



Letterkenny Army Depot reaches 75th anniversary milestone

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Letterkenny Army Depot celebrated its 75th anniversary on July 17, 2017. Presiding over the festivities was the Depot's 48th Commander, Col. Deacon Maddox.

"For 75 years, when our Soldiers have reached back, the people of Letterkenny delivered," said Maddox. He addressed the large crowd of depot artisans, dignitaries, community leaders and current business partners who assembled for the celebration held at the Recreation Area at the Depot.

It all began on Friday, July 17, 1942, when Col. John K. Clement arrived at Letterkenny Ordnance Depot as the first Commander of the newly-formed depot whose mission

was that of an ammunition storage and shipment facility. Clement lead the workforce in accomplishing its first shipment of ammunition, three weeks ahead of schedule.

One year later Letterkenny's mission expanded to include the repair and maintenance of other equipment, including small arms. In 1945, additional

depot functions included the assignment of spare parts supply for heavy duty general purpose vehicles.

Recognizing the depot artisans

The greatness of that early workforce continues today. "Letterkenny is a place where the nation gathers some of the most skilled and most patriotic civilian artisans from across four states, many of them veterans and many of them combat veterans," Maddox said. "The nation gives them tools, facilities and equipment. It gives them repair parts and finished materials. It gives them engineering and computer systems. In return, the artisans give the Nation's Soldiers' platforms from which they can protect themselves, their buddies,

the Nation's allies and the American people."

Continuing to honor the Depot's workforce, Mr. Mike Ross, President of the

Franklin County Area Development Corporation and Chair of Team Letterkenny, said, "The success of the Depot from 1942 until today can be directly correlated to the commitment and dedication of the employees to making the installation the best that it can be. There are numerous families across Franklin County who are in their fourth generation of working at

"Every community in the country wants a Letterkenny."
*Mike Ross
President, Franklin County Area
Development Corporation*



Letterkenny Army Depot Commander Col. Deacon Maddox presides over the official 75th anniversary celebration at the depot on Monday, July 17, 2017.

the Depot. The skill sets and institutional knowledge that has been developed here over the last 75 years simply cannot be replicated anywhere else."

"Every community in the country wants a Letterkenny. They want an anchor employer that is home to more than 3,200 workers and who create a \$300 million annual economic impact. They want to know that their installation has a global reputation for operational excellence which is delivering defense systems that are protecting our allies who are under the threat of hostile forces."

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From COL Deacon Maddox at the 75th Anniversary Ceremony on Monday, 17 July 2017...

Good morning! Welcome everyone. I am so happy that all of you could be here with us this morning to share this special occasion. My name is Colonel Deacon Maddox, and I am the commander of this installation. It is my sincere honor and privilege to preside over this, the celebration of Letterkenny's 75 years of service to the Army and the American people.

If I only had one sentence to tell you what we do at Letterkenny, I'd say that we develop and deliver material readiness for the air defense forces of the United States and for our international partners and that we build combat power for Combined and Joint Route Clearance operations worldwide. This is our military mission statement, and of course, to the layperson, this really wouldn't tell you anything. You might glean that we work on air defense or that we're a factory. Route clearance? Combat power?

Let me give you some information that might be more useful. Letterkenny is a place where the nation gathers some of the most skilled and most patriotic civilian artisans from across four states, many of them veterans and many of them combat veterans. The nation give them tools, facilities and equipment. It gives them repair parts and finished materials. It gives them engineering and computer systems and in return, the artisans give the nation's Soldiers a weapon system. They give the Soldiers ammunition. They give the Soldiers platforms from which they can protect themselves, their buddies, and their allies. They--we, the nation and the depot artisan, give the Soldier the ability to impose the will of the American people upon our adversaries.

Our Soldiers are out front and they're reaching back to Letterkenny, looking for the things they need to do their jobs. Let me give you some examples...

When a tactical ballistic missile is launched, we give the Soldier the radar that sees it, the missile launcher that fires, and the interceptor that streaks out into the night, colliding with the inbound threat in a colossal kinetic explosion that results in the inbound missile falling out of the sky, well short of its target. The formation was protected.

When a helicopter or jet, laden with weapons, and identified as a foe turns to attack American troops, we give the Soldier the Avenger, a Humvee bristling with lethal Stinger missiles. The Soldier manning the Avenger engages and destroys the enemy aircraft. The formation was protected.

When ISIS Soldiers raise their heads to fire at American troops, our Soldiers engage with Guided Rockets and Missiles that were stored here at Letterkenny and fired from launchers that were built at Letterkenny. The munitions land and explode. The threat is silenced. The formation was protected.

When an American commander is contemplating an operation in Syria, or Iraq, or Afghanistan, one of his very first considerations is how will he protect his troops from roadside bombs. How will he get his people from Point A to Point B safely. The most effective way for that commander to protect his formation is to send out a Route Clearance convoy, equipped with sensors, robots, cameras and other stand-off devices that detect, neutralize and remove hidden explosives that were planted to kill Americans. Letterkenny builds and delivers all route clearance vehicles. We put those vehicles into the outstretched hands of our Soldiers.

In short, almost everything we do at Letterkenny is intended to protect a formation of Americans doing our nation's business, imposing our nation's will, and defending our freedoms from those who would dearly like to take them away. To do these things requires great power, and if circumstances warrant, that power will be used in combat with lethal effect. This is the essence of Combat Power.

