



# KENNY LETTER



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## SPECIAL EDITION!

# LETTERKENNY HONORS ITS MILITARY WORKFORCE!



Veterans and active duty reservists/guardsmen comprise 42% of Letterkenny's workforce population. Some proudly served during the Vietnam War, the Middle East conflicts and on relief missions throughout the world. Many completed their active duty tours; others continue their service on weekends and for several weeks throughout the year.

We salute you, one and all, for your sacrifices and those of your families. Enjoy this special tribute to you, the Soldier, the Airman, the Seaman, and the Marine.

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Jessy Rutter, ordnance equipment mechanic, low-cost reduced range practice rocket, Letterkenny Munitions Center

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

Serving the Army and the Nation every day, not only as a Soldier, but also as a civilian

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army Reserves (2007-2010)  
 Pennsylvania Army National Guard (2011-present)  
 Current rank and assignment: Staff Sergeant, HHC, 2-112th Infantry, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, reconnaissance team leader

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Iraq, 2008–2009

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

Patriotism and the incomparable bond developed between Soldiers who serve together.



**JESSY RUTTER**



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Eric Shields, power support mechanic, Generator Shop, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

The best part of working here at Letterkenny is that I can utilize the lessons learned here and in the field as a Soldier. It also helps me to be able to train my Soldiers more efficiently and keep them up to date on the latest changes to equipment and technology. I also have been able to support Letterkenny better, by being trained on new systems like the Microgrid before any production even began here.

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army Reserves, 14 years  
 Current rank and assignment: Sergeant, 542nd Quarter Master Co, (Force Provider) 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon

**DEPLOYMENT**

Iraq (2010-2011)

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

“I love being in the Army and I get a lot of satisfaction being able to mentor and teach younger Soldiers, extracting the best from them that is possible. The other perk is that I get to travel.”



**ERIC SHIELDS**



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Kevin Phillips, attorney-advisor, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

"Over time in this position, you develop relationships with people all over the depot including the tenant organizations. There are good people who work here, and I enjoy working with them."

**MILITARY SERVICE**

31 years total service in U.S. Army Reserves and the Montana Army National Guard (NG)  
Current rank and assignment: Lt. Col., Chief of Administrative Law, 80th Training Command, Richmond, Va.

Previous assignments: enlisted combat engineer with the Montana Army NG; Quartermaster Officer in the Army Reserves; Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer in the Montana NG and Army Reserves

**KEVIN PHILLIPS****DEPLOYMENTS**

Bahrain, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and JTF-GTMO

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

"I was a Quartermaster Officer in Afghanistan (AFG) working for Defense Logistics Agency - Defense Energy Support Center. In Bahrain, I reported to my supervisor about all the fuel and its quality coming into AFG from Pakistan. I would fly to Kandahar and Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan, and Bagram AFB to check on the fuel. I also worked for JTF-GTMO where I would go into the detention facilities on a daily basis coordinating between detainees and their state side attorneys. In addition, I worked migrant operations, working on the contingency of Cubans trying to get to Florida and being transported to Guantanamo Bay until their repatriation."

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

"I like working with reservists and national guardsmen. There is a camaraderie in military life that you experience nowhere else. However, reservists have been used heavily in this Long War. I hit my mandatory retirement date in one year; it has been a great experience, but I have worked two jobs since 1984. It will be nice to have weekends off."

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

B. George Hammond, ammunition inspector, Letterkenny Munitions Center

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

Opportunity to continue to serve the troops

**MILITARY SERVICE**

Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Combat Engineer/EOD Technician  
Stateside assignments included Kentucky, Indiana, Texas and Pennsylvania  
Overseas assignments in Germany and Korea

**B. GEORGE  
HAMMOND****REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

"I am an NCO. Just because I'm no longer on active duty doesn't mean I don't still care about the men and women in uniform that keep our country safe. They are entitled to quality ammunition that works the way it is supposed to when they want it to work."



**PEACE MILLER**

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Peace Miller, Safety Technician, Safety Office, Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD)

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

"The people. LEAD feels like one big loving family committed to everyone's safety, health and wellbeing."

