What's Happening

at Letterkenny Army Depot

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT CELEBRATES HISTORIC MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

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The Letterkenny Army Depot workforce commemorated the 80th anniversary of the depot's establishment with a ceremony held July 28.

Maj. Gen. Todd Royar, commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, provided the keynote speech for the event. As a subordinate command of AMCOM, Letterkenny supports an air and missile defense mission.

"The workforce makes a difference at LEAD every single day. You, the workforce, allow the Army to win. Winning matters, and you make it happen. We are Army strong," Royar remarked.

The ceremony was officiated by Letterkenny Commander, Col. Ricky L. Allbritton. As the depot's 51st commander, Allbritton's leadership focuses on the depot's people, modernization and readiness priorities.

"The LEAD workforce is comprised of talented employees with diverse skillsets ranging from skilled artisans to talented engineers to inspirational leaders," Allbritton said. "Our team is agile, adaptable, dedicated to the warfighter, and we embody the Army values."

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Allbritton also focused on the depot's historical significance in the community. Citing the depot's origins when the Secretary of War issued a directive to acquire the land and establish the depot in 1942, Allbritton emphasized the importance of the community's support to Letterkenny's continued success.

"The Letterkenny Army Depot 80th anniversary ceremony showcases LEAD's past, present and future, and strengthens our bond with the Franklin County community that we call home," he remarked. "LEAD's 80th-anniversary commemoration is not only a celebration for what we stand for – it also is an opportunity for us to define how we will embrace the next 80 years of achievement and service to the warfighter."

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:
JESUS ROSARIO

Jesus Rosario, who works in the Directorate of Missile and Aerospace Readiness, volunteered to become a solder certified IPC trainer. He trains LEAD employees whose IPC certification has expired or is near expiration and provides courses as needed to ensure all employees are certified, allowing the depot to remain in good standing with customers. Volunteering for this position was an excellent way for Jesus to step outside of his comfort zone, as well as provide a great benefit to the depot by bringing instruction in-house. "I never had the opportunity to lead or teach a class, so this was a great opportunity to develop new skills, meet new people and do something different than what I am accustomed to." Moving forward, he hopes to continue conveying information in a way that is easy for others to understand and apply in their work areas. He hopes that employees come out of class able to research IPC requirements and reference material often so that Letterkenny can produce the best product possible.
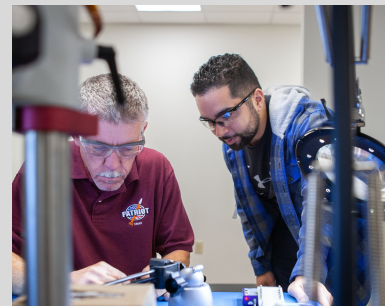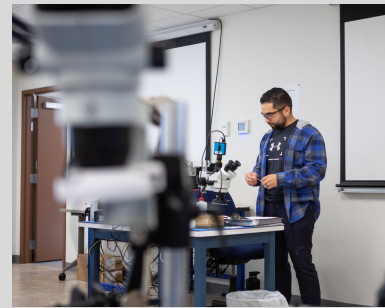
A Message from the Commander

Our 80th anniversary ceremony allowed the depot to illustrate LEAD's past, present and future - how far we have come, and help design a lucrative direction for the next eight decades. The depot's notable accolades over the years are second-to-none, showcasing our relentless commitment to the warfighter and our nation's defense. Our dedication, resilience and pursuit of excellence over the next 80 years will further echo LEAD's unyielding resolve to the mission, our people and this great nation.

Thank you for what you do.
COL Rick Allbritton

The Systems Division in the Directorate of Information Management consists of three hardworking teams: the telecom & GSTEK, network and server teams. Together, these men and women provide essential IT services to the depot.

