left: COL Provancha at the Veteran's Day Parade**

## Not Your Average Buffalo by Will Greenland

On October 14, 2009, Letterkenny Army Depot received a Buffalo Armor Protected Vehicle from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) This particular Buffalo was an A1 model with a prototype Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) bar armor kit. The bar armor kit was designed to work with the LEAD manufactured Explosively Formed Penetrator (EFP) armor.

Welders from the building 350 weld shop removed portions of the RPG bar armor to gain unrestricted access to the sides of the vehicle. The next step was to use cutting and grinding equipment to remove unnecessary brackets and prep the hull for welding. A total of 120 steel bosses were attached to special weld templates and then tack welded to the hull. After finishing the necessary welds, they mounted the EFP armor kit to the roadside and curb-side of the vehicle

With the EFP kit installed, the removed portions of the RPG bar armor kit had to be reinstalled. This portion of work was the main focus of the entire exercise. The program manager knew that the EFP armor could and has been successfully installed in the field. The real challenge was to determine if the RPG bar armor could be seamlessly integrated into the package. In less than one week, LEAD employees completed all of the necessary work to make this job a success. The Buffalo was transported back to TARDEC for further evaluation and to be used as a visual aid for high level demonstrations.

LEAD is currently ordering material for 50 Buffalo A2 EFP armor kits. This work has been requested by Program Manager Assured Mobility Systems (PM AMS). LEAD Engineering POC is Will Greenland: 267-8157.



**Above: One of the Buffalo Armor Protected Vehicles**

## Building 37 Employees Come to the Rescue by Tracey Killinger

Due to the quick reactions of the supervisors and employees in Bldg 37, (a combined effort between DOM, DPW, and DPA) a water leak remained a small problem instead of turning into a colossal dilemma.



Several people had acted quickly to shut off the power to the office area, and others immediately went on a search to find the water shut off valve to eliminate more damage. Other employees had started moving computers, phones and other personal items off of the desks. After the area was secured and all

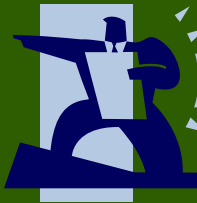
the power was shut down, they started to clean up and try to contain the water as much as possible to keep from causing more damage.

The Director of Maintenance and the supervisors in the Power Generation Branch were very proud of these employees during this chaotic time. Everyone worked together and it was great to know that the first thought in everyone's mind was the SAFETY of their co-workers.



**Pictured L to R: Steve Miller – Dir of Maint; Darrell King, Jay Keefer, Aaron Zeis, Sean Wolford, Tony Gruver, Greg Roberts, Garry Hockenberry – Supervisor, Lindsay Engel, Geoffrey Kinch, and Bill Armstrong**

**Not Pictured: DOM - Richard Ramsey, Billy Doyle, Brad Westurn, Lori Hepfer, Tina Tyler and DPW - Jim Pilgrim**



## Civilian Education System (CES) Training News and Information by CPAC

The **Leader Development Program** schedule for resident courses for FY10 is now available at the following link: <http://www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/?p=194>.

Letterkenny Army Depot Civilian leaders are encouraged to review the list of available courses and select to register on line as indicated. These courses are centrally funded by the Army Management Staff College. Some

are required for supervisor and intern leader development, and others are a great investment in the employee's future.

Enthusiastic comments from recent Army Management Staff College graduates and additional Leader Development Program course descriptions can be reviewed at the following link: <http://www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/?p=195>.

Do something positive for yourself and the Army by checking out these great training opportunities today!



**Below: Michelle Jeffcoat, Melissa Patterson and Tom Hazlett**



## Food Drive 2009 by PAO

It may have been a dark and rainy morning, but volunteers showed up early to help collect various items for the annual food drive. This year's food drive was held on October 27-28, 2009.

The event was not only for collecting food items, but also to collect new toys for local children, the Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, toiletries for residents at Falling Spring Nursing Home, cell phones and toiletries for the Women in Need

program and the Franklin County Shelter, as well as eye-glasses for the Lions Club and pet supplies for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter.

Donations were accepted in big, red barrels that were located at various places on depot from October 1 to November 20.



