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## Major General James Rogers Visits LEAD

On Thursday, December 16, 2010, Major General James Rogers, Commanding General, Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM), made his first visit to LEAD. Accompanying him was COL Chandler "Skip" Sherrell, Chief of Staff, AMCOM; CSM Ricky Yates, Command Sergeant Major, AMCOM and Ms. Tammy Haynes, Executive Officer, AMCOM.



MG Rogers and staff arrived December 16th for a first time visit to LEAD.

Upon arrival they were greeted by various LEAD directors, who participated in the command brief presentation provided by Deputy to the Commander, Mark Sheffield. Following the brief, they visited the Theater Readiness Monitoring Directorate to see some of the operations with the PATRIOT missiles and the work being done at the site.

In the evening a dinner reception

was held at the Copper Kettle and many directors as well as local community leaders, including Senator Alloway, attended to meet the new Commanding General.

The visit resumed in the great room early Friday morning with a special topics brief. This presentation demonstrated LEAD's current projects,

future outlook, success stories and obstacles the depot is facing.

MG Rogers was then afforded the opportunity to travel to various facilities across the depot to get a first-hand account of all that is taking place. He first visited the Maintenance Facility and was briefed with an overview of the processes in the Manufacturing and Fabrication Division, by Lonie Bender.

Other stops included the Tactical Missile Repair Center, bldg 370; Power Generation, bldg 37; Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles, bldg 52 and Force Provider, bldg 41.



Dale McClanahan shows MG Rogers around LEAD's Force Provider.

After the tour he returned to the great room for a working lunch provided by Larry Rubeck and the Post Restaurant. Kate

Williams provided the lunchtime discussion involving LMP. MG Rogers was able to discuss ideas and possibilities for the future of LMP at Letterkenny with a variety of senior leaders and directors.



During a tour, MG Rogers learns the capabilities of the Manufacturing and Fabrication Division from Lonie Bender.



### From The Commander's Desk

Happy Holidays Letterkenny. I certainly hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and has a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2011. Let's hope that Mother Nature does not dump on us like last year.

I think that it is prudent that we tackle 2011 with renewed focus on safety. Our start in this fiscal year has not been best out of the gates. While we are not experiencing major accidents, we are experiencing a lot of little ones. All this points to a sense of complacency in the work place and a lack of attention to detail. We really need to focus on making sure each of us goes home every day in the same condition we came to work in. Remember, there is only one of you and you are not replaceable on this earth. As my mother always warned me, if you have to think twice about it, you probably shouldn't be doing it in the first place. Stay focused out there.

With our renewed focus on safety, we are reenergizing our VPP Steering Committee. It is now employee run. Mike Kirkpatrick is our chairperson. He has four subcommittees that he almost has filled, but still needs a couple more volunteers. If you are interested, give him a call. This is your program, so let's go out and make some great things happen.

Again, I hope you have had a wonderful holiday season and will have a wonderful 2011.

- COL Provancha



COL Provancha decorated her house with Christmas lights to spread some festive cheer for all those driving by during the holiday season.

## **Serving Abroad**



Tim Helman stands beside a skid loader in the Force Provider yard in Bagram, Afghanistan. Many civilians have deployed with the Letterkenny Army Depot Force Provider mission to conduct set-up, maintenance and troubleshooting of the force provider system.

\* During this holiday season do not forget to remember all of those Soldiers and civilians that are deployed and away from family and loved ones.

### 167th Airlift Wing Honors Airmen with Hometown Heroes Salute Article in "Plane Talk" December 2010

More than 170 Airmen were honored by the 167th Airlift Wing during a Hometown Heroes Salute. This is the second year the Wing has held the event. Last year about 400 Airmen were honored for their service and



Photo by Master Sgt. Emily Beightol-Deyerle

Col. Roger L. Nye presents 1st Sgt. Scott Wachter and his family with a framed Hometown Hero Salute letter of appreciation and coin, during a ceremony Sunday morning as Command Chief Master Sgt. John H. Alderton looks on.

sacrifice. The Air National Guard's Hometown Salute is designed to honor Airmen who have served more than 30 days deployed from their home station since Sept. 11, 2001. The event also recognizes Airmen's family members, significant others and centers of influence.

In August 2008, Gen. Craig R. McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau, sanctioned the ANG Hometown Heroes Salute recognition program. The purpose of this program is to celebrate and honor Airmen, families, communities and those special supporters who have significantly contributed to supporting our Airmen and ANG's mission. Airmen honored by the Hometown Heroes Salute received a framed HHS coin as well as a letter of appreciation for their service. Spouses and significant others received an engraved pen and pencil set with children given unique HHS dog tags.

### **Fannett-Metal Chorale Christmas Carols**

To spread some Christmas Cheer across the depot the Fannett-Metal Chorale came to sing some carols. The group, escorted by COL Provancha, preformed songs at the Fire Department, HUB and bldgs 10, 52, 350 and 320. Employees took a moment to listen to the Choir's carols and help get into the Christmas spirit.



Left to right: Rachel Junkins, COL Provancha, Keesha Fields, Wesley Varner, Curtis Kurtz, Kristal Cornell, Marty Parson, Teeana Clark, Calypso Moore, Jen Gipe, Kirsten Shields, Sarah Kerlin, Marissa Hockenberry, Leah Allen, Nicole Umbrell, Gloria Babcock, and Freda Dorand, director.

### **UPDATES:**

### Salvation Army Annual Angel Tree Program



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

All angel gifts were turned in on Monday, December 6, 2010 in order to

allow the gifts to be distributed timely. This program is sponsored by the Special Emphasis Committee. POC for this effort is Angie Coons, 717-267-8404.

