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## LEAD Bids Farewell to Dr. Gray By Colonel Provancha

It is with a heavy heart and gratitude of service that I announce the retirement of Dr. John Gray, the Deputy Commander of Letterkenny Army Depot. After 32+ years of service, Dr. Gray is hanging up his federal service suit in pursuit of bigger things in the civilian sector. Given his drive and energy, and Margie's "Honey-Do" list, I doubt there is much porch and couch time in his near future. I would like to extend my personal thanks to John for his dedicated service to our great nation, our Soldiers and our workforce in the pursuit of freedom and liberty.

this experience serving as an instructor in the Army Management Engineering College providing training on financial management and productivity measurement.

Dr. Gray joined us here at Letterkenny in 1985, when he established a branch for the US Army Materiel Command Manage-

ment Engineering Activity in Arlington, VA prior to assuming duties as our Deputy.

As the torch bearer for education on the depot, Dr. Gray has led by example. He holds several degrees, those from Pennsylvania State University include a Bachelor of Sciences and a Master of Business Administration as well as a Master of Public Administration, and a Doctor of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Secretary of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program. He has always been a champion for personal and professional development of our employees.



ment Engineering Activity. Since his arrival, he has held a variety of positions of increased responsibility at the depot including the Director of Resource Management, culminating with his selection as the Deputy Commander. Dr. Gray did take a two year position as Supervisory Budget Analyst with the Defense



A native of central Pennsylvania, Dr. Gray plans to retire to the local area with his spouse of more than 34 years, Margie. I'm sure we will see Dr. Gray often since our mantra is that once in the Letterkenny family, you are always in the Letterkenny family.

Dr. Gray began his federal service career in 1978 at Rock Island Arsenal with the US Army Corps of Engineers as an economist. There he conducted cost analyses on a variety of hydro-power, flood control and water supply projects. He followed up



Congratulations on a very successful career and good luck, John and Margie, on your new adventure!!!



## From The Commander's Desk



As I write this, the Shingo auditors are evaluating our excellence in our PATRIOT value stream. Simultaneously, we have visitors here from TACOM, Oshkosh, Lockheed-Martin and of course the media. All this while we are completing our programs and supporting both war efforts in Southwest Asia and relief efforts in Haiti. So what is the message—we are busy and it never stops. Because of this, we need to be very good at what we do. We have to be proactive in our day to day operations because when you are a part of the premiere fighting force in the world, you're operating in a reactive environment, day in and day out.

With this in mind, I would like to reiterate a few points from our Town Hall meeting that get after my expectations. As individuals and as a team, we have to identify issues and prob-

lems that we see and face across the depot. We cannot address things if we don't know about them. We cannot get better if we don't identify areas for improvement. It is not about telling on yourself, it is about getting visibility so that we can get better every day. Secondly, we have to complete things we start or things that we identify as improvements. Too many times we have great ideas fall by the weigh side due to lack of resources, lack of focus or lack of energy. Keep track of our requirements so that we can address them and get them off our tasker plate. Finally, we need to be accountable—accountable for our mistakes, our problems, our safety and each other. There are very few things that have a "zero defects" standard—drugs and alcohol in the work place, assault and larceny are a couple of them. Honest mistakes are a

part of human nature and are a part of our growth. Being accountable for our mistakes speaks volumes of our integrity and enables us to correct our deficiencies. These three things will help us all create a more proactive environment here on the depot, will provide better service to our customers and enable us to react to our very fluid and fast operational tempo with greater ease.

In closing, I would like to send out a big thanks to everyone for all the hard work they are doing in support of our Warfighters. Additionally, we were very responsive to the requirements in support of our Haitian neighbors. Once again the spirit of giving and dedication on this depot defines a character that words cannot aptly describe. Thank you.