**Left: Sharon Fogal and Tiffany King**



**Right: Beverly Williams and Pat Felix**



# STAR4Defense Program by John Tomlinson

Letterkenny Army Depot's Paint Division in cooperation with the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center and Tiburon has just launched a regional Painter Training Institute. The training regimen and curriculum follows UNI's Spray Technique Analysis and Research for Defense (STAR4D) methodology. STAR4D provides exceptional painter training for military facilities through expertise, knowledge, and skill. STAR4D is able to assist military facilities with strategies and techniques that will enable them to use less coating and improve finish quality. The basic training course consists of classroom instructions, virtual reality simulation and hands-on paint application in an industrial paint booth.

The STAR4D program is focused on enhancing painter ability to improve overall quality and the effective-



**Above: Students and Instructors of the First STAR4Defense Training Class**

ness of military coatings systems. Another critical objective is to reduce material and labor costs associated with excessive paint utilization and all associated wastes to include: reduction of volatile organic compounds (VOC) via air emissions, reduction of paint and solvent waste disposal, and reduction of material costs related to poor transfer efficiency (coveralls, booth maintenance and filter replacement).

The goal is to train the remainder of LEADs DA Civilian Painter in fiscal year 2010, and then to open up training availability to Department of Defense contractor organizations and private industry paint facilities. This program is a strong indicator of Letterkenny's commitment to cost, quality, schedule and employee morale as well as the Depot's mission to remain responsive to the Joint Warfighter while building quality and value into each program it supports. This training institute is a significant new capability for the Depot that will improve our products and service to the military. The Paint Division touches every product that leaves the Depot, and now it shall provide an effective tool to empower every painter on Depot to strive for perfection through continuous improvement.

[www.star4d.org](http://www.star4d.org)

**Below: STAR4D students hard at work**



## Emergency Preparedness by Safety Office



### Are you ready?

Emergencies and disasters can happen in any place at any time. There are some things you can do to prepare yourself for a life threatening situation at home or at work. Being trained in first aid and CPR with AED could help you save a life. According to the National Safety Council, 75 percent out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur at home. The LEAD Fire Dept. offers CPR certification courses to employees. This is a requirement for all welders and electricians. If it is not a requirement for your job, speak with your supervisor and ask if they will allow you to attend the training. To schedule a course, contact Carolyn Kerns at x5256.



Know the emergency evacuation plan for your building, both at work and at home. Prepare your family by developing an emergency plan with your family in case of a tornado, flood, blizzard, etc. Does your personal disaster supplies kit have the following items:

- First-aid kit and any essential medications.
- Canned food and can opener.
- At least three gallons of water per person.
- Protective clothing, rainwear and bedding or sleeping bags.
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.
- Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so.



### Additionally, consider:

- Extra cash. (ATM doesn't work if the power is lost)
- Secure outside items around the house such as porch furniture and dead limbs/branches,
- Gas up the vehicles.
- Stay informed.



As we approach the winter season, are you ready for the weather related emergencies? Nobody has control over natural disasters but we can prepare ourselves. Familiarize yourself with your work area and the surrounding areas, both indoors and outdoors.



We can't prevent natural disasters, but prudent planning could minimize many of their related hardship. Practice your plans frequently for each type of emergency especially with children and make sure they understand. For more information, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

# Picture This! Photos from the Past



Above: DPW Employees gather for a photo opportunity during their Christmas Party. (December 1998)

As the Holidays approach, different directorates will be having their holiday parties. This photo is a sample of one of those parties.

**The Story:** This picture was found by Doug Foreback. It is a photo of the DPW employees during their last Christmas Party in Building 663 in December of 1998. In July of '99 BRAC '95 went into effect and LEAD was downsized.

Many of the individuals in the photo have moved on and retired, while some others still work for DPW in Headquarters, Building 10.

**\*\* In photo: Back Row L to R: Craig Mason, Regina Taylor, Susan Worthington, JoAnn Sandbower, Rodney Reichard, Jackie Crumbly, Sharon Codwell, Karen McCausland, Mary Noyes, Nancy Miller, David McClure, Joe Repasi, Garland Smoot**

**Front Row L to R: Steven Coy, Susan Davidson, Sylvia Moline, Donald Fahnestock, Sandy Kannel, Nancy Cordell, Vince Myers, Bonnie Hargleroad, Glen Trego, LeeRoy Runyon**

**\*\* If you have any old photos relating to LEAD that you would like to submit for the "Picture This!" article in the next Kenny Letter, please contact SSG Lisa Levack (717-267-9356)**



## Vista Deployment by DOIM

Under the Department of the Army's Executive Order 056-05, the Army is migrating all of its Windows-based computers to Microsoft's Vista Operating System in order to



bolster Internet security and standardize its information systems. The systems change, which includes swapping Office 2003 for Office 2007 is to be completed at Letterkenny by the end of the first quarter of calendar year 2010.