The GSTEK team is made up of 13 employees: Sean Wolford, Kathy Stratton, Brenda Scriptunas, Brett Anders, Chad Micheal, Joyce Anthony, Mark Danner, Mike Burke, Rensell 'Ian' Lezu, Ryan Davidson, Selina Ramsey, Tim Horton and Tim Cash. This group is responsible for maintaining more than 400,000 feet of fiber optic and more than a million feet of copper infrastructure that the depot relies on daily. They also manage our phone system, ensuring all calls get through with an average of 99.99% reliability. Whenever someone calls the main phone line for LEAD, our GSTEK phone operators provide human interaction, routing each caller to their destination without the hassle of an automated menu system.

The network team, comprised of four employees, Jason Deuster, Aaron Steiner, Travis Bingham and David Felmlee, manages more than 300 network switches across Letterkenny. These network switches give users the ability to log into their workstations and provide access back to the data center to access files, various websites and the internet. In addition to network switches, the team works with higher headquarters to allow access to other mission-specific websites as needed.
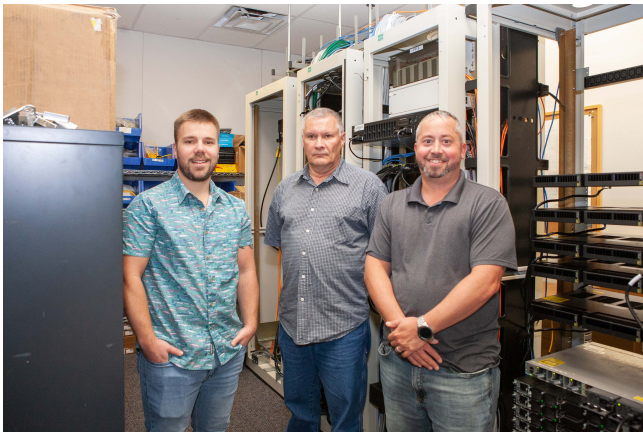
Lastly, the systems administrators, Tim Bowers, Andrew Gilliland, Jordan Hornbaker, Rob Cook, Brandon Sampson, David Marcotte, Daniel Plaza (Matias), Greg Merritt, Greg Merritt, Todd Paul, Joe Starkey and Barrie Crawford, manage over 50 servers in the LEAD data center. The data center contains over 70 virtual servers, physical servers, housing applications and files used daily at Letterkenny.
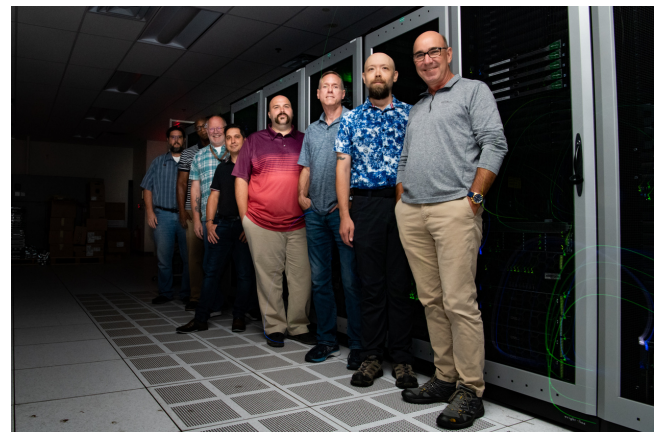
The three teams may work independently to accomplish many responsibilities, but they also join forces to fulfill the mission.

"The teams within the Systems Division work together often. They quickly coordinate with one another to do their best to resolve all tickets as quickly as possible," explained Mike Rhodes, deputy director of the DOIM. "The division understands the needs of the customers and communicates extremely well, meeting weekly to review completed work and work that still needs to be done."

The Systems Division's expertise and dedication to ensuring IT operations run smoothly depot-wide is extremely appreciated.

"I am very proud of this team! They do their best everyday so the depot can communicate locally and across the world. They show pride in their work and go above and beyond to ensure customers are satisfied," said Rhodes.