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Coast Guard

6 years active duty

Marine Science Technician 2nd Class, waterfront facilities and vessels inspections, environmental pollution prevention and response

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Delaware Bay, Philadelphia (1 year)

San Juan, Puerto Rico (4 years)

Jacksonville, Florida (1 year)



**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

"I reported for my first day on the job in San Juan Puerto Rico and a Coast Guard Helo landed at the base. They were scheduled to fly around the entire Caribbean area all day and the crew wanted to know if our office wanted to take this chance to conduct aerial surveys. I gladly and quickly volunteered. Soon I realized why my Chief handed me air sickness pills and Ziploc bags. Never before or ever again in my life have I experienced so much air sickness. That day I gained a lot of respect for service members who respond to the call of duty on turbulent seas and in the air."

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

"Having been born and raised in a third world country, I am so grateful to the United States for providing limitless opportunities for safety, a better life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness for me and my children. I served and will continue to serve because I am very grateful to my new home. God Bless America, my home sweet home!"

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Nelson Newman, Safety and Occupational Health Specialist, Safety Office, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

"It is the best of two worlds: an office job that affords me many opportunities to interact with people on the shop floors."

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Navy

7 years (2 tours)

1st tour: Amphibious Construction Battalion Two (Navy Sea Bee's)

2nd tour: Naval Recruiting District Philadelphia, Naval Recruiting Station, Hagerstown, Md.

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Dynamic Mix-98 mission in the country of Turkey

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

Riding in a Navy hovercraft!

"Since age 12, I knew I wanted to go into the Navy. Both of my grandfathers served in the military (one in World War II and one in the Korean conflict)."



**NELSON NEWMAN**



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Tobey Moxley, Protocol, Public Affairs Office, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

Dealing with the public

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army Reserves, 30 years  
 Current assignment: S4 NCOIC/MSG, Harrisburg, Pa.

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Iraq (2003-2004 and 2008-2009)

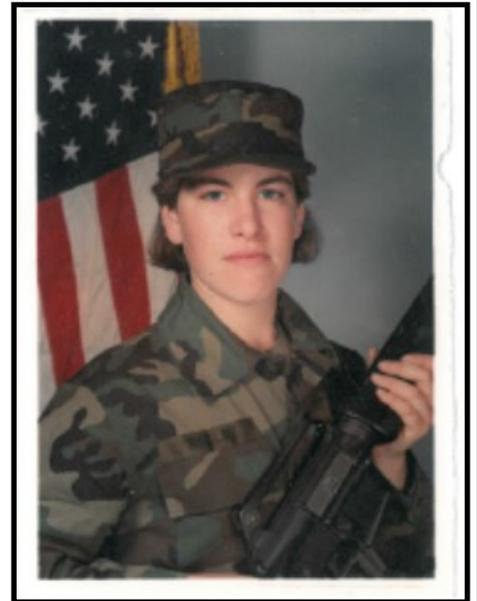
**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

“We were driving on a convoy in Iraq and picked up a young Iranian boy who was walking alone on the road out in the middle of nowhere. He had defected, leaving the only remaining relative he had, his mother. The boy looked to be 10 years old and was very thin. His mother told him to leave and run away because she was afraid that he would be taken to join the Army or just be killed. Through an interpreter, he told us that he had already been tortured by having the butt of a rifle jammed into his stomach where bruises couldn't be seen.

He had a difficult time eating, and I took some time with him and tried to find what he could eat until his stomach healed. When I left Iraq, the boy made a card and had it delivered to me by another Soldier...to me that was priceless.”

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

“Following father’s footsteps. He was also a logistician.”



**TOBEY MOXLEY**



**CURT SLICK**

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Curt N. Slick, Logistics Management Specialist, Directorate of Operations Planning and Support, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

The people

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army  
 Total service: 31.5 years  
 Prior Active Duty: 17.5 years Active Duty (Infantry and Logistics)  
 US Army Reserve: 13 years; Pennsylvania NG: 1 year

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Iraq (2009-2010)  
 Germany (2012-2013)

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

“Knowing we did the best we could do to support our Soldiers and civilians and coming home with all the people who went over there with me.”