### CFC

### "iCare— Now More Than Ever"



Our Combined Federal Campaign collected a grand total of \$98,542.38!!!!! We had a goal of \$92,000 this year and we bypassed that goal by over \$6,000. Thanks to all who have helped in making this yet another successful campaign.

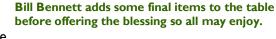
## More Than Just Co-Workers by PAO

Six months ago, Bill Bennett,
DOIM Service Desk Lead, came up
with a fun idea to build camaraderie
among his fellow employees. Little
did he know that his weekly "Theme
Shirt Fridays" would become a
contagious tradition. The group
started with about 12 participants
and has now manifested into an
e-mail invite list of over 60 people.

The tradition gives people something fun and exciting to look forward to each week. From coordinating an outfit to match the weekly theme or color, to checking out the various creative concoctions other employees bring in, Fridays in the DOIM department have taken on a new meaning.

The group has been known to recognize Diabetes day through the color blue, Hawaiian day with themed fruit punch and other tropical

delicacies, Tailgate
day while sporting
a favorite team
jersey and enjoying traditional
tailgate foods,
Multiple Myeloma
day through the
color burgundy,
the theme of love
with everything
red or even
Thanksgiving day
through a favorite
home cooked style dish.





Employees creatively came up with unique and fun dishes to share at the Thanksgiving feast.



Employees make their way down the line, enjoying a pre Thanksgiving home-cooked meal.

For some the highlight is simply to see what Art Barnett's famous spam will look like that week. Will it will be fried in pineapple or dyed the theme color? Regardless, his spam is always a hit and among the first of the dishes to vanish from the table.

It's events like these that foster friendships and fun that all employees enjoy. Bill Bennett addressed the group the morning of the Thanksgiving feast, "I want to personally thank all of you for your support these past six months that we have been running this 'Theme Shirt Fridays' program," he said. "It has grown into what I envisioned and I hope to see it continue to grow throughout the coming new years! God Bless all of you and I hope that you and your families have a very happy and wonderful Thanksgiving season!"

### **Directorate of Contracting Goes Pink**

On Friday, October 29th Directorate of Contracting went Pink in support of October being National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**Back Row:** Greg Lensbower, SPC Terrell Moore, SFC James Myles, Brandon Bernhard, Jennifer

Elliott and MAI Martin Crouse

Middle Row: Gina Daniel, Teresa Highlands, Charla McKee, Gina Loose, Mary Britsch, Tanya Brown, Kristin Robson, Bobie Jo Burkett, Joanna

Rodriguez, Travis Zinn

Front Row: Cicely Simmons, Melissa Tyson,

Kenyata Wesley, Alee Smith Not Pictured: Scott Little



### DPW Aids Preparation For Winter Months By Dorothy Van Brakle

It is the time of year to start preparing for the winter months ahead and to assist you to that end, DPW has the following snow and ice equipment available for use.

- I) All supervisors and building custodians need to take responsibility for areas in and around the entrances to your facilities. To assist you in that effort, the DPW has snow shovels and long handled ice chippers available to building custodians at the DPW tool crib located in building 2270. The DPW tool crib located in building 4270. The DPW tool crib is manned 0600-1430 daily M-F. More information on obtaining show shovels or ice chipper is at paragraph 3.
- 2) Salt and salt buckets should be at every pedestrian entrance to every facility. If you do not have a bucket, or your bucket is out of salt or nearly out of salt, contact the DPW service order desk at 7-9010 to have your salt bucket refilled.

- 3) Procedures for obtaining a snow shovel and/or ice chipper:
  - a. Supervisors, Building Custodians or their representatives should contact Tool Crib 3 (DPW) John Orsa, X8684, Building 2270 to sign for snow shovels and ice chippers.
- b. Supervisors and Custodians may return items to Tool Crib 3 Attendant (DPW John Orsa) at the end of the snow season including broken ones for replacement, or they may keep them at their place of duty for the next snow and ice season.
- c. Both ice chippers and snow shovels are highly pilferable items, therefore, all supervisors and custodians shall do everything they can to safe guard these against pilferage, so they are readily available for the next snow and ice storm.

Any questions on any of this information may be directed to Dorothy M. Van Brakle.

### Traffic Change At Old Gate 6 by Safety Office



For the folks that remember the old gate 6, which was on Coffey Ave as you left the depot toward the intersection of RT 997 and 433, you may also remember the old traffic signs that directed people in the left lane to turn left onto RT 997 north OR go straight toward onto RT 433 north. The right lane directed people to turn right onto RT 997 south truck or bear right onto RT 997 south.

Well that has changed. Now, the left lane is for left turns onto RT 997 north ONLY. The right lane is for proceeding on RT 433 toward Orrstown, RT 997 south, or RT 997 south (truck). According to Greene Township, the intersection signs are governed by the state. Additionally, there are plans to build a right turning lane. However, no time frame has been given for these improvements.

## LEMC Moves to Automated SOP Signatures by Janet Gardner

Why not seize an opportunity to improve a process, enhance productivity, and save the environment all at the same time? That was the rationale behind the Letterkenny Munitions Center 's (LEMC) committee assigned to develop an automated signature process for LEMC Class V Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Before an SOP is ready for the automated signature process, it goes through an extensive Integrated Product Team (IPT) review. The IPT establishes and

review. The IPT establishes and maintains consistency in the review of new and existing Class V SOPS. The team consists of the division chief, industrial specialist, QASAS in charge, operations personnel, production controller/planner, safety specialist and an equipment specialist. The production controller/planner initiates new SOPs in cooperation with team members and conducts any necessary research prior to the actual IPT review session. The industrial specialist initiates the annual and biennial reviews.