For 75 years, when our Soldiers have reached back, the people of Letterkenny have delivered to them. For 75 years, the people of Letterkenny have reached within themselves and sent the best equipment, the best ammunition, the most well-maintained material known to man, because they felt an obligation to serve their country and to give those Soldiers far from home a fighting chance. Yes, it is true—the people of Letterkenny serve too. They serve their country and use their God-given skills and talents to deliver readiness, to build pure and raw combat power--strong, like our nation; dependable and reliable.

When is the true test of the greatness of Letterkenny Army Depot and its artisans? Let me tell you: when a Soldier pushes the "ENGAGE" button on a Patriot Missile System. All of that circuitry, every power supply, the trucks, the trailers, the ignition of the missile, the computers, the hydraulics, every radar element, the scopes and the buzzers and the warning lights, and the alarms—all of it proves the greatness of Letterkenny.

When 100 pounds of high explosive goes off four feet below the belly of a Buffalo Route Clearance Vehicle... every one of those welds, the machined armor, the reinforced hull, the ballistic glass, the fire suppression system and the pneumatic doors that allow all seven occupants to walk away—it proves the greatness of Letterkenny.

These true tests to prove our greatness come with alarming regularity, and Letterkenny continues to pass them, day in and day out, month after month, year after year.

That's what we do here: we provide the world's best air defense and route clearance systems to protect the world's finest fighting force. We provide the ammunition required to impose our nation's will upon our adversaries.

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75th Anniversary Coin

Keeping with depot tradition, a 75th anniversary coin was unveiled during the ceremony. One Letterkenny employee, Mr. Danny Kissel, worked with Maddox to design depicting the evolving mission of the Ordnance depot to that of the modern-day Army depot.

One side of the coin depicts an image of a baby riding a bomb, which was a popular poster item during World War II. On the other side of the coin is that baby all grown up symbolizing its progression from riding gravity bombs to launching precision missiles.



75th time capsule

In 1992, the Depot's 38th Commander, Col. Joseph Arbuckle buried a time capsule outside its headquarters located in Building 500 to honor Letterkenny's then accomplishments. During his comments Col. Arbuckle speculated on who would open the 75th time capsule. Quoting from the October 6, 1992 edition of the KenyLetter, Arbuckle asked, "Who will dig up the time capsule? There are three answers...a chief executive officer of a civilian corporation paid to operate the depot as a government-owned, contractor-operated facility. Second, it could be an officer of the Air Force or Navy or a civilian official who is running a joint-service, consolidated maintenance agency similar to the Defense Logistics Agency. The third option could be the commander of Letterkenny Army Depot."

As Damian Bess, Deputy Commanding Officer for the Depot and Master of Ceremonies for the event, answered



Arbuckle's question, cheers rang out from the audience. Assisting Maddox with the unveiling were the Depot's 40th Commander, Col. Thomas Resau, and the 44th Commander, Col. Robert Swenson. As Resau and Swenson uncovered the items, Maddox identified the items that were encapsulated for 25 years. Those items included 1992 capabilities briefings, various t-shirts from Desert Storm, a sand and water bottle from Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

A set of BDUs donated by then Capt. Ted Harrison was unveiled as Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Ted Harrison watched from their seats among the VIPs. Harrison who is retiring soon from active duty said, "Not only did my tour at Letterkenny provide a great foundation for future success in the Army, but Chambersburg was a great place to live and raise a family. Wendy and I have a number of friends who we first met at Letterkenny and who we have remained close to over the past 25 years." Harrison is currently with HQDA as Director of Operations for the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation management (ACSIM).

100th time capsule

Maddox, Resau and Swenson moved into the future as they viewed items to be placed in the 100th anniversary time capsule, not to be opened until 2042. Directorates throughout the Depot donated items representing their specific missions. As Maddox checked off the inventory of items, cheers erupted throughout the crowd as the workforce acknowledged their contributions to the future history of the

Depot. Photos depicting the new Metals Building construction near Building 350, the 35th PATRIOT modernization mission in Korea (Jan-Sep 2017), an aerial view of depot will be part of the time capsule in addition to a PATRIOT missile (PAC 2) nickel alloy tip with part of the radome material still attached from a de-milled radome. The Commander also included a set of his ASUs and boots.

"As we were preparing for this celebration, we discovered that we simply didn't have an archive to pull anecdotes, photos and stories; in short, we are missing our heritage," Maddox said. "This is our heritage, and we



need to preserve it." He then announced that effective July 17, 2017, the formation of the Letterkenny Historical Committee to collect, preserve and display the heritage of Letterkenny Army Depot.

Maddox assured the assembled group that whatever happens, Letterkenny will be ready and he said, "you can be sure that our depot, your depot, will play a major role. We will protect the formation, and we will continue to reach forward with the support our Soldiers need."

Depot Recognition

Mr. Brian LaForme represented Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's office and read a congratulatory message from the Governor "applauding the efforts of the Depot which have greatly affected our armed forces and strengthened the Chambersburg community."

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Pennsylvania Senator Rich Alloway thanked the workforce for continuing to provide outstanding support each and every day. He presented an official citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania congratulating the Depot on its "momentous occasion of its 75th anniversary."

Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Rob Kauffman and Paul Schemel read an official citation from the House "saluting the Depot as it recommits itself to the ideals and standards which have sustained it for 75 years."