**REASON FOR SERVING**

“I love this country!”



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Robert J. Hogan, Equipment Maintenance Mechanic, Directorate of Operations Planning and Support, Letterkenny Army Depot

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Navy, 21 years active duty, retired in 1991  
 Charleston, S.C.: AS16 H.W. Gilmore  
 New London, Conn.: USS Fulton AS 12 USS America CVA16  
 Keyport, Wash.: A.U.S Weapons Station  
 Canada: Underwater weapons test range

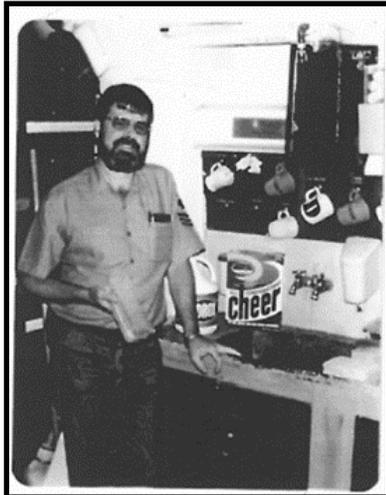
Commissioned the USS Haylor DD997 and decommissioned the USS Fulton

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

First ship in for Desert Storm. First combat ship in for Operation Desert watch as it became Desert Storm



**ROBERT HOGAN**



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Lori Curtis, Deputy Director of Information Management, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“Interfacing with the fantastic mission-focused people we have on the DOIM team, and providing them with what they need to succeed and support the depot. I like knowing that what I do contributes, albeit indirectly, to the support of our nation's Warfighters. It's a way for me to serve them as they serve us and the greater good.”

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Navy, Cryptologic Technician Maintenance (CTM2); specialized in SATCOM  
 Length of service: 6 years  
 Assignments included: Florida, New Mexico, Arizona and the island of Guam

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

“Being one of the team of technicians responsible (at 19 years old) for installing and commissioning the Navy's then newest SATCOM station.”



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Jeffrey Davidson, Ground TOW/ Hellfire/ Longbow Supervisor, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“Utilizing the assets at my disposal to continually improving the process and product to support the warfighters. Never a dull moment, every day presents a new challenge.”

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Navy, Senior Chief Submarine Torpedoman (E-8)  
 Length of service: 26 years (retired August, 2006)

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Northern Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, Western Pacific

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

“Coming home to family and friends after six months at sea.”



**JEFFREY DAVIDSON**

## NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Robert L. Bishop, air conditioning mechanic, Patriot Shop, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

## BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD

"The co-workers in our shop make a great team. I receive great satisfaction knowing what I do directly impacts the joint warfighter."



## MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Marine Corps, 4 years, Infantry Rifleman  
Assignments included: U.S. Naval Station Subic Bay, Philippines;  
Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Recalled to Camp Lejeune, N.C. to active duty in February, 1991, for Operation Desert Storm

## DEPLOYMENTS

Philippines (1 year 3 months)  
Japan (6 months)  
Honduras/Nicaragua

## REASON FOR SERVING

"Unending sense of duty, esprit de Corps."



**ROBERT BISHOP**

## NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION

Robert S. Amaral, Director, Supply and Transportation Directorate (DS&T), Letterkenny Army Depot

## BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD

Working and mentoring the workforce in DS&T

## MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Navy, 9 years  
U.S. Air Force, 21 years

## DEPLOYMENTS

U.S. Navy: Rescue mission off the coast of Washington state, recovering two dead seaman from a sunken Coast Guard ship in 1977.

U.S. Air Force: Saudi Arabia, December 2002-June 2003

## MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

One of my most memorable U.S. Navy events happened in 1978, when a 12-inch line snapped whipping across the bow and nearly cut the four of us in half.

Another event was when a piece of metal from the anchor was lodged in my eye while at sea, and I was medevac'd to the mainland for surgery.



