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IMPLEMENTING INNOVATION

By Dorie Heyer

Letterkenny Army Depot held the second Innovation Fair Jan. 27, showcasing the workforce's commitment to integrating innovation into depot operations. The Innovation Fair, held in conjunction with the Office of Continuous Improvement's Lean Peer Group, allowed multiple continuous improvement specialists from companies throughout Pennsylvania to learn about the depot's innovation efforts.

"Innovation Fairs showcase the great work being done at Letterkenny Army Depot and the individuals doing it," said Gina Woods, a management analyst in the OCI and coordinator of the Innovation Fair. "LEAD employees are executing innovation in the performance of their daily duties, and the Innovation Fair is an opportunity to shed light on those efforts that save the depot time and money."

There were seven projects on display, comprised of innovations from various sectors of the depot. The projects ranged from the implementation of augmented reality to 3D printing to energy conservation initiatives.

"A common theme among the innovators was humility. They don't see their efforts as significant or even innovative," Woods said. "The reality is, LEAD employees' efforts to do their daily tasks to the best of their ability, perform and improve processes, meet schedule, maintain safety and provide a quality product is, in part, the definition of innovation."

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LEAD's strategic plan identifies innovation as a pillar of success. The Innovation Board, established in 2021, ensures that innovation projects are aligned with the strategic plan and promote positive employee engagement in continuous improvement within their work area. The result is employee-generated innovations that enhance LEAD's capabilities and deliver benefits to the warfighter.

"The success of Letterkenny Army Depot can be measured in many ways," Woods remarked. "The most impactful measurement is the testimonials from our Soldiers who rely on our efforts to execute their missions."

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: FIREFIGHTER MOORMAN

By Dorie Heyer

Firefighter Clayton Moorman was recently awarded the Department of the Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal for his performance, commitment to excellence and contributions to Letterkenny Fire and Emergency Services. Moorman was recognized as a LEAD MVP by the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. "We work as a team here in the Fire Department," Moorman said of his recognition. "I attribute this award to the whole team, not just myself." Moorman was commended for his performance, technical competence, leadership ability, initiative and resourcefulness by his superiors.



A Message from the Commander

Team,
First and foremost, I want to thank each of you for everything you do for this great Depot! Your tireless contributions in support of national defense have continued to guarantee our Armed Forces' readiness. As we see the end of winter upon us, I would ask that we continue to practice safety. This includes not only being careful yourself but looking out for your brother and sister who works beside you at Letterkenny. Over the past seven months, I am consistently reminded of how blessed I am to be your commander. As I walk around the Depot, I am amazed at what you accomplish every day.

Adaptability, Commitment, Innovation, and Ownership - these four words serve as pillars that demonstrate Letterkenny Army Depot's dedication to excellence. Those pillars also remind our customers that the LEAD brand will always guarantee unrivaled and unparalleled excellence. Please continue to set high standards in everything you do.

Again, thank you so very much for what you do every single day at LEAD!



MEET THE TEAM

Process Support Division

The Process Support Division at Letterkenny Army Depot is comprised of skilled artisans who execute a variety of processes to support asset repair in the Directorate of Industrial Operations.

Most recently, some of the team have been diligently working on a project in support of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, based out of Carlisle. The team is restoring an M109 Howitzer and a Bradley Fighting vehicle to make them museum-ready for display at U.S. AHEC's Army Heritage Trail.



Members of the PSD team, (from left) Jeff Barnhart, Steve McCartney, Clint Buchanan, Tina Jamison, Dan Bowman, Ed Shumaker, Tim Craig, Mike Booher, Nick Dickson and Wesley Byron, gather in front of the M109 Howitzer.

"The Process Support Division within Letterkenny Army Depot is extremely honored and proud of the opportunity to work with the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center," said Jeff Barnhart, the chief of PSD. "Not only are we supporting the mission and story that U.S. AHEC captures, but we're also able to showcase the talent of our employees here in PSD."

This project was the first of its kind for the division whose efforts typically support the depot's reset and recapitalization missions.

"It's really satisfying to see what these assets looked like when they came in and what the final product looks like," said Daniel Bowman, a sander and prepper within PSD. "Just seeing the transformation; it's just awesome."

The team embraced the historical significance of their preservation and restoration mission.

"It's a piece of history," Bowman said. "It's awesome to see the mechanics of the Howitzer and how things operate."

Clinton Buchanan has worked as a painter in PSD for over seven years, and this project marked his first experience painting this type of asset. "It was really rewarding to paint the tank itself," Buchanan said. "This was the first tank I've ever worked on."

Although the project was a complete success, it still came with some challenges.

"The camouflage pattern gave us some challenges," Buchanan said. "It just took a little more precision to get it just right."

Attention to detail, ownership of the project, and teamwork contributed to the project's overall success.

"Working with this team is my favorite part of this job," Bowman said.

Buchanan echoed his comments, "Everyone here works together, and that's how we got to the finished product."

The project began in late 2021 and is nearing completion. The vehicles will soon travel back to U.S. AHEC, where they will be on display for the general public.

"The men and women of PSD perform extraordinary work day-in and day-out, and it is usually unseen to anyone outside of the military," Barnhart said. "This project allows them to take their families on a day trip to U.S. AHEC and point to an asset and proudly say, 'I did that.'"