Employee Appreciation

Immediately following the formal ceremony, Letterkenny's workforce was treated to a picnic catered by Mission BBQ. Cutting the anniversary cake were the oldest Depot employee, Mr. Kenneth Sipes, and the youngest employee, Mr. Taha Shamshudin. Sipes is an employee with the Directorate of Public Works and Shamshudin works in the Directorate of Industrial Operations. Employees enjoyed ice cream and Italian ice, caricature drawings, customized street signs and horseshoes, volleyball, and miniature golf. A favorite among the crowd was the Car, Truck and Motorcycle show. Employees voted on their favorite vehicle. The Wellness Committee invited over 30 outside vendors who offer local com-



Depot Commander Col. Deacon Maddox shows the oldest Depot employee, Mr. Kenneth Sipes, and the Depot's youngest employee, Mr. Taha Shamshudin, how to properly cut a cake, Army style! Photo courtesy of Pamela Goodhart, Letterkenny Army Depot photographer

munity services. Free chair massages were among the crowd favorites.

A new addition to the employee appreciation day was the Bike/Run/Walk event organized by the Wellness Committee that was held early in the day on the Depot's wheeled test track. Over 400 employees participated in the event as Maddox lead the group of 378 walkers twice around a half-mile track. The Depot's Deputy Commanding Officer, Damian Bess, lead 45 runners on a two-mile run, and TJ Coder, Deputy Director for Industrial Opera-

tions, riding a tandem bike with co-worker Jeremy Crouse, lead 12 bikers on a five-mile ride.

At the end of the day, Maddox summed it all up by saying, "Happy 75th birthday, Letterkenny!"

Comprising over 17,500 acres, the Depot is the largest employer in Franklin County, Pa. Contributing to the Depot's success is its unique tactical missile repair capabilities in support of the DOD missile systems including the Patriot ground support and radar equipment.

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As many of you know, I am student of history. I majored in it at school, and I have a deep appreciation for its lessons. I'll give you a couple of examples--If you notice our 75th logo, we show the previous symbol for Letterkenny "LKY" and eclipse it with our current symbol "LEAD." If you look at the coin you received, on one side, we show an image of a baby riding a bomb, popular when it was printed on a poster during World War II. On the other side, the baby is all grown up and has evolved from riding gravity bombs to launching precision missiles. I know that if you don't take care to record and preserve your past, you are doomed to lose your lessons learned and repeat your mistakes. As we were preparing for this celebration,

we discovered that we simply didn't have an archive to pull anecdotes, photos, and stories. In short, we are missing our heritage. We couldn't tell our story. For example, the "LKY" in the 75th logo was pulled from the shoulder patch of a Letterkenny security guard pictured in the only known photo album we have. But what if we didn't have this photo album?

At the same time, we have reached the point where many of our employees are second and third generation Letterkennians. They have depot keepsakes and memorabilia passed down to them from their parents and grandparents in addition to the ones they have kept over their 30-40-50 year careers. These items need to be kept for posterity.

Finally and sadly, it is a fact of life, but our employees pass away. Their Letterkenny belongings are left to loved ones. Some are kept, but many are thrown away.

This is our heritage, and we need to preserve it.

This morning, I am proud to announce that effective today, 17 July 2017, the 75th anniversary of Letterkenny, I am establishing a Letterkenny Historical Committee. The committee will be charged with collecting, preserving and displaying the heritage of Letterkenny Army Depot.

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75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CEREMONY MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

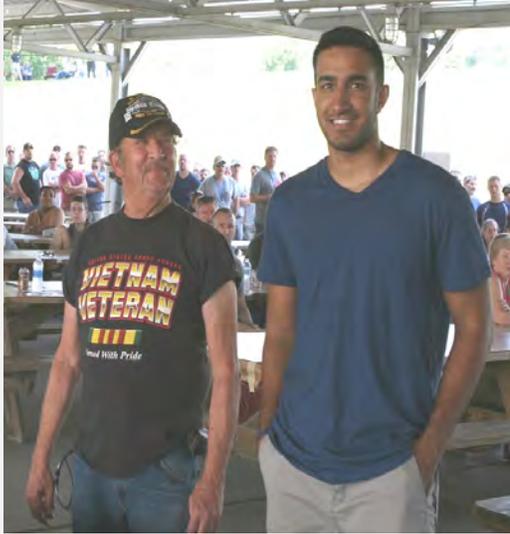


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Employee Appreciation Day 2017



Oldest employee at the picnic, Kenneth Sipes, and youngest depot employee, Taha Shamshudin, cut the 75th anniversary cake. Afterwards, COL Deacon Maddox shows them how it is really done!

Scenes around the Recreation area on Monday, July 17, 2017.

Employees gather information from the Wellness vendors, play a quick game of horse-shoes, and take their turn at dunking the directors and the depot commander, COL Maddox. Proceeds from the dunk booth were given to the local food bank.

Among the vendors were Rita's Italian Ice, Antietam Dairy, Phantom Shadow and many others!





2017 BIKE/RUN/WALK EVENT

The Wellness Committee of Letterkenny Army Depot sponsored the bike/run/walk event in conjunction with the 2017 Employee Appreciation Day activities. Participants could sign up for the 5-mile bike ride, two-mile run or 1 –mile walk, all of which were held at the wheeled test track on the depot. COL Deacon Maddox lead the group of 378 walkers, Deputy Commanding Officer Damian Bess lead the 45 runners around the track, and Deputy Director for Industrial Operations TJ Coder lead the 12 cyclists on their ride.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!!!