The Vista Deployment Schedule Link is posted on the front page of the Letterkenny Portal for the rollout of the Operating System and Office 2007. The new Office suite provides more straightforward document security and better integration with applications. The new interface however is

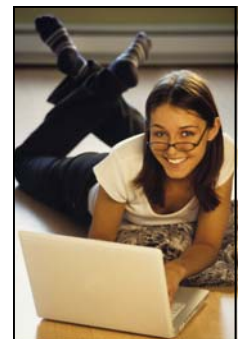
not always straightforward. There is training available for Office 2007 and a schedule of classes is located on the portal under the Directorate of Information Management (DOIM) Training site.



Windows Vista™

All Army DOIMs are provided a baseline for the workstations through the Army Golden Master (AGM) team. This team evaluates operating systems and software; they provide the minimum security standards that must be adhered to. The DOIM at Letterkenny has been working closely with the

AGM team on the Vista roll out for the past 9 months in order to troubleshoot some of the applications in use at Letterkenny, to include a large number of applications that most Army installations do not use. The DOIM is confident that most end users will be satisfied when they see the final product. Look for the Vista deployment team in your area over the next several months to switch you to Vista and Office 2007.



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# Taking the Higher Road by MAJ Phillips, Legal Office

## Social Networking Sites



Soldiers, like the rest of society, have embraced social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter. However, Soldiers need to be aware of consequences of posting information on their site. There is always Operational Security concerns, but that would be an area addressed by the Directorate of Risk Management. I will address one of the legal issues concerning these social networking sites.

One of the areas that Soldiers need to be concerned about is "Disrespect toward a Superior Commissioned Officer" under Article 89 of the UCMJ. Disrespect may consist of acts or language, and it doesn't matter if it is

directed against the officer in the official capacity or private capacity. It doesn't matter if the disrespect is truthful in nature.

The Manual for Courts-Martial lists neglecting the customary salute, or showing a marked disdain, insolence, undue familiarity, or other rudeness in the presence of a the superior officer.



This Manual has not been updated to reflect the internet, which contains Facebook and Twitter, but if a Soldier posts something for the world to see that is disrespectful towards a superior officer, the results could be the same, with adverse information posted on that Soldier's evaluation report, or disciplinary measures, or UCMJ action.

It is a privilege for most Soldiers to be here under the PFI

program and to serve our country by helping the war effort through manufacturing and fixing equipment. Don't jeopardize that privilege. As a Soldier, be careful not to post any disrespectful information on your social networking site. If you have any questions, stop my office in the command wing of Building 10.



***"It is a privilege for most Soldiers to be here under the PFI program... Don't jeopardize that privilege."***



# Management Trainee Program by LEAN Office

The Depot has recognized the need to develop future leaders for our organization. One of the ways we plan to do this is through the Management Trainee Program.

This program is designed and implemented by Office of Continuous Improvement (OCI). It is a great follow-up from the program that rotated employees through the OCI for a one year detail.



Retirements are a huge concern because those leaving take a lot of knowledge and experience with them.

Through the management trainee program, experienced people are chosen to be the mentors.

Trainees go through a selection process much like a job interview. Resumes are accepted and graded on pre-determined criteria set by Command and CPAC.

The grading is done by a panel. The applicant's names are kept anonymous throughout the process.

The selected individuals will have the opportunity to learn many skills by shadowing their mentors as well as formal and informal training. The trainees will have to do their own personal A3 and have a personal plan developed with help from the OCI to determine their goals and how to get there.

This program will have another rotation coming up soon. If interested, or would like more information, contact the OCI.

POC: Shea Hurley 267-9871





# “What is UID (IUID) ??”

By Gene Bender, DOIM



Some of you may have heard the term IUID or even UID. And maybe you have even wondered what it is or even what does it have to do with me here at Letterkenny? Let us start with what do the letters IUID mean? IUID stands for “Item Unique Identifier”.

