



What's Happening

at Letterkenny Army Depot



ADAPT AND OVERCOME

By Dorie Heyer

Employees in the Directorate of Supply and Transportation at Letterkenny Army Depot didn't let Mother Nature stop them from completing their mission. The team successfully unloaded over a hundred assets from a rail delivery during the first snow and ice storm of the season.

Not only did the team have to contend with suboptimal weather conditions, but conditional issues with the assets themselves. Issues such as deflated tires, inoperable trucks and locked brakes complicated the unloading effort.

However, 'no' is not part of DS&T's vocabulary.

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Employees from the Directorate of Industrial Operations pivoted to assist the DS&T team to make the assets operational in order to safely offload them from the rail cars. The Directorate of Public Works snow removal team prioritized the offload site by ensuring that the snow was cleared and that cinders were applied for traction.

Thanks to this team effort, the DS&T team was able to unload all of the assets safely and within the timeframe promised to the customer.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: FRANK TODARO

By Meghan Sharpe

Mr. Frank Todaro, better known around the depot as “Frank the Tank,” operates the depot’s fuel truck for the Directorate of Supply and Transportation and was recently one of DS&T's employees of the month! The equipment that Frank is in charge of fueling around the depot includes forklifts, trucks, cranes, storage tanks and tactical vehicles. He also orders fuel for multiple fueling stations. We appreciate the extraordinary job Mr. Todaro does on a daily basis to keep our fuel operations moving!



A Message from the Commander

Team,
As always, I continue to be impressed by the dedication, innovation, ownership and adaptability that I see from each of you on a daily basis. The strength of our organization is a direct result of your commitment and ingenuity. We've had a strong start to 2022 and I am confident that we will maintain that momentum throughout the year.

As we prepare to celebrate Letterkenny Army Depot's 80th anniversary this year, I think it's important to not only reflect on where we've been but where we're going. Our Modernization Team has been hard at work developing our 2035 Modernization Strategy which will propel Letterkenny into the future and ensure that we continue to be the Army's premier organization in Air & Missile Defense and Long Range Precision Fires systems.



MEET THE TEAM

Buffalo UHR Program

The Buffalo upper hull repair team is the definition of creative problem-solving.

In the 2018-2019 timeframe, an initiative to enhance and reinforce the Buffalo mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles began. The U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command redesigned the roof structure of the vehicles, but the operability had to be tested.



"They reached out to us here at Letterkenny, and knowing our capabilities, we said, 'we can do this'," Richard Ramsey, production supervisor in the Soldier Support Division said. The welding and engineering teams at Letterkenny developed a process to work on key sections of the hull.

"This truck is a new endeavor," Ramsey said. "With each subsequent truck, we will keep refining our processes."

However, the service that the Buffalos get at LEAD extends beyond the hull modification.

"It's not as simple as just disassembling it," Ramsey said. "Once they cut the hull off and repair the roof, we repair all of the axles on-site as well as paint and reupholstery too."

The team ensures the quality of the vehicles before delivering them to the customer. Quality checks, such as a road test, are a component of the production process.

"We'll test this thing until it is 100% defect-free," Ramsey said. "This Buffalo is one of the first. This is one example of how Letterkenny constantly improves our processes and capabilities to meet customer demands."