During the IPT review, changes, revisions and additions are incorporated into the SOP as a cooperative effort. The revised SOP is then posted to the LEMC portal for the team to review once again. After reaching consensus on the revisions, the SOP is ready for the automated signature process.

The first step for the committee was to document LEMC's current SOP signature processes. That was the easy part.



The LEMC committee, comprised of Janet Gardner, Alisa Heinbaugh, Douglas Watkins and Ron Wyrick, worked closely with LEAD DOIM to identify work processes and alternative scenarios.

A LEMC employee used a government vehicle to hand carry two sheets of paper to 10 different people at LEMC and LEAD. Then the two sheets of papers were express mailed to Crane Army Ammunition Activity where two more people would sign and return them to LEMC.

The LEMC committee, comprised of Janet Gardner, Alisa Heinbaugh, Douglas Watkins, and Ron Wyrick, worked closely with LEAD DOIM to identify work processes and alternative scenarios. DOIM developed work flow charts and created an Infopath form on the Sharepoint portal.

The committee verified and tested the flow charts and Infopath form. This involved anticipating and resolving potential problems. Recognizing the probability that the primary contact person could be on leave, TDY or otherwise unavailable, an e-mail notification was developed that would be simultaneously sent to the primary and their alternate. To avoid

unnecessary delays, automatic process flow alerts were built into the e-mail notifications to ensure no more than a one-day delay in routing the signature form.

Keeping it simple for the end user was important. Hyperlinks imbedded into the body of the e-mail notification automatically open the correct form. This eliminates the need for the primary contact person or their alternate to search for the correct signature page.

When the committee completed internal testing of the Infopath form and workflow processes, it was time to educate the key players. Through a PowerPoint presentation, each person was introduced to the new process flow, what to expect, what the e-mail notifications would look like, and what their responsibilities would be.

Then it was time for the biggest challenge of all, the actual testing with the key players. Each 'real time' test presented its own unique set of problems. But the LEMC committee and DOIM prevailed. Glitches in the process flow, wording in the e-mail notifications, gaining access to the portal and form revisions were resolved.

LEMC's SOP digital signature process is now Lean, green and user friendly. It was a step in the right direction in support of LEMC's mission to be 'Ready, Reliable, and Lethal.'

### Wreaths Across America Ceremony by PAO



On Tuesday, December 7, 2010 Letterkenny was host to a convoy of trucks from the Wreaths Across America, a non-profit organization. The trucks were en route to various National Veteran's and participating cemeteries across the country for the annual laying of the wreaths ceremony, which occurs simultaneously at noon on the second Saturday of every December.

Despite the chilly and windy conditions many attended the ceremony to show respect and gratitude for the many service members who willingly paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country and its freedom. The Pennsylvania State Police escorted the convoy, the Patriot Guard Riders East, Shippensburg Veterans of Foreign War Post 6168, Shippensburg American Legion Post 223 Firing Squad and many local community leaders came to show support in honoring the fallen servicemen and women.

Senator Richard Alloway was the guest speaker and paid tribute to the many individuals that lost their lives so that we can enjoy ours.

"Events like today's are a challenge, because words are simply inadequate to express our appreciation for the service veterans provided," he said "There is nothing we can say or do to pay an appropriate tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that others might live under better conditions."

He recognized the 69th anniversary of Pearl Harbor and the decisive action of the United States military that kept our nation safe and our world free for democracy. He said as we honor their efforts in events across the country today, we must be mindful of those who never returned home to their friends and families.

MSG Wimmer escorted two truck drivers to the front of the Headquarters building. They were met by ISG Stevens. SFC Myles and SFC Burger accepted the Wreaths and posted them on the columns of the Headquarters building.

The Firing squad conducted a 21 gun salute and Bill Miller from the VFW Post 6168 performed TAPS as the bugler to conclude the ceremony.



For more information on Wreaths Across America visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org



## Suspension of Network Privileges by Dawn Hamsher

### Suspension of Network due to Suspended Background Check:

If your background clearance is suspended, you can request an IT Waiver (up to 2 – 6 mos. waivers). To begin this process, have your supervisor/director complete AMLD Form 4168 and send it to Lett.PERSEC. If the issue is financial, LEAD Security will create a package to present to depot Commander for approval. If the issue is other than financial, LEAD Security will create a package that will go up to the DAA for approval. Once approved, access will be granted for the period of the waiver or until issue is resolved.

## Suspension of Network due to Information Assurance (IA) Training Non-Compliance:

IA Training is tracked in the Army Training & Certification Tracking System (ATCTS). The system notifies employees via email

when IA training is coming due (90,

30, 15, 7 and 0 days). DOIM Security Office also notifies employees beginning 30 days prior to expiration down to the actual expiration date. If your training is expired, you and your supervisor will be notified that your account will be disabled. Once disabled, you will need to call DOIM Security at 7-5800 to make arrangements to take IA training and get re-enabled.

### Suspension of Network due to Incidents:

All network users sign an Acceptable User Policy (AUP) to gain access to LEAD's network. By doing so, they are agreeing to follow LEAD's policy concerning network and email. Here are some examples of incidents that could cause an account to be disabled

and/or for the user to get coun-

seled:

--forwarding of certain emails (ex. Chain letters, political, jokes, religious, offensive, etc.)