**ROBERT AMARAL**



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

R. Bobby Mears, Sheet Metal Mechanic, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

Being part of an important team

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Air Force  
Length of service: 18 years

1/82 AVN. 82ND Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, N.C., repair and maintenance of 24 attack aircraft and all related weapons systems

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Iraq (two tours)  
Honduras  
Panama



**R. BOBBY MEARS**



**CHARLES "SCOTT" WACHTER**

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

SMSgt Charles "Scott" Wachter, Logistics Contracting Officer Representative (COR) for the RG-31 and RG-33 program, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

"Supporting the needs of the Warfighter"

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Air Force Reservist / Guard  
20 ½ years with West Virginia Air National Guard 167<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, currently with the U.S. Air Force Reserve, 459<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing Superintendent, SMSgt (awaiting promotion to CMSgt, 459<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Joint Air Base Andrews

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Operation Southern Watch-Iraq, Operation Shining Hope-Kosovo, Operation Joint Forge-Europe, Operation Coronet Oak-Central and South America, Operation Phoenix Raven-US, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, Operation Iraqi Freedom-Iraq, World Air Rodeo 2000-Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world as a Joint Airdrop Inspector (2-man Team)

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

"Flying into the Central American country of Honduras and seeing the children there. They had very little food, and I would get together food in boxes if I knew that we were heading that way and give it to them. Seeing the expression on their face when I gave them the boxes of food was priceless."

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

"To make a difference in the world."



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

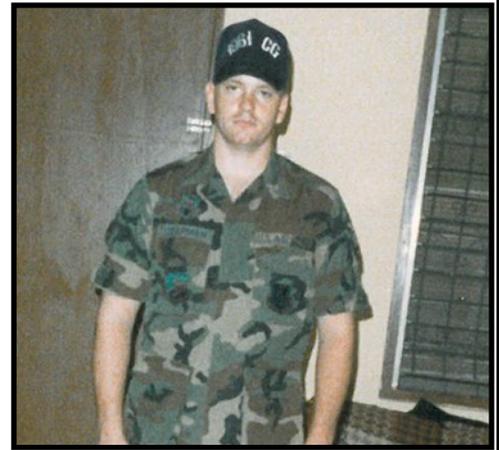
Gerald "Chappy" Chapman, Jr. Chief, Office of Continuous Improvement, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

Teaching the four-week black belt course. It is an intensive course with lots of statistical analysis training, team building tools, and problem solving techniques. The best part of the course is seeing the 'light bulb go on' when the coursework covers one of the more complex topics and knowing that they understand. Huge satisfaction in seeing the pride when the black belt candidate is LSS Black Belt Certified by the Department of the Army after staying committed to task and completing their project.

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Air Force, 1988-1993



**GERALD CHAPMAN, JR.**

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

The 1991 eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines still stands as the second largest eruption in the 20th century. According to newspaper reports, ash deposits were two inches thick or more and covered a land area of about 1,544 squares miles burning crops and other plant life around Pinatubo. The weight of the rain-saturated ash, earthquake shaking and strong winds, caused numerous roofs to collapse in the communities around the volcano, including at the two large U.S. military bases Clark and Subic Bay.

