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Operation Nobel Eagle began after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Force protection became top priority and led to the construction of new security buildings at depot entrances. In a time of turmoil and desperate need, LEAD's state of the art facilities, combined with a highly skilled workforce, enabled the depot to provide superior products and services to posts, camps, stations and ultimately to the Soldiers, our most valued customer.

In response to the Global War on Terror, LEAD began retrofitting ground mobility vehicles, resetting Avengers and High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV's) and recapping PATRIOT missiles. Employees were on the cutting edge of the fight and met each challenge often ahead of schedule.

Lean manufacturing techniques were implemented to achieve success in meeting new workload challenges in an era of chemical and biological threats. LEAD was recognized six times as a recipient of Shingo awards for continuous efforts to enhance manufacturing processes. Many partnerships were established which paved the way to produce a greater quality product by dividing expenses and expediting the rate at which the product would reach the Warfighter. Through the partnerships, LEAD worked on Biological Integrated Detection Systems (BIDS), dry filter units, portal shields, Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAPs), PATRIOT missiles and hundreds of generators.

The depot received many testimonials from Soldiers sharing how the armor protection projects saved their life and the lives of others. Letterkenny had a rapid turnover rate and produced projects at record-breaking schedules to enhance Soldier safety and contribute significantly to the Warfighter.

Work on cranes and generators began in 2005 as LEAD reinforces itself as a top Department of Defense maintenance depot.



The PATRIOT Recapitalization Program flourishes through a partnership with Raytheon and accomplishes production, depot overhaul/rebuild, and field retrofit designed to bring the ground support system to near zero hours/miles as well as apply the PAC-3 upgrades of the modernization program.



The Headquarters relocates to building 10 where landscaping and renovations are made on the exterior to revamp and refresh the building's appearance.

LEAD forms a partnership with BAE Ground Systems on Medium Mine Protected Vehicle (MMPV) production and support for other BAE Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) systems, which provides enhanced and quality protection to the Warfighter.



Biological Integrated Detection Systems (BIDS) are worked on to support the global war on terrorism.

Letterkenny becomes a staple depot in supporting the Warfighter with new missions such as customizing HMMWV's for all the Armed Services and Special Forces Operations to handle the requirements of the new breed of vehicles used in the war in Iraq.



Letterkenny works around the clock completing Avengers for the Avenger recap program and other vehicles delivered on time in support of the war effort.



LEAD receives the silver Shingo Prize for the PATRIOT missile launcher in 2005, which distinguished it as the first Army depot to win a Shingo prize, and initiated the first of six Shingo awards the depot receives for excellent work in areas such as HMMWV recapitalization, generators, BIDS and PATRIOT systems.