--trying to connect thumb drives or other external hardware

--using a CD or DVD that has not been scanned for viruses by DOIM Security

--downloading non-work related videos, photos, etc.

--Using gov't PC for personal gain (home business, advertising, fundraising, eBay, stocks, gambling, etc.)

REMINDER: GOV'T COMPUTERS ARE NOT

## Leaving PCs Online and How to Properly Sign Off by John Saraka

Most computer updates are installed using remote installation software. When computer updates/patches are installed, new program files are installed or old files are replaced with newer versions. Files cannot be replaced as long as they are in use. When you are logged-on to your computer, many program files are in use and cannot be updated. Some updates/patches require that the computer be restarted after the installation is complete. Log-off daily (don't just pull your CAC) and restart your computer once a week; this will help keep your computer running at peak performance.

## CDC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by PAO

On Monday, November 8, 2010 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Child Development Center.

COL Provancha was the guest speaker and expressed how excited she was to have such an outstanding facility with a qualified staff on depot. Carlisle Barracks Garrison Commander, LTC Janet Holliday was also in attendance to make a few remarks about the new center and the future for this joint partnership between Carlisle and Letterkenny.

The Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1995 required the Army to give 1,350 acres of land back to the community. As a result many facilities were closed including the child care facility. The ribbon cutting marked a special celebration as a new state of the art CDC made its way back to the depot.

CDC kids release balloons during the ceremony.



The official party including ISG Stevens, Mark Sheffield, COL Provancha, LTC Holliday, Carlisle Barracks Garrison Commander; CSM Blakey, Elaine Leist, Deputy Garrison Commander and Elizabeth Knouse, Director Family & MWR cut the ribbon for the new LEAD CDC.

Taking the Higher Road by Sue A. Spigler, Paralegal

Before working for the Federal Government, I worked as a paralegal for a private law firm. For many years I tried to convince my parents they needed to have a Will, Power of Attorney and Living Will. When they met with

my attorney they finally realized that taking care of their estate planning really benefited the loved ones they were leaving behind. They realized that they were making the decisions so their children did not have to. Leaving the office that day with their Wills, Powers of Attorney and Living Wills in hand, they also had two forms to fill out, which would provide information on their assets, insurance, debts and funeral arrangements. These two forms were just as important as the other three documents.

Below, I am providing you a basic guideline on what you need to make your own version of these forms and have them for the executor of your estate. These two forms provide a very important road map.

The first form deals with your funeral arrangements. Here you are able to give guidance to your executor regarding the type of funeral you want, the funeral home you want them to use, type of viewing you wish-open or closed casket or perhaps you wish to be cremated. You can also specify if you want a church service, type of music you wished to have played at both viewing and service, if you want a veteran's service and where would you like to be buried. Many individuals don't want flowers at the viewing but instead want monetary donations to go towards a special cause, which you can specify. You can even address details such as the outfit you wish to be buried in. I know I don't, but some of you may still fit into your military uniform and wish to be viewed and buried in it. Anything you feel you need to make clear concerning your funeral wishes can go in this document.

As the paralegal working on estate matters, the toughest job I had was finding out where all assets and debts were located for a decedent. The second form you will prepare allows some insight into what you have and where it can be located. Many times, I had executors who had no idea what assets and debts the decedent had. By preparing this form, you can

ease the stress by providing information on your assets and debts. Some assets and debts which you need to cover are listed as follows:

Insurance- type, agent, agent's phone number, policy numbers, etc. The location of real estate deed, car titles, motorcycle, ATV or even boat Titles.

Ownership of a second home/ timeshares.

Banks- what bank, location, checking/saving account, certificates of deposits, safety lock box.

IRA, pension, any retirement plansname of company, phone number, the account numbers, type of retirement plan.

Location of your birth certificate. Location of veteran's papers-DD214 Any debts which are held by Collateral, such as mortgage or car

Any debts which are not held by collateral, such as student loan, credit cards, or utilities.

These two forms provide the information which allows the executor to start handling your estate.

Next on Taking the Higher Road, What occurs when purchasing a first home?

### Base Honor Guard Awarded for Service Article In "Plane Talk" November 2010

Command Chief Master Sgt. Ronald D. Bowe, state command chief for the West Virginia Air National Guard, awarded eight members of the 167th Airlift Wing's Base Honor Guard with Army Achievement Medals on Saturday's UTA for their service during the late U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd's Memorial in Charleston. Front row, from left: Senior Master Sgt. Ron Glazer, 1st Sgt. William Christian, Master Sgt. Donna Lightner and Master Sgt. Marty Snider.

Back row, from left: Staff Sgt. Kalvin Palmer, Master Sgt. William StullerCommand Chief Ronald Bowe, Master Sgt. Chip Palmer and Senior Master Sgt. Dave Stevens.



### Letterkenny Army Depot and Tenant Employee's Make a Difference

by Karen Amerson, Special Emphasis Program Manager

An annual summer Food and School supply drive was held August 17th and 18th, 2010, which was a huge success. Employee volunteer, Beverly Williams, along with Craig and Bennett Newcomer picked up a truck load of food donated by Letterkenny Employees. The food was delivered to the Maranatha Food Pantry. Per Craig Newcomer, the Maranatha Food Pantry supplies the needs of between 2,000 and 3,000 people per month.



Employee volunteer, Beverly Williams, along with Mr. Craig Newcomer and father Bennett Newcomer picked up a truck load of food donated by Letterkenny Employees.