Ken Kauffman, Matthew Knarr, Paul Jednat, Kim Caldwell, William Tarman, Daniel Brennan, Rae Sharrow, Andrew Hornbaker, April Gastley, Gerald Shelly, Shawn Kauffman, Erin Shoemaker, Ronald Swartz, David Stein, Damien Wilkerson, Gregory Younkins, Camilla Thompson, Jessica Horst, Emilio Gonzales, Kevin Fields, Jeff Davidson and Harold Hutchinson.



2017 CAR/TRUCK/MOTORCYCLE SHOW

A crowd favorite at the Employee Appreciation Day was the **Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show**. Taking top honors on were:

Car:

1968 Chevrolet Nova owned by Keith Gelwicks

Truck:

1966 Chevrolet C-20 owned by Melvin Binkley

Motorcycle:

1975 Yamaha Street Tracker owned by Jesse Myers

Special Category:

1942 Jeep GPW (military) owned by Mike Parana





**75th Anniversary Celebration
Monday, July 17, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

- Official Welcome** **COL Deacon Maddox**
Depot Commander
- Invocation** **LTC Adolf Dubose**
AMCOM Chaplain
- Remarks** **Mr. Brian LaForme**
PA Dept of Banking and Securities
Office of the Governor
Honorable Rich Alloway
PA State Senator
Honorable Rob Kauffman and
Honorable Paul Schemel
PA House of Representatives
Mr. Michael Ross
Franklin County Area Development
Corporation
- Coin Reveal/Dedication** **COL Deacon Maddox**
- 75th Time Capsule** **COL Deacon Maddox**
Thomas Resau, COL (R), USA
Robert Swenson, COL (R), USA
- 100th Time Capsule** **COL Deacon Maddox**
Thomas Resau, COL (R), USA
Robert Swenson, COL (R), USA

Conclusion

Depot tour for VIPs and dignitaries departs from the Rec Area immediately following the ceremony.





History of Letterkenny

On December 18, 1941, the Secretary of War issued an order to purchase land located in the southcentral region of Franklin County for a depot. Construction began in early 1942, and the first shipment of ammunition arrived on September 23, 1942.

The Franklin County site was selected because of its proximity to the east coast and to Washington, D.C., and its distance away from major metropolitan areas thereby making it safe from potential enemy bombing attacks. The area had good railroad connections and plentiful water supplies.

The name Letterkenny originated from a market town in the County Donegal in Ireland and the local township from which the land was acquired.

During World War II, Letterkenny's mission was storage and shipment of ammunition and other ordnance supplies. In excess of three million tons of supplies were moved during the war years.

Vehicle shops were set up. Italian prisoners of war being held at the depot constructed Letterkenny's chapel and an assembly hall. The latter was used as the depot gym.

On July 1, 1952, Letterkenny Ordnance Depot became a permanent military installation. In August 1962, the ordnance depot was renamed Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD), and command and control of the depot fell under the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Electronics and guided missile maintenance work began in the 1950s. In the 1960s, the 28th Ordnance Detachment relocated to LEAD from Fort Meade, Md. The depot assumed administrative and logistical support of the Preventative Maintenance Program. Letterkenny was a pilot depot

for the implementation of the Depot Command Management System and System-wide Project for Electronic Equipment at Depots Extended (SPEEDEX). The depot led the way in data processing for depots.

In the 1970s, command of Savanna Army Depot Activity, Ill., transitioned to Letterkenny. Letterkenny's growth seemed to slow after the Vietnam War, but the depot continued to afford a vital role for the Department of Defense. An ammunition washout facility was built, and the Northeast Area Flight Detachment moved to Letterkenny.

The U.S. Army Depot System

Defense's (DOD's) downsizing, reorganization and realignments. The depot's supply mission moved to New Cumberland, Pa., under the Defense Logistics Agency. Maintenance work on the Paladin howitzer artillery system, the Phased Array Tracking Radar Intercept of Target (Patriot) and the Homing All the Way Killer (HAWK) missile systems made Letterkenny a Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence. The artillery work moved to other depots in 1999, and in 2001, a smaller directorate of supply and transportation was reestablished at LEAD.

In 2005, DOD's Base Realignment

and Closure (BRAC) mandated the relocation of the Missile Maintenance Activity at Red River Army Depot to LEAD. The newly-established Theater of Readiness Monitoring Directorate's (TRMD) is responsible for surveillance testing and recertification for the United States Army, NATO and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) customers for the highly automated Patriot and HAWK missile. The TRMD produced its first missile on April 28, 2010.

In July 2017, Letterkenny celebrated 75 years of supporting Soldiers and the Army. Contributing to the depot's success is its unique tactical missile repair capabilities in support of the DOD missile systems including the Patriot ground support and radar equipment.

Comprising over 17,500 acres, the depot is the largest employer in Franklin County, Pa., fueling an economic engine that propels over a quarter of a billion dollars annually into the region through payroll, contracts and retiree annuities.



Command (DESCOM) was established in 1976 and headquartered at Letterkenny. This two-star command remained at Letterkenny until 1995 when DESCOM became the Industrial Operations Command and relocated to Rock Island, Ill. Today it is the Operations System Command.

The 1980s and early 1990s saw the depot evolving into its present form. New facilities and modernization projects were constructed. Letterkenny acquired a three-fold mission: supply, maintenance and ammunition.