-COL Cheri A. Provancha



*You are cordially invited to the retirement party  
for*

***Dr. John R. Gray***

*February 25th 2010; Social Hour from 6:30-7:30PM  
Meal Begins at 7:30PM*

*Chambersburg Country Club  
3646 Scotland Road  
Chambersburg, PA 17202*

*Cost is \$25 per person  
Menu choices of Haddock Amondine,  
Grilled Sirlion Steak, or Chicken Marsala  
Served with Hors d'oeuvres, Green Salad,  
Herb Roasted Potatoes, and Seasonal Vegetables*

*Dress is Semi Formal  
Cash Bar available*

*Purchase Your Tickets by February 19th*

*1SG Stevens - X8301  
Peggy Rollins - X8303  
Karen Wilson - X8300*

*MSG Gearheart - X5272  
Betsy Fogelsanger - X8465  
Jerry Mellott - X5286*

*Ron Bouch - X9655  
Tamee Haverilla - X8575  
SSG Levack - X9356*

# Students Christmas Carol for Depot Employees by Doug Foreback

The Fannett-Metal High School Tiger Chorale Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Freda Dorand performed "Songs of the Season" at Letterkenny Army Depot on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. The Chorus was accompanied by Depot Commander, COL Cheri Provancha and Depot 1 SG Gregory Stevens and visited Buildings 10, 350, 320, 37,

33 and the HUB/Grill. The Depot employees were very appreciative and enjoyed the traditional Christmas songs.

Thanks again to Mrs. Dorand and the Tiger Chorale Chorus for making the day special for the Depot work force. Also kudos to SSgt Amanda Rankin for her help with coordinating this event.



Back Row: SFC Dick, Mrs. Dorand, Rheann Irvin, Kirsten Shields, Curtis Kurtz, Martin Parson, Andrew McClanahan, Cooper Bard, Andrea Fignar, Nicole Umbrell,  
Front Row: SSgt Rankin, 1SG Stevens, Marissa Hockenberry, Rachel Junkins, Jen Gipe, COL Provancha, Keesha Fields, Leah Allen, Kristal Cornell, Alisha Barrick, Sarah Kerlin, SSG Bandy

# LEAD Christmas Party 2009



On December 12, 2009 around 160 LEAD employees and tenants gathered together to celebrate the annual LEAD Christmas Party hosted at the AM-VETS Post 224 in Chambersburg. The party consisted of a buffet dinner, followed by dancing provided by DJ 'Crazy Ray' and concluded with over 60 prize giveaways. Teresa Hockensmith took home the grand prize of a 32" LCD TV. The Christmas party was a fun way to kick off the holiday season.



# Ring in the New Year By PAO

COL Provancha warmly invited members of Letterkenny workforce, spouses and family of military and civilians deployed from Letterkenny as well as many representatives from the community to her home on Sunday, January 17. Despite the cold and rainy weather, many guests still made the trip out during the afternoon to visit with the COL and share warm wishes for the New Year. At the reception, guests



shared in a variety of hors d'oeuvres, mingled with other the other company, and watched the NFL playoffs from the big screen TV in the living room. While some chose to catch up with some

friends, others cheered on the Minnesota Vikings to a convincing victory over the Dallas Cowboys. Later in the afternoon, guests anxiously watched the close 17-14 victory of the New York Jets over the San Diego Chargers. Overall, the guests enjoyed visiting with the Commander and anticipating all that the new year held.

A special thanks to DPW for all of their help with this event.





## Depot Supports Haiti Relief Effort By PAO



The country of Haiti was left in devastation after an earthquake of 7.0 magnitude shook the already impoverished nation on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Letterkenny

Army Depot received a call on Thursday, January 14, from the U.S. Air Force, 167<sup>th</sup> Air Lift Wing, Martinsburg, West Virginia, in desperate need of borrowing large amounts of pallets. The 167<sup>th</sup> is one of the many consolidation points for

supplies and transportation to aid relief in Haiti. The unit was in standby because they had the supplies and the support but the pallets used to transport the goods would not be able to arrive that day. That is when they called up LEAD, who in quick response got the authorization to help in this mission and within hours 180 (436L) pallets were en route to West Virginia. At approximately 5 p.m. two LEAD trucks carrying the 180 pallets and 14 Tri-wall containers were offloaded into the hands of CMSgt Leonard,



Superintendent, Small Air terminal. The members of the 167<sup>th</sup> spent the next few hours properly configuring the pallets with supplies such as the much needed water, medicine and generators. An Air Force C-17 was on standby to transport the supplies and late that night the C-17 departed West Virginia with 18 loaded pallets of supplies to Port-au-prince.