This concept isn’t new to you, your social security number is unique to you and your car has an IUID associated with it, you refer to it as a VIN number. These are both examples of unique identifiers, but they are represented in a series of human readable numbers and letters coded in such a way as to always remain unique.

The unique identifiers for our program are represented by a machine readable 2D Data Matrix symbol, a new type of bar code. The 2D bar code is more robust than the more familiar linear barcode that is used as a Universal Product Code. It is commonly seen as a small one half inch square.

## Who is doing this?

The aerospace industry has been going strong with the application of IUID barcodes for years; primarily it is to track parts.

These parts are tracked from creation to salvage or as some say “cradle to grave”. This aids the industry with configuration management, identifying defective parts and also aid in the identification of counterfeit parts.



The automobile industry is also using the technology; some are leveraging the technology to automate plant processes and tracking, configuration management and aids with warranty and recall process.

## Why are we doing this?

The IUID Program began as one of the DoD solutions for addressing the deficiency in complying with the Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of 1990.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense issued the, “Policy for Unique Identification (UID) of tangible personal property legacy items in inventory and operational use including Government Furnished Property (GFP)” December 23, 2004.

This policy defines the step-by-step procedures for IUID management, milestones, procedures and processes of legacy items in inventory and operational use as well as government furnished property.

## What are we doing at the depot level?

Letterkenny is an active participant in the process. Force Provider, HMMWV, and Patriot have been using data plates with great success.

Your source is the UID-works, located at the Information Office, Building 4. We have the capability to create the metal data plates with the 2D data matrix and the ability to register the pedigree information.

New acquisitions should arrive with the IUID applied. To insure that we receive items properly marked we need to exercise the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation System (DFARS) clause in new contracts.

Any new manufacturing we do in-house that meets the marking criteria, mentioned above, is required to be marked.



## Key points:

- IUID is a program that is here now!
- Letterkenny has a part to play to make it successful.
- We have the capability in-house to apply the barcode.
- The first process is getting the 2D barcode on the asset.
- YOU are part of that process!

This may not have answer all your questions, but for additional information on the subject visit: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/uid/index.html>





# Protect Against the Flu



## #1 TAKE TIME TO GET VACCINATED

CDC recommends a yearly seasonal flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against seasonal flu. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the three seasonal viruses that research suggests will be most common. Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk of serious flu complications, including young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older.



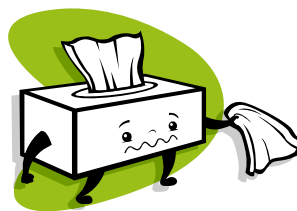
Seasonal flu vaccine also is important for health care workers, and other people who live with or care for high risk people to prevent giving the flu to those at high risk. A seasonal vaccine will not protect you against novel H1N1. A new vaccine against novel H1N1 is being produced and will be available in the coming months as an option for prevention of novel H1N1 infection. People at greatest risk for novel H1N1 infection include children, pregnant women, and people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease.



## #2 TAKE EVERYDAY PREVENTATIVE ACTION

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)
- Keep away from others as much as possible. This is to keep from making others sick. While sick, limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.



## #3 TAKE FLU ANTIVIRAL DRUGS IF RECOMMENDED

If you get seasonal or novel H1N1 flu, antiviral drugs can treat the flu. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) that fight against the flu by keeping flu viruses from reproducing in your body. Antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster.

They may also prevent serious flu complications. Antiviral drugs are not sold over-the-counter and are different from antibiotics. Antiviral drugs may be especially important for people who are very sick (hospitalized) or people who are sick with the flu and who are at increased risk of serious flu complications, such as pregnant women, young children and those with chronic health conditions.





# LEAD Flag Football League by Jason Yeager



The second season of flag football at Letterkenny Army Depot began in August and concluded with the championship game October 22, 2009. In 2008, the inaugural year, the league saw Team COX go undefeated and win the championship, so this season began with them looking to defend their title. The league was composed of six teams, five from Letterkenny (DPW Destroyers, Team COX, MRAP, Piranhas, MPs) and one from the Carlisle Barracks. Most games proved to be highly competitive and very enjoyable for both the participants and the fans of the teams playing. Each team played nine regular season games and how the playoffs were seeded was determined by won/loss records.