Literally in the thick of things, I was stationed at Clark with my wife, Teresa, and personally experienced this eruption. The Air Force evacuated 16,000 people in a 50-car convoy to Subic Bay Naval Station. We were issued a mattress and assigned to sleep on the high school cafeteria floor along with 20 other families. The first week of evacuation was spent anticipating the eruption until it finally happened five days later. The eruption began with a cloud of ash billowing up through the clouds like smoke rising from a chimney. The ash cloud continued to ascend until it reached 80,000 feet. Over the next several hours we endured ash and rocks falling from the sky. The ash blocked the sun for 36 hours causing a completely dark sky. Earthquakes and tremors were shaking the ground every 20-30 minutes. As if this wasn't enough, a typhoon rolled into Subic Bay with its rains falling down through the ash delivering a cement mixture onto the buildings and cars. When the sun finally emerged we realized the devastation that Pinatubo had on the base. A four-inch thick wet ash accumulated on everything. The palm trees were stripped with only their trunks remaining and looking like giant toothpicks. Power stations were destroyed. There was no power, no running water, or means of transportation. Over the next three days we were provided MREs and water. When the time came to evacuate, it was an 8-hour wait to get aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln which was on its maiden voyage to Desert Storm. Lucky for us, they were diverted to support the evacuation efforts along with 19 other USN ships. We spent two days aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln where we were taught the difference between a "boat" and a "ship" by our hosts. We were delivered to the international airport at Cebu which is an island in the South Philippines. After six hours of waiting, we boarded a C5 and flew to Guam where we spent two days in base housing. Over the next couple of days we flew back home to PA with stops in Hawaii and San Diego, Calif. Our belongings were packed and shipped to our next duty station by the team of appropriately named "Ash Warriors." These essential personnel were assigned to remain throughout the volcanic activity and cleanup. On Nov. 26, 1991, the American flag was lowered for the last time by the Ash Warriors, and Clark Air Base was turned over to the government of the Philippines, ending over 90 years of US presence at the base.



*Left: An original copy of the Stars and Stripes newspaper remains one of Chapman's treasures from his military career along with lava rocks spewed from Mt. Pinatubo in 1991*

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Barry D Ellis, HIMARS / MLRS / AGPU Section, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

"The professionalism of the people I work with."

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Air Force, 14 years, munitions system specialist  
Served four years in the Philippines and four years in Germany

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Saudi Arabia (six months of Desert Storm)



**A CONVOY IN THE SAUDI DESERT SUBMITTED BY BARRY ELLIS**

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Travis L. Gray, Quality Assurance Specialist, Directorate of Product Assurance, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“The professionalism everyone brings to the table. Getting a chance to go to the formal Army Quality Assurance School house at Red River Army Depot in Texaraksana, Texas, was just the beginning of a great experience working for the Army. My job allows me some of the most diverse interaction with everyone from the Commander and Directors down to the shop floor level. This depot is all about a quality product for the Soldier and I'm everywhere ensuring that happens.”



**FLIGHT CREW MEMBER TRAVIS GRAY PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF HIS MANY MISSIONS**

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Air Force/West Virginia Air National Guard...22 years of service and counting  
MSgt E-7 (10 years explosives and munitions inspector/ AMMO; 12 years C-130 and C-5 Loadmaster)



**DEPLOYMENTS**

- 1994: Desert Storm, Operation Northern Watch, Saudi Arabia
- 1996: Operation Northern Watch, Jordan
- 1998: Operation Provide Comfort ,Italy
- 2001: Operation Northern Watch, Kuwait

As a flight crew member and C-130 and C-5 loadmaster, I flew everywhere except for Antarctica and Australia.

**REASON CONTINUE SERVING**

“I continue to serve because I believe in the red, white and blue. I had a lot of fun and met a lot of great people and friends. And taking the fight to bad guys doesn't hurt either.”



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Alvin Dale Myers Jr., mechanical engineer, HIMARS, Patriot Reset, MHE, Directorate of Operations, Planning Support

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“I can support the military.”

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Navy, 1992-1999: Machinist Mate, Third Class Petty Officer



**ALVIN MYERS**

**DEPLOYMENTS**

1996-1997: Deployed on WestPac (Western Pacific tour) with the 13th MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit) on the USS ESSEX (LHD-2)

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Larry Seavolt, Quality Assurance Specialist, Directorate of Product Assurance, Letterkenny Army Depot



**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“Never a dull moment, always looking to improve the processes and to improve our products. Get to talk with Servicemen and women, civilian employees of the DOD and others from all over the world on the LEAD HOTLINE. Opportunities to travel around the US to perform site visits, listen to customer complaint and assist in providing feedback and resolutions.”

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army Reserves, 1965-2009  
Appointed Warrant Officer April 1984.  
43 years Army Reserve service, Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic, Power Generator Mechanic, Special Electrical Devices Repairer, Digital Electronics/Communications Technician - Warrant Officer, USAR Rifle Team Member.