## CPL Bace Recognized with Army Achievement Medal by PAO

On Tuesday, January 5, 2010 CPL Andrew Bace received the Army Achievement Medal (AAM) at a ceremony held in the lobby of building 10. COL Provancha presented Bace the award for executing duties above what was expected on a daily basis. SFC Myles read the award, which recognized a variety of Bace's achievements.



Some of his accomplishments included his success while attending Warrior Leadership Course and graduating at the top 2% of his class. He was selected for the Commandant's List for his superior abilities as the student Platoon Sergeant and exceeding the standards of the course. On his Army Performance Fitness Test, Bace not only exceeded the Army standards and scored a perfect 300 but continued to motivate other Soldiers even after his test was

complete. Also, he displayed superb technical and tactical expertise in executing his military police duties as well in his involvement in assisting as an assessor for a mission to Kuwait.

COL Provancha challenged the Soldiers in attendance to evaluate their own performance and see what they are doing in their own respective areas to get recognized for superior achievement. "The recognition really made it all worth it," Bace said, upon receiving the award. "The best thing is learning from so many high speed Soldiers and civilians."



# STAR4Defense Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by PAO

COL Provancha along with Rick Klein, Program Manager, STAR4Defense; David Winyard, Program Manager, DLA Research and Development and Matthew Koch, Program Manager, Materials and Corrosion Prevention and Control were the guest speakers at the STAR4Defense Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held in the paint training classroom located in Bldg 645 on Friday, January 22.

SFC Myles was the master of the ceremony and welcomed over 80 attendees that including variety of public officials such as Senator Alloway, David Keller, Franklin County Commissioner; Dave Sciamanna, President Greater Chamber of Commerce; Paul Cullinane, Vice President Greater Chamber of Commerce; Mike Ross, President Franklin County Area Development Corporation as well as Jim Hook from the local Public Opinion Newspaper.

Colonel Provancha reminded guests that the significance of the event is not only to celebrate LEAD's new facility, but also to recognize its devoted employees. "It is their commitment to give our Soldiers every edge for success," COL Provancha said "This is a testament to our commitment to maintain the best trained workforce in our Army."



**COL Provancha, Rick Klein, David Winyard, Matthew Koch and Dr. Gray smile as they prepare to cut the ribbon to the newly opened STAR4Defense training facility.**

Rick Klein was also very proud of the steps LEAD has taken. "They've done a great job," Klein said. "You have committed the resources to make a first class training facility that will work as a model for the rest of our satellite training sites throughout the country."

In addition to having the tools and knowledge of STAR4Defense, LEAD also has a superior staff. Mr. Dennis Rosenberry, retired LEAD Paint Branch Chief of 23 years, was presented with the STAR4Defense 2009 Instructor of the Year Award.

To date 42 students have completed the painter training program on depot. After the ribbon cutting there was a certificate ceremony where

graduates in attendance were announced to receive their certification and shake hands with Rick Klein.

After the ceremony, guests were able to enjoy refreshments, test their skills on Virtual-Paint, the virtual-reality based training simulator or take a bus to tour the paint training facility in Bldg 1.

STAR4Defense Graduates: Dale Alleman, David Horn, Robert Shockey, Ferman Crouse, Kenneth Fahrney, Gene Fortney, Thomas Hazlett, Gary Myers, Travis Fortney, Brian Mowers, Steve Rosenberry, Andrew Stouffer, Barbara Whitsel, Beth Barnett, Robert McFadden, Sonny Nichols, Eric Atherton, Nathan Monn, Lynn Clark, Charles Greenawalt, Dale Palmer, David Beaver, Carl Breakall, Aaron Hays, Joseph Rupp, Tammy Russell, Richard Argenbright, Tom Frick, Troy Hughes, Bernard Mathess, Scott Powell, Clem Wagaman, Sandra Booher, Crist Mentzer, Stephen Stoner, Adam Willard, Timothy Adams, Robert Boggs, Michael Booher, Richard Cover, Donald Mellott, Chris Redding.