Carlisle and the DPW Destroyers finished the season 9-0 and 7-2 respectively to clinch the top two seeds and obtained a first round bye in the playoffs. The first round of the playoffs saw MRAP defeat the Piranhas 20-0 and Team COX knock off the MPs 26-12. The semi-final round saw Carlisle play MRAP and the DPW Destroyers take on Team COX. MRAP showed heart and gave a valiant effort, however they were unable to match Carlisle's speed and size. Carlisle won easily, 35-7, with MRAP never mounting a serious

scoring threat. The second semi-final showcased two teams that were evenly matched, Team COX and the DPW Destroyers. In a game where the defenses controlled the action, the Destroyers edged out a 20-14 win. Both teams left it all on the field and the final verdict was in doubt until the last play of the game when the Destroyers batted down a "Hail Mary" in the end zone.

The championship game promised to be a good one as Carlisle and the Destroyers had proven to be the two best teams in the league. DPW won the toss and elected to play defense, giving Carlisle the first chance to score. On the opening possession Carlisle marched down the field and scored with relative ease to make it 7-0. That would be the last time they crossed the goal line against the DPW defense. The rest of the first half saw both offenses struggle to get anything going against the opposing defenses and the half ended with Carlisle clinging to a 7-0 lead. DPW opened the second half just like Carlisle opened the game and methodically marched down the field. Faced with a 4<sup>th</sup> and goal the Destroyers were able to punch it in and made the bold decision to go for a two point conversion. With the successful conversion the Destroyers took a 8-7 lead. Shortly after DPW was able to capitalize on a turnover by Carlisle and scored again, pushing the lead to 14-7. The teams traded possessions over the last 10 minutes with both defenses turning away the offense each time they would get close to scoring. Carlisle got the ball back with less than a minute remaining but were unable to score and with

that the DPW Destroyers handed Carlisle their first loss of the season and clinched the LEAD Flag Football League Championship.

Thanks to all who participated in the league this year, each team and all the players on each team. Also, thanks to Jason Gates for overseeing the league and everybody who volunteered their time to help referee the games, the fans for supporting the teams, and the fire company for being there to provide help in case of an emergency. It was a great season and everyone looks forward to the third year of flag football here at LEAD in 2010.



**The DPW Destroyers– LEAD Flag Football Champions 2009**

**(Front Row L to R): Andrew Newman, Kenny McClure, Paul Wilson, Andrew Burke, George Eyer, Colby Rickabaugh**

**(Back Row L to R): Matt Miller, Sam Pelesky, Joey Eichelberger, Craig Kindlin, Dane Polluck, Chris Shaffer, Scott Yeager, Josh Straley, David Plum, Jason Yeager**

## Wilson College Courses for LEAD Employees

**Building #102 Training Center at Letterkenny Army Depot**

**Spring Classes January 25– May 14:**

**Bus 326 - Human Resources Management**

**CS 110 - Introduction to Computers**

**MCM 110 - Effective Speaking**

**Phil 226 - Business Ethics**

\*Many Letterkenny students also take classes on the Wilson College campus. The Spring Semester and J-Term schedules are accessible online through Campus Web at [www.wilson.edu/campusweb](http://www.wilson.edu/campusweb).

\*Current students should contact their advisor to register for classes. New students may contact the Adult Degree Student Admission Office at 262-2025 or email [degrees@wilson.edu](mailto:degrees@wilson.edu)

\*To register for classes or for more information, please contact:



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\*\*Tuition for Wilson College classes is paid by Letterkenny for all Letterkenny employees pending supervisor approval (SF 182).

## MAJ Eric Burkholder Receives Meritorious Service Medal by PAO



Above: COL Provancha Awards MAJ Eric Burkholder with the Meritorious Service Medal

On November 5, 2009, COL Cheri Provancha awarded MAJ Eric Burkholder with the Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional meritorious service as Project Manager, Production Engineer, and Logistics Liaison for Letterkenny Army Depot from March 14, 2005 to September 29, 2009. MAJ Burkholder is a native of Chambersburg, PA and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Aircraft Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Some of his accomplishments include that he engineered and managed several armor programs for GMV and RCV platforms, was a start-up and sustainability engineer for the assembly and kitting of the Rhino System and was an engineer for integrating new technologies to the Depot. MAJ Burkholder accepted the position of Mechanical Engineer here at LEAD on October 13, 2009 and has been a speaker/MC for most of the Depot's functions. He resides in Chambersburg with his wife Laurie and 8-year-old daughter Alea.