An annual fall and winter toy and food drive was held again November 2nd and 3rd, 2010. Once again, Letterkenny and the tenant employee's came through. A total of 32 families where given Thanksgiving turkeys and bags of groceries and 34 were given a turkey or ham for the Christmas holiday. The remaining food will be given to the South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) who has supplied the needs of 2,500 in the month of

October and has taken on 300 new families in the month of November alone. Any monies left over will be used to purchase more food to be donated to the food pantry.

In addition to monetary, food and school supplies, 100 new cell phones were donated for Women In Need and numerous toys for the Toys for Tots drive, which

has been coordinated with Mr. Thomas Hazlett. Per Mr. Hazlett, the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve has had the mission of Toys for Tots since 1947. This year, approximately 800 families with a total of 2,000 children are registered to receive toys.

At this time the Special Emphasis Program of EEO would like to thank the following volunteers who helped by manning the gates in spite of the cold: Donna Lightner, Trish Corbert, Jacqueline Gilbert, Tom Hazlett, Michelle Jeffcoat, Melissa Paterson, Beverly Williams, Michael Labudie, Anthony Caiati, Tiffany King, Dorothy Van Brakle, Sharon Fogal, Lindsay Washabaugh, Ashlea Cordell, Belinda Bandy, Rachael Gossard, Kelly Rhodes, Tiffany King, Vernell Perry, Justin Baker, Kelly Bryant, Lori McMath, Melinda Torres, Diana Cohick, Becky Chilcote, Karen Wilson, and Jim Wilson.

Thanks to DPW for placing barrels for drop off items, and the fire department for the use of lights. A special thanks goes out to Beverly Williams, Belinda Bandy, and Rachel Gossard for being willing to remove numerous articles from the barrels positioned throughout the depot and deliver to building 10. Also, thanks to Tiffany King for her willingness to shop for items needed to complete the bagged groceries for the holidays, Lonie Bender for once again purchasing and delivering the turkeys and hams and Walter Alford for volunteering to box up all remaining foods to be delivered to the food pantry.

Much thanks and gratitude also goes out to the Letterkenny and tenant workforce for your willingness to help others. You truly have made a difference.



Mr. Thomas Hazlett picks up the toys donated by LEAD employees, for the Toys for Tots 2010 program.

Lean Letterkenny Connander,
Enployees: Make a Mifferena
Committee,

Thank you for your recent
donation to us. Your kindness
will help us to help others
have a Lappy Shanksquing.
Your thoughtfulness is

greatly appreciated.
Thank you and I od Bless
you and your families.

Salectimany Sincerely,
Supplication mp. Barbara Kirkela

A Letter of thanks for LEAD donations from the Salvation Army.

### **Great Job Supporting Toys For Tots!**



### **Veterans Day Dinner**



Lt. James Bracket (LEAD-DOM) was the keynote speaker Sunday night November 7th at the Dry Run American Legion Post 232 annual Veterans Day dinner. Post 232 Commander Glenn Harry presents Lt. Bracket with a plaque of appreciation for his inspiring talk on what it means to be a veteran.

### Gym Contract Awarded to Gold's Gym by PAO

The anticipated gym contract has been awarded to the Chambersburg Gold's Gym. The contract has been awarded for a period of performance effective on November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011. The gym contract will be open to all DoD government employees and tenant activity employees assigned to Letterkenny.

how to reach a healthier well-being and lifestyle, preventive program services and activities, training on all equipment for proper use, daycare services and fitness classes. The gym also provides the following: 10 treadmills, 10 elliptical machines, 5 cardio bikes, 2 stair masters, 2 smith machines, 12 hammer strength machines, 4 flat bench presses, 2 incline bench presses, 1 decline bench press, 2 complete sets of dumb bells from 5 pounds to 100 pounds and Pilates balls.

The Gym Membership includes educational orientation advising employees on

If an employee wants to sign up to the Chambersburg Gold's Gym they need to contact Jim Jenkins at 267-9673 or james.f.jenkins@us.army.mil. He will submit an employee's name and relevant organizational information to Chambersburg Gold's Gym for admittance. At no time are employees to use their CAC or any LEAD ID card for admittance, this is a security violation.









## **LEAD Comings and Goings**

LEAD Welcomes (as of August 2010 thru September 2010):

David Baker, Amelia Buckingham, David Cornell, Michael Emodi, Roger Paige, Michael Girotti, Michael Huff, Bonnie Laman, Christopher Lecrone, Nicholas Leppo, Terry McCalom II, Richard McAuliffe, David Dell, Nicholas Malinowski, Deborah McElhaney, Matthew Nicklas, Fabian Ortiz, Chad Reams, Thomas Williams, Joseph Boozel, Donna Brechbill, Eric Hale, Mark Janson II, Cliff Nunemaker, John Rasp II, William Reed, Christian Weiss, Richard Willis, Victor Parson, William Himchak III, Jason Krebs, Troy Long, George Weiss, Crystal Alleman, Melvin Alleman, Travis Ramer, Charles Zeek, David Perry, PFC Jared Carbaugh, SGT Keith Coleman, SPC David Farina and 1Lt Melissa Kurz

And Bids Farewell to (as of August 2010 thru September 2010):

Peter Sullivan, Carl Breakall, Gary Howell, Merle Pine, Richard Campbell, Daniel Hogan, Jessica Mills, Jeremy Rebok, James Boden, Fred Moxley, Gerald Whitlock, David Bedene, Renee Kennedy, Thomas Horner, Bruce Sipes, Amelia Buckingham, Robert Schneiderhan, George Carr, Ricky Champion, Andrew Killbride, Mark Campbell, SSG James Hull, SPC Willard, SSG Hawkins, MAJ Zaltman and TSGT Kanatus



## Letterkenny Conducts an EVSA by John Damshol

By now, you have been briefed several times on our Enterprise Value Stream Analysis. It's a big deal. We used it to help us better

understand where we are and where we want to take the depot. It provided us invaluable information from our stakeholders; including some of you. It helped us to make sure that we have a strong vision for the future and a plan to get there.