**COL Provancha, Dennis Rosenberry, Senator Alloway, David Winyard, Dr. Gray, Matthew Koch and Rick Klein pose with many of the students that successfully completed the STAR4Defense training program and received their certification award at the ceremony.**

## Safety Goals for FY10 by Safety Office

Every year, LEAD establishes a safety goal. The safety goal for FY10 is to report 1,000 hazards. We define a hazard report as any of these four sources: (1) near miss reported to the safety office, (2) AMSAM-LE 4106, Safety Suggestion Form submitted, (3) AMSAM-LE 4109, Safety or Health Hazards Report Form submitted, or (4) findings reported on the quarterly cost center safety inspection or weekly fire inspections conducted by supervisor and/or employees.



With the first quarter of FY10 finished, 292 hazards have been reported. Most of these hazards were findings reported during the quarterly safety inspecting. Only two suggestions were submitted and only nine hazard report forms

were turned into the safety office. With a little over 1600 federal employees, our goal of 1,000 hazard reports should be easily achieved. Our challenge for LEAD is for each of us to recognize and report at least one hazardous condition.

Safety boxes with the Safety Suggestion forms and Safety or Health Hazards report forms are located in several buildings. Contact Kristin Sponsler at x4039 if you need form holders and safety boxes installed in your area.



# Taking the Higher Road by MAJ Phillips, Legal Office

I have received questions concerning contracts and trade secrets. A case decided in August 2009 highlights the problem, *General Electric v. Department of Air Force*, 648 F. Supp. 95. The Air Force had a contract with General Electric for spare parts. A third party filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the unit pricing and the Air Force indicated to GE that it was going to release the information. GE filed suit in Federal Court, arguing in part that the release of the information would violate the Trade Secrets Act, 18 United States Code Section 1905. The Federal District Court agreed with



GE. Disclosure of this information would be a violation of the federal statute and could lead to criminal penalties.



Specifically a Federal Employee will be in violation of 18 USC 1905 if that employee releases intentionally or unintentionally in the course of employment or official duties any "trade secrets, processes, operations, style of work, . . . confidential statistical data, amount or source of any income, profits, losses or expenditures of any person or (business entity)." Violation of this statute could result in a fine,

imprisonment up to one year and removal from federal employment.

Be careful in giving material to contractor employees, non-federal personnel in general or even those federal employees who don't have a need to access the information. Ensure that contractor employers have signed the appropriate Non-Disclosure Agreement before you grant access to contractor employees. Be careful e-mailing material. Make sure that material is appropriately marked. Do not leave material subject to the Act unsecured, and dispose of it properly (i.e. shredding) to avoid accidental disclosure.



*"Trade Secrets Act, 18 United States Code Section 1905, prohibits a Federal Employee from disclosing in the course of employment or official duties any "trade secrets, processes, operations, style of work, . . . confidential statistical data, amount or source of any income, profits, losses or expenditures of any person or (business entity)."*

# LEAD Engineering Implements Faro Arm Technology By David Wenzel

Letterkenny is using cutting-edge measurement technology to inspect mine roller brackets on depot. The Faro Arm is a top-selling portable measurement tool used in manufacturing environments and by many DOD installations across the country. The equipment can collect more than 19,000 geometric points per second, which can be used for 3D modeling and/or inspection. LEAD Production Engineering acquired the



**David Wenzel uses the Faro Arm to perform inspection.**

Faro Arm to reverse-engineer parts and to reduce the amount of time inspecting part dimensions.

In the Fall of 2009, David Wenzel of Production Engineering, began using the Faro Arm to inspect Stryker SPARK (self protection adaptive roller kit) brackets. The PM-IED Defeat office at Picatinny asked LEAD to produce 150 brackets, which are part of the DOD's effort to protect Soldiers from IED's (improvised explosive device). LEAD has been on the forefront of this undertaking by producing over 40,000 Rhino kits and nearly 1,000 SPARK brackets. Because the Stryker SPARK brackets were too large for the standard inspection machine, Lonie Bender, Fabrication Division Chief, asked David if Production Engineering could use their Faro Arm to inspect the brackets. David has inspected over 40 brackets and saved the Annex over 100 hours of labor.



About the Faro Arm, David says, "This tool could be more widely used across the depot to measure, troubleshoot, inspect, and reverse-engineer parts. Its niche is its portability and ability to accurately measure complex geometry. Letterkenny hasn't realized the full potential with this versatile piece of equipment." Production Engineering has plans to use the Faro Arm to inspect an upcoming production run of Cougar SPARK brackets.