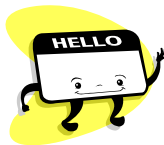


## Angel Tree Project by Angie Coons

Letterkenny Army Depot once again participated in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. Over 280 angels have been requested and fulfilled this year. It is just a great feeling to see how Letterkenny and the tenant agency employees open their hearts and hands to ensure these children have a most pleasant holiday.

A Special thanks came from Ruthanne Bigler, Salvation Army Representative, who took 2 box truck loads of gifts to the donation point.

This program is sponsored by the Special Emphasis Committee. POC for this effort is Angie Coons, she can be reached at 717-267-8404.



## LEAD Comings and Goings

### LEAD Welcomes (as of October and November 2009):

Eric Burkholder, Kenneth Riley, Toby Snider, Annette Polk, Robert Rambin, Gregory Edgin, Jesse Tressler, Peter Fischer, Scott Hayden, Justin Jordan, Dennis Schneider, Michael Ruzsak, Jennifer Allen, Cynthia Banzhoff, Shaun Leatherman, Michael Patterson, Kelly Rhodes, Juan Torressalinas, Dean Gower, and Renee Kennedy.

### And Bids Farewell to (as of October and November 2009):

Jeremy Allen, Leo Evans III, Eddie Walston, Dale Kessinger, Lester Hammond, Robert Baker II, Ashley Hengst, Gregory Cassatt, Howard Williams, Glenda Williams, Dave McKibben, Karla Suders, Juliet Poston, Brian Neil, Christina Pyne, Michael Ward, and Eugene Legrand.



## Directorate of Maintenance Honors Employees, by Vicky Logue



Pictured from left to right: Ronald Bouch, Gary Frehn II, Becky Chilcote, Douglas Chilcote, Anthony Traylor and Gary Frehn II,

Anthony Traylor and Ronald Bouch of the Power Supply Section, Major Item Division, Directorate of Maintenance, were recently honored for their selfless actions and quick response in rendering aid to their fellow employee, Douglas Chilcote. On 22 Oct 09, Mr Chilcote was injured on the job when acetone was splashed into his eyes. His co-workers' immediate aid saved Mr Chilcote's eyes from a much more serious, and possible blinding injury. Steven Miller, Director of Maintenance expressed his appreciation and presented Certificates of Excellence to

the three gentlemen, along with a framed certificate and vintage Kenny Penny to be displayed in their work section. Becky Chilcote, wife of Douglas, was also on hand to show her appreciation to her husband's co-workers.



## VPP CORNER by Safety

Last month, DOD Center of Excellence visited LEAD and evaluated our OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) readiness. From this mock audit, VPP awareness was an area that needs work. It appears that several employees and supervisors are still not informed about VPP.

VPP Awareness Training is available on EtherneTV and is mandatory for all employees. We cannot get VPP off the ground without everybody's involvement. If you would like more information on VPP for yourself or to provide your employees, please contact Kristin Sponsler at x4039.

The Lead Safty Office had a VPP Awareness booth at the activities fair during Employee Appreciation Day. Several

employees submitted safety suggestions and participated in quizzes to win awards. The suggestions are being reviewed by the safety office and you will be contacted with updates if you submitted a suggestion. Thanks to everyone who visited the booth and big thanks to the Wellness Committee and DPW for setting up the event.



## Thank You for Your Service!

**Below are Soldiers and Civilians who are deployed or will deploy from LEAD to support the Joint Warfighter.**

### Deployed/Deploying:

- SFC Michael Cantin, SPO/Transportation NCO
- SGT Ramiro Figueiroa, QA Inspector 1
- Andrew Fontaness, Program Manager
- 1LT Jason Harris, Team Leader
- Marcus Robinson, QA Inspector 2
- John Saraka, IT Computer Specialist

### Returning:

- MSG Jeffery Day
- Billy Baker
- SSG Jeremy Allen
- Gerald Weeks



# Length of Service Award— 50 yrs. By PAO



Right: Mr. Ronnie Chronister, (SES), Deputy to the Commanding General, AMCOM presents Mr. Theodore “Ted” Tomter with the 50 year Length of Service Award



There are many major milestones that occur in someone’s lifetime. On November 18, 2009, Mr. Theodore “Ted” Tomter was recognized for a milestone of his own. Ted was presented with the Length of Service award for working for 50 years at Letterkenny Army Depot. Mr. Ronnie Chronister, Deputy to the Commanding General, AMCOM, presented him with his award.