Letterkenny's future was reshaped in the 1990s by the Department of



Letterkenny...the Depot

By: Jim Coccagna, Directorate of Public Works

For those familiar with the area and its history, the story of Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) is a familiar one. As the threat of war became more real in 1941, the War Department (as it was known at the time) began selecting potential Sipes for new ordnance depots to control the oncoming deluge of war materiel, among them the rural lands located primarily in Letterkenny Township. Almost immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson issued the directive to acquire approximately the 21,000 acres that would become Letterkenny Ordnance Depot. Its primary mission was simple -- store and ship ammunition and other supplies in support of the war effort. Construction began immediately on underground igloos, above-ground magazines, and warehouses, and the first shipment of ammunition arrived by train on September 23, 1942, three weeks ahead of schedule, while much of the construction was still in progress.

In concept, it doesn't seem impressive, but under the watchful eye of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, contractors built a network of 139 miles of road, 54 miles of railroad, 10 miles of water and sewer lines, 15 miles of utility poles and power distribution lines, 1.8 million square feet of concrete arch magazines, and over 2.4 million square feet of warehouse and office buildings between January 1, 1942, and April 23, 1943, when the official Completion Report for Letterkenny Ordnance Depot was filed. Consider that each storage magazine alone contains almost 200 cubic yards of concrete and a ton of steel reinforcement and the original construction effort is truly amazing.

After WWII, the focus on Letterkenny as an ordnance depot expanded and the depot as we know it today began to take shape to accommodate new missions. Combat vehicles returning from theater needed to be stored, leading to the creation of over ten million square feet of open storage areas; and stored vehicles ultimately needed to be refitted for use, leading to the construction of a combat vehicle repair facility in 1956. New technologies in electronics and guided

missile maintenance created a demand for specialized facilities, and a building was constructed in 1957 primarily for maintenance of the NIKE missile system. Further technological advances and the development of HAWK and PATRIOT resulted in the construction of two additional phases -- the east side, completed in 1968, and the north annex, completed in 1983. As the vehicle missions grew, the need for painting facilities expanded, and a paint facility was constructed in 1977 to meet that requirement. The machine shop annex would follow in 1980. In 2010, Letterkenny began recertification of PATRIOT missiles returned from theater.

As the maintenance and storage missions expanded through the years, Letterkenny's administrative functions expanded as well. The depot headquarters operations in Building 522 were moved to Building 500 (now known as 5000 Letterkenny Road) in 1954. All or parts of several buildings originally used as dock-level warehouses were converted to office or data processing space, and, in fact, until 1993 housed the offices of the U.S. Army Depot System Command, LEAD's higher headquarters.

The ammunition maintenance and storage mission was still an important part of depot operations until its reassignment to the Joint Munitions Command and designation as the Letterkenny Munitions Center (LEMC) in 1991, and

Building and Radiographic Inspection Facility were completed in 1972 and 1973, respectively. The Ammunition Surveillance Workshop was completed in 1983. The designation of LEMC as a Tier 1 Strategic Mobility Point for ammunition supply was followed by a number of modernization/construction projects in the Ammunition area. These included construction of a new Ammunition Truck Blocking and Bracing Building in 1994; Strategic Mobility Shipping Complex/ Container Repair Facility in 2002; a new access control point (Voelz Gate) for Ammunition shipments 2004; replacement of 4-foot-wide doors with 10-foot-wide doors on earth-covered magazines in two phases (2005 and 2009); and a new Less-Than-Truckload (LTL) Facility in 2006. Renovation and modernization of these and other buildings has continued into today.

As a result of the Base Realignment and Closure decision of 1995 (BRAC 95), LEAD's boundaries changed significantly. The four controlled entrance gates in existence in the early 1990's have been replaced by a single main gate and a truck processing site. Since 1998, LEAD exceeded over 1.5 million square feet of storage and other space and relocated/realigned missions to consolidate operations to a smaller footprint. However, many of those excessed facilities are currently leased back to accommodate workload that exceeds the capabilities of retained buildings.



2016-2017 new construction of the Metals Building located near Building 350.

modernization and expansion of its facilities continued as well. New buildings associated with the ammunition missile maintenance mission in 1961 and in 1969. The Ammunition Classification

Today, LEAD encompasses just over 18,600 acres and 5.1 million square feet of Government-owned buildings.



Interesting facts from the original construction:

- ◆ The total construction cost for the depot at time of completion was approximately \$31.8 million. The estimated replacement value of the depot facilities and infrastructure today is well over \$2 billion.
- ◆ On any given day during the original construction there could be as many as 4,000 construction contractor personnel working on site under 21 prime construction contractors and 36 material and service contractors.
- ◆ During the peak of construction, approximately 2,000 contractor personnel were working on the construction of concrete arch magazines, and magazines were being completed at the rate of 9 per day.

- ◆ Construction at the depot was shut down for about 7 days due to a 27-inch snowfall on March 22, 1942.
- ◆ Construction was slowed by abnormally high rainfall from May to October 1942. Total rainfall during the period was 31.66 inches compared to average rainfall of 21.47 inches for that 6-month period.
- ◆ The first water source for the depot was the Rocky Spring, located near the entrance to the Recreation area. Water from the spring was pumped to a clear reservoir, filtered, and then pumped to a 100,000-gallon water tower near the site of the current LIDA tower. It was estimated that the spring was capable of producing a maximum of 2.5 million gallons of water per day. Minimum yield during

- ◆ drought conditions was estimated at 500,000 gallons per day.
- ◆ The scheduled completion date for all construction contract work was 15 December 1942. Fourteen of the 21 prime contractors finished on or ahead of schedule; and all of the remaining 8 were substantially complete by 31 January 1943.
- ◆ Despite the number of contracts, contractors, subcontractors, and labor unions involved in the construction, there were no reported delays due to labor disputes.