**LARRY SEAVOLT**



**DEPLOYMENTS**

Letterkenny Army Depot, 4 years, 3 months.  
  
Short term trips to Germany (5 times), Kuwait (1).

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

“I can't be a Soldier anymore, but I can still support them.”



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

John Butts, Procurement Analyst, Directorate of Contracting at Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“The best part about current job at LEAD is the people. There is a real family atmosphere here that I haven't experienced to many other places through my travels”.

**MILITARY SERVICE**

Army Reserves  
Current assignment: Combat Support Platoon Leader, 88<sup>th</sup> Military Police Co, and Fort Langley-Eustis, VA.

Previous assignment: Operations Officer and Platoon Leader for the 613th Military Police Company (I/R), Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

**JOHN BUTTS**



**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

“I serve because the most rewarding part about being in the military and in leadership is the ability to mentor and change lives. As the first officer in my family, I felt it my duty to take what I have learned and share it with others. I also can be an example for my sister who is a sophomore at West Point.”





**BRIAN MCKAY AND MEMBERS OF HIS GUARD UNIT.**

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Brian McKay, Machinist, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“Supporting the Warfighter and serving in a different role than I have in the past. Being able to observe the process from the beginning of production to the actual use on the battlefield gives me a special perspective of the importance of my job.”

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army, National Guard  
Length of service: 3 years active duty Army;  
17 years in the National Guard (NG)

Currently serving in the Pennsylvania Army NG with the 328th BSB supporting the 1-108th FA, Battalion Maintenance Tech /CW2/108th FA in Carlisle, Pa.



**DEPLOYMENT**

Haiti (six-month tour in 1995-1996)



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Randy Schriver, Technical Requirements Branch Chief, Theater Readiness Monitoring Directorate, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“Interacting with my fellow employees to solve problems and improve our products.”

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserves  
Total of 38 years of service: 8 years active duty, currently serving in the Army Reserve. Appointed as a Warrant officer at Ft. Rucker, Al. on Mar. 3, 1995.

Current rank: CW5 (pinning in May, 2015)  
Command Chief Warrant Officer with HQs, 80<sup>th</sup> Training Command in Richmond, Va.

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Kuwait, 2011

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

“I still love to put those boots on and help other Soldiers with their careers.”



**RANDY SCHRIVER**

**\*\*receives CW5 rank in May 2015\*\***

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Shawn Spidell, industrial engineering technician, Production Engineering, Directorate of Operations Planning and Support, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

Interacting with the many value streams and overall support to the Warfighter

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army, National Guard, and Army Reserves  
Length of service: 15 years total  
Current Army reserve assignment at LEAD: Logistics NCO/ SSG/ Detachment 4

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Operation Noble Eagle (2003-2004)  
Hurricane Katrina relief (2005-2005)  
Kuwait (2010-2011)

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

“Out of all the places I have been, my most memorable moment is from being stateside. My unit was sent to the site of Hurricane Katrina to provide security and aide. I was not anticipating the atmosphere we encountered. Only after a few short days of being without basic services, it seemed to me that our American society began to degrade rapidly. Utility trucks were parked along the highway. We stopped to see why they were sitting idle along the road and not working to restore power. The answer was simple, they had been shot at when they went into town to work (yes, there were bullet holes in some of the trucks). Needless to say, once 3,500 Soldiers rolled into town, shootings drastically decreased, and power was restored within a few days.

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

“Service to our country.”



**SHAWN SPIDELL**



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Marvin Womack, Electronics Integrated Systems Mechanic, Systems Test Branch, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT YOUR JOB AT LEAD**

Supporting the Warfighter

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army  
34+ years of service  
1999-2001: Letterkenny Army Depot’s Sergeant Major  
Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commanding General, CSM, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

**MARVIN WOMACK**

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Four Iraqi tours; two tours in Afghanistan

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

I love my country





**JOHN ARDANS**

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

John P. Ardans, Logistics Management Specialist, Close Combat Weapon Systems Avenger, Directorate of Operations Planning and Support