Ted started his career with the Federal Government in 1957 as an employee for a logistics contractor at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, South Dakota where worked there until 1959. In May 1959 he joined the Army and worked in the



Above: Mr. Don Ruth, Director, US Army TMDE Support-Region I, presents Mr. Ted Tomter with a special gift for his service

Special Weapons area until May 1966. He received experience as a Quality Assurance Inspector in the Special Weapons program in the Army from 1964 to 1966.

In May of 1966 he transferred to the calibration field and attended the calibration school at Verdun, France. Over the years he served three tours as an instructor at the calibration school at Verdun, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and Lowery Air Force Base. During his last instructor assignment at Lowery he achieved the Master Instructor designation.

Ted came to Letterkenny Army Depot in July 1977 as a senior NCO responsible for 120 Soldier calibrators in the Northeast region. He retired from that position in May 1980 and started work as a civilian calibration technician on a mobile calibration team serving the Military District of Washington in Nov 1980. In 1982 he was promoted to the chief of that team. In June 1983 Ted was selected as the QA Specialist for the District TMDE Support Center at Letterkenny. He served in that capacity until the U.S. Army TMDE Activity created the region offices in 1991. At that time he was selected as the U.S. Army TMDE Support-Region I Quality Assurance



Mr. Ted Tomter receiving a pin for his 50 years of service

Specialist. He has served in that position since 1991.

In addition to his regular Quality Assurance inspections of Region I calibration laboratories, he is frequently asked to conduct technical assistance visits for civilian calibration laboratories, active Army, and Army National Guard calibration teams within and outside Region I. He is also in great demand as an instructor for training customer calibration coordinators, and has conducted training for many AMC subordinate commands.

Ted will be retiring on January 2, 2010.

**\*\*Note: All Information in article provided by Mr. Don Ruth, Director, US Army TMDE Support-Region I**



Mr. Ronnie Chronister, Mr. Ted Tomter and Mr. Don Ruth



## “On Cyber Patrol”-Like Poker, Keep Your Cards Close to Your Chest

\*\* From August 2007 AKO website’s “On Cyber Patrol” archives



The following is a briefing from SGT Firewall, Army Cyber Patrol Leader, to a group of Army personnel at a forward camp somewhere in the desert.

As you are aware, your CAC (Common Access Card) is an important security tool to prevent unauthorized access to Army data and systems. It eliminates the necessity for multiple passwords. It also provides a unique user identification that enhances security by granting access to IT systems and resources to only authorized personnel.

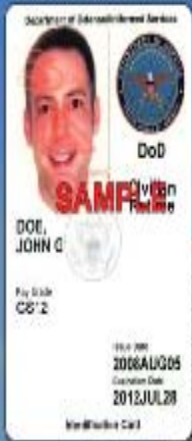
Since we have started using CAC, it has made computer use both easier and more secure. Obviously, this is the desired outcome. However, we have noticed that there have been potential security risks because users have not secured their CACs. We have found CACs in computers – still open to secure systems – and in various other places where they shouldn’t be. Where they should be is on your person, in a secure location or in your computer with you at the keyboard.

I’m sure all of you have bank cards or credit cards that require a PIN (Personal Identification Number). If you leave them in ATMs the most you lose is a little money that is either limited or covered by the bank. If a bad guy or girl or simply a curious person is able to access a secure Army system because you have left your CAC in your computer, personnel information, operational and other sensitive data can be compromised. If I find your CAC unattended be prepared for some good old fashion push-ups, and lots of them!

**So Listen Up: DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAC UNATTENDED AT ANYTIME! GOT IT? Any Questions?**

For more information on the CAC program, visit the Army Information Assurance website: <https://informationassurance.us.army.mil/cacpki/> and click on the CAC/PKI Division link or click on the CAC PKI information link on the My Security web page.