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More details will follow online and in the Kenny Letter. To put it simply, the committee will accept historical items from the public that have a link to Letterkenny. The committee will preserve the items and store them. The committee will collect items in an exhibit, and will coordinate with museums and other Army organizations to display Letterkenny's heritage around the country. Finally and most importantly, the committee will scan, digitize and index the depot's important photos and papers, making them available to the public for research, genealogy, and any other historical pursuit that provides friends and family a greater understanding of what their loved ones did in service to their country at Letterkenny.

I will leave you with a couple of thoughts. First, we would be remiss if we failed to mention the sacrifices of so many families who were forced to give up their farms, their cemeteries, their hometowns, and the fields they had worked for generations in

order for the government to build the depot. I have talked to some of those family members, some who can vividly remember their parents and siblings weeping as they loaded their belongings and left their homes behind...I can assure you that 75 years is not enough to fully remove the sting. My solemn pledge to those families has always been that we will care for this land with a deep respect for their heritage, and that we will make it productive for the defense of our nation.

Second, some may wonder what all the fuss is about 75 years. It isn't a glamorous number...75. It doesn't have a ring like "Centennial" (100 years) or Sesquicentennial (150 years) or Bicentennial (200 years). But lets take a closer look (and you'll need to be a little flexible with the math)...75 years ago, 1942, the ramp up to World War II, the United States has entered the war and begun to flex its industrial might. 75 years before that—the Civil War, the War Between the States. The cataclysmic struggle between north and south to settle differences related to

slavery, states rights and tariffs. Go 75 years before that—1790, Rhode Island becomes the final state to ratify the Constitution and Bill of Rights. A newly independent United States has just put into place the country's keystone document that defines us and regulates us to this day.

Now fast forward back to 2017: History has shown us that very important things happen every 75 years, and here we are. What challenges await us in the near future? What will come to pass that will test our resolve? I don't have the answer to those questions...but I can tell you that whatever happens, Letterkenny will be ready and you can be sure that our depot—your depot—will play a major role. We will protect the formation, and we will continue to reach forward with the support our Soldiers need.

Happy Birthday Letterkenny!

Thank you and God bless.



The front and back of Letterkenny Army Depot's 75th anniversary coin.

The front of the coin depicts the Depot in its infancy while the back of the coin clearly shows the baby all grown up and ready to continue world class support in defense of the United States.

The coin was designed by Mr. Danny Kissel, an employee at the Depot. Each Department of the Army Civilian Depot employee on the active employee roster as of July 17, 2017, received a coin.



LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT POPULATION PROFILE AS OF JULY 17, 2017

20% - Less than 5 yrs of Federal Service

12% - More than 30 yrs of Federal Service

39% - Veterans

13% are disabled veterans

9% are 30% disabled veterans

.85% targeted disability

17.4% - Women

82.6% - Men

7.9% - Minority

Average Workforce Age - 46.5

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR 2017-2018

**Commander's House Renovations
Anticipated completion - August 2017**

**Command Wing Renovations
Anticipated completion - late August 2017**

**Police Station Renovations
Anticipated projected completion - October 2017**

**Component Rebuild Facilities Renovations
Anticipated completion - November 2017**

**Shipping/Receiving
Projected completion and occupancy - Fall 2017**

**Component Rebuild Facilities Renovations
Projected completion - Fiscal Year 2018**

Letterkenny's First Commander... a native Pennsylvanian!

Letterkenny Ordnance Depot's first commander, Col. John K. Clement, was a Pennsylvania native. He was born on Nov. 5, 1880 in Sunbury, Pa., and was a 1901 graduate of Trinity College in Connecticut.



Colonel John K. Clement
July 1942 to January 1943

He received a Ph.D in chemistry from the University of Gottingen in 1904. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, Villa Expedition, World War I and World War II. During the Spanish-American War, Clement was a Corporal in the 12th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, of which his father was second in Command. In World War I he was a Major in the 18th Pennsylvania Infantry, which was federalized as the 111th Infantry Regiment. In addition to commanding Letterkenny,

he was the commander of the Ordnance Depot in Dover, Del. and the New York Ordnance District.

One of Clement's many career achievements involved a Colt pistol, Model 1911A1. The following is an excerpt taken from 'The Holy Grail of 1911s: The Singer 1911A1,' written by Logan Metesh on Aug. 10, 2016:

"In an effort to fulfill the need for 1911s during World War II, unconventional companies started making hand-guns. Union Switch and Signal put their railway equipment aside and made 1911s. Remington Rand put away the typewriter components and made 1911s. But the rarest of all 1911s were made by sewing machine maker Singer Manufacturing Company – and all of their guns were made prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Testing the feasibility of 1911 mass production, the Ordnance Department contracted with Singer in 1925 for an engineering study to see how many guns they could produce in a month. After the study was complete, it was determined that Singer could turn out as many as 25,000 1911s in a month. In 1939, the Ordnance Department awarded a production study to Singer. This allowed them to fine-tune their production methods, come up with standard sizes for raw materials, and research the best production methods. The following year, under Educational Order W-ORD-396, Singer set out to make 500 of the 1911A1 pistols. The goal of the order was a lofty one: eventual achievement of a production rate of 100 guns per hour.