## Town Hall Questions Get Answered

**Q. Is there a way for a deaf person to have the privilege of being a part of or experiencing Town Hall ?**

A Letterkenny has a contract in place for those seeking to utilize sign language interpreters. The supervisor makes the call and arrangements, the service then sends Contracting the invoice for payment. Interpreting services are routinely requested for office of agency social functions or special events, scheduled during official government time and which might be attended by employees who are deaf or hard of hearing. While the EEO office can make arrangements for sign language interpreters, contacting a supervisor is the best choice, because they are aware of schedule changes and whether the interpreter services need to be modified or cancelled for the scheduled day. An Interpreter Agreement must be filled out each time an interpreter is requested. Deafnet Association Inc is the service that LEAD has made arrangements with for service. Contact information and further explanation for the process of utilizing sign language interpreters can be found on the Sharepoint portal at <https://sharepoint.lead.army.mil/command/eoo/EEO%20Publications/Utilizing%20Sign%20Language%20Interpreters%20at%20Letterkenny.doc>

**Q. Because we are given short lead times for some jobs, sometimes 2 weeks or less how can we get the tools we need to get the job done?**

A All tool requests are filled by the tool crib which will issue the tool if on hand. If the tool is not in a crib a high priority request will be generated to purchase on a credit card or purchase order factoring in dollar value. The request will be sent to the Director of Maintenance for review and approval prior to being sent to the Contracting Office. Each supervisor is responsible to know what tools a person needs to have to get a job done. If there is a short fall, the supervisor is responsible to help get the tools needed. If any employee who needs a tool and they believe that they will not get it soon enough to do the job, that person should come see the Director of Maintenance under the open door policy.

**Q. I'm going to ITT Tech School. Is there a way I can get help paying for it?**

A The depot may provide tuition assistance to Department of Army Civilians enrolled in college credit courses. Requests for individual college course payment may be approved as long as the specific course will develop knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the organization mission. Tuition payment requests for individual college courses must be approved by the organization director prior to the beginning of the course. The SF 182 Authorization, Agreement and Certification of Training is prepared for first-line supervisor review and forwarded up the chain to the organization director for decision.





## Town Hall Questions Continue...

**Q. Why do we not have Acquisition Career Field Lifecycle Logistics within Letterkenny?**

- A The depot has positions identified in Army Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. These positions are located in the Contracting Office which has recently been realigned to the Army Contracting Center. Other positions may meet the definition of this program, but management will need to make that decision based on the program parameters, and in some cases, I&I with the local unions.

**Q. Why has the Main SharePoint Portal Page not been updated with changes, such as moving the large picture and buttons to the bottom in order for the newest news to be at the top, to enhance employee communication?**

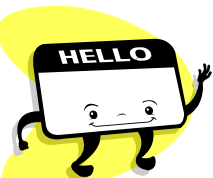
- A The LEAD Production Portal Front Page is a work-in-progress currently prioritized within our SharePoint development queue. We are diligently working toward its enhancement to further enable the end-user experience. To address some of your specific concerns, the current 'large 2" x 8" picture at the top', or LEAD Production Portal banner was a visual request from the previous LEAD Commander, COL Shapiro. A more refined LEAD banner is a part of our Portal front page redesign efforts. The green buttons located at the top, directly underneath the banner, are appropriately placed for Depot-wide ease of use and correspond with mission critical functionality. Turnaround time for announcement postings is dependent upon clear and concise information provided upfront. If this is not provided initially, additional time is expended gathering specific details to further clarify the request. Based upon the feedback received, we will immediately implement the following, 1 Feb 2010: An additional red 'Depot Training' button will map to a separate Depot Training sub site, to alleviate information congestion on the Portal front page. LEAD Alerts & Notices will be chronologically posted, to allow for the most current information at the top. Alerts will be posted for 3 days, with notices posted for 14 days. Your continued feedback and support is appreciated as we work toward future enhancements.