We all know that federal spending is not in alignment with revenue (taxes received). As the drawdown continues in Iraq, we expect Army spending to decrease even though there is clearly work that needs to be done. As a result,

unless we do something to bring in additional workload, we will likely have less work in the future than we do today. We defined our "big hairy audacious goal" (or BHAG) as "become the DoD's Consolidated Ground Systems and

Air Defense Depot within five years." Our growth will be fueled by doing more DoD work as total DoD and Army workload decreases.

To achieve that goal, we must become even more competitive than we are today. We need to make every dollar count. We need to be sure that our product is moving through its processes as quickly and efficiently as possible while maintaining our high quality and safety standards. To make this happen, we need everyone's help. Turn in a suggestion using the Army Suggestion Program, initiate a Value Engineering Project or participate in a Lean event. Take the initiative to make an improvement in your own

area, help someone else when you have a moment. Let's make sure Letterkenny is the DoD's "One Stop Shop" for high quality, low cost and fast turnaround of Ground and Air Defense Systems.



### Recognition for the MEP-952 Generator Effort by Vicky Logue Congratulations



On September 16, 2010, Colonel Provancha honored ten members of the Power Generation Branch of DOM for their efforts and successful accomplishment of the MEP-952 (Mobile Electric Power) Generator program. The MEP-952 Generator program was in its earliest stages, when the

customer hit LEAD with an extremely high demand. Going from producing one or two a month to forty plus per month to meet customer demand required workers to work twelve hour days that often stretched into six day work weeks.

In true Letterkenny fashion, the team under the supervision of Richard

Ramsey, rose to the challenge, and succeeded in completing the mission on time.

Honored were: Richard Ramsey (supervisor), Howdy Naugle, Brian Gordon, Mike McNew, Jim Snyder, Dustin Hornbaker, Radford Wakefield, Joe Unger, John Fidati and Roger Odgen.

## Hunt of A Lifetime by DPW

A two day
"Hunt of a Lifetime"
occurred at Letterkenny Army
Depot on December 3rd and 4th,
2010. "Hunt of a Lifetime" is a
nonprofit organization with a
mission to grant hunting and fishing
adventures and dreams for children
age 21 and under, who have been
diagnosed with life threatening
illnesses. Participants this year
included 15 year old Avery Smith
and two brothers, 12 year old and
10 year old, Adam and Luke Prokay.

This is the 4th year that LEAD has teamed up with "Hunt of a Lifetime" to provide memorable hunting experiences for children in the program. The hunt was under the direction of the DPW and in coordination with LEMC and DRSK along with support from other LEAD Directorates. Volunteers for the hunt were eager to help ensure that these hunters had a safe and successful experience. At 5:30 each morning in the blustery wind, the hunters headed into woods with an escort from the DPW, their guardian and own camera crew to photograph the hunt from



Avery Smith, along with his father, proudly display his harvested doe.

designated heated hunting blinds. Avery, who has an inherited metabolic disorder where his body cannot processed sugar stored in his liver or muscles, was able to harvest a doe on Friday. He

saw over 15 different bucks on the two-day hunt and said "he'd rather be sitting in the cold hunting than sitting in a classroom." Adam and Luke, who are limited by cerebral palsy, also saw a lot of deer including several large bucks. Both had buck fever and excitedly moved their hands each time they saw deer.

On Saturday, Adam harvested an 8-point buck and Luke harvested a doe. A great lunch and refreshments were provided by the Letterkenny Post Restaurant on Friday.

On Saturday volunteers from the LEAD Hunting Program provided lunch for the participants.



COL Provancha took time from her busy schedule to congratulate the hunters on a successful hunt and provided each of them with a Letterkenny Commanders Coin.

### Wellness 'Word to the Wise' by Wellness Committee

#### Want a drink?

And no! I don't mean a cocktail at dinner...

I'm talking about the high sugar, high fructose corn syrup, caramel colored, frappe something, mocha something drinks that most people are drinking all day long. This has to be one of the top reasons most people have such a hard time reaching and maintaining their ideal weight or battling chronic fatigue and other health concerns: They are drinking tons of sugar without even knowing it.

#### Let's look at some of the culprits:

Fruit Juice: This includes all of them from OJ to Hawaiian Punch to Apple Juice to Capri Suns. Anytime you drink a fruit juice type beverage, you are essentially just having water with sugar or sometimes even worse, water with high fructose corn syrup. A typical 8 oz glass of OJ is really just water and approximately 8-9 teaspoons of sugar. Don't be fooled by the labels which say "all natural." Unless you are freshly squeezing your juice and drinking it right away, it is not a healthy drink. What about the added calcium and vitamin C? Anything "fortified" with calcium is almost always not absorbable by your body because it is man made. You will get more vitamin C from the real thing. Peel an orange or grapefruit and enjoy. Yummy! Even drinks like Gatorade and Vitamin Water, which some people perceive as health drinks are really just water, sugar and coloring.

**Soda:** Soda is such a nasty culprit in so many ways. For starters, the sugar content is ridiculous.

Imagine putting 10 teaspoons of white sugar in a glass and then adding water and don't forget to add the caramel coloring and phosphoric acid. Combine the acidity of sugar, coloring and phosphoric acid and you have a tooth rooting, calcium leaching, osteoporosis inducing fiesta.