Singer never hit the production rate goal, but they did fulfill their contract for 500 1911A1s. By 1941, Singer had divested themselves of the 1911 business and transferred their tooling and documentation to Remington Rand.

The left side of the pistol's frame is marked with "JKC." These are the initials for Col. John K. Clement, the Army Inspector of Ordnance, in the district where Singer Manufacturing Company was located, and the officer responsible for administering Educational Order W-ORD-396."

In 1944, Clement retired from the Army and died on July 1, 1971, in Harrisburg, Pa.. He is buried in Pomfret Manor Cemetery, Sunbury, Pa.



Editor's note: sources used for this article were find-a-grave.com and http://www.coltautos.com/1911a1ci_S800058.htm,



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IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR LETTERKENNY'S 48TH COMMANDER —COL DEACON MADDOX



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DELIVERER OF GOOD NEWS!



GROUNDBREAKING

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS:
PROMOTIONS,
NEW EMPLOYEES,
RETIREMENTS**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



How much things cost in 1942

Average Cost of new house— \$3,770

Average wages per year —\$1,880

Cost of a gallon of gas —15 cents

Average Cost for house rent— \$35 per month

Bottle Coca Cola— 5 cents

Average Price for a new car —\$920

How much things cost in 2017

Average cost of new house (2,000 sq. ft):
\$287,370

Average wages per year: \$59,345

Cost of a gallon of gas: \$2.31

Average cost for house rent (2-3 bedroom):
\$1,800 per month

Bottle of Coca Cola (20 oz): \$1.75

Average price for a new car (based on Kelley
blue Book): \$33,560

New in 1942

Duck Tape

The US Military using (The Johnson and Johnson Permacel Division) develops Duct Tape (Duck Tape) originally called Duck Tape by the troops because water ran off it but later adapted to Duct Tape because of it's use to provide a seal over ductworks.

World's first Nuclear Reactor Built in Chicago

Manhattan Project Started

Instant Coffee Introduced

New in 2017

Internet of things: connecting all our devices together
(i.e., smart home technology, telework

Automated customer service systems

Fast food and self service kiosks

Rise of synthetic food

Reversing paralysis (using brain implants to restore
freedom of movement caused by spinal cord injury

Paying with your face (face-detection systems)

360-degree selfie

Hot solar cells

Gene therapy 2.0

**HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY
LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT!**

Some things never change...

1942



2017



Memories from the workforce...

Looking back

By Keri Fisher, Directorate of Emergency Services

Starting out in 1993, I was a temp, part-time turned term, full-time employee of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO). Although the DRMO is just a tenant of Letterkenny, I thought I'd share my memories of the DRMO's 'cash and carry store' and 'live auctions.' As the cashier, I meet a lot of friendly Letterkenny employees and community members. Auction days were some of my busiest and most fun work days. The more than 12 years there as a government employee and then contractor were interesting to say the least.

Following a six-month period of unemployment after the contract at the DRMO ended, I began working in the Common Access card (CAC) office. Known as "the CAC lady" for over ten years, I can say that I've probably met 90 percent of the workforce at one time or another either in my office or the badge office. Letterkenny employees have been my work family for a long time, and I hope they remain so for a lot longer now that I am once again a government employee at the fire department!

Many changes have happened in the past 20 plus years here at Letterkenny, but the support of co-workers remains the same as was evidenced during my new-hire orientation and continues to today.

Thank you all Letterkenny family!

Memories of the Depot

By Tim Schriver, Building 51

In the early 1960s when I was seven or eight, my parents would bring us to Letterkenny. I don't remember the occasion but the Depot was giving people train rides on the tracks behind Building 350. My grandfather was the engineer so my siblings and I could ride up front in the engine. Later in life when I started working at LEAD, my father was on the Guard Force (they still called it that then). I worked in Building 370 and sometimes he worked at Post Four so I would get to chat with my dad when I came to work. I thought that was pretty cool.

I cherish both those memories of my grandfather and my father here at Letterkenny.

Letterkenny has been good to my family

By Craig Baker, Directorate of Product Assurance

In 1943, my grandfather, Richard Whitsel, started working at Letterkenny and rode one of their buses to work. He worked in Building 2 as a packer on second shift from 4:00 p.m. until midnight. He also worked in the ammunition area.

In 1942, my uncle, Hays Whitsel started working in the supply packing area for 57 cents an hour. In 1944, he joined the Navy as a fire prevention instructor until 1948. He returned to Letterkenny in 1949 as a paid firefighter and eventually became the deputy fire chief. He retired in 1978.

My father also started working at Letterkenny in 1942 as a truck driver and in the ammunition area. In 1943, he met my mother who worked in Supply, Dock 35 and at the Greenbrier Restaurant. They were married in 1944.

In 1965, my brother Leonard was drafted in the Army in 1965 and served in the Vietnam War. He was discharged in October, 1967, and a month later he started working as a machinist at Letterkenny. He worked at LEAD for 33 years retiring in 1998.

In 1965, my brother Larry, worked second shift in the ammunition, shipping and receiving area. He was drafted in 1966 by the Army and served until 1968. He returned to Letterkenny in 1980 working in Fire Control in Building 4. He remembers loading railroad cars with ammunition that was shipped to Vietnam. In 1999, he retired after 23 years of Federal service.

My brother-in law, Steve, worked at the Veterans Administration and Ft. Ritchie before being transferred to Letterkenny in 1998. He started in the Machine Shop, then moved to the Fire Department as a firefighter. He retired in 2011 after almost 30 years of service.