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

“Being able to continually support the troops in combat and field training environments”

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army, 20 years  
Retired Master Sergeant, maintenance control  
Assignments included: Germany, Alaska, North Carolina, South Carolina and Pennsylvania

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Bosnia/Kosovo (one year)  
Iraq (one year)  
Afghanistan (one year)



**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

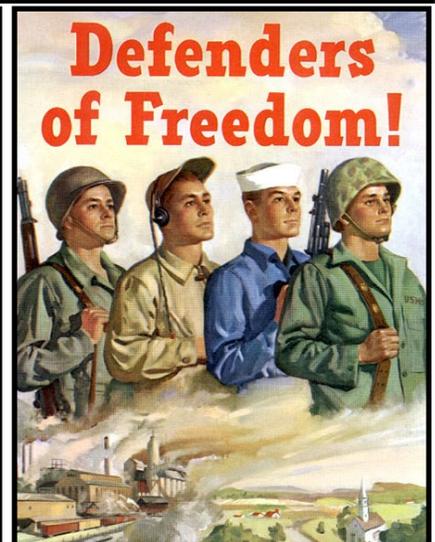
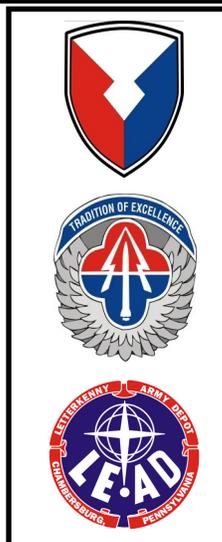
“During the Bosnia Implementation of Forces in Jan., 1996, I was on an early morning guard duty. It was extremely cold and miserable, and two young children approached me asking a question in their native language. Through an interpreter, I learned the children wanted food. We conversed back and forth and learned that their parents had been killed. I located some odds and ends from our MRE’s and gave them to the children. I had never seen children smile with true contentment like that. The children came back every morning, and I was only too glad to help.

I wrote home to my family and asked if they could send jackets, pants, shirts, underclothing, and shoes to help these children. I received the clothing about a month later. The children were truly happy for the articles of clothing they received. I was there to help, and I feel this was just a small part of my duties.

When we started the redeployment process and my unit was driving out of Camp California, I saw the two children, and they waved to me and said in English, “Thank you for the lunch buckets (MRE’s).” I had a true feeling of gratification and knew I had made an impact in their lives.”

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

“I have a true sense of pride continuing my service with LEAD. I am able to support my country, the Warfighter, my community, and serve with some of the hardest working people in the Nation.”



**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Walter (Wes) Evans, maintenance production work leader with the Sentinel program, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

**MILITARY SERVICE**

U.S. Army, Maryland Army National Guard  
Rank: Sergeant, Combat Vet Track Vehicle, Heavy & Light Wheel, Generator Mechanic, Vehicle Recovery Both Wheel & Track

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Germany  
Nova Scotia  
Azores  
Reykjavík Iceland  
Kuwait  
Iraq  
New Orleans (Saint Bernard's Parrish for hurricane relief effort of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita)



**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

"To know I'm doing something positive for my country and its members of the Armed Forces."



**WES EVANS**

**NAME AND CURRENT CIVILIAN POSITION**

Ken Scott, Elec. Mechanic, Ground TOW systems, Directorate of Industrial Operations, Letterkenny Army Depot

**BEST PART ABOUT CURRENT JOB AT LEAD**

"Supporting the Warfighter and help maintain that Letterkenny quality the Soldier knows about."

**MILITARY SERVICE**

Army National Guard 2001-2007  
Duties: Field Artillery Survey and Radar Repairer

**DEPLOYMENTS**

Iraq (one year)

**MEMORABLE MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

"Seeing an incoming impact point at the location of the radar, I was operating at the time, and hearing the impact shortly after while calling it in."

**REASON FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE**

"If the Soldier does not have what they need when they need it freedom can cost a lot more than our loved ones."



**KEN SCOTT**



**HEROES DON'T WEAR CAPES THEY WEAR DOG TAGS**