**Q. Is there anything that can be done about traffic leaving BLDG 370 at 1430 and 1630? People do not follow traffic signs or patterns and it takes 25-35 minutes to get out of the main gate.**

- A Management and employees working together can help ease the traffic congestion leaving Building 370 at 1430 and 1630. Directorate of Risk Management (DRSK) is coordinating with Directorate of Public Works (DPW) to provide highly visible traffic control signage, re-paint pavement markings, and position barriers to reduce uncontrolled access from the parking areas onto the roadway. A patrol will monitor the area for unsafe vehicle operation during this transition period. Drivers are expected to obey the rules of the road. Also, DRSK security officers assigned to Bldg 370 and the Main Gate have noticed that traffic congestion was cleared approximately 20 minutes after scheduled shift changes beginning at 1430. DRSK and DPW are committed to improving the traffic congestion at Building 370 with an improved traffic flow plan. Courteous employees can assist by allowing traffic to alternate as employees leave the parking areas.







# LEAD Comings and Goings

## LEAD Welcomes:

SGT Barrick, SPC Barroncini, SSG Bentz, SSG Biggs, SSGT Justin Bird, SSGT Stephanie Bird, SGT Carver, MAJ Cody, SPC Garconvil, MSG Horchner, PFC Moore, SPC Ramp, SPC Willard and CW2 Russell

## And Bids Farewell to:

MSG Baker, SGT Rouse, SGT Martin and SFC Williams

\* Due to complications that occurred in the CPAC office, all employees that were welcomed on board or departed the depot between December 2009 and February 2010 will be mentioned in the April issue of the KennyLetter. We apologize for the inconvenience.

*Goodbye*



## Mark Your Calendars

**February 26** Dr. Gray retires as Deputy Commander

**March 2 at 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** COL Provancha will be on FM Talk 103.7 as a guest speaker.

**March 2 at 5:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.** COL Provancha will participate in the Chamber's "Inside the Leader's Studio" at Wilson College (Sarah's Coffeehouse). If you have a Facebook account and become a "fan" of Leadership Franklin County and register by February 23 you can attend the interview for free.

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## Corrections:

\* In the December issue Mr. Edgar L. Graef, TMDE was not identified in the list of 2009 LIFT Graduates.

\* In the last edition, in the article "Directorate of Maintenance Honors Employees", an employee was not mentioned. The following is the revised lead sentence for that article. Anthony Traylor, Gary Frehn II, 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. Also, the picture to the right is the photo from the incident with the revised caption.

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

## Commander's Coin Selection Still Under Review

Due to the numerous exceptional submissions for the Commander's coin, a selection still has not been made. The winner will be announced as soon as the coin is chosen. Thank you for your patience!

## Combined Federal Campaign 2009 Close-out by Angie Coons

The Chambersburg Area CFC kicked off its campaign on October 13, 2009. The campaign covers federal employees in the Franklin and Adams Counties of Pennsylvania. The campaign closed out the 2009 campaign with a total of \$90,561.16 in donations. This is an increase of \$19,346.26 more than last campaign. Way to go!

One Cause Helps All





# Tax Time for Military By Legal

The Office of the Post Judge Advocate, at Carlisle Barracks, provides information and guidance on State and Federal Income Taxes. If you have specific questions concerning your filing requirements, the Office of the Post Judge Advocate can help you. During the tax season, the Office of the Post Judge Advocate is open on an appointment basis to assist you with your taxes.

Services members are not excused or exempt from state or local income taxes because they are on active duty. It is the service member's obligation to ascertain and comply with the tax laws of his or her

state of domicile and obtain legal guidance when unsure. Most service members are required to file a federal income tax return. Income from all sources are taxable unless specifically excluded from taxation by law.

If you are a Servicemember, on ADOS orders, and wish to make an appoint, please call SGT Batista at (717) 245-3986. Plan on arriving 15 minutes prior to your appointment and make sure to bring all your W2; previous tax returns; POA for spouses; and other items dealing with taxes and deductions.