I came to Letterkenny in 1979 as a welder. Today I work as a heavy equipment inspector at the wheeled test track. I have enjoyed my years here at Letterkenny and will be retiring in 2018.

Letterkenny has definitely been good to my family over the past 75 years.



A trip down memory lane



1992 employees of Letterkenny Fire Department



SNAPSHOT OF 2017

January 21: Inauguration of Donald J. Trump.

January 26 – Scientists at Harvard University report the first creation of metallic hydrogen in a laboratory.

February 11 – North Korea prompts international condemnation by test firing a ballistic missile across the Sea of Japan.

March 10 – The UN warns that the world is facing the biggest humanitarian crisis since World War II, with up to 20 million people at risk of starvation and famine in Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and Nigeria.

March 29 – The United Kingdom invokes Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union, beginning the formal EU withdrawal process.

March 30 – SpaceX conducts the world's first reflight of an orbital class rocket.

April 6 – In response to a suspected chemical weapons attack on a rebel-held town, the U.S. military launches 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at an air base in Syria. Russia describes the strikes as an "aggression", adding they significantly damage U.S.–Russia ties.

May 12 – Computers around the world are hit by a large-scale ransomware cyberattack which goes on to affect at least 150 countries.

June 1 – President Donald Trump announces that the United States is to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

June 5—Montenegro becomes the 29th member of NATO.

Multiple Arab countries, including Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, and the Maldives, cut diplomatic ties with Qatar, accusing it of destabilizing the region.

June 10 – The 2017 World Expo is opened in Astana, Kazakhstan.

June 25 – The World Health Organization estimates that Yemen has more than 200,000 cases of cholera.

July 4 – Russia and China urge North Korea to halt its missile and nuclear programs after it successfully tested its first intercontinental ballistic missile.

July 6 – The European Union and Japan conclude a landmark free trade deal in Brussels.

July 7 – The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is voted for by 122 of the 193 nations.

July 12 – A massive iceberg, 5,800 square kilometers (2,200 sq mi) in size, breaks away from the Larsen C Ice Shelf in Antarctica.

1942 MAJOR WORLD POLITICAL LEADERS

Australia -- Prime Minister -- John Curtin
 Brazil -- President -- Getúlio Vargas
 Canada -- Prime Minister -- William Lyon Mackenzie King
 Germany -- Chancellor -- Adolf Hitler
 Italy -- Prime Minister -- Benito Mussolini
 Japan -- Prime Minister -- Hideki Tojo
 Mexico -- President -- Manuel Ávila Camacho
 Russia / Soviet Union -- General Secretary of the Central Committee -- Joseph Stalin
 South Africa -- Prime Minister -- Field Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts

2017 MAJOR WORLD POLITICAL LEADERS

The Group of Twenty is comprised of 19 countries plus the European Union. The countries are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.



Farewell from the Commander...

My command of Letterkenny is coming to an end, and the time has come for me to bid you all farewell. If it were possible for me to shake each of your hands and offer my thanks to you individually for your contributions and support, I would do so. Alas, I must use this letter to thank you, and I hope you forgive the impersonal nature of it.

Ours is a complex operation, difficult to grasp, even while deeply immersed in it. What we do and how we do it are not well understood within the Army, and even less so by the community around us. We toil with great skill to build combat power today so that we can surge with maintenance support to replace losses should we have to fight tonight. For providing this vital function to our nation, thank you.

All of you, Federal and contracted, permanent and temporary, garrison and industrial, have chosen to apply your God-given skills in the service of your country. Each of you has decided, for your own personal reasons, that you want to support our troops as they defend our country by giving them the highest quality equipment precisely when they need it. Thank you.

You take great pride in your work and in your employment at Letterkenny. I see this in social media posts, in the newspaper, on the news, and anywhere people gather. This pride is the motor that keeps the depot running. It keeps our quality high, and it promotes a workplace with high morale and harmony. In short, this pride assures that successive generations of good, quality people continue to work at Letterkenny. Thank you.

We are in the midst of a significant culture change. We are transitioning away from the last fifteen years of heavy war-time support for Iraq and Afghanistan, to a period that will be lighter with fewer overall requirements. Letterkenny will begin work building new systems for the Army, a role once filled by depots, but more recently filled by commercial industry. I have talked to you about the new demands that will be placed on the depot in this renewed role, and the organizational structures and metrics we must have to be

successful. You have responded with optimism and support, many of you taking time to express that support to me personally. Thank you for your openness to change, and your embrace of the depot's evolving mission.

Finally, you all have been incredibly patient and welcoming to me on a personal level. I cannot begin to tell you how personally rewarding it has been to command this proud organization. At various points, many of you took time to teach me something about what you do and to show me the quality with which you do it. Whether it was how you build a kit for making cables or how you research an inventory adjustment; whether it was how you keep yourself safe when operating a vehicle on the test track to how a GEM-T missile "flows" through the TRMD value stream; whether it was how you recover a turret ring from an old

Avenger and get it in shape for installation to how you conserve your special tape for packing and preservation. The list goes on and on and on. Thank you for teaching me a small bit of your craft, and for letting me share your pride in our products. Thank you for letting me represent you, and for supporting me these last two years.

I will take with me fond memories of Letterkenny as well as

the stunning beauty of central Pennsylvania. I wish each of you all the best in the future. Please know that you will always have a special place in my heart, and that I will watch Letterkenny from afar with enormous pride at having once been a part of this great organization.



Edward D. Maddox
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 COMMANDING