# DoD Civilian Retiree Card



# Civilian Retiree

## DoD Civilian Retiree Card Frequently Asked Questions



### ***What is the purpose of the card?***

Since many retired DoD civilians have no way of identifying their association with the Department of Defense, this card provides them with a trusted credential to establish their identity and affiliation. Some, but not all, military installations allow retired civilians access to MWR facilities with proper identification.

### ***Who is eligible to receive the card?***

Civilians who have retired from any DoD Service Component or Agency. Civilian retirees from other Federal agencies are not eligible.

### ***When can I get this card?***

When you are in receipt of your DoD retirement pay.

### ***Where can I go to get the card?***

Contact your nearest RAPIDS site ([www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/owa/home)). Customer service hours vary.

### ***What do I need to bring with me?***

Two forms of ID from the OMB I-9 document list. One must be a federal or state issued picture ID. Visit [www.formi9.com](http://www.formi9.com) for more information. Also bring proof of pay grade at retirement.

### ***Does the card expire?***

Yes. It is renewable every four years.

### ***If I already have a retiree card from my DoD Service Component or Agency, do I need this card?***

No. It does not convey any additional privileges.

### ***Is this card optional?***

Yes. This is an optional card that can be issued for civilian retirees that use base MWR facilities.

The installation commander retains the authority to restrict access to MWR facilities for reasons such as local demand, facility capacity, and security concerns.

### ***Who may I contact if my retirement record does not show in DEERS?***

You may contact the Civilian Benefits Information Line by email at [benefits@cpms.osd.mil](mailto:benefits@cpms.osd.mil) or by phone at (703) 696-6301.

For more information regarding the DoD Civilian Retiree card, visit [www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/smartcard)

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### Happy Holidays from LEAD!!!



## A Soldier is a Gift



By Joanna Fuchs

As we celebrate Christmas, and we open our gifts, we realize what priceless gifts a Soldier gives to our country—the gifts of patriotism, service, and deep dedication to our nation.

As we feast on a variety of fine Christmas delicacies, we acknowledge that a Soldier personifies a variety of fine qualities: courage, good character, honor, fortitude amidst hardship, persistence in subduing evil, and bravery in the face of danger.

A Soldier is a cut above the rest of us, doing jobs we could not or would not do.

While we are surrounded by Christmas comforts, we remember Soldiers in places we would not want to be, bringing the gift of adaptability to any situation, no matter how harsh or difficult.

As we "ooh" and "aah" over the Christmas lights and shiny ornaments we recognize that a Soldier gives us the most cherished gift of all, the shining light of freedom.

At Christmas, let us wrap our hearts and minds around our treasured Soldiers.

May they understand how very much their service means to us. Let us send the Christmas gifts of love, respect and admiration to our steadfast, loyal, magnificent warriors and their essential civilian support staff.

They themselves are the most precious Christmas gift of all, our protectors—our Soldiers.



## "A Soldier's Christmas"



By LCPL James M. Schmidt

*TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, HE LIVED ALL ALONE, IN A ONE BED-ROOM HOUSE MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.*

*I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE, AND TO SEE JUST WHO IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.*

*I LOOKED ALL ABOUT, A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE, NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN A TREE.*

*NO STOCKING BY MANTLE, JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND, ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.*

*WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF ALL KINDS, A SOBER THOUGHT CAME THROUGH MY MIND.*

*FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, IT WAS DARK AND DREARY, I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER, ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.*

*THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE, CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.*

*THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER, NOT HOW I PICTURED A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.*

*WAS THIS THE HERO OF WHOM I'D JUST READ? CURLED UP ON A PONCHO, THE FLOOR FOR A BED? I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT, OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.*

*SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY, AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.*

*THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS, LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.*

*I COULDN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY LAY ALONE, ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.*

*THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE, I DROPPED TO MY KNEES AND STARTED TO CRY.*

*THE SOLDIER AWAKENED AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE, "SANTA DON'T CRY, THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE; I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, I DON'T ASK FOR MORE, MY LIFE IS MY GOD,*

*MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS." THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP, I COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED TO WEEP.*

*I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND STILL AND WE BOTH SHIVERED FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.*

*I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT, THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR SO WILLING TO FIGHT.*

*THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE, WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA, IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."*

*ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.*

*"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."*