Diet drinks: They are actually the worst yet. Sweeteners like aspartame (Equal) and sucralose (Splenda) have been shown to grow tumors in lab rats even in minimal dosages. Even worse, your body sees artificial sweeteners as a toxin and causes weight gain, sugar cravings and gas and bloating in most people.

The Healthy Alternatives: Tea Juice and Iced Teas: These drinks are sweetned with an all natural sweetener called Stevia. Some of the recognizable brand names in the stores are, Stevia in the Raw, Truvia and PureVia.

You can make wonderful cold drinks from any variety of herbal tea or regular black or green tea. My favorite morning "tea juice" is orange zinger

tea with a bit of stevia to sweeten.

### Tea Juice **Ingredients:**

5-6 bags caffeinefree herbal tea (e.g., peach, mint, chamomile, or fruit tea) 3 quarts boiling water Stevia

sweetener to taste

### **Directions:**

Pour water over tea bags in a large pot. Add stevia while tea is hot. (Adjust amount according to the desired sweetness.) Let the tea cool, remove tea bags, transfer tea to a serving pitcher or individual water bottles, and refrigerate.

Spa Water: To recreate a

version of this water right at home take ice cold water and put sliced fresh lemon, lime, and oranges in it. It's so refreshing and such a good alternative to plain water. Note: Your body weight divided by two is how many ounces of water you should be drinking a day. (e.g. 200, lb person divided by 2 equals 100 oz. of water, which equals 12.5 glasses (8 oz) of water per day.)

Iced Coffee: When sugar cravings are at their highest, this serves as a "dessert" type drink. Combine coffee, 2 tbsp of organic cream or half and half and Stevia over lots of ice. Shake well and you've got a much healthier alternative to any frappe/mocha, that they may have at Starbucks and much cheaper too.

When in doubt, always read labels. Remember that every 4 grams of sugar = I teaspoon of sugar. So if a drink says 44 grams sugar, you know you're drinking II teaspoons.

#### **Lemonade Ingredients:**

1/2 a lemon 5 drops liquid Stevia 12 oz water

#### **Directions:**

Mix all ingredients in a large cup. Add more stevia or lemon based on your taste.



### 2010 Depot Christmas Party by Tracey Killinger

The annual Christmas party was a well attended event this year, with around 232 people in attendance. A great time was had by all! Everyone that came this year received a small gift (ladies, a special key chain and the gentlemen got an instant lottery ticket).

When everyone arrived, they placed their ticket into a bag, which was later used during our gift give-away. COL Provancha, once again, played Santa Claus and handed out numerous gifts along with holiday wishes.



Kneeling, Rob Willits, Tracey Killinger Second Row: Karen Hershey, Lynne Boyd, Tamee Havrilla, COL Provancha, Peggy Rollins & Jerry Mellott

We had also carried out our yearly tradition and chanced off a Cancer Basket. We made \$480.00 on this endeavor with half of the money going to the American Cancer Society and the other half going to Cumberland Valley Breast Cancer Alliance. THANK YOU to all that supported this endeavor.

The Christmas Party
Committee would like to thank
TEAM Letterkenny for its
support all through the year and
we wish you all a safe, Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Bldg 10 Christmas Party by PAO

The inaugural Building 10 Holiday Banquet celebration was held on Thursday, December 23, 2010. To kick off the festivities around 14 people entered either their door or cubicle in the decorating contest. At 8:30 in the morning COL Provancha made her rounds to judge the competition. There was even a category for the lamest door decorator (those who attempted to be festive but failed to succeed). Eddie Bennett swept the competition with a shark in a Santa hat ornament hanging from his name plate. Bill Higgs and Joe Pieczonka rounded out the contest.

A luncheon attended by over 50 people from building 10 was held in the great room. Everyone brought in a favorite dish to share and Christmas movie traditions, such as Charlie Brown, were played as everyone mingled and enjoyed lunch together. The event was largely coordinated by Bill Bennett and he thanked everyone for helping to make the event a huge success.



A Rudolph with a blinking nose, cookies and live fireplace sound effects gave the edge to Shea Hurley and the Lean team in the door decorating contest.



Jordan Hornbaker's wrapped Christmas door took second.





An animal Merry Christmas by Bridgette House was third.

Left: A winter wonderland and dancing snowmen put Brenda Ott's cubicle in first.

Jennifer Dubbs takes second for a festive cubicle.

Bill
Bennett
rounds
out third
place with
a giant
stocking
and
snoozing
Santa.

### Last Patriot Guidance Section Completed at Red River TRMD



This is the last Patriot Guidance Section to be processed across the PM-460 Test Station at TRMD's Red River Facility. As part of BRAC 2005 the station will be taken off line. Those pictured L to R are: Ron Witherspoon, Minh Nguyen, David Hunt, John Sawicki, William Simmons, Hoang Nguyen and Larry Hagood. Not Pictured is Robert Escriche.

### **DOIM Mascot Receives Award**



DOIM Director, Steve Brown presents 5th Year Civilian Service Award to DOIM mascot Tigger (William Bennett) at the DOIM All-Hands meeting.



### 33 Years of Service



On Monday, December 13, 2010 COL Provancha presented Doug Foreback with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Certificate of Retirement. He began his career in the Directorate of Engineering and Logistics in 1978. In 2003 he moved to DS&T and in July of 2010 he went back to DPW where he finished his 33 year career at LEAD.