## Thank You for Your Service!

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

**Deployed:**

David Tenley	Jeffrey Stull	John Lawrence
Melvin Binkley	CW3 Julian Martinez	David Fritchey
Christopher Krebs	Joseph Schall	Michael Fittry
SGT Attichous Brinson	MSG Charles Horchner	Richard Smith
Tracey Kelley	SSG Jason Biggs	Steve Krushinsky
Christopher Barlow	Lowell Carey Jr.	SSG Steven Bentz
SFC Joseph Carter	Michael Atkinson	CW3 Ronald Russell
MAJ Mario Zaltzman	Lewis Smith	Monroe Owens



## Welcome Home

**Below are Soldiers and Civilians who have returned home from deployment**



Michael Ervin	Dobby Gaiski	Robert Small
Chad Ramsey	Thomas Gahagan	Kevin Gephart
William Greenland	Curtis Hodge	Zachary Shearer
Daniel Brennan	Wayne Eichenlaub	Malcolm Harris
William Nichols	Walter Hegan	Garland Kuykendall
Christopher Frank	Micah Vandusen	CW4 Craig Smith





# Directorate of Maintenance Honors Employees by Vicky Logue



Left to right: Steven Miller, Director of Maintenance, along with Eric Burkholder

Eric Burkholder of the Engineering Support Branch, Directorate of Maintenance was presented a Kenny Penny by Steven Miller, Director of Maintenance, for his customer focused efforts in the fielding of the first National Guard Ambulance overhauled at Letterkenny. Mr. Burkholder represented LEAD when he delivered the overhauled ambulance to the 209<sup>th</sup> MED National Guard Unit, in Fairfield, Iowa, during the worst blizzard the area had seen in the last 20 years, with over 2 feet of snow being blown around by 50 mph winds. Despite the raw weather, the 209<sup>th</sup> Med Unit was well pleased with the work done by LEAD personnel.

James Heckman of the Chassis Recon Section, Directorate of Maintenance was presented a Kenny Penny by Director of Maintenance Steven Miller in recognition of Mr. Heckman's call into Colonel Provancha's Town Hall and his suggestion concerning the inoperable central vac system in the upstairs chassis area. When chassis are received, they are encrusted with dirt and must be cleaned prior to disassembly. Without the central vac system operating, as dirt was removed it would go into the

air and onto the floor, where it would have to be swept up, causing more dirt to become airborne, irritating breathing passages of employees in the immediate area.



Left to right: James Heckman and Steven Miller

The central vac system had been down for over 2 years due to hardware also being picked up by the vac system, causing motor failure and at the time was deemed not cost effective to repair and operate. Recently screens were installed in the system to catch any hardware that made its way in, before it could reach the vac system's motors and destroy them. Mr. Heckman's suggestion to bring the vac system back on line has been beneficial to all the employees in his section and neighboring Test and Power Supply sections that also use the central vac system.

Jessica Weikert of the Ground Equipment Production Management Branch, Directorate of Maintenance, was presented a Kenny Penny by Director of Maintenance Steven Miller for her diligent work in getting the National Guard programs for scoopladers and ambulances up and running at Letterkenny. Ms. Weikert rose to the challenge of

finding suppliers for parts for the equipment that is older than some of the employees overhauling them. Though still early in the programs, LEAD will be working closely with the National Guard Bureau of Arlington, VA to eventually bring National Guard equipment from all 50 states into Letterkenny for repair and overhaul.



Left to right: Jessica Weikert and Steven Miller



# LEAD NEWS

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**\*If you no longer wish to receive the Kenny Letter, please contact the PAO office at 717-267-9356**

**\*\*If you would like your family to receive the Kenny Letter via e-mail please contact the PAO office to get added to the e-mail list at [lisa.levack@us.army.mil](mailto:lisa.levack@us.army.mil)**



## Happy Valentines Day!

### Courageous Is My Valentine by Roger J. Robicheau

Courageous is my Valentine  
In uniform, so more than fine

The apple of my eye, you see  
No better troop could ever be

Though 'Mona Lisa' means a lot  
She is no match for what I've got

And 'Robin Hood' who was real cool  
Could never match with my love's rule

No need to wonder whose the best  
There is but one who'd pass my test

I know my love is tried and true  
No better heart there'd be than you

God Bless my precious Valentine  
So brave, so smart, my GI's mine

You'll always be my Valentine  
Do tell me how you make shoes shine



## Observed Birthdays:

Martin Luther King Jr., January 18th

Abraham Lincoln, February 12th

George Washington, February 22nd

## An excerpt from "I Have a Dream Speech"



"...Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream.

It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day out on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state sweltering with the heat and injustice of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governors lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning "My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrims pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!"

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California.

But not only that, let freedom, ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountain-side, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

Martin Luther King Jr.  
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