### Flag Ceremony Honors Joe Pieczonka

After 37 years of federal service, Joe Pieczonka retired from LEAD as the Director of Resource Management. On Tuesday, December 21, 2010 a flag was flown across the depot in his honor and was presented to him in a flag

ceremony. He thanked the crowd in the great room and expressed his gratitude in having the opportunity to work alongside many co-workers. He said he was unsure what lied ahead for him in the future.



### **Townhall Questions Answered**



Q. Wouldn't it be a major savings if the Hunting Program reimbursed the depot for the fuel for all the Government vehicles they utilize during the hunting days? Also, individuals who want to be a part of the Hunting Program should be volunteers and receive COMP time for their time verses getting paid overtime.

A. The hunting program is a fully reimbursable program. All costs associated with the program, including fuel and maintenance and repair of all government vehicles, and the salaries of our two full time Natural Resource Program people, is paid for with natural resources funds that are NOT part of the AWCF overhead budget; thus the hunting program does not affect our rates. In addition, all 'volunteers' to the hunting program are just that, volunteers, and they are not paid by the hunting program funds, nor are they authorized to be paid by the Depot for any of their 'volunteer' time put towards the hunting program.

Q. Are there any plans on the horizon to renovate the HUB?

**A.** The design for a major renovation project for the Hub was initiated in 2004. This design includes replacement of the heating & air conditioning system, which is in very poor condition, as well as major renovations to the dining area and restrooms. For reasons associated with the location and condition of the utility services coming into the building, the renovations also require replacement of the electrical service. Given the scale of the project, the cost is very high -- about \$1.7 million. There is no special funding source for projects of this type, so money for the Hub renovation has to be taken from the depot's operating budget the same budget also funds essential maintenance, repair, and minor construction work in our production facilities such as Buildings 350 and 370. As a result, the comparative priority of the Hub renovations has been relatively low, and the project therefore has not been authorized for funding.

Q. Do you think that there will ever be a time when Letterkenny will offer teleworking as an option? A. When it's possible for an employee's duties to be performed from home, Telework for medical accommodation may be authorized at Letterkenny Army Depot.

Q. We have not received the govt allocated flu shots at the same time as most other installations (late Oct/early Nov). Could we set up a plan for a nurse from Carlisle or a contracted shot-giver to come to the Hub for 2 or 3 various days?

**A.** The allotted supply of vaccine comes from higher headquarters at Dunham located on Carlisle Barracks. Their supply of vaccine comes in anywhere from Sept to Oct Every flu season I ask for help and if Dunham has personnel to send and help they will. I am totally dependent on Dunham and when they send the vaccine to LEAD. All personnel providing services, such as flu shots, have to go through the "privileging" process so they can provide medical services to our personnel. This takes some time and for the amount of time they would be working I do not believe Dunham would pay for a contract nurse to come and give the vaccine.

### Safety Award for FY11

As outlined at the recent town hall meeting, the annual NOR award has been broken up into 5 parts. One of the parts is safety. To get the \$200.00 safety part, we must have 1,000 reported hazards by the employees and supervisors. There is also a \$50.00 bonus if we become VPP certified during FY11.

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 a little over 1700 federal employees, our challenge is for each of us to recognize and report at least one hazardous condition. These don't have to be a major hazard. A simple trip hazard can result in a lost time accident.

Safety boxes with the Safety Suggestion forms and Safety or

Health Hazard report forms are located in many buildings. Contact Kristin Sponsler at 7-4039 if you need form holders and safety boxes.

We are re-structuring the VPP Advisor board to have four sub-committees that mirror the VPP four elements. There will be opportunities to get involved. However, the next four to six months will be critical to achieving our VPP certification goal. We can do it!!!

### Tune In by PAO

With wintery weather approaching, it is imperative to make sure everyone knows how to find out if there has been a change made to the normal operating procedures at the depot. The following radio and television stations will be contacted to announce or display any updates and changes to the Letterkenny Army Depot work schedule. Please make sure to tune in to the following:

Altoona FM 98.1; 104.9; 100.1 Altoona AM1290; 1430 Chambersburg FM 95.1 Chambersburg AM 800; 1590 Greencastle FM 94.3; 101.5 Gettysburg FM 107.7 Gettysburg AM 1320 (www.wgty.com; www.wget.com &

www.gettysburgtimes.com)
Hagerstown FM 104.7; 106.9
Hagerstown AM 1410; 1490

Harrisburg FM 99.3; 97.3; 94.9; 98.9

Harrisburg AM 580 Hollidaysburg FM 103.9 Huntingdon FM 103.5

Lancaster FM 97

Lancaster AM 1390

Lewistown FM 95.7 Martinsburg FM 95.9; 97.5 McConnellsburg FM 103.7 McConnellsburg AM 1480 WSRT-Mercersburg FM 92.1 Waynesboro FM 101.5 Waynesboro AM 1380

WHAG-TV (NBC25), Hagerstown, <u>www.your4state.com</u> WHTM-TV (ABC27), Harrisburg, <u>www.abc27.com</u> WGAL-TV (Channel 08), York, Lancaster & Harrisburg,

http://www.wgal.com/closings/index.html

WHP-TV (CBS21), Harrisburg

http://www.whptv.com/content/schoolclosings/default.aspx WLYH-TV (The CW 15),

http://www.cwl5.com/content/schoolclosings/default.aspx

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### Upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Celebration

On January 19, 2011 a memorial celebration at the Family Tradition Lighthouse Restaurant will take place in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev Charles Jenkins and music will be provided by the MLK singers.

The cost for the event is \$13.00. To order a purchase a ticket contact Karen Amerson, at 717 267-8056.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Luncheon